

New Jersey News of a Day

WIELD TROWEL AT MASON'S HOME SITE

Members of the Craft From Several States Participate at Corner-Stone Laying in Camden

Masons from all parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware yesterday participated in the festivities incident to the laying of the corner-stone of the \$100,000 temple erected by Camden's various Masonic bodies. In addition, there were forty members of the Grand Lodge in attendance.

Prior to the exercises the guests, including Grand Master Richard C. Woodward, of Burlington, were welcomed by Mayor Ellis at a banquet held at the Ridgway House. This was followed by a street parade in which participated Trimble, Ionic, Camden and Mozart Lodges together with Ovrene Commandery, Knights Templar. The latter was in charge of Eminent Sir Joseph Shackelford.

Worshipful Grand Master Woodward laid the stone while the Masonic bodies massed themselves in a semicircle. The oration was delivered by John Lloyd Thomas, 33d degree, commander-in-chief of the New York Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The music was given by the Excelsior Consistory Quartet.

The new building, which will take the place of the present Masonic Temple, will be of granite and brick. Its actual cost will be close to \$70,000, which with the furnishings and other incidentals, will make a total of \$100,000. It is being built under the direction of the Masonic Association of New Jersey, of which William P. Weiser, is president; Joseph L. Shackelford, secretary; Frank W. Tussey, treasurer; Adam R. Sloan, solicitor, and Reuben Croxton, William Osler, George Boyer, William Schmid, George F. Hammond, John W. Johnson, Albert Fortner and J. Blair Cuthbert, building committee.