

THE PASSING THROUG

Seattle may be the cleanest town in the West as declares Mayor Gill and Chief Beckingham, but we would hate to live in the dirtiest town in the West, if Seattle is the cleanest.

James S. Murray, who has been on his back for many weeks suffering from a form of rheumatism, is about town again and is the same congenial Jim Murray that he has ever been. He admits now that he is more than fifty, but is silent as to how much more.

The Vrooman Hotel held its grand opening last Friday and many attended its dedication by Sergeant and Mrs. Vrooman. The Vrooman has thirty-four rooms and all elegantly furnished and its spacious lobby and pool room to the rear add tone and quality to the place.

Mrs. — Miller has recently opened a delicatessen and woman's exchange next door to the Woodson on Twenty-fourth avenue, which is very artistically arranged. There has been an opening for such a place in that locality for a number of years and it is strange it has not been done prior to this.

John F. Cragwell seems to be always doing something for some one in need in order to make their load lighter. His latest is the aiding of the Harris family to give a concert in Seattle, which will help him to support himself in his blind affliction. Mr. Cragwell has done much of such work since he has lived in Seattle.

"It's a bit lonesome these days, owing to the fact that Mrs. Duncanson is in the East, but I am expecting her home the latter part of this month and I therefore am making the best of the situation," said Mr. Duncanson, one day this week. She writes she is having a most enjoyable time, but quite content to live in the far West.

Clarence R. Anderson, a rising young attorney of Seattle, has been chosen as one of the speakers of the evening at the coming emancipation meeting, Sunday evening, September 23rd, and it is here predicted that he will do himself proud. He is an industrious young man and never lets the grass grow under his feet.

Anthony and Hayden Richardson, father and son, have taken over the lease of the Douglas Apartments, which entertains colored tenants. The Douglas has a waiting list and it is the consensus of opinion that they have made an excellent turn. Mr. Richardson and his son have lived in and about Seattle for the past thirty years.

Gordon G. Carter is now a member of Cayton's Rotary Club, he having recently purchased a high class touring car. Mr. Carter runs a stationary engine at the Georgetown power house of the Puget Sound Traction Company, and Mrs. Carter is one of the lady keepers of the comfort station at the City Library building.

Harry Legg, proprietor of the Alhambra Cash Grocery Store, is making preparations to build a commodious store room on the vacant corner of Twelfth and Jackson, which will mean he will own and operate one of the largest grocery establishments in Seattle. He and W. H. Banks are deserving of a world of praise for the business they have built up.

Samuel H. Stone and Alice S. Presto, respectively president and secretary of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, consented to the abandonment of the Seattle Silent Protest Parade with much reluctance. They were thoroughly convinced that it was a good thing, hence their objection to giving up the idea. Sentiment has been badly divided on it from the very outset, hence it could not possibly be a success. This paper

has no criticism of those who opposed it because it believes they thought it hurtful rather than helpful to the colored folks and yet Cayton's Weekly rather agreed with Mr. Stone and Mrs. Presto.

The committee of arrangements for the emancipation meeting, September 23rd, to be held in connection with the song service of the First A. M. E. Choir as appointed by Chairman Cragwell, is as follows: Miss Dupee and Messrs. Stone, Fields, Magruder and Cayton.

To act ungentlemanly to one who comes into your office on business, even if to collect a bill, shows mighty poor breeding on your part. It's proper to treat even an enemy with civility and pleasantness in your place of business. Who merely grunts in reply to a civil greeting demonstrates in more ways than one that he or she is a hog in a house.

Dear Mr. Cayton:
Congratulations on the "Prosperity Number" of Cayton's Weekly. I have read the copy you were good enough to send me, and am giving it to a prominent A. M. E. minister here.

Yours cordially,
ALBERT JOHNSON.

Washinton, Sept. 4-17.

Gustave B. Aldrich, at one time quite prominent in Tacoma, but who has been absent from that city for two years or more, has returned to his first love and will open law offices as of yore. Once upon a time Mr. Aldrich was one of the busy attorneys of Tacoma, but things went awry and he sought greener pastures, but not finding just the kind he was looking for, he is in Tacoma again.

