

OFFICE OF

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Mr Elias Carr

Dear sir and bro,

I am
glad to hear from you, I expected
the little cloud no bigger than a man's
hand here, had gotten itself into a
tomato crevice in and above your
counties, how on the obligation of an
Alliance, ^{man} I am now and have been
a lifelong democrat, never having
voted for any president or any Gov
or state ticket or congressman or
Legislative ticket except a democrat,
When we had "Local option" in Winston
Our sheriff who was a great drunkard
treated the Law with contempt and
I with many other democrats voted
against him because the other

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man was a sober one, that
was four years ago, two years ^{ago} I
repeated this, because county affairs
were not being carried on as I thought
^{ought to be}
in his hands. One other ~~other~~ vote I
cast, for a gentleman who is a republican
and a neighbor and one of the very
best personal friends I have, for
treasurer, I also voted against the
Register of deeds after having helped
elect him twice, and account of
his persistent effort to continue in
office after when I thought he
ought to be gotten out, And so thought
many others, Now that is as
far as I ever got, what I did
I did openly, every man in the
county knew it, Now I find
that the best friends I have
are the Sheriff's friends, in spite
of the opposition of a few men, and
the Sheriff himself has told them

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to vote for me, that I was as good
a democrat and honorable a man
as there is in the county, and
also he has sent for me gave
me his hand telling me the same
things, and that if nominated would
vote for me, but let this be as it
may I am not running but being
run, It is not my desire to deceive
any body, I am willing for all
to know how I stand and have
stood, And of a Lifelong sacrifice
of time and money don't satisfy
my brethren that I am and ever
have been been a democrat,
then drop me and vote for
Mr Simmons, I have been at
every election since I have

been twenty one years of
 age, I have voted for Seymour
 & Ashes, for Greely Gov Vance
 advised us to do it said
 he was in our hymn book and
 that we must sing him through
 if it killed us, and Morrison,
 Tilden & Vance, Hancock & Jarvis,
 Cleveland & Scales & Cleveland
 & Fowle, If these have been
 democrats I have been and
 am now, But Bro Caver I
 am not a monopolistic dem-
 ocrat but a democrat holding
 Alliance principles in his hands,
 Not of the order of those
 twenty four who voted against
 the silver bill, but like those
 who voted for free and unlimited
 coinage, not of the kind
 who have followed Mr Randall

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for protection but after the order of
 David J. Tilden "Tariff for revenue only"
 not in hearty sympathy with Cleveland's
 Wall Street policy, but that their
 money should ^{be a sufficient} quantity to measure ~~the~~ ^{the people's}
 value, in other words I am in hearty
 sympathy and full accord with the
 Alliance demands, and for them, in
 this contest, I am willing to live
 or die, I forgot to say that I have voted
 for Mr. Simmons every time he has run
 and did it cheerfully and if he will
 sign our demands and is the nominee
 of the party I will vote for him again
 and will anywhere of my Alliance
 brethren will move our resolutions out
 of my way, This looks like democracy,
 But I must say that it is unsafe

and undemocratic for Sargy to make
all our laws and for this reason as I
 know I have preferred you to either
 Mr Simmons or myself and if there
 be any man who holds the same principles
 as I, if he is afraid that he will be
 voting for a republican let him support
 Capt W J Rogers of Northampton and our
 principles "will get there", I know that
 there are some in Senois who would
 have me defeated, and that too by the
Alliance, but dear brother I am satisfied
 that it can never be done by a popular
 vote of the good county of Senois, I know
 that a few enemies of the Farmers Alliance
 have circulated, commencing in the county
 of Green, it has gone like lightning till
 it has reached your and other
 counties, that I voted for "Garfield",
 "Harrison" and "Dokey", but ^{it} is as false
 as the man who started it, when we
 get to the convention, 22 out of 32

