




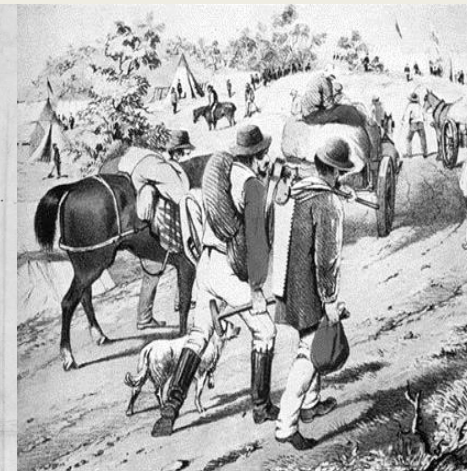
ANTI-CHINESE PREJUDICE IN **AUSTRALIA CIRCA 1900:** **CONTENT ANALYSIS OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

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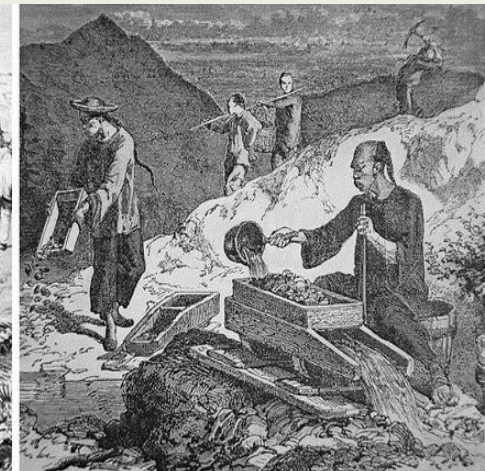


Introduction & Background

- Establishment of Australia as a penal colony
- Gold Rush Era sparks mass immigration among the Chinese
- Emergence of a white, nationalist Australia



OFF TO THE GOLD RUSH
BY SAMUEL THOMAS GILL (1818-1880)



CHINESE MINERS AT WORK
ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOLD FIELDS

Sources from left to right:

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Research Design

- National Library of Australia's online database aggregator, Trove
 - “Chinamen” & “Chinaman” were universal slurs
- All occurrences and sorted by location, decade, and context in which the slurs were used

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Trove
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Search limited to:

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- State
 - New South Wales (42,816)
 - Queensland (31,320)
 - Victoria (29,514)
 - South Australia (16,871)
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 - ACT (74)
 - National (11)
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 - The Sydney Morning Herald (5,259)
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 - The Brisbane Courier (1,511)
 - The Argus (Melbourne) (2,502)
 - The Age (Melbourne, Vic.) (2,056)
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 - The Campbelltown Herald (19)
 - The Mining Record and ... (19)

Digitised newspapers and more

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CHINAMEN	Crookwell Gazette (NSW) : 1895 - 1954 Wednesday 9 March 1927 p 6 Article	
CHINAMEN	When is a Chinaman not a Chinaman? Two decades ago certain stations on the Darling, west... of Bourke, were famous, or notorious, for employing only Chinamen and men from Balmory in the... 478 words	
CHALKING CHINAMEN.	Camperdown Chronicle (Vic.) : 1877 - 1954 Saturday 27 August 1981 p 4 Article	
CHALKING CHINAMEN	The San Francisco Chronicle gives the following description of the manner in which Chinamen on the Pacific Mail wharf creates a scene of most amazing confusion and disorder, and presents... 833 words	
CHINAMEN SQUABBLE.	The Bathurst Times (NSW) : 1909 - 1929 Tuesday 5 December 1916 p 2 Article	
CHINAMEN SQUABBLE.	Chen Sing, 34, decedent as a grocer, appeared in the dock at the Bathurst... 115 words	
GAMBLING CHINAMEN.	The Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times (Albury, NSW) : 1903 - 1929 Wednesday 3 April 1907 p 5 Article	
GAMBLING CHINAMEN	Three Chinamen were charged at the court-to-day with selling "pakapao" tickets... 27 words	
Moss Chinamen.	Newcastle Mining Herald and Miner's Advocate (NSW) : 1875 - 1954 Friday 7 May 1880 p 2 Article	
Moss Chinamen	THE Clarence and Richmond Examiner says—"By the City of Oatton on Monday, another... 111 words	
Oaser Chinamen.	The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW) : 1871 - 1912 Wednesday 22 July 1903 p 231 Article	
Oaser Chinamen	His left hand is the place of honour. He carries a pig instead of riding him... 154 words	

Newsletters / Browse / The Colac Herald (Vic. : 1875 - 1918) Tue 25 Apr 1887 / Page 4 / SAVAGE ASSAULT BY CHINAMEN


Why are there text errors?

