

Albany, Feb'y. 18th 1855.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst. came duly, to hand. The "items" communicated have been fairly canvassed. I had anticipated your suggestion relative to writing to Lane county. Some days before receiving your favor I had mailed some seven or eight letters to ----- but had influential Demo----- in that county. They are also personal ---- of mine and good men and true. I wrote right and they will act right. I am well assured that Pratt will not receive the vote of that county, in any event, if they can help it. Now, since I have written, they will be forewarned and, of course, forearmed.

As to my own- Linn- county Pratt stands, in my judgement, no ----- either the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th or 5th ----- last past I have seen and con---- many democrats from different parts of ---- county, and it is evident that they intend to declare, in Convention, me their first choice, and they will go for Lane, Williams, or any one of a half-dozen others before Pratt.

I thank you for having communicated your suggestions. I shall "keep an eye out!" If honest, intelligent and conscientious democrats, who are opposed both nomination of Pratt, and who are residents of other counties, will note the movements and guard the points, in their respective counties, as thoroughly and as effectively as I will in Linn, the pilgrimages and letter writing of that very distinguished gentleman, will prove but "love's labor lost!"

I thank you for the copies of the "speech"----- I have followed and shall con----- to follow your suggestion in their circulation.

When I read, in the last Statesman, Malone's reply to Gazzely, I wanted to strike hands with that noble Irishman. God bless him! Poor Gazzley! He was half dead before. He is killed outright now! If "The Reporter" is still with you please communicate to him my kind regards, and thank him for me for his ---- triumphant vindication of the truth and -----

----- remember me affectionately to Messrs ---- Nesmith, Terry, McCrackin, Williams, "Vic" and other friends. I shall be happy to hear from you or them at all times. If I can be servicable at any time command me freely.

Truly yours--

Delazon Smith

A. Bush, esq



Albany, Feb. 18th 1855.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. came duly to hand. The "issue" communicated has been fairly expressed. I had anticipated your suggestion relative to writing to some county. Some days before receiving your favor I had mailed some seven or eight letters in that country. They are all influential persons - ends of mine and good men and true, & will write right and they will act right. I am well assured that Pratt will not receive the vote of that county, in any event, if they can help it. Now, since I have written, they will be forewarned and, of course, forearmed.

As to my own - some - county Pratt stands, in my judgement, no chance. Either the 1st, 2^d, 3^d, 4th, or 5th.

Last year I have seen and conversed with many candidates from different parts of the county, and it is evident that they intend to declare, in Convention, me their first choice, and they will go for Sam. Williams, a hundred or a half-dozen others before Pratt.

I thank you for having communicated your suggestions. I shall "keep an eye out." If honest, intelligent and conscientious Democrats, who are opposed to the nomination of Pratt, and who are residents of other counties, will note the movements and guard the points, in their respective counties, as though they were effecting it, I will in time, the pilgrimages and letter writing of that very distinguished gentleman, will prove but - "Caelebra lost!"

Thank you for the Spectator copies of the "Speech" and I have followed and shall endeavor to place your suggestion in their circulation.

When I read, in the last Statesman, Malone's reply to Gageley, I wanted to strike hands with that noble Irishman. God bless him! Poor Gageley! He was half dead before. He is killed outright now! If "The Reporter" is still with you please communicate to me my kind regards, and thank him for me for his triumphant vindication of the truth and

remembers me affectionately to Messrs. Smith, Perry, McClarkin, Williams, "Vic" and other friends. I shall be happy to hear from you or them at all times. If I can be servicable at any time command me freely.

A. Bush, Esq.

Truly yours -
Believe me
D. S.

P.S. The Democratic Central Committee of this county, have handed me an original call for a County Convention, with the request that I would copy it and forward it to you for publication. I have complied with their request. You will find it enclosed.

I have a desire to learn positively whether there is a Woodlotting Lodge in Sebay, and if so, who its members are? The Council informs me that you promised him a list of their names. I will be both convenient and practical, if you furnish me with a list. You can, of course, I am all about it, by through the medium of your Mad nothing dominant!

When will the proceedings of the 8th of January appear? I perceive that James Abelin, a Methodist preacher, has been elected to the United States Senate, by the Legislature of Iowa, vice Lodge, whose term expires on the 4th of March. It appears to be coming fast to elect preachers to Congress; in view of which I may do as St. Paul did with Ernie - thank God and take

Your Obedt. Servt.,

D. S.