

THE WHIG PARTY IN AMERICAN POLITICS

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VI.—THE WHIG PARTY.

President Harrison's Views. In spite of the fact that the Whigs had won the campaign of 1840 without the aid of a national party...

and a platform was approved denying most of the principles adopted by the Whigs and declaring "the reannexation of Texas" to be a "great American measure."

A President Without a Party. These high hopes were speedily dashed to the ground by the sudden death of the President just a month after his inauguration day.

Other vetoes followed. The Government was in great financial straits. Congress passed bills for increasing the duties coupled with a measure...

Whig Secretary of State had remained in Tyler's Cabinet when his colleagues resigned in order to complete some important diplomatic business.

Tyler again aspired to be chosen by the people in 1842. The Fall elections had already occurred through accident...

Campaign of 1848. By the election of Polk the country had pronounced reannexation and the Congress which met in December, 1848...

James K. Polk. James K. Polk, who had been a member of the Whig party, was elected in 1845. He was a native of Kentucky and had been a member of the Whig party since 1833.

Clay fought against odds. His long services in the cause of protection were now really led by them. A retirement meeting of young Whigs was addressed by a splendid array of orators.

Whigs. Though the popular vote was almost equally divided, Polk had an electoral majority of 65. Twice more the Whig party was to join battle with its enemies in a Presidential contest.

The Liberty Party in 1844. A convention of Abolitionists organized as the Liberty party in 1840 and nominated a National ticket.

Clay's defeat. The 1844 anti-slavery party was drawn mainly from his party. But for his tempering attitude, it is probable that the abolitionists would have made no nominations.

Five political groups made nominations for this campaign, showing the tendency to disintegration in both the great parties.

Under the excitement of the annexation question the two party conventions were held both at Baltimore. Once more the Whigs were largely confident.

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