SAVAGE ASSAULT BY CHINAMEN.

MARYBOROUGH, April 23.
MARRYBOROUGH, April 23.
A bricklayer named William Martlew has been brought into the hospital in a dreadful state. His head is fearfully cut about; his limbs are lacerated; his skull is fractured in three places, and the small bone of one of his arms is broken. Martlew lives at Avoca Lead. This morning he went to assist a woman who had been living with a Chinaman in that neighborhood to recover her clothes. Two celestials confronted them when they called at the hut, and when the woman asked for property one assaulted her with a stick. Martlew interposed and took this weapon away. The Chinaman then attacked him with a tomahawk. A severe struggle ensued, the European trying to obtain possession of the weapon. Whilst he and the Chinaman who held the tomahawk were rolling on the ground the other Chinaman seized a long-handled shovel, and hit Martlew several heavy blows about the head and body. He would undoubtedly have been killed had not his cries and those of the girl brought assistance, when both Chinamen ran away. One of them, known as "The Whistler," has since been arrested. Martlew lies in a very critical condition.—Argus.

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Moss's Tinted Eye-preservers.

Bronchitis, Diphtheria, Colds, Coughs, and all Derangements of the Throat and Chest.

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Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Ulcers, Abscesses, Wounds, and Sores of all kinds

May be thoroughly healed by the application of this Ointment to the parts affected after they have been duly cleansed with warm water. Under the action of this powerful Ointment, aided by the Pills, all deep-seated ulcers will be quickly resorbed from the body; even scurvy ulcers and fistulous sores, however old or inveterate, can be cured.

In Gout, Rheumatism, and Neuralgic Pains

This Ointment never fails to give relief. Its very first application lessens the inflammation, and diminishes local heat and pain. Its serene and chloride cures the Pills should always be taken, as their purifying, alterative, and restorative qualities place the whole mass of acids and fluids in a wholesome condition.

The Mother's Friend—Infantile Diseases.

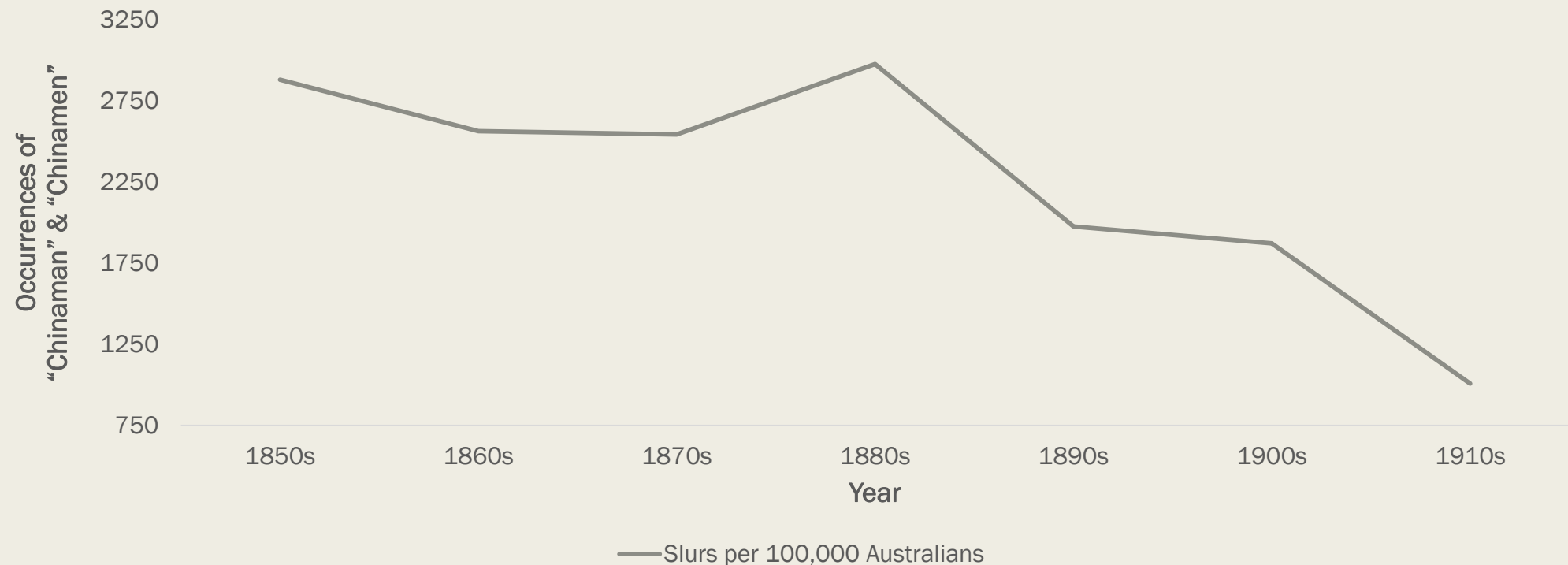
Scalds, burns, tick, crop, blotches on the skin, eruptions, sores, and such like affections, yield to the nightly power of this fine Ointment in a short time, provided it be well rubbed around the affected parts two or three times a day.

