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THE LABOR QUESTION.

A late movement of unemployed white laboring men in San Francisco is calculated to have influence and shows that great good sense directs the movements of those people. They were to parade in force through that city, for the purpose of showing the merchants, manufacturers and employees, what a great number of white men are out of work. They intended also to present themselves to those who employ Chinese labor and offer to do the same work for the money paid the Chinese. Such a course as this is certain to meet with respectful consideration and will assist greatly in inducing employees to dispense with services of Chinese and replace them with white persons.

We notice frequent appeals for immigration to our State and we often hear the assertion made that no person should come here unless he has money to commence work with. A few years ago, before the Chinese became so numerous, Oregon was the paradise of the poor man, and we believe that any man of health, strength, and energy, can still come among us and succeed as well, if not better, than elsewhere. The presence of so many Chinese among us certainly has its influence on the labor question, and tends to discourage the immigration of white laborers. If we pursue this course we shall soon be dependent on Chinese instead of being dependent upon us. We need laborers—white laborers and their families, and it cannot be doubted that the country will be more prosperous with abundant labor that is identified with the soil, than with Chinese who invariably intend to return to Asia as soon as their accumulations are sufficient.

The Chinese fill an important place and a reliable place, in the prosecution of our industries. They have no families here to interrupt their labors. They very seldom lose a day but continue at work with little break or intermission. They board themselves and are easily provided for. They have nothing to say and never waste time in dissipation. In fact: the Chinaman comes nearer to being a machine than white laborers do or can, and that makes him available and useful as a workman or servant. When we weigh all these considerations we find the Chinese possess much excellence as a laboring element, against which we must remember that they soon learn trades and monopolize them instead of remaining our servants. They certainly are not desirable as citizens and they prevent an immigration of white labor that could become citizens. There is much to complicate the question and make it a delicate one to handle.

Many persons in California are strenuously working to not only prevent immigration of Chinese but to induce those now here to return. They do not expect to amend the treaty or secure legislation hostile to Chinese immigration, but they endeavor to discourage employment of Chinese, and work to everywhere substitute white labor for Chinese labor. It is to be hoped that they will succeed, for at a time when laborers cannot earn bread throughout a great portion of the country it is necessary for a united effort to provide the means of support for those of our own race.

We have no sympathy with those who despise and hate a Chinaman because he is a Chinaman, from mere prejudice of race, for so long as we could procure no other labor we have recognized that the presence of Chinese was an advantage to the country, but now, when the labor of white men is a drug in the market over a great part of the nation, we feel a natural race sympathy that desires to see whites employed to the exclusion of Chinese. Chinese have furnished us cheap labor at a time when we greatly needed it and could not otherwise possess it, and we recognize the value in the past while we doubt the expediency of encouraging and employing Chinese labor among us to the exclusion of white labor in the future.

New York, Sept. 26.—The Sun says ex-Comptroller Connolly is now definitely resolved not to return to America in any event. Dr. R. I. Trel, the famous water cure physician and lecturer, is dead.

Profits of Prune-Drying.

C. T. Settle, of San Jose, Cal., informs the California Agriculturist that they have this season dried forty-five tons of fresh prunes into fifteen tons of very fine dried prunes, worth \$280 per ton. These forty-five tons were produced on about ten acres of land. The expense of the green fruit was \$1,350, and the dried prunes are worth \$4,200, leaving a profit, excluding labor, of \$2,850. The cost of gathering prunes is less than any other fruit crop. Straw or sheets are spread under the trees, and the prunes are shaken off and picked up into boxes and taken to market or to the dryer, as the case may be, at a less cost than so many potatoes all ready dug. The market in the Eastern States is good, and all the finest, after applying the home market, are shipped in refrigerator cars in a fresh state. They keep so well that they may be even transported in good order in ordinary cars. The Eastern market for dried prunes is supplied now by Europe, from whose ports immense quantities are shipped to New York.

THE GERMAN PRUNE.—We received some time ago specimens of German prunes raised near Portland, by Mr. P. F. Bradford. The fruit is not large but is excellent substance and flavor, rather dry meat and very pleasant to taste, calculated to dry well and make a very marketable product. It seems to us to be one the best drying fruits we have. Orchardists should not neglect it.

DIED

In Linn county, Oregon, Sept. 28, 1877, Elizabeth Ellen, aged 19 years, 8 months, and 9 days, daughter of A. D. and Sarah P. Gardner, of Fox Valley, and sister of Mrs. L. N. Skiff, of this city. Funeral services by Rev. John Ostrander, burial services at Fox Valley cemetery, conducted under the honors of the Grange.

The young lady was known among her associates by the name of "Bird Gardner," and was a general favorite. Her own happy disposition had won for her a host of appreciative friends, who mourning her loss on earth will think of her as among the angels of God in Heaven, Com.

GILBERT.—This morning (Wednesday), 5 A.M. in this city, of typhoid fever, Freddy, only child of Andrew T. and Mary Gilbert, aged 5 years and 9 months.

The funeral services will be held to-morrow at 2 o'clock P.M. from the Congregational Church. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert will sincerely sorrow with them over the death of their little one, whose loss to them cannot be measured and only they can know.

It is the time of the falling leaf. When the winds of the Autumn come, And follow the Summer of life, so brief, To call all the bright things home.

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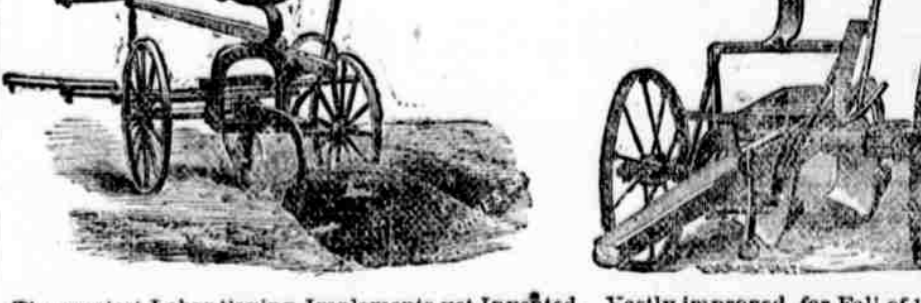
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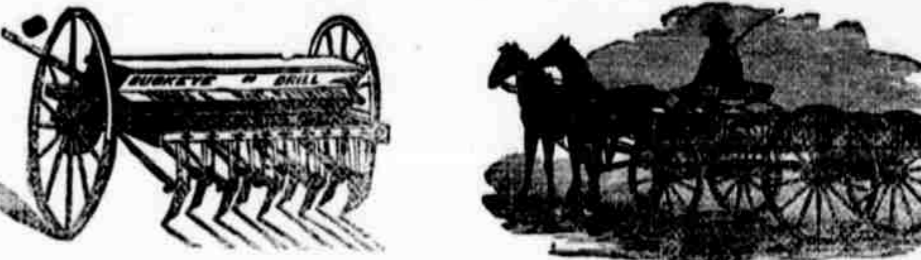
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