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SERIOUSNESS MARKS WORK OF ASSEMBLY

Session Just Closing Proves Business-like Throughout—Important Bills Virtually Disposed of by Solons.

FEW FREAK MEASURES

BY PALLADIUM CORRESPONDENT INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 7.

Although the 72nd general assembly of Indiana probably will not adjourn sine die until midnight tonight or later it is possible even leaving out of consideration the action today, to get a pretty fair idea of what has been accomplished. Generally speaking all of the important legislation had been virtually disposed of when the sessions began today; at least with a few exceptions, it had either been killed or was in such status that it was possible to determine pretty accurately whether it would die or be enacted. This statement, of course does not apply to the great number of bills of minor importance or local significance, many of which will still be buried deep in committee when final adjournment is taken.

Plans, drawings and specifications were submitted with the report and filed in the county auditor's office. The general plans were prepared by Guy Study, formerly a resident of Richmond, now a well known architect of St. Louis, Mo.

The building will cover an area of approximately 180 by 230 feet. It will be erected at a cost of from \$400,000 to \$450,000, according to the report.

Recommend Site.

The site recommended by the committee is bounded by North A street, North Eleventh and North Twelfth street and the first alley north of Main street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets in the city of Richmond.

A new community spirit which is largely the outgrowth of the World war has been considered by the architects of the country who have had in charge the making of plans for memorials. The Memorial Hall proposed for Wayne county is designed to take care of this feature.

General Scheme.

The general scheme of this building, in addition to being architecturally magnificent and in keeping with the idea behind the erection, is to provide a place for civic organizations to meet, a place where community spirit may manifest itself to the advantage of all the citizens, a place where civic pride will strengthen a pride in a glorious past with a hope for the coming years, the report states.

The classic or colonial style of architecture is recommended for the structure. This is the same as used in Faneuil hall and Independence hall; it is the style used by Washington at Mount Vernon and by Jefferson, at Monticello, and the building designed by Jefferson for the University of Virginia, according to the report.

Stately Memorial.

It is proposed to make this memorial one of the finest of its kind. Its imposing facade of noble and stately columns, flanked by two pavilions, will make it one of the most beautiful pieces of architecture in the country, it is stated by members of the committee.

A flight of 15 to 18 steps from the ground level leads to a large entrance vestibule, the walls of which are designed to hold tablets commemorating the soldier dead or suitable statuary for that purpose. On each side of the vestibule are wings in which are apartments for club rooms for veterans of our several wars.

Stage Included.

Directly in the rear of the vestibule, opposite the main entrance, is the auditorium, designed to seat 2,500 people; a stage at the rear which will be suitable for all entertainments, including those requiring standard scenery.

Beneath the auditorium the basement will contain the heating and ventilating plants. It will be equipped with a modern kitchen, in which meals can be prepared for several hundred people.

Main Basement.

This main basement so called, will be finished in keeping with the remainder of the building and is for the purpose of general meetings, banquets, industrial and other exhibits. Ramps will be constructed so as to permit the easy introduction of heavy machinery for display. This room will have a seating capacity of 600, and rolling partitions will be placed between the pillars in order that the room may be cut off into smaller apartments if desired.

Adjoining the main basement room are two smaller rooms, under the wings as mentioned above. Each of these rooms will seat 150 persons and can be used for meetings of that size or can be regarded as part of the main room. Proper toilet facilities are also on this floor.

Suggest Two Schemes.

Two schemes are suggested for material for the building.

The first calls for the exterior to be of Bedford stone exclusively; the second, Bedford stone and brick in combination. The second is said to be common in buildings of this character and would probably reduce the cost of the building about \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Based upon present day prices of material and labor, the estimated cost of the building, including all items of furniture, decoration, architects' commissions, will be from \$400,000 to \$450,000, depending upon the material used, it is said.

The estimated annual cost of maintenance is fixed at \$4,100 in the report. This does not include repair items, which would necessarily be small the first several years.

The committee recommends that Guy Study, of St. Louis, Mo., be employed as architect to perfect the plans, make general working drawings, specifications and all full sized detail drawings. Werking & Son of Richmond are recommended as assistants in receiving bids and contracts.

Recommend Trustees.

Providing that county superintendents must have taught school three years and have had certain normal training and authorizing township trustees to increase salaries of superintendents—signed by governor.

Providing that school teachers shall receive pay for periods when schools are closed through no fault of teachers—has passed both houses.

Creating position of elementary school inspector of the state—has passed both houses.

Senate concurrent resolution for an educational survey—has been concurred in by both houses.

School Book Profits.

Providing that county superintendents may designate one or more school book dealers in county and fixing profit of dealers at 20 percent—signed by governor.

Senate concurrent resolution to designate one week in spring of 1921 as "Indiana College Week" to bring interest to non-state colleges—concurred in by both houses.

Resolution for constitutional amendment for appointment instead of election of state superintendent of schools—has passed senate only.

To require youths between 14 and 18 years old to attend part time schools—has passed both houses.

Providing that school work at Indiana boys' schools shall conform with that in public schools and providing for regularly licensed teachers at boys' schools—has passed both houses.

Seven-Cent Levy.

Providing seven-cent levy for common school fund and that greatly increased amount shall go to deficiency fund—has passed both houses.

Providing aid of \$200,000 a year for

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Three members of the board of trustees, who are to have charge of the erection and control of the building, should be chosen from members of the committee submitting the report.

The final recommendation is that the building be erected on the site selected at a cost not to exceed \$500,000. The members of the committee which submitted the report were: Paul Comstock, chairman; Frank Strayer, vice-chairman; Robert E. Graham, secretary; William A. Lewis, treasurer; R. G. Leeds, Charles O. Williams, Robert Boren, Claude S. Kitterman, Ferman C. McCormick, John Macy, T. W. Druley, Horace Hoover, William M. Roller, Howard A. Dill and William J. Curtis.

COAL PAYS DIVIDEND

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company, today declared a special cash dividend of 150 percent on its \$9,210,000 stock outstanding.

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