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PALACE HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO,
Wednesday, October 18, 1876.

The joint committee of the two houses of Congress to investigate the Chinese question met this day pursuant to adjournment.

The following members of the committee were present:

Mr. Morton, (chairman,) Mr. Sargent, Mr. Piper, and Mr. Meade.

Absent, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Wilson.

The chairman called the committee to order and announced that there was a quorum present and the committee would proceed to business.

The rooms at the Palace Hotel known as A and B being used, were accepted as the place for all future meetings of the committee.

Mr. Piper stated, as there would be need of a secretary, he would move that Mr. Richard Lambert be designated as such officer.

Messrs. Piper and Meade were requested to confer with Mr. Lambert and to make such arrangements with him as to salary as would be satisfactory to him and the committee, the understanding being that the salary be paid exclusively out of the fund appropriated to the members of the committee on the part of the House.

On the question as to what course to pursue relative to summoning and examining of witnesses,

After debate it was

Ordered, That the representatives of the State senate, officers of the central and other anti-coolie clubs; officers or representatives of the municipality of San Francisco, also Messrs. F. A. Bee and B. S. Brooks, representing the Chinese six companies, and any officer of the said companies be requested to be present on Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., when the committee will be ready to hear those who desire to be heard, the arguments to be confined to one hour each in length on either side of the question.

It was

Ordered further, That the following gentlemen are hereby respectfully requested to attend to-morrow at half past 10 o'clock a. m., namely:

The mayor, the chief of police, the health-officer, the committee of the California State senate, the presidents of the different anti-coolie clubs, and the representatives of the Chinese, for the purpose of making suggestions as to witnesses and as to the conduct of the investigation.

It was further ordered that at the sessions of the committee there will be allowed to be present the representatives of the press, one representative each of the State senate, of the municipality of the anti-coolie clubs, Mr. Brooks, and Mr. Bee, and one officer from each of the Chinese companies.

On motion of Mr. Sargent, the committee adjourned until to-morrow at half past 2 o'clock.

PALACE HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO,
October 19, 1876.

The joint committee of Congress met to-day at 2.30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

The following members were present: Senators Morton (chairman) and Sargent, and Representatives Piper and Meade.

Absent: Senator Cooper and Representative Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Senator Morton stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing suggestions from parties interested in this investigation and deciding upon the mode of procedure in conducting the examination.

There were present Mayor Bryant and Hon. Frank M. Pixley, representing the people of San Francisco; Hon. Frank McCoppin and Hon. George H. Rogers, representing the State through the Senate investigating committee appointed at the last session of the State legislature; H. H. Ellis, chief of police; Dr. Meares, of the board of health; Cameron H. King, president of the Anti-Chinese Union; John D. Condon, president of the Ninth Ward Anti-Coolie Club; Joseph Monaghan, president Seventh Ward Anti-Coolie Club; M. Kelly, secretary of the United Brothers Anti-Coolie Club; and Col. F. A. Bee, representing the Chinese six companies.

Senator Morton read the following list of topics upon which the committee desires to be informed:

1. How many Chinese are there in this country?
2. What is their moral and physical condition?
3. Do they come here voluntarily, and by what means do they get here?
4. For what purpose do they come? With the intention of remaining and making the United States their home, or of returning to China when they have acquired a competence?
5. Do they become attached to our institutions and reconciled to live and die here?
6. What kind of labor do they perform?
7. What is their character as laborers?
8. Do they learn trades and work in factories?
9. What rate of wages do they receive?
10. How does their employment affect white labor?
11. Do they prevent the immigration of white labor to this coast from Europe and from the Eastern States?
12. What is the condition of their health and their habits of cleanliness and sanitary regulations?
13. From what parts of China do they come?
14. Do any sail directly from Chinese ports, or do they all come by way of Hong-Kong?
15. In what way do they live in this city?
16. How does their residence in localities affect the price of property?
17. How many have families?
18. How many Chinese women are there in this country, and what is their condition and character? Are they free, or are they bought and sold as slaves?
19. How many Chinese companies are there, and how are they organized?
20. Are they organized to make money, and in what way do they make it, or are they relief or benevolent associations?
21. What interest do the Chinese take in the politics or institutions

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of the country, and how many of them have become citizens of the United States?

