

Portland Feby 5th 1859

Dear Bush

My opinion in reference to your removal to Portland is this- I think it would be an advantage to you in a pecuniary point of view to come to Portland but I am inclined to think that so far as the interests of the Democratic party are concerned it would be better for you to remain at Salem. You will undoubtedly have more influence in Marion Linn & Polk to remain where you are than to come here. I think this county will get right before a long time for the "Nationals," have all gone to pieces.

I think it would be a political misfortune if you should leave Salem if another paper not of the right stripe should be established there- that then would be another paper of some kind started there, of little doubt.

I should be very glad to have you come here but upon public condensation I must confess that I have doubts as to the wisdom of the move--

What do you think of Smith's letters- He seems to be tickled to death with the idea of being Senator.

The general talk here is that he has "turned off" in the "Salem Clique" & gone in with Lane- However this may be his letters are certainly ridiculous like those of a young girl just married as a boy with a new top. It is a pity to see the dignity of a U S Senatorship let down to such arrant humbugging & balderdash- The next news we receive from Washington will be doubtless that his

"distinguished colleague" & himself went to

I think it would be well for you to write an article showing that you can oppose Lane now though you supported him when Pratt was candidate without being incumbent.

Steamer not yet in No news

Yours truly

Geo. H. Williams

Putnam July 5th 1859

Dear Madam

My opinion in reference to your removal to Putnam is this - I think it would be an advantage to you in a monetary or pecuniary point of view to come to Putnam but I am inclined to think that so far as the interests of the Democratic party are concerned it would be better for you to remain at Salem. You will undoubtedly have more influence in Monroe than at Polk to remain where you are than to come here. I think this county will get right before a long time for the "Nationalists" have all gone to pieces.

I think it would be a political misfortune if you should leave Salem if another paper not of the right stripe should be established there. That there would be another paper of some kind started there, admits of little doubt. I should be very glad to have you come here but for public considerations I must confess that I have doubts as to the wisdom of the measure.

What do you think of Smith's letter. He seems to be tickled to death with the idea of being Senator. The general talk here is that he has "turned off" on

the "Salem Chique" & you in with Lane. However the may be his letters are certainly ridiculous like those of a young girl just married or a boy with a new top. It is a pity to see the dignity of a ~~senator~~ U S Senatorship let down to such a mean humbuggy & balderdash. The next news we receive from Washington will be doubtless that Mr. "distinguished" Colquhoun & himself went to see

I think it would be well for you to write an article showing that you can oppose Lane now. though you supported ^{him} when Pratt was a candidate without being inconsistent. Steamer no more for many years but
L. O. The Willing