

Thornville N.C.

Apr. 23rd '90.

Mr. Elias Carr,

Prest. F. A. O. Union for N. C.,

Dear Sir,

I wish information on a few points relative to Alliance work. I am prest. of Davidson County Alliance, & am especially anxious to advise & act wisely, for the good of the Order.

1st. Can a County officer, to wit, Clerk of the Court, be admitted as a member, howsoever thoroughly he may be in sympathy with our Order.

2d If a member is elected to office, can he retain his membership?

3rd Can a drunkard be admitted? & if a member becomes a drunkard can he be retained?

4th I am one of a Committee of five to draw up a plan by which we

we as an Alliance can be governed  
in the ensuing elections this Fall,  
& to present some at our meeting in July.  
Some of our sub-Alliances are passing  
resolutions recommending that we nomi-  
nate none but Alliance men & this  
to be done by our Alliance C. meeting.  
I fear all this is wrong & that we  
will go too fast unless we can put  
on the breaks. Our County is Republican  
by a slight majority. If we attend the pri-  
mary meetings & seek to nominate  
Alliance men only, we will put ourselves  
in danger from two or three sides. Many of  
the very best men in the state are outsiders; some  
of these are officials of high efficiency. They,  
for the most part, are in sympathy with us.  
Then it is likely that there will be a heavy  
crop of aspirants within our ranks. In this  
case I fear division, & a practical loss of  
unity & strength. My opinion is that  
the very best thing we can do is to attend  
the Primary meetings - do the best we

can to elect A. men <sup>& those in sympathy with us,</sup> as delegates  
to the County meetings (Democrat & Republi-  
can) held in August & then in our  
September Alliance meetings concentrate  
~~our~~ <sup>bring</sup> our strength on the names  
brought out by the old political parties.  
All the brethren seem anxious to do the very  
best in all matters, but we lack discretion-  
prudence - patience. The Sub-Treasury  
plan is not very popular in our  
County I think - many regard it as  
impracticable. Some ~~of~~ think the  
banks ought to <sup>be forced to</sup> keep in circulation  
a proper per capita circulation - they are  
not up to their legal ability. Our County  
business Agent (no better in the state I reckon)  
has trouble in keeping ~~the~~ mouths of  
brethren shut as to prices. would it not  
be well to have a printed Bond engorge  
silence & have each one buying to sign  
it, & let its violation be forfeiture of member-  
ship as the Constitution says. The Bond

under signature would impress  
the memory.

Please answer.

Yrs Truly,  
J. L. Wright