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EDITOR ENTERPRISE: There are three questions now before the people of the United States and soon to be acted upon by Congress, which, if consummated, will entirely revolutionize our system of government, destroy personal freedom and find the people hand and foot, to a worse despotism than the world has ever known. The questions are the propriety of Postal Telegraphy government control of our railroads, and the proposed election of a President by a direct vote of the people.

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The day dawned very pleasantly and great fears were entertained that the exercises would have to be postponed to another day, but by 11 o'clock the clouds commenced breaking away and an occasional gleam of sunshine cheered the awaiting hundreds up amazingly. By noon the showers were only occasional and during the formation of the procession the sun shone alternately between the rain drops. The procession was announced to move promptly at 1:30 P. M., but of course it could not, for who ever heard of a public demonstration taking place exactly on time. The Opera House was a scene of confusion, for it was here the main body of the Masonic Fraternity gathered to complete the exercises for their grand display. We visited the hall for a few moments, and the chief articles in sight were stove-pipe hats, black suits, white aprons and gloves, and richly embroidered Masonic collars and scarves. Finally, a few minutes after 2 o'clock, we heard the strains of a brass band, and directly afterward the procession moved down the Opera House steps, preceded by the East Portland Band.

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Stewards with rods.
Master Masons of all Lodges marching by twos.
Two Deacons with rods.
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Royal Arch Masons.
Past Grand Masters.
Grand Marshal with Aids.
Chief Magistrate, State and Civil Officers.
Representatives of the Press.
Grand Tyler with drawn sword.
Grand Stewards with white rods.
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.
Three Great Lights supported by two Stewards.
Grand Chaplains.
Five Orders of Architecture.
Masters and Wardens.
Past Masters.
Past Grand Secretaries.
Past Grand Treasurers.
Past Grand Wardens.
Grand Orator.
Oregon Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, A. & A. M.
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Junior Grand Warden Carrying Silver Vessel with Oil.
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OUR STATE CAPITOL.

Laying the Corner Stone—Imposing Masonic Ceremonies—Grand Display, in Spite of Rainy Weather—The Procession—Eloquent Addresses—Full Details.

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As the sitting accommodations had been arranged for all generally availed themselves of them. An evergreen archway had been erected, beneath which the procession marched before ascending the platform, arranged especially for them. The corner-stone was located in the northeast corner of the building, immediately on the right of the steps leading to the platform, and several feet below it. The Grand Master and his associate officers occupied elevated positions on the right; accommodated by the same platform. The spectators ranged immediately in front. Considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping the crowd back, they being inclined to press forward and thus crowd the Masons from the right; accommodations for the same purpose reserved for the same platform. M. W. Grand Master Patton at length succeeded in defining their positions and induced them to occupy the same. The invited guests, together with the representatives of the press, formed a separate platform. As soon, however, as the ceremonies became interesting some persevering individuals managed to crowd up in front, and not being transparent, shut the view out most completely. There must have been at least 4,000 people on the ground, each one naturally anxious to see and hear all that was going on.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES.
The M. W. Grand Master and officers being seated, the Aurora Band played "Hail Columbia" in a sweet impressive manner, after which the Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. R. Stewart, pronounced a solemn invocation imploring the Divine blessing on the ceremonies.

The Salem Choir, led by Professor D. W. Peatrice, rendered the beautiful anthem, "All Ye Nations sing Jehovah's Praises," the violins, which brought forth the hearty applause of listeners.

The M. W. Grand Master then said: Brother Senior Grand Warden—It has been the custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, from time immemorial, to assemble for the purpose of laying the foundation-stones of public buildings when requested so to do by those in authority. Having accepted the invitation from the Capitol Commissioners to lay in due and Masonic form the corner-stone of this edifice, I am now here with my Grand Officers to perform the duty. It is therefore my wish and pleasure that you proclaim it to the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and he to the brethren and officers present, that all have due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The R. W. Grand Warden responded by saying—It is the order of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon that this corner-stone be now laid with Masonic honors. This you will proclaim to all present, that the occasion may be observed with due order and solemnity.

