

S. CLINTON HASTINGS, a resident since 1849, engaged in general real-estate business, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on the organization of the state, sworn and examined :

So far as the material interests of the state are concerned, the influence of the Chinese has been beneficial. The construction of the Central Pacific Railroad was the great desideratum for the prosperity of the country ; but in the construction of lateral roads through our different counties, I think their influence has been detrimental. In that and a moral point of view they are highly detrimental.

Development beneficial, but subsequently detrimental.

The presence of the Chinese, unless they can be driven from the country after a year or two, would be very injurious. At the present time we need them in the businesses in which we employ them. We should have some legislation to restrict them. Their privileges in this country should be no greater than the privileges of our people in China.

As to the question of their assimilation or civilization, I think it would be destruction if miscegenation should be general. We would not propagate.

Miscegenation would mean destruction.

There is no race of the Aryan or European races, whether it be an Irishman or a Russian serf, who is not infinitely superior to the Chinaman, in a moral point of view, as a human being.

A Russian serf superior to the Chinaman from a moral point of view.

There is an irrepressible conflict between the white man and the Chinaman when they come in contact. Their presence has a direct tendency to discourage white immigration ; it demoralizes, also, another branch of our people—our boys and girls.

Discourages white immigration. Demoralizes our boys and girls.

Chinese labor has been indispensable in developing some of the resources of California, such as the reclamation of submerged lands. Some Chinamen are very reliable ; and, perhaps, for steady employment in that low grade of labor, are better than any other race.

We must come to this crisis of excluding the Chinese some time or other. Now is the time. They cannot assimilate with our race, never can miscegenate, and they do not desire to do so.

In erecting buildings white labor is employed ; if they were erected by Chinese labor there would be no tenants. The poor white people of this city will not rent a building of a man who employed Chinamen to erect it. The prejudice is so great that if there were incendiaries among our laboring classes it would be a very great incentive for them to fire our buildings.

Strong prejudice of the poorer classes.

The progeny of Chinese and whites cannot procreate, or their offspring would be so imperfect that perhaps in the majority of offsprings it would be no better than a mule. The offspring of negroes and whites probably would be more prolific but I think it would be imperfect also. There is a great difference between the two.

Miscegenation impossible or at least undesirable.

The present employment of Chinese labor in this country is as detrimental as slavery ever was in the southern states. Chinese labor is a servile caste ; the Chinaman is in a state of peonage. So far as the great body-politic is concerned, they are a fungus, a foreign substance, an unhealthy substance ; they are not freemen.

As bad as slavery—A servile caste—Peons. A fungus.

You cannot induce a Chinaman to become a citizen. They have no idea of the obligations of an oath. The educated Chinaman is very much of a gentleman. As to Christianizing them that is preposterous. They are fully satisfied with their religion.

Educated Chinaman a gentleman, but to Christianize preposterous.

A peon is a person who in all Spanish countries becomes indebted to his superior, and when so indebted he is obliged to serve him until he discharges that obligation. The Chinamen come here as peons, and perform