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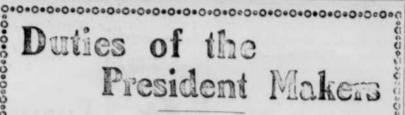
others. Why were Bunting, Chanslor, and the many others, who made their money through investments in oil, successful? Because they were shrewd, level headed, observing men possessing unbounded confidence in the great future of the California oil fields and the oil industry. The demand for oil is increasing daily. The consumption far exceeds the output. Several oil companies paid substantial dividends when oil was selling at fifteen cents per barrel. Oil is now selling at sixty cents per barrel at the well. The total dividends for the year 1908, from all the oil companies doing business in California, not including the Standard, will probably reach the \$6,-000,000 mark for the year 1909. There fore the natural conclusion to arrive at, is Investment in Oil Securities. Invest at once. We are offering for sale a limited number of shares on what we consider to be one of the best companies operating in Kern county, in fact in California. We refer to the stock of the Kern Associated Oil Comhany. The Kern Associated Oil Company is the best oil proposition ever offered the investment public. This Company owns free of incumbrance forty acres in the very heart of the Kern river oil district, and situated on the Southern Pacific railroad. It adjoins the San Joaquin Oil & Development Company's property which was recently merged with the Associated Oil Co., whose stock is now selling at \$31.75 per share. It also adjoins the

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Methods Followed by the Electoral College In Choosing the Chief Executive and Vice President-Development of a System That Has Been the Center of Various Momentous Disagreements.

By FREDERICK C. TOOMBS.

Union. After election the electors on HAT things are not always what they seem is very well exemplified by the manner in which the American people elect their

were to tell the average experienced voter that he has never legally and technically voted for either a president or a vice president he would probably class you with the people ho still believe the earth is flat like a pancake

The fact that a candidate for the state would be lost to them. At the presidency is named at a national con- appointed time and place each body of vention and that his name is placed at the top of the ballot on election day didates its members have for presihas no relation whatever to the constitutional provisions regulating the ber of votes each receives. Every memmode of choosing a president. The ber of the college signs and certifies name of the president or vice president the list, the governor of the state certident would be left off the ballot if the fies it, and the report is transmitted to actual intention of the framers of the the president of the United States senconstitution were followed, and in ate. Both houses of congress assemble spite of the "unwritten law" which in the chamber of the lower house on has developed the placing of the na- the second Wednesday of February. tional candidates' names on the ballot The electoral votes are then counted, It is in an actual legal sense done only and the president of the senate then pertaining to the company and its as a guide to the voter to indicate in announces the result. If any person property. We did not take snap judg- | a simple and effective manner what has received a majority of all the votes set of members of the electoral col- cast for president he is announced to

lege he is to vote for. · elected president, and a candidate The electoral college, composed of for vice president must also receive a company at twenty cents per share is prominent partisans termed electors majority of all votes cast for that ofand whose names appear on ballots in fice to be elected. national elections, has become a sort

Should a tie occur in the electoral of fifth wheel, a useless appendix, in vote the house of representatives

the winning ticket are required to

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electors themselves. As a result there

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electors makes up a list of all the can-

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shown in the latter day mode of electing the vice president. In the first national elections held the man reeiving the largest number of votes in the electoral college became president. while the man who got the second larjest number of votes became vice pres ident regardless of party. Thus in the early days of our country we had a president from one party and a vice president from another. That system was terminated, however, at the opening of the last century, and today there is but the remotest possibility that the vice president will be of a different party than the president.

There is one phase of the electoral stem that has been attracting coniderable attention of late. That is the inequitable degree of representation had by various states in the electoral ollege. Some states have far greater proportionate representation than others in respect to population. Thus the citizens of those states so favored have a larger voice in the choosing of a president and vice president than the voters of less fortunate states. For instance, seventeen states can be grouped having a total popular vote of practically the same as that of New York. vet the electoral votes of these seventeen states are almost twice those of New York in number. Nevada, with a popular vote of 12,000 in 1904, has three electoral votes, or one to about every 4,000 voters. Indiana, with a popular vote of 682,000 in 1904, has only fifteen electoral votes, or one to every 45,400 voters. New York is another unfortunate state in this respect. having one electoral vote to every 41.400 votors.

Adopted after a prolonged and imbittered dispute in the famous constiutional convention of 1787 in Philadelphia, the electoral college system has since its inception been the center of various , momentous disacreements. When Washington was first elected to the presidency the legislatures of New York and New Hampshire were torn by dissensions which reached so far that no electors were chosen, and Washington concequently did not receive any votes from either of these states. At the second election, however. Washington re-eived the unanimous vote of all the electors

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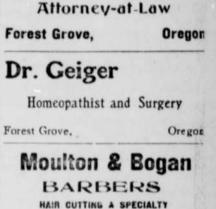
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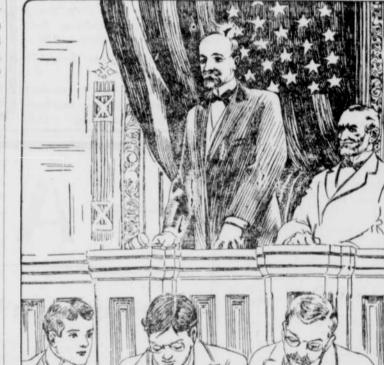


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Not-ble Historical Episode.

