NEGRO SUPREMACY.

An Essay Read Before Bertie County Alliance by Mrs. Sarah E. Mitchell, Mr President, Brethren and Sisters:

Perhaps some of you may be thinking that this subject is quite foreign on their part! But I suppose one reato the Alliance and may be wondering why so strange a topic should be chosen on this occasion.

when there was such a panic among impenetrable swamps, there to remain the people concerning this fearful and wonderful bugbear, that the Alliance lost many of its members.

Every one of you whose hair is whitwere first emancipated, and given the franchise, that the Southern States were overrun with men from the North, or elsawhere, going among the negroes and advising them to vote for Republican party - "the party that freed you," they said-and warning them that if the Democratic party re plausible to the ignorant colored men, and they were quickly proselyted, and that so securely that they vote the same ticket until the present time, although they know that the Democratic party has been in power in the South ern States during all these years, and no one has ever heard of anything like "going back into slavery."

hired and sent on this mission; and it is quite probable that some of the most influential negroes may have received bribes. For we have not forgotten well considering the circumstances.

Well, at the same time this other premacy," "negro domination," was into slavery" and "negro supremacy" decreased very much in numbers. heard in the land.

plots and plans of plutocracy to ruin disunited until the final scheme of the they only came in for selfish motivesthis free government, in order that the farmers and laborers, both white and colored might be brought into industrial slavery.

It reminds me of Aesop's fable of the eagle, the cat, and the swine. Like the cat, the shylocks and money-sharks set the white voters and the colored voters to watching each other, so the masses, and enriching themselves. all able to bear witness.

After a time the Alliance was formed and the framers found that unjust legislation was bringing them into poverty; that demonetization of silver, contraction of the currency, and that various other discriminations had reduced the price of produce and placed them at the mercy of others; that they were unable to pay their debts and taxes; that their homes were slipping away from them, and that penury and ruin stared them in the face.

So they set about to reform these matters. Some thought, with Col. Polk, that a new political party was necessary, while others thought not.

Then the war began in the Alliance. And this same horrible old scare crow, "Negro Domination" was used until all the more easily frightened left the Alliance, declaring that the Alliance had gone into politics, and gone into the "Third Party," and now we should certainly have "Negro bupremacy."

Now, is there any truth in this un earthly shrick? Do the politicians who do the howling themselves believe that there is any danger?

I will just refer you to one instance as proof that they do not. I recollect at one time some of the office seekers came around during the campaign and bawled and screamed themselves hoarse with this terrible yell of "Ne gro Domination," "white man's government," etc., until I really began to | will talk of what runs in in her head. think that possibly there might be a the writer though, of the opposite sex. little peril in the far off coming years. At least, I believe that they, them selves, were honestly alarmed.

Tney were elected. Before the leg islature met some Northern syndicates commenced carrying off the negroes to colonize them, on lands in the West, which had been purchased by these syndicates. The legislature met and massed a bill taxing any agent who should carry one negro out of the State of North Carolina TEN THOUSAND DOL

Oa! consistency, consistency, most assuredly thou art a jewel!

Another thing that strikes me as po culiar is that there is no danger of negro s premacy except when political campaigns are being waged. After the election is over, this frightful old phantom is tucked away, hid in a cave or den, and we hear no more of him until the beginning of the next race for office. It would not do for the office hunters to keep this weather beaten old ghost always in sight. It they should the voters would become familiar with him, and familiarity with him breeds contempt. His ghos:ship would ease to terrify an one.

And still another strange coincidence

ous or fearful, even a little bit, at this live Committee. ugly, threadbare and inefficient apparition.

son is, they do not hear these blatant wild eyed orators, making the air hideous with their false screechings, until But if you will just consider a few the crows leave the farmers' fields and until the awfully turbulent tirade ceases, on the eventful election day.