Fires, Fistulas, and Internal Inflammations.

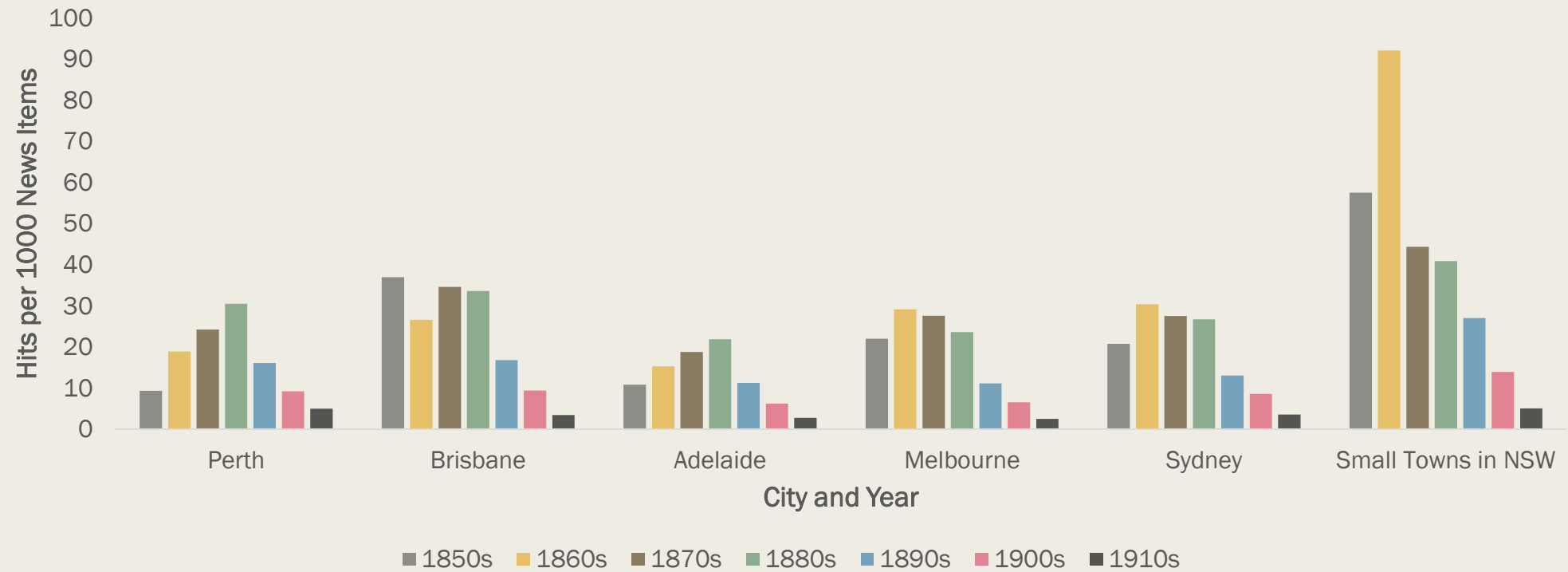
Persons afflicted with these distressing complaints will find in this wonderful Ointment a sure and speedy means of obtaining cure without expending their money on anyone. The Pills, in small doses, cleanse the Ointment, as they purify the blood, soothe the stomach, and cool the system.

