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NO. 8 NORTH COURT SQUARE.

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Col. Elias Carr,
Old Sparta, N.C.

Dear Col.:-

I intended to send my congratulations in the form of a telegram or letter when you rec'd the nomination for Gov., but a combination of untoward circumstances - which it is needless to recapitulate here - occurred to prevent.

I want to say, however, that I am proud of the honor that the democracy has done my old county, but prouder, my dear sir, of the honor that has fallen to the lot of an old friend. This distinction is certainly deserved & I know will be worthily soon. I congratulate you, sir, and - the democracy. But this is aside from my main purpose in writing this letter. I want

To say to you that, if I can assist
you in arranging the details of yr
campaign in the western part of the
State or can serve you in any
way, my services are at your
command. I will gladly ex-
ecute any commission you may
see fit to place in my hands.

The third party will cut
but a small figure west of the
Ridge & I confess my inability to
understand the purpose or appreciate
the hope of our Eastern friends - the
malcontents - in separating from
the democratic party. Why, the People's
party convention in this district was
manipulated by old republicans
who incorporated in the resolutions
that passed unanimously a strong
demand for the repeal of our present
system of County Government. What can
our friends hope from the cooperation
& assistance of men like these?

However, as I said before, the defection
from the democracy here will be small.
I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yrs truly
Louis M. Bourse