

Fort Umpqua, Oregon
March 20th 1860

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The Indians are unwilling to remove and a military force will be required to drive them away from their homes!! I wish you would send me the bill of Edward Breen who receives his Statesman at this (Umpqua City) office. Make out his bill to the close of the present (10th) volume.

He says he subscribed some two years ago and sent the first years subscription in advance. It was sent by Mr. Allan formerly of Lower Scottsburg.

He wishes to send you the money but does not know what is required to pay up to the close of the present volume as he thinks he subscribed after the beginning of the year.

The removal of the Indians referred to on the other page is the entering wedge to get the Military Post abandoned or removed from this Anti-Lane County.

Jo Teal has been out of town over at his father in laws in the Siuslaw neighborhood for some ten days last past. Possibly that accounts for the failure on his part to answer your letter touching the matter of the little fifteen hundred or more.

I have got some very rich items on the big Irishman which I will send you in a day or two.

They exceed anything we have hitherto heard of. Have not time to give them in this letter.

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