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**Third of the Two-Thirds Rule.**

The two-thirds rule in Democratic National Conventions for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President was adopted at Baltimore, in 1832, when Andrew Jackson was renominated for President, and Martin Van Buren was designated Vice-Presidential. That was the last Democratic National Convention ever held.

The Democratic members of the Legislature of New Hampshire made the suggestion that led to the Convention. Their argument was to let the Districts and States that did not have Democratic members of Congress, but still had a large Democratic popular vote, have a voice in the selection of candidates. Under the old system of Congressional caucuses, they were excluded. We now hear politicians discuss against the very idea that led to the organization of National Conventions.

The two-thirds rule was reported, in 1832, from a committee, of which the late Vice-President King, of Alabama, was Chairman. An attempt was made to substitute the majority principle, but it was voted down.

In 1832 the second National Convention was held at Baltimore. The two-thirds rule was adopted after a long discussion.

At the National Conventions since held it has been adopted without opposition.

The two-thirds rule has never defeated a candidate for President who had a majority of votes in a Convention, save the case of Martin Van Buren, in 1844.

It has been customary for the majority to yield to that person whom a majority of the Convention votes. We have no doubt that will be the case at Charleston.

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A Screen Room, Lassors, Street Full of Tiques, and licensed to Diam. A Rio Grande city correspondent of the Texan "Rauch," gives the following little history, which sounds as if it related to the days of Salem witchcraft, and Puritan superstition. The letter, however, is dated "February 23, 1869."

"There is a man living at Camargo, (Villa Nueva,) named Ambroio Ramirez, who has been for some time suffering from a loathsome disease. As he has been unable to recover by the medical treatment he has resorted, both himself and wife concluded he had been bewitched by an infatuated woman, named Antonio Alans. An American citizen and a resident of Roma, or a few miles from Roma, Mariano Ramirez, the father of this Ambroio Ramirez, who is one of the most wealthy Mexicans on the river, fearing a large tract of land and much loss of this side, sent a party of men to the house of the poor Antonio Alans to kidnap and take her to the city of Camargo. They did so in the most brutal manner. They flogged her on the ground until they feared she would die, and they not be able to get her to Camargo.

They beat one of their daughters daily for interfering to protect her poor mother; that at another, for the same reason, but finally succeeded in taking the old woman across to Roma. She was taken to Camargo, severely beaten, and her body stuck full of thorns of prickly pear, and this beatings, &c., repeated as soon as she recovered sufficiently to be able to endure it, for the space of some two weeks. This treatment of the witch did not however, improve the health of the Galician, and the witch doctor then told them that she must burn her; that the sick man had picked bones in his hand, and that, as soon as the witch commenced burning the bones would protrude, and that the witch doctor, would then pull them out, and the man would recover. This was actually done. The poor woman was tied up and corn stalks lighted under her feet, and she kept in this position until the man so badly burned that there remained no possible chance of her recovery, and I understand, she soon afterwards died."

The Nation of Mexico. - A writer, returning to the United States from the Atlantic coast, opposite France, to Paris, and the Carpathian Mts., in Central Europe, says: "The distance is 2,100 miles, and its width varies, but the roads are more than 5,000 miles long.

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