

following the same line of life. The merchants, from what I hear, as a class, are a very high-toned mercantile people. I prefer Chinese servants to any others. They are more quiet, they are more systematic, they are very cleanly, and very intelligent; and when there was a press of matter, such as another servant leaving, or sickness in the house, when extra work was required to be done, I have found them very ready to take their share of that extra work; and so far as my personal observation goes, I have never had occasion to distrust any of those who have been in my employ. They have free access to pretty much everything. I have never had the least reason ever to suspect that they are under the influence of any other person than themselves. I contract with each one individually. I do not think their presence here tends to prevent the immigration of whites to the state. The building of railroads and other works performed by Chinese labor has thrown open large portions of the country for settlement, causing immigration to flow into those regions.

I think the opinions of disinterested parties, who have no political objects to gain—the intelligent portion of the community—are favorable to Chinese immigration on a limited scale.

The Chinese are a convenience and a profit at the present time. If they were received and treated as other people coming to these shores, my impression is, from their natural intelligence, that they would make good citizens as soon as they had time enough to become acquainted with our position.

I think our civilization is higher than theirs; and in their morality and religious teachings they are not so good as ours. I do not think that the Chinese as a nation are equal to the American people as a nation.

My impression is that if you would give them a fair chance they would assimilate; they would adopt our manners, habits, customs, and become republicans. I do not know of any who have assimilated, nor am I aware of any Chinaman who does not wear, in part or whole, his Chinese costume and the Chinese queue.

I have heard of their attending our Christian churches, and I have seen them attending the Sunday schools.

My impression is that they do not generally learn to grasp intelligently our form and structure of government. The number of intelligent Chinese compares very favorably with the intelligence of almost any other people that I am acquainted with. I never met one who could not read and write his own language.

The Chinese are imitative but not inventive.

At present I would not give them the right of the elective franchise; their civilization has not advanced far enough for that; but I would give them schools where they could be educated.

In some branches I am inclined to think there is a conflict between American and Chinese labor. I think there is a great deficiency of labor on this coast; more is wanted instead of less. Chinese labor has performed a very large part in the development of the state: building railroads, levees, etc.

I think the opposition to the Chinese originates in an unfounded jealousy on the part of the workingmen, that they are to be cut out of their employments. I think also that political agitation has arisen out of this question.

Cheap labor has not a tendency to elevate the working classes; if it goes below a certain point sufficient to give them the necessaries of life it may have a contrary effect. Anything in this country which tends to

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Disinterested public opinion in favor of Chinese.

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Thinks if they got a chance they would become good republicans.

Average intelligence as high as that of other peoples.

Imitative but not inventive.

Would not give them the franchise but would give them schools.

More labor needed. Chinese labor has done a good work.

Opposition has arisen out of an unfounded jealousy.

Anything that tends to depreciate the standard of labor injurious.