

IMPORTED JAP LABORERS.

Proof That the Cooly Contract System Is in Operation Here.

CHEAP HELP FOR FRESNO.

A Japanese Contractor Recently Returned From the Orient With Laborers.

The investigation of Japanese cooly labor matters was resumed yesterday by Labor Commissioner E. L. Fitzgerald and Deputy Cleve L. Dam. While the inquiry was confined principally to one witness, many interesting points were brought out in spite of the witness' desire not to tell what he knows about the contract system which is now filling the agricultural and horticultural districts of the State with cheap cooly laborers.



CLEVE L. DAM. (From a recent photograph.)

part of the people, who have questioned, from an economical standpoint, the advisability of conducting such an inquiry, and the argument raised against it is that the benefit will not warrant the cost. Commissioner Fitzgerald states, in reply to the objection, that so far the investigation has cost less than \$30. This includes the service of subpoenas, hotel bills at Pleasanton, carriage hire and all.



N. SATO, JAPANESE COOLY LABOR CONTRACTOR. (From a photograph.)

rapidly taking the places of whites; that they are brought from Japan under contracts, either written or implied, and that they are boldly encouraging the Commissioners to go on. The result of the investigation, it is hoped, will be the passage of another exclusion act by the Federal Government similar to the one now in force against Chinese pauper laborers. A sign that the subject now it is believed will check the evil before greater injury can be done to the industries of this State.

partial admission that sometimes he receives postals telling him that there are passengers on board for his house. On the China seven were consigned to his residence, but he thinks they went to the O'Farrell-street Jap lodging-house. When he learned that the interpreter had seen the epistle the witness was greatly agitated, as he saw that the fact of his being implicated in the contract labor business had been discovered by the Commissioners.

This was the first positive evidence the Commissioners have obtained that the boarding-housekeepers send to Japan and secure laborers for the contractors. The arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific Railroad so that the coolies will be shipped from this city to Fresno in boxcars, the same as cattle and hogs. This will materially lessen the cost of transportation. The idea in making these contracts so early is that, as all the coolies in the State are engaged for the season, to wait much longer would make it impossible for the Fresno patrons of cheap labor to secure the required help.

When Deputy Dam promised Shiono that he would come to him if he told the truth, the witness' memory returned and he gave the names of several cooly contractors in the Sacramento Valley and several in Alameda County who have called at his house for help. He further admitted that there are societies in Japan through which laborers make arrangements to come to this State to work.

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An important piece of information was dragged out of Shiono, which showed that a Japanese contractor named Nichiuchi arrived on the steamer City of Peking on May 14 in charge of twenty laborers and took them to Vacaville. They are there now under Nichiuchi's watch for \$1 a day.

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Shiono said he knew that in the vicinity of Vacaville there are 200 Japs. On A. J. Hatch's ranches, in Suisun, he said there are at least 150 Japs. Returning to Nichiuchi, the witness said the contractor went to Japan for the laborers last summer. In speaking of the desire of Japanese to come to this State, Shiono said that a short time ago there were great inducements for Japs to come here to work, but of late those at home had learned that the public sentiment in this State was against cheap laborers, and they are no so anxious, being afraid of a chilly reception.

The investigation will be resumed at 10 a. m. to-day.

THE LADY AND THE RIG.

How "Jane Doe" Flood Got the Better of Two Livery-Stable Men.

A Warrant Out for Her Arrest for Obtaining Money by False Pretenses.

James P. Guerin of the Nevada stables, 1350 Market street, wants a lady arrested whom he can only designate as "Jane Doe" Flood. He appeared in Judge Campbell's court yesterday and swore out a warrant for her arrest on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. The story he told was an interesting one. On June 3 a lady drove into his stables with a bay horse, and told him she was anxious to dispose of the rig as she was in need of ready money. She represented that she was the owner of the rig and gave her address as the California Hotel. A bargain was struck and Guerin handed her \$65 for the horse, buggy and harness, and consigned the rig to his care.

WARNING TO BICYCLE THIEVES.

James Carmichael Gets Three Months in the County Jail.

James Carmichael, alias John Smith, appeared in Judge Campbell's court yesterday morning to answer to a charge of grand larceny in stealing a bicycle which he hired from the Morrill Cycle Company, Van Ness avenue. The evidence showed that Carmichael had ridden on the machine to Santa Cruz and there offered to sell it for \$10. Mr. Morrill heard of it and went to Santa Cruz in search of Carmichael and his bicycle. He found both and brought them to this city, where he met Sergeant Burke. The sergeant took Carmichael to the City Prison and locked him up. It was mutually agreed to reduce the charge to petty larceny, and the Judge sentenced Carmichael to spend the next three months in the County Jail.

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