

Portland O. T.
Sat. 22nd. Sept. 1855

Friend Bush.

Yours of the 15th inst came to hand in due course acknowledging mine containing \$30. &c &c but saying nothing about one which I mailed to you on the previous Monday (26th August. Laffyete, and containing \$7.50, c Mr. Lowmsdales note of hand for \$35. and the following names who had paid me the sums on your account. A. H. Starr \$10. Judge Davis \$10. Patton \$5. Chas. Hutchins \$10 and W. Birdseye \$3. in all \$38. minus 50¢ postage & registry of letters.

The reason why I send it all in the letter of the 26 August was, I had used \$30 of your money calculating I could replace it with my own at any time - but when I came to want mine "Old Rex" was flat broke - so I had to send what I had, and an apology - which it seems by your silence you did not receive notwithstanding it was mailed a week previous to the one you have just acknowledge. I have seen Shipley about it and he says he thinks it must have reached you before this time. He says he thinks it must have lain over it some of the way offices - wonderful post office facilities in Oregon.

Do not say another word to me about the surveyor business. I have known your to procure one some means of subsistence. Once your offer to D. Wildox last spring. You have done your best, as no doubt old Jo has done his, and in you both I will "take the will for the deed". In one thing only do I think Old Jo, when he found he could not have move old G he should have said so at once.

But never mind; the old coon will make it all right when he reaches Washington - if he values the services of the Statesman as he does those of The Times he may reward you with the patronage of a post office, a la "Peter". Is it not true what is said of him - that he neglects those of whom he is certain and buys up those whom he thinks doubtful? I would chances of the presidency and my chances in the surveyors office thrown in, for old "Delusion" to be going in his stead to Washington, as our delegate. But I hope true won't be always neglected.

For two or three weeks to come I can't say whether you may calculate upon me for the Reportership - one thing however I can & will say - if I don't report for The Statesman I would not for any other paper in Oregon. I will be able to give you a decisive answer on the arrival of this Steamer or certainly the following one. Will that be time enough?

"The Times" is running down hill fast - even faster than Leland. It stands trembling on the very brink of extinction - and Editorial timber must have been indeed scarce, very scarce, when they made an Ed. out of "Peter."

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Yours &c
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Atto Malone