LABOR IN THE VINEYARDS.

A Grower Explains Why the Chinese Are Employed at White Men's Wages.

A California raisin grower, in discussing the dispatches recently published regarding the driving out by white laborers of the Chinese employed in picking, drying and packing raisins in the raisin district, said to a New York Sun man:

"I should be sorry if these dispatches created the impression in the east that we are opposed to white labor coming into our district. It is upon white labor we must finally depend for our permanent resident labor, and instead of opposing it we have made repeated efforts to induce a class of white people to come and settle there, upon whom we could draw for labor during the picking season. It is probably not generally known that we now have to pay Chinese full farm laborer's wages, so that there is no economy in hiring them.

"The reason we have had to employ Chinese is that the class of white labor there is unreliable. The Chinese are hired in gangs through one boss, who attends to their transportation, lodging, feeding and pay. They work steadily through the season and give us no trouble. The white laborers we can obtain demand weekly payments of wages and many of them take their wages on Saturday, go into town and stay there two or three days, or until their wages are spent, and only then return. That won't do for the raisin business. We dry in the sun and when the raisins are in condition to go to the sweat houses or from there to the packing houses, they must go on that day or they are ruined.

"The raisin-growers are all largely interested in Fresno real estate, in the city's banks, gas and waterworks and in the material interests of the city, which would, of course, be benefited by an increase of the resident white population and they have tried many ways to induce a reliable white labor class to settle thereabouts. We have offered them small holdings of irrigated lands at low terms, for if a white man is once settled on a piece of land the orchard or vines of which he can easily attend to we are assured of his work during our busy season and, perhaps, the labor of his wife and children in the packing houses.

"We do not want the Chinese, but in the present state of the country, with practically no agricultural laboring class, we are compelled to take them. The whites who are driving out the Chinese by force are not the substitute we want. We must have whites who will drive out the Chinese by settling on the land about us."

A CAT WITH FALSE TEETH.

Feat of a Young Dentist Who Had a Kind Heart.

The cat that owned the false teeth had lost his own, and had his jaw broken besides by a drunken wretch who beat him with a cobble stone. With great care, the poor animal finally recovered, says Harper's Young People, but he had to be fed with a little milk in a spoon for a long time. When able to pursue his ordinary business of catching rats and mice, he could not eat them, because he had no teeth to chew with. Something must be done for him, for life supported on "spoon vittles" was a burden, and a young dentist in the neighborhood, who had become greatly interested in the unfortunate cat, resolved to try the experiment of making him a set of false teeth.

Taking the cast of the plate was a terrible piece of work, as Captain objected to it with all his might, but it was nothing to what followed when the teeth were fairly in. If the animal had plunged and scratched while the plate was being fitted, he acted like a mad thing when it was firmly attached to his jaw—although it was well made, and fitted perfectly. He could not understand that it would enable him to continue the luxurious feasts to which he had been accustomed, and for several days he was furious over it. Every possible an impossible scheme was tried to get the uncomfortable thing out of his mouth. he tore at it with his claws, he shook his head violently to make it drop out, he butted against heavy pieces of furniture, and if anyone came near him he growled and scratched at them.

There seemed to be danger of his going mad, and his friends were sorely puzzled to know what to do with him, when, greatly to their relief, he calmed down, and appeared to have come to the conclusion that his new possession was, after all, a blessing in disguise. He was once more gentle and affectionate, as he had been previous to his misfortune; and the plate was now often taken out between meals and put back again. In this way it was worn comfortably for over a year.

Drugstore Humor.

Drug clerks often derive amusement from the prescriptions that are left with them. A prescription which called for certain tablets, and which was written by a Chicago physician, was put up in a down-town pharmacy the other day. The directions were as follows: "One tablet every two hours for five days, skip four days and commence again." The pharmacist smiled when he wrote the label, and professional etiquette alone prevented him from asking the customer, who weighed about 180 pounds, if he thought he would survive after so much skipping.

Another prescription caused the patient himself to laugh when he read the doctor's directions, which were: "Take fifteen drops one hour after eating in a little water." "I don't eat in water," said the man, "although I did chew an apple once when I was bathing at Long Branch." Strangely spelt communications are often brought to the druggist. A woman handed a slip to a clerk recently, and said: "Gimme ten cents' worth of that." The clerk read, "Grocer's Supplement." "I guess you mean corrosive sublimate," he said, that is poison, and we can't sell ". The woman went away " that she wanted it to

"tructed in

A Chance of a

LIFE-TIME

— TO —

GET * A * HOME,

AND FARM.

I have 1250 acres of excellent wheat land, located in the Helix country, and 480 acres North of Athena, which I will sell and allow the purchaser to pay for the same

IN WHEAT

— AT —

50 cts Per Bushel

All the land is well improved, has good houses and plenty of water. Will sell in tracts to suit purchaser. If you desire to secure a good farm, call and see me. I will make terms to suit you.

I am not in the Real Estate Business; it is individual property that I wish to dispose of, and I also have some choice residence property in Athena, which I will sell very reasonable.

FOR FULL PARTICULARS CALL ON OR ADDRESS,

J. W. SMITH,
Athena, Oregon.