

Eugene City
Oct. 23 1859

Dear Beggs-

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I find that the vote of Stout as basis of representation will not answer, and should not be adopted. If it is used I fear that the foreign vote in Oregon will go with the opposition out of spite. Foreigners voted against Stout or did not vote for him at all from principle. They were honest in their opposition-- they could not vote for a man who had been a K. N. if there had been no other objection to him. Now to say that that class shall be estrocised- cut off- driven off- in consequence of their voting against Stout or withholding their votes from him- will be going so far as to leave them without representation in convention- and- probably for enough to drive them into the ranks of the opposition. Take your county where you have some 4 or 5 hundred foreign votes of that stamp.

Shall that class of our citizens be cut off because they followed the dictates of their own consciences in rebuking the nomination of a man whose former principles if carried out would cut them off from the exercise of the elective franchise.

Can't you give an article on this point in the Statesman. Soon the foreign vote will be lost from distrust of the old democratic party.

I shall see into that matter as far as I can and do what

I can to have the matter corrected in the next convention.

I learn to night that Abel George was acquitted at Josephine Court last week of the charge of murder.

Pyle was out and I think he will write you the particulars.

Judge Stratton does very well on the bench- he will make a good judge in time.

Give my regards to Bush and friends. Comfort to you and yours-

Your friend

S.F. Chadwick

Eugene Leitch
Oct. 28. 1859

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Your friend
J. H. Chapman