

USE OF GRANT MONEY BEING INVESTIGATED

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per year per man for labor and materials.

"Application of such a restriction to the capitol grant would require the use of 3000 men on the job, and the final cost of a building on which we planned to spend \$3,500,000 might run to six or seven million dollars or more," he said.

"Strings may be tied to the grant money as to the manner in which it may be used, and we might be overrun with inspectors for whose services we would have to pay."

State Treasurer Holman joined with the governor in favoring a further investigation into the proposal of utilizing grant funds, and the executive said he would have the highway engineers make a thorough study of the conditions under which the money is available. Copies of the official regulations governing work relief grants, expected by the highway department this morning, had not arrived at noon.

Governor Martin suggested the state might make application for a 45 per cent grant and ask that the money be earmarked and set aside for future use. If such a plan is found feasible.

In the absence of Secretary of State Earl Shell the board did not meet with the state planning commission, but Governor Martin announced receipt of a "progress report" in which the planners advocated the acquisition of more extensive capitol grounds, preferably the Willamette university campus.

Definite plans of financing the new structure will be presented at the board meeting set for next Wednesday by Treasurer Holman, at which time, the governor said, he hoped to have more definite information on regulations the federal government would set out. These regulations will be studied thoroughly before any recommendation is made.

Holman's financing plan was expected to include a direct appropriation plan by the legislature over a period of years for construction of the building in units, without incurring a state debt or having the interest burden.

The governor's view as informally expressed, would be a plan of a bond issue so the present taxpayers would not have to carry the entire burden, but leave some for the next generation, who likewise will get use of the structure.

The governor expressed the belief the federal grant, if accepted, could be earmarked without as much preliminary detail as required in less-favored projects. He did not intimate when the state legislature would be called into session.

The board authorized sending brick from the old capitol building for use at the state fairgrounds; purchase of highway markers from Irwin-Hodson of Portland at \$3175, and permitted the state of Nevada to send one of its blind students to the Oregon blind trades school for training, with Nevada paying the expenses.

While the planning board did not make any recommendations, either on the site, type or financing of the building, it stated a final report would be made before the end of the present month. The report indicated what plans the board was considering.

The proposal of the O. & C. Land Grant counties committee that the government purchase the O. & C. timber whereby sufficient funds could be secured for construction of a new capitol without cost to the state, was included in the report on financing. Other than to state the proposal would require congressional action at this time, no recommendations were made.

The progress report today replaced the proposed session of the planning board, which was to meet with the state board of control.

Introducing its progress report the committee of the planning board recommended that the ideal arrangement would be to have first the legislative action and then the architectural competition, which would require a special session early in the fall. "The date for the proposed legislative session is all important," the committee stated.

The progress report recommended a group capitol plan rather than a single capitol building. In its summary on the considerations for sites, and without making any recommendations, the report states:

1. The site of the future capitol should be very ample in size, and in such shape and location that it allows satisfactory development of the approach.

2. A capitol group requires even more space than a single capitol building. This committee recommends a group plan.

3. The old capitol site is very inadequate for many reasons.

4. There are only two proposed sites which, in the opinion of this committee, might satisfy the requirements:

(a) The "Bush Pasture" tract or land approached through it to the south;

(b) The Willamette University campus, joined to the old site by condemnation of a part of state street.

5. No final recommendation is made at this time.

Referring to the remark that "no change is needed because Oregon get along with its old site and building for many years," the report stated the committee did not recognize it as an argument "because it is contrary to logic." The committee is attempting a broad study based on factual data, "among which sentiment should be granted its due consideration, but no more."

The report continued that now "the people of Oregon are given an opportunity to house their state government adequately and also to symbolize whatever progress they

LIBBY LAUGHS AT DANGER



Libby Holman, former Broadway torch singer, scoffed at reports she had put her two-year-old son, Christopher Reynolds, under guard against kidnappers at Ogunkit, Me., as she appeared for her debut into drama. She attributed the presence of guards near her cottage as the "usual servants, of course." Her son is heir to the tobacco fortune. (Associated Press Photo)

have made and expect to make in the future."

Referring to the proffer by the city of Salem of Wilson park, to the west of the capitol grounds, the report stated:

"The state is fortunate in having the generous cooperation of the city of Salem, shown by the resolution. In the opinion of this committee, the addition of Wilson park would be an extremely valuable asset to a combination of the old site and the Willamette University campus. It would 'square up' the total proposed site, making it a better unit for development. The city's offer creates a further argument in favor of acquiring the Willamette University campus."

