Nov. 25, 1903

Col. F. M. Fisher,
Inspector in Charge.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have withdrawn the appeal, notice of which was filed on the 20th inst., in the case of Won Gwin, of Mormon Mission, Oregon.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Port Townsend
Office of Inspector in Charge
Seattle, Wash.
Port Townsend, Wash., Nov 20, 1903.

Col T M Fisher,
Inspece in Charge,
Port Townsend, Wash.

Sir:

You will please take notice that Wong Goon, a Chinese merchant of Mormon Basin, Oregon, this day rejected by you, desires to appeal from your order refusing him a landing. Believing that a great injustice may be done him I respectfully request that ten days be allowed in which to file additional evidence and brief.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Mr. Thomas M. Fisher,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Port Townsend, Washington.

Sir:

I return herewith papers in the case of Wong Goon, alleged Chinese merchant of Mormon Basin, Oregon, who is now seeking admission at your port.

These papers were referred to this office for investigation during September, but owing to my absence at that time, and the fact that it was not indicated by your letter of transmittal whether Wong Goon was an actual applicant or one giving 90-day notice of intended return from China, the case was not investigated until last week.

On the 9th instant I proceeded to the town of Huntington, Oregon, which is the nearest rail point to Mormon Basin, and there gained information which obviated the necessity for proceeding further by stage to the applicant's former domicile.

I learned from Mr. Wm. H. Leitner, postmaster at Huntington, and one of the witnesses in this case, and from attorney Leaman, who executed said papers, that the building in which Hop Chung Lung & Co., applicant's alleged firm, was doing business at Mormon Basin was, together with all structures kept by Chinese at that place, totally des-
stroyed by fire on the 8th of August, 1902, said fire having been started, as I was informed, by the white residents of Mormon Basin, for the purpose of driving the Chinese residents from their midst.

Since the destruction of the firm's place of business, no effort has been made to re-establish same. All stock and principal assets in the business were wiped out. So far as I was able to learn, but one partner who was formerly interested in Hop Chung Lung's company is now residing in the vicinity of Mormon Basin, and I was unable to see this party owing to his absence on business connected with certain ranches of which he is the owner.

Of the two witness who signed applicant's papers, one is deceased Mr. J. S. Locke.

I secured the sworn statement of Wm. H. Leitner, and attach same hereto. Said statement is totally insufficient in view of the requirements of the Chinese Exclusion Laws and the Regulations pertaining thereto.

After diligent search I was unable to find any persons other than Chinese who were able or willing to testify in behalf of applicant.

Regarding the non-existence of the mercantile concern of which the applicant claims to be a member, I would call your attention to Treasury Decision #21574, which refers to the loss of mercantile status when dissolution of the firm from which same is derived takes place.

I also beg to inform you that the Department has ruled, in a communication to the Immigration authorities at San Francisco, that Chinese merchants seeking admission and whose places of business have been de-
destroyed by fire, shall not be admitted except by the Department in its discretion and exercise of clemency upon a satisfactory showing on appeal.

I regret that I am unable to give you the date of this ruling, though I am familiar with it through my former connection with the San Francisco office. In giving you this information I do not assume that you are ignorant of the rule in question, but merely state it in view of the fact that you may never have been officially apprised of its existence.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Inspector in Charge

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I have been in the habit of reading

sections of the newspaper in the morning,

and I have found it interesting to

learn about current events. The

news is a great source of

information and helps me stay

informed about the world. I

have also found it useful to

read books and articles on

various subjects. This has

given me a deeper

understanding of

different topics.

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which were leased from white men and evicted by Chinese laborers.

I am informed that there is in this town of Burlington a Chinese store which is run by the same firm operating the Mormon Basin store and the name of said store is I Klein is Waleung.

As far as my knowledge went there was no Chinese laborer shop connected with the firm. I Klein the firm conducted a shop house

A. H. Lehnin.

Subscribed and sworn before me
the 9th day of December 1903

J. R. Power

No. 4.
(Off 2-20-1903-100,000.)
HUNTINGTON, OREGON, Sept 1903.

Collector of Customs,
Port of Port Townsend, Washington.

Dear Sir:

About two years ago J. S. Locke, now deceased, and myself made an affidavit for one Wong Goon, a Chinaman, a partner in the firm of Hop Chung Lung Company, doing business at Mormon Basin in this county and state, to enable him to go to China and return. At said time he was a partner in said firm and in said business to the extent of a one-fourth interest therein and he retained said interest and still owns the same and that no transfer of any kind has been made or recorded. I was well acquainted with the said Wong Goon whose photograph is attached to the affidavit accompanying this letter, having known him for a good many years, and personally know that he was and is a Chinese merchant doing business at Mormon Basin, and I understand from one of his partners that he is now in Port Townsend and desires to have a letter of identification as to his being the same party who made the former affidavit. If he is the same party whose photograph is attached to the accompanying affidavit, then he is the Chinaman to whom I allude and as I understand it is entitled to return to the United States and to his home at Mormon Basin in this county.

