

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

The public schools of Seattle will open next Tuesday, Monday being labor day, and again young America will take up arms and continue to learn to shoot, at least educationally.

Rev. W. D. Carter and Mrs. Carter left for Oklahoma yesterday, where the annual Baptist Convention will be held, and they will be away for three weeks or more. They have had a successful year in their work in the Northwest and can but carry good news to their brethren living in other sections of the country.

Rev. D. A. Graham and Mrs. Graham will leave next Sunday evening for Great Falls, Montana, where the Puget Sound A. M. E. Conference will assemble for its annual session. Rev. Graham has had a very successful year in Seattle and the most, if not all, of the members of his congregation hope that he will be returned for another year.

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has called a mass meeting to be held in the First A. M. E. church September 6th to discuss the advisability of having a silent protest parade in Seattle September 22nd—emancipation day. The public is not only invited, but earnestly solicited to attend and participate therein.

The parents of Mrs. Katherine Brown Murdock must have been as proud of the reception given their daughter, who is visiting with them for a short while, by the young folk of the city as they were of her presence with them. Mrs. Murdock made her debut as a young lady in this city and at the time was a general favorite among the younger set, but after spending some time here she moved to Los Angeles, where she was married. She attended business college in Seattle and was for a time stenographer in the office of A. R. Black.

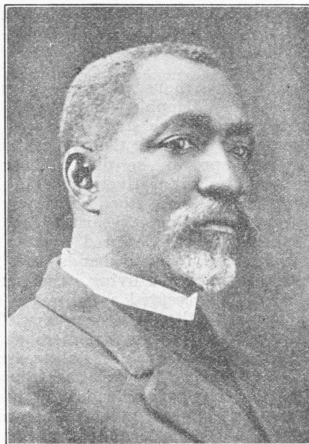
There is one guy that the Quarter Century Club reporter forgot to mention, and that was the editor of Cayton's Weekly," growled big Henry Gregg, "and believe me, he could have told tales about some of his own scraps in Seattle that would make you smile, if he were not afraid to tell tales out of school. I would up and tell you myself, but he might throw me through a plate glass window or 'sic' his big Dane dog on me. Well, I must say, however, he has never done anything but monkey with a newspaper since he has been here and collect the price of a subscription from us fellows for nothing."

"I am looking for persons, who have lived in and about Seattle for twenty-five years or more," said a reporter to Miss Sanders, stenographer for A. R. Black, and having remembered your parents lived in Franklin and that you—"Now stop right there, Mr. Reporter, or you and I will have trouble and serious trouble," sharply broke in the young lady. "I am not a fit subject for your Quarter Century Club and absolutely decline the honor. If you desire to make up a five or ten year residence club I am with you, but do not forget yourself and tell the readers of Cayton's Weekly that I am old enough to belong to a quarter century club. I am not"—let's drop the subject.

There is always a reward for those who patiently wait and Miss Lola Graham, eldest daughter of Rev. D. A. Graham of this city, is willing at this time to testify to the correctness of the same. Something over a year ago she won the prize for type-writing in a Spokane business college at the time of the graduating of the class in which she was enrolled. Since that time she has looked for work in her line, but did not seem to find it, however, she patiently waited and some weeks ago she made application for government work and so slow did things move in her favor that

she almost despaired of getting anything, but a few days ago she was notified to report at the navy yard at Bremerton for duty and for the past week she has been at her post and writes that "I am getting along just fine." She is a very accomplished young woman and her parents are to be congratulated.

The First A. M. E. church of this city and its friends enjoyed a short visit the past week from Bishop H. B. Parks. He preached last Sunday to packed houses and was the recipient of a number of entertainments and banquets the few days he was a guest of the church, and many of the mem-



BISHOP H. B. PARKS

bers as well as the leading citizens called upon him while here. He left last Wednesday to visit other churches of the district prior to the convening of the conference at Great Falls next Tuesday. He was well pleased with the splendid condition in which he found all of the churches and the prosperity that seems to be common to the colored folk of the Northwest at present.

