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GREAT NEED OF FARM HELP.

How It May Be Supplied—Farmer's Suggestion That the Door Be Opened To Chinese Laborers.

Messrs. Editors of Sun:—I see by a western county newspaper a partial remedy (as the writer considers it) for the scarcity of farm help, in which the writer advises the farmer to raise all the grass he can and to rent more land to his neighbors. It seems to me that this article must have been written by some one not engaged in agriculture, or he would have known that farmers cannot live on grass alone. As to renting all you could to tenant neighbors, if there were tenants enough to work it all there would be no scarcity. But the trouble is that there is not help enough anywhere that will stay on the farms to cultivate the farms in any part of the United States. The writer is fairly well acquainted with the conditions from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having been a resident of Southern Maryland for the past three years and having lived in the Mississippi Valley for 50 years, nearly the whole of which time was spent on the farm. Since my early boyhood I cannot recollect when there was plenty of farm help in Illinois. In talking with a farmer from Ohio a few days since he said it was just about impossible to get any help at all on the farm, either in or out of the house, in his section. A gentleman from New York says: "I have no help at all on my farm and my neighbors are as bad off as I am." I have an acquaintance on the Pacific Slope, and I know to a certainty that there is not one man to be had on the farms where they would work five if they could get them. In Southern Maryland, almost within the shadow of the dome of the Capitol of the nation and within easy reach of the great cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, at least two-thirds of the farm lands have grown up and gone back to a wilderness because help could not be had to cultivate them. Do you ask what has become of them (the farm help)? A glance at the statistics will show that manufacturing in the last 50 years has far outstripped agriculture. The fields of agriculture have been vastly impaired by the reaching out after cheap lands, and had not the inventions in machinery been on such a stupendous scale there is not now on the farms labor enough to produce one-twentieth of the farm products now raised. All admit the scarcity, but few propose any relief. Some say, Keep the boys on the farm. Good, if you can do it. But this is not enough, and then you want something to help now.

All the boys that are large enough have left the farm already and you have got to raise a new crop to keep at home. Now, what have you done in other kinds of business to get the help needed to run them? Why, they have gone where there was help of the kind they needed and got it. The mines are filled with Europeans, the factories to a great extent are run by Europeans. Well, you say, go to Europe and get your farm help. I reply there is no surplus of farm labor there. Then, in that case, you say, where is it to come from? I say, open the only door that has ever been shut against any man's coming here that was not a pauper or a criminal. Open the door to the Chinese and let them come. They are not only willing, but anxious to come here, and they are good, intelligent help. But, you say they will work for nothing and then take it back to China. Now, that is just where you don't know the chinaman. He will ask as much or more than anyone else. But if he can't get $5 a day whe will work for $3, and if he can't get that he will work for $1, and in the winter, when there is not much doing, he will take a job of grubbing or clearing, go out into the land, put up his little shack, and if in the spring he has made his board he thinks it is better than to have paid out for board during the winter all he has made the summer before. The Chinaman has made his board and you have got your land cleared. You are both ahead, are you not? Now, who is it that has made the kick against the Chinese in this country? It was a lot of fellows out on the Pacific Slope that never had any idea of doing anything themselves, would not work more than one day in ten, and they wanted enough for that one day to live on the other nine, and if the Chinese were allowed to keep coming they would have to go to work or starve. And so they raised the howl about the Chinaman, said he didn't intend to become a citizen of this country and he was a heathen and wore a pigtail on his head, ate rice soup with a chopstick instead of a spoon, and if he was dissipated smoked opium instead of drinking whiskey, and that anyone who had rather smoke opium than drink whiskey was a heathen, sure; that it didn't cost more than 2 cents a day for him to live, which was another reason he should not be allowed to come here and be driven out if he did come.

The consequence was that the Pacific Slope politician catered to this element for votes, and the Western Congressman when he came to Washington wanted some legislation to regulate the Chinaman. The Eastern members didn't care much for it anyhow, but wanted a whole lot of help for some of their pet measures, so they helped the West Coast fellows kick the Chinaman and get what they want in return. Now, what are the facts? The Chinamen have done about all the work of the West Coast. They built all the railroads and cleared up all the forests. It was about all the help they had out there. There weren't enough Irish out there to do a small part of the public work there and the Chinaman was the one to do it and he did do it. Now there is a lot of farm work for him to do all over these United States. He is willing to come and do it, if we will let him. I say, open wide the door and let him come in and do the work. I don't care if he does put roast pig on the graves of his departed friends and has a band of music at the head of his funeral procession, if he will do my work, and I am willing to pay him for doing it. There aren't enough Irish and Germans in the North and West to do it, and the negro of the South won't do it. He first wants to vote, that is all; so let John Chinaman come and help us out of the hole. E. P. GIBBS.

Hardesty, Md.

MANY OFFICES TO BE FILLED.

Officers to be Chosen at the Election in November.

The election in November, 1903, is one of the most important held in the State for years. A total of 353 elective offices will be filled at the election in November as follows:

Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General	3
Senators	15
Delegates	101
Circuit Judges	6
Orphans' Court Judges	72
Clerks of Courts	21
Registers of Wills	13
County Commissioners	47
State's Attorneys	24
Sheriffs	24
Survevors	24
Total	353

The apportionment for the House of Delegates of 1904, to be elected in November, 1903, is as follows:

Allegany	5	Garrett	2
Anne Arundel	4	Harford	4
Baltimore City:		Howard	2
First Leg. Dist	6	Kent	2
Second Leg. Dist	6	Montgomery	4
Third Leg. Dist	6	Prince George's	4
Fourth Leg. Dist	6	Queen Anne's	3
Baltimore county	6	Somerset	3
Calvert	2	St. Mary's	2
Caroline	2	Talbot	3
Carroll	4	Washington	3
Cecil	3	Wicomico	3
Charles	2	Worcester	3
Dorchester	4		
Frederick	5	Total	101

In November, 1903, Senators will be elected for four years in Baltimore city and counties, as follows:

Anne Arundel,	Kent,
Baltimore county,	Queen Anne's,
Calvert,	Somerset,
Carroll,	Washington,
Frederick,	Wicomico,
Howard.	

The Legislature to be chosen will elect a State Treasurer and a Senator of the United States.

In addition to the Governor, Comptroller and Attorney-General, Kent will vote for a Clerk of the Court, Register of Wills, Treasurer, three County Commissioners, Sheriff, three Judges of the Orphans' Court, Senator, two members of the House of Delegatee, State's Attorney and Surveyor.

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One year has passed but still I miss her,
Friends may think the wound has healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That lies within my heart concealed.
HER HUSBAND.

In a far off distant graveyard
Where the leafless branches wave,
Lies our dearest mother
In her cold and silent grave.
Gone but not forgotten. HER CHILDREN.

Shouting Christians.

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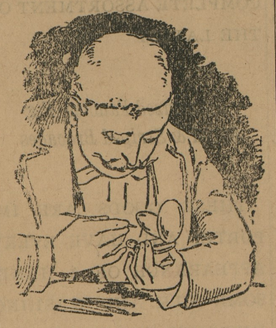

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  - SULTAN 2.24 — Sire of 41 trotters and 10 pac'rs
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    - SULTANA, by Delmonico, 110, son of Guy Miller, by Hambletonian 10.
  - ELLA LEWIS 2.27, said to be by Vermont 332, an inbred Morgan.
    - GEN. KNOX, 2.31¼. Sire of 15 trotters.
- CHICHESTER.
  - CHAMPION 1081 — Sire of Lasis 2.20¾, Cimarron 2.27¾
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  - DOLLY
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