The Junior Grand Warden said: Brethren, and all who are present—Take notice that the M. W. Grand Master will now cause to be tested and tried this corner-stone, that we may lay it in due Masonic form. You will also observe that order and decorum becoming this solemn occasion.

The choir then sang the anthem, "Glorious be to God on High," and the Grand Chaplain, G. W. Lutz, pronounced an impressive invocation.

Then an address by Gov. Grover, detailing in a condensed manner the proportions of the building, the way it would be subdivided, the cost etc. At the conclusion of the Governor's remarks the M. W. Grand Master said: Brother Grand Treasurer—It has ever been the custom of Masons, Craft, upon occasions like the present, to deposit within a cavity in the stone, placed at the northeast corner of the edifice, certain mementoes of the period at which it was erected, so that if, in the lapse of ages, the memory of the elements of the history of the city should be forgotten or the slow but certain ravages of time, shall lay bare its foundation, an enduring record may be found by succeeding generations to bear testimony to the unifying, unending industry of Free and Accepted Masons. Has such a deposit been prepared? Grand Treasurer—It has, and is in the cavity before you.

M. W. Grand Master—Brother Grand Secretary, you will read the record of the contents of the casket.

LIST OF ARTICLES DEPOSITED AT THE CORNER-STONE OF THE STATE CAPITOL, OCTOBER 8, 1873.

No. 1. Engrossed on Parchment: "This Corner-stone of a State Capitol building, used by the people of Oregon, was laid by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oregon, on Wednesday, October 8, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873. Most Worshipful Thomas McF. Patton, Grand Master. Building Commissioners: General John F. Miller (President), Henry Klippel and Samuel Allen. Architects: Krumbain & Gilbert. Superintendent: Joseph Holman."

No. 2. Constitution and Laws of the State of Oregon. Deposited by S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of State.

No. 3. List of Officers of the State of Oregon from organization, February 14, 1859, to Sept. 1873. Deposited by H. H. Gilfrey.

No. 4. A Likeness of Geo. Washington as a Mason. Deposited by David Fleischman.

No. 5. A silver half-crown, British money. Deposited by Joseph Holman.

No. 6. Impression in lead of the Great Seal of the State of Oregon. Deposited by S. F. Chadwick.

No. 7. Beaver coin, money used

by the people of Oregon. Deposited by S. F. Chadwick.

No. 8. Half dollar United States silver coin. Deposited by J. M. Scott, Master Builder, State Capitol.

No. 9. Coupon of \$60 from Confederate Cotton Bond. Deposited by F. J. Babcock.

No. 10. A photographic copy of the weekly Times, London, of December 25, 1870. Size, 7 by 11 inches. Sent into Paris by carrier consigning during the invasion of that city by the German Army in the Franco-German war of 1870. A marvel of photography. Deposited by J. B. Moores.

No. 11. Catalogue of Pacific University, 1872-73. Deposited by T. M. Gatch.

No. 12. Roster of United States Troops serving in the Department of the Columbia, commanded by Brigadier Major General Jefferson C. Davis, Col. Twenty-third Infantry. Deposited by H. C. Morriss.

No. 13. Memorial address of the Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln, by George Laneroff. Deposited by J. H. D. Henderson.

No. 14. Copy of the New Englander, published by Rev. Franklin, Boston, Massachusetts, February, 11, 1723. Deposited by B. G. Whitehouse.

No. 15. Salem City Directory of 1873. Deposited by J. H. Brown.

No. 16. Proceedings of Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Deposited by Chester N. Terry, Grand Secretary.

No. 17. King James' Translation of the Holy Bible. Deposited by B. F. Brown.

No. 18. Sealed Letter, containing a statement of the religious faith of Thos. H. Cann. Deposited by T. H. Cann.

