

Albany, Saturday, March 31st '55

Dear Bush,

Yours of the 25th was duly read. There are, in this county, nine Precincts. One of them has been newly organized. There will not, probably, be any delegates from that precinct, in the county convention. The names of the other 8 are as follows, to wit,

1st Albany  
2d Santiam  
3d Kees'  
4th Calpooia  
5th Prairie  
6th Burlington  
7th Curl's  
8th Claypools ----The two latter in the Forks of Santiam.

The Albany, Prairie, Burlington, Curl's and Claypool's have appointed their delegates. Albany instructed for Delazon Smith as their first and Gen. Lane as their second choice. Prairie first for Lane; 2d for Williams; Burlington for Lane; Curl's for Pratt and Claypools not instructed.

It is understood that the meetings in Santiam and Kees' are being held today. Lane men were appointed in the Claypool precinct. Pratt will get four votes in the county convention out of 32!!

I attended the Precinct meeting in Albany. It was the largest precinct meeting ever held in this county. There were but two Pratt men present- Cline and one other! A resolution was offered instructing the delegates first for me 2d for Lane. Cline moved to strike out Lane and insert Pratt! His mother did not receive a second! He then expressed the hope that there would be no instructions, whereupon, I threw modesty where Shakespeare physic- to the dogs! And made a speech! Then the resolution passed unanimously! If necessary I will do the same at the county convention. It will not be. Linn county will, I think, instruct first for Lane 2d for Smith, but not at all for G.G.P!

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Yours truly,  
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