

Strictly Confidential

Linn City, July 9th, 1853

Dear Bush,

If agreeable to you it would be grateful to my feelings and perhaps serviceable to our common democratic cause, to have a temperate and well considered editorial article appear in your next number, by way of replication to the person at assault upon myself in the last 'Server'.

It strikes me that a timely and carefully written review of my relations to the people here as a Judge and course in behalf of the Democratic party, assailed as I have been both in private and through the prep by every machination of federation, would tend just now to promote a higher and juster disposition amongst all such as act with us to repel by word and deed the wanton outrages committed upon every man whose character and example are likely in Oregon to advance democratic principles. The instinct of "self preservation", if nothing else, ought to make every democrat in the Territory feel a common interest in speaking out boldly and plainly on this subject at all places, and especially so at this time.

The Oregonian by its barbarism and very in the article alluded to, has opened the way for a humble drubbing - and, now, shall it be given? I hope you may give the whole matter your calmest thoughts. Write what you think the occasion calls for; and, let it tell with all your energies! Do so, and it will oblige.

Always, Your Friend,

O. C. Pratt

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Leavenworth July 9<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dear Bush,

If agreeable to you it would be gratifying to my feelings and perhaps serviceable to our common democratic cause, to have a temperate and well considered editorial article appear in your next number, by way of replication to the person at fault upon myself in the last 'Sawyer' -

It strikes me that a timely and carefully written review of my relations to the people here as a Judge and Counsel in behalf of the Democratic party, spoiled as I have been both in private and through the press by every machination of opposition, would tend just now to promote a higher and juster disposition amongst all such as act with us to repel by word and deed the wanton outrages committed upon every man whose character and example are likely in Oregon to advance democratic principles - The instinct of self preservation, if nothing else, ought to make every Democrat in the Territory feel a common interest in speaking out boldly and plainly on this subject at all places, & especially to it this time -

The Oregonian by its barbarous & very well thought in the article alluded to, has opened the way for a tumble thumping. And, now, shall it be given? I hope you may give the whole

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Always Your friend,  
O. C. Wells