

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12 1890

Dear Father:

I called on Rittenhouse yesterday, the first time I have seen him since the election. He is jubilant, & figures our forces at I think about 40, with 15 pledged, this though I fear will have little weight with the next house in inducing it to pass the Sub T. bill. However the organization has some delay, & I doubt not but that we shall be successful in the end. The stand the Progressive Party has taken against Vance has not surprised me in the least, & entirely now we can not afford to give up the agitation of this

question for any man or set of men,
Vance with all his logic can not, I
think convince the farmer that the order
has deserted him, He Vance it seems
has deserted the order, A pretty state
of affairs indeed when a servant of
the people (a senator) says to the
people, "I do not go to the U.S. Sen-
ate to do your bidding, but I go
there to lay down the law for you, &
you must vote accordingly." There has
been too much of this one man
power in politics, & the trouble is just
here, And until we can convince
these office holders that they are to
do the bidding of their constituents
we shall always be slaves of the
monopolists, Your photo. was much
appreciated at the Alliance Headquarters,
Please send us one, We are all blue
over John's loss. I wish I were able
to help him. Affly. ~~W~~

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