

Scottsburg, Nov. 15th, 1859

Friend Bush

I have made every effort to go over to the Eugene Convention, but every obstacle has been thrown in my way and I find it impossible to be present. Until yesterday morning I could not get away from Umpqua and then I was delayed in the river below this place in various ways, so that it was late yesterday evening before I got here and commenced my land trip on which I was abruptly stopped today by Elk Creek which was not fordable and I had not time to go by way of the Umpqua now and in consequence was reluctantly forced to give up the trip. God damn these winter conventions and the damned clique who call them. I hope Peter Ruffne got there from Curry, as it was my intention to have him serve as a delegate from that County, if I found him at Eugene upon my arrival. W. W. Wells and myself were delegates from this Co. and I learn that Wells left Elkton yesterday morning so that he is pretty sure to get there in time.

James Flanagan went over to represent Coos Co. and after he left a large democratic meeting was held at Empire City in which resolutions expressing a preference for Douglass were passed pretty unanimously. Quite a number were present from the Coquille. I send you the report of the proceedings of the Convention in Curry Co. and also a letter to me from the delegates who were chosen and who made me their proxy.

Umpqua, Coos, Curry & Josephine are for Douglas.

It is hard luck that I have had in attempting to make this trip and I have made exertion enough to have had better success.

More next week.

Yours,

J. W. Drew

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