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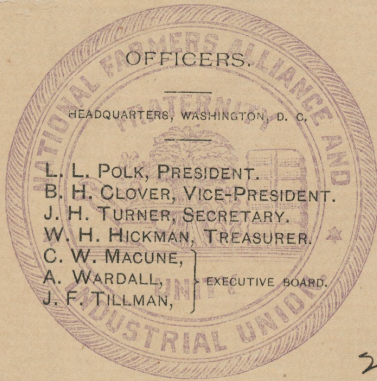
Washington, D. C., Sep 9 1890.

Dear Bro. Carr.

Your kind favor of 5th rec^d. & drop you a hurried note in reply. I was highly gratified at the nomination of Bro Rogers. & am sure you are correct as to his election, if you can control the vote referred to, & I think it can be done.

To refute the charge, that the democracy of the Alliance members is questionable, I think it is only necessary to point to the fact that they go into democratic meetings & abide the decision of these meetings, in the face of such trickery & corruption & deception as they see practiced every day & everywhere, by the so-called leaders. It is an irrefutable proof of a loyalty & conservative patriotism, that is seldom shown by an oppressed & outraged people. The charges against Newborn, were used for the same hypocritical purpose, that they incorporated our demands in their State platform, Their hypocrisy was established by the vote against Rogers. But it's the same old game, I said in my paper, as you will remember, months ago, that "the fist had gone forth that no Alliance man should be elected to important position, if it could possibly be prevented." And we now see it. Not a single one has been nominated, where

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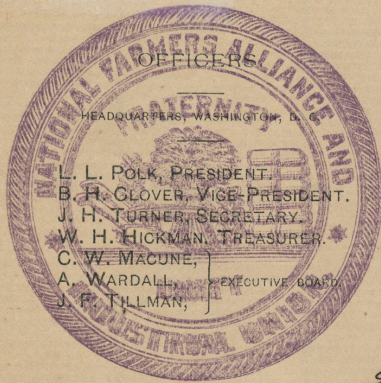
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by combination, he could be defeated. Indeed, while they charge us with independence & disrupting tendencies, they are the only ones who have been guilty of it. Not a single instance has occurred where the Alliance South has torn loose from the democratic party - they have stood, even in the presence of the most provoking & aggravating causes for such action. But who are the guilty ones? Our accusers & defamers. In D.C. they averred for months that the majority in the party should not rule, & called a Convention for the boldly avowed purpose of forming an "independent ticket." & that Convention numbering nearly 600 men sat in secret session a day & night. In Kansas, the democrats join in the fight for Ingalls. In Georgia, they tried hard to get Bullock to run against Livingston, the regular dem. nominee. In the 7th Dist of that State, they have met in regular Convention & brought out a candidate against the regular dem. nominee & have absolutely entered the field as independent. To day, the Ga. papers inform us that they will run Cox, as independent, against Livingston. Who are the independents? Suppose the Alliance people should accept this treachery & base dealing as a precedent or example for their course, what would become of the party & who would be to blame?



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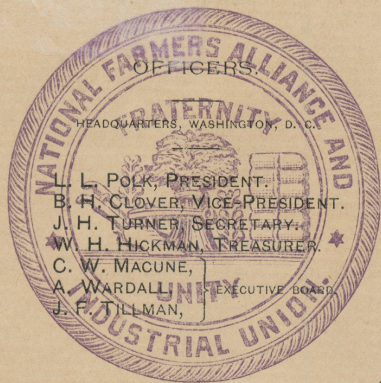
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Again, take our own State, to say nothing of the combinations that have been formed against us, some successful & some not. Do you not feel that there is a chance for the Republicans to carry the State? Of the many suicidal & desperate steps leading to that result, look at the one adopted as their secret means to prevent it. They say & demand that no man shall be nominated & elected to the legislature who will not pledge himself for Sen. Vance. In effect, they say to the Alliance voters who may differ with Sen. Vance: "Away with your opinions & your views. We want Vance & you shall swallow him whether you want him or not." Do you not know our people well enough to see that they may say, "you can make & force a man to pledge himself, but making us go to the polls & vote for him is quite another thing. Since you ignore & trample upon my honestly entertained opinions, I can at least enter my silent protest against this intolerance by not voting for your pledged man." Is there no danger along this line? Will they persist in this madness? Surely they will & when the hour of their calamity comes, they will then charge that Polk & the Alliance are to blame for it. The organ states respectfully & plainly Vance's antagonistic position & asks for an explanation, & this is met by abuse, villification & slander. It asks for a discussion.



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+ gets the same answer. It speaks as the organ of the Alliance
its editor, is bitterly assailed & denounced, what will all this lead
to? I see but one thing to do - stand solidly & firmly by our principles,
This I shall do without the slightest regard as to what may be the
consequences to me personally, for I know I am right.

Big pardon - This is the longest letter I have written
for months, but I wanted to tell you some things I felt.

Have necessarily to write you under whip & spur, for
there have been reporters, interviewers, Congressmen & c
in, since I began. Wish I could see you & have a long
talk. Hastily & affectionately yours

L. L. Polk