

Portland Feb 12th 1863

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Judge Shafer had started to Florence before your letter reached me. He went up last Monday expected to remain awhile at Walla Walla and judgeing from the present weather may have to wait longer. The ice is running pretty strong in the lower Columbia. What shall I do with your letter. I wanted to talk with Cole about him. He brought him up here. Shafer knows all about the newspaper history referred to because I remember his saying that he (Shafer) had published the greater portion of Lyon's life in a Cal. newspaper. In the Stockton paper I suppose, for there was where they both lived at the time.

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