THE CHRONOLOGY OF SLURS

- Usage of the slurs “Chinaman” & “Chinamen” peak
 - 1850s as a result of the Gold Rush and Chinese immigration
 - 1880s as a result of rising white Australian nationalistic pride



Occurrences of “Chinaman” & “Chinamen”



FROM GOLD MINERS TO GARDENERS



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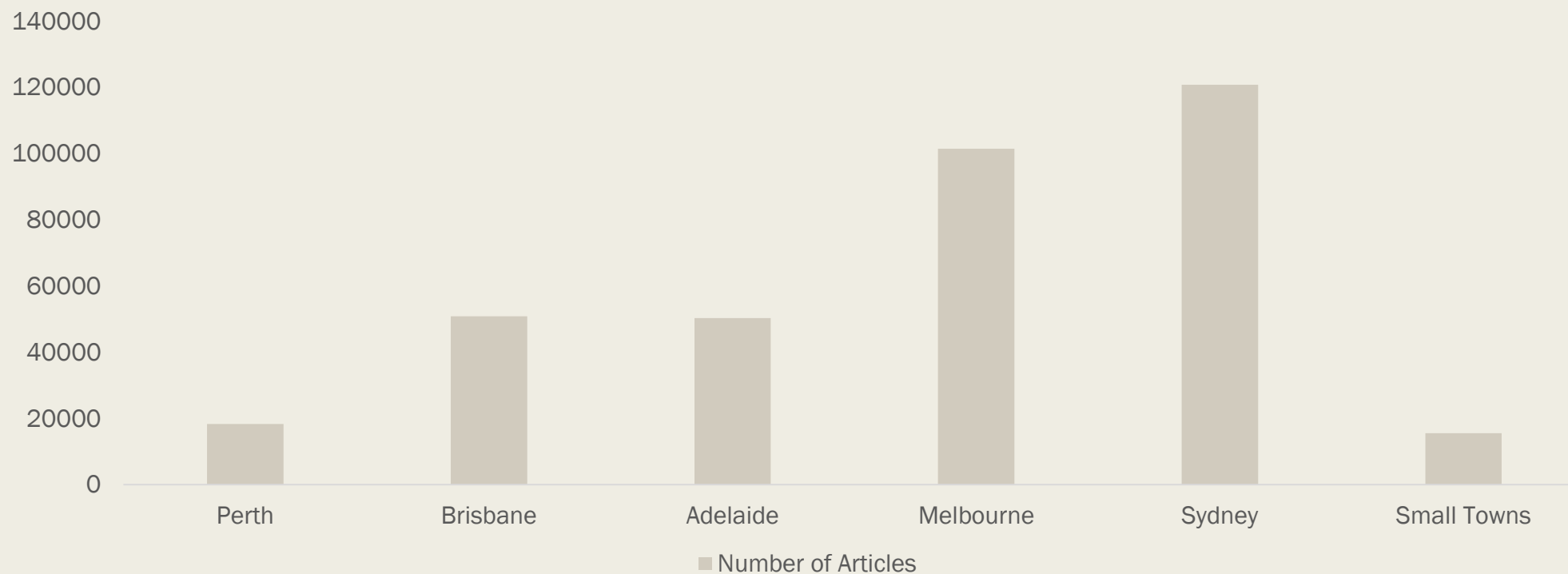
Roll Up!!

A MONSTER MEETING OF MINERS
will be held at
SAWBRIDGE'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
at 8 p.m.,

THIS EVENING
to PROTEST AGAINST the invasion of
this Goldfield by CHINAMEN.