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delegates as good democrats as ever
 cast a vote will "write this false hood,"
 as it were, "on their crest" and of the
 others, there are some, who are too
 honorable to sanction anything of this
 kind, All through my life the County
 of Lenoir has been sending me as
 one of her democratic delegates to
 different Conventions and now it is
 not afraid to send me to the State
 convention where I shall help to
 nominate AS Morrison Chief Justice, as
 good a Judge, as good a Senator
 and as good a democrat as
 ever delivered an opinion or ever
 spoke, with argument and judgment
 and "The applause of Sisting Senates to Command"
 or ever cast a ballot, yet, and yet.

he dared to go before the Legislature
 and allow himself to be elected
 to the United States Senate, ^{by republicans} and that
 to whom G B Vance was the caucus
 nominee, I have started out with
 principles, Great Democratic ^{principles}, inaugurated
 by Jefferson, Jackson, Benton and
 others of the Great Democratic fathers,
 which from greed, hatred, malvolence,
 and playing upon the peoples prejudices,
 were well nigh lost sight of, until
 The Farmers Alliance wrote them on
 her banner and unfurled them
 to the breeze, But when the lovers of
 the grandeur and nobleness of these
 principles in their purity, desire and
 ordain one of their number to take
 the flag in his hands and wave
 it on high, and bid them ^{not} of it
 to follow, the enemy comes, with his eyes
~~and~~ glaring with hatred and disdain
 and viciously circulates these false books

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To defeat us, I do not know who
has fallen into line since, but I
know that the starters of this Garfield
^{business} and that I am a republican are
bitter enemies to the Alliance and
it is a strike at me because I
have defeated it and its principles
uncompromisingly throughout the
county again and again, and always
led the fight against the "Jute Bopping
Trust" they know that a victory over
me will be a victory over the Alliance
and because they were on the side of
Jute, (I say so because this one who I
refer to used it in spite of our fight
with the trust) and I a leader on the
other side, they are trying to kill me,
Now this is what I want to say

To you in conclusion that to me now
 and ever before as a comparison between
 the ~~Democratic~~ Democratic & the Republican
 parties the 1st is the giant oak of the
 forest, the other the scraggly scrubby pear
 of the desert, the one the splashing
 spouting whale of the briny deep
 the other the slimy tadpole of the
 stagnant pool, This has been my observation
 in our state, but in trying with
 our might to displace the one that
 is evil, we have allowed some men
 in some localities to assume that
 they were the democratic party and
 in order to keep it just within that scope
 (I had better say ring) where instead of
 "The Greatest Good To The Greatest Number"
 they would use it "For me and my wife,
 My son John & his wife,
 The four would do no more,
 And no more."

Poetry not mine, the author I do not

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remember but I hope it conveys the
Idea, You asked me to write freely
I have done so and told you the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
truth, And if the brethren (I expect help
from not other source) are willing to join
in with the others to down me, because
I had the courage to rebuke what I
conceived to be wrong in a local
matter, tell them in my dying agony
I only ask them that in spurning me
as and enemy not to forget Alliance
principles, not to forget, that if your
humble servant, ~~As~~ some assert and
I deny, is contaminated with republicanism
to place your demands in the hands
of Capt W J Rogers and then help
me to carry him to victory, If there

are some who cannot be blinded
 by ^{the} ~~prejudice~~ ^{the} ~~prejudice~~ to come to Wilson when
 the convention meets, Let the opposition
 bring these charges against me.
 I will plead not guilty and if I
 cannot satisfy them of my innocence
 to take my 22 delegates and carry
 them for the Democratic, who will
 do all he can to guard and protect
 our country against those who would
 make ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~law~~ ^{the} ~~law~~ ^{the} ~~law~~ ^{the} ~~law~~
 Laws that will bare on all alike,
 Ever remembering that,

An honest yeomanry a Nations pride
 When once destroyed can never be supplied
 A democrat who will remember, that
 The Labour and producer deserves
 that dignity that would always be
 given them but for iniquitous laws
 which rob them of their profits and
 gives them to ~~another~~ ^{others}.
 Yours fraternally
 J M Newlove
 & Kestley
 If you have ~~proffer~~
 you can hand this
 to the brotherhood
 J M Newlove