

ABANDONING THE PARTY

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat sees in the resignation of John R. McLean from the democratic national committee another evidence of the dissolution of the democratic party.

But assuming that the Enquirer is to become a republican organ, how does that indicate the dissolution of the democratic party?

The Enquirer has afforded very little comfort or assistance to the democracy for a number of years. Mr. McLean himself has been a type of politician that the masses of the party do not fancy.

Mr. McLean as a candidate for governor several years ago well nigh wrecked the Ohio democracy because the north Ohio democrats found it impossible to support him.

In view of the overwhelming preponderance of the republican party in Ohio no doubt Mr. McLean deems it good business to ally himself with the dominant party.

We fancy there will be found no great disappointment among Ohio democrats because of Mr. McLean's resignation as national committeeman or in the event of the Enquirer embracing republicanism body and soul.

That the democratic party in Ohio and throughout the country will survive the withdrawal of Mr. McLean and the Enquirer we have not the slightest doubt.

So when we receive word that the Enquirer has formally joined the republican party we shall wish it good luck and happiness without in the slightest degree imagining that the episode will indicate the death of principles which were virile before either McLean or the Enquirer were born.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Katherine M. Gurnett, writing in the Omaha World-Herald, says: How pathetic is the story which Mrs. Bernice Sylvester told to the Omaha police matron, and yet how thoroughly typical it is of hundreds of other cases.

sure, none of his convivial companions and so-called friends would vouchsafe. It is too bad he did not understand her; it is too bad so many boys and so many girls do not understand and appreciate the deep love that is at the root of these admonitions—the love that God has implanted in every parent's heart.

And now she is searching for him. Now she is relenting in her heart of hearts. She tries to condone his faults, feeling that perhaps she was unreasonable. It is this—the mother love—that urges her on, that enables her to stand with anxious eyes in the abode of criminals in the hope and in the fear that her lost one will appear.

We are told that her son, hearing of her arrival, had eluded her. Let us hope not. Rather let us believe that the son of such a mother has something better in him, something that will eventually conquer his waywardness and lead him back, eager and penitent, to the arms of the best friend he has in all the wide, wide world.

Boys and girls, think twice before you break your mother's heart. If in the past you have failed to appreciate her love and care, begin now to return some of it. If you have left her on account of some petty grievance, go back and laugh the trouble away. She will meet you with the dear old smile that beams only on a mother's face and clasp you in the arms of which you have long, oh so long, been a stranger.

A GREAT CONTINUED STORY

The continued story of the Equitable, which has been running in the papers for several months, is easily the most attractive serial of the season. Mr. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance" does not compare with it in interest.

The opening chapter gave no clew to what was to come. It introduced simply Mr. Alexander and Mr. Hyde. It related to the extravagances of the latter in the way of costly dinners, extravagances with which the public was tolerably familiar.

There are to be more chapters to the story, and they ought to be fully exciting as any that have gone before. It may be that the scene of some of them will be laid in the criminal courts and that a few of the characters will reappear in those courts.

There are people who are complaining because all there is to tell about the Equitable is not told at once. That is unreasonable. If that were

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