

Fort Umpqua, Oregon. Oct. 10th 1859

Friend Beggs

Yours of the 2d inst. is received. I shall try and do what I can in the South and have not yet lost my hold on Umpqua, Coos and Curry, three little counties which, spite of federal , are yet decidedly against ancient Joseph.

I am going to Deer Creek this week and shall talk with Chadwick and one of our friends, Old Tom Norris small neighbor . We propose to run him for the State Senate in Douglas County vs Gasley, who is already out for re-election. It is said Lane and his folke are pledged to support Sezadon.

Hugh O'Briant, Tom Smith of Winchester, Flem Hill and other democrats of Douglas sympathize with us. Norris thinks Theo. Prather will come round all right.

L. P. Brown is in and brings several of the right kind with him, most of whom settle in Umpqua County and will help us out next June.

Ancient Joseph & Deady, left here on the 8th inst. Deady was as good as usual but Joseph devoted himself to Ned and, his wife and affected not to know me which was very mortifying to us - very. They were here several days. Peter Johnson and Ned Breen talked with ancient Joseph about their war scrip & finally concluded they would not support him for President, lest scrip money be paid at the rate of 150 cents to the dollar, what they are opposed to, though Peter finally told Joseph that he would always support him when I advised it. The sovereigns had much fun with Joseph during his stay in Umpqua. Jim Flanagan told him that he would like to be a delegate to Charleston convention, but that he would not go under instructions, not even for Jo. Lane or Jo. Drew or old Man Lewis.

I shall be at Eugene on the 16th ult. indeed it is difficult to get any one here to attend conventions, though I can always obtain proxys and do as I please.

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As for Curry & Umpqua, all we claim is what we had in last convention. So it seems Frank Martin is bought up. That will be the game from this out. Nat. Lane told me at Eugene that the Lane party had got old Frank.

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