

R. P. McANALLY,  
DEALER IN  
General Merchandise.

Ayersville, N. C., 4-25 1890.

Col L. L. Polk  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir

I write you for information on a subject upon which Alliance men here are divided, i.e. I have very recently bought a small stock of goods & opened up at this place I am anxious to sell to Alliance members & at Alliance prices & am willing to be governed by Alliance regulations, but some are afraid that as I have commenced business outside of the Order that I am not competent to become a member, I have made this proposition to the  
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I was raised a Farmer & above  
all I wish to see Farmers prosper  
and I enjoy reading the "Progressive  
Farmer" more than any other paper  
& if I know myself my heart  
is with the Alliance whether my  
hand is ever accepted in brotherhood  
or not & if I never sell them  
any goods I hope you may  
succeed in accomplishing even  
more & greater reforms than you  
are now working for, (my Father &  
brothers who are Farming will be  
benefited,) This is the proposition  
I have made as my little stock  
(about \$750 or worth) of goods are  
all new, I will close out to the  
Alliance at Alliance prices wholesale  
& will take that out of stock in  
an Alliance Store & will run it  
under regulations of the Order &  
as I don't know enough about  
the Order to make a formal

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Proposition, one that would be  
accepted & one consistent with  
your by laws & constitution I  
wish you would give me  
some instructions, say what I ought  
to do & how & what the lodge  
ought to do, They want a  
Cooperation Store here but  
somehow they cant get their  
buried men to go in to it  
Please reply at length & tell  
us how to proceed & very  
much oblige a friend who  
wishes to join, & advise those  
who do not want to violate any  
law of your order

Respectfully

An early reply  
Please  
R. P. McAnally.

Respectfully referred to Bro  
Elias Can. for answer  
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