

**JOHN H. HILL**, farmer, a resident in California since 1850; sworn and examined :

I employ Chinese labor, and from my experience I find them to be temperate, industrious, honest, and good laborers. In my district there are, perhaps, some 500 Chinamen employed, largely in cultivating the grape for the farmers. The industry would have to be abandoned if it depended upon white labor. White labor could not be got to do the work on the spur of the moment. Judging from circumstances and what I know I think the opinion of the people in my county is favorable to the Chinese.

Chinese necessary for the cultivation of the grape.

**THOMAS BROWN**, cashier of the Anglo-California Bank, sworn and **BROWN**. examined :

Our exchange business with China and Japan will average in the neighborhood of a million or a million and a half a year; probably over that. We sell a large amount of exchange to Chinese merchants, and so far as our business with them is concerned they have always been very straightforward and very correct. Our business with them has very materially increased during the last five years.

Exchange business with China and Japan averages \$1,500,000. High commercial character.

I think a large influx of Chinamen would have a bad effect upon our people here.

But a large influx of Chinaman would have a bad effect on the whites.

As servants I have always found the Chinese very honest.

House-servants. Undesirable to extend Chinese quarter; depresses value of real estate; drives away white business houses and families.

I do not think it desirable to extend the Chinese quarter over the city. Its extension has a depressing effect upon the value of real estate, and drives out pretty much all other commercial business in that neighborhood, as well as families. The Chinese quarter at one time used to be the seat of a large and prosperous retail trade.

**JOHN M. HORNER**, farmer and a resident on the coast for over thirty years, sworn and examined : **HORNER**.

I employ any labor that I can get, all nationalities, a great portion Chinese. I could carry on my farming operations without Chinese labor, but I find them a very convenient class of laborers. The whole success of farming does not depend upon them. It is when we have abundant crops, and not enough help around without them, that they are convenient. There has not been an overplus of labor in my neighborhood this fall, even with the Chinamen. All who own property there employ them; and they are as a general thing in favor of it. That arises more on account of its reliability than on account of its cheapness. In comparison with the east Chinese labor here is not cheap.

Could farm without Chinese, but find them very convenient.

As a general thing the property holders in witness' district in favor of Chinese.

In comparison with the east Chinese labor not cheap.

Three-quarters of those who own property in my neighborhood, would vote for Chinese labor if submitted to them aside from politics. Some of those who employ Chinese labor think if it could be properly done it would be well to have restrictive legislation.

Three-fourths of those who hold property would vote for Chinese labor.

On being recalled, the witness read a statement bearing on the question; which was not taken as testimony.

Some of those who employ it in favor of restrictive legislation.

There are a large number of Chinamen unemployed in the state, some idle all the time, and sometimes they are here in thousands. When labor is scarce they cannot all be employed.