

CHINESE ON A TOUR

Oriental Steamship Magnates Visit Portland.

LOOK UP TRADE PROSPECTS

If Business Conditions Are Found Favorable, a New Line Will Be Started—Seattle Aroused Over a Short Stay.

Eng Hok Fong, president and general manager, and Leung Kam Ming, vice-president and general manager of the China Commercial Steamship Company, Ltd., of Hong Kong, passed through Portland yesterday. They arrived at Port Townsend Wednesday on the steamship Kaga Mara, where they were met by Lyman J. Mowrey, of San Francisco, resident attorney of the company, who will accompany them to Washington. They left for San Francisco last night and will proceed to Washington at once and will spend four months looking over the United States and seeing what the prospects for business for their company are in this country. The visitors both speak and write English well. This is Leung's first visit to this country, but Eng has been here before, and Mr. Mowrey accompanied him to Washington in 1898.

Leung Kam Ming, who looks about 35, is a graduate of Cambridge University. His personal appearance is extremely prepossessing. His features are regular and his expression refined and animated. Both Chinese are dressed in rich Oriental costume, purple and blue, and black, trimmed with gold. They are men of dignified and pleasing manners.

During their brief visit here they were the guests of Mr. Sold Back, the well-known Chinese merchant of Second street. They spent the day "doing" the town, and would up with an elaborate Chinese banquet last evening.

The China Commercial Steamship Company is one of the largest and wealthiest firms of exporters and importers in the Orient, and their representatives, Messrs. Eng and Leung, are provided with letters of credit for an amount sufficient to travel in princely fashion in the United States and are able to get more from Hong Kong should they wish.

Lyman J. Mowrey, who has charge of their business affairs in the United States, and also of the legal affairs of the Six Companies in San Francisco, was much amused yesterday when shown a copy of the Seattle Times containing an account of the arrival of the Chinese gentlemen in that city. The Times seems to have had a fit of hysterics over the fact that they remained but one day in Seattle, alleging that they were "kidnaped" from the arms of that hospitable (7) town.

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stated that the boy could not pay at all. She went at once to the company and told the manager he should not pay the fine, and the policeman at the same time took the boy in charge and took him back to the station.

"You will have to stay in jail," he was told. "If your mother won't let it go any other way." The boy commenced to cry, but this was too much for Clerk Olsen, and he sat down and wrote out a receipt. "I'll pay the fine myself," said he, and the boy was sent on his way happy.

The arrest of a dozen violators of the law, however, was not sufficient warning, and last night eight more bicyclists who did not wish to invest their money in head-lights, were brought into the station. The police state that they will keep up the salt they have started and that they will see that all bicycles have lamps before they are through. Not only lights are to be considered, but bells as well. The ordinance also states that all wheels shall have bells attached to warn pedestrians and if they are neglectful of this requirement they are likely to be fined the same as if they were violators of any other city ordinance. Those arrested last night were: Clyde Crowley, A. W. Brookings, H. Hendeloom, George Martin, William Drake, Frank De Marco, J. E. O'Donnell, Louis Elk.

TO OPEN STREET TO FERRY

Albina Citizens Discuss Extension of Hancock or Tillamook.

At a well attended meeting of the Upper

LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR IS NATIONAL IN CHARACTER.

President Corbett Makes an Appeal for a Broad View of the 1905 Exposition.

Referring to the Centennial of the exploration of the Oregon country by Lewis and Clark some of the journals of the state are inclined to treat it as a local affair, beneficial only to Portland. This view of the case is wholly unjust. Portland, being the oldest and probably the largest city of the Northwest, embraced within what was the Oregon country explored, felt it incumbent on her to do something to celebrate this important National event. For this purpose its patriotic citizens came together, and promptly organized into a corporate body and subscribed over \$350,000 (and we expect the subscription to reach approximately \$450,000). This is with a view of benefiting the entire Northwest; in doing this, we expect to draw the attention of the whole Nation to the magnificent resources of this portion of our country, its great advantages for settlement as to climate and its varieties of productions. We challenge any portion of the world to show its equal. Let us all join as one community to make the event a grand success, alike creditable to Oregon and the entire Northwest and the Pacific Coast.

Portland has always contributed a large share in taxes to various institutions and requirements of the state, at the capital, the Normal Schools, Agricultural College, State Fair, scalp bounty, Soldiers' Home, and State University. The latter alone has received by appropriation since 1889 (aside from the University interest fund) over \$450,000. This should entitle us to the earnest and enthusiastic support of Lane County and other counties which have been materially aided by the large proportion of taxes paid by Portland, which we have done and will continue to do, without regret.

If this were a local affair (which it is not) it should have the hearty support of the entire state. This, however, being of National as well as of great significance to Oregon, the Northwest and the entire Pacific Coast, our united and generous support should be given in every way possible to this centennial anniversary of Oregon's benefactors. It will be the only opportunity for Oregon's remaining pioneers to testify their appreciation of the blessings conferred by those hardy explorers, Lewis and Clark. If it is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well.

H. W. CORBETT.

Albina and Irvington Improvement Association, held in the hall on the corner of Union avenue and Tillamook street, Thursday evening, there was an extended discussion of the proposal to open a street from that section through to the Albina ferry landing. James Eastes, president, presided.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that some street should be opened to a connection with the ferry. Tillamook and Hancock were both mentioned as streets that might be opened, with large benefits to that district. Hancock is the best street, for the reason that it extends out through Irvington on a direct line, while Tillamook has many jogs. However, there was no definite action taken in regard to any one street. This matter will be thoroughly investigated. The people of Irvington, who are greatly interested, will be consulted. Both Hancock and Tillamook streets would have to be extended through the Montgomery tract in order to reach a connection with the ferry landing.

President Eastes estimated that between 5000 and 6000 people would be benefited by the opening of one of these streets, so they would have a direct route to the West Side. After this matter has been thoroughly discussed, an energetic committee will take the project in hand and see what can be done.

At this meeting a number of property owners came in and signed the membership roll, so that the club now has nearly 50 active members. It has already set in motion the improvement of Union avenue by laying gravel from Wedder to Morris streets.

A Woman's Suggestion.
PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Touching a matter in which we as a public are very much interested—Lewis and Clark Centennial—I feel there is nothing more in a small way to advertise in the Eastern cities better than to invite individuals to send among our Christmas gifts to friends in those regions copies of late editions of historical narrative concerning Lewis and Clark. I am now reading and bring the wish to see more of the historic regions. All this may seem a small means to a great end, but, as "in policy we follow giant steps," why might not the same plan be good "policy" in great matters generally? "Tis the little things that count."

WANT MORE LIGHT.
Brooklyn Resident Says Are Lamps Give Little Light.

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