

THE PAST—THE PRESENT

Personally portraying the past and the present of those in whose interest Cayton Year Book of Seattle is issued may be observed on the opposite page hereof. Surrounded by a group of young colored citizens, who are silently observing an antecedent as he was some sixty-odd years ago, stands out in bold relief the Lincoln Memorial, which is a show spot in Washington City, our national capital, the pilgrimage to which runs into multiplied thousands each year, was designed and developed after the creakage of cordage and the clash and clangor of chains of the great Civil War at subsided, which shows the man of toil crouching at the feet of Mercy, but making an ineffective effort to stand alone. "Arise and go thy way rejoicing, but be a man," said the Emancipator. Whether or not the emancipated has obeyed the injunction is for the millions now found scattered to the four corners of the earth to individually and collectively say for themselves.

In his reply to the South as to the advisability, from a civilization standpoint, of emancipating the slaves and theoretically putting them on an equality with the white man, Lincoln tersely replied, or words to that effect, "in the future it will be impossible to distinguish a black man from a white man save by looking into his face," and even that mark of distinction is gradually fading as may be observed by looking into the faces of those grouped about his memorial. That he spoke words of wisdom is world-wide apparent and that is the Past. Paradoxical, to those then living, as did Lincoln's prophecy seem to be, yet to those living today it is an actuality, which is verified by a further study of the representative group about the Lincoln Memorial on the opposite page, each of whom is launching out in life in different avocations and each outstanding in his or her chosen line. The evidence is convincing and the proof conclusive; and this is the Present.

What further brief the Future holds for the man, who rose from his crouching position at the command of the man of Mercy, who was given the right so to do by, "we are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand strong," thus featuring in the great internecine strife of the United States, and the whole climaxing at Appomattox for victory for Lincolnism and freedom for Negroism, is again for the sons and daughters of the man of Toil to say, to do and to act for their own preservation, progress and prosperity.

The aforesaid persons are no great exceptions, if any at all, to the multiplied thousands of others to be found here, there, everywhere in the United States, and even in foreign lands, whose environments are so widely different from that of their oppressed ancestors. The living Lincoln with his load of state, but love of humanity is still in the memory of those, who "left de ol' plantation, my home and my relations," to go their way rejoicing, to the four corners of the world. Philosophizing on the whole, it is suspected that the man of Toil wonders, if the man of Mercy, did not build even better than he planned, or at least faster, but whether faster or slower all honor to him, who spoke the word, Freedom.

HORACE R. CAYTON, SR.

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Among Seattle's younger set Mr. Cayton is more or less prominent as may be seen in his selection as one of Sheriff Bannick's deputies. He is a native son and has run the course of the Seattle school system. He is at present within a semester of graduating from the University of Washington as an A. B., whereupon he contemplates entering the law school. One year ago he sought the Republican nomination for representative in the legislature of this state and gave his chief opponent, who was a seasoned politician, a close call for the honor. He is married. His picture appears on another page hereof.

ALFRED HALL

Mr. Hall is one of the few young men of this city, who has so conducted himself, in his position of deputy county assessor, to justify his superior officers to look upon him as one of the fixtures. County assessors come and go, but Deputy Al Hall goes on and on. Nine years and over ago he was given a temporary two months job in the assessor's office under Frank Hull, which was prolonged from time to time until those two months have grown into nine years. He is exceedingly popular in the office and is dubbed its walking encyclopedia, so far as the office affairs are concerned. He came to Seattle from Tennessee with his parents and has continuously resided here since he first came, save when he went oversea in the late world war. He is a bachelor. His picture is seen on another page.

CLAUDE NORRIS

When but a small boy with his parents Claude Norris came to Seattle to live for all time to come. He is the third son of the late I. F. Norris, who resided on Federal avenue. He is a graduate of the primary as well as the high schools of this city and for a number of semesters attended the University of Washington. He has been a member of the police force of Seattle for a number of years and has a high official rating. On a number of occasions he has proven himself more than worthy of the trust imposed in him by his superior officers. His picture is one of the six on another page of this year book and is a worthy protege of the immortal Lincoln as portrayed in the accompanying Memorial. Mr. Norris is a bachelor, but the possessor of valuable real estate holdings in King county.

DR. FELIX B. COOPER

There seems to be no doubt but that Dr. Cooper, whose portrait helps to make up another page of this year book, is one of the outstanding professional men of this city and among those with whom he socially fraternizes there is little or no doubt but that he is the outstanding figure of the entire group, he being called upon to represent them, when momentous questions for or against them are being weighed in a balance by other groups. As a dentist he draws heavily from all groups, which has given him an enviable place not only among professional but likewise business men. Business enterprises that succeed in interesting him are in the main a success from the very outset. He has been a resident of Seattle since graduating from college some fifteen years ago. He is a Virginian by birth and has a wife and two children.