

Washington Feby 9, 1851

Dear Bush: The Oregon mail was due at NY on the 6th but I have not heard as yet that it has got in. The mail leaves N.Y. for the Pac Tuesday, so that my letters have to leave here by tomorrows mail to go by the next boat. This then I hope will reach you the last of March, and I hope your paper will be going. But dont despair. Nil desperandum, and the thing shall go. But I will give you a synopsis of what I have effected, this session so far

- 1 \$1600 appr. for salary of ---- Genl.
- 2 \$5000 to pay the expenses of the assembly called by Gov. Lane.
- 2d Cayuse war bill through providing for paying the whole expense of that war and appropriating now \$100,000
- 3d The ----- district Bill, dividing Oregon into three districts, with three Ports of Entry vis. Scottsville, Astoria, and Olympia, and 4 Ports of delivery vis Nesqually, Pacific City, Portland and Milwaukie.
- 4 A bill through the House which will pass the Senate authorizing each branch of our assembly to employ another clerk.
- 5 A bill through the House which will pass the senate, empowering our assembly to protect our school sections.
- 6 A provision in the light house bill which will be safe if that bill passes for a lighthouse on Umpqua head for buoys for the channell of the Umpqua bar, and for fog signals for all our lighthouses. I am also in ----- to get an appropriation for custom house buildings, and a -----.
- 7 A provision in the Postage bill now through the House ----- will become a law, reducing our postage from 40 to 3 cents, so you see I shall have consummated every great measure Oregon desired, I tell you I sweot some on the Cayuse war bill, for I was determined to have it through, and I was satisfied certain influencing in Oregon was determined I should not. Is it not a little remarkable, that, as anxiously as I have urged to have the papers sent on, I have never recd. even a letter or word from any one in Oregon about them. But they cant help it. I have done it. The City news I have from you is to Nov. 21, I replied to your letters some time ago. I have heard nothing from the Columbia since she left Kio, tho', I shall probably when this mail gets in, I hope I may get the mail tomorrow morning, so that I can say a word in reply to some of you.

The Every's speech will come to Oregon by this mail, in which he pretends that I & Judge Bryant charged Lane &c. Adams attempt to distort letter never was made, and care to extricate himself from a tight place. I have replied to that part of his speech in a letter to W. J. Brown of ----- which will soon appear but not in time to come to Oregon by this mail. I desire you to understand it, therefore, so that you may put matters right, and if Gov. Lane is in Oregon please say to him from me, to wait till he gets my reply. All the Ind. Delegation will testify that I have become Lanes friend throughout here, and this ----- attempt on the part of Every's to sour himself by possession of official papers merits the honor of all men.

I hope to start home in one month from next Thursday, and hope to arrive safe, I am totally in the dark as to what is going on, see that the result of my labors this session be made known through the papers in the proper manner. Attend to matters, and see that my friends are in sync.

In haste,

S. K. Thurston.

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