At the second election Jefferson and Burr appeared as candidates, Kentucky giving the former four votes and South Carolina giving the latter one. At the third election they appeared again and this time much more prominently, Jefferson receiving 68 votes and Burr 30. John Adams, with a vote of 71, just one over the requisite majority, carried off the presidency, and Jefferson became vice president. North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia each gave Adams one vote, giving Jefferson the rest, and these three scattering votes made Adams president. At the fourth election Jefferson and Burr appeared again, and the vote in the electoral colleges was a tie, 73 each, which led to the famous election by the house, an episode occupying a prominent place in American history. In 1225 there was another election by the house. For president Andrew Jackson had 99 electoral votes, John Quincy Adams 84, William H. Crawford 41 and Henry Clay 37, and, neither candidate having a majority, it

devolved upon the house to choose a president from the three highest. The election came off on Feb. 9, 1825, and on the first ballot Adams was elected-



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COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE IN THE HALL OF REPRESENT-ATIVES.

fact, owing to a radical change in the elects the president, voting by states, theory of government in this repub- each state having one vote.

and electoral votes as it has members it is the senate that has the privilege

sentatives, and these men were originally intended to exercise their own vice president after the election of invariably meet at their capital to their ticket at the polls. When the initiative in voting for president and electors were given constitutional existence it was never designed that they should ever act as a unit, according to dent), the second being dispatched to their party affiliations. That is exactly what they do today and have done and the third as a precautionary measfor a century. Each elector is today in honor bound and pledged to cast his vote in the electoral college for the presidential candidate at the head of his party column.

How to Secure the Precidency.

Each state having a definite number the president of the senate receives of electoral votes, it becomes the ob- the scaled envelopes from the messenject of the heads of presidential tickets gers containing the certified votes he to carry a larger number of states or delivers to them a receipt couched in the states having the largest number the following guarded and noncommlital terms of electoral votes rather than to obtain the votes of the largest number of the citizens of the country, for, as readily seen, it is possible for a presidential candidate to receive more individual votes than any opponent and yet lose the presidency. This has occurred

twice in the history of the country. The constitution (article 11 and amendments and article 12) prescribes the number of electors and the particular manner in which they shall perform their duties, but the states have absolute power in designating the method of their appointment, and congress names the time when they shall shall formally meet to cast their votes.

Method of Election.

Each state has as many electors | When a tie occurs for vice president in the senate and the house of repre- of deciding the question. Votes Cast at State Capitals. The successful electors of each state result are made, one being mailed to the president of the senate (vice presi-Washington by a trusted messenger. ure is deposited in care of the federal judge of the circuit in which the electors meet. The copies received by the president of the senate are preserved in a specially constructed safe and additionally protected by an elaborate system of burglar alarms. When

Vice President's Chambe

Senate United States, Senate United States, Washington, D. C., —, 1909. Received of ______ claiming o be a messenger to deliver the same, a sented package purporting to contain a certificate of the votes jiven for president and vice presi-dent of the United States by elect-ers of the state of ______ is of the state of _____, al-

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Next to the thrusting aside of the system in which the chosen electors The electors are chosen the first exercised their individual choice for Tuesday after the first Monday in No- president and vice president the greatvember every four years, on presiden- est change from the original constitutial election day, in every state in the tional provisions is probably that and others.

for Adams, 13 states; for Jackson, 7 for Crawford, 4. In this election Clay threw his vote to Adams, who in turn made him secretary of state, and the resultant cry of bargain and sale ruined the great Kentuckian's presidential prospects

A Celebrated Controversy.

The celebrated Samuel J. Tilden-Rutherford B. Hayes controversy occurred in 1876. A violent partisan dispute arose over the electoral votes of Florida, Louisiana, Oregon and South Carolina. The entire matter was referred by congress to an electoral commis sion composed of eight Republicans and seven Democrats. As a result by a strict party vote 185 electoral votes were awarded to Haves and 184 to Tilden. Some of the supporters of Mr. Tilden became so aroused over the decision that they openly talked of "taking Tilden to Washington and seating him anyhow," and threats of bringing about a civil war were bruited about.

The ablest men of the newly born United States founded the electoral college, choosing a system that was but one of a dozen advanced for the purpose of deciding the presidency and vice presidency. To Alexander Hamilton is given most of the credit for bringing about the adoption of the system as originally created by the constitution.

Hamilton devoted the paper known subject of the presidential election. and in it he urged many forcible reasons showing the advantage of submitting the choice to an independent body of men.

Among other things he said: "It is equally desirable that the immediate election should be made by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station and acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation and to a judicious combination of all reasons and inducements that were proper to govern this choice.

"A small number of persons selected by their fellow citizens from the general mass will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to so complicated an investigation."

George Washington was chairman of the convention, and active parts were taken by such men as Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, John Dickinson of New Jersey, Pinckney of South Carolina, Alexander Hamilton



