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14-204

Department of Commerce and Labor
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OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
SUMAS, WASH.

No. 943.

August 30, 1906.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that in the appeal case of LOUIS JIME,
alleged Chinese merchant of Peoria, Ill. the Secretary of
Commerce & Labor has this day sustained my action denying
admission and the applicant will be deported on September 3, 1906.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICE OF,
CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE.

In Re:

Louis Jime.

Peoria Ill. July, 24 1906

Merchant Returning.

Witness Sworn:-

What is your name?

A.E.Griesser.

What is your business?

Commissioner merchant at No. 121 So. Washington St. Peoria.

Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of Louis Jime.)

Yes. I knew him here in Peoria for a number of years.

What was his name?

Louis Jim.

What was his business?

He had a laundry and small Chinese store on North Adams St. here in about the two-hundred block.

When did he go to China?

I could not say.

What would you say was the value of the goods he had in his store?

I could not say as to that as I have no idea of the value of Chinese goods.

Was there a laundry in the place?

I think there was but I wouldn't be sure as it was so long ago and I seldom went into the place. He came to my store frequently for rice and other goods. He was a leading man among the Chinese here and I sold him rice for others beside himself.

How long did you know him before he went away?

I could not say now as it was a number of years ago.

Do you recall the name of his firm.

No I do not.

Could you state positively or swear that he did no work as a laundryman or in a restaurant during the year before his departure?

No. I could not swear that he did not. I think he had several places here during the last of his being here.

Do you know ~~whether~~ whether he had any partners?

No I do not know.

Does it refresh your memory any to read the affidavit made by you before Louis Jim's departure?

I can only say that that is my signature and at the time I signed it I knew the statements were true.

Did you ever see him working in that laundry?

I don't remember that I ever did. My acquaintance with him was principally through his coming into my store.

Would you say you had known him seven years before he went away?

I could not say now at this distance of time, but I know that when I made that affidavit I thought the matter over and made a correct statement.

Do you think of anything further you wish to say?

All that I can say is that this man was a good decent Chinaman and way above the average, and if there is any by which he can return to Peoria I would be glad to see him back.

Signed A.E.Griesser.
L.T.Plummer.

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Louis Jime. Mer.Ret.

Peoria Ill July, 24 1906

Witness: Henry W.Ulrich. Sworn

What is your name?

Henry W.Ulrich.

What is your business?

Cashier of Home Saving Bank, Peoria Ill.

Do you know this man(Showing photograph of Louis Jime)

Yes. It is Louis Shim, I always called him.)

What was his business at the time of his departure?

A tea merchant at No.Adams St.No.227. He ran a laundry at the same place I think.

Did you ever see him at work in the laundry?

Yes. I think I have.

Could you swear that for a year before his departure he did no work in any laundry.

No. I couldnt say whether he did or not.

What would you say was the value of the goods he had on hand?

I could not say. I am not sure that I was ever in the place.

I am positive that there was a store because I used to go by ~~XXX~~ there.

How long do you think you knew him before he went away?

I would say about five years.

Did he have any partners?

I dont know. These Chinamen here are all related and I cant tell what their business relations are.

Have you anything more that you care to say.

I think that this man was a man of good standing, and if he could return without violating the law I would like to see him return.

Signed: Henry W.Ulrich.
L.T.Plummer.

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Witness Sworn.

What is your name?

Henry C. Deal.

You have charge of the premises at No. 227 No. Adams St. Peoria Ill do you not?

Yes.

How long have you had charge of this place?

Since 1889 but I have had my shop in this building since 1887

Do you recognize this photograph? (Showing picture of Louis Jime)

I think I recognize that man as a man who was formerly at 227 No. Adams St. and the man I regarded as the principal man in that place. He had another place up the street at about 503 No. Adams St.

What kind of a place was this at No. 227 No. Adams St.?

It was a laundry and tea store. I remember writing Choy Chung Yuen on their sign and that it said Laundry, Tea Store on the window.

What was the value of the goods they had in there?

They had some chests of tea and some Chinese dishes there. I would say for a rough guess that there was \$75.00 or 100.00 worth

How many men were there in there?

Usually two or three, and Sundays nearly all the Chinese in town gathered there.

Did you regard this man (referring to Louis Jime) as the owner of both the store and laundry?

