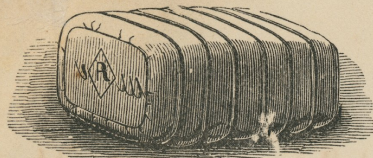


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Mr. Elias Carr

Old Sparta N. C.

My dear Sir: Bro.

I enclose you a letter from Bro W. M. Hinshaw of Winston. Will you please tell me what to do about it? If I am not mistaken the last Annual meeting would not agree for a lodge to be chartered in an incorporated town.

You have no doubt seen Senator Vance's interview with the Asheville citizen. It has been interpreted in two ways and will no doubt create trouble. The News and Observer says he was not pledged to the demand as posed by the order at Seala but that the instructions were modified, and to me and others, it seems that Senator Vance is trying to leave that impression. Would it not be well for you to write to the Senator in regard to the matter? The election of Senator Vance has undoubtedly weakened the Alliance in our state and it

seems to me that if he will not correct these reports as per N + O Observer, that a greater dissatisfaction than ever will exist. I felt it my duty to write you concerning this, and would like to get your views upon ~~the~~. It seems to me that if Senator Vance will not correct the statement of the News and Observer that it would be our duty to publish again the instructions to Senator Vance and the Ocala platform at the same time. He is no doubt cognizant of what is going on ^{and} I fear is a party to the News + Observer's misrepresentation of the matter. Will enclose the clippings from that paper as I am not sure you patronize them. In the quarterly reports of several counties there is a great falling off of members. Will write you further concerning the membership after a fuller report from all the counties. Have just seen a copy of the Advocate and am much pleased with it.

Yours truly & fraternally
W. S. Barnes
De N. C. F. S. A.