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The Observer.

RALEIGH, N. C. TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1878. SENATOR MERRIMON ON THE SITUATION.

Yesterday had the pleasure of calling on Judge Merrimon, who is at home for a few days. Notwithstanding his hard work at Washington Senator Merrimon seems to enjoy very good health...

They are simply training schools. In these teachers are taught. We expect from them to draw subordinate officers for our educational struggles. But it is to the public schools proper that we wish to call attention...

It is not to be thought that there will be passed any amendment to the Constitution relating to the election of the President; but that measures proposing to change the time of holding the election, and to postpone the meeting of the electoral colleges, will be adopted...

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It there bartered and sold, realizing \$17.30 per barrel, and netting four barrels per acre. He tried the common second rice from South Carolina, and attributed his success to having his land under-drained and thoroughly ditched...

The cultivation on uplands is said to be very simple. The land should be put in good condition and from 1 to 1 1/2 bushels of seed sown per acre, in drills about two feet apart...

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The World is terribly disgruntled at the new tax laws and tax, which it contends multiplied temptations to fraud, kept up the degrading practice of espionage, and that it would be a great blessing if the State could be freed from it...

All that is needed is, that the Judges hold their offices for life, or during good behavior. The people will choose quite as good Judges under such a system as ever the Legislature did or will.

There are evidences of a new party which is suddenly rising on the political horizon, and which sometimes calls itself the "national" and at other times the "labor" party.

The Brooklyn scandal has come to the front again. The parties mainly interested, influenced by the law or the poetry or both announced by our distinguished Supreme Court Judges, have concluded to be a little bit together...

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NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

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ORANGE COUNTY LETTER.

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BUNCOMBE COUNTY LETTER.

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POPULAR MILL GRASS AND STOCK FARM.

Mr. Norwood had in the court yard choice specimens of Cotswold, Leicester, South Devon and other breeds of sheep. These are the finest specimens I have seen in North Carolina, and are the best there are in the State...

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