I took him to be the head of it. I know when we did some papering there he was the one we looked to.

Did you ever see him working in the laundry?

I wouldn't say positively whether I did or not.

Would you say the ~~principal~~ principal part of the income came from the laundry or the store?

The laundry.

Do you remember of his going to China?

Yes but I can't say just when it was. I should judge it was about six years ago.

Would you want to say that he did no work in that laundry the last year he was in Peoria? A. No. I would not.

What happened after his departure?

After his departure the business went on with the other man in charge, a man we called "John" who had been there some time. They stayed at this number until the building was torn down then they moved across the street until the new one was built, and then they moved back to #227 and opened a restaurant on the ground floor and a laundry in the basement. After a short time they were ejected and went across the street in the rear of the saloon, and finally closed up entirely.

What became of "John" who was in charge?

I heard he went to New York, and then heard San Francisco.

What was this place at #503 No. Adams St?

A laundry. He apparently had charge of the place, but whether he did much work there I don't know. He was a very dignified fellow and I don't know whether he did much work himself.

Signed: H. C. Deal

L. T. Plummer

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Peoria Ill July 25 1906

Witness Sworn.

What is your name?

Mathew Harrar.

What year did you have your harness shop at No. 225 No. Adams St.
I was there about six years, in fact I collected the rent there
I would guess that I left there about 1900.

What sort of a place was it that the Chinamen ran at No. 227 while
you were there?

Just a laundry. Once in a while they would play cards on a
Sunday.

Do you recall this man's face? (Showing photograph of Louis Jime)

I think he was one but I wouldn't want to swear to it.

Didn't they have a tea store there too?

They sold tea but didn't have any tea store. They sold tea to
their own countrymen.

What would you say was the value of the goods they had in there?
They didn't have any goods there that I saw. I went in there
every month to collect rent, and called there often. The reason
why I knew they sold tea was that Chinamen have told me that
they got some there.

Did all the men in the place work in the laundry?

There were only two in there.

Did the two men in there work in the laundry?

Yes they both worked in the laundry. When this man went
back his partner ran the place until the building was torn
down.

Was there any partition separating the store side from the laundry
side?

I don't recall any but I wouldn't want to be positive either way
It seems now that they did have a side issue of teas etc. there.

Would you say the greater part of their income came from the laundry
or from the store.

The biggest part of the business was laundry but whether they
made the most money there I couldn't say.

Did both men work in the laundry?

Yes.

Would you want to swear that during the last year he was in the
United States this man did no work in the laundry?

No I would not, in fact, I am satisfied he did work in it.

When did those Chinamen come to that number 227?

They were there before I came.

Was that place always a laundry all the time you knew of it?

Yes.

When did you come to #225.

About 11 or 12 years ago.

Signed Matthias Harrar
L.T. Plummer.

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Witness Sworn

L.T.Plummer Inspector
Moy saw Interpreter

What is your name?

Louis Len

What is your business?

Laundryman at No.402 No.Adams St. Peoria.

Are you registered?

Yes. (Witness produces certificate No.13629 issued to Loy Lan
Peoria Ill.Feb.5 1894 Age 34 Height 5-3 1/4")

Do you know this man(Showing photograph of Louis Jime)

Yes it is Louis Jim

How long have you known him?

Twenty-five years.

What was his business here in Peoria?

He had a tea store at No.227 No.Adams St.

Did he have a laundry there also?

No.

Do you owe him any money?

Yes \$400.00

What do you owe that for?

Things I bought at his store, rice, tea, etc.

Do you know Moy Sui Hop?

Yes that is the name of this laundry. I bought Sui Hop out and
he went back to China.

When did you buy out Sui Hop?

K/S.32 4th month 29th day.

Where were you when you bought these goods of Louis Jim?

At No.510 No.Adams St. I had a laundry there.

Did you borrow any money, or is the \$400.00 due for goods bought?

Yes, that is for money borrowed and for goods bought.

Is it just \$400.00 you owe him?

Yes, just that.

Did you put these amounts down in any book?

Yes, but I have lost the book, but I remember the amount.

When did you close the place at No.510 No.Adams St.?

K.S.26 I gave it to a cousin and afterwards he closed it
up but I don't know when.

Where did you go then?

I went about everywhere.

When did you find out that you owed Louis Jim \$400.00?

