

SEATTLE'S NEGRO BUSINESS MEN.

A cursory glance at the business center of this city would impress a stranger that the Negroes of Seattle were not an important factor in the business world, but a closer scrutiny will show a different aspect of the subject. It is true they neither own nor direct any banks, yet there is not a single bank in the city—with the possible exception of the Japanese bank—that does not number Negroes among its depositors. They have no department store, yet any store that could secure the patronage of the Negro population of the city would have its financial future assured beyond a reasonable doubt.

With these two exceptions the Negroes are making themselves felt in business lines. And they could be felt more and thereby accomplish much more in a financial way if they would take a lesson from other people and combine their capital by organizing companies and starting business houses of their own. Among the Negroes doing business for themselves in Seattle are:

Clifford C. Hancock is proprietor of the Waldorf Dining Parlors, which is one of the neatest, best equipped and cosiest dining rooms in the city. He also operate the Fairfield Dining Room, which is a first class place. Mrs. — Golden and Mrs. — Hassell run boarding houses that are well patronized. Z. L. Woodson is proprietor of two lodging houses of 32 rooms each. Both of these houses are always crowded to their utmost capacity with regulars and transient patrons. I. Israel Walker is proprietor of the "Comfort," the best furnished rooming house run by a Negro in the city. The Imperial Tivoli, owned by Mrs. L. B. Fields. The Bachelors' Headquarters, run by C. H. Rouse, are all doing well. Miss Rose Findlay is proprietress of a well patronized Women's Hospital, and she herself is an accomplished trained nurse. J. J. Reams operates an elegant delicatessen with fancy groceries as a side line. In the tonsorial line J. F. Cragwell is the proprietor of one of the finest shops in the city and employs a large number of barbers. B. F. Tutt is proprietor of a well equipped four-chair shop and bath house. J. G. Gales has a very neat four-chair shop. B. W. Jones operates a very good two-chair shop. W. Coma also runs a two-chair shop and a pool room in connection. Robert Dixon runs the pioneer barger shop of the city, having been in business here for thirty years or more. There are three well equipped saloons and pool rooms, viz.: The Cascade Bar, owned by Frank Bellemly and Felix McCann; the Keystone Bar, owned by C. H. Walker and Oscar Collins; Hence's Bar, owned by Hence Brookins. The Southern Express, owned by I. F. Norris & Sons, has several of the best trucks and teams in the city, and doing a most flourishing business. The "Big 4" Transfer Company, owned by A. Stephenson, is a well equipped transfer company and is always busy. There are a number of others, who have trucks and express wagons, among whom are: A. H. Hall, Fletcher Oliver, J. Chandler and others. S. H. Stone and Mrs. G. W. Turner own and operate first class catering establishments. The Graves Hairdressing, Manicuring and Chiropodist Parlors are among the best in the city. The White Star Tailoring Company, owned and operated by W. M. Strauther and W. A. Taylor, is doing a flourishing business. There are a number of well equipped bootblack stands that are doing good busi-

ness, among them being John Willie, Sol Hall, Wm. Laning, J. A. Austin, and others.

SEATTLE'S AFRO-AMERICANS.

Material progress is one of the standards by which any individual or race is measured in a community. Whether the Negro is a desirable citizen of the city of Seattle can best be determined by his material standing. In order that one may judge to some extent what the Negro has realized in the way of real estate accumulations the appended facts and figures have been tabulated and will prove of general interest. We, however, realize the names of a great many have been overlooked and are unknown to the general public. The valuation placed on the respective properties is much lower than any one of them would sell their holdings for. In fact, in most cases the valuation is about the same figure as the assessor has placed upon them. Remembering that ten years ago there were less than a dozen Negroes that owned their own homes in Seattle, and remembering also that whatever they now own was secured from their savings either as common laborers or at odd jobs, who could be so unjust or so blinded by colorphobia as to say the Negro is not a worthy citizen. The following shows a majority of the real estate owners in Seattle:

Walter Washington, home and 3 lots.....	\$ 4,000
W. L. Presto, home and 6 lots.....	4,000
Ben Williams, home and 2 lots.....	2,500
W. E. Bennet, home and 4 lots.....	4,000
B. L. Franklin, home and 2 lots.....	2,000
C. H. Harvey, home and three lots.....	4,000
J. H. Booker, home and 2 lots.....	4,000
Mrs. Frank Mergusson, home and 1 lot.....	2,000
F. W. Green, home and 1 lot.....	2,000
G. W. Thompson, home and 1 lot.....	2,000
Mrs. W. Taylor, home and 1 lot.....	2,500
Mrs. Eliza Shepherd, home and 1 lot.....	2,000
G. W. Turner, home and 1 lot.....	2,500
Mrs. Aurora Grose, home and 2 lots.....	5,000
Mrs. Sarah Grose, home and 2 lots.....	6,000
R. A. Clark, home and 1 lot.....	3,000
Mrs. King, home and 1 lot.....	2,500
Mrs. Scott, home and 1 lot.....	2,500
Mrs. W. M. J. Wylie, home and 3 lots.....	3,500
J. T. Gayton, home and 2 lots.....	2,500
Mrs. Lillian Wylie, home and 4 lots.....	2,500
J. N. Drake, house and 1 lot.....	2,500
G. E. Hayse, house and 1 lot.....	3,000
H. Gregg, house and 2 lots.....	3,000
F. N. Harris, house and 1 lot.....	1,500
R. Turner, house and 2 lots.....	3,000
T. E. Welson, 1 lot.....	1,000
Mrs. R. R. Brown, 3 lots.....	2,000
Geo. O. Allen, house and 2 lots.....	2,000
W. H. Teemer, house and 1 lot.....	2,500
Maurice O'Brien, house and 1 lot.....	2,500
Mrs. Carrie Selby, house and 1 lot.....	2,500
J. S. Murray, 2 houses and 3 lots.....	16,000
S. P. De Bow, 2 houses and 3 lots.....	7,000
W. Creasman, house and 1 lot.....	2,000
Mrs. Mattie Agee, house and 1 lot.....	3,500