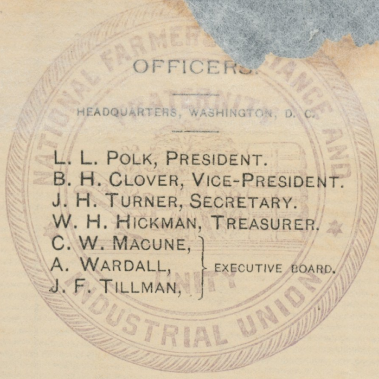


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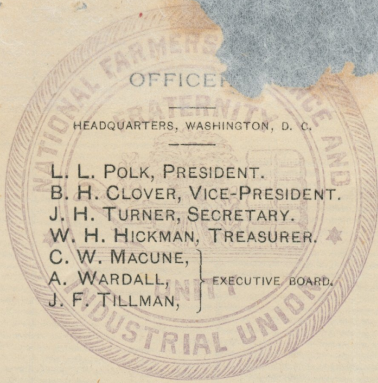
My Dear Sir & Bro:

Your kind favor of 13 has this moment reached me. I too, greatly regretted not meeting you while in Raleigh. About the door word. It must be a national work-word that can be used at the door of every lodge in the whole country.

In the construction of the name, Alliance is made subordinate to Union. The latter word embraces the Wheel, the F. M. B. A. the La. Union, Fed. W. of America & the Alliance & calls it a union. Suppose we had given it the name of Farmers Alliance, Wheel & F. M. B. A. Union then to have adopted either of the names of the Constituent ^{bodies} would have had the effect of making it local in character & could have been used at the door only in those States where such named Constituent body existed. Union is made applicable to all of them & Alliance could not be. Again, the use of this word as a national word, does not in any manner infringe upon the right of your State body or subordinate bodies to use the name "Alliance", in all & any cases where you are acting under your State character because but not as a door word, because this word must be common to the whole order. For example; You could not enter a room with "Alliance" in Tenn, Ark, & many other States.

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while with "Union" you could enter any one in the U. S.
 In Meridian, we had a long & spirited contest over a name - one that would not seem to show a preference for one Constitutional body over another & settled on F. & L. W. of A. It was quite a concession on the part of others at St. Louis, to allow the word Alliance such prominence in our new name, and knowing this, I was gratified to find the word "Union", as the word to be used, since it could not in any manner perpetuate any lingering jealousies as to past relations.

I am profoundly grateful to you for your action in regard to the per capita tax & hope I will get the aid so greatly needed. All the States promise, but none have responded but Ga. & this big machine can't be run without lubricating the wheels.

Ashe has simply consented to fire the first shot, in obedience to his masters - the R. Roads & Ringsters. Others will fall in, as they the weapons are furnished and as they get drilled, I was pleased with Moyie's course. It was a delicate matter for me, as the organ & as Pres. to deal with, but I am glad to get a letter from Bro Alexander saying I did it well. Wish I could visit you at length on the situation in Congress & elsewhere, but haven't time. Am rapidly regaining my health & am taking care of myself. Plenty of big work before me. Please write me - always glad to hear from you. In great haste
 yours with high regard, L. L. Polk