

Corvallis, Feb. 15th 1859

Dear Bush-

I stopped last night at Albany and found Craner, the two Flaleys (father & son) McConnell and others in great excitement, lest the Salem clique should kill of Delazon with the Statesman together with Lane. They say Linn County will never consent to give up Delazon - that if Marion & Polk throw off on Delazon, Linn will throw off on Grover and Bush!

They threaten a great deal and use very unfair arguments and assume false positions and I fear Linn County is going to adhere to Delazon and support Lane with him. Young Haley showed me a letter from Delazon in which he writes to H. that Lane is the "foremost man of this nation"! I told him I thought the name of the first man was Washington & referred him to Mr. Williams circulars. Nat Lane met me on my arrival here and got drunk and intended that I should. Nat feels very badly - says he "weeps nights" over the controversy between his father and the Statesman. A regard for truth compels me to say however that Nat. was quite drunk when he said it.

Nat accused me of writing the "Metropolis" letter & said he wrote the old man that I was the author of it. N. says if Delazon draws the short term, that all of the Lane men are going for his selection. He says Curry will not be a candidate &c &c. If Oregon is not admitted, Lane is to be a candidate for delegate and Nat. says he will be nominated. He says Delazon will support him and that Lane Co. will go for him in Convention.

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Yours truly

Drew

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