No. 19. New York Medical Journal, May, 1873, with fee-bill of the year 1872. Deposited by E. B. Lehmann, District of the State of Oregon. Deposited by James A. Richardson, M. D.

No. 20. Design of Capitol Building. Deposited by Krumbain & Gilbert, architects.

No. 21. Funeral Notice of Rev. Julian DeCraene, Pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Salem, Marion County, Oregon. Deposited by Wm. Savage.

No. 22. Original Correspondence between the Chairman of the Board of Capital Building Commissioners and the M. W. Grand Master of Masons of the State of Oregon relative to the ceremony of laying this corner stone.

No. 23. A Keystone Masonic Emblem. Deposited by E. B. Lehmann.

No. 24. City Directory of the City of Portland for 1873. Deposited by L. Samuel.

No. 25. Copy of the State Fair Gazette for 1873. Deposited by L. Samuel.

No. 26. Roll of members, exempt and active of Multnomah Engine Co. No. 2, of Portland, Oregon; also badge of membership. Deposited by W. A. Holbrook.

No. 27. Ten shillings, currency of the State of New York, of the year 1771. Deposited by Jas. Loomis.

No. 28. List of members and Bye-Laws of Silverton Lodge, No. 115, of A. F. & A. M. Deposited by John C. Davenport.

No. 29. Documents pertaining to the history of the city of Salem, deposited by Hon. J. Quinn Thornton.

No. 30. Transactions of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, May, 1872. Deposited by H. C. Morriss.

No. 31. A photograph of the surrender of General Robt. E. Lee. Deposited by S. R. Scott.

No. 32. A pebble picked up by H. H. Gilfrey under the north eave of the tomb of Washington, at Mt. Vernon, in February, 1872. Deposited by Henry H. Gilfrey.

No. 33. Specimen of Santiam quartz. Deposited by John F. Miller.

No. 34. Lead impression of the seal of the Circuit and County Court of Marion County. Deposited by Chester N. Terry.

No. 35. Address delivered by Past Grand Master S. F. Chadwick at the laying of the corner stone of the State Capitol, October 8, 1873. Deposited by S. F. Chadwick.

No. 36. Engrossed on parchment, names of State Capitol Building Commissioners, Architects, Superintendent, and Secretaries of the Building. Also, photograph of the State Capitol building. Deposited by John F. Miller.

No. 37. Philadelphia Evening Star, containing the view and ceremony of the unvailing and dedication of the new Masonic Temple erected in Philadelphia—the grandest building of the kind on the globe—September 26, 1873; cost of building, \$1,475,000. Presented by Wm. Savage.

No. 38. Photographic album, containing photographs. Presented by C. M. Moores, and M. L. Chamberlain.

No. 39. Photographs. Deposited by H. A. Griffin.

No. 40. Inaugural Address delivered by President Zachary Taylor, March 4, 1849. Deposited by A. B. Carter.

No. 41. Circular and cut of fire proof safe. Deposited by W. B. Wiltshire.

No. 42. Daily and Weekly Statesman, Oct. 7 and 8, 1873. Deposited by Capt. C. P. Crandall.

No. 43. Morning Herald, of New York, May 6, 1835 and Sept. 27, 1837. Presented by F. D. Strong.

No. 44. Weekly Mercury, Sept. 8, 1873.

No. 45. Willamette Farmer, Oct. 4, 1873.

No. 46. Benton Democrat, Oct. 4, 1873.

No. 47. Weekly ENTERPRISE, July 25 and Sept. 5, 1873.

No. 48. The Plaiudealer, Oct. 3, 1873.

No. 49. Oregon State Journal, May 12, 1864.

No. 50. Oregon State Journal, Oct. 4, 1873.

No. 51. Daily Bulletin, Oct. 8, 1873.

No. 52. Nashville Christian Advocate, Methodist Episcopal Church South. Presented by Rev. Edward J. Damm.