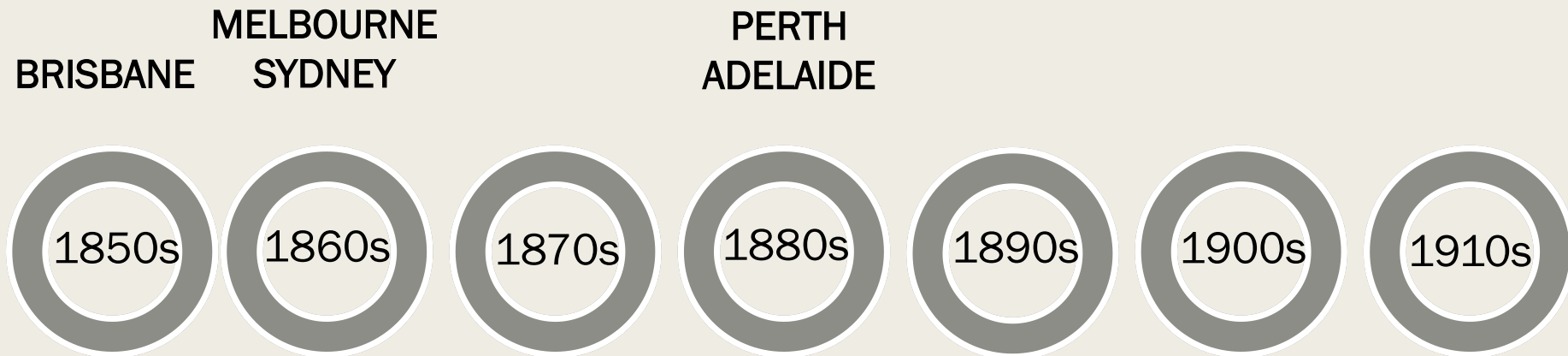


OVERALL NUMBER OF ARTICLES REFERENCING THE CHINESE FROM 1850 ONWARDS



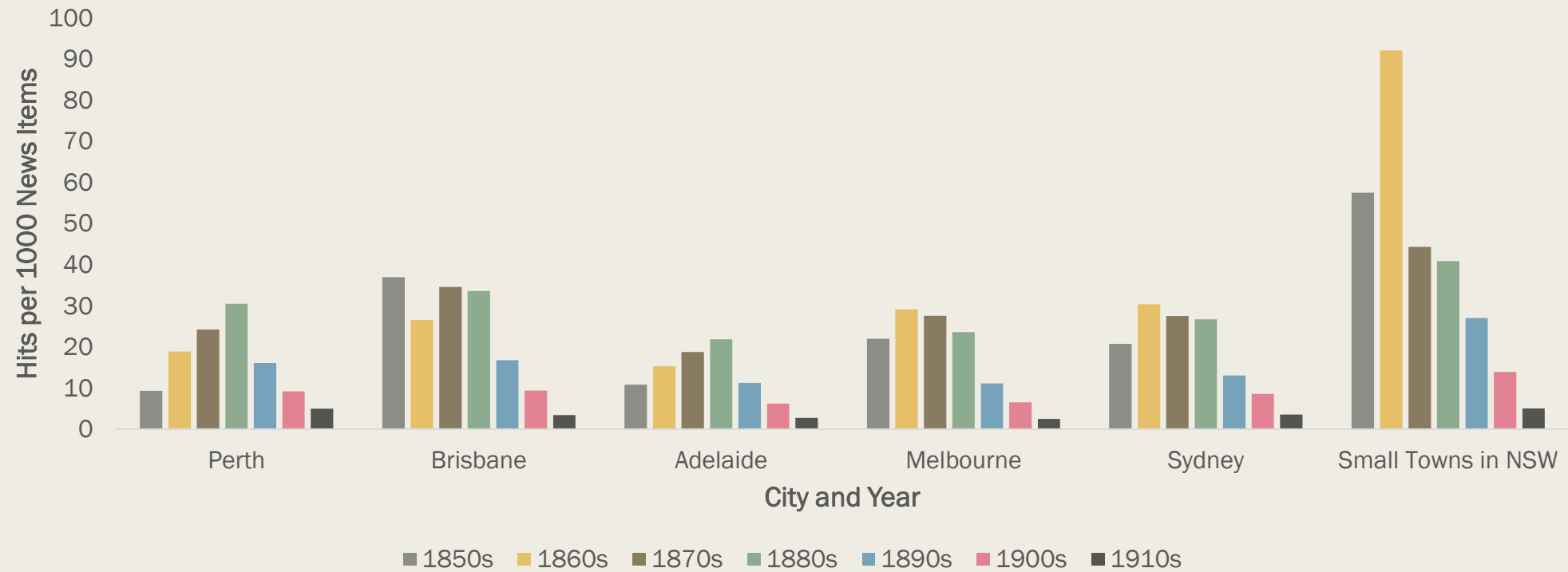
PHASES OF RAGE

Peak Decade of Anti-Chinese Sentiment



- Peak emphasis in Brisbane and Sydney related to Australia's Gold Rush
- Peak emphasis in Perth and Adelaide related to timing of rapid growth and re-migration

