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ONCE more certain of our business firms see their names in print, for a consideration. The latest "scheme" by the advertising fiend is a "splasher," to be put up in hotels and other places where Tom, Dick and Harry wash their hands and faces. That such things can be "worked" on sensible business men is one of the most encouraging evidences we have of the approaching end of "hard times."

THE WEST SHORE LITHOGRAPHING AND ENGRAVING COMPANY is now prepared to do Bank and Commercial work equal in quality to the best in the United States. The business men of the Northwest are invited to send for estimates and designs for stationery, stock certificates, bank checks, drafts, bonds, and all other forms of fine lithographed work, either in black or colors. It is no longer necessary to send East or to San Francisco for anything of that description.

THE position taken by THE WEST SHORE on the Chinese question is identical with that of the responsible portion of the press of the Northwest, viz.: While it is desirable that the country be freed from the presence of the Chinese as quickly as it can be done by legal and proper means, no form of intimidation or violence towards them must be permitted, and they must be protected in their persons and rights of property wherever they may choose to reside. To do less than this is not only dishonorable, but is to lay up an account against ourselves which will be hard to meet when the day of reckoning shall come between China and the United States. A few papers of the sensational stripe are all that the brawlers can look to for encouragement.

THE papers of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and other cities which lie on the eastern border of the Great West, agree in predicting an unprecedentedly large immigration into the Northwest the coming spring and summer. The usual desire to "go West" is stimulated by a fear that desirable public lands will soon be all taken up, public attention having been directed to the subject by the great prominence recently given it at Washington and in the newspapers. The unusual amount of suffering from cold and storms in regions formerly supposed to be exempt from the rigors of winter, has also had much to do with infusing into the bosoms of the discontented a desire to come to a region where the weather may be depended upon.

SEVERAL features of the recent disturbance at Seattle should be brought to the attention of those of our Eastern friends who affect to believe that lawlessness is the normal condition of the West. Nearly every man found in the ranks of the rioters was but a transient resident of the city, having no interest in it and caring nothing for its welfare and good name. On the other hand, with scarcely an exception, the actual citizens of Seattle were arrayed on the side of law and order. Nearly every citizen actively engaged in upholding the law, did so notwithstanding he was in sympathy with the object of the riot, viz.: to rid the city of Chinese. It was not the object, but the method, they opposed. So far, then, from showing that the citizens of Washington Territory are incapable of self-government, the Seattle incident proves them to possess that faculty in the highest degree, since, though unanimously opposed to the presence of the Chinese in the city, they rallied to their aid and upheld the law, even to the extremity of shedding blood.

MANY people erroneously confound the Knights of Labor movement with the anti-coolie agitation, and especially that feature of it which has led to the forcible expulsion of the Chinese from various localities. The Knights of Labor, as an organization, are no more answerable for the lawless acts of these brawling agitators and their irresponsible followers than are the Knights of Pythias. Members of the former organization, to be sure, may be seen among the anti-coolie crowds, but the order itself has nothing to do with it, while others of its members have arrayed themselves as prominently on the side of law and order. The Knights of Labor is an organization of working men throughout the United States and Canada, whose object is to secure by legitimate and lawful means, better care, better pay and a better position for the laboring classes than, in many localities, they now enjoy. Such an object is commendable, and the order should not be made to bear the onus of the lawless conduct of these anti-Chinese riot-brewers.