Yours truly,
Office of the Collector of Customs,
Port of Port Townsend, Wash.,

The Postmaster,
Huntington,(Baker Co.)

Jan'y 25, 1902.

SIR:

Herewith find identification papers of a Chinese person to
make application to the United States, claiming to be a
merchant of your city, viz:-

Wong Goon, alleged merchant & member Hop Chung Lung doing
business in Mormon Basin.

I will thank you to make a thorough investigation of this
case, returning all papers to this office with your report,
including the following:

1. The approximate value of the stock of goods carried by
said firm, and the amount of money invested in said business
by the applicant.

2. Are the witnesses personally acquainted with the appli-
cant, and were the said areas sworn in his presence? To
the witnesses identify the photograph?

3. What is the standing of the witnesses?

4. Indicate if possible, on all of said papers, the

5. State whether during the last twelve years the

6. Is said firm still doing business?
STATE OF OREGON.

COUNTY OF BAKER.

I, William Leitner, being first duly sworn, say that I am post master in the town of Huntington, Baker County, Oregon; that J. C. Locke, now deceased and myself made an affidavit on behalf of Wong Soon, a Chinaman, whose photograph is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, for the purpose of enabling the said Wong Soon to go to China and return to the United States and to his home and business in Baker County, Oregon. That I was personally and well acquainted with the said Wong Soon and of the firm of which he was and is a member, having known him and the said firm for a number of years. That he was engaged in the merchandising business in Oregon Basin, in Baker County, Oregon, and was a partner therein with three other Chinamen and owned an one-fourth interest therein; that he has not sold, or disposed of the same so far as the records of this county disclose at present; that he is still a one-fourth owner of the business of the said firm. That I am informed by one of his partners that he is now at your port and desires to land and return home, and I make this affidavit in perfect good faith and from my own personal knowledge and for the purpose of enabling and assailing him in being permitted to land at said port and for the purpose of returning to his home and business.

That I am the post master at Huntington, Baker County, Oregon, and have no interest in this matter whatever and make this affidavit from my own personal knowledge.

[Signature]
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September 1933, and I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above deponent, that he is a credible and reliable person to whose affidavit full faith and credit should be given that he read and knew the contents of the foregoing affidavit before signing thereof and making oath thereto.

[Signature]

Notary Public for Oregon.

No. 73.

Examination of Wong Goon, a returning Chinese merchant of the firm of Hop Chung Lung Co., Huntington, Oregon.

Age: 42 yrs.  Height 5 ft.  2 in.  Weight 140 lbs.  Depression on both temples.  Applicant speaks some English.

Q. How long have you been in United States?
A. 23 years.

Q. Where did you land?
A. In San Francisco.

Q. Where have you lived all this time?
A. Lived in Portland ten years.

Q. What were you doing there?
A. In business.

Q. What kind of business?
A. Chinese general merchandise.

Q. How long have you been in Huntington?
A. Ten years.

Q. What firm were you in in Portland?

Q. What kind of a firm was this Portland firm?
A. Chinese grocery.

Q. Where was it located?
A. I don't know, have forgotten the number, I left there about ten years ago.

Q. Don't you know the street or number where you lived ten years?
A. I went away ten years ago and forgot about it.

Q. Whom did you know in Portland?
A. I know a Chinaman named Ah One, but don't know any white men.

Q. What street do you live on in Huntington?
A. I live in Mormon Basin, about forty miles from Huntington.

Q. Who signed this paper for you?
A. Mr. Leighton and Mr. Lock.

Q. What does Mr. Lock do?
A. He is a farmer and has a stage also.

Held for further investigation.
Ex S.S. Victoria, August 27, 1906.

Q. What is your name? A. Hung Soon.
Q. When did you leave China? A. 22 December, 1902.
Q. What did you do in Mormon Basin? A. In business.
Q. How long have you been in United States? A. About 35 years.
Q. Where were you ten years ago? A. In Portland.
Q. What were you doing in Portland? A. In business in Portland.
Q. Did you register? A. No, I did not register.
Q. Do you know Mr. Lamint? A. No.
Q. Where does he live? A. Boston.
Q. Do you know Mr. Lamint? A. Yes.
Q. Do you know Mr. Lamsit? A. Yes.
Q. Did you ever get any letters from Mormon Basin while you were in China? A. No.
Q. Do you know that your house was burned down? A. No.
Q. Do you know that all the stock you had at that place was burned up? A. No, I did not know it.
Q. It was burned on the 13th day of January last? A. I did not know it.
Q. Did you ever hear that the white people threw down the Chinese out of Mormon Basin? A. Yes, I heard that I never heard anything of that kind.
Q. Do you know that you have no partners at all in Mormon Basin? A. I have had no letters sent to me.
Q. What did you do in the market? A. Trade.
Q. How much interest did you have in the store? A. I own $1,000.
Q. How much stock in the store all together? A. About $5,000 or $6,000.
Q. How many partners did you have? A. None.
Q. What were their names? A. Ah Vin, and Lin, his wife; my name is Hung Soon.
Q. Did you ever do any work or any trade outside the store? A. No.
Q. What kind of a certificate did you get in 1903 or 1904? A. I registered and got a certificate as a merchant.

