

**EVERETT PROSPEROUS.**

Situated as it is, on one of the most beautiful points of Puget Sound. With its saw mills, flour mills, foundries, nail works, creosote works and other industries where labor is employed in large numbers, Everett offers great attractions and inducements to the Negro. The town is practically without prejudice and there is no reason why a thousand men and women could not secure employment there immediately on their arrival.

The best proof of the inducements and opportunities offered there is the fact that there are no idle men to be found. A stranger on arriving there will be immediately offered a job. The idle, worthless classes are ordered out of town; hence those to be found there are thrifty, energetic, prosperous citizens. The Sumner Iron Works is giving employment to six men and would increase that number if the men could be had. The creosote works employs colored engineers and firemen. Mr. R. W. Guinn has been chief engineer since the plant was first set up and operated. The asphalt company employs all colored help on its street work. A liberal number of porters, janitors and elevator men are to be seen in the most important places. Stores, barbershops, bath houses, hair dressing parlors are owned and operated by the Negro. In the country near the city are several prosperous farmers and many more could soon become independently wealthy by engaging in truck farming. W. P. Shafrath and Vay Stewart are two of the more wealthy farmers. Farms are to be had at reasonable prices and on easy terms. The cry around Everett is send us more colored men like those that have already settled here. The percentage of those families that own their homes in the city is larger than in most towns of that size. There are only thirty families and twenty-two of them own their homes.

Why would not any city be proud of such citizens? There are about 300 Negroes all told. They have two beautiful churches and most remarkable of all the churches are not in debt.

Among those who own property in the city and a most conservative estimate of the value of their holdings are:

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| John Samuels, 2 houses and lots .....                                  | \$4,500.00  |
| Geo. Stewart, 1 house, 4 lots .....                                    | 2,500.00    |
| Mme. Boyer, house and lot .....                                        | 1,500.00    |
| Mrs. Jennie Williams, 2 lots .....                                     | 600.00      |
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| W. P. Shafrath, 1 block in Snohomish, a<br>timber claim and farm ..... | \$35,000.00 |
| Walter Wood, 2 lots .....                                              | 500.00      |
| Mrs. Bird, house and lot .....                                         | 1,000.00    |
| J. O. Williams, house and lot .....                                    | 1,200.00    |
| John Morton, house and lot .....                                       | 1,200.00    |
| S. G. Wilson, house and lot .....                                      | 2,000.00    |
| J. B. Griffin, 5-acre tract .....                                      | 2,000.00    |
| Geo. Norwood, house and lot .....                                      | 1,200.00    |
| Henry Berry, 2 lots .....                                              | 500.00      |
| G. Isam, house and lot .....                                           | 1,200.00    |

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| F. Smith, house and lot .....            | 2,000.00  |
| Phil Taylor, house and lot .....         | 1,000.00  |
| Vay Stewart, ranch .....                 | 10,000.00 |
| J. J. Crawford, 2 lots .....             | 700.00    |
| N. Solomon, house and lots .....         | 1,200.00  |
| Mrs. Agnes Nelson, house and lot .....   | 1,000.00  |
| Mrs. R. W. Richardson, house and lot.... | 3,500.00  |
| Mrs. L. Donaldson, house and lot.....    | 2,500.00  |
| C. Johnson, 2 lots .....                 | 800.00    |
| N. Lawrence, house and lot .....         | 1,200.00  |
| R. W. Guinn, lot.....                    | 600.00    |
| S. S. Scott, farm .....                  | 5,000.00  |
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| \$84,400.00                              |           |

Thus it is seen that within ten years three hundred Negroes, which includes the women and children, have accumulated nearly a hundred thousand dollars worth of real estate, besides personal property and bank accounts. There is no discrimination in the schools and the children are receiving the same instructions that the others receive. And from their reports are standing well in their classes. From all our inquiries we were unable to discover any feelings against the race or any reason why more of the proper kind could not do well in Snohomish County.

Mrs. Louisa Donaldson, who is the proprietor of the store, the cut of which appears in another column of this paper, is the pioneer business woman in the city. For fourteen years Mrs. Donaldson has conducted this establishment in the city. During the hard times a few years ago it was only by her business acumen that she was able to continue, but now she is well established and is reckoned among the best business women of her locality.

The beautiful home owned by Mrs. R. W. Richardson is a monument to the industry, frugality and foresight of one of Everett's most respected citizens. Mrs. Richardson is a pioneer in the city and the city is proud of her, for by hard and laborious work she has accomplished what many strong and able-bodied men have failed to do. Her home is by far the most attractive in her immediate locality. Being a widow she has a few boarders and also conducts the largest and best hand laundry in the city.

**BENTON COUNTY HOMESTEADERS.**

If there is a heaven on this earth for man and beast it is in Benton County, this state. So luxuriant is the cereal growth of that county and with so little work, it has been known and will always be called "Horse Heaven Country." The fertile lands lying on the north of the Columbia river are the best wheat lands in the United States. It will grow wheat that will yield enormous profits to the farmer without irrigation. It is yet undeveloped to that extent where its true worth can be calculated in figures. Each year's developments but adds to its possibilities. Quite a number had foresight enough to take advantage of the opportunities that nature provides in this section; and have laid the foundation of what will doubtless prove substantial fortunes. There is, however, room for many hundred more families in this section. Among those who have settled there may be found Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. D. Pettigrew, Mrs. Martha Mann, Rev. P. B. McDonald, Emanuel Rogers, Frank Anderson, James Allen, Mrs. Carrie Harris, Mrs. Ann Burdett, S. S. Scott, Mr. Miller and Mr. Eversole.