## a chance to come, some fools might believe that a nice little "few thousand." just enough to furnish a few Portland lawyers with cheap land grubbers, would

KEEP UP THE BARS.

From China.

## come, and you could not get them to come in any large numbers even if you begged them to come and paid their expenses besides. Of course, Mr. Wu Ting

must be admitted or none.

"moving heaven and earth" for, in the direction of opening our doors to Chineso emigration, if it were even plausible that but few could be induced to darken our shores. Any one who has at least lived on the Pacific Coast 15 years and longer knows that once given a chance to come here as they wished simply hordes of them would overrun us. We have been through all this Chinese

question and the most of us who are about 35 years old have by dear experience settled it in our minds forever that we have troubles enough of our own on hand and are likely to have enough and more in the future of races and race wars and labor questions, without monkeying with free Chinese. Supposing there is some little trouble in some directions about a temperary scarcity of labor. what's the use of ketting excited about it and working up some Chinese emigration scheme, which will bring our country untold harm and trouble, just bridge over a temporary scarcity

cleared now than they can use intelli-

toms officers are so strict. I cannot discover in your article that the scarcity of cheap or Chinese labor is working any hardship on any one in particular, surely not enough, nor likely to be enough, to balance the curse of Chinese influx. These kind of times are not going to hold up forever and when there is a reaction, mark you, there will be plenty of labor at proper prices, and possible troubles enough to keep us guessing without going back to take on some that have aiready caused us much grief. SAMUEL M. FLETCHER. The Oregonian does not favor admission of Chinese. The expressions this letter complains of were the quoted ideas of persons wishing cheap labor, and not the ideas of The Oregonian.

In one paragraph you say that "Dairymen cannot afford to pay the price for labor, etc.," and in another that the "supply of poultry, eggs, milk, butter, etc., is nover equal to the demand." Now what's the matter of equalizing the thing by raising the price of these products so labor can be afforded. Butter is quoted on Front street at 15@23 cents. What does the dairymen get out of it? Eggs are quoted at 219723 cents. What does the farmers get out of those, and how about the supply? Furmers are selling plenty of eggs right today to local picklers. If we have to have more labor why not try in an intelligent businesslike manner to induce people to come here from our Eastern States or even

California, anyhow, for the good of their owners, no matter what the price of labor is. Lot no one howl about chenp Chinese labor. It does not smell good to the average decent white man and American citizen, who has posterity or even the hope of any, and who can look forward to the healthful condition of Amer-

aiready look somewhat ominous). Then there will be plenty of help at his own price and he can even up the score. And as for the fellow in California who dug up 500 acres of trees, there are too many trees in

gently. If those several professional and

farms for "pastime" as much as prolit,

what's the matter if they do pay the \$75

per acre and charge up \$37.50 of it to

pleasure, and the profit part would come

quite reasonable anyhow, and it would

surely be infinitely better to have a few

suffering lawyers stand that, than to put

more serious trouble on to the commu-

nity and one that probably never be ef-

fessional" men's fancy farms are in

some very undesirable locality, say

near Portland, where the labor market

might be more unique than most other

places, land can be cleared for less

than either \$75 or \$50 per acre. I know

of land being cleared in this year of our

Lord 1903 for \$20 per acre, and by white

men, too, and as for "such work being

not fit for white men to do," I can only

express the hope that the man who made

that remark was a "professional man"

(and a lawyer at that) instead of a

"business man." The "orchardist" who

had to pay out all his profits for help

may be happier when these exceptionally

good times pass along and times get hurd

(and future indications

As a matter of fact unless those "pro-

business

faced.

ican life.

gentlemen desire to operate

from Europe (if we must keep up the damnable drum-drum of crowding in the population) seeking a quality such that we can at least stand some show of absorbing them into citizenship. No, there is, as you say, no cheap Chinese labor in the country, and I for one am very gind of it, and while

those Chinese who have acquired propcrty rights here should be allowed to go home on a visit and return safely if they wish and can be properly identified, I am very happy to know that the cus-

Better Scarcity of Labor Than Supply PORTLAND, Aug. 8.-(To the Editor.)-

I have had the sensation of reading in your issue of July 27, an article under the caption of "Cheap Labor Needed," used as an argument to admit Chinese to our country, etc. "Just to admit a

few thousand," you say, which proposition is, of course, impracticable, for you cannot admit some and not all. All

Our willy friend, Wu Ting Fang, said a while ago in a speech that his people were not disposed to leave China in any considerable numbers and go to America or anywhere else, so if all China had

Fäng's statement is all rot. What is he

some kinds of labor which is wanted to do something that does not clearly seem to be particularly needed. Ten to one, if 90 per cent of the farmers who complain that they cannot get land cleared at certain figures have not got more land