Well, brethren, I will tell you in good earnest, you may begin to draw ening, knows that when the negroes on your seven-league boots and prepare to do some swift running, for this grey-headed, ghostly, old "bugbear" is again drawn forth from his hiding place, and will soon be in his full glory. A few days ago I heard a gentlemen ask, apparently in perfect seriousness: "What are we to do with this race problem?" At the same time, admit mained in power the negroes would be ting that there are not enough negroes er time. I do not write this boastingly, put back into slavery. This sounded in the State to rule it, and a still but I must say I feel proud of such a smaller proportion in the Nation. For dollar tax law and inquired why it was | been spared so long to perform the duenacted and why it had never been repealed.

drones and the Phillippines?

and then there can never be any reown all there is on it.

Dook at Biltmore, for instance. How that their eyes might be blinded to the few the years, in which Mr. Vanderreal robbers, who were impoverishing bilt has been acquiring so enormous an estate. Not that I attach any blame How well they have succeeded you are to him, however. Far from it. But I do censure the voters of this country for permitting such things to be possi-

> A great deal more might be said on this somewhat curious, but quite comprehensive theme. The subject is very prolific, and not readily exhaus ted. But as you all can speak on it much better than I can, I desist, wish ing that the farmers may quit allowing themselves to be hood winked ter rorized by something which is doing them no harm, never has done, and never will do them any. In fact, a mere name, wantonly applied to some thing which does not exist, except in the imaginations of the misguided sons of men; and hoping that the reformers of all parties, classes, colors and distinc tions may get together and make one grand and noble endeavor for the overthrow of corruption and oppression in this fair land of ours, and for the es tablishment of a government of the people, by the people and for the peo ple. And may the Lord so order it that their (ffirts shall be crowned with success, and that the victory shall be theirs abolutely, undeniably and overwhelmingly.

A LETTER FROM NASH

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. NASHVILLE, N. C., July 1, 1898

As the saying goes "that a woman will do likewise and "talk" first about the Alliance. Our last county meet ing was not so large as usual, but we had a very pleasant meeting.

was transacted, the following officers were elected and duly installed, viz: P. A. May, president; R. A. Hunt Vice President; C. J Odom, Sec retary Treasurer; J E W. Glover, question you will do me a personal Chaplain; G M. D. Langley, Lecturer; 8 S. Sykes, Doorkeeper; M. W. Col lins, Assistant Doorkeeper; J. H Todd. Sergent at Arme; G M D Langley,

delegate to State Alliance and, J. J.

Marshbourne, alternate; G. W Colev,



is, the women never seem to be nerv- J. B. Joyner and C. H. Baines, Execu-

With a few exceptions our whole official corps is composed of new offi It in to be presumed, however, that cers, or officers holding new positions. this is due to ignorance and negligence This, we hope will be helpful and stimulating to the order. For the benefit of others I will give a short account of my stewardship. Now I do not wish to appear to be egotistical in what I shall say, but simply state it to show moments, you will easily remember hide themselves in dense thickets and that being punctual means something. The writer was elected Secretary-Treasurer of Nash County Farmers' Alliance in July 1891, and has been reelected each year since till this July, making his term seven years in all. During all these years we have failed to be present at only two meetings and cur absence was caused once on accounc of high water and the other by the very intense cold weather. We have never failed to have our

delegate at the State meeting with proper credentials, and, also, all re ports with "fees" and "dues" in proprecord, and am thankful to my Maker answer, I held up the ten thousand that, through His kindness, I have ties assigned me. If any brother secretary or other officer can beat this Again, brethren and disters: If the just raise your hand. Friends, let me colored race in the Southern States is impress this upon you, that the sucsuch a menance to good government, cess of our Order is what we make itwhat will the United States do with not what somebody else does or fails to Now, these men were evidently Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rica, the La do. Don't say you are an Allianceman, believe in its principles and fail Now, brethren, you know that a to attend your meetings or neglect to white farmer and his colored tenants pay your dues. Might as well say you have the same interests; both want are a soldier and fighting the Spanish tax. that they started in life remarkably low taxes, good laws and good prices army and all the time stay at home; for farm products. Therefore, they the result would be the same. You ought to vote together. But these would do no good. Notwithstanding cry of "negro equality," "negro su two horrific hobgoblins-"going back our efforts, our County Alliance has just and equitable basis. have kept them separated for a third | Some, of course have left us that ought All this was part of the deep-laid of a century, and I fear will keep them never to have been allowed to join, for money-power shall have been fully mostly for offices. But a large numconsummated, namely : until the homes | ber has no excuse at all for leaving, of the many shall have been trans but smply carelessness, thoughtlessformed into the domains of the few; ness and indifference. We are going try to get B.o. V. N. Spawell, our State dress whatever, for it is indisputably Lecturer, or somebody else, to come certain that those who possess the land down in October and give us a good stiring up. We hope there may be a great rattling of "dry bones" and that much good may be done.

