

Albany, March 24th '55

My Dear Sir-

On arriving in town this morning, (Saturday) Mr. T. Strang handed me your favor of the 22d, enclosing the letters which I had previously sent you.

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I fully appreciate Pratt's "trick" whilst, in writing to "old Oregonians," he talks about my not having been in Oregon long enough to "get the dust of the plains from my garments." It would be well enough for him to remember that nearly nine-tenths of the voters have come to the country within the three years last past! And it would also be well for him to remember that whilst I crossed the plains with the immigrants and as an immigrant, he came with a commission in his pocket, but for which he would not have been here now!

You will not, I trust, give yourself any uneasiness about Clines letter. You need not, I am sure. He represents nobody's sentiment, or wishes here but his own!

Be assured, my dear Sir, you need have no delicacy about speaking in regard to the election of Printer. I will do all that I can to see that your interests, either present or prospective, do not suffer. I bid you entertain not the slightest fear of Linn county in this respect. Your bold and independent course commends you to my head and heart, and, so far as my humble agency can go, you shall not suffer on account of it.

Good for Humason! God bless him! Kind regards to Malone. I am not much sorry the newspapers abuse him, they only serve to provoke him to reply,--we have need for the use of his pen.

If Marion county goes for Pratt may God reward her! It will be a time and a half a time before another "Smith" stands up to plead her cause! "To him that hath shall be given and from him that hath not shall be taken even that he hath." Thus it will be with Marion when she shall have learned, dog like, to lick the hand that has smitten!!

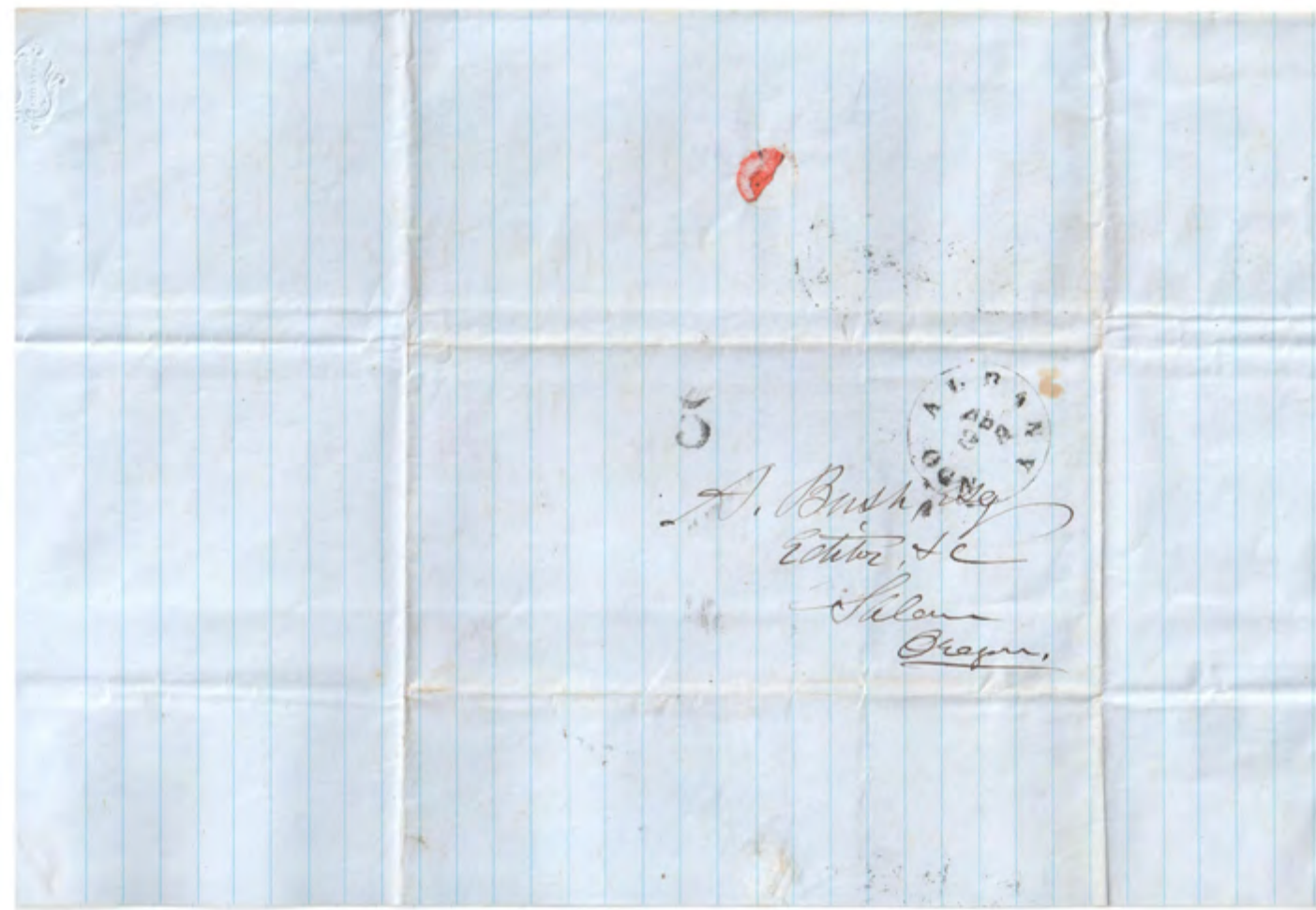
I received by the last mail from below, your note enclosing bills. Mr. Looney lives in your county, a few miles from the Santiam, and about 12 from Salem. I forwarded his letter to him--addressing it to "Santiam, City P.O." The post office address of the other is Calapooia, Linn Co. I forwarded it also.

Our precinct meeting, will be held on Tuesday next the 27th inst, and our county convention on Tuesday the 3d proximo. Our mail for Salem leaves here every Monday morning. Consequently I cannot get the proceedings of our county convention to you, by mail, before Monday evening the 9th one day before the Territorial Convention! If possible I will get them to you sooner by private conveyance. In the mean time if you meet with an opportunity without putting yourself to trouble send for them. Our county convention will doubtless, pass a series of resolutions--a plat-form for the Campaign. If so it would be very desirable to have the proceedings published before the Territorial Convention, especially if we should instruct against Pratt!! God forbid that we should instruct for him!

Compliments to friends, In haste, but with--

Much Respect,
Truly yours, &c
Delazon Smith

A. Bush, esq
Salem



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