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Olympia W. T., March 1, 1860

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The Aspirants for Delegate in our Territory on the Dem. side are McFadden, Strong, (oh tempora oh mores,) Chenowith Miller (Genl. W. W.) Tilton, Garfielde and "Old Basalt." A pretty fair number, isn't it? Of these Garfielde is by far my choice. But I regret sincerely and honestly that we have no better timber. Garfielde is a man of fine talents & excellent accomplishments. His political principles are sound clear and correct on all the old issues. On Pop. Sovereignty he goes farther than Douglas tho. he is extremely cautious & I fear timid in "letting himself out." Neither you nor I would have any occasion to quarrel with him on this point in all probability. Yet with these good qualifications he is inordinately selfish (I think) and would (I fear) go as far as Stevens or Old Jo. in building up, supporting, and continuing a "Garfielde party." But for this fact he would be my preference above any man that could be started. "If I know myself and I think I do," I despise most heartily the narrow-minded, proscriptive selfish policy which has governed Buchanan, Lane, and Stevens in their public acts since 1857. Men who are honestly and truly anxious for the success of sound democratic principles will not pursue such a course. And I fear Garfielde would. Tho. I would infinitely rather risk him than to take either one of the others named. And I might as well give you here my reasons for entertaining these views with reference to Garfielde. You will remember that about two years ago I talked of starting a paper here. I had no money. In order to raise that most essential article I said to the Democrats here who had money, "If you will loan me \$1500 cash I will start the paper & if it fails you loose the money, I loose my time for a year at least." They (Geo. Corliss Garfielde, Chenowith, Lander, Carter & three others) agreed to it saying they would put in from \$100 to \$300 each & thus make the loss light on each if I failed to keep up a paper. When the time came to pay up the money Geo. Corliss & Lander came up like men. The others held off, and I was called upon by one of them (an intimate associate of Garfielde's, and as I had good reason to believe at his instance) to know whose claims my paper would advocate in opposition to Stevens & if I would go for Garfielde. I told him "to hell with your paper and all such -- I'll have

nothing to do with it." The matter dropped here and at the last session of the Leg. when I could have been elected Pub. Printer Garfield's friends came in & prevented it. Since that newspaper project failed Garfield has been exceedingly shy of me. And then during the last canvas he took the stump against Stevens and not in favor of his competitor. I was requested to follow him & I did so. We made six or speeches in the canvas in all of which I took the position that G. was standing or attempting to stand on untenable ground. He should either come out for Stevens or Wallace or hold his tongue. This has made him more shy. Still as things now stand he is my choice for next delegate against the wretched crowd who aspire with him to the position. I do not think he could possibly do worse than Stevens & there are grounds to hope he would do better.

This States mail brot us the news too that Isaac W. Smith* has been appointed Register, and one Chas. E. Wood (a little K. N. lackey of Stevens) U. S. Marshal vice Geo. Corliss whose term of office has expired. George has been a faithful honest and accurate officer. No officer on the Pacific Coast or any where else has done his duty more faithfully or correctly. But he did'nt "bow down & worship when I. I. Stevens passed the gate" -- hence he could not be reappointed. The appointment of his successor "is as it should be."

God Speed Nesmith I say most heartily. His success would be a triumph for which Christian democrats every where might well join in thanksgiving to the giver of all good. My feelings to him et id omne genus.

I will write you always whenever I have time -- & would write you for publication but for the singular and unnatural jealousy existing in the minds of our people against "Oregon interference in our affairs" -- will give you a scrap occasionally tho. let the consequences be what they may.

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