### 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. It calls attention to the withdrawal last year of the Chicago Chronicle from the ranks of democracy and announces that Mr. McLean's resignation is to be followed at an early day by Mr. McLean's newspaper completely embracing republicanism.

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. As a democratic boss of Cincinnati, Mr. McLean has always been in alliance with George Cox, the republican boss. Their political intimacy could not have been greater had they belonged to the same party.

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. The men who used to follow the leadership of Thurman, Pendleton and Campbell could not tolerate the character of politics which Mr. McLean practiced.

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. Mr. McLean has always allied himself with the commercial element in politics, and it is not strange he has found it a difficult task to thrive with so uncommercial an element as the democracy.

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 embraces republicanism body and soul. There will be no doubt a feeling that the alliance will be one in harmony with the general tendencies of both Mr. McLean and the Enquirer.

and the Enquirer we have not the slightest doubt. Some really great doned the party without wrecking it, and probably there will be others to people will render ample judgment upon the republican party in some way or other, and in a manner that will abundantly demonstrate the indestructibility of democratic principles.

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 and which will live to bless humanity after they are both dead and forgotten.-Houston, Tex., Post.

## A MOTHER'S LOVE

Katherine M. Gurnett, writing in the Omaha World-Herald, says:

How pathetic is the story which ing its funds on insufficient security. Mrs. Bernice Sylvester told to the Omaha police matron, and yet how the story, and they ought to be fully thoroughly typical it is of hundreds exciting as any that have gone beof other cases. A son, admonished in fore. It may be that the scene of loving anxiety for his welfare, left his widowed mother because she had nal courts and that a few of the told him the truth, had pointed out to characters will reappear in those him the inevitable result of his evil courts. The story could not have a ways-a kindness which, we may be

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 admonstions-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

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 exasp you in the arms of which you have long, oh so long, been a stranger. Don't wait until, in answer to the summons that will surely come, you arrive too late to hear the sound of the voice that is still and can only gaze on the dear old face, with its tired eyes forever closed, and press a kiss on the folded wrinkled hands, whose work is forever done.

## 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 Fi-That the democratic party in Ohio nance" does not compare with it in and throughout the country will sur- interest. It is many years since a vive the withdrawal of Mr. McLean work of pure fiction has so seized on and held the reader. No novelist has shown greater skill in the developmen have from time to time aban- ment of his plot, in the frequent introduction of new and important characters, in the elaboration of exleave it in the future. The time will citing situations, and in the unveiling come, however, when the American of the motives which actuate men, than can be found in the story of the Equitable.

> 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 was enough, however, to catch popular attention. Every succeeding chapter has had its dramatic episode. New characters have been introducedbankers, railroad men, statesmen, dummy directors, false trustees-and their dialogues have been wildly interesting. In the last chapter Chauncey M. Depew was the leading character. He did not appear smiling and story telling as at a banquet, but he appeared in the privacy of the directors' room of the Equitable, lend-

There are to be more chapters to some of them will be laid in the crimimore dramatic and happy conclusion than the verdict of a jury-"guilty as charged."

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