

Roseburg June 18th 1860

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From what I can learn our Joseph is decently done for. Allow me to congratulate you on the success of your indomitable perseverance in the cause of the people. I hope I am not mistaken in the complexion of our newly elected Legislature. You are of course better posted in their sentiments than I am. Therefore I would like if you would send me the result of your calculations. I hope Nesmith and Williams will be our Senators, they are my first choice. I learned in Eugene that Nesmith and Reid are thought of there. I think you had better bring some influence to bear there to get that idea eradicated.

If we have the power let us use it, and with our own men. I like Reid, but he has been identified with the Lane party, and if he should come over to the "democrats" the Lane men will claim it as half a victory.

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I suppose what secured him the nomination was the supposition that he would get the support of the administration, because old Buck had supported him when he ran against Douglas. But that card went win. Our President betrayed the Democratic party and I believe he will "throw off" on the Republicans dont you?

No local news - everybody well. Mary Smith is to be married on tomorrow to a Dr. London Dentist Tom Witted will be married on thursday next to a Miss Rudd, a last years emigrant.

On Thursday our races also commence. they will continue four days. Everybody still complains of hard times. I still manage to make a living through it all without being compelled to saw wood or dig post holes. Our business is tolerably good.

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