

THE WHIG PARTY AMERICAN POLITICS

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VI.—THE WHIG PARTY. Influence of Van Buren's Administration Upon the Whig Party.

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Jackson's commanding influence forced the party to accept the man of his choice as his successor. Van Buren was, therefore, the Democratic candidate in the campaign of 1836 against the numerous nominees put forth in irregular ways by the various factions which made up the Whig party.

National convention. It met at Harrisburg in December, 1838. To his bitter disappointment Clay failed to receive the nomination, which he fully expected. A secret intrigue against him gave the nomination to General Harrison.

Van Buren is said to have demanded a renomination by way of vindication of his official actions, and his fragment of a party meekly did his bidding.

Under such circumstances, a Democratic triumph was inevitable, but no sooner was Van Buren elected than the Whigs were organized into a powerful resistance to the policy which he was believed to represent.

is the first political platform, properly so called, in our history, and has furnished the model and in large part the substance of the later Democratic platforms for many years.

For such a campaign as that which followed genuine success was unnecessary. One historian has said: "There has probably never been a Presidential campaign of more enthusiasm and less thought."

ular uprising such as had never been before. Van Buren's defeat was a foregone conclusion. He represented the aristocratic element and was supposed to revel in luxuries—such as "stuffed chairs" and "gold spears" while Harrison as a "plain farmer" was among and of the common people and content, as campaign orators affirmed, with a log cabin and a barrel of elder.

There was no lack of eloquent and popular speakers; there was music everywhere—bands innumerable and a perfect flood of catchy doggerel verse for campaign songs. Sober, dignified and self-

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respecting citizens not addicted to strong drink went up and down the land roaring for "Tippooanee, Tip, too!" and promising with endless repetition to "keep the ball a-rolling" and to "beat little Van, Van, Van."

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NOT STRATEGY NOR POLICY Battle Tactics and Treatment of Men by Officers Only Criticized.

OAK POINT, Or., May 4.—(To the Editor.)—If the report of the brutal punishment of a soldier of the Canadian contingent by the British Army is true, it shows that the British are far behind the United States in the matter of treatment of the common soldier as they are in the matter of modern warfare tactics.

Forestry in the Schools. Governor Lounsbury, of Connecticut, in his Arthur Day proclamation, says: "And I especially recommend to all the teachers in the schools they teach the importance of forestry to the wealth, the comfort and the beauty of the state, and that in the tender and receptive minds of all the children they inculcate the truth, that no material ornament can compare with that culture and gentleness of soul which delight in the graceful flight and the beautiful song of birds."

Why not have your own garden and clear it first of weeds and then you will have less time to help your neighbor do his hoeing? If you would lower that long telescope occasionally then you would vote to sweep across two oceans to discover the mote in the eye of your neighbor in South Africa, and let it rest upon the mote in the eye of your neighbor.

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