

To the Honorable, the Common Council of the  
City of Portland in Oregon.

Respectfully calling your attention to an act of the  
Legislature of this State, entitled an act "to prohibit the  
employment of Chinese laborers on the improvement of  
streets and public works in this state" Approved October  
16<sup>th</sup> 1878, and by its terms taking effect from and after its  
approval by the Governor. I beg leave to suggest, that  
since the taking effect of said act Chinese laborers have  
been employed, and still are employed in several instances  
under contracts made with the City for the improvement  
of streets and other public works therein, in violation  
of the terms of said act of the Legislature.

Instances as examples, a contract for the improvement of  
Salmon Street, made with the City on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> of  
November 1878. Also a contract for the improvement of  
Yamhill Street about the same date, besides other  
contracts not herein particularized.

This employment of China labor being not only derogatory  
to the interests and rights of Citizen labor, but in  
violation of the Statute above referred to, I as District  
Attorney of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Oregon, do hereby  
enter my protest against the payment of any money  
upon, and against the legal recognition of any  
contract by your Honorable body upon which  
Chinese labor has thus been performed

Portland Oregon Jan<sup>y</sup> 15 1879

J. H. Caples  
Dist Atty

Protest of J. F. Caples  
Dist Atty. agst paym<sup>ts</sup>  
out of money upon  
contracts where  
China Labor has been  
performed

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Auditor & Clerk

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Portland Aug. 6th 1879.

To the Mayor, and Common Council of the  
City of Portland.

Gentlemen.

I hear on good authority that it is proposed to introduce an ~~an~~ ordinance granting to John Ladd the lighting of the oil lamps in this city. I protest against such a proceeding for these reasons. First because he is not a resident of this city. Second because he hires Chinamen. Third because he holds the State Law restricting Chinese labor in contempt. ~~Fourth~~ Fourth because I know of citizens who would do the work cheaper with white labor, and save the City over \$200 expense per year. Fifth because if white labor was employed the citizens would receive the benefit instead of the Chinamen.

In conclusion Gentlemen let me beseech ~~you~~ you while in the performance of your Duties not to forget the rights of the white laborers of Portland.

In behalf of the Workingmen  
of Portland — I remain Yours &c  
T. B. McDevitt

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Remonstrance against  
employing John Fadd  
to light Stamps

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