It was understood a joint committee of the state and the university trustees was now considering the purchase of the university site, which would transfer the university to a new location, probably in Bush's Pasture.

In the financing of the construction, through the proposed W. P. A. program, the board announced it had employed the services of a technical assistant to look into the details of the application to the federal government for a 45 per cent grant.

Explaining the proposal the state might obtain from the federal government funds representing the existing equity in the O. & C. land grants, the report included the explanation as made by District Attorney Guy Gordon of Douglas county, representing the O. & C. counties.

The plan, as explained by Gordon, stated the O. & C. grant lands in 18 Oregon counties be transferred from the department of the interior to the forest service and be handed on a sustained yield basis. He felt sufficient amount of money could be obtained to build a new capitol without cost to the state and from an asset which is generally recognized as belonging to the state.

This, he said, could be done without interfering with the tax equity of the counties and without interfering with the general forestry policy.

The value of the grant is reasonably \$20,000,000, based on a stand of 40,000,000,000 feet of timber, Gordon stated. The grant would be reduced in amount substantially \$7,000,000 to take care of deficit to government, between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, to take care of county accrued claims, the total to be \$8,000,000—still \$12,000,000 capital value there.

The suggestion further stated that \$4,000,000 be set aside for a new capitol building, as a feasible plan. The board had not approved the plan as yet but included it for consideration. The only obstacle to the plan was the adjournment.

The progress report will be considered by the members of the board of control.

Nevada To Receive Stock of Game Birds

Reno, Nev. (AP)—A program for the largest stocking of game birds ever undertaken in Nevada has been completed.

Two thousand birds will be purchased to restock the state's ranges following the close of the season in November. The program is designed to allay fears of hunters that the state's supply of wild fowl is being seriously depleted.

Three varieties of sage fowl will be purchased by the commission: Chinese pheasants, valley quail and chukar partridges.

LOG KEPT 35 YEARS
Steubenville, Ohio (AP)—Charles R. Wells, coroner of Jefferson county, has kept a log for 35 years. He

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CENTRAL CHINA SUBMERGED BY YANGTSE FLOOD

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region have collapsed before the pounding waters. Information from other sections was incomplete because of destruction of postal and telegraphic communications.

The Yangtze rushed the dykes protecting Shasi, an important port in southern Hupeh province, and a grave fear was expressed for the population of 100,000 as the city lies below the level of the river's normal height. Fragmentary reports stated that panic reigned in the city as old and young fled the avalanche of angry waters.

Shasi is a city many centuries old and its prosperity depended primarily on distributing the products from Szechuen province.

Flood danger extended southward toward Kukiang as dikes holding the waters of the northern end of Poyang lake burst, and the additional force of the released lake added to the grave plight of the nearby region.

According to government officials, no estimate of deaths or property damage can be made as flood reports are just beginning to be centralized. However, it was stated that "many millions of persons are affected and the property damage will certainly reach a staggering figure."

The gravest new flood danger is believed to be around Kukiang where the Poyang lake waters are crashing over the region toward the Yangtze retarding the river's flow but widening the affected area. Poyang lake next to Tungting lake in Hunan province is the largest lake in China, being eighty miles long, and twenty wide with an average summertime depth of fifteen feet.

Changsha, July 8 (AP)—Chinese advisers from Changteh, Hunan province, tonight said that fire had broken out in portions of the city not submerged by the flooded Yuen river, adding to the horrors of the suffering populace.

All efforts to reach Changteh by telephone or telegraph failed. The waters of the Shang river are rising at Changsha due to heavy rains and nearby Tungting lake is rising. No serious damage has occurred, however.

Exporter Will Ship 100 Mules to Italy

Montreal (AP)—W. Rowe, king of United States mule exporters, is at work again.

Marking the first such shipment of the year, 100 mules will leave here shortly aboard the freighter Sonje en route to Italy.

Rowe ships hundreds of mules to European countries through the port of Montreal every year. He is believed to be the most successful mule exporter in the world. Last time he sent several hundred to India and Italy for use in army work.

Rowe usually accompanies the mules across the ocean himself to see that they are properly taken care of and has never lost one through accident or illness.

