

Jacksonville May 7th 1855

Dear Bush

I arrived here on the evening of the 5th. Drow came up from Vannoy's yesterday. Was then at the speaking. Says Gaines is bullying Lane successfully. The whigs are in high spirits out here. From the best information I can get there will not be much difference in this county. Dr Ambrose thinks the same. The whigs claim it. All these men (whigs) here who talked so much about abolitionism and D Henry are now rampant for Gaines who occupies in his public speeches the position of hostility to the Nebraska Act, and the right of the people to regulate their own domestic policy. By way of justification for this contradiction they say that Gaines has given their private pledges on that subject. Gaines now says in his speeches that in 1851, he and one T of Cryer opened up a correspondence with one Jo Lane whom they found out in the mines poor and strapped and brought him out for Congress against Thurston the Democratic candidate. That after they had brought Lane out T. died, that then Dr Wilson was the democratic candidate. That they with the rest of the whigs supported Lane as the Peoples candidate and elected him. That afterwards Lane turned his coat, deserted them and went over to the Durhams or Democrats. He is very severe upon Curry. Denounces him in every speech that he makes. Says in 1851 that he supported Curry for the Legislature. That Curry ran as a supporter of his (G's) conduct on the location question. That he (G) supported and voted for C- upon that issue. That he saw him afterwards and talked with him about five days before the Assembly met, that C- was then all right, still occupying the same position and going to meet at Oregon City, that the next day or so Pratt got a wife at him (Curry) and whisked him off Salem. He has never mentioned my name in public yet, but has kept a pretty constant attack upon me in private. Among other things says that he dont allow me to speak to him!! Oh! Lord what a misfortune. He allowed Genl Minon that honor at Encarnacion, and since it is not considered a very signal mark of distinction.

Lane has never answered any of these attacks upon democrats, nor those upon himself in relation to those matters to which I have alluded. You had perhaps better take them up in the Statesman, or get somebody else to take the stump. I would give a small share of my interest in heaven to have Nes out here. G. has bullied and abused L. and his friends from the start, L- has taken it all so far as meekly and mildly as ever Skinner did his abuse in '53. No one is doing anything in this county except Ambrose that I know of. For Gods Sake do something in the Wallamette valley or we are beaten. If Smith or Nes will come out here I will help bear their expenses. Ambrose will do the same. Miller tells me that he is doing nothing. There is but one Dem. Lawyer in the place Mosier, and he is doing nothing. Ambrose says the best thing for us is to keep him quiet. That whenever he opens his mouth, he drives off a vote. Bob Hetscalf starts down to Palmer's this morning and will take this to you. Palmer is considerable of a load upon Lane in this county. He is understood from his own representations to be Lanes Right borrower. He has borrowed money and contracted them 18 mos ago, with a promise to pay them immediately, and has since paid no attention to them. Wont answer letters that are written to him on the subject. All I can say in conclusion is, work, work, work,

Yours

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Thurston the Democratic candidate. That after they had brought Seane out T. did, that then Dr. Wilson was the democratic candidate. That they with the rest of the whip supported Seane as the Peoples candidate and elected him. That afterwards Seane turned his coat, and deserted them and went over to the Democrats or Democrats. He is very severe upon Berry. Denounces him in every speech that he makes. Says in 1851 that he supported Berry for the Legislature. That Berry was a supporter of his (G's) conduct on the location question. That he (G) supported and voted for B- upon that issue. That he saw him afterwards and talked with him about five days before the Assembly met. That B- was then all right, still occupying the same position and going to meet at Oregon City. That the next day or so Pratt got a wife at him (Berry) and whisked him off Salem. He has never mentioned my name in public yet, but has kept a pretty constant attack upon me in private. Among other things says that he dont allow me to speak to him. Oh! Lord what a misfortune. He allowed

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