

1 Testimony Taken upon the examination of the charges,
2 against Councilman W. H. Adams, of having
3 entered into an agreement with a Chinese firm, to
4 protect their interests against adverse legislation
5 on the part of the City of Portland.

6 Met this 16th. day of November A. D. 1883, ^{at 7.30 o'clock P.M.}
7 at the Council Chamber, present Councilmen
8 Sears, Schiltenden and Haley, the Special Com-
9 mittee on investigation

10 A. Noltner called as a witness testified as fol-
11 lows, after being duly sworn, by the Chairman:
12 (Testimony Taken in narrative form)

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14 My name is A. Noltner; I am proprietor and
15 Editor of the "Standard" newspaper.

16 I have no positive knowledge of any agree-
17 ment being entered into between Councilman Adams
18 and a Chinese firm. All I know is what I
19 have been told.

20 Col. Gaston, the lawyer, told me that Judge
21 John H. Woodward told him that he had
22 seen such an agreement. He did not state
23 just what it was. My recollection is that
24 Gaston said that Woodward told him
25 that it was an agreement to protect their
26 interests. What interests I don't know.

27 I don't know that it referred to interests that
28 might conflict with the City. I don't know
29 what it referred to.

30 That is all I know about it.

Hearing adjourned for the present.

Alfred F. Sears Jr.

Chairman of Com.

Met this Nov. 21st. at 3.30 o'clk. P. M.

Present Councilmen Sears & Chittenden of the
Committee.

W. C. Gaston, called as a witness, testifies
as follows: (Testimony taken in narrative form)

My name is W. C. Gaston, occupation Lawyer.
I never said that Judge Woodward told
me that he had seen such an agreement. It
was Charles H. Woodward. He mentioned to
me once that he had been called on to
give a legal opinion concerning an agreement
between Councilman Adams & the firm that
manages the new Chinese Theatre. He merely
mentioned it incidentally, not stating the
substance or import of the agreement. I ad-
verted to the subject once in conversation with
Mr. Moltner. I don't know anything myself
about any agreement. Woodward did not
say anything in particular about it

Charles H. Woodward Esq. called as a
witness testifies as follows: (narrative form)

My name is Charles H. Woodward, occupation
Attorney at Law. I had a conversation with

1 Col. Gaston once, in which I said that the
2 Chinese were remarkable people to change
3 their lawyers, and instanced the circumstance
4 that the firm that control the Chinese theatre
5 who were clients of ours had gone to Adams
6 Melby to attend to some matters for them.
7 That was all.

8 The agreement was brought to me by the
9 Chinamen for me to see if it was all right.
10 It had no signatures attached to it, and
11 was not in Adams' hand writing. It was
12 in substance to attend to certain work for
13 them on the new theatre building. It was
14 simply a business matter. It had no refer-
15 ence to the procurement of any legislation, or
16 anything to do with legislation, or anything
17 connected with the city. There was nothing
18 improper in it, and I never suggested such
19 a thing, and don't see how any one could
20 draw such an inference from what I said
21 Committee adjourned sine die

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23 Alfred G. Sears Jr.
24 Chairman of Com.
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