

are not exactly barbarous, but that is the nearest we can come to it. They live on what no white man can live upon. They have no families, no children to educate or to clothe, and their style of living is so different from that of white people that they come in direct competition with the white laboring element of the country. This is so much the case that in this city now, I suppose there are not half a dozen persons who do washing, except Chinese, because they underbid any white person in that line. The same is true of all other pursuits. Chinese muscle is the cheapest muscle in the world to-day, and they have got more of it. It is not an intelligent labor. I look upon the Chinese element here, so far as its effect upon the community is concerned, just as I would look upon the admission of a large slave element here. They have no interest in the community. Every Chinaman comes here with the Chinese wall around him, and they are insensible to all our modes of life. They take no interest in public affairs. They have a regard, I think, for the rights of property, probably as much so as any other people of their intelligence; but they have no notion of the rights of liberty, and very little of life. It was not unusual in this state some years since, when there was a difficulty between two companies, for one to put up posters offering so much for a certain Chinaman's life. If the government is intended as a government for men, and not as a mere money-making institution, this is a very dangerous class among us. They possess none of the material that makes good citizens, except that they are industrious and economical. They help the material development of the country, and they help a few men to make money; but the making of money is not the highest duty of a country; it is to have an improved society of good men, and moral, elevated classes of people.

Free from duties and comforts of whites.

No idea of the value of liberty and little of life.

Cannot make good citizens.

The duty of a country.

There are some Chinamen more intelligent than others, but they would not make good citizens, any more than slaves would make good citizens if they were honest. They have not any large intelligence; they have not any literature that amounts to anything; they have a little knowledge of the sciences, and some knowledge of the arts; they have no notion of music or poetry, or very few of the exalted ideas which distinguish between barbarian and civilized men, except honesty. In many matters they have considerable ingenuity. In some respects they are inferior to the negro, and in some respects they are far superior. In mathematics, that is adding and subtracting, and those things, they understand them better; and their capacity for making money is a great deal better. The negroes of course have much finer taste for music and for literary attainments generally. As to their morality, there is no comparison; the negro is vastly more moral than the Chinese here. I have never seen a Chinese woman here who is a moral woman. There may be some. As a race the negroes here are more moral. The Chinese are quite as industrious as either the whites or the negroes. The prejudice against them is free intelligent labor against unintelligent labor.

Chinese defects.

Chinaman and negro compared.

The prejudice is free intelligent labor vs. unintelligent labor.

There have been outrages committed on the Chinese in the state, and there have been fights among themselves where several have been killed—at Los Angeles, for instance—but I don't know whether any one was punished or not. Indignities and assaults are frequent in this city, and whenever the offenders are caught adequate punishment is administered. I do not think the good people of San Francisco, whether they be working people or foreigners, have ever endorsed brutality to the Chinese, because they are objects of pity more than anything else. We have a bumper element here; but the great mass of laboring people are as intelligent and as industrious, and as enterprising as any like number of people in