22. What was the condition of these people in China before coming here?

23. What is the population of China as far as can be ascertained, and the general condition, manners, customs, and institutions of the people?

24. What is their religion, and what progress have the missionaries made in their conversion to Christianity?

25. What is their education, and their character in making and keeping contracts?

26. The condition of commerce between the United States and China; how it has been or may be affected by Chinese immigration?

27. What power has a State to prevent the introduction of prostitutes or vagrants from foreign ports?

After some introductory remarks, Mayor Bryant submitted the following as the probable course of action the representatives of the municipality would pursue in conducting the testimony before the joint committee, viz:

We will offer,

1st. The testimony already taken by the senate committee of California;

2d. The testimony of the officers of the municipal government;

3d. Health department;

4th. Police department;

5th. Judges of criminal courts as to criminal jurisprudence;

6th. Statistics as to investigation, trade, and commerce;

7th. Evidence upon the labor question, the effect and influence that Chinese employment has upon the industrial interests of the State; and, finally,

8th. We shall ask the commission to personally visit and inspect the Chinese quarter, accompanied by city officials.

Colonel Bee offered the following as the list of persons whom he would call upon:

Mayor, law and police officers of the city.

Merchants, bankers, manufacturers, farmers, and contractors.

Officers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company; officers of the Central Pacific Railroad.

Leading Chinamen who can speak English.

Physicians, missionaries, white workingmen.

Officers of the six Chinese companies.

Persons who have lived in China, and other gentlemen from other States or localities, as may be suggested from time to time.

Senator Sargent suggested that witnesses should come freely, of their own accord, without the necessity of issuing subpoenas to compel attendance.

Colonel Bee asked that a letter be addressed to Colonel Hollister, a resident of Santa Barbara, inviting him to be present and testify. The secretary was requested to extend the invitation.

Mayor Bryant and Hon. Frank M. Pixley announced that three statements would be made in opening, one from the city, one from the anti-coolie clubs, and one from the State.

Colonel Bee also announced that he would submit a statement on behalf of the Chinese.

After fixing the time for taking the testimony at 10 o'clock on Monday, the joint committee adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing statements.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 21, 1876.*

The joint congressional committee met to-day, at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Senator Morton, chairman; Senators Cooper and Sargent, and Representatives Piper and Meade.

Absent—Representative Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Bryant, on behalf of the municipal authorities, asked that invitations be extended to Hon. F. F. Low, E. B. Vreeland, Captain King, Chief of Police Ellis, Hon. Giles H. Gray, surveyor of the port, A. La Grange, statistical clerk in the custom-house, and Police Officers Smith, Bethel, Duffield, Clark, and Rogers, to appear before the committee and give information upon the Chinese question.

The secretary was instructed to issue the necessary invitations.

Statements were then made before the committee by Hon. Frank McCoppin, on behalf of the State; Hon. Frank M. Pixley, on behalf of the city; Cameron H. King, on behalf of the anti-coolie clubs, against the immigration of Chinese to this country.

Col. F. A. Bee and B. S. Brooks appeared and made statements in favor of the Chinese.

The committee then adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 23, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representatives Piper and Meade.

Absent—Representative Wilson.

Colonel Bee laid before the committee several books printed in Chinese and English.

The eleventh ward anti-coolie club sent a roll containing the full names of each member of that club.

Mr. Pixley, representing the municipality, called upon the Hon. F. F. Low, late United States minister to China, to testify. At the conclusion of Mr. Low's testimony the committee took a recess until 1.30 p. m.

The committee re-assembled at 1.30, Senator Sargent in the chair.

Mr. Pixley called Capt. T. H. King, who, after being sworn, testified before the committee.

