

PORTLAND NEWS.

On Friday evening Jan. 29, one of the grandest entertainments of the season was staged at Arion Hall, under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Craw, for the benefit of "New Bethel."

The entertainment was called the "Festival of the Brides," and consisted of a large number of brides, one of nearly every nation.

Some of the brides were attended by their grooms, while others were attended by their maids, flower girls, etc.

When the curtain arose for the opening chorus the entire "ensemble," about forty in number, made a beautiful picture in their different costumes of many colors, when they sang for their opening number the "Estudiantina."

After the opening chorus the brides were then announced one by one by the "Queen of Wishes," and each bride came up the aisle with her bridal party, marching to her native music, ascended the stage, and told either in song or story about the marriage ceremony of her particular country.

The last bride to appear was the American bride, when the closing chorus, "Stars and Stripes," was sung and a large American flag was lowered just at the back of the American bride and groom.

Miss Frieda Shaw and Rev. J. L. Graw sang a duet during the intermission, and Mr. Raymond Gage at the piano, assisted by Mr. Eddie Morgan, trombone, furnished music throughout the evening.

Dr. R. Lloyd Smith, a physician from Nashville, Tenn., has come to Portland to reside. He has established an office in the Rothschild Bldg., and is associated with Dr. J. A. Merriman. We hope for the Doctor unlimited success.

The Exposition Jubilee Quartett sang to capacity houses all of last

week at the Pantages Theatre. It will be remembered that two of the members of this quartett, Messrs. Browning and Rosamond, sang here last year with the "Western Jubilee Singers." They have made a tour of the entire Pacific coast and are now on their way to San Francisco to the Exposition.

The local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held a public meeting to celebrate Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12, at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

The principal speaker was Mr. Geo. Brown, one of the most prominent attorneys of the city. Mr. S. Bell read a very interesting paper on the life of Lincoln. The Exposition Jubilee Quartett from one of the local theatres sang two numbers.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

After strenuous attempts at organization extending over a period of two or three months the colored citizens of Vancouver, B. C., have organized the "Canadian Negro Business League."

The objects of the league are to encourage all Negro residents to become citizens of the country to promote the race unity spirit; to exercise a united and intelligent user of the ballot and to take up on behalf of the colored residents and citizens of the community all problems pertinent to their welfare.

The following are the officers of the league: Geo. H. Anderson, president; Joseph Wilson, vice president; Martin Coray, secretary; J. B. Wallace, treasurer.

Under the leadership of the above officers, all of whom are identified with every effort to promote the interests of the race it is safe to say that the organization is bound to grow and prosper and that its influence will be felt not alone in Vancouver, but throughout the north-west.

Anyone desiring any information