

Portland Dec 2d 1859

Dear Bush

Send the paper to S. R. Holcomb and A. Haiker-- the latter is a close Yankee merchant (alias tape seller) a cart man-- he spoke to Mc Millen about his advertizement he wants that put at the lowest rate you can afford as he is a yearly subscriber- do so I think it will be policy---  
--- send Ladds bill for advertizing up to date-- No news this week you get more up there than I do here---

I take that Mortgage to the Recorder's office tomorrow. I was in hopes to hear from you first to know whether what I mentioned was perfectly satisfactory.

Yours truly

John McCracken

Mc says we will divide the Statesman reciepts next week.

Portland Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1859

Dear Ben

Send the paper to J. R. Atwood and  
W. Walker — The latter is a close Yankee run  
chant (alias pipe seller) a cant man. — He spoke  
to Mr. Miller about his advertisement he wants  
that put at the lowest rate you can afford as  
he is a young subscriber. — do so. I think it will  
be policy. — Send the paper to Wm. Bin-  
nham also. — Send some Haug's receipts  
to Mr. A. as he is not much given to ~~business~~  
pen-writing. — Send Ladd's bill for advertising  
up to date. — No news this week you get  
more up there than I do here. —  
I take that Mortgage to the Recorder's office to-morrow.  
I was in hopes to hear from you first, to know  
whether what I mentioned was perfectly satisfactory.  
Yours truly  
John W. Cresson

Mr. A. says we will divide the "Hobbsman" receipts  
next week.