

Eugene Feb 9th 1857

Dear Bush

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That Drew was one of the Corvallis folks until after his election as 2d Mas. when the Clique seduced him from his allegiance. How is this. How about Geary. Geary says he never suffered Avery to talk to him, but

Burbank and Huber did, particularly the former.

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