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SAM RANDALL has thrown himself square against the Mills bill. He favors one thing, however, that North Carolina Democrats will endorse, and that is the repeal of the internal revenue laws. He holds that the Mills bill will increase rather than diminish the revenue, but this is exceedingly doubtful for importations may increase with the reduction proposed by Mr. Mills.

Senator and Mrs. [illegible] will spend the summer at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City.—Raleigh News-Observer.

Of course all Raleigh people will be proud to have Senator and Mrs. Vance spend the summer at our seaside resort. [illegible] indications there will be a good many of the summer visitors. But why should Congress continue in session for months to come? Business measure upon which every member's mind is already made up. The issues of the campaign are about made up [illegible] as the voice is taken on the bill. Let the members go home, then let the members give an account to the people of their stewardship.

STEDMAN IN THE LEAD.

From the Wilmington Star we copy an article setting forth Mr. Stedman's claims for the Democratic nomination, which are put strongly pro. From the best information we can get Mr. Stedman is leading the other prominent candidates for the nomination but whether he is sufficiently strong to be nominated on first ballot will not be certainly known until the ballot is taken. Quite a number of counties are sending delegates unINSTRUCTED, of these Stedman is likely get the lion's share, but by no means certain that he will. This uncertainty means that the ballot a very interesting one, and the proceedings of the convention, the actual strength of the candidates will not be known until the ballot is taken.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.

The twentieth day of May has been set apart by the Legislature of this State as a holiday. This was done with the object of perpetuating in the memories of coming generations, the fact that the patriotic citizens of North Carolina did on the 20th of May, 1775, in convention assembled at Charlotte, pass a set of resolutions very similar in both letter and spirit with the famous declaration passed by Congress at Philadelphia on July 4th, 1776. This document has been called the Mecklenburg Declaration, and while its authenticity has been denied by many and doubted by some, such men as Bancroft, Graham, Wm. Hawks, Gov. W. A. Graham and others of like character, after careful research have pronounced it genuine, that it was [illegible] and urged as a fact [illegible] history, that [illegible] resolutions [illegible] gress at the seat of government which they were [illegible] committee appointed.

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But the main thing we have endeavored to impress upon our farmer readers is that they must be the main reliance in order to success, and good laws, good roads, good schools, good newspapers, intelligence, industry, economy, honesty, and a good, Christian character are the things that will do them more good than any political party or political organization. We have no fear that the farmers of North Carolina will be led astray by any political party, when they understand the situation, and we think we can safely say that the farmers of North Carolina are not to be led astray by any political party, when they understand the situation. We believe the farmers are the best class of people in the State, and we believe they will soon see that their interests are not to be promoted by any political party, but by themselves. We believe they will soon see that they are not in a position to understand questions so vital to the credit, fame and prosperity of North Carolina, as the trustees of the University, however [illegible] they have been in control, and decided to its hence [illegible] curriculum [illegible] since the war and [illegible] with a band of [illegible] experience and [illegible] the people [illegible] college [illegible] grammar school at Chapel Hill. Do they know anything of the history of the University, of the great men it has produced, of its complete identification with the learning, eloquence, gallantry and patriotism of the State? Do they know anything of the scholars, statesmen and soldiers it has sent into our borders, to the [illegible] of the essential part it has played in the [illegible] of North Carolina? Do they know anything about Mount Vernon [illegible] Washington, to make the Legislature of North Carolina appropriate money to build a road to Mount Vernon [illegible] the people of North Carolina [illegible] the Railroads and the Graveyards over in their graves.

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A CALL FOR UNITED ACTION

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THE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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The committee is a large one and the members will be distributed throughout the county. There is an array of ability on it equal to the occasion of any campaign that may follow, and the JOURNAL will venture to give a little advice even at the risk of being thought officious.

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Gambling Schemes.

One of our exchanges strikes the nail squarely on the head when it says this of a custom that has had much to do with bringing county fairs into disrepute: "If an agricultural and industrial fair cannot be made successful in point of money without the aid of gambling schemes, better let it go to the shades, for money will not pay for the demoralization [illegible] public gaming of chance and [illegible] [illegible] young people [illegible] [illegible] Hope [illegible] the sun, which, as we journey towards it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

The University of North Carolina.

It is a cause of great regret to the friends of this venerable institution that the people of North Carolina should contemplate even the possibility of reduction of the number of its faculty. Do the people, the farmers, the merchants and the artisans know its full extent? [illegible] to the completeness of its equipments, the thoroughness of its methods and the wonder [illegible] of its graduates? If they do not put themselves in a position to understand questions so vital to the credit, fame and prosperity of North Carolina, the trustees of the University, however [illegible] they have been in control, decided to its hence [illegible] curriculum [illegible] since the war and [illegible] with a band of [illegible] experience and [illegible] the people [illegible] college [illegible] grammar school at Chapel Hill. Do they know anything of the history of the University, of the great men it has produced, of its complete identification with the learning, eloquence, gallantry and patriotism of the State? Do they know anything of the scholars, statesmen and soldiers it has sent into our borders, to the [illegible] of the essential part it has played in the [illegible] of North Carolina? Do they know anything about Mount Vernon [illegible] Washington, to make the Legislature of North Carolina appropriate money to build a road to Mount Vernon [illegible] the people of North Carolina [illegible] the Railroads and the Graveyards over in their graves.

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Stedman to the Front

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