



JAMES A. ROSTOM

JAMES A. ROSTOM, who was born in Connecticut and is forty-nine years of age, is one of Seattle's foremost colored men. After graduating from the common schools of his home town he took a course at the Yale Law School and for a time thereafter was a law clerk in the office of Joseph Sheldon and had charge of the divorce practice. He joined the army in 1898 and did service until 1894, after which he was on special details. He was regularly promoted from first sergeant to first lieutenant. In the Philippine war he was chief of scouts and with his detail captured Lieutenant-Colonel Conda and General Pacio in Northern Luzon. He was retired from active service in 1904, but is subject to call. In Seattle Lieutenant Rostom is active in the work of making things better for the black man and has succeeded right well. He has organized a Protective Brotherhood, which has been able to place many hundreds of colored persons in paying positions. He is always ready to respond to the call for help. He has a wife and two children and Mrs. Roston is likewise very active in the fight to make it easier for colored people.

CAPT. R. P. ROOTS, who is one of the important personages of Seattle, he being a clerk in the postoffice, and one of the influential members of the Spanish-American War Veteran camps, and is likewise making himself quite popular by his advocacy of the government enlisting more colored men in the army service. Capt. Roots is very enthusiastic on the subject and it is well that he is for unless it is agitated and then agitated it will be completely overlooked, and the colored man will get no further in the government military service than the present companies that are organized. Capt. Roots is further of the opinion that our government should keep colored troops in Hayti and its other insular possessions inhabited by the darker races.



RICHARD P. ROOTS



JOHN W. L. FORT

JOHN W. L. FORT, one of Uncle Sam's seven colored city letter carriers, has been a resident of this city for nearly twelve years and the most of the time he has been in the employ of the postoffice department of the United States government. His record for efficiency is par excellent and he is one of that number whom Postmaster Battle says, "Can not be excelled for efficiency." Mr. Fort is active in church and social uplift work and has a host of friends among all classes in the city. In lodge work he also stands well and has held an important office in one of the prosperous lodges of the city for a number of years. He is married and has one child. He and his wife are members of the Grace Presbyterian church and are able co-workers of the pastor.