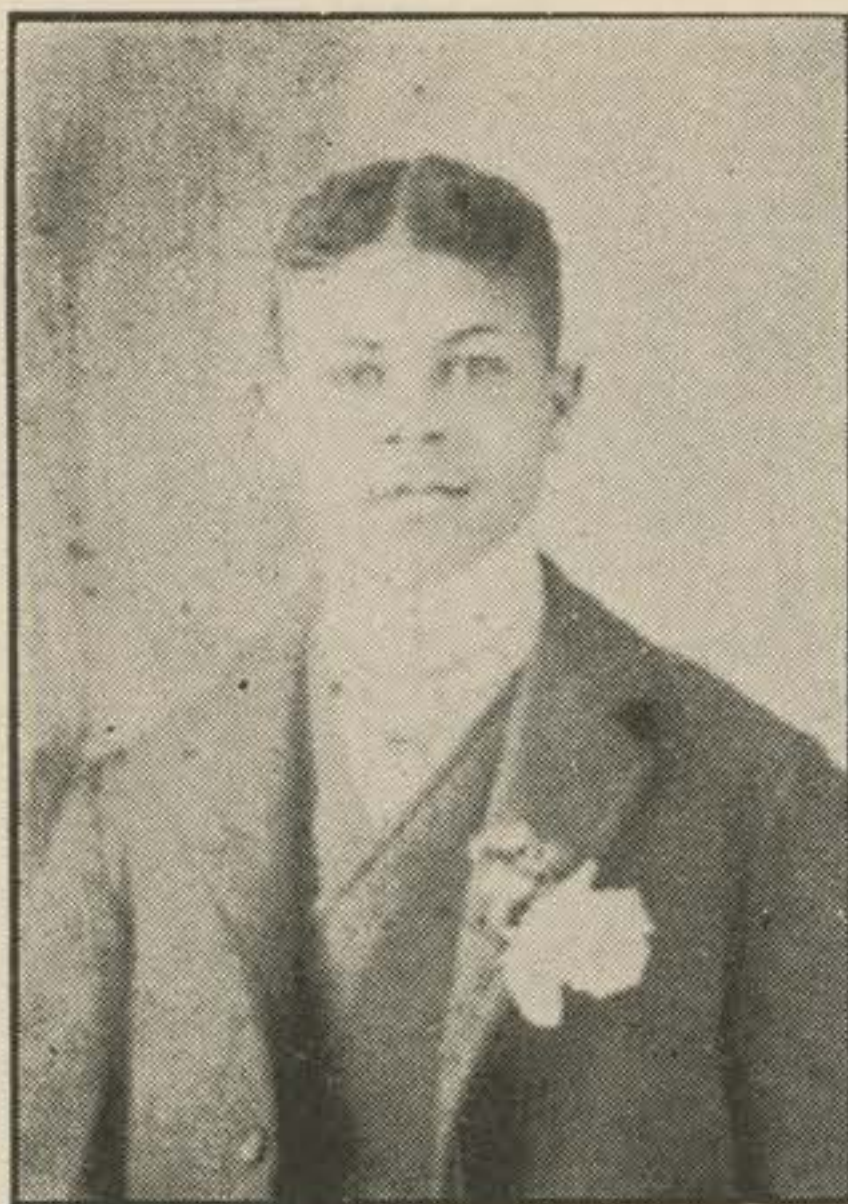


MR. ISAAC NEWTON JOHNS

Seattle, Washington



When Diogenes the Cynic, coined the word "Cosmoplite" (A citizen of the world) he did not suspect that it would flutter down through the ages and alight on the shoulders of Mr. Isaac N. Johns. The fact has been established. Mr. Johns was born in Bristol, Pennsylvania, in 1879, received his education in his native city. In 1899 he made a trip to Europe, returned to the United States and visited all the principal cities on the Atlantic Coast and Eastern Canada. From there he made his way to Chicago, Illinois, then to Minnesota and South Dakota, where he remained a year. He then made a tour of the United States, and landed in Seattle, Washington, in 1900. The years from 1902 to 1904 were spent in Dawson and the cities of Southeastern Alaska, returning to Seattle he visited the St. Louis Fair, from there to the land opening at Fairfax, North Dakota. His next move was to the Shoshone land opening in Wyoming. To divert his mind he composed a song entitled "The Homesteaders," which became very popular. In 1909 he returned to Seattle and was employed by the Colman Dock Company.

On the morning of May 19, 1912, the tide being low the steamer, *Flyer*, broke a chain that held the gangplank, it went into the bay taking a score or more of people with it. Johns saw the accident and bravely plunged into the water and saved more than ten lives. He was in the water more than an hour, the feat was considered one of the most worthy exhibitions of

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