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STATE TICKET.

GOVERNOR—RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR—JOHN C. LEE.
SUPREME COURT—LUTHER DAY.
TREASURER OF STATE—SIDNEY S. WARNER.
ATTORNEY-GENERAL—FRANCIS B. POND.
BOARD PUBLIC WORKS—RICHARD A. PORTER.

Democratic Economy.

The old song of the Democracy has been, time out of mind, retrenchment, economy and reform. No matter how well their opponents administered the affairs of State, how economically they managed its finances, how little of debt they incurred or how much of debt they removed, the result was all the same, to Democracy; and as soon as a campaign opened they took up the old refrain where they left off the year previous, and repeated the old story.

Two years ago, partly upon the pledge of economy, and partly because some of the Republican friends were savaged by a prejudice, unworthy of them and the advanced liberal ideas they supported in theory, but hesitated to reduce to practice, the Democracy obtained control of the Legislative branch of the State government. Here was the opportunity they sought—here the chance for a demonstration of the righteousness of their professions and the honesty of their motives; and some two years that followed they made their record upon which their party was again to enter the arena, and contend for control.

Their State Convention has met; it has incubated and put forth its platform, but search it ever so closely you fail to perceive any endorsement of the records its Legislators had made for it—only a pitiable excuse or apology for the enormous expenses they had incurred, and the extravagance they had indulged. You do not even find the threadbare profession of being in favor of retrenchment and economy, made use of

Railroad Matters.

The Wabash and Erie Railways in Harmony. Broad Gauge to Toledo a Certainty.

We are happy in being able to announce that the difficulty between the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway Company and the Erie Railway Company was amicably settled Tuesday.—The two companies have formed an alliance which will result to their mutual advantage and prevent a recurrence of all difficulties hereafter, and enable them to compete successfully with opposition lines.

This news cannot but be highly gratifying to all interested in the Wabash Railway, and we regard it as in the highest degree beneficial to Toledo.—It will result in the opening of additional facilities for the movement of the produce of the country along the line of the Wabash, and while its benefit to this city will be very great, it will be equally so to the great grain producing regions of Indiana and Illinois.

It is the intention of the combined roads to arrange at once for the building of a road between Toledo and the nearest and best point upon the Atlantic and Great Western, making Toledo the Western terminus of the Broad Gauge. This gives the combined roads a thro' route to the Mississippi and thence on westward to the Pacific. The union of these two great lines was a magnificent idea, the carrying out of which will produce magnificent results.—Toledo Blade.

—The above article should show to our citizens the importance of prompt and energetic action. If the facts are as above stated, there can no longer be any question, that an additional road will be built eastward from Toledo at a very early date, by the companies mentioned. Over any course that road shall take, Toledo proper can exercise but little influence; it will go in as direct a line as the roads interested can select and strike some point on the Atlantic and Great Western road, already of importance. It is not at all probable that the the proposed Toledo and Crestline route will be chosen, as that would carry the road to far south to intersect the A. & G. W. road to any advantage.—It would make the line too long, and really increase instead of shortning the distance between Chicago and New

The Chicago Post observes that "the nomination of Rosecrans for Governor of Ohio is a regular wet blanket on the Democracy. Poor Sam Cary is mad; Vallandigham is mad; Judge Ranney is mad; and everything is unlovely all around. Old Pap Thomas being off on the Pacific coast, with no intention of returning, little Rosey will have to take the soundest thrashing he ever got in his life, next October, with nobody to save him from complete annihilation. Rosey always gets whipped on the first day, and the first day is all there is of an Ohio election."

ROSECRANS' Democracy began at Chickamauga, where it manifested itself in a backward ride to Chattanooga, leaving Thomas to stem the tide of the rebel success, and draw off our worsted troops in good order. His Democracy was intensified into opposition to the work of reconstruction, and culminated in a conference with Robert E. Lee, in July last, in which he sought to know what terms of reconstruction the paroled rebels would accept from Congress.

A train of forty-three cars, fifteen loaded with crude coal oil, and eight with coal, the balance empty, were destroyed by fire at Cleveland, on the evening of the 15th. The loss is estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The fire was occasioned by the gas which escaped from the oil tanks, on the train, igniting from the flame of a lamp carried by a watchman.

THE latest returns from the Virginia election give returns or reported majorities for Governor from all the counties in the State except Amherst and Henry, which foot up for Walker 115,109, and for Wells 96,446, showing a majority for Walker of 18,663. This is a serious falling off from the first claimed majority of sixty thousand.

ALL through the war the Democracy contended that it was a war to destroy the Constitution and laws of the country. Rosecrans declared it "a war for the maintenance of the Constitution

Laying the Corner Stone of the New Presbyterian Church.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, was laid on the afternoon of Thursday last. At three o'clock, a large number of our citizens having assembled, portions of scripture were read by the pastor, Rev. E. Bushnell. After singing and prayer, Dr. T. Stilwell made the following address:

BROTHERS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS:—We have met to lay a corner stone. On account of the relation I bore to the old church, Brethren having charge of the ceremonies thought it appropriate that I should address you on this occasion. While I came to do their bidding, and will occupy the platform a few moments for that purpose, I came here to witness a ceremony that seldom repeats itself in a man's life time. It is repeating itself in mine to-day.

