

Another Phase of the Question.

We commend the attention of protectionists, of men who think it is right for a New England manufacturer to pay his working men three dollars a week and himself enjoy an income of one thousand dollars a day, to a new phase of the protection theory that is but a fresh feature of the Chinese question. We have opposed protection right along, but are becoming converted and are now in favor of it—to a certain extent. Not that kind of protection that makes every man, woman and child in the United States pay tribute to New England, and Pennsylvania monopolists who are so well "protected" by our benevolent government that they can declare an annual dividend of forty per cent.; not that kind of "protection" that has "protected" some of our leading industries into their graves, but a true protection that is fast becoming necessary on this coast, and is, at this hour, a question of vital importance. It is to those who so earnestly advocate protection that we must look, if they are consistent and in earnest, and not so entirely engrossed with the necessity of keeping heavy duties on everything that people have to eat and wear that they do not see the gathering evil at their own doors.

Up to the present time the Chinese coming to our coast have simply come in competition with servile labor, and have been hired as one would hire so many plows, or scrapers or steam shovels, just for the work they did so cheaply. Capitalists have thought it a clever stroke of business to hire them at boys' wages to do men's work. It was and is infinitely clever to get around John Chinaman, but now "the swing of the pendulum" has started the other way, and threatens to go too far to the other side of the arc. On this coast the Chinese have started not only to successfully compete with labor; but also, with capital. They have captured the boot and shoe business, corralled the cigar business, almost entirely controlled the wash and window blind manufacture, are engaged in canning fruit,—the Lord only knows how soon they may commence canning salmon—and they also mill and manufacture lumber. The competition of Chinese laborers with white laborers was bad enough; the competition of Chinese capitalists ten times worse. It is something that cannot be pooh-poohed, or sneered at. It is a present unwelcome fact. It was long since demonstrated on this coast that a Chinaman can live cheaper and therefore can work cheaper than an Americanized German, or Frenchman, or Irishman, or Norwegian. European races have family instincts; they like air and food and God's sunshine; they buy books and read papers; they love music, and home influences, and the voices of children; they believe in schools and churches and support pastors and teachers.

The yellow devils believe in self. In their horrible, rat-like thrift they can live on garbage and swill, can dress for \$5 a year, and sleep in a kennel. The same persistency of single aim that the laborer exhibits characterizes the capitalists. With the white laborer it is a question of self preservation; so also it now becomes a question with the white capitalists. As tersely put, "it is not the survival of the fittest, but the survival of the cheapest." True "protection" demands that we be protected against further invasion from the Orient. Time was when "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man" was a first rate thing—in a Fourth of July oration. We have heard good, honest, well-meaning men in the pulpit declare that China was purposely left in darkness for

so many thousand years that we, of this age and country, should bring the people over and christianize them. That was very pretty, but decidedly diaphanous. That sort of thing has been given a fair trial and it doesn't pay any dividends—temporal or spiritual.

'Tis to our protectionists, the avowed champions of protection, that we turn for relief. They assuredly cannot overlook the fact that the laborer can escape the curse by farther emigration: the capitalist cannot; here he is, here are his houses, lands, factories, machines; he needs protection; needs it badly. The kind of protection that the country wants is not against the manufacturers of Europe, but against the brutalizing influences of Cathay.

The Mormon Question.

UNUSUAL attention is now being directed to the question of polygamy in Utah. This peculiar institution seems to be on the increase in Mormondom. The good example of pious gentiles who settle at Salt Lake does not appear to have any influence; evidently something besides moral suasion is necessary. It is difficult to see what can be done after a federal law is enacted, a law of the most stringent nature against bigamy and polygamy, except to enforce it, just as a law would be enforced in the case of rape, robbery, or murder. The idea is in a good many people's minds that if all the Federal officers who are sent to Utah to execute the laws, did their full duty, the odious institution would long since have disappeared.

