

L. L. POLK, *President National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union:*

We the undersigned, Executive Board and Secretary of the said National Alliance, having consulted freely upon the subject, hereby call your attention to the fact that several State Secretaries have failed to report or pay the per capita dues of the State Alliances they represent, and others have made partial reports or remittances as shown by the following statement of the per capita dues account of the State Alliances made by the National Secretary June 1, 1891, to wit:

STATES.	1890.		1891.		Balance due.		Total Now Due.	REMARKS.
	Dues.	Paid.	Dues.	Paid.	1890.	1891.		
Arkansas F. & L. U.....	642.33	642.33	370.85	.....	.....	370.85	370.85	Estimated for 1891.
Arkansas State Alliance.....	11.02	11.02	370.85	370.85	.....	.....	.....
Alabama State Alliance.....	1,615.70	1,615.70	1,521.35	1,521.35	.....	.....	.....
Colorado State Alliance.....	.....	.....	72.70	72.70	.....	.....	.....	Organized in 1890.
California State Alliance.....	.....	.....	150.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida State Alliance.....	394.85	394.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Based on representation at Ocala. Estimated.
Georgia State Alliance.....	2,763.00	2,763.00	4,500.00	2,203.35	.....	2,296.65	2,296.65	Based on Representation at Ocala. Estimated.
Illinois State Alliance.....	.....	.....	300.00	168.65	.....	131.35	131.35	No report for 1891. Estimated. Organized in 1890.
Indiana State Alliance.....	.....	.....	286.05	286.05	.....	.....	.....	Organized in 1890.
Kansas State Alliance.....	704.65	704.65	5,500.00	3,050.00	.....	2,450.00	2,450.00	Based on representation at Ocala. Estimated.
Louisiana State Union.....	645.55	645.55	629.25	629.25	.....	.....	.....
Michigan State Alliance.....	.....	.....	230.00	101.05	.....	148.95	148.95	No report. Estimated. Organized in 1890.
Missouri State Alliance.....	2,300.00	1,663.10	3,747.65	3,343.56	636.90	404.09	1,040.99	No report for 1890. Estimated.
Maryland State Alliance.....	16.55	16.55	73.60	73.60	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi State Alliance.....	1,298.35	801.51	921.90	.....	496.84	921.90	1,418.74	
North Carolina State Alliance.....	2,049.20	2,049.20	3,500.00	2,015.60	.....	1,484.40	1,484.40	Based on representation at Ocala. Estimated.
South Carolina State Alliance.....	1,237.15	1,237.15	1,500.00	1,396.70	.....	103.30	103.30	Based on representation at Ocala. Estimated.
New Mexico State Alliance.....	10.25	10.25	10.25	.....	.....	10.25	10.25	
Oklahoma State Alliance.....	.....	.....	53.75	53.75	.....	.....	.....	Organized in 1890.
South Dakota State Alliance.....	.....	.....	354.40	354.40	.....	.....	.....	Organized in 1890.
North Dakota State Alliance.....	.....	.....	186.17	186.17	.....	.....	.....	No report. Estimated. Organized in 1890.
Tennessee State Alliance.....	1,766.82	1,766.82	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	No report for 1891. Estimated. Based on representation at Ocala.
Virginia State Alliance.....	452.80	452.80	1,500.00	1,174.45	.....	325.55	325.55	Estimated. Based on representation at Ocala.
Texas State Alliance.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	477.21	.....	1,022.79	1,022.79	No report. Estimated. Based on representation at Ocala.
West Virginia State Alliance.....	.....	.....	191.00	191.00	.....	.....	.....	Organized in 1890.
Kentucky State Alliance.....	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	847.25	200.00	652.75	852.75	Estimated. Based on representation at Ocala.
	17,468.22	16,134.48	31,599.27	18,973.22	1,333.74	12,535.05	13,869.79	

In view of the above facts your attention is further called to Article VII, Sec. 2, of the Constitution, as follows:

SEC. 2. A per capita tax of five cents shall be paid for each male member into the national treasury by each State organization on or before the first day of November of each year.

Also to the following Statutory laws of the Order:

1. The basis of representation of the State organizations in the Supreme Council shall be as follows: Two delegates from each State and one additional delegate for each twenty thousand active members or majority fraction thereof.
2. Delegates to the Supreme Council will not be entitled to seats in the body unless settlement of the national per capita dues of five cents for each male member has been made by the State secretary, accompanied by the proper amount of money to the national secretary, and State secretaries shall make such remittance and report promptly on or before the first day of November.
28. The per capita dues shall be five cents, due annually in advance on the first day of November, with the last day of grace February first following.

Also to your ruling under date of February 28, 1891, in answer to—

Question 1. Are the Treasurers

per capita tax of five cents on national treasury only for such amount as ... national treasury by the State secretaries.

Question 2. When should the per capita dues be paid?

Question 3. In the event of failure or refusal to pay the per capita dues to the national treasurer, what is the penalty, if any?

Answers:

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 9, 1891.

Question 1. Article VII, section 2, of the Constitution requires each State organization to pay into the national treasury the per capita dues for each male member. It is clear, therefore, that the treasurer of the Sub-Alliance is responsible to the County Secretary for five cents per capita dues, as dues to the National Alliance, for each male member on his roll that is in good standing, whether said male member has paid said five cents per capita dues or not, and each county treasury is responsible to the State secretary for the five cents per capita dues, to be paid to the National Alliance on each male member reported, whether the Sub-Treasury has paid it or not, and the State secretary, in making his report, shall pay the five cents per capita dues to the National Alliance on each male member reported, whether the County secretaries have paid it or not.

Question 2. The per capita dues are due November 1 of each year, and must be paid into the national treasury by the State secretary before the first day of February following, on the basis of membership as shown by the October reports of the previous year.

Question 3. A State failing to pay the per capita dues as required by law will stand suspended until such dues are paid.

Fraternally,

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President National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union.

In view of the above facts and the plain and explicit provisions of the above laws and rulings, the undersigned desire to submit the following question:

1. Can you not, in view of the fact that the law was not generally known at the beginning of the year, give delinquent State Alliances notice, and allow them sixty days time in which to make report and remittance, or in which to make a showing of cause why they should not be declared publicly by the President *suspended by operation of law for non-payment of dues*?

Very respectfully submitted this, the 17th day of June, 1891,

Excutive Board. } C. W. MACUNE, Chairman.
 } J. F. TILLMAN, Secretary.
 } ALONZO WARDALL.

J. H. TURNER, Secretary N. F. A. and I. U.

... account of the State Alliances made by the National Secretary ...
... the undersigned, Executive Board and Secretary of the said National Alliance, ...
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