

to the Twenty-seventh General Assembly (1898). This latter body increased the appropriation \$30,000. It also provided that the site, which had cost \$4,300, should be held as the site for the arsenal, and that the sum of \$15,000, to be realized from the sale to the city of the old arsenal property, should be devoted to the purchase of a new site for the Historical Building. The Executive Council, as a commission, to which Mr. Charles Aldrich had been added by the General Assembly, proceeded to purchase a site on the northeast corner of Eleventh street and Grand avenue, and let the contract for the erection of the west wing of the proposed structure.

The corner-stone of the new building was laid by Governor Shaw, with appropriate ceremonies, May 17, 1899, and thereafter the work of construction was pushed as rapidly as possible to completion. All the collections of the Historical Department—including the Museum—previously located in the southeast corner of the capitol building, in three of the basement rooms, were transferred to their new quarters in January, 1900. The work of permanently arranging these collections has since been proceeding as rapidly as the conditions of the building and the reception of furniture would permit. The edifice is a fine and commodious one, and thoroughly equipped with modern appliances.

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