

Architect's Travel Fee Put at \$5000

Over objections of Commissioners T. H. Banfield, Portland, and G. A. Marshall, Baker, who declared they are "opposed to spending any more money for architects," the capitol reconstruction commission, meeting in the Imperial hotel, today passed a resolution which will pay the winning architect traveling expenses up to \$5000. This is in addition to the winner's 4 per cent. fee.

All members of the commission were present except George R. Lewis of Pendleton.

The traveling expense item came up for passage and discussion when Carl F. Gould, Seattle, the commission's consulting architect, read correspondence from outstanding American architects in which they said they would not be interested in competing in the contest for furnishing plans for Oregon's new \$2,500,000 unless traveling expenses were added.

Under plans already agreed upon by the commission, the winning architect would be paid a 4 per cent. fee, and his associate (which must

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be an Oregon architect) would receive 2 per cent. Gould proposed that the winning architect should receive 4½ per cent., and the associate but 1½ per cent.

This proposal immediately brought strenuous objections from Banfield and Marshall, who reiterated that they still favored only an Oregon architect. Both said, however, they would not stand in the commission's path.

"I object," Banfield began. "We agreed upon 2 per cent. for the Oregon architect. If the outside men feel that way about it, let them stay out. After three months I'm still for confining it to an Oregonian."

Marshall declared that nine out of 10 people with whom he has talked believed the commission is spending too much for architects.

"I'm getting sick and tired of all this trouble about the architects!" Marshall exclaimed. "Most everybody believes we're spending too much for architects, anyway. I can't conscientiously vote another cent for architects."

Gould defended his proposal by saying: "I'm just your advisor. And I'm just telling you what I've learned. I'm not trying to get anything special for architects."

The commission spent the early part of the meeting making corrections and alterations in the plans which will be printed and sent to architects who will compete with plans for Oregon's new capitol.

The afternoon's session was devoted to putting a final approval to space allotments and departments to be housed in the new structure.