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Senator Sherman is to be Secretary of State and Ohio politics will grow intensely interesting when it comes to the selection of his successor.

Gov. Bradley has not yet called that extra session. Evidently the Governor is not quite so much interested in the matter as are the various aspirants.

We salute our new contemporary, the Raleigh Tribune. We have only one objection to it and that is it doesn't reach the Western part of the State soon enough.

The Lenoir Topic ought to send a representative to Raleigh to look after the impeachment of Judge Norwood. The Legislature will adjourn in about six weeks and now is the time to act in this matter.

Governor Russell's inaugural address has a ring about it that justifies the predictions of his friends as to his courage and ability. It is long since we have had such a powerful address from a Governor of the State.

Senator Dubois is still being kept on the anxious seat. There is nothing so trying on the nerves of a Senator who is a candidate for re-election as to have to contend with a locked legislature.

Peace among nations seems to be the order of the day—at least among the great nations. The Arbitration treaty arranged between the United States and Great Britain makes war remote, so diplomats say.

Governor Russell's suggestions as to the abolishment of the Bureau of Labor Statistics are in line with what we have been advocating. It is one of the best ways to begin the practice of a wholesome economy in the administration of the State's affairs.

Tom Platt goes back to the United States Senate after a lapse of 16 years. We hardly think he will resign again even if McKinley was to make every appointment in New York without consulting him. One experience of the kind has been sufficient for him.

The Asheville Gazette kinder touches up the Tribune on its article in reference to Mr. Platt of New York. We presume that the Tribune got Tom Platt of New York mixed up with Senator Orville H. Platt, of Connecticut. The editor of a daily paper ought to be thoroughly informed about the prominent men of the day, but still we can't endorse the Gazette in taking advantage of the Tribune's error to indulge in a little irony at the expense of its contemporary.

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

The Charlotte Observer is almost the only Democratic paper in the State which does not seem inclined to follow Marion Butler's leadership. We always thought the Observer was a little too severe on Butler in the campaign of '92 and '94, but we readily give it credit for maintaining the same attitude today that it maintained then. On the other hand many papers which echoed and endorsed the Observer's criticism of Butler are now preparing to veer

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around and deify him. The truth about Marion Butler is simply that he is a cunning and selfish politician who is as slippery as an eel, a man who betrays his friends, and whose leadership will eventually prove fatal to any party. Republicans, Democrats, and a great many Populist have formed this opinion about him after a careful and deliberate consideration of his career since he first entered politics. So far as the Republicans are concerned they are perfectly willing that he should lead the Democratic party in North Carolina. The only strange thing to us is that there should be any Democrats who desire his leadership. But there are.

SENATOR BUTLER AS A BOLT

Senator Butler's indignation against the men who bolted his caucus loses its force when we look back over the history of Senator Butler himself.

We all remember the part which Marion Butler took in nominating Elias Carr for Governor. He was in the Democratic State convention of 1892 and Carr was his special candidate. The convention named him in deference to Butler and the faction he represented. But how many weeks was it before Butler had bolted his own nominee and was the leading spirit in another convention to name a man to oppose Carr? Not over six weeks if our memory serves us aright. And it wasn't many days after Exum was named for Governor before Butler was assisting him in making his canvass. If this was not a decided bolt, what was it?

Again: Mr. Butler went to St. Louis and participated in the Populist National Convention which helped name Tom Watson for Vice-President. Mr. Butler was the temporary chairman of that convention and was afterwards elected as chairman of the Populist National Executive Committee. Mr. Butler was in honor bound to stand true to the nominee of his party. It was his duty to see that Watson's interests should be cared for as well as Bryan's. How did he fulfill the mission entrusted to him by his party? He consented to deals which ignored Mr. Watson's candidacy, and in States where the Populists were strong enough to carry their electors through in spite of both opposing parties, the vote of those states were abandoned without hesitation to Bryan and Sewall. For what purpose? Merely that the Populists might get the state patronage. And Senator Butler never once protested, never acted at any time as if Mr. Watson was a candidate, even going so far as to refuse to make public Mr. Watson's letter of acceptance.

These two instances will show the people of North Carolina that those men who bolted Senator

Butler's caucus at Raleigh have never gone to such extremes in the bolting business as Senator Butler himself. This article is written before the decision of the Senatorial contest at Raleigh. By the time this paper goes to press the matter will have been decided. In spite of this fact it is just as well to remember these little facts of Senator Butler's history in case he proceeds to crush those members of the legislature who defy his autocratic dictation and unscrupulous tyranny.

COLONEL THORNTON DESERTS DEMOCRACY.

Impelled to Take This Course by Changed Conditions in the South.

Having heard that our well known townsman, Col. Marcellus E. Thornton, had severed his connection with the Democratic organization, of which he has been such a conspicuous member in the past, we had our reporter to call on him at his office last Monday and secure from him an authorized statement of his position. The colonel received our representative in his usual genial manner and consented to take the public into his confidence.