At the conclusion of this testimony the committee adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 24, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Senator Sargent, in the chair, and Senator Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

Mr. Pixley submitted a report from A. La Grange, statistical clerk in the custom-house, showing the relative imports and exports with China, which was received as an exhibit to accompany the report of the joint committee.

A communication was received from Chinese purporting to constitute the officers of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco, requesting that the same privileges be accorded the Rev. O. W. Loomis and Rev. O. Gibson as are accorded other institutions who have representatives before the committee, as the representatives of this society, and for the purpose of interpreting the Chinese language. Officer Clark and Chief of Police H. H. Ellis, E. B. Vreeland, Mayor

A. J. Bryant, and sworn, and examined.

The committee adjourned to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

The committee adjourned.

Present—Senators Morton, Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following were sworn and examined: Police Officers Smith, Bethel, Duffield, Clark, and Rogers, to appear before the committee and give information upon the Chinese question.

A recess was taken until 1.30 p. m. Senator Sargent in the chair.

Mrs. S. Smith, on behalf of the anti-coolie clubs, was sworn and examined to be heard.

Hon. Alexander H. King, on behalf of the anti-coolie clubs, was sworn and examined to be heard.

The joint committee adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—Senators Morton, Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following were sworn and examined: C. H. King, Inspector of Gas Meter, and Governor Haigh.

José; Frank M. Brooks, on behalf of the anti-coolie clubs, were sworn and examined to be heard.

The committee adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—Senators Morton, Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following were sworn and examined: Mr. F. Stein, and C. S. Lancaster.

The committee adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

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Present—Senators Morton, Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following were sworn and examined: J. Marshall, and McCarthy, Mich.

and Cornelius M. Meade, on behalf of the anti-coolie clubs, were sworn and examined to be heard.

The joint committee adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

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A. J. Bryant, and Judge D. Louderback, of the police court, were called, sworn, and examined before the committee.

The committee, Senator Cooper in the chair, then adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 25, 1876.*

The committee met to-day at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following witnesses then appeared, were sworn, and examined: Police Officers Michael A. Smith, George W. Duffield, and A. Bainbridge, and Supervisor F. A. Gibbs.

A recess was then taken until 2 o'clock. After the recess, Senator Sargent in the chair, Police Officers James R. Rogers and John G. Tobin were sworn and examined.

Mrs. S. Swift, secretary of the Women's Mining Bureau, was also sworn and examined, pursuant to a communication asking permission to be heard.

Hon. Alexander Badlam, city and county assessor, was then examined, after which the commission, at 4.45 p. m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 26, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following witnesses were then sworn and examined:

C. H. King, president anti-coolie union; Henry George, State inspector of gas-meters; Hon. M. C. Blake, municipal criminal judge; Ex-Governor Haight; John Millon, of San Mateo; William Vinter, of San José; Frank Muther and General A. M. Winn, president labor council.

The committee adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 27, 1876.*

The committee met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Piper and Meade.

The following witnesses appeared and testified:

Mr. F. Stein, Ernest C. Stock, W. G. Buchanan, Miss Maggie Hayes, C. S. Lancaster, Mrs. J. Humphreys, and John D. Congdon.

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 28, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper; Representatives Meade and Piper.

Absent, Representative Wilson.

The following witnesses then appeared and testified:

J. Marshal, Eric Westine, Robert Gillespie, E. L. Cartage, Dennis McCarthy, Michael Hayes, Hon. Frank M. Pixley, Herman Silverberg, and Cornelius Mahoney.

Mr. Meade stated that he should start overland for the East to-morrow morning.

The joint committee then adjourned until the 9th of November, at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 9, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following gentlemen then appeared, were sworn, and testified: Rev. Otis Gibson, Rev. O. Loomis, and George D. Roberts.

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 10, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senator Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following gentlemen then appeared, were sworn, and testified.

Rev. O. Loomis, John F. Switt, H. H. Bigelow, John Kirkpatrick, Mathew Blair, John Francis, and Alex. Badlam, (recalled.)

