



Mayor's Office

Portland, Oregon, Jan 26th 1888

To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Portland,

Gentlemen,

An Ordinance entitled

"An Ordinance to prevent Steam Wood Saws from running and being hauled through the Streets at certain times, within certain limits"

return to your Ordinance No. without my approval. My reasons for so doing are principally on account of the fact that the parties most interested have considerable money invested in their business which they have built up during the past two years in competition with the Chinamen. I don't think the steam wood sawing business owned and managed by American citizens ought to be discouraged.

It is true that Ordinance only debar the Steam Saw from being used in a certain part of the City. But I fail to see the justice of any restriction. If the machine frightens horses in one part of the City it certainly

Mayor's Veto
Ord. regarding
Steam Wood Saws
&c

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Veto Sustained

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would in another. And if
as has been alleged, the noise is
detrimental to people of a nervous temperament
and can be declared a nuisance, there
is already an Ordinance for the abatement
of the same.

Very Respectfully
John Gates
Mayor

Message of Mayor
veto of
Ord. regulating Wood-
Sawing machines &c