

Fort Umpqua Oregon  
December 24th 1859

Dear Beggs

Your "Statesman" for our office is usually, or, has been for the last three mails, just one week behind hand, while the packages for offices below on the Coast come through regularly. It is rather hard for us these dull times to do without the Statesman.

I am about to start on a trip up the country to see how "things is working." I find great dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Lane society at the appointment of Newcomb. Why is it? Too many disappointed aspirants, I suppose. It seems that he took with him to the Siletz old Major Ball of Jackson who never did vote the democratic ticket until he did this year.

Many of the faithful are also hostile to John F. Mill and some of them say he is to be removed, but of course there is no foundation for that report, inasmuch as he acted in full communion with them at the Eugene Convention.

Still, many of them attack Nesmith for allowing Miller, as they all to swin the Ind. Dept. Young Jo Lane continues to blow on that key.

Sykes got into office on the first of this month. He has already gone on a pilgrimage to Roseburg and is still absent from his post.

He is not doing any harm as yet that I can perceive, indeed this is a "hard field to labor in", as the Methodists say. Billy Yates is here with him. He was formerly Clerk for Metcalf & Dennison. I learn that Casey at at Siletz with Old Newcomb. You may depend upon it, that the appointment of Newcomb interferred with the calculations of many of the Lane Society, especially Bob. Metcalf's friends and others around Corvallis.

We are right glad to hear that Nes. is to run for the Senate. He will have the support of this neck of woods sure oh! Some I sent you the card of Dr. Quin section in the Statesman. He was ordered from here very suddenly and left on the 8th of November and will not return.

I will send you the amount of the bill, if I do not get started down soon, as I have for some time been intending. James Flanagan also paid me \$3. some time ago for subscription to Statesman to be sent to A. M. Simpson, Coos Bay.

I expected to have been at Eugene City on the 16th ult and to have paid both amounts then.

We have prospect of dull Christmas holidays here.

Let me hear from you.

Yours truly,

Jos. W. Drew



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