

# Daily Democrat.

## NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President—GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York  
or Vice President—ALLEN G. THURMAN, of Ohio.  
For Presidential Elector—  
W. H. BILLY, of Lincoln county.  
W. H. E. FINZER, of Multnomah county.  
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## HARRISON'S CHINESE RECORD.

The *Examiner* gives the following full exposition of Harrison's Chinese record. It will cause him the loss of thousands of votes on this coast. The effort of the *Oregonian* to explain it away will be as futile as its effort to explain its own jugglery on the tariff question:

The record made by Mr. Harrison as a member of the United States Senate upon the question of Chinese immigration begins, according to the Congressional Record, with the introduction by the late Senator J. F. Miller, during the first session of the Forty-seventh Congress, of his original bill restricting for twenty years the immigration of Chinese laborers to the United States. The bill, after being referred to the committee on Foreign Relations, by whom a number of amendments were suggested, came back in due time to the Senate, where the amendments in question were considered serially.

On that offered by Senator Hoar, proposing to admit "skilled" Chinese laborers, the vote stood 17 in favor and 27 against, Senator Harrison voting aye. (See Congressional Record, Vol. 1, p. 1, page 1716.)

On Senator Hoar's amendment, providing for the admission of Chinese "artisans," the vote stood 19 ayes and 25 noes, Harrison voting aye. (Ibid., page 1717.)

On Senator Ingalls' motion to change the proposed period of restriction from twenty to ten years, the vote stood: Ayes, 20; noes, 21. Senator Harrison was absent, but Senator Macey, with whom he was paired, announced that, if present, he would have voted "aye." (Ibid., page 1751.)

When the bill was finally passed, which it did by a vote of 29 ayes to 15 noes, Harrison was again absent and Senator Macey, again his "pair," announced that, if present, he would have voted against the bill. (Ibid., page 1751.)

President Arthur vetoed the bill, and in the effort made in the Senate to pass it over the veto, which failed for want of a two-thirds majority, Senator Harrison's vote was one of the 21 noes cast against 29 ayes. (Ibid., page 2017.)

On the 25th of April, 1882, House bill 584, to restrain Chinese immigration, was favorably reported from the committee on Foreign Relations by Senator Miller, the gist of the bill in question, as may be remembered, being about as follows:

Providing that, from and after the expiration of ninety days after its passage, the coming of the Chinese laborers to the United States should be prohibited for a period of ten years; that the master of any vessel knowingly landing any Chinese laborer in violation of the provisions of the bill should be guilty of misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both; that depriving Chinese laborers should be registered by the Collector of Customs and furnished with return certificates; that any person altering or substituting names on such certificates, or forging the same, should be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and subjected to a fine not exceeding \$1000 or imprisonment for not longer than five years; that neither state nor Federal courts should admit Chinese to citizenship, etc.

When the bill was before the committee on Foreign Relations a great number of amendments had been attached to it. The majority of these, being of comparatively little importance, were agreed to without discussion, when the bill came again before the Senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, but others of more moment were strenuously objected to by the California Senators, Miller and Farley. The first of these was a proposition to strike out Section 14 of the bill, which forbade any state or Federal Court admitting Chinese to citizenship, and repealed all laws in conflict therewith.

"I hope," said Mr. Farley, "that the amendment will not be adopted. At the time it was put in the first bill I know some distinguished Senators took the ground that there was no necessity for the provision, because the statute already provided for it. But notwithstanding that statute, the courts have gone on naturalizing Chinese."

The amendment was rejected in accordance with Mr. Farley's wish by a vote of 32 ayes to 26 noes. But among the twenty-six who did this much toward defeating one of the purposes of the bill was Senator Harrison.

The next amendment, which proposed to strike out Section 15 of the bill, in which it was specified that the words "Chinese laborers" should be construed to mean both skilled and unskilled laborers and Chinese employed in mining, was also objected to by the friends of the bill, who claimed that, without this amendment, all Chinese laborers could readily gain admission by simply claiming to be skilled artisans. Nevertheless, the opponents of the bill mustered sufficient strength to adopt the amendment by a majority of one vote—29 ayes to 28 noes—and among those who assisted was Senator Harrison.

The Senate then agreed to all the amendments in gross, except that striking out the anti-naturalization clause, already rejected, and the other defining the term "Chinese laborers," which Senator Morgan of Alabama reserved, and again moved to reject, supporting the motion in an eloquent speech. Before a vote was taken, however, the Senate adjourned. (See Congressional Record, vol. 13, part 4, pages 3264 to 3270 inclusive.)

On the following day, April 26, 1882, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (see Congressional Record, 47th session, vol. 13, part 4, page 3208), the pending question being on concurring in the amendment made as a committee of the whole, striking out the fifteenth section of the bill defining the meaning of "Chinese laborers." No action was taken, however, though there was an earnest and lengthy discussion, in which Senator Farley found himself com-

pelled to defend the bill against the savage assaults of the Republican Senators Edmunds, Dawes and Ingalls.

Senator Edmunds immediately offered an amendment to the clause providing that "Chinese laborers" should mean persons usually engaged in manual labor. This also failed of passage by a vote of 25 noes to 17 ayes, Senator Harrison's vote being, of course, among the latter.

Mr. Edmunds then moved another amendment, intended to defeat the purpose of the anti-naturalization clause, which also failed of adoption. Senator Harrison was one of the sixteen who voted in favor of it, against twenty-five negatives.

The bill was then passed by a vote of 32 to 15, Harrison's vote being among the latter. He also went out of his way to explain, during the progress of the vote, that if Senator Sewell, who was absent, had been present, he would have voted in the negative.

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