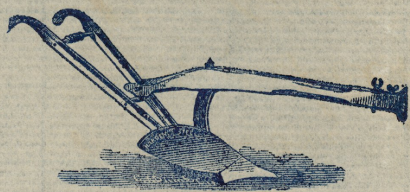


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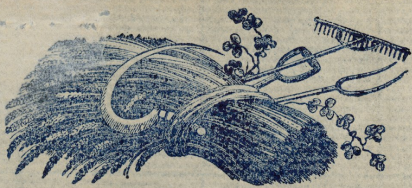


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Mr Chas Carr
Old Sparta, N. C.,
Dear Sir & Bro,

I have in mind a matter about which I would like to have your personal opinion. It is this: It is a well-known fact that the Alliance as a non-partisan organization is losing prestige. Within the past few months much bitter feeling has been engendered. Many of our good members have withdrawn, others have allowed their memberships to lapse, while still others have grown careless. All our literature - every Alliance paper that I know has grown into a strong party advocate. Altogether I think it may be said the Alliance is in bad condition.

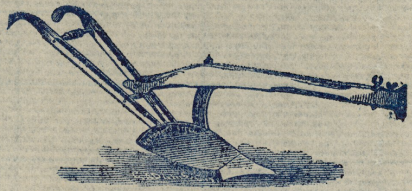
It occurs to me that as we value the principles of the order, as we



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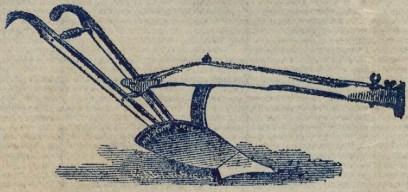
love the Alliance as it was, something needs to be done, and at once. I have this in mind: First, to write an address for publication in the leading papers under some such caption as "To the non-partisan members of the F. A. Express regret at the present waning condition of the Alliance. Show what it has been and done, what it still can be and do. I wish that much forbearance and much of a forgiving spirit will have to be exercised. Urge that we apply the balm of brotherly love, heal the old sores, fall back into line and take up the march as a band of brethren &c &c. And, second, to propose (in this address) and this is the point at which I need your advice, to begin the publication of an Alliance journal in whose columns nothing bitter, partisan, or unclean



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shall ^{be} allowed to appear. Whose tendency shall be to uplift rather than to degrade, to educate rather than dictate to men, and above all to leave them free to exercise their own pleasure at the ballot.

Now if you approve my plan and think the enterprise can be made a success, I shall be glad to have any suggestion you may feel disposed to make. If, however, it does not strike you favorably I shall be equally glad to have you say so.

Fraternally,
T. D. Veig.

P.S. I shall propose the publication only upon receiving sufficient encouragement from the brethren, and would ask them to address me on the subject.
T. D.