

Eugene City, Ogn.  
25 May 1860

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A very sad and heartrending accident occurred near here this morning. Col. Wm. M. Stevens was instantly killed by a wild, unruly horse while trying to get a rope on him, in the Corral. He had him in one corner and was holding him there with a pole; the horse in rearing and plunging, knocked the pole against his breast, which caused the fatal termination.

We hardly know how to determine the shape of affairs, here. The ticket in the field, will if we are not mistaken do more to send Lane and maybe Smith to the Senate than against. We hope to induce the Land Office to scratch off many and if we can we will kill the whole damned thing.

Should you and friends fail to beat Lane & Smith even though you break the quorum or elect republicans, you shall have our eternal condemnation.

Lane and the Col. speak today, the Col. is very weak, speaks in the good old "God bless you" sort of a way.

In haste

Bill Bristow

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Saw and Mr Col. speaks to day, the Col. is my break, speaks in the good old "God bless you" sort of a way. In Trust

A. Bush

Bill Brewster

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