

Worcester, Watauga Co N.C.
July 10th 1890

Elias Carr Esq

Old Sparta N.C.

Dear Sir

I address you
to make a request in the interest of the Farmers
Alliance of Watauga Co.

I am a member of "Ray Glades" Suballiance No. 1047 and I was a delegate to the county alliance on the 4th inst.

During the day the questions come up as to what course the alliance should pursue in the coming election in regard to politics, and a majority of the delegates favored nominating a full county ticket at once and putting it in the field.

A few of us insist that to take the field as an independent political party is in direct opposition to the purposes and intentions of our order, and that the plan to pursue is for alliancemen to remain in their old party organizations and attend the primary meetings and see that alliancemen or those favoring alliance principles are nominated particularly for the legislature and congress only putting out a candidate in the emergency that neither party choose a suitable man.

Our brethren who favor putting out a ticket got a resolution through calling a meeting on the 22nd of Aug. consisting of a full delegation from each suballiance for the purpose of putting out a county ticket, unless they should oppose that they

such a course

Now as the head of the alliance in N.C. I hope that you will be kind enough to give us your opinion as to the advisability of such a step.

Our County has not been organized but about one year, and, while we have a strong membership, it seems to me that it would injure our cause a great deal to go into politics in this way just now, when by working through the old party organizations we can put allianceesmen on both tickets if we want to, and not incur the enmity of any other class or calling.

I have ^{not} noticed any account of the alliance in N.C. or any other state where they have been organized longer, taking an independent stand in politics, hence I concluded that it was not in accordance with the plans to do so; but I hope that you will give me the correct position to take upon the matter,

Hoping to hear from you as soon as convenient

Yours fraternally

Obedient servant

J. L. Horton

J. L. Leitcher Secy of Ivy Glades Alliance No 10447
that J. L. Horton is a member of said
and in good standing

Yours truly
J. L. Leitcher