At the meeting held at the First A. M. E. church last Monday evening it was decided to abandon the proposed silent parade September 22nd but to hold an emancipation meeting at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening, September 23rd, in conjunction with a sacred concert that will be given by the choir of that church on that evening. Four short speeches will be made by different persons, the personnel of whom will be named in the next week's paper.

Mrs. Nelson P. Fisher, who has won so many laurels as a public speaker and uplift worker, has been invited to be one of the speakers at the emancipation meeting, September 23rd, and if she accepts the invitation the audience will listen to a most brilliant address, if she does one half as well as she has done on past public occasions. She is of the new school of colored women and believes that the very best is none too good for those to whom she talks and teaches.

Henry J. Asberry of Tacoma, will address the emancipation meeting September 23rd and will have for his subject on that occasion Unity. If he applies this to the dissenting elements of the colored folks of the Northwest he has much food for thought and will doubtless tell those of us present many things that we should hear and yet many things that we do not exactly want to hear. He is a deep student of research and a brilliant address may be expected.

There may be busier places in the United States than the city of Tacoma, but we doubt it. In talking to H. P. Lawhorn, the realty dealer of Tacoma, about the prosperity of the city, he said, "Every line of business has been stimulated by the coming of the soldiers to Camp Lewis, but the real estate business and it seems to be nearer dead than it was a year ago. But business to the winds, permit me to heartily congratulate you on your 'Prosperity Number'. Tacoma got a square deal in it, a thing a Seattle paper never gave it before. What a grand thing for the race in the Northwest if a magazine like that could be issued every month, relating the good things about the Puget Sound country.

H. J. Titus, superintendent of the Northern Pacific dining car service, with headquarters in Seattle, did not tell the editor hereof that the Prosperity Number of Cayton's Weekly was one of the most commendable publications ever issued in Seattle and that every colored family in the city should have a copy in their homes or send it East, but he did tell G. O. Allen, the well known mail carrier, all of these things and Mr. Allen told tales out of school. It's nice of Mr. Titus at any rate.

John L. Gibson by some hook or crook, had not seen a copy of the "Prosperity Number" of Cayton's Weekly until one day this week, but when a copy had been handed him and he looked through it, he was so well pleased that he immediately shelled out the coin for twenty copies to be sent East for free distribution. Mr. Gibson is one of the extensive property owners of the city and is anxious to have more colored folk come to the Northwest where they can earn living wages for a day's work.

Mrs. D. A. Graham has returned from the annual session of the Puget Sound A. M. E. Conference and reports it one of the most successful sessions of the work in the Northwest. Her husband has been a member of this conference for the past two years, one year in Spokane and one in Seattle, and in each place he has been eminently successful. Rev. Graham, who was returned to the Seattle work by the Bishop, has gone to Indiana on a short visit to his old home and will not occupy his pulpit before the first Sunday in October.

Dr. Mark A. Mathews of the First Presbyterian church of Seattle writes to congratulate the editor and publisher of the Prosperity Number of Cayton's Weekly and to financially assist in the distribution of the number in other sections of the country. In his own quiet way Dr. Mathews is doing many things for the benefit of deserving colored persons both here and other places. It was only last Monday that he interested himself in getting a job for an unfortunate young colored man. A kind word from him goes a long ways in your behalf when you need a friend.

We are compelled to "take our hat" off to Brother Cayton, of Seattle, for the very excellent edition he has issued—the prosperity number—special edition—August 25, 1917, Cayton's Weekly, showing the successful men and women of the Sound country. Seattle is wide awake and going ahead. It not only has the spirit but the brain. Each article is well written and there is "class" to the composition of the whole magazine. Why not come down to Portland and then go to Spokane and make a large showing of the Negro of the entire Northwest, brother, next time? We congratulate you and wish you every continued success.—People's (Portland) Bulletin.

RESEMBLANCES

Wiggins—Speaking of facial characteristics, do you know that I was once taken for President Roosevelt?

Biggins—And a man once mistook me for the kaiser.

Diggins—That's nothing; a few weeks ago an old school chum of mine stepped up to me on the street and remarked, "Holy Moses, is that you?"

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