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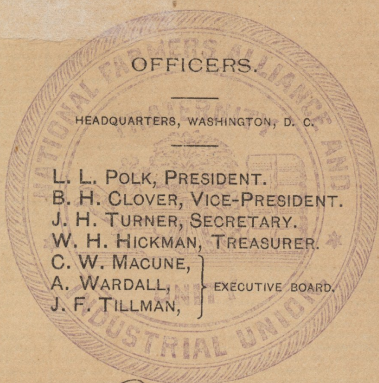
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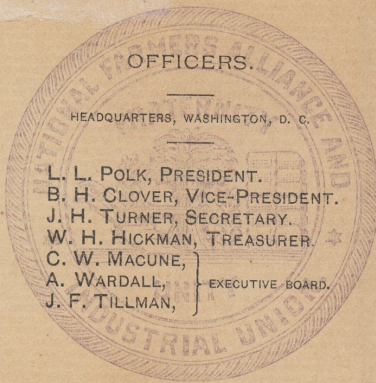
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My Dear Sir and Bro:

Your letter of recent date, though brief, opens a broad and tempting field. But I am admonished by about two hundred letters on my desk, that I must refrain.

Briefly then, Rittenhouse is here and says he is here to stay. Vincent Sid but produce the letter. U. S. Keall told me that the "gang" signally failed to make out this case against Rittenhouse. I agree with you that some mysterious things hang about his affair. I removed my office promptly on my return to 344, D street, where I am comfortably and pleasantly quar-





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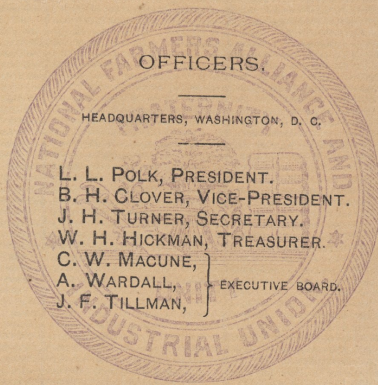
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tered and aided by H. W. Ayer as Private Secretary.

At the solicitation of your State Legislative committee, I drew up and forwarded to Gov. Powell a resolution embodying my idea of the instructions which should be given to Senator Vance. The resolution contemplates its adoption and the reply of Vance before he can-
cuss meets. This I regard as all important. I do not stickle for the particular form of the sub-treasury bill, but simply instruct him to favor and vote for such measures for financial relief as embody the essential principles of that bill, and then ask his response to the same.

In any event and whatever is done, it should be done and have his



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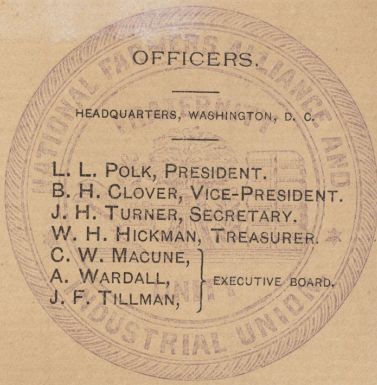
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reply to it before the meeting of
the caucus.

Under my resolution, he must
as an honorable man, acquiesce or
resign, as my test simply applies,
as he put it repeatedly in his
speeches, to the principles involved
in the bill.

It would be a grave error, in
my judgment, not to have the resolution
adopted and not to have his answer be-
fore the nominating caucus meets.

But you know I regard this as a
bungling business anyway. It taxes
my alliance ingenuity severely to
get up alliance instructions to an
anti-alliance man to vote for alliance
measures; but as Bill up says,
"I hope you will come out all



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right."

I saw Will yesterday - all well.
I hope you will be here on
the 24th proximo. The indications are
that we will have a full meeting.
I hope to be able to do a big
work this year, and it is exceedingly
gratifying to know that I have the
elbow touch of the best men in
the order. If you want me at
Raleigh, write me. Write to
me.

Hastily and Fraternally Yours
L. L. Polk

By H. W. Ayer
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