

At Home Mar 20th 1855

Dear Bush

Ladd was here today and he promised me to write you this evening an item on the Gasley controversy.- to the effect first that he used to be a travelling mesmeric lecturer in the States and second that sometime in '52 he had carnal knowledge of a squaw against her will near the Canyon, that Mr Knott and other white men who were living near at the time, were appealed too by the said "injured female", that they visited Gasley and gave him the alternative of either giving the squaw a pair of blankets or taking a whipping. He squirmed a little but forced over the blankets. I suppose . This would make a fair offset to his republication of your little misfortune at San Fran on your way home. I see you are engaged in the "vindication" of "Little means" and seem to be love with the subject. We'll probably never raise another young man 'but of the gutter". While you got your hand in you might as well take satisfaction for that two hundred and fifty he you out of, that you won on election. It would seem that nowadays you write "personnal articles" "entirely".

We will try and remember the "binding" in the selection of members, and I think it would be well to have some stipulation with you concerning the support of "the Uapqua harbor." What say you?

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A Bush

P. S. Pratt has been writing Stratton a good many letters this winter Drew and I have been having a good deal of fun with him about them. We tried to see them, but he said they were so foolish that he had burned them up. One expression we got from him was somewhat novel. Pratt told S- "that he would grapple to him with hooks of steel in the event of his success." I saw that letter of Smiths the other day that I wrote you about. It was written to Kent. He goes for anybody rather than Pratt and is willing to accept the nomination himself-- if offered to him. Suggests that he would feel honored by the support of Douglas County in the event they fail to secure the man of their choice in the convention.

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