

OFFICE OF

L. L. POLK,

President National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union,

344 D STREET N. W.,

Washington, D. C., April 1, 189

Elias Carr,
Old Sparta, N.C.

Dear Sir & Bro:--

About February 20th, there were distributed from this office, to the Secretaries of the various organizations in our Order, five thousand copies, pro rata, of a circular letter, together with a plan adopted by the National Legislative Council, for organizing a Lecture System and Legislative Councils. Very few of the Secretaries have, up to this time, acknowledged receipt of said circular. I trust however, they were received and promptly distributed through the Order. I also sent on the 3rd ult., to each of the state Presidents, a circular letter, outlining briefly, a plan for the inauguration of a Great National Alliance Campaign. I am greatly encouraged by the cordial and enthusiastic endorsement of these plans by the Presidents, so far as heard from, agreeing with me, as they do, that through these agencies, we may give an impetus and strength to our movement during the present year, which will render its permanent success as assured.

The peculiar and admirable opportunity for the great accomplishment of most important work at this critical period, in our existence, must stand as an apology for my writing you this letter. The excellence and value of the work, contemplated in these two schemes, cannot be over estimated. With an active, zealous Lecturer for each sub-ordinate Alliance, for each county Alliance and for each Congressional district, in all the Alliance states, whose local work is to be supplemented by important state mass meetings, if actively and judiciously pressed during the year cannot fail to produce results of inestimable value to our cause. I therefore, appeal to you most earnestly, to give me your earnest and zealous co-operation in a vigorous prosecution of this work.

Urge the brethren of your state to discuss these plans and their merits in all their meetings, and through the columns of your state papers, and in every legitimate way, enlist their most active interest in this matter. I would respectfully suggest, that a circular from you, to the brethren of your state, to be read before the meetings of all the Sub-Alliances would be one of the best methods for bringing to their attention the importance of this matter.

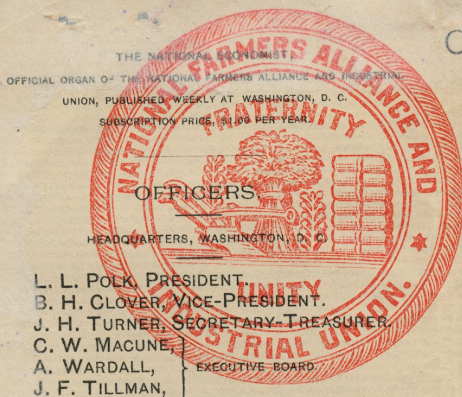
Please do me the favor to see that the names of the district Lecturers, who are to be elected at your district meeting, May the 6th; together with their post office address, are promptly forwarded to this office, also the names and post office address (if you

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have not already done so) of such speakers in and out of your state, as you think would best promote the cause, at your two state mass meetings. I desire to have these at the earliest practicable moment, that I may correspond with them and secure their services.

It is now evident that the fund arising from the per capita tax, will be totally inadequate to meet the exigencies and demands which confront us. Our National Executive Committee, therefore, will publish at once, an appeal to the brotherhood to contribute to what is termed the "Propaganda Fund" in order to supply the deficiency. I bespeak your kindly and earnest interest on behalf of this ~~our~~ effort.

I am profoundly impressed with the belief, that at no time since the birth of this Order, has there been such a demand upon the officers of the Order, especially--State and National, for earnest, persistent, plucky, manly work. Let us meet it like men, and let us show to the Order and to the world, that the measure of our devotion is limited only, by our capacity.

Please keep me thoroughly informed as to the conditions and needs ~~of~~ the Order in your state and suggest to me freely, at all times, what, in your judgment, would promote its interests, and command me at any time I may serve you. With high fraternal regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) L. L. Polk,

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Dictated.