

important reasons for our interest in history. That it explains why many things are the way that they are today. The Democratic Party today requires only a majority vote in its convention to nominate its president. ~~But~~ Up until Franklin D. Roosevelt changed it for the previous period of nearly one hundred years the Democrats required a two-thirds vote while the Republicans only required a majority. Why did the Democrats require a two-thirds vote? Why should there be this difference between the two parties? It made a tremendous difference in the results, but why was there such a situation as that was? Well, we find in history that it was because when Andrew Jackson was president he was as just powerful in his day as Franklin D. Roosevelt was in his and at that time he over a personal matter became very indignant against John D. Calhoun and Calvin could get a ~~majority~~ majority in the convention so Jackson changed the rules to a two-thirds vote which Calvin couldn't get and prevented Calvin from ever becoming a candidate to the presidency of the United States. Well, now that was done at that time and it continued ever since until F. D. R. changed it. *end of 1.* that way for a long time afterward. Now that is a comparative small thing perhaps, but there are thousands of things that effect our daily lives that are not the result of anything that anybody has thought out carefully. They are not the result of a determined effort to do things in the best way. They are just the accidental result of circumstances of which developed. It is important for us to find out. We often call ourselves conservative. Personally I'm not very enthusiastic about that particular term because I don't think that we ought to give anybody the impression that we like something simply because it is old. An old thing may be very excellent and then again it may not. We don't want to cling to a thing because it is old. If the new is better, we want to take the new. We think the old has a right to be pretty thoroughly examined, however, before it is cast off, and we require real proof that the new is better. We hold to the Bible not because ~~it's~~ our grandparents held to the Bible as true but because we think that this is the truth. We hold then