

The Republican was published for 21 years, most of the time as a weekly newspaper. Its short stint as a daily in 1896 lasted for only a few months, but its influence on the black community was considerable. *The Republican* gave validity to the activities of the community and encouraged black participation in ongoing issues of the day. Its influence in Republican politics was considerable, and Horace Cayton was even a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1898.

The paper had its financial ups and downs, particularly due to Cayton's lack of restraint when describing local figures. For instance, he referred to a local black barber who refused to serve blacks as "a puke of the lowest ilk."

Cayton was arrested for libel twice. The more notorious case took place in 1901. He had mocked the chief of police and accused the chief of graft. Cayton was arrested at home, carried off to jail and locked up with a hobo, refused bail and denied communication with his lawyer and friends. The uproar surrounding Cayton's treatment was considerable, and *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* noted, "[That]...no case has attracted more attention from the public than this." The trial ended in a hung jury, but *The Republican* gradually began to lose its advertisers.

The paper finally folded around the time of World War I after Cayton wrote a series of anti-Ku Klux Klan editorials that completely dried up revenues.

The Caytons did thrive, however, during the good years of *The Republican*. They were so well off that they owned a large house near Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill and had at least two servants, one Swedish and the other Japanese. They participated in various cultural activities and were members of a number of clubs. Horace and Susie Cayton were widely considered the best-known blacks in Seattle at the turn of the century.

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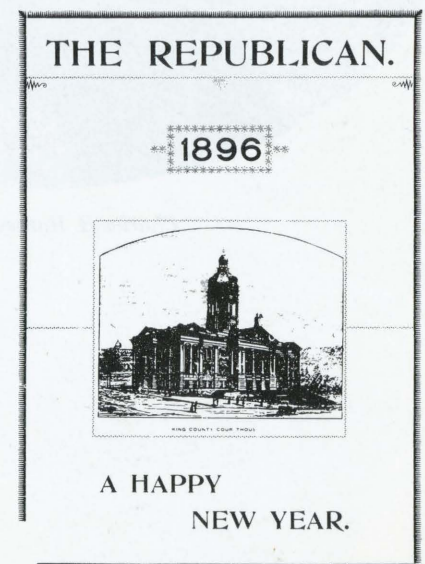
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