

HERMAN HEYNEMANN, merchant and manufacturer, sworn and examined :

I have been fifteen years in business, importing goods, and am president of the Pioneer Woolen Factory and the agent of the Pacific Jute Manufacturing Company.

Our manufacturing here is entirely for our own use ; we are not able to compete with Europe yet so as to export. We consume about 2,000,000 pounds of wool here, and we export 38,000,000 pounds. There are \$1,000,000 invested in the Mission and Pioneer Woolen Mills. The Pacific Rolling Mill is the only establishment that could compare at all with ours. In the two mills we employ about 600 operatives—not all Chinese. Woolens.

Testimony has been given here of late to the effect that a good many white laborers have been displaced by Chinese. The contrary has been taking place in our factory ; white girls have taken the place of Chinese. Originally it would have been an absolute impossibility to have run the factory upon white labor, simply because we could not get white operatives ; it could not have been started with white labor. As labor is offering in this particular factory every day, the number of white girls is increasing and the proportionate number of Chinese is decreasing. In the course of time, as labor becomes more plentiful here, I have no doubt the Chinese will be displaced altogether, except where they amalgamate so that they really would lose the distinctive name of Chinese. Inherently, I do not believe there is any difference between the two races at all. White girls in witness's factory have displaced Chinese.

We could not displace the Chinese without great disadvantage ; to discharge them all would disorganize everything. As operatives they have great power of imitation, but very little power of invention. I do not think for generations the Chinaman will ever be the peer of the American laborer. No inherent difference in race.

In our factory, during the last fifteen years, we have not had a single case before the police court. They all live on the premises ; they have a building there ; and we have not had a case of any kind before the police court of murder, or rows among themselves, or theft upon the proprietors. We have thought them very honest. If the Chinaman has enough for his daily wants he is satisfied and does not look for more. He is not ambitious. They are not more steady than the whites ; as a rule I should think that steadiness is not one of their virtues at all. Chinese imitative, not inventive.

I think this so-called coolie business is a mere trick, a sham, and illusion. I do not believe they are any more slaves than any other people, except as a general rule they are very poor in their own country, and have their passage money advanced. Many of them have not been able to repay it all, and thus they are constantly in debt, which hangs over them. Quiet.

About half our operatives are Chinese, exclusive of the Pacific Jute Factory. There the number is almost entirely Chinese, except the foreman. We tried there to have Scotch help—white girls. We imported them for that very purpose, but could not keep them a fortnight. They ran away. Not ambitious, not more steady than the whites.

There are a good many thieves among the Chinese, just as there are a good many thieves among the whites ; probably more, because as a general rule they are poorer. Steadiness not one of their virtues.

Establishment of manufactories here has largely increased the work of the whites.

It might be beneficial to the political welfare of the country to place some restriction upon immigration generally, but I do not say it should be done. To place a restriction on Chinese immigration to this coast, and not restrict other immigration, would be a restriction upon the commerce Imported Scotch girls ran away.

Thieves.