No. 53. Specimen of gold-bearing quartz, selected at the mine of J. W. Virtue & Co., Baker City, Oregon, July 23, 1872. By T. McF. Patton.

No. 54. Copy of Great Seal of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of the State of Oregon.

No. 55. Copy of the Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of A. F. & A. M. of the Commonwealth of Oregon.

No. 56. List of officers and members of Tiger Engine Co. No. 2, of Salem, Oregon.

No. 57. Order of ceremonies of laying the corner stone.

No. 58. Morse alphabet, numerals, signals and abbreviations of the system of telegraphy. Presented by A. T. Wheeler.

No. 59. List of members of the Council of the City of Salem. Deposited by B. F. Brown.

No. 60. Pope's Modern Practice of the Electric Telegraph; a complete compendium of the system. Presented by R. P. Earhart, F. N. Shurtleff and B. F. Brown.

No. 61. Smith's Manual of Telegraphy. Presented by R. P. Earhart, B. F. Brown and F. N. Shurtleff.

No. 62. Proceedings Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of the State of Oregon for 1873.

No. 63. Proceedings of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of the State of Oregon for 1873.

No. 64. One dollar United States legal tender currency. Deposited by F. N. Shurtleff.

No. 65. Copy of the invitations sent to the different Lodges and Chapters.

No. 66. Copy of the *Calistic Gazette*, Oct. 3, 1873.

No. 67. Copy of the *Corvallis Gazette*, June 23, 1873.

No. 68. Oregon Wheat Crop of 1873. Deposited by S. F. Chadwick.

No. 69. Constitution and By-Laws of Tاجر Engine Company, No. 2, of Salem, Oregon.

No. 70. Seal (lead impression) of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Oregon; also a list of the Grand Officers for 1873.

No. 71. Quarter of a dollar in gold. Deposited by Mrs. T. McF. Patton.

No. 72. Medal of Great Central Fair of Philadelphia, June 1864. Presented by T. McF. Patton.

No. 73. Map of the heavens showing the situation of the planets at 12 o'clock, M., at Salem, October 8, 1873. Presented by J. W. McAfee, M. D.

No. 74. *Christian Messenger* newspaper, Oct. 4, 1873.

No. 75. *Daily Evening News* newspaper, Oct. 7, 1873.

No. 76. Lambskin, or white leather apron, an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. Deposited by J. H. Albert.

No. 77. *Daily Oregonian* newspaper, October 8, 1873.

No. 78. A detailed description of a modern sewing machine. Presented by R. P. Earhart.

No. 79. Writing implements in common use in 1873. Presented by E. A. Brown.

No. 80. Sealed documents of United Ancient Order of Druids.

No. 81. *San Francisco Journal of Commerce*, printed June, 1873. Presented by B. N. Rowley, correspondent.

No. 82. Fractional Currency of the United States; denominations \$5, 10c and 50c. Presented by T. McF. Patton.

No. 83. Silver plate with brief inscription, giving date of organization, etc., of Congregational Church in Salem. Deposited by P. S. Knicht.

The list having been read by the Grand Secretary, the M. W. Grand Secretary, the M. W. Grand Master said: Brother Grand Treasurer—You will now deposit the casket in the cavity beneath the corner-stone, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, in his wisdom, grant that ages upon ages shall pass away ere it again be seen of men.

M. W. Grand Treasurer B. F. Brown then deposited the casket in the stone, during which time the Aurora Band rendered solemn and appropriate music.

Mr. W. G. Gilbert, the principal architect then presented the Grand Master with the plumb, square and level, saying: The necessary preparations having been made for laying the foundation stone of this edifice, I present you with the plumb, square and level—those useful implements of the craft—by which you will be able to ascertain that the materials have been properly prepared, and the stone you are about to lay well formed, true and trusty.

The M. W. Grand Master distributed the implements as follows: The square to the Deputy Grand Master, the level to the Senior Grand Warden, and the plumb to the Junior Grand Warden.