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 11, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following witnesses then appeared before the committee, were sworn, and testified, viz:

John A. Coryell, Joseph A. Coolidge, Rev. Otis Gibson, (recalled,) Solomon Heydenfeldt, C. V. S. Gibbs, J. P. Heynemann, and A. G. Sneath.

The committee then adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 13, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following witnesses then appeared before the committee, were sworn, and testified, viz:

Vernon Seaman, Judge Peckham, Judge S. C. Hastings, J. L. Durkee, Donald McLennan, and Henry C. Beals.

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 14, 1876.*

The joint committee met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following gentlemen then appeared and testified, viz:

Jacob B. Shenk, Frederick E. Shearer, Dr. A. B. Stout, Wm. M. Dye, Chas. Crooker, and H. K. W. Clark.

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 15, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Senators Morton and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representative Meade. Received inviting the committee to meet at the clubs.

The following gentlemen were present: W. S. Babcock, H. W. Alexander, Campbell, E. Hyatt, Judge Dwinelle.

The committee then adjourned at 10 a. m.

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senators Morton and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representative Meade. The following gentlemen were present:

W. W. Hollister, John L. Jones, W. H. Jessup.

The joint committee then adjourned at 10 o'clock.

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senators Morton and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representative Meade.

The following gentlemen were present: F. W. Macondran, Fred W. Rind, Henry Hart, C. and Mrs. Anna L. Smith.

A petition was presented by the working-girls of San Francisco for the issuance of four sub-

The joint committee then adjourned at 10 o'clock a. m.

The joint committee met to-day at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, Senator Morton and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representative Meade.

The following gentlemen were present: M. Estee, Delos Lake, J. James P. Dameron, J. Gallego, John W. D., Chas. H. Peterson, J. De Groot, Thos. Jackson, Jas. M. Bassett, C. Walcott Brooks.

At 12.15 Sunday morning the committee adjourned.

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Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson. An invitation was received inviting the committee to attend a mass-meeting of anti-coolie clubs.

The following gentlemen then appeared and testified, viz :

W. S. Babcock, H. W. K. Clark, West Evans, James H. Strowbridge, Alexander Campbell, Edward J. Armstrong, A. G. Easterly, T. H. Hyatt, Judge Dwinelle, John Stewart Martin, and C. Briggs.

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 16, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following gentlemen appeared and testified, viz :

W. W. Hollister, John Hall, Thomas Brown, M. Morganthau, Simon L. Jones, W. H. Jessup, John Horner, and W. N. Olmstead.

The joint committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 17, 1876.*

The joint committee met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Senators Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following gentlemen appeared and testified, viz: Francis Avery, F. W. Macondray, Frederick L. Castle, A. B. Stout, (recalled,) Hiram W. Rind, Henry Hart, Chas. Sontag, B. S. Brooks, George W. Anthony, and Mrs. Anna L. Smith.

A petition was presented by Senator Sargent, signed by fifty-nine working-girls of San Francisco, setting forth grievances at the presence of Chinese.

The joint committee, at the request of B. S. Brooks, esq., authorized the issuance of four subpoenas to compel the attendance of Wm. Hayes, Wm. H. McHenry, W. H. Patterson, and D. S. Douglass.

The joint committee then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, *November 18, 1876.*

The joint committee met to day, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Senator Morton, (chairman,) Sargent, and Cooper, and Representative Piper.

Absent, Representatives Meade and Wilson.

The following gentlemen appeared, were sworn and testified, viz: M. M. Estee, Delos Lake, Irving M. Scott, John McHenry, E. D. Wheeler, James P. Dameron, James Patterson, John Arndup, D. C. Woods, T. Gallego, John W. Dwinelle, District Attorney Jones, of Sacramento, Chas. H. Peterson, J. Russell, Chas. C. O'Donnell, Wm. Vale, Henry De Groot, Thos. Jackson, L. M. Foulke, J. G. Cadiz, Chas. D. Douglass, Jas. M. Bassett, Capt. Tucker, Patrick H. Humphreys, and Chas. Walcott Brooks.

At 12.15 Sunday morning the committee adjourned to meet in Washington.

RICHARD LAMBERT,
Secretary.