

Wachpelah N.C.
Jany 18th 1888

Mr. Elias Carr

My dear Sir & Bro.

Yours of 14th inst
received on my return from the "Senatorial
battle" at Raleigh. I have been unable
to procure any one to pitch my crap whom
I could afford to trust, and do not see
that I can go regularly into the Canvass.
It seems to me the expenses of the Can-
vass would in a large measure con-
sume its profits. I suggest that I prepare
a circular setting forth objects and benefits
of the B.A. System closing with an appeal
to members to subscribe, the whole to be as
short and concise as possible. That the
Ex. Com. have this printed for me and I
mail a copy to each Alliance.
I obtained from the Secy while in Raleigh

a list of the Decys to whom he returned
notes and the amount. - I propose next week
to write to each of these stating the amount
received from each and amount still due -
and ask as to the balance uncollected, stating
that the notes were sent only to be delivered
on payment and that the State Alliance
expects them to give an account of each
note. I have also all pledges made by
Alliances, I shall write each one
stating amount received and asking
what action they intend to take. wish
to know how many cents in the dollar
the pledge is worth -

I can offer to come to any County where
it is desired and address them on the
subject. - If however the Ex. Com. still
adheres to the advisability of a Convass
I do not see how I can go into it for
six weeks to come - I had written
Dovey I would go into the Convass 1st
July, but have been disappointed in
securing a boss at home, and the above
idea has since occurred to me.
Polk told me that Oliver had written

him that he could not go regularly to work - but do occasional -

If it would suit You could have a meeting of the Ex. Com, at Raleigh about the 5th of Feb'y and I would submit circular before having it printed,

I had a talk with Bro. Darden and hope he will go to work and do something, but my brother he seems utterly unfitted for the position and the more money we had the worst disappointed would the ~~alliances~~ be - I told him just about when I wrote you but he does not seem to have had any business experience beyond buying on time at a Country Store - but this is "entre nous"

If You conclude to have the meeting of Ex. Com and examine my circular write me at least six days before the time of meeting - As it takes four days to get a letter -

If we had had a fair fight at Raleigh we could have blunted

Alexander. The patronage of the U.S. Govt.
was too much for us. Two Attorneys, two Marshalls,
and a dozen deputies - oh dear a dog grass-
hopper. Several post Masters arose by
a Supreme Court Judge of the State
Bank examiners - and A.B. Andrews,
as the "R.D. System" got away with the
farmers, From the way affairs were promised
You would have thought Cleveland had
been elected -

There has never been such a time under
democratic rule. I was much like
Republicanism in this section in former
times -

Truly & fraternally yours
W.A. Graham

Circular letter approved -
unusually to call a
meeting of the committee

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N.C.