GERTIE GODIVA PUTS ON CLOAK

San Diego, Calif., July 8 (AP)—"Lady Godiva" rode again last night—but she was draped in a black cloak.

It was two members of Chief of Police George Sears' vice squad that demanded some of the "sensation" taken from the performance.

But "Gold Gulch" Gertie, who created a sensation Saturday night in her first ride, didn't give in until after more than an hour of wrangling with the persistent peace officers.

"Godiva" was ready for her ride through Gold Gulch, the exposition's 49er camp, when the two officers approached. She pleaded with the officers, even threw a thin and narrow strip of orange cloth over her shoulder which she was sure would rob her performance of "all its glamour."

But it was not until an attendant from "Gertie's Girl Show" finally brought the black cloak that they would permit the ride to begin.

Visibly perturbed by the "unsightly" apparel, "Gertie" did her best to maintain her poise as she rode on the back of her burdened burro.

Thousands of persons crowded the Gulch for a glimpse of what had been advertised to be a repetition of her initial ride.

MAN, 78, HELD
Hull, Que. (AP)—William Maxwell, of Kemptonville, Ont., was held by police on a charge of bigamy—at the age of 78.

BRITAIN HALTED IN EFFORTS TO PREVENT WAR

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make a considered statement on it to the house of commons Thursday. Italy has rejected all British pleas not to wage war. France has refused to endanger its new friendship with Italy by supporting British pressure on Italy. President Roosevelt's refusal to heed Abyssinia's plea to invoke the Briand-Kellogg anti-war pact, which the United States government sponsored, was the final blow.

It seemed that whatever happened Germany, which is not involved at all in the Abyssinian problem, would be the winner.

Important benefit was seen accruing already to Germany because the "united front" of Britain, France and Italy, agreed upon at the conference at Stresa, Italy, has been broken. The united front was to be invoked against further German treaty violation. It has proved short lived.

British opposition to Italy's Abyssinian venture has estranged Italy and Britain. France and Britain are in disagreement because of Britain's naval agreement with Germany and because of France's refusal to support Britain against Italy. The League's apparent impotence is further diplomatic good news to Germany.

As to Italy's war, though Italy is overwhelmingly superior technically and though it has the most modern weapons ever used in war, some military experts predict a long, discouraging campaign.

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ben county, inundating thousands of acres, of crops and destroying many cattle.

(The United Press)
Storms and raging floods spreading over wide areas in New York state, New England and Canada, took at least eleven lives today, caused millions of dollars damage, forced hundreds of families to evacuate their homes and marooned hundreds of others in water-block-

aded homes, trains, buses and automobiles.

United Press dispatches showed 11 deaths attributed to the most serious storms in New York state in more than a decade. Tentative estimates put property damages at over \$10,000,000. Hundreds of homes were inundated and at least 150 cottages were carried away. Crops suffered heavily.

An automobile carrying four persons was swept from the highway into Chenango creek, the sheriff at Binghamton was advised. Virtually all of the flood victims were drowned, eight of them in or near Ithaca.

The storms extended from western New York to Ontario and New England and varied from turbulent floods in the New York state area to heavy fog which delayed shipping at Boston. Among the New York areas suffering heavily were Elmira, Kingston, Ithaca, Bath, Watkins Glen, Whitney Point, and Binghamton.

FAME AT STAKE

Macon, Mo. (AP)—Kentucky blue grass kings had better look to their grass. A northeast Missouri farmer found several blades of the famous meadows grass measuring 60½ inches in length, believed to be the longest on record.

RYAN TO FIGHT RADICAL DRIVE

New York, July 8 (AP)—Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's association, announced today as the organization began a five-day national convention here, that he was determined to resist attempts of left wing factions to gain control of the union.

Ryan said he had heard rumors of contemplated left wing action at the convention, the first in four years, but that he was prepared to combat any attempts at communist propaganda on the floor as long as he was in the chair.

He said he understood that Harry Bridges, leader in the marine walk-out that precipitated a general strike in San Francisco, was flying here to attend the convention as a delegate from the San Francisco bay region. Bridges was reported to be seeking the presidential post.

"Any member has the right to be nominated and elected president of the I.L.A.," Ryan said.

Fifteen Boy Scouts from London recently took an air trip to Paris.

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