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THANKS.

The Seattle Republican feels like congratulating itself for being able to present to the world this special edition of its paper of the nature and contents that it is. It's the first time in the history of the Pacific Coast that such an edition has been successfully issued and in the inception of the work we were frankly informed by even business friends that the attempt was not only foolhardy, but would result in financial disaster, and while the number is by no means a howling financial success, nevertheless it is sufficiently so to enable us to show the progress the black man has made in this section and likewise the opportunities for hundreds and thousands of others to come and join those already here and with ready and willing hands find in this section a safe and sure retreat, an oasis on the desert, a harvest home festival and a harbinger of rest. We are truly thankful to those Negroes who have reposed sufficient confidence in the management hereof to lend us their moral support, who have either pictures of themselves or of their homes or both appearing herein. Such confidence, we believe, marks a new era for the black man toward each other and we truly believe "the morning light is breaking" and the dawn will find at least some of us getting together and forming a nucleus around which we will rally such elements and factions of our race which in the past have been repelling each other, and form a phalanx by means of which we will march grandly on to the goal.

We likewise thank such of the men of the business world of this section who seem to have seen sufficient merit in the publication to give it their financial aid by placing splendid advertisements herein in many instances doing as well by the Negro Progress Number of The Seattle Republican as they did by the special editions of the most favored papers and publications of this section. It's a source of much pleasure to find in the columns of this number large display advertisements of the largest industrial and commercial concerns of the Northwest, because they give tone as well as standing to the publication. By it we are thoroughly convinced that when the Negro learns to do as well or even a little better in

his undertakings as the white man then his labor and his talent will be in demand.

The Seattle Republican has another congratulation coming and it is none other than that it is killing two birds with one stone, the issuing of the Northwest Negro Progress Number and the celebration of its Fourteenth Anniversary. Without having lost an issue or a change in management The Seattle Republican has plodded along from year to year, never setting the world on fire, but going on and on without fear or particular favor. Weekly publications since it began to supply the time worn "long felt want," published by both white and black men in Seattle, have burst forth in a flame of glory, but like the poor Arab "silently folded their tent and stolen away," but like the "poor" The Seattle Republican seems destined to be always with you. It has been our aim to make the paper a business proposition and a publication that "man" irrespective of race, color or creed, just so he reads the English language would feel the better for having read its contents. How well we have succeeded is for you, who have from week to week since it was first issued, May 19th, 1894, to say "At the same old stand The Seattle Republican will be found doing duty and may be communicated with from the utmost points of the globe.

COME WEST BLACK MAN.

Should the Negro of the South come to the Northwest to cast his lot? you ask. To which we reply, he should if he has the inclination and likewise the necessary "wherewith" requisite for traveling expenses. However, it would be absurd as well as fool hardy for the Negro in a body to transplant himself in the Northwest or any other section of the United States. In other words, it would be both well and wise for the Negro not to congregate or colonize in any one section of this country, however favorably disposed such section and its Anglo-Saxon inhabitants might be toward his physical and intellectual development, lest he soon be confronted with a similar state of affairs as he is now contending with in the South, where, in a great many of those states, he is either in an actual majority or dangerously near it. If the alleged "race problem" of the United States is ever settled beyond the probability of resurrection it will be when large numbers, yea a majority, of the Negroes of the various Southern states will have scattered to every nook and corner of the Western Hemisphere and ramified themselves among the inhabitants thereof. Not to necessarily miscegenate with the whites, but to live among them and adopt their customs, habits and industrial spirit. So long as the black folk are not sufficiently numerous to cause alarm in the minds of the white folk that their presence in the community might mean "nigger dominancy" there will be little or no strife between the whites and the blacks, but, where there is danger of such, perpetual strife does and will prevail and, judging from the past, the black man always comes out at the lower end of the rope. Unless a "black state" is set apart in the United States, where the Negro may be "lord of all he surveys" (which will never be done), then it is better for the black man as a whole that he scatter and take his chance by the side of the white man even though it be against odds.

Under such circumstances then no section of the