

Fort Umpqua, Oregon.
February 25th 1861

Dear Bush

Yours of the 11th inst. received last evening, must have been written before you obtained ~~my~~ last, in which I suggested the propriety of waiting here until we heard from the inauguration of Lincoln and the prospects for a special session of Congress this spring.

If a special session is to be held this spring (and it looks now as though it would be) Thayer ought not to fail to be present.

Next Sunday's mail ought to arrive here before the first Steamer in March gets in, as next sabbath is only the 3d of the month, and I hope that mail will bring me another letter from you, apprising me that you have concluded to wait until April, when you can, if you choose, go down by the overland stage.

If I hear nothing farther from you, I shall try and get off on the next steamer, though I would like now to stay until the first steamer in April, and leave San Fran. one month later than you propose.

Ned's wife had a baby, one week ago last night. It was a girl and lived only about eight hours. It was apparently strong and vigorous, as most new born babies.

What does Ben Harding write? I do not hear anything from him or Baker or any other dignitary at Washington.

I see Ben is "one of them" who propose to build the Pacific railroad.

Brand, (Israelite) who called on you, is a Breek & Lane man. He is one of the Israelite settlers at this post, who was a clique man when Nes. was Supt. and Ned. Agent, but became a Josephite when Geary & Sykes were appointed. Fast after the spoils of the Ind. Dept.

Both Brand & partner are down on us and we are foremost all such cattle. Quite a number about here sold out to Joseph, during the last year of Joseph's sovereignty, while he was controlling all the spoils and those who circulated them.

As Ross Browne & the little O'Meara says: "we shall see these wretches again." Gordon has been rather hard on the little O'Meara.

How the Devil did he get hold of that big business? It is rich and awfully so, if well founded and a good thing anyway.

Write on reception of this anyhow.

Yours truly,

J. W. Drew

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Regards to all my friends below.

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Joseph W. Drew

(P.S.) Did you know R. H. Dearborn was removed from the office of Post Master at Roseburg?

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How the devil did he get hold of that pig business? It is rich and awfully so, if well founded and a good thing anyway.

Write on reception of this answer.

Yours truly,
J. N. Drew