

CHINESE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.

Opening of the Tong Wah Hospital and Exchange.

Yesterday was the opening day for the new Chinese Merchants' Exchange or Tong Wah Hospital, located at 739 Sacramento street. The members of the Exchange are composed of the leading merchants to the number of one hundred, who yesterday afternoon, arrayed in their richest garments, inaugurated their new quarters. The officers of the Chinese Consulate were honored guests and came in their gorgeous official robes. The rooms are richly furnished in true Oriental style, the furniture being covered with scarlet satin embroidered in gold and richly tapestried. The walls are decorated with paintings and banners, the portrait of Consul Bee, life size, being on the right of the entrance, and that of Mr. Kennedy of Washington on the left. The grand feature yesterday was the reception of two or three large carved scrolls or tablets presented by the Emperor of China to the Chinese of this city in return for their contributions towards the relief of the famine-stricken people of China three years ago, and are well worth looking at. The reporter learned that the functions of this Exchange "were all the same as Mr. Babcock's on California street." Manifests of arriving steamers and ships are provided for members, and mercantile interests are discussed the same as "on 'Change." The price of membership is regulated by the standing or amount of business which the member reports, \$50 being the highest, though liberal subscriptions have been given by merchants in addition to fees. The Consul-General also sent his check for \$4000. Thirty members act as an advisory committee for the Consulate on matters of great interest to their people when occasion requires. The officers consist of two Presidents, three Treasurers and one Secretary. The ceremony yesterday was in the high order of Chinese etiquette.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Lighthouse and Fog-Bell at West Point, Puget Sound.

Notice is given that on and after November 15th a light of the fourth order, showing every ten seconds flashes alternately red and white, will be exhibited from the lighthouse recently erected on the outer end of West point, east side of Puget sound, W. T. The focal plane is twenty-seven feet above mean low water, and the light should be seen from the deck of a vessel fifteen feet above the sea ten nautical miles. The structure is a square, brick tower, painted white; lantern, red. The keeper's dwelling and fog-signal house are detached white structures, placed in the rear.

The approximate position, as taken from the charts of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, is as follows: Latitude 47 deg. 39 min. 45 sec. north, longitude 122 deg. 25 min. (50 sec.) west. Magnet bearings and distances of prominent objects: Battery point, S. S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles; Restoration point, S. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., 5 nautical miles; Point Monroe, W. N. W., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles; Point Jefferson, N. W. by N., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles.

During thick and foggy weather a bell will be struck by machinery at alternate intervals of five seconds and twenty-five seconds.

Going south, after passing Point no Point light, the course should be changed to S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. When West point light bears S. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., change course to S. by E. After passing the light, which should be given a berth of one-third of a mile, bring it to bear N. by E., then E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. leads into Seattle harbor. Going up the sound, the course will be S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S., or vice versa for vessels going out.

The California Seaman.

The concluding letter in the correspondence between the officers of the Sons of Revolutionary Wars and the authorities in Washington relative to the presence in Yorktown of William North Steuben of Gilroy, Cal., is made public. The letter is from W. Hunter, Second Assistant Secretary of State, who says that the Secretary of State is only authorized by the joint resolution of Congress on the subject to invite foreigners to participate in the Yorktown centennial celebration. The Congressional Committee, of which the Hon. John W. Johnston of Virginia is Chairman, has charge of this country.

The Trades' Union Assembly.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Trades' Union Assembly was held last Monday night. The Committee on Chinese Statistics reported that Chinamen ask \$15 each for making a dozen coats, for which white tailors charge only \$7 50. Business in the various crafts is good, especially that of collar-makers and of painters. Messrs. Babcock, Burman, Wallman, Farland, Hagerty and Robinson were nominated as delegates to the International Labor Congress to be held in Pittsburgh on November 15th next. The election will be held next Saturday night, at Charter Oak Hall. A committee was appointed to visit the State Prison and obtain the codes of