

At Home Mar 15th 1856

Dear Bush

I arrived at home on the 12th inst. Have not been out from home since my arrival, but have seen several of the Douglass yeomanry. Can learn of no one here who is doing anything for the "said candidate". Stratton says the county is certain to go for Lane, and I think there is no doubt of it. If it can be afforded it may go for Drew upon the first ballot. Saw John Lory as I came over from Japu's. He is for Lane in preference to Pratt. Pratt wrote him that Lane was fast loosing his friends in Jackson. By the way I was mistaken Old Knott is working for Pratt, but among this perverse people that will do more harm than good. He was down at Corvallis this winter and somebody was stuffing him with that Avery ~~Mc~~Steeney idea that I was working for Williams with the hope of being Chief Justice. Consequently he echoes the song of ingratitude. In common with other "young men" I have no objection to being "made" occasionally but if any benevolent individual shall hereafter undertake anything of the kind he must stipulate in advance that his lien shall expire in a reasonable time. And further that I shall not be offered up as a vicarious atonement for any sins or indiscretions of the distinguished architect, except those specifically "nominated in the bond".

In that letter from Portland to Corvallis that I spoke off from Corvallis the writer says "we are working all sorts of ways down here to secure Ps nomination." That is a pretty commentary on Ps charge to Long that the L^{ee} men intended to pack the county conventions and thereby defeat the "popular will".

Lake did nothing on the delegate question until he got to Knotts, there he commenced gassing for P. I shall write a letter to Taylor my clerk at Jacksonville this week putting him on his guard against Lake. But I believe I wrote you this before. The effect of railing Lanes name in the Statesman has been decidedly to Lanes advantage in this quarter, where "pen writing" aint much known. In these secluded vales the "pisantry" still swear by the Statesman.

The "Southern Democracy" is here sitting on the opposite side of the table writing to his fish monger ancestors in New Hampshire. He says he would write to some of the "clique", but thinks it bad policy for candidates to meddle much with "pen writing".

Send along that box letters to Corvallis, they will be sent out with the rest of the household goods.

Stratton says that he saw a letter written by Smith to a man in this county saying that he "would accept the nomination but not seek it". Safe platform that. Write me all the news, and as Ragnet said to the "old gal," give me your opinion. Out here they have ceased to watch the spot where Gasley went down.

Yours
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