

Salina N.C.

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Hon. Elias Carr Pres. N.C. F. P. A.

Dear Sir and Bro.

Your of recent date  
duly received. I saw how ever how  
a resolution and action that would  
follow would not be in harmony  
with the spirit or the purpose of  
the Alliance. As I understand it  
the one great object of the Farmers'  
Alliance is to improve the condition  
of our people socially morally & financially.  
Now this is the object of my resolution.  
We all admit that it is impossible  
for us to be prosperous people and  
the course we have for the  
twenty years. There is hardly  
a article that you or I use in  
house or farms, from a pin to  
that is manufactured in the  
Every dollar that we can  
we send out of the state

- quick - as possible. This, in my  
opinion, is all wrong and as  
long as we continue it we shall  
remain poor. The most prosperous  
states in the Union are those that  
have large manufacturing interests.

The way ask, how are we to change  
the order of things what must we do?  
My idea is to form organizations  
all over the state pledging ourselves  
to patronize home manufacturers and  
then when we make the pledges let  
up to them. This will create a  
demand for home made articles and  
we will soon see small factories  
springing up in different sections of  
the state - giving employment to  
hundreds of our people who are now  
said to be idle. This will also  
create a demand for our farm products  
wheat etc. thus keeping the money  
in our state.

Pardon me for writing  
again on this subject, that

it is one in which I find a  
- deep interest.

I wish to see  
The Farmers Alliance lead in  
this matter and know if they  
- do take hold of it it will be of  
success, but I do not wish to  
act contrary to your - advice.

Yours Truly  
D. H. Graves

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