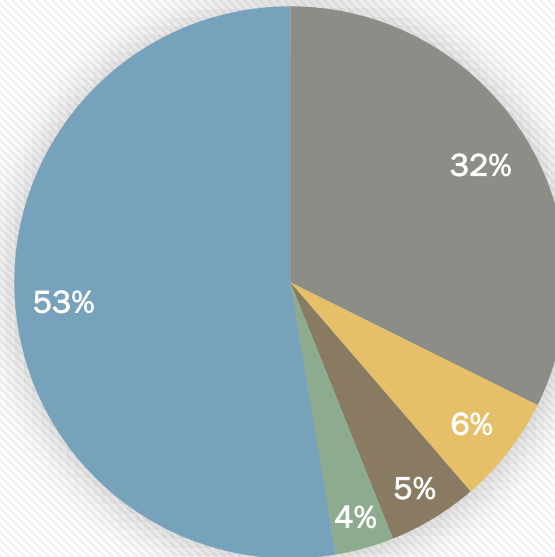
Occurrences of “Chinaman” & “Chinamen”



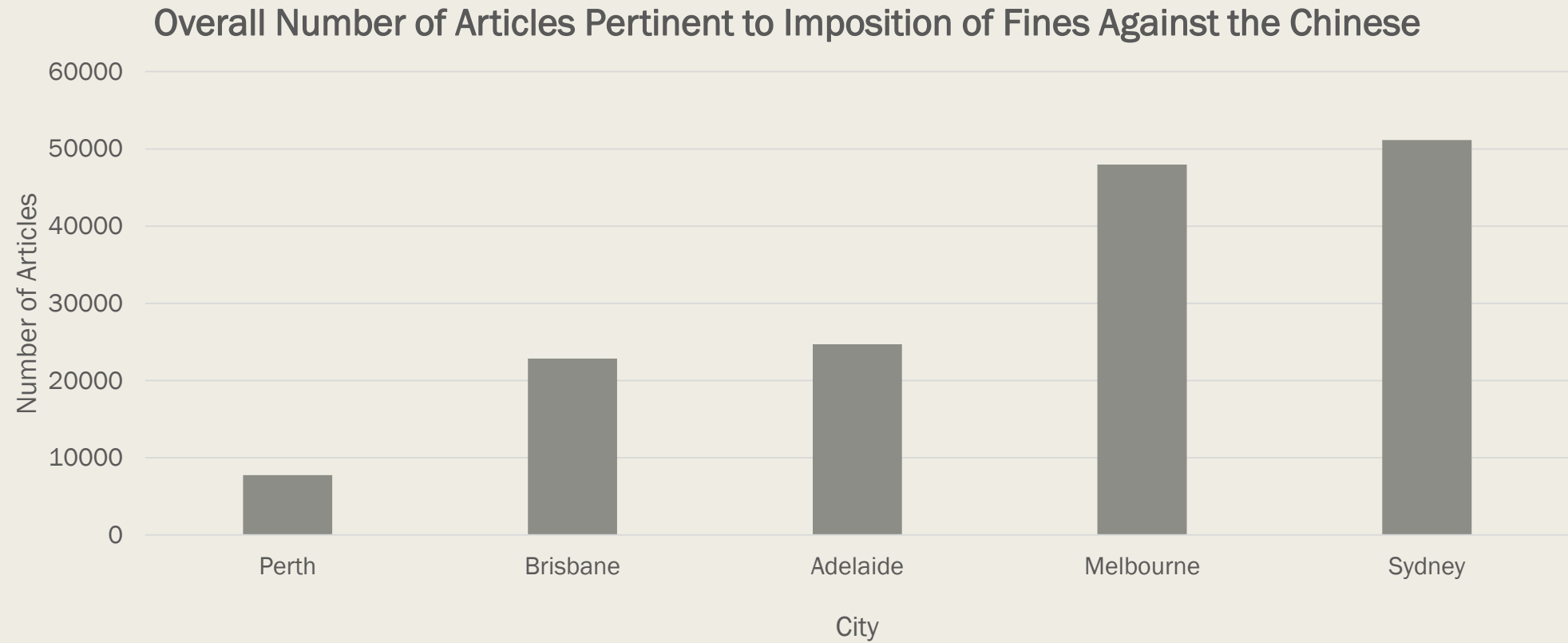
SLUR CONTEXT

Total Number of Articles Containing "Chinaman" & "Chinamen" =
380310

- Fined (122,864)
- Opium (24,099)
- Gambling (23,761)
- Savagery (13,154)
- Other Contexts (196,432)



