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Thurston County—Has an area of 700 square miles and a population of 13,000. Olympia is the county seat and is also the state capital, with a population of 6,000. Oyster culture and lumbering are the principal industries, but horticulture and wheat raising are valuable as well as important resources. The total assessed valuation of the real property is \$2,849,380.

Wahkiakum County—Has an area of 274 square miles and a population of 3,300. Cathlamet is the county seat, with a population of 500. Oysters and fish are the principal exports, while lumbering is an important industry. The total assessed valuation of the real property is \$560,307.

Walla Walla County—Has an area of 2,000 square miles and a population of 24,000. Walla Walla is the county seat, with a population of 13,000. It is the oldest settled county in the state, it being the home of Marcus Whitman, who crossed the continent on horseback to get government aid to save this country from being seized by the British government. It has the finest as well as the most valuable wheat and fruit farms in the state and the farmers are among the most wealthy in the United States. The assessed valuation of the real property is \$2,460,494.

Whatcom County—Has an area of 2,000 square miles and a population of 44,000. Bellingham is the county seat, with a population of 22,000. While lumbering is the chief industry, fishing is extensively carried on and no county in the state has finer improved fruit and vegetable farms. She has many mining properties of very high grade ore of gold and silver. The total assessed valuation of the real property is \$2,087,393.

Whitman County—Has an area of 2,160 square miles and a population of 41,500. She is the banner agricultural and stock raising county in the state and the farmers of the county are rated as having more money on deposit in the banks of Colfax than the farmers of any other county in the Northwest. Colfax is the county seat, with a population of 3,300. Wheat is the chief article of export. The total assessed value of the real property is \$2,865,872.

Yakima County—Has an area of 5,500 square miles and a population of 27,000. North Yakima is the county seat, with a population of 8,000. This is the home of the Washington irrigation system and better results have been obtained from farming under irrigation in this county than anywhere else in the state. Horticulture is the principal industry, although hop growing is a very profitable industry.

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No. 1. The picture of the cool and shady residence of E. F. Edsen of Tacoma. Mr. Edsen is one of Tacoma's substantial business men. He has been in business there for 15 years and is said to have realized more out of the barber business than any other Negro in the city.

No. 2—The residence of James Whitney shows what one can do by practicing economy. Mr. Whitney has been a resident of Spokane for the past seven years, and has kept the old-time "rainy day" well in mind. For some years he has been the head porter at the Great Northern depot and is still in high favor with the powers that be.

No. 3 is the picturesque home of Sergt. Houston of Spokane. After spending 20 years in the noise and bustle of the United States Army, he selected this quiet spot to settle down and enjoy life.

No. 4 is a very good picture of the inviting home of J. H. Black of Spokane. For the past fifteen years Mr. Black has been custodian of one of Spokane's leading business blocks and has won for himself an honorable place in the affairs of that thriving metropolis.

No. 5 is the home of that well known and sterling young man, Emmet H. Holmes. As will be seen elsewhere Mr. Holmes not only owns this splendid residence, but owns other valuable real estate. Mr. Holmes has a most estimable wife.

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No. 1 is the beautiful home of F. L. Wilson of Spokane. It is a monument to the thrift and enterprise of one of the young men of that city. Mr. Wilson is steward and purchasing agent of the Country Club of Spokane.

No. 2 is the residence of Rev. S. J. Collins, the presiding elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of this state. The home is in South Tacoma.

No. 3 represents the home of A. C. Nevelle of Spokane. He is one of the boys and the foreman of one of the largest barber shops in that city. Mr. Nevelle is one of the most affable and suave gentlemen of color that ever worked in a shop that caters entirely for white trade and that employs all white barbers.

No. 4 is the very pleasant home of Mathew Stafford of Spokane and is one of the many delightful homes owned by the Negroes of that city. Mr. Stafford is custodian of the post office of that city.

No. 5 is the home of the well known citizen, J. B. Parker, of Spokane, and is one of the houses of which any person should be proud. Mr. Parker is the pioneer home builder of Spokane. He is the proprietor of an elegantly equipped barber shop and is a man of fine attainments and his word is the synonym of honesty and uprightness.

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No. 1 represents the modern, up-to-date home of J. C. Robinson of Seattle. The owner is one of Seattle's enterprising business men. He is a bricklayer and plastering contractor, but always has hands