Twenty-five years ago I stood upon this ground, and saw settled into its place this old corner stone, and in it deposited these relics of the past—one of which I hold up to your view. It is a document which this hand wrote, and which this faithful custodian [the corner stone] has securely kept, and to whose care we are about to recommit it, with others, to-day, to remain a memorial of the times in which we lived, when we ourselves shall have mouldered into our native dust, and the people who pass through the doors of this temple, shall sit in our seats, unconscious that we had ever had a name or a habitation among the children of men. It is a list of the officers of the village of Lower Sandusky, in the year when this old corner stone was laid.

As I stand in your presence, twenty-five years from the day it was written—exercising the prerogative of the office of Recorder, which I then held in the board—I once again call the roll:

Mayor—John Bell.

Recorder—Thomas Stilwell.

Trustees—Samuel Thompson, Isaac Van Doren, John R. Pease, John Stahl, David Burger.

Marshal—Jeremiah P. Brown.

Treasurer—William N. Morgan.

But one to answer! our esteemed fellow-citizen, Capt. Thompson. The others are dead. All dead.

What a significant admonition to us who are here to-day to re-perform the ceremony of eighteen hundred and forty-four. The march of times goes on. The gap made by the dropping out of many or the few by the way, is more than filled—a village, unpretending twenty-five years ago, becomes a city. Front street pulls down her low, frame buildings, and erects in their stead, stately brick blocks—creditable to art, and monuments of enterprise. The shadow of the old stone school house, which stood in yonder corner, is overcast by the lengthier shadow of that, its more pretending successor.

The hot rays of the noonday sun descend into the door-yards, and on the side-walks, no longer unobstructed, but steal down through the thick foliage of well grown trees. The pasture field, across the way, inclosed by a rail fence, when this old corner stone dropped into its place, is now the site of tasteful residences. The common that stretched out in front, marked only then by a deep ravine and an enemy's grave, [the site of old Fort Stephenson, and the graves of the British and Indians who fell before its brave defenders,] has become vocal with hundreds of children's voices, as they issue from the capacious halls erected thereon for schools. In the rear, railways and depot, and thickly built streets, occupy the site of the hazel thickets of twenty-five years ago.

And in the county surrounding—the girdled tree and the log cabin—stump and root—roof and foundation block, have disappeared, and where they stood, the eye rests upon clear fertile fields, and waving grain, and flocks, and herds, and commodious and costlier houses. The wilderness of twenty-five years ago blossoms as the rose.

Everything betokens development—expansion, progress. Because, Fellow Citizens, of these changes which time has wrought, we, the members of the Presbyterian Church, believed the time had come, when, in the fulfillment of our mission here, we ought to enlarge the walls of our Lord's house, to make room for the growing multitude, and to raise upon it a stouter spire, to point the gathering masses to "the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

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The tin box, containing the articles for
deposit, was then closed up, put in the stone,
and the stone lowered to its place.

Brief remarks were then made by the
Pastor, after which the doxology was sung
and the benediction pronounced.

In addition to the articles contained in the
first corner stone—Aug. 24, 1844—were the
following:

Historical Statement of Ministers and El-
ders, from 1844 to present time. Names of
present Trustees and Building Committee.
Names of members who have united with
the church since 1844. Copies of the New
York Evangelist, July 8, 1869, and Chris-
tain Herald, July 1, 1869; list of Municipal
Officers of City of Fremont, for 1869; Har-
per's Weekly, Tribune Almanac, The Jour-
nal, Messenger and Courier, published in
Fremont; American Messenger and Child's
Paper; list of subscribers to the Building
Fund; Christian Family Almanac for 1869;
One dollar note First National Bank of Fre-
mont; Globe, April 13th, 1869; Toledo Com-
mercial, July 10, 1869; American silver half-
dollar, 1858; American silver twenty-five
cent, 1857; 10 cent postal; 10 cents, 5 cents,
3 cents, 2 cents and 1 cent in coin, a variety
of postage and revenue stamps; report of the
American Bible Society for 1868; Jubilee
Memorial A. B. Society, 1867; History of
the Operations and Principles of the Ameri-
can Bible Society; also Addresses at the 52d
Anniversary of American Bible Society;
Photograph of the old church; Premium List
of Sandusky county Agricultural Society,
1868; New York Observer, July 8th, 1869;
Cleveland Daily Herald, July 14, 1869; a
paper containing the names of the President
and Vice President of the United States;
General and Lieut. General of the United
States Army; Governor and Lieut. Governor
of Ohio.

The tin box was deposited in the corner
stone of the former church, which was so soft
a stone that it was put in the center of the
wall. The southeast corner of the water
table of the old church was placed as
a memorial stone in the center just below
the water table in the present church; on the
south face of the stone 1844 is chiseled, on
the east face 1869.

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