FINES



Relative Occurrence of Fines in Regional Australian News Items

	PERTH	BRISBANE	ADELAIDE	MELBOURNE	SYDNEY
1850s	45%	52%	46%	41%	43%
1860s	66%	51%	57%	52%	49%
1870s	56%	49%	58%	54%	52%
1880s	51%	47%	50%	49%	46%
1890s	41%	47%	46%	48%	42%
1900s	40%	42%	44%	41%	38%
1910s	44%	41%	45%	40%	34%
Overall	43%	45%	49%	47%	42%

- Peak relative occurrences of imposition of fines against the Chinese highest in 1860s/70s as a result of prejudice and anti-Chinese sentiment that persisted even after the Gold Rush Era
- Trends downwards in later decades but imposition of fines against the Chinese still occur at a significant rate

FINES AND PREJUDICE AMONG PRINCIPAL CITIES AND SMALL TOWNS

P.C. (Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney)

Year	Median
1850s	45%
1860s	52%
1870s	54%
1880s	49%
1890s	46%
1900s	41%
1910s	41%
Overall	45%

S.T. (Mudgee, Byron Bay, Cooma, Walgett, Cobar)

Year	Median
1850s	50%
1860s	67.5%
1870s	71%
1880s	61%
1890s	52%
1900s	54%
1910s	41%
Overall	55%

AUSTRALIAN POLICE OUT WITH A VENGEANCE

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OUT!
OR
RACIAL
WAR!**

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALISTS MOVEMENT



Celestiality: or, Truth stranger than Fiction.



Chinamen and Opium

Two chinamen were taken into custody last night at premises in Howick-street on charges under the recently-enacted law relating to the possession of opium. The news of their arrest spread amongst their compatriots like fire in a paddock of dry grass, and soon after their arrival at the police station arrangements were made for their admission to bail. A solicitor and a Justice of the Peace were summoned and somewhere in the vicinity of eleven o'clock the alleged offenders had regained their liberty pending the decision of the police court bench. As a result of this little episode, there should be quite a large gathering of the Celestial fraternity at the courthouse this morning.

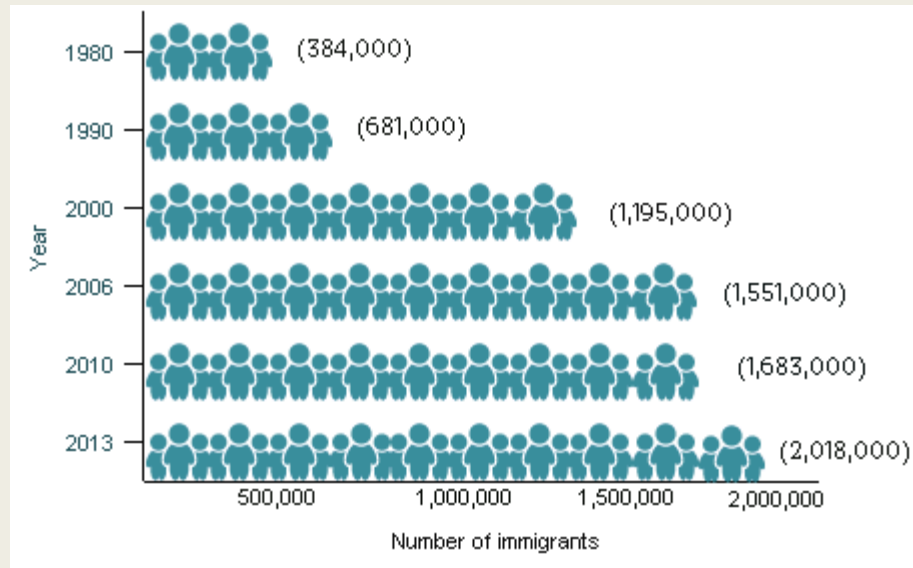
SMUGGLING OPIUM.

FIVE CHINAMEN ARRESTED.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Five Chinamen were arrested last night shortly after they had come of the steamer Taiyuan. The Celestials had just entered a cab when officers pounced upon them. Subsequently 58 tins of opium, valued at £1200, were found. In making the arrest the police drew their revolvers.

Concluding Remarks



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