

United States of America }
Territory of Washington } D. C.
County of King } 3

In the matter of
the expulsion of the Chinese from Tacoma
Pierce County W. T. November 3^d 1885

N. W. Gow, being duly sworn deposes
and says: My name is N. W. Gow, I am
a subject of the Chinese Empire, and am
now residing in Portland Oregon, where
I have resided since the expulsion of the
Chinese from Tacoma. I came to
Tacoma and engaged in business as a
merchant in October 1884, and was so
engaged there on the 3^d day of November
1885. Some time in the month of October
1885, written notices were placed in the
houses occupied by Chinese in Tacoma,
notifying them to leave Tacoma on the
1st day of November. I saw such notices.

It was not signed. I would be able to
recognize the man who left the notices.

I was in Tacoma on the 3^d day of
November 1885, and saw the people of
Tacoma drive the Chinese out of
that place on that day. A few Chinese
merchants were allowed to remain for
three or four days, because they

had some goods which they were allowed to pack up and remove. I was one of those merchants who remained several days longer or until the 9th of November.

I am partner in the firm of Sun Chong & Co. which was then doing business as merchants in Tacoma. Our place of business was on "C" Street near the "Ledger" office. On the 3^d day of November 1885 I was in my store in Tacoma, and there saw a large mob of white men in the street both in front and back of my store. The mob tried to drive me and ten or fifteen other Chinese out of the store, and they threw my goods and my trunk and my treasures out in the street. The other Chinese in my store were driven out. I staid there to hold my goods.

I saw the mob strike the Chinese, but they did not hurt them much.

Some of the mob had pistols, which they pointed at the Chinese but did not shoot. The mob put many of my things on wagons and carried them away. I did not recover my goods.

There came five or six wagons filled with my goods and with the blankets of the men who lived up stairs

in my store. I had fittick up the room
up stairs and had rented them to Chinese.

The value of the goods taken by the
mob from my store in Sacama on the
3^d day of November 1885, was about
Twenty five hundred (2500) Dollars.

Besides this I lost considerable money
in my trunk which was then taken.

My trunk was my safe and was worth
about \$15.00. I had about Twenty Eight
hundred (2800) Dollars in money, and
some jewelry, consisting of my watch,
and my rings, altogether worth about
Two hundred & fifty Dollars. All of which
was then taken by the mob and not
recovered by me. I also lost my
books of account, in which I had
various sums charged to my customers,
which I estimate amount to Five thousand
and (5000) Dollars. I lost the improve-
ments I had made on the building
worth Five hundred (500) Dollars.

Though the building was not destroyed
I suffered damages by the loss of
my business which I estimate at
Two thousand (2000) Dollars.

I have sent a full statement of
my entire loss to the Consul General
at San Francisco. It amounted

in all to Thirteen thousand & fifty
five (\$13,055.⁰⁰) Dollars. I went away
from Tacoma to Portland on the
9th of November 1885. I took with
me what goods I had left, amounting
in value to about six hundred (600) Dollars.

I estimate that there were about
three (300) hundred Chinese in Tacoma
on the morning of November 3^d 1885, and
all, except a few merchants, were driven
on foot out to Lake View, which place
was about eight miles distant from Tacoma.

The weather was very stormy and it
rained hard. Some of the Chinese
dying out were sick. I hired a carriage
and went out to Lake View on the
night of Nov 3^d, the day the Chinese
were driven out. I took about \$200
worth of bread out to feed some of
the Chinese who were my relatives.

I was out at Lake View about nine (9)
o'clock that evening. The Chinese
who had been driven out from Tacoma
were there. They were cold and wet.
Some of them were under a shed,
others were without any shelter at all.

I saw there at Lake View about fifty
or sixty white men, some of them
on horse-back, who belonged to the

mob. I saw that some of them
were armed with guns. They appeared
to be guarding the Chinese. They let
me go back to Tacoma with my carriage.

Since I left Tacoma on the 9th of
November I have been afraid to
return there, because of threats
against Chinese. I do not know
of any Chinese being at Tacoma
who came into the United States
illegally. I know by sight many of
the persons in Tacoma who participated
in the acts by the mob, and I know
the names of some of them.

H. B. Gou
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18th day of May A. D. 1886

L. Gilman

Notary Public in and
for Washington Territory

St. Louis

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In the matter of
the reputation of
the Chinese from
Beijing City

State of Oregon

City of Portland, County of Multnomah

N. W. Gov. Late of Tacoma, Washington Territory
now of said City of Portland - being first solemnly sworn
according to Law, upon oath says -

I am a Native born subject of the Chinese Empire -
and am thirty two years of age - I have been in the
United States 12 years and can speak and write
in English - I am the identical party - who has
already made a statement under oath as to the claim
of the firm of Sun Chong & Co, of which I am a member -

I saw Mayor Westbrook a number of times on the
30th of November, 1885 - in the crowd who were driving
the Chinamen from their homes in Tacoma on that
day - I went to his store a little after noon and
asked him to protect me - from my store - He told
me the crowd would not hurt me - that I will
be safe - but the Chinese must go - After some
persuasion he gave to me the paper marked Exhibit
A. which I saw him write and sign - It was
where he gave me the paper - he said "I would be
safe" Mr. H. O. Ball - who lives ~~opposite~~^{nearly} opposite to
where my store was, went with me to Westbrook's
store - Mr. Ball asked the Mayor "Why he did not pro-
tect the Chinamen?" He answered Mr. Ball thus "The
Chinamen have to go - and he could not help it."
One of the men in the store at that time was very

made at Mr. Ball, and was going to fight him
because he was friendly to the Chinese - I have
already sworn to my claim for losses that day -

Sworn to and subscribed } W. Wilson
before me this fourteenth }
day of June 1886 }
Charles H. Woodworth
Notary Public
Multnomah County
State of Oregon

(Exhibit - A)

Taroma November 3, 1885

Beares of this I John W
Gan wants to gather his
men & I ask all present
Citizens to assist & pro-
tect him.

Robert M. Clark,
Mayor

App'd bank of the
W. U. Green

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In the matter
of the application
of the Chinese
from Sacramento