It is not the Democratic party alone which suffers through the resignation of Paul E. Fitzpatrick as chairman of the county committee, but the city as a whole is a loser. During the year and a half Mr. Fitzpatrick held the reins of the Democratic party, politics in this county reached a new high. His ability as a leader, inherited to some degree but principally self-taught, was remarkable in view of his comparative youth. Accomplishments of the party under his guidance give him the right to regard himself as retiring an undefeated champion.

Demands upon the individual in these times are going to make it increasingly difficult to find men of high caliber willing to assume such places as Mr. Fitzpatrick is leaving. To try to attend to one's business only to find the ante-room jammed with aspirants who want preferment for this and preferment for that is pretty close to impossible. That is what Paul E. Fitzpatrick found out. It is to be hoped that the party will find another big man willing to sacrifice time and energy for a tough assignment.

P. S.—Whoever gets the place should not forget Mr. Fitzpatrick said: "I will be ready and willing at all times to assist or advise."