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**Pennyroyer's Letter!**  
The Famous Anti-Chinese Letter.  
READ! READ! READ!

The following is the letter written by Gov. Pennyroyer to the meeting held in Portland, and which the Republican ring organs have misrepresented. We ask every voter in Oregon to read it.  
PORTLAND, March 15, 1886.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:—You and I have been neighbors and friends for about twenty years. We are still such and I hope we may remain such for the remainder of our lives. All that we both have was made and is now invested in Portland, and we ought, therefore, upon every question affecting Portland and Oregon to advise that which we think to be the best. If, however, we should happen to differ (as we often do) it is no reason I should abuse you or you should abuse me. We ought, in discussing questions affecting public interest to treat each other respectfully and fairly. I have carefully read that you have had today on this Chinese question and although I have very materially differed with you on every point, except when you have urged a compliance with, and an enforcement of the law, I have held my peace until now. But now when you have come boldly out and have demanded, as I read it, in plain and unmistakable terms the formation of a vigilance committee, which is nothing else in the world but a measure of outlawry, it is high time that I and every other law-abiding citizen of Portland should most solemnly protest against it. Why should a vigilance committee be formed? Are the courts of justice obstructed? Has the Sheriff in serving the processes of the courts been resisted? The courts are unobstructed and the officers of the law have not, in one single instance, met with resistance. Then why this appeal to mob law, for a vigilance committee is nothing else in the world than a well organized mob. Is it for the purpose of hanging two or three men without judge or jury, for the sake of intimidating others? This would be simply murder, and nothing else. The condition of affairs that now exist in and about Portland is most deplorable indeed. Bands of lawless midnight marauders are abroad, and now it is deliberately proposed to organize another lawless band to oppose them. This is a sad state of affairs. How much better they manage this thing in California. There last week a state convention was held, composed in part of the best citizens of the state, and a united resolve was made to use every lawful effort toward the removal of the Chinese from the state, and one of the means to be employed was the boycotting of the Chinese. This measure is perfectly lawful, expedient, practical, justifiable and effective. Why do not the people of Portland and Oregon pursue the same policy? Why are they not acting unitedly on this question, as are the people of California? In that state the leading men joined the anti-coolie movements, and the leading papers espoused its cause. Both men and papers there pursued the same course that John Myers and the News have endeavored to pursue here. They used their influence in keeping the movement within the bounds of the law. If the Oregonian had also pursued the same course we undoubtedly would have united action in this state as has been had in California, and the organization could now be doing effective work in a lawful way in removing the curse of Chinese slavery from the soil of Oregon. But the Oregonian saw fit to oppose the movement from the start, and to belittle those who engaged in it. This has embittered some and has had a tendency to drive them to extreme measures, and the result has been the engendering of feeling between neighbors who differ on this question, the emboldening of the Chinese and the carrying of weapons by both parties, and by the Chinese also, so that with the bad blood that is aroused, and the carrying of weapons, we are really standing on the verge of a volcano that is liable to burst forth at any moment. Let us both endeavor to pour water instead of oil upon the rising flames.

You and I must agree to the fact that the presence of the Chinese here in Oregon is an unmitigated evil. Putting the average of the number of Chinese in Portland at the low figure of 4000, and putting the money they have earned at 75 cents a day, and in the last twenty years they have accumulated \$18,750,000. The probability really is that between \$20,000,000 and

\$25,000,000 here in Portland have gone into their possession. Where is it? Have they built any homes, school houses or churches here? Where is the money? It has all gone to China, and, so far as we are concerned, it might as well have been dumped into the sea. Now, suppose the Chinese had not been here at all. Suppose that all this money had been paid to white men. They would have married here, they would have bought lots and built homes and cleared land. The whole amount would have been expended here, and in all human probability, Portland instead of being a bankrupt and stagnated city of 25,000 inhabitants, would have become a prosperous city of 50,000 or 75,000 inhabitants. The extent of the material and moral curse of this Chinese slave labor on the Pacific coast can not be fully computed in figures nor amply portrayed in words. You and I, both of us, through our own exertions, and by the blessings of God, have secured enough so that we are not compelled to work at manual labor for our living. We have a little something to leave to our children, but we all know that riches are very uncertain. They very often take to themselves wings and fly away. It may be possible that our children may some day have to work at manual labor for their daily bread. Do you want to leave your children in a country where, if that contingency comes, they will have to compete for their daily bread with coolie slaves? No, never. We, both of us, if we positively knew that such a fate was in store for our children, no matter how much we love them, had much rather bear them to their graves and see the earth close over them forever. And feeling so, must we not, both of us, have some sympathy with the laboring men who are now among us, with nothing in the world but their hands to depend upon for a living, and some of them with families to feed, and who, now and here, have to compete with these same coolie slaves for their daily bread? And is there one single man in this community, who has to employ labor, that would turn a deaf ear to free men of his own blood and race for the sake of a mere saving of a small difference in wages hire these alien slaves? If there be such men they should hide their heads for very shame. The people of Portland have now become divided into two distinct parties—the anti-Chinese and the pro-Chinese. This people of Oregon, like the people of California, should be a unit on this Chinese question. There should be no rest until this curse is removed. But it should be removed by and through the law. There is an irrepressible conflict between free labor and slave labor that never will and never ought to cease. This Pacific coast cannot remain peopled half white and half Chinese. The Chinese must go, and they ought to go. But no methods but lawful methods ought to be employed. The states of California and Oregon, in their state capacity, have never done towards the removal of the Chinese what they might have done, and ought to have done, by the lawful exercise of their plenary reserved police powers. The Chinese should be evicted by law, not in defiance of law, and until we have such legal remedies our only recourse is to refuse to give them employment. In this we should all agree. And if all classes of our community should agree to this, there is no doubt that the anti-coolie associations would join with us in ferreting out and punishing all persons who would resort to lawless methods. By such a course peace instead of discord would reign in our midst. As I probably will not be at the meeting called for to-morrow, I will suggest here the resolutions which I think ought to be adopted at that meeting:

