

THIRTY YEARS AGO. How the Corner-Stone of the State Capitol Was Laid.

List of Articles Entombed Therein—A Sacramento Female Abroad—P. W. Caffery's Close Call.

The corner-stone of the State Capitol building was laid on the 15th of May, 1861. It was the occasion of a great demonstration in this city, in which not only the citizens of the place participated, but visitors from all parts of the State.

The honor of laying the stone was assigned to the Masonic Order, of which N. Greene Curtis of this city was the Grand Master. The city was beautifully decorated, especially along the route which the procession marched. About 1 o'clock the procession moved from Second street, up J, in the following order: Knights Templar, thirty-seven in number, mounted, and marshaled by J. H. Culver; Sacramento Hussars, twenty-nine strong, commanded by T. Stedman; City Guard, J. Howell, Captain, with thirty-eight musketeers; Sacramento Firemen, twenty-six in line, John H. Carroll, Marshal, carriage containing Governor Downey, Senator Latham, Chief Justice Stephen J. Field and S. M. Wilson (orator of the day); other members of the Supreme court; the members of the Board of Capitol Commissioners, with the casket to be deposited beneath the corner-stone; members of the Senate and Assembly on foot; Presidencies and members of the Board of Supervisors; Odd Fellows' lodges, marshaled by Geo. C. Haswell and J. Fisher; Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows, led by Barney Wolf, Marshal; Union Brass Band; subordinate lodges of Masons, 255 members; Royal Arch Chapter, with ark, fifty-eight members; Grand Lodge, with banner, sixty-two in number.

The procession was marshaled by Isaac Davis of Yolo, and the "Union Guard" brought up the rear with its banner.

The ceremony of laying the stone was a very impressive one. In accepting the duty assigned by the Governor, Grand Master Curtis said:

"The fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons have assembled here to-day, by your invitation, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the State building of this young, free and happy commonwealth. The Free Masons of California, in company with the citizens, rejoice at this evidence of prosperity and progress, and I here to-day bid you, sirs, a good-speed in the noble undertaking of erecting a stately edifice here upon the western confines of the continent, dedicated to the purposes of civil and enlightened government. The representatives of a free and happy people have done well in inaugurating this noble work. It will remain a monument to their patriotism and enlightened statesmanship. In its erection will be associated the law-givers of a free and enlightened people. May they be patriots and statesmen, wise in counsel, powerful in debate, and firm in action. May the building be speedily completed; may symmetry and order rest upon each line and curve; may strength and beauty characterize its walls and pillars; and may the grandeur of its proportions attract the admiration and gladden the heart of every lover of order and progress, and form the glory of our country, without one single stain dimmed or blotted out, were proudly and triumphantly forever and forever yours."

Grand Master Curtis then called upon the several Grand Officers of the order, each in his turn, to perform their respective duties. Grand Secretary A. G. A. Beck deposited the metal casket in the receptacle prepared for it, and then read a list of its contents, which was of interest to our readers at this time.

Names of the President and Vice-President (Lincoln and Hamlin), and the Cabinet officers, Supreme and United States Court Judges, California United States Senators and Representatives, State officers, State Supreme Justices, members of the Legislature, Sacramento city and county officials, Declaration of Independence, Federal and State Constitution, laws of California, State Agricultural University, and the constitution of the Fire Department and Engine Companies 2 and 3, Sacramento Directory for 1861, California Register for 1860, copies of the daily papers of California, Seal of the State, message of Governor Downey, lithograph of the Capitol, by-laws of Union Lodge, F. and A. M., various documents, including the Odd Fellows, and containing names of members of the several lodges, Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., proceedings of 1860-61, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Knights Templar, reports of State Departments, a three dollar bill issued by the "Continental Congress," and dated February 17, 1776, various other, Protestant and Catholic prayer-books, and a silver plate bearing this inscription: "This corner-stone was laid by N. Greene Curtis, G. M. of Masons, A. L. 6861."

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In the evening a grand Masonic banquet was given at the Agricultural Hall in honor of the event, at which Rev. O. C. Wheeler (now deceased) was toastmaster. A. C. Monson presided to "The Labors of the Day," Grand Master Curtis to "The Grand Lodge of California," Grand High Priest H. H. Hartley to "The Grand Chapter of California," Grand Commander E. L. English to "The Grand Commandery," J. R. McConnell to "Our Fraternity," Milton S. Latham to "Our Country," our Whig Country and our Union, and Governor John G. Downey to "Our State." Impromptu addresses were delivered by General Alfred Redington, Judge Baldwin and others.

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Long Wreaths, with 42 daisies, for.....5c
Sprays of Flowers.....3c

TO-DAY. A mixed lot of Gents' Buck, Goat and Horsehide Gloves of extra quality.....75c per pair
Special line of Gents' Natural Gray Merino Derby Ribbed Undershirts, worth 75c, for.....35c
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THIRTY-FIVE LINES OF SHOES TO CLOSE TO-DAY. These are broken lots. If you find your sizes here you can save one-half on your purchase. Partial list of Shoes on sale to-day:

- Misses' Drab Canvas Oxford Ties, trimmed in tan leather, sizes 11, 12, 13, 14, 21.....45c
Misses' Tan Canvas Oxford Shoes, leather trimmed, with heels, sizes 12 and 13, regular \$1 50 shoe, for.....95c
Ladies' Serge Button Shoes, sizes 2, 2 1/2, 3 and 3 1/2, C width, sold once for \$3 50, to close at.....\$1 25
Ladies' B Calf Lace Riveted Shoes, sizes 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2.....75c
Ladies' Glove Kid Congress Comforts, sizes 3, 3 1/2, 4.....95c
Ladies' Glove Calf Hand-sewed Bais, black and easy, sizes 8 and 9, regular \$1 50 shoe, closing price.....\$1
Also, good for Boys' Light Shoe.....95c
Ladies' Tan Goat Button Shoes, made on common sense last, sizes 5, 5 1/2 and 6.....95c
Gents' St. Louis Toe and Tip Bais, tan alligator tops, sizes 5, 5 1/2, 6 and 6 1/2.....95c
Gents' Dress Slippers, tan, with patent leather quarters, in sizes 6, 7, 8 and 9.....65c
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