

Private

At Home, June 18th '55

Dear Bush:-

This afternoon I have scribbled off- very hurriedly- a communication for the Statesman, upon the subject matter of the next Presidency, "Old Jo" &c. It is much longer than I intended it should be. But I found it a most prolific subject. I have not said half what I wanted to, and yet the article is long; notwithstanding which I think it will be read, and I trust, be productive of some good.

If you do not find room for it this week perhaps you may next.

I am to deliver an address on Saturday next at our new county seat, and an oration on the Fourth in the east part of this county, where they are making extensive preparations for the celebration.

I happened to be in Salem, Oregon City and Portland when the Statesman of the 9th inst. came to hand. Old Jo's name up for the Presidency produced a sensation. "It was good to be there," and put in a "lick" now & then! It works well & it will continue to work well!

Please send me several numbers of the Statesman containing my letter. I want them to send east. I can stick them in where they will do good service.

I will be over to see you ere long.

I would beg pardon for sending you this bit of paper, but that it somewhat resembles some of your letters!

Shall be glad to hear from you at all times. Suppose you saw "Old Jo." Of course, when on his way south.

Kind regards to friends.

As ever, truly yours, &c

Delazon Smith

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P.S. I enclose you a scrap which you may think worth publishing
Yours,

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