

Prairie Home, Linn Co. O.T.  
July 12th 1853

Friend Bush:

Dear Sir,

The committee appointed by the citizens for that purpose, have called upon me for a copy of the oration which I had the honor to deliver in Albany on the 4th inst. They wish a copy to send to you for publication. But instead of a copy I am obliged, for the want of time to transcribe, to hand them over the original. And you will perceive that it is a very rough draft. The truth is that it was hastily written by peacemeals during the few days immediately preceding the 4th. Whilst at work in my garden or otherwise engaged, when a thought or train of thought occurred to me, I would go into my house and scribble it down, intending to copy and "dress up" the whole before delivery; but for this I found no time either before or since the 4th. Therefore as the committee demand it they must have it as it is. With a little extra care I presume that your compositors will be able to understand and get it up correctly. They will observe that opposite to the 20th and the 32d pages there are paragraphs which are designed to be inserted at points indicated by astericks.

The oration was listened to and, I have reason to believe well received by some fifteen hundred people. A very general anxiety is expressed to see and possess it in print. I regret its length as I should have been pleased to see it all in one paper.

You evidently copied from the "Times" all of that portion of my address delivered over the body of Thurston, which you published in the last paper containing it. I so judge from the fact that Waterman made a great many errors, blunders, omissions, &c, and in the latter part of that address as it appeared in the Statesman, there were the same errors, &c. Will you be so kind as to read the proof of the present oration by copy yourself?

I expect to go below soon, when I will call upon you - pay my subscription to the Statesman, &c.

Very respectfully &  
Truly yours, &c  
Delazon Smith

A. Bush esq  
Editor &c  
Salem



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A. Bush (wgs) Emily Jones, &  
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Salmon