Well, this is election year and the political pot is beginning to simper. Now, what shall we do?

a watch upon too numerous to mention here, but we will just say without calling names, that as for me and mine we intend to use every honest effor to defeat any man or party who aided or abetted in the infamous scheme of trying to destroy the Alliance by repeal ing its charter. Alliancemen, reform ers, have you forgotten? We know you haven't. Just think of having our State Alliance charter taken from us if a single officer failed to perform his duty at a certain time, or if his salary should be increased even one cent. Who ever heard of such abominable things being done before? And yet the same crowd will do the same thing again, or worse, if they ever get the chance. Trust such men? No!-s chousand times no!!! Don't let the cry of "Nigger!" "Nigger!" cause you to lose sight of those things. And may God defend the right.

Fraternally, C. H. BAINES.

A LADY QUESTIONS BAILEY.

correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. * * * And while I am writing, I wish to say that I am glad and thankful hat the editors of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER so boldly champion the people's cause in the Clark-Kilgo aff ir.

Especially was I pleased to see the reply(?) of Bro. Bailey to Mrs. Starnes cut into mince meat. I am a Baptist and hate to see the organ of the Bap | The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, tist denomination on the side of oli garchy. But one of Bro. Bailey's prints that was overlooked by the FARMER struck me as peculiar, and I would be glad if, when he is answer-After the regular routine of business ing your other questions he would an swer this: How can he prove that parents are responsible for their chil dren's crimes?

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MRS SARAHE M Powellsville, N. C. BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAU-TAUQUA, SHELBY, N. C. AUGUS [23rd, 1898

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WHEREAS, The Declaration of Inde pendence, as a basis for a Republican form of Government that might be progressive and perpetual, states:

"That all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain ualienable rights; that among these are life liberty and the pursuit of happi ness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the governed."

We hold, therefore, that to restore and preserve these rights under a Republican form of government, private monopolies of public necessities for speculative purposes, whether of the means of production, distribution or exchange, should be prohibited, and whenever any such public necessity or utility becomes a monopoly in private hands, the people of the municipality, state or union, as the case may be, shall appropriate the same by right of eminent domain, paying a just value therefor, and operate them for, and in the interest of, the whole people.

FINANCE.

We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible; issued by the general government only; a full legal tender for all debts and receivable for all dues, and an equitable and efficient means of distribution of this currency, directly to the people, at the minimum of expense and without the interven tion of banking corporations and in sufficient volume to transact the busi ness of the country on a cash basis. (a) We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the legal ratio of 16 to 1.

(b) We demand a graduated income

(a) The government shall purchase or construct and operate a sufficient

(b) The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for the transmission of intelliby the government in the interest of the people.

LAND.

We demand that no land shall be held by corporations for speculative purposes or by railroads in excess of their needs as carriers, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

EXECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS. We demand the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. That each State shall be divided into two districts of nearly equal voting population, and that Senators There are many things we must keep from each shall be elected by the

people of the district. DISTRICT LEGISLATION.

(c) That our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another.

(d) We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all National and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the govern ment economically and honestly ad ministered.

(e) We demand that postal savings banks be established by the govern ment for the safe deposit of savings of the people, and to facilitate exchange.

(f) We are unalterably opposed to the issue, by the United States, of in terest bearing bonds, and demand the payment of all coin obligations of the United States, as provided by existing laws, in either gold or silver coin, at the option of the government and not at the option of the creditor.

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