

Washington, Jan. 27, 1851.

Confidential

My Dear Sir:

I recd. on yesterday three letters from you, one of Nov. 2d, 1, of Nov. 15, 1, of Nov. 19th, all of which left Oregon by the November steamer, but the steamer leaving San F. before it got down, it laid over at that place two weeks. The mail which left Oregon on the last of December I expect to get about the 8th of Feby. I infer that you must have wrote me more letters than I got, for you did not say a word about your arrangement with Blain, and having heard not a word from him, I should have remained ignorant of the whole matter had I not learned it incidentally from Russell and old man Moore and from Mr. Thurston. I am informed that Blain is somewhat rushed, I dont see why he should be with me, for I have offered everything and gave every assurance to prevent it you will treat him with great courtesy, and give him and his school a puff now and then. Now as to K., I recd. only one letter from him, in what he did not mention his wife, I am obliged to you for your reasonable hints, as they are my sentiments precisely, in no case should I have advanced another dollar for him, for he owes me about \$175 now, I desire you reserve this for me, when you get to work, for I have Russells agreement that it was to have been paid the first money he made in Oregon. In no case is he to have any control over the editorial part of the paper. You are to be the sole judge what shall or shall not go into the paper. It was understood he was to be, with Stockwell the mechanical partner, but there was no idea — that he should control any part of its reading matter.

Now, Sir, in no event allow him to manage the finances of the concern, and if you go into partnerships, have it in writing that neither shall contract any debt in the name of the firm without the others consent first had thereto in writing, and let your matters be strictly adhered to, for if you allow him to record the firm in debt on any account, you will be in trouble. Have this further agreement, that all moneys recd by either shall not be expended or touched until divided according to partnership articles, and make a violation by one good cause for dissolving the partnership any time thereafter by notifying the delinquent, by the other.

I see the matters - R's debts, of which you spoke plainly. For this reason have a — the press and fixing stand as they were till I come, only the paper and material to be paid for I will & do sell to you individually, to be yours alone, and will look to you alone for the pay. Then as the firm uses any part of it, take your money for some as used. I see from Russells letter that you bought 50 bundles paper of Blain, am glad of it, for I sent only 30 bundles, I wish I knew what to do about buying more before I leave for home. Which I shall buy a small quantity. This you must observe, to have the concern pay as you go, never delay or allow it to get behind. You must control all these things. I am afraid K will not do, but be extremely prudent & if you find him too difficult to manage, your only plan will be to purchase him out in a friendly manner. The S. will go ahead, you see I have — fighting friends. In your first number, in a dygnified manner, state that I have no control or influence whatever over the paper, and that I will be no further — a supported than any other good Democrat. I am in —

while I write, that you are clerk of the House - believe you are. That -----
is one d--d rascall - a snake in the grass. Put him as all my enemies with
respect and courtesy, as I alone are competant to attend to their cases, I de-
sire to be entangled in nothing further than the case is made by the intent of
the party. Be extremely careful to have your paper dignified with chose and
gentlemanly language, I will write you again by this mail, In haste,

S. K. Thurston.