

Oregon City May 22nd. 1860

Dear Bush

I came up to from Portland to day with Vic Trevitt who was sent down from Wasco to meet the Clackamas men for the purpose "fixing up" the joint Senator business. Vic was authorized to cast 8 (no uncertain) votes against 5 in Clackamas. They met today & did nothing. Vic proposed the withdrawal of Laughlin & Kelly & offered to go for Miller Carter straight or Jacob Thompson (the surveyor). Clackamas refused. Kelly was absent at convt. somewhere. Our little Governor was here (by the way, he is going to stump Clackamas & Multnomah) The parties are now going to correspond. Vic waits at Portland till Thursday for their ultimatum. From what I can see nothing will be done although I would have liked to see some other man than Kelly win as he is the strongest one of that kind.

Write to Humason at once to hold Laughlin to the work - I am going to do the same this evening - The late news from Charleston insures the ticket in Clackamas & Multnomah to go right. I go to the hazel brush of Yamhill to remain till after election.

I think Gibbs & Powell will be elected and perhaps Norris - the balance of the Dem. ticket I rather think will be beaten. Dont say anything in your next paper as Mac & Norris feel very nervous. They both promised me to say nothing for or against Logan or Shirl between now & election - as Norris looks for some support from opposition men, and I think the "Lane society" will generally vote for him, though they will not work for him.

Miss Susan Guthrie (at whose table I am writing) is haply disgusted because they did not to day "anominate" him.

If the State goes in now for a general free fight Logan will be elected and all the Lane men "cleaned out" in the doubtful Counties. The chances look that way now - anyhow-

I did not give you any item for the last week or two because Mac & Norris felt alarmed for Norris safety - Dont make any allusions to the Lane Society of Multnomah till after election day on Norris account.

Poor Josephs real strength at Charleston was only 6 votes - what a burlesque after all, The other votes he got was like Adairs vote in the late Delusion convention at Eugene.

I will be up & see you a day or two after the election
in the mean time I go to work for the "ticket" in the "brush"

Yours truly as ever

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