

Empire City, O. T. 15th May 1856

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Parker left everything to Bell here, and he being drunk most of the time, the books are in a bad condition. Parker promised to appoint Democrats here his successors, but acting under the advice of Bell these Know Nothings were appointed. Parker being ashamed of the appointments himself, did not let it be known who he had appointed until after he left. Democrats here feel that they have just cause for complaint, and I write you this that you may be posted provided Mr. Bell goes to blowing in the Oregonian, or otherwise For the character of the men whom I have spoken of above I refer you Dr. Drew, Parker & Bell you know.

For a few short days if I am "in luck", I shall be on my way to see the "old folks at home" and as I have reason to believe that you have always been a friend of mine, I cannot let this occasion pass without

returning to you my sincere thanks for your kindness to me--manifested on more than one occasion, and it will always give me very great pleasure to hear of your prosperity and happiness. Wishing you abundant success

I remain,

As Ever

Yr. friend
& obt. Servt.

G. D. H. Boyd

A Bush Esq

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