1. That the existence of Chinese slave labor is an unmitigated and unmitigated evil and we pledge ourselves, singly and unitedly, to do all in our power, by all peaceful and lawful means, to get rid of these alien serfs, and that to that end we will not give employment in any capacity to any of these coolie slaves.

2. That we respectfully entreat our fellow citizens of the Anti-Coolie Association of this city, to unite with us in preserving the peace and in discountenancing all lawless methods and processes for the eviction of the Chinese, believing as we do, that by refusing to give employment to them, and by counselling others so to do, they will be compelled to leave through lack of employment.

3. That inasmuch as the courts of this county and state are entirely unobstructed, and the officers of the law are amply empowered to enforce the law, we are indubitably opposed to the organization of a vigilance committee, which in itself, is as lawless a body as those against which it proposes to organize itself.

**SYLVESTER PENNYROYER.**

The following are the resolutions adopted at the citizens mass meeting held at the court house March 16, 1886:

WHEREAS, A petition was circulated and extensively signed by the business men of Portland, urging the Board of Trade to call a mass meeting of the citizens to take steps to protect the peace of the city; and

WHEREAS, Said Board of Trade, after full consideration of the question, respectfully referred the petition to Governor Moody, but also expressed entire confidence in the ability of the local authorities and state militia to maintain good order in any emergency; and at the same time pledging its members to stand ready to respond to any call that might be made upon them at any time for the protection of the city and the maintenance of law and order; and

WHEREAS, Nothing has occurred since said action of the Board of Trade to diminish confidence in the competency of the civil and police authorities to maintain order and preserve peace; therefore

RESOLVED, That we, the citizens of Portland, in mass meeting assembled, indorse the action of the Board of Trade in its expression of confidence in the competency of the state, county and municipal authorities to preserve the peace of the city, and we hereby pledge them our hearty cooperation and support in maintaining order and enforcing the laws.

RESOLVED, That we deprecate all attempts to incite one class of the community against another as inimical to the peace and good order of the city, and the only result of which will be, most damaging to its growth and prosperity.

RESOLVED, That as law abiding citizens we will exert our personal influence to discountenance and put down lawlessness of any and all descriptions, and, to that end, the state, county and municipal authorities are urged to enforce all the laws and ordinances of the city in letter and spirit, irrespective of persons, occupation or nationality.

RESOLVED, That the presence of the Chinese in our state is an unmitigated and unmitigated evil, and we pledge ourselves to use all lawful means to rid ourselves of the same; and, for the furtherance of that end, we will not give employment to any Chinaman in any capacity whatever.

**Preaching and Praeileing.**  
Sunday Welcomes.

In the course of a speech at New Market Theatre on Sunday night, the Republican candidate for Governor made the following statements:

I have always been opposed to Chinese immigration, and have practiced what I preached. When Burlingame wrote the treaty he wrote it to suit himself; it suited the Chinese Government, and it suited a Democratic Senator. If the United States were to say now to the Chinese Government that they would like to abrogate the treaty, the Chinese would probably accept the proposition.

The same night in an address to the people of East Portland, Sylvester Pennyroyer, the nominee of the Democrats for Governor, by reference to the record; thus exposed, in the following few words the pretended anti-coolie sentiments of the Washington county aspirant and the untruthfulness of his statement that he practices what he preaches:

In the Legislature of 1870, Cornelius was a State Senator, when Senator Fay of Jackson county, introduced a bill to discourage the employment of Chinese, which Cornelius voted against. Senator Strahan, of Linn, (present nominee for Supreme Judge) at the same session proposed a joint resolution asking Congress to abrogate the Burlingame treaty; this also Cornelius opposed and voted against. By his actions in these particulars he proved himself to be the friend of corporate power and the Chinese.

No man should hesitate about whom to cast his vote for Governor. Cornelius is both illiterate and inexperienced. He could not prepare an inaugural address or a message. In the hands of the Portland ring, whose candidate he is, he would be as clay in the hands of the potter. Pennyroyer is a man of fine ability, polished, scholarly and entirely free from the influence of any ring. His greatest and best ambition would be to serve the people well and faithfully.

G. W. Webb, Democratic candidate for the office of State Treasurer, is a resident of Pendleton. He is in the hardware business there, is about fifty years of age, and has repeatedly been elected Treasurer of Umatilla county. Should he be elected State Treasurer there will be a change in the administration and management of that important office. Should Marston be elected there will not.—Oregonian.