

Fairoaks Douglas Co Or
Jan 21st 1856

Dear Bush

May your potatoes stick crossways in your throat you thankless graceless ungrateful scamp! Why dont you send me those magazines? Now you have been reelected Public Printer I suppose it will be the same old story again; when I want you to do me a favor, promise, then neglect it, and when reminded of it answer with a mocking leer between a grin and a sneer, upon your incomparable phis. Come reform your bad habits, and send them along. By the last mail I had a couple of letter from Judge Pratt. He says that it is generally believed there in the political circles that Genl Lane will be appointed Brigadeer Genl. Linn returned from Wash on the steamer that brought the rumor, and he thinks it will be so. Is Pierce putting him out of the way for the succession. For Lane it will be a short and easy road out a troublesome future in this Territory and he had better accept it--if he can get it.

All is peace and quietness here. Nobody doing anything. All hand with here and there an exception getting rich gambling and trafficking in war scrip. The country is debauched and public morals are below zero. It will take years to restore us as a people to the point where we were when the war commenced and God knows we had not more than commenced doing anything substantial then. Why didnt you publish Jesse A's letter to McCarver? Do let us have it. Drew has a copy of it.

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How is Stratton getting along? Does he fume and fret any. What about Cuba. Does the Genl write encouragingly? So you went in for public printer. How was the caucus?

Write me. I have not had a word from you since I left while I have now written you three letters. The opinion is very generally entertained out here that the State house was burned by an incendiary in the interest of Corvallis.

Your friend
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PS. The P O at Laurel has been abolished for want of some one who understands "pen writing" to attend. Forward paper to Winchester. Suppose you announce the fact in the Statesman and give Winchester as the place of delivery.

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