

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1885. SOME FALLACIES OF LABOR.

A WRITER in a recent number of the Overland Monthly gives what may be called the off side of the cheap labor question on this coast. Two views have always prevailed touching this question, viz., the majority and the minority view. The former was recently expressed in California in a popular vote on Chinese immigration in which the negative vote was so strongly represented that it was hardly worth while to note the eight hundred votes in the affirmative. That vote fairly expressed the public sentiment of that state not only touching Chinese immigration, but as a consequence, of cheap labor. The minority represented about a thousand persons, mostly capitalists or large ranch owners. These believe in cheap labor because there is an immediate personal benefit to accrue from it to this class of employers. The broader view is entirely ignored. The large question of state polity, of what is best for a young and growing state, does not concern them in the least. Now the prosperity of California has not, up to this date, depended on cheap labor, but upon labor which has commanded relatively high prices. Labor has been turned into capital. Probably every California advocate of cheap Chinese labor went to California as a poor man, and the success of his life has depended upon the fact that he was well paid for his labor, and was thereby enabled to turn it into capital. He got his start in this way. It is not cheap labor which has built up that state, but labor which has commanded such a price that the laborer could emerge from that condition into one more correctly described as a capitalist. Now what has been good for California or Oregon in that early stage of growth, will be good at the second stage. Since the Chinese restriction act was enforced the volume of white immigration to California has been greatly increased. This immigration will not only turn labor into capital, but will employ that capital in developing the resources of the state. Now there is a wide difference between the two classes of laborers. One offers comparatively cheap labor, but does not want any permanent home here and no investment of capital. It maintains from first to last an alien attitude. The other wants homes, a permanent settlement and all the advantages which the country will afford for himself and children. In short he wants to become an American citizen as soon as possible. His children refuse to be recognized by any other nationality than American. The state which is to-day receiving the largest immigration is Texas. No Chinese immigrants go there. If that great state were overrun by Chinese white immigration would be greatly diminished. No class of employers in California are better able to pay good wages than orchardists and vineyardists. Yet the writer quoted seems to lament that this class of immigrants now going to that state want land and houses, and will not therefore supply the want of cheap labor, which has been enlarged by the Chinese restriction act, which the writer thinks ought to be repealed. The mischief which has been perpetrated in this instance is that some of the eastern papers have quoted from this article as voicing the public sentiment of California. These views represent about a thousand employers, hardly more. The minority has always existed in California. But such a view does not represent the normal and healthy public sentiment of that state. A hundred thousand Chinese on the coast have worked out the problem of cheap labor, far enough to demonstrate that prosperity

does not depend upon that class of labor. After setting forth all the imaginary evils which might come from the restriction of Chinese immigration, the writer concludes: "If the people of California would go on prospering, and to prosper, they must demand and obtain the repeal of the act. Otherwise, their industries will retrograde. Many of them will be dwarfed to utter insignificance, and some of them will be blotted out and all will be held in abeyance until such time in the distant future, when California shall team with an industrious native population, which shall be to the employer of that day what the Chinese have been to the employers of the present day. The void created by the exclusion of the Chinese from our state, will never be filled by immigration from the Atlantic states or from Europe." The argument of this writer is the narrow and selfish one. The changes have been rung on it for the last ten years in our sister state. The white immigrant who works for somewhat higher wages because he wants land, wants a home, wants citizenship, is in every way more desirable for the state than immigration which wants none of these things. The difference is a radical one. Cheap mongolian labor, for a few individuals who do not care a copper for the advancement of the state, so that their own private interests can be promoted, alien labor which never can be naturalized. Or on the other hand, labor at somewhat higher rates, for a class of white immigrants who will be incorporated into the country, into its citizenship and into its abiding interests. THE death of Gen. McClellan at his home near Newark, New Jersey, Oct. 29th, recalls August 29th, 1864, when the ninth national Democratic convention in Chicago nominated him for president of the United States. How long ago it seems! Twenty-one states were represented. Scattered over the other fourteen were men that McClellan had commanded still in armed argument with their southern brethren. On the third day McClellan got the nomination by a vote of 202 1/2 to 231 for Seymour. Geo. H. Pendleton, then, and now, a prominent Ohio man, got the vice presidential nomination. The national election came off on the 7th of November following: the issue was not purely Republican, or purely Democratic; it was "shall the war go on?" or "shall the confederate states be recognized?" There were 233 votes in the electoral college: of these Lincoln and Johnson got 212; McClellan and Pendleton, 21; of the popular vote Lincoln had 2,216,067; McClellan, 1,808,725. It is said that on its completion to the Pacific coast the Canadian Pacific will enter into lively competition with the Northern Pacific. The first-named company has made the announcement that a reduction of 82 1/2 in the present passenger rates to the east will be made soon, and other traffic charges will be reduced in proportion. The road is not paying operating expenses at present. Agents of the company are circulating through the Northern Pacific's territory and working up business at a lively rate. It is reported that these agents are willing to make almost any rates to secure traffic, and are working tooth and nail to change the current of the Sound shipments toward the Canadian line. The Northern Pacific on the other hand, seems to have no intention of invading the Dominion and has issued a circular substantially to that effect, stating the conditions under which shipments to British Columbia can be made. DIED. In Astoria, October 27th, 1885, to the wife of Robt Carruthers, a son. County Orders. I AM AUTHORIZED TO BUY COUNTY Orders. R. R. SPEDDEN.

