

Portland, Oregon Feb 12th 1886.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Portland.
Gentlemen:

Since the last meeting of the council, I have been called upon by a large number of citizens to furnish arms for the purpose of arming a company of "Grand Army veterans." And other citizens, to prevent if possible a recurrence of the disgraceful proceedings lately enacted at Seattle. In order to secure the arms needed in time to have the desired effect. There was not time to call a legal meeting of the common council. For this reason I made arrangements whereby one hundred stand of arms were obtained with ammunition and are held ready for use in case of necessity for the suppression of any riot which might occur. The expense to the city if the arms are not used, will be merely nominal. But in case it becomes necessary to use them, then the city will be expected to pay for them at the same rates charged other parties for lots of the same kind.

Under the circumstances I feel justified in what has been done. And respectfully ask your honorable body to endorse the above by resolution or ordinance as you may deem proper.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gates, Mayor.

Communications from
the Mayor

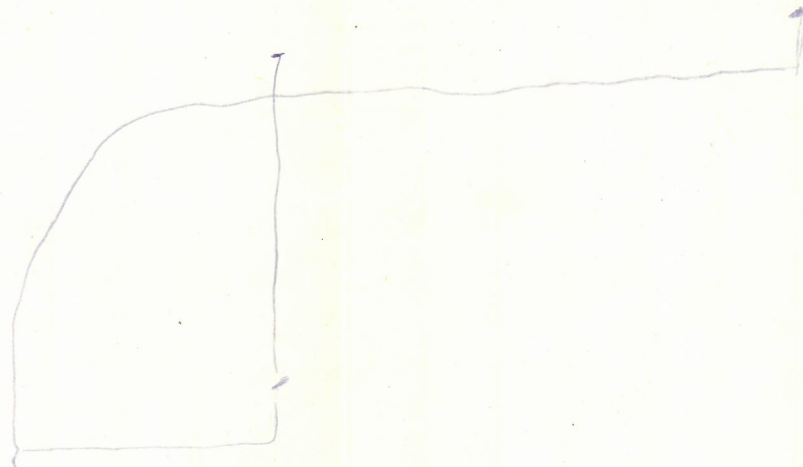
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To the Hon. the Mayor and the Common Council
of the City of Portland,

Gentlemen:

We your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred at the last meeting of the Common Council the communication of His Honor, the Mayor, stating the precautions that he had taken to repel any manifestations of violence upon the part of certain misguided men, acting at the dictation of irresponsible agitators, beg leave to report: That while recognizing the existence of a commercial crisis at the present time, which extending over the civilized world, has wrought peculiar suffering among the laboring classes in every land, and calls for our assistance and heartfelt sympathy, yet we deplore the opportunity afforded to unscrupulous demagogues and malevolent scribes, who ascribing to one cause that which is due to many, have attempted to engender in our city riot, devastation and all their attendant calamities.

That the occasion demanded the radical remedies referred to by His Honor, is unfortunately but too apparent. The outrages attempted in Seattle, and culmi-
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nating in Oregon City and Albina in
acts of manton violence inflicted upon
a helpless class dwelling in our coun-
try in pursuance of the invitations
of binding treaty stipulations, deserve
as it is believed they receive the ex-
ecrations of all law abiding men, and
yet are menaces to remind us that
vigilance is the price of security.

Believing this, we cordially commend
the acts of His Honor the Mayor in
the premises, and urge that he suf-
fer no relaxation of his efforts to
preserve peace and good order in the
City

Respectfully Submitted
Wm H. Sears Jr.
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Committee on Judiciary

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Report of
Committee on Judiciary
upon the Communications
from the Mayor of 19th ult.

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