

Royanna, Polly's daughter
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requested her mother with
baby this week. I felt writing
no one is willing to claim
it & that just as if as a
taking them, & what

My dear Mrs Lyman,

Capt Lyon, Ellens
father has just come
down from the
Dallas with a bride
they are stopping at
J. Watts, will be here
next week.

She is from New England
about forty & Ellen
says looks very well
that she has sisters
in Cal. & came on
a visit to Oregon
& was not very pleas-
antly situated, so she
engabried.

Do not make public
what is in this letter
I am afraid I have
written too plainly
respecting Mr D. I but
you know, I can not
have any influence
for or against one of
his church-

Your letter was received & we were
just talking of & wishing to hear
from you as Reuben brought it in.
We were very sorry to hear of little
Grays illness hope she may never
have a repetition of the same.
I have busy sewing & visiting all
day & in fact never knew a winter
pass so quickly & any more pleasantly
than this thus far.
I fear the case of poor Dolly will
seriously interfere with your enjoym-
ent in getting around. I hope you
may recover her if not I trust
she will be well treated by those that

her
have, for the services she has ren-
dered you.

I suppose you will wish to hear
the news that is afloat in this direct-
well the first-thing that took entire
possession of the people of Salem in
1863, was a few white ladies attending
America Waldo's wedding held at the
house of Mr. Johnson, (Colored). America
lived with us & was the best girl we
have ever had in the family. She was
very anxious that the ladies, ⁱⁿ whose
families she had lived should see
her married, accordingly a hack
was sent around on New Year's &
gathered in her numerous friends
for all who knew America could not
help loving her if she was half black.

The table bride & groom appeared
very well. Ellen & I made her wed-
ding apparel, Little dreaming
what a commotion we were about to
produce. Mrs. Gerry, Reed, Pratt, J. Wilson

& entire family, Mr. Dickinson's
family & Ellen & I with several others
& a host of children witnessed the
ceremony & spent a very pleasant
afternoon going home before dark.
The next day every busy body in town
was spreading the news & made out we
had been guilty of a great impropri-
ety in attending a "nigger wedding" &
said that expressly for my benefit on
the street - as Mrs. Thompson (Mary Stone) &
I were out shopping it amused me
very much to see them gathered in
companies of eight & ten discussing the
momentous affair. J. Wilson & Mr. Dickin-
son were all the white men present. No
black deacons stood at the table with us
& they had an excellent supper dinner.
There has been one piece in the
Covallis Union & another coming
out this week in a Eugene paper with
the names of the guests present -
Next subject that interested us par-
ticularly was the meeting & resolutions

drawn up & presented to Mr Dickinson
for his consideration in regard to
the course he has & is to take.

There is a great amount of dissat-
isfaction felt towards him through-
out the whole town & it gets worse
every abolition sermon he preaches
he has not been preaching any
where lately & his church feel obliged
that the house is being completed
that he should not force these serm-
ons upon the people unless they know
the day so they can go else where if
they chose.

When they had a resolution about his
being so personal in the pulpit &c.
&c. They have had two meetings &
from Wrens account the resolutions
were adopted without a dissenting voice
at the first meeting. The Thy Second
Mrs Wilson brought some objections &
the third & they say last is to be on
Monday night - & then they will decide
whether he had better resign or go &
how if he remains is the best method of
raising his salary.

You may think I am prejudiced but
I do really believe a minister against
whom there is no such strong prejudices
even if his mind was inferior to Mr D.
would do more good here -

I did not know there was such a dislike
to I may truly say disgust existing towards
him until we were getting up that
Thanksgiving supper - & that was the
greatest obstacle we had to surmount
I believe him to be a Christian & think
he does what he thinks to be his duty.
Some of his best members regard him
as a monomaniac upon the negro
equality question. I will not mail
this until after Monday & write you
the decision of this. The last meeting