



Horace Cayton

Horace Cayton came to Seattle in 1886, interested in pursuing a journalism career. Shortly thereafter, he became a political reporter for *The Seattle P.I.* But his true desire was to publish a newspaper for the black community. To that end, he leased the only black newspaper in Seattle, *The Standard*, which had been published by Britt Oxendine. As soon as Cayton started printing *The Standard*, the barrage of attack against state and local officials began. The local black population was so alarmed by the virulence of Cayton's editorials that it drew up a set of resolutions to publicly disavow him and his policies. Oxendine took direct action against Cayton by pulling the lease out from under him and removing the printing equipment.

This just spurred Cayton on to start *The Republican* in 1894. This paper was a forum for his pro-civil-rights and staunch Republican political viewpoint. In the 1800's, the Republican party -- the party of Lincoln -- was the voice of liberation for black people. As a result, blacks almost unanimously voted Republican.

The Seattle Republican

Established May, 1894.
OFFICE 714 THIRD AVENUE.

H. R. Cayton.....Editor
Susie Revels Cayton.....Associate

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year\$2.00
Six Months 1.00
Three Months 60

Bona Fide Circulation 2,500

Only Paper in the Northwest Successfully Edited by a Negro.

A Whole Page of Legal Notices.

Always Regular, Readable, Reliable, Republican.

Advertising Rates Furnished upon Application.

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Entered at the Postoffice at Seattle as Second-class Mail Matter.

The Seattle Republican lasted from 1894 to 1915.

The Seattle Republican newspaper founded by Susie and Horace Cayton.

Susie Revels Cayton was also strongly committed to equality for blacks. Some believe she was the driving force behind her husband's political fervor. In a practical sense, Susie and Horace's marriage was mutually beneficial. Horace provided Susie a means of escaping the South, and Susie, the daughter of a Senator, gave Horace social status. Together they formed a formidable team as publisher and associate publisher of *The Republican*.