

Eugene City, August 1st 1860

Dear Bush

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Patterson returned to this place last night and will issue his own call in a day or two, probably fixing upon the 18th inst. as the time.

I saw him this afternoon and he talked like a Douglass man and I believe he will support Douglass.

Jo. Teal signed the call for Chapman's ratification meeting, but he afterward ordered his name erased and he is now for Douglass, as are all his wife's relatives, the Colemans.

It is said Whiteaker is rather non-committal, but supposed to incline to Douglass. Men Owens, Hadley and others are very strong Douglass men.

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Old Chapman gave Blakely a heavy cursing for printing the Douglass hand bills or allowing them to be struck off in the Herald office.

Snelling and old Chapman made very weak, foolish speeches at the ratification meeting last Saturday. Bob Cochran presided, but he was very moderate & conciliatory.

He considers men who support Douglass good democrats - equally as good as those who support Brick & Joseph, but he feels compelled to go for the latter because the platform on which they are placed suits him so well.

Hadley asked permission of Chapman and his crowd of Clerks and deputies to have Page of Portland and Strattan address the meeting in reply to Snelling & Chapman, but they would not consent.

The ratification meeting seems to be voted a failure, almost a complete fizzle. Monroe, State Senator from this County, is said to be for Douglass. Have not heard from Florence or Bailey.

I have tried to find Patterson this evening and to have him forward by express a call for a meeting of the Central Committee. Perhaps I may see him tomorrow morning before the stage leaves which takes this.

At Corvallis, the current sets stronger for Breckenridge & Joseph than it does here. I enclose a Douglass war song by Broughan.

Have not time to write more now.

Yours Truly,

J. W. Drew

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Jo Seal has been out of town over
at his father's in laws in the Sinslow
neighborhood for some ten days.
Last post. Possibly that we
cannot for the failure on his part
to answer your letter touching the
matter of the little fifteen hun-
dred or more.

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

They exceed anything we have hitherto
heard of — Have a little time to give
them in this letter.