

other paper was a solemn compact proposed for adoption by the members of the company in regard to the expulsion of the latter.

Their testimony.

The Chinese have no regard for an oath at all. They use our courts for the very reverse of what they are intended. Perjury is committed by white people, but not to the same degree as committed by Chinese.

PETERSON. CHARLES H. PETERSON, an officer of the Order of Caucasians, sworn and examined :

Public opinion.

This witness presented to the Commission several petitions, signed by residents in Montero county, against the Chinese, expressing the opinion of the people of that county generally. He also handed in a circular of the Order of Caucasians, the object of the society being to protect labor.

RUSSELL. JOEL RUSSELL, farmer, sworn and examined :

Public opinion in the San Joaquin Valley.

My opinion and the opinion of the farmers in my neighborhood is that the presence of the Chinese conflicts with the interests of the farmers. It is not true that the white laborer is a bummer and a drunkard, and it is decidedly untrue in regard to the small proprietary farmers. Nine-tenths of the agriculturists throughout the San Joaquin Valley and my own county are in favor of legislation restricting Chinese immigration.

O'DONNELL. CHARLES C. O'DONNELL, physician, and a resident in the state for twenty-six years, sworn and examined :

Chinese character.

I have lived in the midst of them for over twenty years, and have visited all their gambling-houses and bagnios. Their habits are very immoral, low, degrading, and filthy. In regard to filth, the stench in that vicinity is sufficient to produce any disease.

Small-pox.

They were the first that introduced small-pox here about five years ago. This last time it originated with them. The steamer *Crocus* brought a cargo of some 830, termed by the captain pirates, with small-pox among them. The coolies that come here are of the very lowest type.

Public opinion in California.

None but capitalists, and those who make money out of them by swindling, are in favor of them; seven-tenths of the inhabitants of the state of California are opposed to them.

Prostitutes and disease.

Nineteen-twentieths of the Chinese women here are prostitutes. The disease that they have spread among young men is horrible. The virus of the coolie is almost sure death to a white man. There are cases of syphilis among the whites that originated from the Chinese prostitutes which are incurable. The Chinese are not as much affected by the syphilis as the whites.

Leprosy.

There are one hundred and fifty cases of leprosy in Chinatown now.

VALE. WILLIAM VALE, sworn and examined :

The European immigrant.

In the latter part of 1862 I was commissioned by several residents of California, among them Mr. Hollister, to procure farm laborers, gardeners,