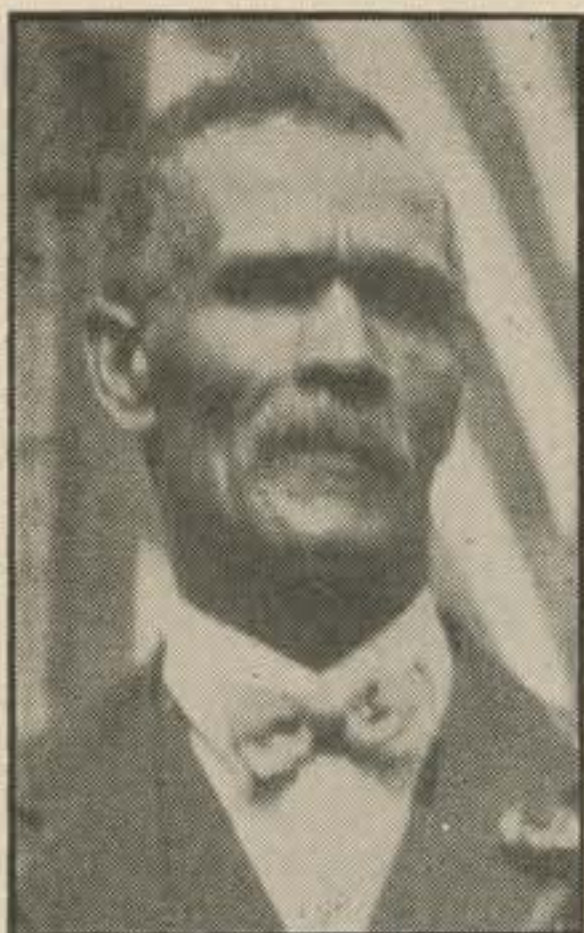


MR. AND MRS. W. L. PRESTO

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On rare occasions we come in contact with a fellowman who has had the opportunity to observe the singular vicissitudes of life in all parts of the world. In their comingling with the different races, they seem to have been endowed with a capacity to imprint indelibly on their memory the traits that are most beneficial, which makes them congenial and interesting companions. Mr. W. L. Presto has exhibited phenomenal aptitude in recording the customs of men of many lands. He was born on the Island of Cuba in the City of Boaz, at nine years of age with his parents he moved to Fiz, Morocco, where he received his early education. In 1890 he adopted the United States as his own and located in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, where he attended the Theoretical University and received the degree of S. T. D. and was ordained a minister of the gospel, serving five years in the service of the M. E. Church in that city. In 1896 he married Miss Alice L. Samson, a daughter of one of the pioneer families of Massachusetts. In 1907 he returned to Cuba and acted as aid to General Macio. When the battleship Maine was sunk he returned to the United States and located in Seattle, Washington, where he was connected with the famous hospital ship Idaho, with General De Soto, who was also from Cuba. After serving some months he left for Dawson, Alaska, where he remained two years returning to Seattle he accepted a position with the city where he remained ten years. At present he is employed at the Port of Seattle, which position he has held for the past ten years. In religion Mr. Presto is a cosmopolitan. He is a member of the Imperial Lodge A. F. & A. M. and Royal Consistory of Liverpool, England.

His companionship is enjoyed by his associates to the fullest extent and he enjoys to a large measure the confidence