

Concord, Oct. 11th 1894

Dear Governor;

Since you were here, the political situation has cleared up somewhat, and now I think Cabarrus County is safe by a decent majority. The Populists are not aggressive now; all that has been changed within the past two weeks and they are on the defensive, if not actually on the run. Henderson made four or five speeches here that did a world of good, and Kitchin's efforts have made fusion anything but easy. His abuse of the Republican party has not made the negroes feel kindly towards the mongrel ticket, and I think we will easily divide the colored vote. Jarvis is to be here on the 2nd inst.; we hope to have Senator Daniel of Virginia or Senator Gordon of Georgia here on the same day; and we want to have an immense mass-meeting with barbecue, brass bands and torchlight procession. If we can do this, we will send up our usual or a larger majority.

Nevertheless, the fact remains, after divesting ourselves entirely of personal feeling in the matter, that Purnear is a

load for us to carry. His complete innocence and ignorance of a politician's arts and his utter want of sympathy with the bone and sinew of the country make him so. We will carry him through but he will run behind the ticket.

I have never yet (and I suppose now that I never shall) found out the true inwardness of Col. Means' opposition to Ransom. He will not talk on the subject at all, but the rupture, whatever has caused it, seems to be past mending.

I have had no talk with Jerome, the Senatorial candidate, yet, for I have seen him only the once, but Puryear will not go to Ransom in the event of a deadlock. I think he will be easy to manage.

I shall be in Concord till Xmas. If I can serve you, Command me.

Yours Faithfully
B. F. Rogers

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