

estate. There is no danger of its being done to any great extent, because most of the Chinese come here to make some money and go back.

There is a great deal worse class of foreigners in our land who have all the rights of citizenship and everything else ; and I do not see any reason why we should exclude the Chinese—it is according to their character and morals that I judge.

Chinese civilization.

The Chinese are a polite people. They are not people easily excited, they are very equable in their temper of mind. They are a cleanly people, keeping themselves neat, clean, and nice, and there is nothing offensive about them. Scarcely any of them ever swear. None of them that I have ever known drink whiskey ; I have never seen but one drunken Chinaman in my residence in California, and that one, I thought, was becoming Americanized. I have never had but one Chinaman come to my house and ask for something to eat, or to ask if I had anything to give him ; and I suppose there are more than 100 fed there of white men of other nationalities every year, from which I infer that Chinamen do not spend their money for whiskey as other nationalities do. If not drunk when they come, they are generally just off a spree. The reason why I judge so harshly of whites and so leniently of Chinamen is because of their manners. The whites are begging, and the Chinamen are not ; the Chinamen make their living by work, and the white men drink whiskey and do not make a living. I believe in doing all men of all nations justice.

Would not allow them to vote.

As to allowing Chinamen to vote, I never would allow any foreigner in the United States to vote until he could read and write and pass an examination on the constitution of the United States and the form of government we have. When a Chinaman could do that, I would make him a voter if he had not been here more than two weeks. I know quite a number who can read and write in our language, and I would put them on the same footing with all other nations of the earth, and on the same footing as Americans. Independent of any question of making money out of the Chinese, I think I should still be in favor of their unrestricted immigration. I should not like to see our country flooded with either Chinese or European immigration.

Comparison between European and Chinese immigrants.

The great immigration we have had from Europe in the last sixty or seventy years has been, I think, a great trial to the stability of our institutions. If I could choose between 100,000 German, Swedish, Italian, English, French, Irish, and Scotch immigrants in the same general proportion as they come to California now, and 100,000 Chinese from Hong Kong, I would prefer the European ; for this reason : they would be more likely to remain here and become permanent citizens, and more easily moulded into our ideas and thoughts. The second generation would improve ; the third generation would be about as good as we are. The ultimate condition of the country under white foreign immigration would be improved by the immigration of 100,000 adult male Chinamen who come here and go away.

Christian civilization is superior to Buddhism and heathenism ; it is better in its effects upon the country and the people of the country.

I am in favor of cheap labor. If I could get more with ninety cents a day than with one dollar and twenty cents, it would be better prosperity for my family to get ninety cents.