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It might be a sufficient answer to the argument of the Oregonian to point out the fact that railroads are constructed on the eastern side of the Rocky monntains without Chinese labor, and that the manufacturing and agricultural interests of the older states appear to have made substantial progress with free white labor. But we will concede that coolie labor can be very profitably employed in the prosecution of many great enterprises on this coast, and then we shall insist that its employment will be hartful to every permanent interest of the state, that it will impoverish the community, and degrade the masses. To illustrate, it is but necessary to cite the development of the free and slave states of this republic up to the period of the civil war. Starting in the race with every Tavoring advantage of soil and climate, the slave states were left far behind in the march of progress. Slave labor was enormously profitable in the cotton and sugar producing states; but it was precisely in those states of the south where this labor was the most profitable that the least progress was made-that there were the greatest extremes of opulence and poverty. The wealth, education and culture of those states were concentrated in a small-minority of the population: an aristocratic class; indigence and ignorance were diffused among the masses. Let one contrast suffice: Compare Mississippi with New Jersey by the census of 1860. Now it is just what the institution of slavery did for the Southern manufacturing interests in the too late.

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