F. Fritz Keeble is at it again and is pulling off one of his old time Tacoma-Seattle stunts, having a "good angel" set him up in business. In years past Keeble was able to get more financial backing in putting in bath house plants than any one else in the Northwest. He owned a number of first class places, out of which he realized a great deal of money from operating them and still more from selling them. He is now fitting up a place in the Orpheum theatre building, which promises to be a cracker-jack and, when completed, will cost quite a few hundred bucks. "I plan to get in and drill day and night until I get on my feet again. I will barber in the day time and take care of my Turko-Russian baths at night. In the past I have always made good with this kind of a place and I am going to do so again. There are many persons in Seattle that were customers of mine in Tacoma years ago and I have no doubt of being able to get the most of them back as soon as they find out that I am in business again," said he one day this week.

And now its Pierson that wants to see you, and Pierson being a barber, we suspect it is on the same kind of business as Tutt's wants to see you. What a greedy old world after all. One person no sooner gets hold of a good thing than a thousand and one other fellows want it. Tutt coined the expression "Tutts wants to see you," which was to remind the man needing a hair cut and shave that it was time to go to the barber, when comes along another and thinks by using it he will stand a chance of stealing Tutt's thunder. Every one should seek to get something original, which will serve as a trade mark for his business and let the other fellow's alone.

Organized labor forced F. Fritz Keeble out of the Busch Hotel and that too, even after he had given up his hard cash to be-

come a member of the barber's union. Organized labor has been a world of help to many thousands of working men and women in this country, but so far as the colored men and women are concerned, the least they have to do with the organization the better for them.

Seventy-five years of age and yet well and hardy and able to do a man's work. In other words, still a man among men, is a great record for longevity of life, and yet Joseph Bennet, custodian of the Haller building, which self same job he has continuously held for the past thirty-five years, was seventy-five last Saturday and is active as a man thirty years his junior. Thirty-five years ago Joe, as it were, just blew into Seattle and began to look for a job. Subsequently he was employed by the owner of the Haller building as janitor and he has held the job ever since. So faithful was he that before Mr. Haller died he requested of his son to continue to give Joe the job so long as he remained the good and true man that he had been, and Theodore Haller has done as his father requested. The present owner himself is not more careful of the ins and outs of the affairs of the building than is Joe and for his faithfulness Mr. Haller makes life a pleasure for him. But to all manner of man Joe Bennett is a prince of good fellows and multiplied hundreds of friends hope that he will live and be happy another seventy-five years.

Robert Harvey, eldest son of Charles H. Harvey, is not a college graduate, but nevertheless he is a man among men, and in the connection of which we are going to speak of him at this particular time, he is a man among men who have had a thousand times more opportunities than has he. Bob is now one of the ship joiners and finishers at the Bremerton Navy Yard and is the only black man among the three thousand white men there employed and he is rated as one of the most efficient, if not the most efficient. He is rated so high on extra particular jobs in the work that his overtime is almost equal to his straight time in the course of a month and he averages from forty to fifty dollars per week. He grew to manhood in Seattle and learned his trade under his father, who learned it from main force and awkwardness. When he was working with his father he was recognized as a most excellent mechanic and he always did his father's most careful work. "I am doing better than I ever did before," laconically stated Mr. Harvey, when seen a few days ago. He has moved his family to Bremerton and is living in a tent cottage, the ground rent of which costs him one dollar and fifty cents per month.

"It was almost twenty-five years ago," Mr. Editor, "when I was mayor of Seattle and you were running The Seattle Republican, when the editors of The Seattle Daily Times and the Seattle Evening News attempted to enter into a combination and fleece the City of Seattle out of \$10,000 for publishing a proposed new city charter, and I got one or two members of the city council together in Comptroller Will Parry's office and with the assistance of James D. Hoge, then chief owner of the Post-Intelligencer, decided to make The Seattle Republican a daily paper and in less than two hours thereafter, it being Friday morning, 'it was did,' and the news boys were telling all about the new evening paper. The

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