NEW TO-DAY. Notice to Pilots. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the W. T. Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Columbia River and Bar at Ilwaco, W. T. on Tuesday the 11th day of November, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order of J. L. STOUT, Chairman of W. T. Board of Pilot Commissioners for Columbia River and Bar. Attest: C. A. REED, Secretary. October 27th, 1885. Notice. ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO ME will please call and pay the amount to W. W. Parker without further notice as all accounts unpaid will soon be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection by W. W. PARKER. WM. HOWE. THE "CLARA PARKER" Will Leave the Dock on Sunday Evening, November 1st, 1885, for the CAMPBELL--DEMPSEY, AND-- Ward-Sullivan, Prize Fights. Tickets Four Dollars. Including Round Trip and Admission to the Ring to Witness Both Fights. For Sale at the New York Novelty Store and Sunnyside Saloon. Time of leaving will be stated Sunday Morning. WE WANT TO REPRESENT As Sole Agents in New York. A Packer of First Quality Salmon. Excellent Facilities. Full Particulars Through Correspondence. CUSHMAN BROS. Mtes. and Pkrs. Agts., 161 Duane St., N. Y. Citation. IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop. In the matter of the estate of H. E. Bruhn, deceased. To the next of kin of H. E. Bruhn, deceased, and to whom it may concern, greeting. In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop, at the court room thereof, at Astoria in the county of Clatsop on Wednesday the eighteenth day of November, 1885, at ten o'clock in the afternoon of that day, then and there to show cause why (if any) an order of sale should not be made to sell the following real estate, to-wit: commencing at stake of ordinary low tide on the east bank of Necanicum creek in the center of Grimes' bridge on the ranch of one T. Mulkey in Clatsop county, Oregon, and thence running east ten and one half (10 1/2) rods to the center of the present county road thence north along the center of said county road two hundred (200) feet to a stake in the center of said county road thence west ten and one half (10 1/2) rods to a stake on the bank of said Necanicum creek thence south along the east bank of said Necanicum creek to the place of beginning, in Sec. 21, T. 4 N., R. 10 W., and containing 24,800 square feet. Witness: C. A. McGUIRE, Judge of the County Court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop with the seal of said court affixed, this seventeenth day of October, A. D. 1885. Attest: C. J. TRENCIARD, Clerk. Copartnership Notice. THIS COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between F. E. Shute and M. H. Partridge under the firm name of Shute & Partridge is this day dissolved by mutual consent, M. H. Partridge retiring from the firm. The business will be hereafter conducted under the name of Shute & Co., who will pay all bills and collect all indebtedness of the old firm. F. E. SHUTE, M. H. PARTRIDGE. Astoria, October 21st, 1885. Furnished Rooms. MRS. E. C. HOLDEN HAS A FEW NICELY furnished rooms to rent at five dollars per month and upward, and by the week or night. Enquire corner Main and Jefferson streets. Notice. I HAVE THIS DAY DISPOSED OF MY business to F. E. McIntosh and A. D. McDonald who will conduct the business at the stand, corner of Genevieve and Squemoqua streets, under the firm name of McDonald & McIntosh. The firm of McDonald & McIntosh will collect all bills due me and pay all liabilities; and to all my patrons I bespeak a word for the new firm. D. A. MCINTOSH. Astoria, Oregon, October 27, 1885. Notice. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Having this day bought the entire stock and business of D. A. McIntosh, merchant tailor and clothier, all debts due the late firm will be collected by us, and we have assumed all liabilities. And we ask of the public our share of patronage and will guarantee satisfaction. MACDONALD & MCINTOSH. Astoria, Oregon, October 27, 1885. JUST WHAT YOU WANT! BUSINESS MEN And others who want to keep an exact copy of correspondence, bills, etc., can be accommodated at The Astorian Job Office. WE PRINT IN Copying Ink Which will give a clear and exact impression in any ordinary copying press. Bills of Lading. Manifests. Letter and Note Heads. Memoranda. And all kinds of work that usually requires copying, printed in A1 style and at as Low Rates as Ordinary Work. Call and see samples of our work at THE ASTORIAN JOB OFFICE.

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