

The Alaska Block.

Which has been reported sold by the Century Company to the Scandinavian American bank for \$1,140,000, netting a profit over the first cost of nearly half a million dollars.

Wants Something for Nothing.

Rev. J. D. Pettigrew, advertising himself as "General Lecturer" of a so called Colored Co-operative League, talked at the Afro-American hall on Monday evening. [Owing to the bad weather there were only a few present. He had formulated a plan to organize the colored folk into societies for what he calls their mutual benefit. But he demands that each person pay him ONE DOLLAR for the privilege of becoming a member, and each member is to pay him ten cents a month for being a member. "Now what, we cant understand is why pay him such a sum? He claims it is for the purpose of paying his expenses in traveling to organize. Why do that when we can join the Negro Business League or the Afro-American Council by paying five dollars for a charter?

He gives you nothing for your money, not even a promise, as most organizers would do. If we are to form societies for our mutual benefit—and we think it should be done; then we should connect ourselves with one of the Leagues already formed and which are manifesting their power in assisting our people. They are already large and powerful organizations and will not cost us one-tenth as much as this movement that has about fifty members. There are too many different movements and organizations purporting to be for the betterment of the race, when in fact they are simply a means whereby some man hopes to live without work on money collected from the unsuspecting laborer.

A New Club

There is a new organization among us formed by some of the older families of Seattle. The members feeling the need of a closer affiliation than has hitherto existed where congeniality and a moral standard may be maintained, have banded themselves together under the name of the Pioneer Social Club. While the organization has sought its members from among the best families of the city it does not claim to have reached all, and it most earnestly recommends that those who have not been included in its membership, if they feel the need of such an organization, call together their friends who they feel would be congenial and also organize. Seattle has enough families for several such bodies. While the club would like to largely increase its membership, meeting as it does from house to house, it is found that the number must of necessity be limited.

A most interesting and enjoyable musical and social entertainment was given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church last evening. The program was excellent and all those present spent a very enjoyable evening.

