

THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION

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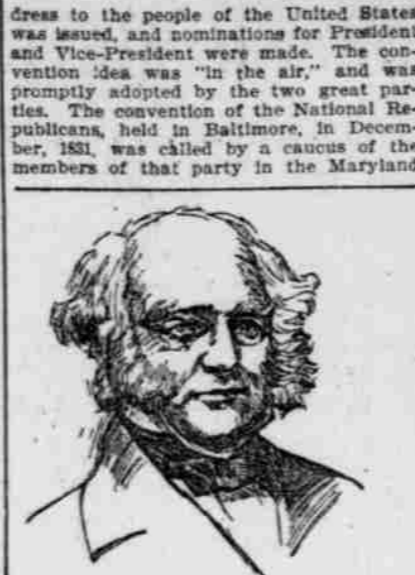
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II. NATIONAL NOMINATING MACHINERY.

Decline of the Caucus. BY JESSE MACY, LL. D. The Congressional caucus had reached the height of its power and was now to hasten to its downfall.

had received a plurality of the electoral vote, but the balloting in the House by states (according to the rules adopted in 1857) gave 13 states to Adams, seven to Jackson and four to Crawford; while Clay, standing fourth on the list of candidates, was ineligible.

According to Professor Alexander Johnston it is to Tammany Hall that we owe the first suggestion of a nominating convention, and that so long ago as the year 1813, when such an organ was proposed for nominating a Democratic candidate for Governor of New York.



Martin Van Buren.

Legislation. It is notable for the fact that the opponents of the Administration in the several states were invited to send to it delegates equal in number to the Presidential electors to which their states were entitled, while the suggestion was made that the delegates be elected by Congressional districts.

healthy people, although subject to sudden changes. Taking a train from Johannesburg, we went southwest to Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp districts, within two or three miles of the Orange Free State.

THE TRANSVAAL'S RESOURCES

Description of Them From Personal Observation.

PORTLAND, March 15.—(To the Editor.)—In this morning's Oregonian a statement is made that "The Transvaal is a poor country outside of the gold mines of the Rand district."

Rustenburg district is 66 miles north of Pretoria, with a population of 10,000 whites and 20,000 natives, and is the choicest and considered the finest portion agriculturally and in climate of the Transvaal.

Zeerust district is further west on the British frontier, close to Mafeking, now besieged by the Boers, with the Malmait gold mines adjoining, and is well suited to persons of small means who desire to cultivate and drain systems have been put into operation, mostly by Europeans.

Retracing our steps by the center of the mining East Rand, somewhat distant from the rainfall being about 12 inches yearly. Cattle and horses thrive well, but not sheep. Small plots of land may be rented or purchased at a profit.

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of the gold mines of the Rand district the Transvaal is "a poor country" is correct in the sense of its developed revenue-earning capacity.

Great Spectacle. Cleveland Leader. If Bryan is really going in for an anti-expansion platform he ought to try to get the American mountain bank the chair.

Baden-Powell's Joke. Collier's Weekly. The officers of the Mafeking garrison were at meat—and what a meat!

Opinion of ex-President Harrison. "I regard the bill (the Puerto Rican tariff) as a most serious departure from the right principles."

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ANDREW JACKSON. (From a painting by Vanderly in the City Hall, New York.)

head of the Government. Monroe received a majority of only 11 votes in the caucus. The caucus had held its place hitherto in spite of abuses and in the face of adverse criticism, because it had after all truly represented the political sense of the people.

The popular dissatisfaction with the Congressional caucus was still gathering force throughout the country. Even three years before the canvases of 1824 the states began to anticipate the action of the party representatives at Washington by themselves recommending candidates for the Presidency.

John C. Calhoun. by the Democratic Party. Jackson and Calhoun were elected in 1828. National nominating conventions had been, for several years, under discussion, having been proposed by different individuals and newspapers opposed to the Congressional caucus.

The First National Conventions. In 1830 the first call for a National nominating convention (if we except a gathering of Federalists called in 1812, which proved unimportant and attracted little attention) was sent out by the anti-Masons. Thirteen states were represented in this first National convention. An address to the people of the United States was issued, and nominations for President and Vice-President were made.

WHEAT! A Most Astonishing Record Purchases of wheat made in March invariably show a good profit during April and May, as the following table, compiled from the official records, will prove:

Table showing wheat prices from 1872 to 1899. Columns include Year, March, April, May, and Adv. prices.

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the political ring at Washington seems to have been in less lively than it is at the present day. The friends of Henry Clay in that city pledged themselves to attend no caucus. Niles' Register deplored the prevalence of political intrigue, and wrote that the "shipwreck of to-morrow politicians" with "the majestic voice of the people," which voice was asserted to be "decidedly against the caucus."