

Portland Oct 8th 1858

"My Dear" Bush

Enclosed please find bills of paper bills "et cetera- et cetera" You will find a bill or a/c current in which all the charges are made that would be attending the matters in the ordinary course of business--this is to send on to the dept at Washington. We have sent besides a bill of what we have actually paid out on the paper &c showing a balance of \$32.75--- No news we are busy as usual--- The "Cortez" will be here on Monday or Tuesday next to run regularly in the Oregon trade she will be consigned to us.

A new stern wheel steamer at the wharf-built somewhere on the Sound for the Frazer will trade Bradford (of the Cascades) and some Californiana are the owners--I have not yet learned what she is intended for
My love to Dr Drew

I hope to see you next week I am trying to go to Salem.

Truly

John McCracken

Portland Oct 20 1858

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I hope to see you next week
I am trying to go by Salsum
Yours Truly John W. Leach