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WILL THE CHINESE GO?

The experiment of running a salmon packing establishment with white labor exclusively is one which will be watched with much interest by the public. The consumer is interested because there is a widespread rumor, with or without truthfulness, that the Chinese, who have always performed this class of labor, are none too cleanly. Working people see in the new departure an opportunity for more work during a considerable portion of the year. This appeals especially to women and to boys and girls, for the work is largely such as can be performed by them. The removal of the American Cannery Company's plant from Astoria makes this feature a desirable one for a large number of juvenile employes, who might otherwise be thrown out of employment. The interest of cannerymen centers in the fact that if the Tallant-Grant people find the plan entirely successful it will probably be generally adopted by the canneries in this vicinity. The reform once fairly started means the down of the celestial as a monopolist of cannery labor. The only real hope for him is in becoming sufficiently Americanized to be allowed to join the union which will inevitably occupy the field. The employment of Chinese cannery crews may have been and may still be a necessity in isolated places such as most of the Alaska canneries are located in. They probably furnish the only means of operating under such circumstances. It would seem, however, that in a city having as many industriously inclined people willing to do the work as there are in Astoria, the transient and unsavory Chinese may well be dispensed with. Possibly none will be more pleased with the passing than the packers themselves, who would certainly have preferred white labor from the start if it could have been depended upon to be on hand in sufficient force just when needed. Here arises the most serious question connected with the change. There is not enough steady employment in a cannery, even during the fishing season, for a full crew. The cannery must be operated according as many or few fish are received. Whether white day labor will submit to being laid off indefinitely, and then can be depended upon to be on hand promptly when a good run of fish appears in the river is yet unsolved. The American will not agree, as do the Chinese, to work during the season at rates which a contractor would be justified in paying, considering the chances which a contractor must assume as to a large or small pack.

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and as he boards most of them in his bunk house, he also makes a profit that way. Probably this feature of the case will form a fruitful source of disagreement between the employers and the unions. It is to be hoped, however, that another season will witness the agreeable sight of all white crews in every Astoria establishment, and a consequent increase in the home circulation of money and the building of the workmen's cottage.

AS TO MR. HERMANN.

The following lucid and truthful statement written by Harry L. Hoigate, formerly of The Astorian, and published in the Corvallis Gazette covers lots of ground: "The operation of the National Land laws is to figure in the present First Oregon Congressional District campaign. Just why this is so is not exactly clear. Neither Mr. Hermann nor Mr. Reames, nor even our own Mr. Ingalls can be, in reason, blamed for those laws which have done much for the West and which have also given an opportunity for much fraud. These frauds have been accomplished under the various administrations and will continue as long as the land laws remain as they are.

"In the matter of the conduct of the local land officials, it will be remembered that the commissioner of public lands has not the power to appoint or remove them and the several Oregon local land commissioners, who have been recently summarily retired, were appointed by a Federal judge, who happens to be a Democrat. No one thinks of holding Judge Bellinger responsible for the alleged official misconduct. Mr. Hermann, when Commissioner, urged Congress constantly, but vainly, to so amend the laws that the frauds could not be practiced.

"Among the other realities that the opposition to Mr. Hermann will not discuss in connection with his administration of the land office, is the fact that of the \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000, which was handled by the office during his incumbency, not one cent was lost through defalcations or carelessness.

"To those familiar with the situation it seems odd that the friendly relations between the President and Mr. Hermann should be questioned, for were those relations other than very friendly Mr. Hermann would not have retained his office so long after Mr. Roosevelt's accession to the presidency. It is very unusual for a bureau chief to remain longer than the Department desires, and Mr. Hitchcock has for several years urged Mr. Hermann's retirement. Their difference was not personal, but was based upon several matters of policy in which Mr. Hermann had the support of the West. Mr. Hermann did not care to yield his convictions even to retain his office. That those unpreventable land frauds were not an issue is shown by the fact that Mr. Hermann's assistant was made his successor.

"Of really more importance to Oregon than a Congressman's relations with the Administration is his relationship with Congress, and probably no Oregonian who reads and thinks will deny that no man in the State, other than Senator Mitchell, is closer to the influential members of Congress than Dinger Hermann. Of especial importance to Oregon at this time is the fact that Mr. Hermann is on the most pleasant terms with Speaker Cannon."

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