

Corvallis March 4th 1856

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The stage has not yet arrived but I am looking for it this evening when I hope to see the remaining portion of the D--- family. Shall then set our faces southward as soon as providence and other circumstances will permit. The southern mail will be in this evening, if I learn anything I will inform you. Tell Shannon to forward my letters to Winchester.

Saw Geary here yesterday. Told him that you intended to hoist Sam's name. He approves of it, and says it was thought that you lacked the nerve. So you are not only equal to the occasion, but a little beyond expectation.

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Oregon

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