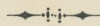




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RALEIGH, N. C.

North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance,

Raleigh, N. C., February 10, 1890



Dear Bro. Carr:

I happened to see a ruling this week, which you had sent to the Progressive Farmer for publication. I took the liberty of asking Bro. Ramsey to keep it out of the paper until I could <sup>communicate with</sup> tell you. I am sure you will excuse me for doing so.

The ruling to which I refer says an undertaker who lives in the town may join the Alliance. Provided, he helps to do his work with his own hands. A certain undertaker who lives in Raleigh & is no friend to the Alliance has joined the order. Efforts are being made to throw him out. If this ruling is published it will not be gotten rid of easily.

you base your reason on the ground of the National Alliance in striking the word "Country" before Mechanic





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If this ruling is made it will turn in every printer, iron & wood-workers in this town. Of course such a state of affairs would be ruinous to the Alliance in this County & every other that contains any town of importance.

I do not place the same construction on the action of our brethren at St. Louis. That you saw to. Of course you were present & know what was intended.

The const. in saying who is eligible says "mechanics", etc. It lays no restriction on the word one way or another. It does not say in what place he shall or shall not reside. I beg leave to call your attention to the Constitutory Laws, 20<sup>th</sup> Section, which says "The question of eligibility be left to each district to the limitations of the constitution." I think that Section one of Article





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(State Constitution)

Your, exceeds the "limitations of the Constitution" and I think you will agree with me that if it is possible, "city mechanics," etc., ought to be kept out of our Order.

I trust you will not think me presumptuous in writing to you as I have, for I am sure you will believe that I have only the good of the Alliance at heart.

Yours truly & fraturnally  
E. C. Beddingfield.