

My dear Elias.

I write to congratulate
you on your manly letter
and also the stand taken
by you in the meeting
last Saturday at Larders.

It has raised you in
in the estimation of all
good citizens in A.C. both
Alliance and Non-Alliance.

With the third party adherents
you are dead as a mackerel
but oh my brother your
name will live, while

the Editor of the P.^{W.}+S.^{W.}
and the third party agitators
will be sunk in the waters
of oblivion.

For myself
I have stood by you first, last
and all this time; and now
when shafts of malice at
you are being hurled

I turn them aside like a
a silk umbrella turns
rain, when the Cloud
Sheets of heaven are
~~being~~ unfurled.

Let them beat
and bang, truth honesty
and democracy will and
must prevail.

I am sorry I did not
see you Saturday. And did
not learn of your whereabouts
until too late to see
you - God bless you
good bye

Yours friend
Wm. L. Atkinson

On the way
Apr 27 92

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