

EARLY LOCAL AND STATE ORGANIZATION

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AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES

Under the Constitution, the old ways of local nomination continued to prevail until, with the increase of population, some necessary modifications appeared.

Just as the Government of the United States is the outgrowth of the two independent and sometimes conflicting ideas of localism and centralization, so is American party machinery a development from two independent sources and along two corresponding independent lines.

Some sort of official nomination also grew up in certain colonies by which men designated for the purpose in each county chose candidates for nomination.

Professor Howard, author of "Local Constitutional History of the United States," finds in the colonial records of Massachusetts evidence of the gradual development of a nominating system.

Rise of the Caucus. The word caucus did not come into use until about the year 1724, when, his- torians tell us, a group of some 30 men in the town of Boston, of whom the father of Adams was one, were assembled to consider practical questions in local politics and to lay their plans for in- creasing the influence of the town in the state.

Because these meetings were attended by certain mechanics, called "cutlers," by the shipbuilding yards at the north end of Boston, they came to be called "Cutlers' Clubs," which was corrupted into "Caucus."

Close ally to the caucus clubs in composition and purpose were the numerous patriotic societies and commit- tees of the land before and during the Revolu- tion—such as the Sons of Liberty, with its many branches. Wherever despotic government presses upon a people intel- ligent enough to work together to ac- complish an end, such organizations al- ways arise. The people inevitably combine to resist oppression. To some ex- tent the American societies were modeled after the French Jacobin societies, but they acted as a counterforce to what was really, in effect, a delegate con- vention.

When the Government had become free, the caucus—which by that time was gen- eral, at least throughout the Northern states—gradually ceased to be held in secret, and in those localities where the town meeting prevailed differed little from what it still remains in many places, chiefly in New England, outside of the large cities.

ment of the party in respect to the is- sues of the day and in respect to party leaders.

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Only One Way. Philadelphia Telegraph (Rep.) That the Republican leaders in Congress should delay just and reasonable action in relation to Puerto Rico under these circumstances is an unpardonable outrage, and all the more so because it is prompted for the main purpose of saving them from the personal effects of their own blundering stupidity. There is only one way in which they can rehabilitate them- selves, and that is by doing their "plain duty," as pointed out by the President in his message of last December.

Inexorable Vaccination. Boston Traveller. Nothing of which the President has been guilty during his term of office has so injured his reputation as his backsliding in relation to Puerto Rico under these cir- cumstances is an unpardonable outrage, and all the more so because it is prompted for the main purpose of saving them from the personal effects of their own blundering stupidity. There is only one way in which they can rehabilitate them- selves, and that is by doing their "plain duty," as pointed out by the President in his message of last December.

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