K.S.25th 4th month 29th day, before I went away from Peoria, Louis
Jim told me I owed him \$400.00 and he put it down in his book
that I owed him \$400.00

What is your full name?

Louis Len.

Have you a marriage name?

No.

Signed (Chinese) Louis Len

L.T.Plummer.

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Witness Sworn.

What is your name?

Woo Sing.

What is your business?

Laundryman at No. 102 No. Washington St.

Are you registered?

Yes. (Produces certificate No. 76206 issued to Woo Man at San Jose Cal. April 30 1894 Age 32 Height 5-4 1/2")

Do you know this man (Showing photograph of Louis Jime)?

Yes. I owe this man money, I haven't got money to pay him.

What is his name?

Choey Chung Goon.

Has he any other name?

Choey Chung Goon is his store name I forget what his name is it is so long ago

How much money do you owe him?

\$400.00 / I owed him a number of small accounts and it altogether comes to \$400.00. He told me the total of the account was four hundred dollars. It is so long ago I don't remember about it. Maybe he marked it in his book I don't know.

Did you mark it in your book?

No. I owe him the money why should I mark it in my book?

What kind of a store did he run?

Chinese grocery store.

Was there a laundry there too?

Yes there was a laundry on one side and a grocery store on the other. I lived at Lacon at that time.

How long have you lived in Peoria?

About two years.

How long in Lacon?

About ten years, He (referring to Louis Jime) may not know I live in Peoria as I lived in Lacon when he went away.

When did you leave San Jose?

I worked as a farmer at San Jose about one year, then I came to Lacon.

Did he tell you before he went away that you owed him \$400.00?

Yes. I used to order things by mail, and before he went away he wrote and asked me to come over and pay my account. I came over and told I couldn't pay, and he told me I owed him \$400.00 altogether.

How long have you known this man? (Referring to applicant)

I came from San Jose to Chicago and then came to Peoria, and was here two weeks before I went to Lacon, and it was then that I met him.

Do you know what Louis Jim will do if he comes back?

No. If I pay him what I owe him I don't care.

Did he have any partners?

I don't know. I only came over Sundays and then he didn't work so I don't know whether there were partners or not. I only came over here occasionally.

Did he own the laundry as well as the store?

I don't know. All he did Sundays, was to keep the grocery store.

When did he go back to China?

It was so long ago I can't remember.

Did the store close when he went to China?

The landlord tore the building down in order to build a new one.

Signed (Chinese) Woo Sing

L.T. Plummer

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Witness sworn.

What is your name?

Ah Hing.

What is your real name?

Hoey Ah Hing.

Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of Louis Jime)

Yes it is Louis Jim. I owe him some money.. He kept a grocery store and was a rich man.

Where was his store?

It is closed now. It used to be on No. Adams St. I forget the number.

How much money do you owe him?

I dont know how much. I think \$500.00, about, but I dont know I only guess at it.

What do you owe him this money for?

For goods I bought of him and money I borrowed.

When did you first come to Peoria?

I cant remember but I think 17 or 18 years ago.

Was there formerly a store here named Hop Lee?

Yes.

How long have you known Louis Jim?

A long time, about 14 or 15 years.

What was the name of his store?

Choey Chung Yuen.

Did he have any partners

Yes.

Who were they?

Louis You.

Who else?

That is all. Sometimes he had three partners, and sometimes only two.

Where is Louis You now?

I dont know where he is.

Was there a laundry at Choey Chung Yuen?

Yes. On one side. On the other side was the store, there was a partition between and separate doors.

Did Louis Jim and Louis You own the laundry and the store too?

Yes they hired the men to work the laundry.

Do you know what Louis Jim will do if he comes back to Peoria?

No. I think he will start a business here again. He is a good business man and never works.

Did he work in the laundry?

No. He dont know how to do laundry work.

What became of that store after Louis Jim went back to China.

I wasnt here when he went back.

Where were you?

In New York, Chicago, and all round.

When did you come back to Peoria?

This year.

When did you go away?

I cant say how long.

How long before Louis Jim went away?

I think I went away seven or eight years ago.

What were you doing here when Louis Jim was here?

I was a laundryman.

Did Louis Jim formerly work in Hop Lee?

I dont remember.

Signed (English) Ah Hing

Ah Hing
L.T. Plummer