

State of Oregon -
County of Multnomah
City of Portland S. S.

Jak Nam Late of Tacoma, Wash
-Niglon Territory, now as Portland in the State of Oregon having
first been solemnly sworn according to law upon oath declared
I am a native-born subject of China, aged fifty-four years.
I first came to United States arriving at San Francisco in 1852
where I remained until I came to Portland in 1865. I was in
business in Portland till 1876, when I removed to Tacoma -
Just after going to Tacoma, I went in to partnership
with Lunway under the firm name of Sam Hong & Co -
We continued business at Tacoma until November 30, 1886,
when the Chinese were driven out of Tacoma - We had a
very large business, dealing in China goods, Teas, Rice, Medicines
supplies, and contracted Chinese labor - Our store was on
Bain Street north of South Smith Street - It was built
on leased ground for which we paid a monthly rent in
advance of thirty dollars - It was fifty feet deep - Our
store which was new and built for the business - cost us
Fifteen hundred dollars - Our lease was for five years and
about one year had expired - The store was worth to us at
least fifty dollars per month - Our business was complete-
ly broken up and we financially ruined by being
driven off, without being allowed to remove our stock
then on hand - I have not the details of our business, or our
books to refer to, here, but our losses and damages forced up
to something over fifteen thousand dollars - and the claims

therefor has been filed with Governor Squire and with the
China Consul at San Francisco - known to by my partner
Linn Way - I desire to refer to said stated claims and to
have it considered as part of this statement - At that
time (Nov. 3. 1855) we had about one hundred and fifty
China laborers contracted out - all of whom had to leave
and since then have been unemployed, until a few weeks
ago, some got work on the Johnnie river Fisheries - We
lost \$1. per month per man on these laborers - besides the
amounts due to us for outfit, supplies & charges upon our
Books at \$6200 - which was secured to us, out of the
wages of these laborers which passed through our hands -
Our interest in the contracts, and these Bills due to us were
a dead loss - and we had some expense and trouble in
regard to these contracts being stopped -

In the morning of the 30th of November, 1855, a crowd of seven
hundred white persons came to our store and broke open the
door - and many of them rushed in, I remember Jacob
Ralph being inside - They were angry and excited - They
roughly caught hold of one or two Chinese men and
shoved them out the door on to the street - They handled
some roughly - but I did not see them strike any one
in the store - In the crowd of those I knew, I saw Mayan
Weisbach, Sheriff Boyard, Mr. Jacob Ralph - there were
a good many faces I knew - but I did not know the
names - I did not speak to Mayan Weisbach at that
time - The crowd told me, when I asked for time to close up
our business, and get our goods safe "All the Chinese,

you must go - every one - I begged them to leave me
alone a few days to settle on business - They said
"Take your goods and go -" You had notice on the 9th
October to leave before 1st of November - and the time
is up - You have had time enough to get ready - They
would listen to nothing but told us to be ready at
2 o'clock in the afternoon - when they would carry
away our goods - The white men acted by order and
rough - they shoved us about and were very mad.
After telling us to be ready at 2 o'clock they left -
saying that they would be back at that time with
wagons, and to haul out the goods and furniture -
About 2 o'clock the crowd came back with wagons -
I was driven from my store and home along with
other Chinamen - Those who held back were pushed
along - The crowd who drove us out numbered several

hundred - some had clubs - some had poles and they
used these to drive us like so many hogs - if any
of us went slow or stopped - I saw several guns among
the crowd - some exhibited pistols - others had clubs
or big sticks - I was very much afraid - We were
obliged to walk out to Lake View Station on the Railroad
where we staid all night in a dreadful rain with
- out any shelter - The next morning I went on the
train to Portland - There were about one hundred who
had enough money to get to Portland on the train - The
rest started walking to Portland - I cannot swear
what white men were with us to Lake View - I was

freightmen and a doctor - I remember Ben. Everett - who
keeps a Saloon at corner of Railroad Street, near our store -
There were two Chinese men sent from Spokane by the
Circuit Court away from Tacoma, before reaching
Portland - One of them was named
Whitman, I do not remember the name of.

I own to and subscribe }
before me this fifteenth } **Tack Name**
day of June, 1886 -
Charles H. Woodward
Notary Public
Multnomah County
State of Oregon

In the matter
of the Expiration
of the Chinese
from Tacoma W.O.

Tack Name
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