

THE LATE LIEUT. JAMES A. ROSTON
Seattle, Washington



Lieut. J. A. Roston was born in New Haven, Connecticut, 1864, died in Seattle, Washington, May 3, 1924. He was graduated from the high school of his native city, studied law for two years at Yale University, discontinued his studies to accept a position in the United States Patent Office, in Washington, D. C. Later was appointed lieutenant of the Tenth U. S. Volunteer Infantry by President McKinley, served eight years in Cuba and the Philippine Islands. After an honorable discharge, he was appointed Counsellor to Sierra Leone, Africa. On his return he located in Brooklyn, New York, where he was engaged in the real estate business.

In 1903 he was wedded to Miss Marie L. Clark of that city. In 1913 with his family he moved to Spokane, Washington, and from there to Seattle in 1914. Lieut. Roston has travelled extensively and visited most of the principal cities of the world. He organized the Longshoremen's Union (colored) of this city, which is affiliated with the labor union, and up to the present time are working harmoniously. Later he organized the Colored Marine Benevolent Association of the Pacific, an incorporated body which supplies the vessels of the Pacific Steamship Company with men in the steward departments. He was engaged in several business enterprises, was a member of Olympic Lodge No. 5, K. of P; Past Commander of John R. Tanner Camp No. 7, Spanish War Veterans, and

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