

W. A. DARDEN,

State Business Agent of the N. C. Farmers' State Alliance,

Raleigh, N. C., Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 1889

Col. Elias Carr

Old Sparta N. C.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Enclosed you will find a communication from the Lane Mills of New Orleans. It seems to me that some action should be taken by every State Alliance. If any particular kind of covering for cotton was adopted by the Alliance, our brethren would use it, no matter what the Jute Bagging Trust might do. It may be the object of the Trust to cut prices, so as to induce our people to use their goods as a matter of choice, and if this should be their object; they will certainly succeed unless there is some definite action upon the part of the Alliance.

Yours truly  
W. A. Darden



*Maurice Stern, President.*

*L. Odenheimer, Secy. & Treas.*

*The Lane Mills of New Orleans*  
*Manufacturers of the*  
*Odenheimer Cotton Bagging.*

*New Orleans, March 29th., 1889.*

Mr. W. A. Darden,

State Business Agt. Farmer Alliance, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your favor of the 25th., inst., would state, that we have no doubt that Cotton Bagging can easily be sold this season again in competition with Jute, as it is very likely that the price for Jute will rule much higher than last year.-

The Jute Bagging Trust seems to be much stronger than last season, and not only do they control this year the manufactured article, but they have bought up all the Jute butts of which Jute Bagging is manufactured.-

It is very desirous however, that if your organization aims to defeat the Jute Trust, that you take immediate action in such a way as to allow the manufacturers of substitutes to commence making their respective articles at once, without fear of serious loss in not being able to dispose of their wares in case the Jute Bagging Trust would feel disposed to cut prices, in order to compel manufacturers of Cotton Bagging to shut down; they being able to spend thousands of dollars to accomplish their object.

We would be glad to hear from you further on the subject.

Yours truly,