Rejected on the ground that he has no place of business as a merchant. The records show that it has been destroyed by fire, and no white witnesses can be found to identify the man or his property. Unfavorable report from Inspector in Charge Harboor. Rejected and notified that he has 45 hours in which to appeal his case.

Inspector in Charge.
HUNTINGTON, OREG.  JAN 23 1902

Mr Blackwell
Port Townsend Wash

Dear Sir,

I'm sorry to hear of the 23" C. T. will state that after making investigation and as yellow.

1st. Will exceed 1000.

2nd. They are, but he was out of the office at the time the paper was signed.

3rd. Good as I am one of them.

4th. Taken in Baker City, Or.

5th. No.

6th. Yes.

7th. Yes as I understand the law.

Respectfully, A.W. Scott, P.M.

Huntington, Or.
1. What is your name?

2. What is your business?

3. What is your business address?

4. Of whom is the submitted photograph?

5. What is his occupation?

6. Of what firm is he a member?

7. Has the firm any connection with a laundry, restaurant, lodging house, barber shop or pawn shop?

8. Where is his store located?

9. What kind of business do they conduct?

10. Does the firm engage in manufacturing?

11. When did the applicant depart?

12. Having read Treasury Decision printed on back of this sheet, state specifically the kind of work he performed during the entire year prior to said date.

13. Do you know whether or not, during the period referred to, applicant worked as a laundryman, peddler, servant, farmer, ranch hand, fisherman, miner, or at any other labor?

14. Can you state that you know he performed no other labor than that stated in question 13. during that period?

15. Upon what do you base your knowledge of the above?

16. How frequently did you visit the store of applicant during the year prior to his departure?

17. During said visits did you always find the applicant engaged in said store?

18. Can applicant speak English?

19. Can you name any other partners in this firm?

20. If not, why not?

21. Do you receive pay for acting as a witness in this case?

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Signature of Witness.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this .......... day of 

............................................, 1905.

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Immigrant Inspector.
"In the enforcement of the provisions of Section 2 of the Act of November 3, 1882, relating to the application for admission of alleged returning Chinese merchants, it will not be enough to have witnesses testify that an applicant, for at least one year before his departure from the United States, was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business, as such merchant, but the testimony should show specifically the kind of work the Chinaman has done during the entire year, and after detailing the character of such work, should say that he has not performed any other labor than that specifically set forth. (United States Treasury Decision No. 81,059).
Office of the Collector of Customs,
Fort of Fort Townsend, Wash.,

Jan 26, 1902.

The Postmaster,

Huntington, (Baker Co.) Or.

Sir,

Herein are identification papers of a Chinese person to
represent admission to the United States, claiming to be a
merchant of your city, viz:-

Wong Goon, alleged merchant & member Hop Chung Lung doing
business in Normon Basin.

I wish to have you make a thorough investigation of this
case sending all papers to this office with your report,
including it to the following:

1. The approximate value of the stock of goods carried by
said firm, and the amount of money invested in said business
by the applicant?

2. Are the witnesses personally acquainted with the appli-
cant, and were the said goods shown in his presence?
Do the witnesses identify the photographs?

3. That is the statement of the witnesses?

4. Determine if possible, by evidence of witnesses, the
character of applicant as Chinese in the city, and if so, state
the same fully.

5. State whether, during the 2 months prior to landing
in the United States, the applicant engaged in any reli-
ous or social activity such as the wearing of the costume of
Chinese in your city - this is especially important.

6. Is said firm still doing business?

For the Collector of Customs,

[Signature]
United States of America  
State of Oregon  
County of Baker—SS.

I, J. S. Locke being duly sworn say on oath that I am engaged in the Livery and Feed business in the Town of Huntington, Baker County, State of Oregon, and I, W. H. Leitner being duly sworn say on oath that I am Post Master in the said Town of Huntington in said County and State and each severally say on oath that I am personally acquainted with Wong Goon a Chinese whose photograph is hereto annexed and that I have known him for more than ten years immediately last past, that he is a member of the firm of Hop Chung Lung Chinese merchants doing business in Mormon Basin in said County and State and has been a partner in the said business all the years I have been acquainted with one fourth interest therein and that he has not sold or disposed of the same but still owns the said interest therein and he is a Chinese merchant and not a laborer. That he desires to go to his native Country China for a visit with relatives and friends and then to return to the United States to his business. That I am familiar with the said firm and the business of the same and say on oath that the interest of the said Wong Goon in the said business is worth fully the sum of one thousand dollars, That I have no interest in this matter and make this affidavit of my own knowledge and to enable the said Wong Goon to go to China and to return to this Country without violating any law regulating the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of November, 1901.

[Signature]

Notary Public for Oregon