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Washington D.C.

Here with a couple of clip -

You will have seen that California newspapers are nearly unanimous on the Chinese and the Japanese question. They harp on the one string - Chinese and Japanese are not wanted here.

The point I wish to make is this: no matter how many letters to the newspapers from citizens denying the charge that the citizens of this state are in favor of exclusion, unless the letter, or communication, is from some one prominent in the state, like Dr. Jordan, for instance, it goes into the waste basket.

Communications from the Merchants Exchange or the Board of Trade are published because they cannot be ignored.

I resided in San Francisco for some years before the fire and my observation leads me to the belief that opposition to the Chinese and Japanese is confined to the labor unions, the newspapers and the politicians. The newspapers dare not oppose the unions knowing that a boycott would result. The politicians of California are abject slaves of the unions. It is almost unbelievable, but the truth nevertheless, that our congressmen are pledged before election not only to vote for union measures but to vote against all measures that are anti union. It is no secret. The unions publish in the newspapers that candidates must favorably answer certain questions or the unions will defeat them.

The same applies in most instances to state legislators, especially in towns.

Hon. Julius Kahn, very popular with the Jews - and Republicans generally, tried to evade a direct answer - and was defeated. He was wiser in the next campaign, and he is now the devoted servant of the unions.

Possibly you will think I am "going it some" when I say that - always excepting the Germans - the Chinese and Japanese here are far and away a better class than most of the foreigners in our midst. They are peaceable and attend to their own business. I have never seen a drunken Chinese and but one drunken Japanese. Except for the highbinder one would hardly even hear of a Chinese criminal. They are inveterate gamblers but keep to themselves.

It is very seldom that a Chinese or a Japanese is brought into a police court and this notwithstanding the fact that

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union men and their helpers, the hoodlums, are constantly harassing and worrying them.

Excuse me - I didn't set out to be tiresome. I could hardly give my opinion of the contemptible politicians and newspapers in this burg in fewer lines.

Respectfully yours
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**CLAIMS SEATTLE IS NOT
OPPOSED TO JAPANESE**
Chronicle Feb. 18
Chamber of Commerce Sends Memo-
rial to President to Correct
Wrong Impression.

SEATTLE (Wash.), February 18.—The Seattle Chamber of Commerce today addressed a memorial to President Roosevelt and Secretary Root to the effect that its members believe that a majority of the people of the Pacific Coast are not in favor of any immigration law that will treat differently the people of Japan from the way in which the inhabitants of any European country are treated. This letter is sent to correct an erroneous impression of the attitude of the commercial and other important interests, the memorial says, owing to the action of a recent convention of Oriental exclusionists held in Seattle.

the record. *The Call July 17*
OPPOSES DISCRIMINATION
The board of directors of the merchants' exchange of San Francisco has issued a statement saying that it does not favor any immigration law that will discriminate against the people of Japan, or that will permit them to be treated any differently from the people of any foreign country. It is regarded as desirable that the Japanese people enjoy the privileges in this country that are accorded Americans in theirs. It is considered important that there be no barriers to the most friendly trade relations between the two countries.