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Dear Bush

The agony is over, and the howls of the Villianous crew are heard on the streets as I write - poor unhappy devils - they cannot take it kindly it seems. Their inconsistent ravings excite in my humble mind only sentiments of mingled derision & contempt. As a philosopher I tell them to take it more polietly & deccile & charitably & more philosophically & more Christian like - but as an "anti Lane & Delusionest" I tell them to go to he-l individually & collectively.

Look out for Mc. Norris the d -- d hound has controll of him, & I think sent him to Salem, where I understand he thought he raised h--l the other day.

I was at The Dalles the other day, & while there I discussed the question of runing a rep. this fall, with several of our friends, and I was asked who would probably be the man, and without authority I said that in all probability Ben Harding would be the man. We spoke of Drew & several others - but they say Ben will run the best up that way, and I know he would run better here than Drew (who, G-d knows I would like to see elected) This is in case the Reps. dont run anyone.

The Buck & Lane movement in Wasco don't amount to a row of Beans-but Denison & his sub. are useing all means in their power to make the County go for Buck & Lane- Your friend Vic is frantic - but unhappily for him his influence is gone in that County - he knows it, & it makes him sore.

Beggs was down here last week and is I believe coming here to practise law with Pap - Would you like to see him editing the "Times"? It can be arranged if you desire it, I think. Mc Cormack, you will observe is going off on a tangent. I dont think, he knows himself where he will bring up.

The fact is he is just as much displeased at the election of Nes as he is at Bakers election.- thats the secret of his bite-Williams you know was his man. I understand that poor Dave is drunk at Vancouver- I suppose the "evil genius" will relapse also.

I hope our friends will go in for Ben Harding - If Ben runs singly against O Sheril he will be elected-Yamhill will give him 200 Maj.- Marion ought to give him 1000- If Ben runs I intend to resign my situation & work like a "Trogen" for him-I cant speechify-but I can work-& d--n me if I don't do it.

The principle thing of course, to be accomplished first is to prevent the Reps. from running anybody - that done, & the result is obvious - If I can do anything for you down here let me know it.

Yours truly as ever

"The Major"