

APART from any feeling one way or the other about the Chinese question it is evident that such action as that of the Tacoma citizens a few weeks ago, of the Seattle citizens last Sunday, and of a large number of communities in California, while justified by the participants, must have a bad effect, a delaying influence upon legislation that we of this coast would be glad to see go through congress this winter.

The fact that those charged with driving the Chinese out of Tacoma were discharged has nothing to do with the legality of the deed—though it is evident that the fact, as a naked fact has had much to do with the Seattle movement, for the failure to convict in the Tacoma case increased the temerity of those who took part in the Seattle movement last Sunday and yesterday.

To meet, to organize, to agitate the question, to make protest against the continuance of the Chinese, is right, is legal and according to American ideas; but to incite unthinking men to acts of violence resulting so deplorably as last night's dispatches tell can only defeat the very purpose supposed to animate the minds of all on this topic—the gradual, peaceful expulsion of the Chinese.

A community that does as Seattle has done injures itself materially. It drives capital away; it makes men timid of investing; the odium clings to it long after the hasty passions of the actors have cooled. Seattle can poorly afford to have it go out to the world that it is placed under martial law as it assuredly will be.

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