



ISIAH ALLEN

ISIAH ALLEN is the only bank messenger of his class in Seattle and no man ever enjoyed a higher degree of confidence by his employers than does he. Mr. Allen's career in this city is worthy of emulation on the part of any one seeking employment from others. About twenty years ago he came to Seattle from California seeking such work as he could get. After doing many things to make a living he finally landed in the post office of this city as one of the janitors. His faithfulness to the duties assigned him attracted the attention of George M. Stewart, then postmaster, and he made a messenger of him for the office. At this he was no less faithful than at other duties assigned him. His duties took him to the most of the banks of the city and the officers of the National Bank of Commerce thought they saw in him the making of a splendid messenger and they began to dicker with him and the postmaster to get him to work for their bank, which he finally did. As messenger of this institution he has held sway for the past twelve years and he has each day given the same satisfaction that he gave the postoffice and that he gave the bank the first day he worked for it. He is a special policeman for the benefit of the bank and repeatedly he has been called upon to exercise his official power. He is one of the pillars of the First A. M. E. church of this city and is deeply interested in the general welfare of the colored citizens of this community. He owns a splendid home and has other valuable holdings. He has a wife, but no children.

MRS. MARGARET COGSWELL is one of the two colored grocers of Seattle. In the grocery business she has but recently launched and her success in it is only problematical, but if she is one-half as successful in it as she was in the restaurant business, which she sold out to go into the grocery business, she will be a most brilliant success. In casting about for a location for a grocery business she finally decided to locate at 2619 East Madison street, around and about which a great many colored folk live. She acted wisely by putting in a choice line of groceries and is going to sell for cash, which of itself, to an extent, spells success. In connection with the groceries she plans to carry a full line of delicatessen articles that those living in the apartments thereabouts can get a quick meal either day or night. She is straightforward in her dealings and her credit with the supply houses is par excellent and if she keeps it that way, that too will spell success for her. She is married and has a large family, each of whom will assist her in the business. She is very enterprising and never loses an opportunity to help in all worthy causes.



MARGARETT COGSWELL



RUSSELL SMITH

RUSSELL SMITH is associated with Burr Williams in the operation of the Dumas Club and is perhaps one of the most popular club men in the city. He for the most part has the sole control of the club as Mr. Williams spends a great deal of his time in California and therefore, the good behavior of the institution is his work. He is no less charitable with causes that have for their object the betterment of the colored folk in general than many of the other owners of pleasure clubs, which is always commendable. The club has an excellent dining room in connection, which is said to serve the best meals in the city. As said in another column, the Dumas Club is one of the well conducted pleasure clubs of the city and has little or no friction with the police department, a thing quite unusual for such places, and much of it is due to Mr. Smith's efficient management.