Corner Stone Laid

Notwithstanding the rain of Monday night and the wind of Tuesday morning, quite early in the day our city was filled to overflowing with visitors who came to the city in order to be present at the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$10,000 court house.

At about 10 o'clock the clouds had cleared away and the sun shown out bright and warm. About this time, our ears were greeted with the sound of music, and upon going to our office window we beheld the splendid cornet band, from our neighboring city, Onaga, moving up main street, discoursing some excellent music as they went, followed by several carriages and buggies.

The procession was here met by Chas. Zabel, Esq., and marched to the Cottage hotel and was amply provided for that genial and good-natured landlord, Geo. F. Brown, Esq. Dinner being over, the vast crowd, which had in the meantime increased by new arrivals, until it numbered several hundred persons and composed of men, women and children from all over the county, began gathering at the new court house; and while they were being entertained by the band, the Masonic brethren, (for want of a more suitable place), convened at the Period Office in order to make the necessary arrangements for their work, and from there they marched up Main street to the court house where the crowd was anxiously awaiting their arrival.

Rev. St. John opened the exercise with an appropriate prayer, when the beautiful, impressive and appropriate ceremonies of that ancient order, in laying a corner stone, was creditably performed, and the corner stone was duly laid over the archives of our city, the ladies contributing many keepsakes and curiosities to be there sealed up in a solid rock, to be opened, probably by generations yet unborn, if ever opened at all.

The Masons having retired, J. J. Hostutler, Esq., being called to the stand, responded with one of his most brilliant addresses, in that easy and graceful style peculiar to that gentleman, and was followed by a masterly speech from Hon. J. Q. Detwiler to which his review of the fulfillment of prophesy was well rendered and well received, but as the shades of evening began to draw nigh, the crowd, after having been further entertained by the band, returned to their homes feeling glad that they had been present and witnessed the impressive ceremonies upon this auspicious occasion.

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