

United States of America,
Territory of Washington,
County of King.

In the Matter of the Expulsion
of Chinese from Tacoma.

Lum Ng being first duly
sworn on his oath deposes
and saith:

I was born in Canton China
and am a subject of the
Chinese Empire. I am aged
about 51 years. Have been in
America about eleven years
and have been doing business
in Tacoma for ten years. My
business there was that of
keeping a dry goods, provision, medicine
and general merchandize
store. On the 3rd day of November
I resided with my family in
Tacoma on the corner of Rail-
road street some little distance
from China town. At that time
I would say there were eight
hundred or nine hundred Chinese
persons in and about Tacoma
who at that time were forcibly expelled by

the white people of Tacama. About 20 days previously to the 3rd of November a Committee of white persons waited upon the Chinese at their residences and ordered them to leave the city before the 3rd of November. I do not know the names of said white persons but would recognize their faces. The Committee consisted of 15 or 20 persons in the Committee who notified the Chinese to leave. I asked General Sprague and other citizens of Tacama for protection for myself and the Chinese people. The general said he would see and do what he could. All the Chinese after receiving notice to leave were frightened lest their houses should be blown up and destroyed. A rumour to that effect was in circulation. Many of them shut up their houses and tried to keep on the look out. About half past 9 o'clock in the morning of November 3, 1885 a large crowd of citizens of

Tacama marched down to China town and told all the Chinese that the whole Chinese population of Tacama must leave town by half past one o'clock in the afternoon of that day. There must have been in the neighborhood of 1000 people in the crowd of white people though I cannot tell how many. They went to all the Chinese houses and establishments and notified the Chinese to leave. Where the doors were locked they broke forcibly into the houses, smashing in doors and breaking in windows. Some of the crowd were armed with pistols, some with clubs. They acted in a rude boisterous and threatening manner, dragging and kicking the Chinese out of their houses. My wife refused to go, and some of the white persons dragged her out of the house. From the excitement, the fright and the losses we sustained through the riot she

lost her reason, and has ever since been hopelessly insane. She threatens to kill people with a hatchet or any other weapon she can get hold of. The outrages I and my family suffered at the hands of the mob has utterly ruined me. I make no claim however, for my wife's insanity or the anguish I have suffered. My wife was perfectly sane before the riot.

I saw my country men marched out of Pasauna on November 3rd. They presented a sad spectacle. Some had lost their trunks, some their blankets, some were crying for their things.

Some white men were behind the Chinese, on horse-back sternly urging them on. It was raining and blowing hard. On the 5th of November all the Chinese houses situated on the wharf were burnt down by incendiaries. I sustained the following losses through the riot, to-wit

2	Trunks English	11.00
2	Pieces of Silk crape great dress female	46.00
4	Pieces Silk crape Trousers female	24.00
2	" Black silk "	11.00
6	" Silk handkerchiefs	4.50
2	" crape jackets	27.50
10	Blue Cotton Shirts	32.50
8	Pieces Black Cotton trousers	16.00
12	Pairs Chinese Cotton Stockings	6.00
2	Pieces Leather trunks (Chinese)	16.50
1	" Woolen great dress female	22.75
4	" Flannel jackets	16.00
3	Pairs embroidered shoes	8.00
1	Dressing Case	10.00
6	White Cotton Shirts	12.00
1	Carpet bag	5.50
2	White woolen blankets	20.00
2	Red woolen bed covers	16.00
1	Feather mattress	10.00
1	Spring bed	22.00
2	Tables	12.00
6	Chairs	6.00
2	Stoves	32.00
4	Picture and frames	16.00
1	Large mirror	12.00
2	Woolen trousers (Wale)	20.00

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1	Woolen Coat	(Bale)	26.00
6	Flannel jackets	"	24.00
6	" Trowsers	"	18.00
2	mats of rice		5.50
1	Bag of flour		1.00
10	Keen chickens		5.00
1	Pair of boots		7.50
1	Clock		5.00
1	Silk umbrella		5.00
	Total		<u>7532.25</u>

One story frame store building of the value of 1400.00
 Lease hold interest in the ground upon which the said building stood, being a lease of the same from October 1st, 1884 to and until the 1st day of October, 1889 at a monthly rental of \$30 per month as specified in the written lease thereof of the value of 1400
 Store fixtures and furniture situated in said building amounting in value to 400.00
 goods, wares and merchandise in said building of the value of 7300.00
 Book accounts against

solvent debtors (Chinese men)	
amounting in value to	6,200.00
A business and good will	
thereof amounting in value	
to	2,000.00
Loss on perishable goods	
before the same could be	
disposed of removed owing	
to their perishable nature	600.00
Total	<u>715,532.25</u>

A few of the Chinese merchants
 among them were suffered
 to remain in Tacoma for
 two days in order to pack up
 our goods or what was left of
 them. On the 5th of November,
 after the burning of the
 Chinese house on the wharf
 I left Tacoma for Victoria
 where I have since resided.
 I went back to Tacoma once
 under special permission in writing
 from the Mayor of the City, Mr.
 Weiskach, which I herewith
 submit:

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Tacoma, W. T. April 22, 1886.

To whom this may concern,
Sam Hing wishes to stop over until
April 28. I ask all citizens to let
him pass unmolested & give him
aid & assistance.

Richard W. Clark,
Mayor.