

Dallas 29th Aug 1866

Dear Bush

Yours of the 25 inst has been received- I will be at Corvallis in a short time and will bring up the county warrants you paid me for and will let you have a warrant on Moran County for 160 if that will suit- which will probably be the case as I understand you are confident the capitol will go back there

There is nothing new here except the hanging an Indian over in Tillamook-

I saw in the Statesman Smith's relation to the state government question-- It strikes me that his plea would be very likely to defeat itself, and if we succeeded in electing a majority of delegates favourable to state government, that there would be great of the people voting down the Constitution the minority in convention would be likely to try to lead the constitution with objections or purpose to defeat it before the people.

I think a surer plea would be to leave the question of Convention or no convention to the people, at a special election early in the spring-- Choose the delegates at the general election and the constitution to the people in the fall- at a special election the friends of convention would work for it, and come out and vote, while the indifferent would stay at home (there are many such) Once be unremembered by other political questions which have had much to do with defeating the question.

I have talked with a good many men of influence relative to this matter and all concur in the opinion that it would be hazardous to go forward and form a constitution without first the question of convention or no convention to a vote.

Yours in haste

R P Boise

Roller 28th Aug 1845

Dear Bush

Yours of the 25 inst has been received - I will be at Carroll in a short time and will bring up the County Warrants you paid me for and will let you have a warrant on Monroe County for 160 if that will suit - which will probably be the case as I understand you are confident the Capital will go back there

There is nothing new here except the hanging an Indian over in Filmore -

I had in the Statesman seen several articles from D Smith's relation to the State government question - It strikes me that his plan would be very likely to defeat itself, and if we succeeded in electing a majority of delegates favourable to State government, that there would be great danger of the people voting down the Constitution. The minority in Convention would be likely to try to load the Constitution with objections or propose to defeat it before the people

I think a sure plan would be to leave the question of

Convention or no Convention to the people, at a special election early in the Spring - Choose the delegates of the general election and submit the Constitution to the people in the fall - at a special election. The friends of Convention would work for it, and come out and vote, while the indifferent would stay at home - (and there are many such) - Once the question would then be remembered by other political questions, which have had much to do with defeating the question -

I have talked with a good many men of influence relative to this matter and all agree in the opinion that it would be hazardous to go forward and form a Constitution without first submitting the question of Convention or no Convention to a vote

Yours as ever
R. P. Baird