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No. 21 is the residence of Rev. Geo. Manney and family of Seattle. Rev. Manney is pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and custodian of the New York block, one of the largest structures in the city.

No. 22 is the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Green Fields on Queen Anne Hill. Mr. Fields has lived in the city a number of years, and has been in the employ of the street cleaning department for the past ten years. He is a member of one of the Grand Army posts of this city and is much respected by all who know him.

No. 23 is the neat and well finished home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Seattle. Mr. Smith has been a resident of the city for the past ten years. At present he is steward at the Concordia Club, which is a very lucrative position.

No. 24 is another of the houses owned by Mr. Z. L. Woodson and is on Howard St.

No. 25 is the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gayles of Seattle. Mr. Gayles is one of Seattle's business men and operates a barber shop in the business center of the city. He is a most excellent type of Southern gentleman and his word in all matters of importance is his bond.

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No. 1 is an excellent cut of the home of J. Edward Hawkins, the first Negro attorney of this city and among the first Negroes to purchase a commodious home for himself and family.

No. 2 is a picture of the beautiful home of L. P. Ray on the shores of Green Lake. It also shows Mr. Ray's handiwork, he being a stone mason, and built the house himself. He sold it and is now constructing another for himself even more elaborate.

No. 3 is the picture of the residence of Mrs. Susie Revels Cayton, associate editor of The Seattle Republican. Situated as it is on one of the highest hills in the city—Capitol Hill—has a sweeping view of the ocean, the lakes, the city and the snow-capped mountains in the distance.

SEATTLE AND HER ENVIRONMENTS.

"All roads lead to Rome," said the Romans of old, when that mighty republic was at the zenith of its power and the city of Rome its capital. It is said that "history repeats itself," and in comparing Seattle with ancient Rome the most skeptical cannot doubt it, for it is a world acknowledged fact that all roads just now lead to Seattle. When the writer founded The Seattle Republican in 1894 Seattle was only a city of 40,000, but in that short space of time it has grown to a city of 240,000, and this it could not have done if all roads did not lead to Seattle. Seattle at present is not only the busiest and most bustling city of all America, if not the world, but it is a City Beautiful. With its magnificent skyscrapers, its elegant and imposing homes, its broad and paved streets, its almost hundreds of miles of street trackage, equipped with the latest and most up-to-date rolling stock, fed by a dozen or more transcontinental railroad lines, and likewise a mosquito fleet second to none in the world, as well as by an almost innumerable number of ocean-going crafts,

thus giving her water front a life of perpetual activity—with all these favorable omens hovering about her, it's no wonder the Seattle Spirit chants from her harp of a million strings Greater Seattle in such pleasing strains. He or she who left Seattle fourteen years ago would not nor could not recognize a dozen familiar landmarks in the present Seattle. With a dozen or more skyscrapers already erected and occupied and equally as many more in the course of erection, it seems more the work of the magician with his genii than that of real human hands. So rapidly is the city building up that there is always a dearth of help, and so much so that the tired business man in most instances is compelled to do about his home work that he would willingly pay someone else a good round sum to do, if only he found some one willing to do it.

Centrally Located.

Geographically, Seattle is near the center of Western Washington and is the most eligible point for the rails of the transcontinental transportation companies to meet the sails of the ocean liners that ply to Alaska and the Orient, as well as the multitude of smaller vessels that ply between the ports on Puget Sound. The steamers of this latter class carry passengers and freight to more than 200 adjacent cities, villages and ports. The local traffic carried on by this fleet aggregates about \$20,000,000 annually.

Immediately contiguous to Seattle are a number of communities organized for local purposes, but which will soon become merged into Greater Seattle. For all commercial and social purposes they have been a part of Seattle since their first settlement, and in estimating the population of the city, these suburban communities should be taken into the computation. On this basis the number of people in Seattle at the close of the year 1906 may be stated to be 250,000.

The city railway system of Seattle supplies the inhabitants with up-to-date local transportation facilities. It is operated as private corporate enterprises and covers the city and its suburbs with a network of lines that reaches all suburban localities and makes them easily accessible to the business center. A line of cars is operated to Renton, a coal mining town thirteen miles distant. An interurban line is operated between Seattle and Tacoma and one is under construction to the city of Everett. During the year 1905 the number of passengers carried on the lines in the city aggregated more than 46,000,000. For 1906 the number exceeds 50,000,000.

KITSAP COUNTY.

Will Hardin and wife settled in Kitsap County some years ago and are among the most substantial citizens of the county. Mrs. Harding worked on and managed the ranch when it was in the wild, protecting herself and her cattle from bears and cougars by the dexterous use of the rifle. Their farm is now well stocked and they are on the high road to competence. Their home is worth many thousands of dollars.

Chas. Washington is another farmer in this county and is highly respected by his neighbors. He has demonstrated his ability as a farmer and will in a very few years be out of the reach of want, and to the place where he can rest from his labors.