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Dear Bush

I thought I would drop you a few lines by this mail- there is no news the weather is as bad as it can be & times are very dull- faces of business men very long- Carter the incog editor of the Times is very much disturbed by Dryer's charge that he is an "imported Know Nothing." There is too much truth I suppose in the charge to make it funny. He has catechized Page & myself as to whether either of us was the author of Lex Talionis in the last Statesman- He is threatening to give somebody hell about it- Williams says in the last Standard that I am going to deliver a series of addresses in the Tenantry on Mt. Vernon. This is news to me I have not thought of any thing of the kind. By the way it seemed to me that he would like to get back or in other words get into the regular organization. He is rather purring around, & I know he is sick of his National friends & has no particular love for Lane- at this time. I am quite confident that if we are not admitted we can send a delegation from this county to the convention that will not belong to Lane. Smith of Columbia is for Lane. He will probably be at the convention- Olney told me he would be a proxy from Tillamook, & come from Clatsop if he could. We have commenced a suit for Lounsdale against Chapman and Coffin for that part of the Portland land claim lying outside of the city limits- Old Chapman has made all his arrangements to sell out but this suit has knocked them in head- He is huffing & snorting & is very mad. He is giving me particular fits as I understand- I have no sympathy for him for I consider him a d-- old humbug. His course in the last legislature was that of a most contemptible demagogue- On dit that Lane is for him for District Judge if we are admitted. This is said to come from Dolf Hanna- There were parties up here two or three days ago calling all who wished "to shake off the fitlers" &c to meet- Somewhere from 20 to 50 assembled I believe- Old Coffin presided & Shattuck & Dryer blowed off gas" that was about all it amounted to. It seems to me from the last papers that we have a very good for admission- Delagon & Lane I see are writing letters- Gullivers travels are no where

Yours truly

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