There should be the same mode of punishing bigamists in Utah as in all other Territories. It will not be safe to enact a law for offenders in one place only. If, for instance, the right of suffrage can be taken away from men in Utah who have heretofore exercised it, and who have been convicted of no crime, it can by the same means be taken away from the citizens of any part of the Union; the plan is in conflict with the constitution. Legislation directed against Mormons, as such, will not be affirmed in any court of equity. Crime can alone be made the subject of legislation on this question. There can be but one law for every man. If special legislation be once permitted, though against the most detested class in the whole country, the rights of all will be less secure.

The theory partially outlined in the bill now before the house, contemplates the pardoning of past transgressions on the part of those who will abandon their unrighteous modes of life. The proviso is an excellent one—on paper—but there seems to be an incongruity about pardoning a man before he is convicted, and it is strongly probable that the average polygamist would not seek for any such justice or leniency. The machinery of justice should be perfected and officials sent to Utah who have the ability and the disposition to enforce the laws of the land. A mountain of legislation would be of no avail if men who are designated fail to enforce its execution by reason of lack of earnestness or intent.

The King of Burmah lives a good way outside what is generally known as the pale of civilization, and his advantages in the educational line have, probably, not been of that nature to warrant any considerable bragging, but the old fellow seems to have a very sensible idea of things in general. He has just issued a decree that all monopolies in his dominion shall be abolished. The Burmese are said to be the only people on earth who do not and can not whistle; but if anything would make the average Burmah go through with that pleasing form of pneumatic exercise it would be such action on the part of his level headed sovereign.

WHAT a very singular man is Governor St. John, of Kansas! Speaking at Des Moines a short time ago, he said he had prohibited the sale of drink in Kansas because he believed it the only way to save the state. "And," said the Governor in conclusion, "if the use of raw beefsteak caused sixty-six per cent. of the crimes and brought ruin and desolation into our homes, I would prohibit the sale of raw steaks. If the wearing of six-button kid kid gloves made scolding wives and caused them to neglect homes and beat and abuse their husbands and children, I would stop the use and sale of six-button kid gloves."

SOMETHING new has been discovered under the sun; and, of all places, in California. Two years ago the Legislature of that state made an appropriation to rebuild the Normal school at San Jose, which had been burned. The \$100,000 appropriation, together with \$50,000 insurance was turned over to the Trustees and now they report to John Weil, the state Treasurer that their building is finished, and send him a check for \$1,003.05 that amount having been unexpended. The San Jose Trustees should each be given the biggest kind of a medal.

In 1879 the Massachusetts Legislature passed an act allowing women to vote for school officers, after the proper registration, and 931 voted. In 1880, 772 registered and 683 voted; in 1881, 748 registered and 640 voted. There are in Boston, 60,000 women of votable age; the number, then, who saw fit to avail themselves of the privilege, is small. It is a question why this is thus. Both the defenders and opponents of woman suffrage can find arguments in these figures.

SENATOR DAVIS, who is Vice-President virtually, if not in name, has lifted that hitherto humble and unassuming office into a position where it may show off with becoming dignity. Since Breckenridge the office of Vice-President has existed as a sort of anomaly in politics. Mr. Hayes had Wheeler for a Vice-President, a man who once went fishing, but never distinguished himself otherwise; Mr. Arthur gave promise of being a living presence, and now Davis makes his lively identity manifest on all suitable occasions.

For his services United States District attorney gets \$20 in securing the conviction of a prisoner recently tried in Washington; the name of the prisoner being C. J. Guiteau.

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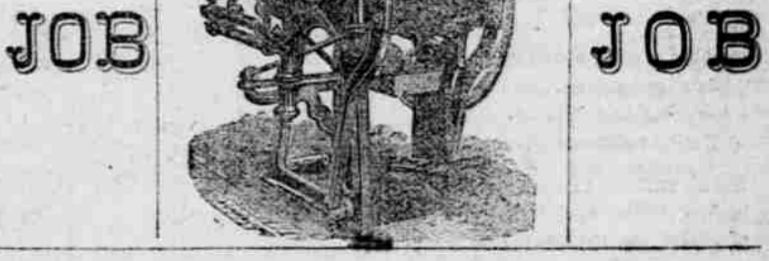
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