The M. W. Grand Master then said: Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master—You will see that the craftsmen have prepared the stone true and trusty.

The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master said: Right Worthy Junior Grand Warden—You will examine if the craftsmen have worked well.

The Junior Grand Warden took the plumb and tested the stone, saying: Right Worthy Deputy Grand

Marshal I find the stone to be plumb and the craftsmen have worked well.

The Deputy Grand Master said: Most worshipful Grand Master—Your Grand Officers have examined, tested and tried the Work of the craftsmen, and report that the foundation stone is well and truly prepared, and is now ready to be laid by you as M. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Oregon according to the usages and ceremonies of our ancient and honorable Order.

The M. W. Grand Master then descended to the stone and the trowel was presented to him. The stone being lowered on the cement, the Grand Marshal handed over the trowel to the M. W. Grand Master, striking the stone three times, saying: This corner-stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masons, I find that the craftsmen have fully and faithfully performed their duty, and I, as Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, here declare the same to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid, according to the rules of our ancient craft. Let the elements of consecration be now presented.

The Deputy Grand Master received from the Grand Marshal the golden vessel with corn, and presented it to the Grand Master, saying: Most Worshipful, I present to you, to be used on this occasion, according to the ancient custom, this vessel containing corn—the emblem of nourishment.

The Grand Master received the vessel, advanced, and scattered the corn on the stone, saying: I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty; may the blessings of heaven and earth be showered upon us and upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response—So mote it be.

Then the Senior Grand Warden received the silver vessel with wine and presented it to the Grand Master, saying: Most Worshipful, I present you, to be used on this occasion, according to ancient custom, this vessel containing wine, the emblem of refreshment.

The G. M. receiving the vessel, poured the wine upon the stone, saying: M. W. Grand Master, I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe, and preserver of Nation, State and Government, preserve the Union of the States, and may it be a bond of friendship and brotherly love that shall endure through all time.

Response—So mote it be.

The Junior Grand Warden received from the Grand Marshal the silver vessel with oil, and presented it to the Grand Master, saying: Most Worshipful—I present you, to be used on this occasion according to the ancient custom, this vessel containing oil, the emblem of joy.

The Grand Master received the vessel, and pouring the oil upon the stone, said: I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessing abide upon us continually. May the Great Master of Heaven, our earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan child, and protect them from the trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the be- saved, the afflicted, and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrow and trouble no more.

Response—So mote it be.

The Grand Master, extending his hands, made the following invocation: May the all bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences and comforts of life, assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, long preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us all a plentiful corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Amen.

Response—So mote it be.

The Grand Master struck the stone three times with the gavel and the public honors were given.

The Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements, saying: Worthy Sir, Having thus, as Grand Master of the Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendency of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

The Grand Master then reascended the platform and delivered the following address:

Men and brethren here assembled: Be it known unto you that we are lawful Masons true and faithful to the laws of our country, engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the brethren and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out. But these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honor to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to build a house which we pray God may deserve to prosper. Let us become a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world until Time shall be no longer. Amen. The brethren all exclaimed, "So mote it be!"

At this point of the ceremony the clouds threatened an instantaneous shower, and the crowd was invited to go over to the University Hall and listen to the oration delivered by Hon. S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of State.

At the close of Mr. Chadwick's remarks the crowd dispersed and the Masons returned to their hall, closing the exercises of the day.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The building is to be constructed of stone, brick and iron; the sub-basement is of the gray limestone from the Unpqua, near Oakland, and the basement of brick, and the whole work to be finished in mastic-stucco. There will be one grand tower of 20x77, in diameter, with open roadway of 25 feet in diameter on each floor. On each wing is a ventilating tower.

Under each entrance, front and rear, is a carriage drive under the archway of one arcade each, and of sufficient size to discharge goods on stone platform on a level with the basement floor. The steps leading to the entrances to be of cast iron and to have ornamental gas lamps of a handsome pattern.