

Portland March 4th 1863

Dear Bush

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I suppose you have a copy of the Drs report on school keeping, to which the Oregonian alludes. Who is the Supreme Judge who is advising the payment of legal tenders at par. I suppose he is related to the V.V. that you alluded to sometime since. I met a fellow by the name of Farral here the other day formerly of Stockton. He knew L. well. Said that Shafer published a lot of affidavits shewing that L. kept rooms to let to prostitutes in Stockton the next door to his own house, and that L. left the state immediately afterwards. Thinks they were published in the San Fran Herald.

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