"In regard to politics," said Colonel Thornton, "I am out of politics, since I am out of the editorial chair in journalism and do not attach much importance to my political views. I will say this however—I have always been a protectionist and also a sound money advocate. The principles of the Democratic party have always been on that line, but not as some have recently enunciated them and claimed to understand them. I have been in the minority on some vital points in Democratic platforms, but hoped for the better. The control of the Republican party by carpet baggers in the South for personal aggrandizement, and the negro question has hitherto prevented me, as no doubt it has thousands of good men in the South, from revolt and openly espousing the doctrines of the Republican party. The Republican machine in the South has endeavored to work the negro for his vote, also the poor union man, and cared not which side won locally so long as the Republican party won. Nationally and they controlled their State's Federal patronage. But all that may now be wiped out. There has been a wide divergence of opinion in regard to the National Democratic platforms during the last twelve years. I was not for Horace Greely as a Democratic President.

"In admitting that I will henceforth most probably affiliate with the Republican party I do not depart from the old time Democratic principles. The Democratic party has been trying to adopt the old discarded tenets of the Republican party in its infatuation to gain popularity, and the Republican party has adopted some of the old dyed in the wool Democratic doctrines and thus they are reversed, vis a vis. Protection to American industries, and "sound money" were originally Democratic. By "sound money" old time Democrats meant, and so understood, then as now, that "specie"—gold and silver, was the money—"sound money"—and not the paper money issued and allowed to be issued by private banking concerns and corporations, as was the case before the war and previous to the adoption of the National Bank system,—which latter, I look upon as the most stable and equitable banking system in the world or ever conceived. I however, go farther than this National Banking law permits and say: The different States in the Union should have the same right of granting to their citizens the privilege of State Banking and issuing their notes of demand the same as National Banks, based upon their own State's bonds the same as are National Banks with U. S. bonds. This is a business practical view of the situation, and must prevail in the end. I could no more think of saying, or advocating the free coinage of gold alone as the sole standard of money measurement of value than I could say that leather or copper should be the sole standard of intrinsic money value.

"Yes, if Clevelandism is Democracy I am done with it. He and the Indianapolis political Trust killed it. But I am now in literature, not in politics."

A wreck occurred on the Toledo, Peoria and Western railway at Sciota, ten miles west on here, last Wednesday. The engine, mail, baggage and two passenger coaches were piled up in a heap. The engineer was killed and the baggage man and five passengers hurt. The wreck was caused by a broken rail.

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you?

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McKINLEY'S CABINET.

Senator Sherman to be Secretary of State—
Ex-Gov. Long of Massachusetts Will
Have a Place—Gen. Alger May
be Secretary of War.

By Telegraph to the Wilmington Morning Star.

CANTON, Jan. 15.—Senator Sherman who this afternoon authorized the Southern Associated Press to positively announce that he has accepted the portfolio of State, and ex-Gov. John D. Long, of Massachusetts, who will probably be in Maj. McKinley's Cabinet, sat down at table with the President elect. The other guest at luncheon was Senator Burrows, of Michigan. Senator Sherman arrived at the house about an hour and a quarter before noon and left for Washington at two o'clock. He had a long talk with Maj. McKinley and they discussed many men and measures. Mr. Sherman said the appointments and the organization of the work in his department would not be considered till after the inauguration of Maj. McKinley. It is understood that the appointment of a First Assistant Secretary of State was not discussed to day but the gossips have it that John Russell Young, of Philadelphia, Pa., was a consideration. Senator Sherman was in excellent spirits and seemed full of vigor. The visit of ex-Gov. Long following so closely upon that of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, is construed to mean he is not unwilling to accept a place in Major McKinley's Cabinet. Senator Lodge assured Maj. McKinley that there were no objections to the appointment of Gov. Long on the part of the Massachusetts Republicans, and it may be deemed reasonably certain that he will be the New England member of the Cabinet.

Maj. McKinley and Gov. Long had a long talk and the latter left for the East by way of Cleveland at 4 p. m. It is not thought that the particular place in the Cabinet which is likely to be offered Gov. Long has been determined. No tender of a portfolio was made to-day. Gov. Long said he simply came to confer with Maj. McKinley. Senator J. C. Burrows, of Michigan, came to see the President elect in the interest of Gen. Alger, whom he hopes will be appointed Secretary of War. Senator Burrows said the Republicans of Michigan had counted upon Gen. Alger, and that he had the hearty endorsement of the two Senators. Gen. Alger is also being urged by the old soldiers of the Union armies. Senator Burrows did not indicate that the portfolio had been tendered Gen. Alger, but the belief is pretty strong here that it will be. The differences that existed between Senator Sherman and Gen. Alger have been happily adjusted and form no obstacle whatever to the appointment of Gen. Alger to the Cabinet. This is stated upon high authority.

Roanoke Beacon: On Friday last Dr. T. B. Wolfe's little one year old child fell into the fire and was badly burned about the head and face. It seems that Mrs. Wolfe left the room for a few minutes, leaving the child and its sister, aged about three years, at play on the floor, and on her return she found the little girl pulling the baby out of the fire. The little girl, while too young to tell just how it happened, had sense enough to rescue the baby from what would have been a most awful death.

A courageous Indiana legislator has introduced a bill to hold baggage-masters responsible for the baggage they smash. He proposes to find them every time they throw a piece of baggage from a car door to the platform, instead of gently transferring it to a truck, only a few inches lower than the bottom of the car.

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