

Fairoaks Douglas Co. Or  
March 27th 1857

Dear Bush

At last you "writ" to our county convention sits. I have been chosen delegate from this precinct. Was not at the precinct convention. Dont know whether I shall act or not, but expect to go over. I shall keep this letter open until the convention closes, and if anything drops out worth mentioning I will postscript it. You seem to be up to your ears in the old fight, Killing somebody off that Lane may be nominated; and as soon as that is accomplished the latter turns round and affiliates with the vanquished and leaves the Statesman to bear all the enmity and heart burnings of the contest. Well possibly it may not always be so.

Dr Drew writes me that you are disposed to take up a new man, but I incline to think you expect Lanes nomination and I think the eve will realize such expectation. Mosher and Martin I understand are delegates from . They ought to be able to for Lane in this county, as there is no opponent but Kelly that the people know off.

You seem to have an itching to get your "irons" upon "Honest Iago". I believe you are a little prejudiced against him. Wait a little he may be useful to you again.

As for those articles upon Slavery I'll wait a little. To tell the truth I am a little afraid that you are disposed to demagogue with me on that question. I have not written to Geary yet but shall soon, and in your name deny what you requested me too.

I understand Martin says that the Dem party are afraid to nominate any other man than Lane. Averys mass convention turned out as I expected it would when I left Corvallis. I see he threatens to go into the precinct conventions and vote them down. Wont this be an admission that his meeting cant stand and a virtual abandonment of it. I am very busy and must "dry up".

Your friend  
Deady

P.S. Sat

Well the convention has just come off. I acted as chairman. The delegates Pyle Whithead, Hutchinson and Martin, instructed to vote for Lane, motion by Gazley. The convention was large and well attended.

I took no part in the proceedings except to preside.

Yours

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Franklin Co. O. R.

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Dr Dew writes me that you are disposed to take up a new man, but I incline to think you expect Lane nomination and I think the vote will realize such expectation. Martin and Martin Pardee are delegates from No. 1 district. They ought

to be able to do something, or Lane in this county, as far as no opponent but Kelly that the people know off.

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