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Heterogeneity useful to a people.

Opposition to Chinese the child of ignorance. Used by politicians.

Chinese men and American women do not assimilate ; they cannot by reason of the difficulties that we raise, not by reason of difficulties that exist in nature. There is nothing in nature, disposition or habits, that would prevent the Chinese in the course of time from assimilating in customs and habits with the Americans. I do not think their labor is semi-servile.

My opinion is that a heterogeneous population is more beneficial to the country than a homogeneous population. A people will improve better.

The opposition to the Chinese originates through ignorance. That is the true source. People of more intelligence, wishing to avail themselves of that degree of ignorance, use it for political purposes. The prejudice against the Irishman coming to this country was just as strong as it is now against the Chinese. But this prejudice disappears ; the people become enlightened.

Judge Campbell agrees with me in regard to this question—the benefit of Chinese labor—as well as several of my neighbors who do not employ Chinamen. I cannot say that the daily press of San Francisco are in favor of Chinese immigration as I am. Every paper panders to its class.

On the subject of Chinese immigration I am satisfied to have it go on record that those who differ with me are ignorant. On some subjects they may be very intelligent but on this subject they are ignorant.

To a very large extent what we call the non-producing class is opposed to the Chinese.

Outrages.

I know there was a very great outrage committed upon the Chinese at Antioch about a year ago, but I am not familiar with the circumstances.

The prevailing opinion among politicians that the Chinese useful. They join agitation merely for political purposes.

The resolutions of political parties I regard as rather a race or struggle for a particular vote. In conversation with Judge Glascock, referring to the passing of resolutions at a democratic meeting against the Chinese, he said : “ O, well, we do this simply as politicians ; but as a citizen of California I am as much in favor of Chinese immigration as you are.” My experience satisfies me that that is the prevailing opinion among politicians.

BABCOCK.

WILLIAM F. BABCOCK, a resident since 1852, sworn and examined :

The evidence given by this witness is the same as given before the Canadian Commission.

[See Minutes of Evidence, p. 13.]

EVANS.

WEST EVANS, dealer in railroad ties, etc., and a resident in the country for twenty-five years, sworn and examined :

Chinese better for building railroads.

In the manufacture of railroad ties I have used white labor ; in building railroads I use mostly Chinese. The latter give us better satisfaction generally. I have had probably 400 or 500 white men employed in my busiest time. A year or two ago I advertised for 100 white men. I sent more than 100 up to the work, but when they got there not more than from twenty to thirty would work. They thought it was too hard.

White men apt to balk.

There was a threatened conflict in Mendocino between the white laborers and Chinese ; it came from the Irish side, who ordered my superintendent to discharge all the Chinamen.