

Umpqua City, Oregon
August 15th, 1859

Friend Bush,

What are you going to advise your friends to do, if the present central committee of the Lane "Society" call a convention to assemble at Eugene this fall to elect delegates to the Charlestown Convention - the representation being based on Stout's vote?

Lane's office holders in this region are so frightened at the prospect of losing place that they will assent to anything the Lane Society dictates, yet there are but very few of the "43" who voted for Stout in this Co. who say they are willing to recognize or send any delegates to a convention based on Stout's vote. Burns might make some effort and Pat. Malone would doubtless like to serve as a delegate. It is generally known in this Senatorial District that Ned's removal has already been recommended by Geary & Lane; and the democrats, who are not already bought up by Lane or in market and anxious to sell out to him, desire to elect Ned to the State Senate next year. Pat. Malone is working against him in the upperpart of the county, but without much effect except with a few of the foreign voters. Pat. has sold out to the Land office and is now in the joint pay of both branches of the Lane and Delazon firm. He makes frequent visits to Winchester and seems to be in the confidence of Mosher and "Sam Hill."

I think the old central committee right to call a convention based on Whiteaker's vote, if Brock calls one based on the vote of Stout. I will guarantee a full representation from Umpqua, Coos & Curry, if the old committee call such a convention and we can select delegates and instruct unanimously against Joseph, while the Stout & Brock convention will doubtless instruct for Lane. Would not the moral effect of a convention of democrats instructing against Lane have some influence abroad and at home also?

We will have to work in Coos Co. this coming year. A colony of Germans from Maryland have settled on the Coquille in Coos County where Packwood resides and it seems that Mosher has obtained control of them.

They voted unanimously for Stout and Packwood says they will vote for him as Rep. from Coos & Curry next year.

I am inclined to think that some of them voted this year, before they had been in Oregon six months. An investigation is now being made in Coos to ascertain the facts. There are twenty-five or thirty votes in the colony. I intend to get some information before then touching the treatment of Mr. Zeibes by the Lane Society and perhaps induce the old Dr. who is their chief to open up a correspondence with Mr. Z. These German colonies always appear to be headed by a Dr.

Is not my desk of "war scrip" still in your office?

Do claimants trouble you for information concerning their scrips? If so, I will have it taken out of your way. The desk contains all of the war papers it is necessary to preserve or that I care to preserve, though I have written to Huclat to box up and mail up those old books & papers in the warehouse on the river.

I was never responsible for the arms. Gov. Curry called my attention to them verbally and advised me to let them remain in the Court House entry where they were landed when they were received from Portland. I never receipted for them or gave security for their safe keeping, though they were safely & securely kept until after I was legislated out of office. When I left Salem last February, they were all in the Court House entry or where I could find them when wanted, with the exception of some revolvers stolen in 1856.

I refer to the above, as some scrip holders fear all their war accounts have been thrown into the street and are in consequence somewhat troubled about it, as since Jo. Teal's scrip convention, the claims have risen in value.

We made some capital in Lane Co. out of that convention. I am glad also to see that you are using the scrips issued on account of Curry's war to some political advantage for the Statesman against Joseph. It is a good lead I think and will pay for working, at least I hope so.

While you are pitching into old Chapman, would it not pay to give that renegade priest old Geary a lift? He is a great old scoundrel and from what I heard at Eugene, I infer that he does not stand in very high estimation with his late parishioners at Brownville.

I will send you some items on him by & by, if you desire them.

I shall visit Salem this fall, if it is necessary or if any good can be accomplished by the trip.

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J. W. Drew

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