

Hill Locations Out Despite Gift Offer; Maximum Price Set

Building Must Not Exceed \$3,500,000 Is Consensus of Joint Group at Meeting; Vote is Close

Deal Frankly Designed to Get Good Bid From Salem; Will Not Pay More Than PWA Allows

DEFINITELY eliminating any sites for the new capitol which are not adjacent to the old site, fixing the sum to be spent by the state as not more than allowed under the regulations of PWA and determining that the sum of \$3,500,000 was the maximum which would be spent for the purchase of the site and the construction of the building, the joint capitol construction committees of the special session last night moved toward their goal of deciding the problem for which the session was called.

Planners' Report In Full is Asked

House Objects to Lack of Complete Data Upon Capitol Issues

Meeting in two short sessions yesterday the house of representatives heard a complaint voiced against the inadequacy of the planning commission report on the state capitol, introduced 13 new bills and passed two, then adjourned to permit its committees to work.

"When I came down here," Representative E. R. Fatland said, "I didn't know whether the planning board, the governor or the board of control was going to build the capitol. I find now that it seems to be a job for the legislature."

Saying that no definite information was contained in the report, that it was nothing but a general statement and that it constantly made reference to appendix A, B, and C which they did not have, Fatland moved that all the information compiled by the planning commission be made available to the members for their study. The motion passed.

Probable Board Bill Fails of Majority

Refusing to consider any bill until introduced and properly before it, the legislation and rules committee acting as a steering committee reported out three bills for consideration and laid nine on the table. The bill for the repeal of the licensing of marble, pin and dart games by cities and counties though carrying a favorable vote of five to four failed to be reported out for a lack of a majority vote of the committee.

The ways and means committee (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Coming on the heels of the offer of the W. H. Grabenhorst company to give to the state a 28-acre site on the Candalaria heights the action seems an answer that will preclude any site except those east, north or south of the old site.

By a vote of eight to seven with two absent the committee eliminated all sites except the old site and or those adjacent to it. The motion for this action was made in the afternoon session by Senator Duncan. The motion was laid on the table until the night session. Voting for the motion were Representatives Angell, Rennie, Keadahl, Johnson, Senators Franciscovich, Fisher, Duncan and Zimmerman, Senators Pearson, Wallace, Representatives Hull, Barnes, Kirkpatrick, Graham and Norton voted against, Senator McKay and Representative Hyde were absent.

Offer of Free Site at Candalaria is Read

At the opening of the afternoon session Representative Barnett, chairman of the house public institutions committee, read the following letter directed to him, relating to a gift of a portion of the Candalaria site.

"In reference to our conversation of this morning, in regard to Candalaria Heights and adjoining properties for a capitol site, it is our desire, together with other property owners, to offer to the state of Oregon as a gift, an 18 or 20-acre tract which will include the high point or what is known as the summit of Candalaria Heights. This land will be a well proportioned tract which should lend itself to a real development as a capitol site.

"We hope to make, together with other property owners, a definite proposition within a very short time and we feel quite confident this can be done within a few days."

The letter was signed by G. H. Grabenhorst. No action was taken thereon. Speaking on Duncan's motion to restrict the sites, Senator Zimmerman said, "Even with a complete gift of the property on Candalaria we cannot accept it, it is outside our power and the capitol could not be placed out there without a constitutional amendment by a vote of the people."

Limiting Problems Held Essential, Now

It was argued that by limiting the sites to those adjacent to the old site the committee was depriving itself of a bargaining weapon to get a better price on the properties, but the majority felt that the issue had to be decided in order to go ahead and reach a decision on the whole problem.

The committee also decided, first, to limit the amount to be expended on the acquisition of a site to the amount allowed by the

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Prisoners Gone From Both City and County Jails at Bend; Hunt On

BEND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(P)—A double jail delivery over the weekend had caused city and county officers to effect a widespread hunt today.

Chief of Police K. C. McCormick said Bud Bryant and Clarence Nelson had escaped from the city jail. The lock was found broken.

Sheriff Claude McCauley reported Mike McGowan missing from the county bastille.

Destruction Judge McMahon

Hill Location Is Voted Out

Building Cost Limit Set by Joint Committee; Seek Salem Bid

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PWA. This will be a sum between \$150,000 and \$225,000. Second, the amount of the appropriation for the capitol building and site was set at \$3,500,000. It was made clear that no member is bound by his vote in the committee on these questions and that the committee can reconsider its action later.

"We should have enough ground to build a commensurate building," Senator Pearson said. "If we are to use that little piece where the old capitol stood, I agree with Senator Zimmerman that \$250,000 is all that should be spent on a building."

Zimmerman brought a laugh when he replied, "But they've torn the walls down now."

Echoing Pearson's statement that \$3,500,000 should not be spent on a building for the old site were Senators Duncan, Wallace and others.

Frank Attempt to Force Salem's Hand

The limit of \$225,000 for the purchase of an additional site was openly admitted to be an attempt to force the city of Salem into contributing a substantial amount toward the acquisition of more ground.

"The object of my motion," Representative Kirkpatrick said, "is to squeeze a good proposition out of Salem."

A sub-committee of three was appointed last night to determine the prices of the sites and to confer with city officials as to what extent the city would be willing to enter the negotiations. The committee will report tonight.

Appearing before the committee last night Elton Watkins of Portland warned the group that the water supply of Salem was inadequate and fire protection poor. He asked that no money be spent until an understanding was had that proper protection would be given. Alderman Fred Williams answered, stating that progress was being made and that he "didn't know what the play of Watkins was," but that the water of Salem would soon be just as good and sufficient as that of Portland.

Continuing Appropriation Is Declared Legal

At the afternoon session of the committee, Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general advised the committee that the continuing appropriation for the capitol funds could be made. He stated that there was no way to have the supreme court determine the constitutionality of the bill since as there was no statute yet to construe.

H. A. Whitney, Portland architect, assisting the committee stated that it would be very costly to put more stories on the office building, as suggested by Senator Spaulding, as the building was not built to care for an additional load.

This is contrary to the general understanding which has been prevalent that the building could be used for more space when necessary. It was also pointed out that one corner of the building is already settling and would require a great amount of work to make it safe.