

Every party which holds a convention or passes a resolution in the nature of a political credo declares that immigration must be restricted.

If the new idea should be traced back to its source it would probably be found to have originated first in the conviction that the country has attained to such a growth that there is no room for anything but the natural increase.

The opposition to further immigration has taken a more absolute form on the Pacific than on the Atlantic. We are here confronted with the semi-barbarian hordes of Asia.

The question on the other side of the continent is beset with more difficulty. It would not be possible for the United States to shut its doors absolutely against all-comers.

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rid of that class by the extension of the franchise.

It follows, naturally, from these premises that the policy of the restriction of immigration, while highly desirable all around cannot assume so absolute a form on the Atlantic Coast as on the Pacific, for the conditions are not alike.

The courts have the right to inquire if the applicant is attached to the principles of the constitution? No illiterate person can possibly give the answers, which, in the contemplation of the law, alone entitles him to admission to the rights of an American citizen.

Statistics just published by the Russian government give some interesting facts about Siberia as a penal colony. The number of convicts and political exiles sent to Siberia from 1754 to 1884 numbered nearly one million men and women.

The tendency to increase in indebtedness is manifested even in the southern American republics. A late volume of the United States consular reports shows that the mania for borrowing large sums abroad has seized nearly all the Spanish-American countries, particularly Chile and the Argentine republic.

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