

get a commission from the buyer and a commission from the seller, on everything bought.

The Chinese multiply so rapidly that whenever they get a foot-hold into any country, they almost take possession of it. Polygamy is common in China. Every woman is married, and every woman produces children. They are very prolific, more so than in other countries; and where they get a foot-hold in a very short number of years they become the greater part of the population. That is the case in Singapore, which was only founded a few years ago by Sir Stamford Raffles; the Chinese had no footing there whatever, and now there are probably three or four Chinamen to one of the other population. If they were allowed the privileges of citizenship here, the result would be that in two or three years they would outnumber the whites three or four to one. They can get money very much easier here than in their own country.

Chinese prolific.

In Singapore.

Where they are in any very great numbers and feel very strong they are more dangerous to foreigners than otherwise. The worst classes are in the southern part, especially in Swatow and Canton, and all the Chinese who have ever come to California so far have come from the province of Kwang Tung, excepting about sixty who once came from the neighborhood of Shanghai, some years ago, and who have all disappeared. They have no conception of our government or the principles that underlie it; and I have never met a Chinaman who had a right idea of his own.

Nearly all the Chinamen in California from Canton—their character.

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I do not consider Chinese labor desirable; it has the same tendency to degrade free white labor that slave-labor in the south had. A larger importation would be very undesirable, for the reason that a population with ideas of government so utterly foreign to those of ours, and the presence of a vast number of that class of people different in color, habits of thought, traditions and religion, is apt to create caste, and probably would lead to civil war. They cannot assimilate to our institutions.

Reasons why a larger Chinese immigration undesirable.

As supervisor of internal revenue I find that over one-half of all the frauds and of all the violations of the law were committed by the Chinese. The population being 30,000 Chinese against some 225,000 or 230,000 whites. The frauds were committed principally in the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes without the payment of the taxes; the re-use of stamped boxes; the manufacture and sale of friction matches, without paying the stamp-tax on them; also the manufacture of an article called samsony, a sort of Chinese whiskey distilled from rice. A very small number pay the income-tax. The non-payment of these taxes added very much to the injury of those who were engaged legitimately, and compelled to pay their taxes.

Chinese as contributors to the revenue.

I have employed Chinese labor in mining but prefer white. I have never had any difficulty in mining with white labor, and in getting good men. My preference for them is from the fact that they usually have their families and settle in the country.

Witness's experience as a miner.

More than three-fourths, I think fully seven-tenths, of the intelligent people of the Pacific coast are opposed to the further immigration of the Chinese, or at least are in favor of restricting the further immigration to a small number. Those who are here it would be undesirable to remove; I think it would be unjust to all parties concerned.

Undesirable to remove those who are here.