

Albany, Wednesday  
Morning, April 4th '55

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By the proceedings you will find that every thing has resulted in precise accordance with my predictions. There were 32 delegates in Convention; of these three only were for Pratt! Old Cure & Crabtree and one other from that precinct. One man was here from that precinct who refused to ----- because they were instructed for Pratt -- affirming that a majority of the democracy there were not for P.!

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The resolution in regard to the Statesman originated with me.

As I have always told you, out of the Forks of the Santiam there are not Pratt men enough in this county to make a delegation off!! But for fear of accidents I have not been idle!

Even the Long Tom country has turned up in support of any information communicated to you.

But enough. "All's well that ends well!"

Lane will be nominated and we must elect him! Then our triumph will be complete!

I hope to see on the 17th.

Ever yours, &c

Delazon Smith

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Yours truly,  
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