

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1871.

The board met at 3 o'clock, P. M., agreeable to adjournment, in the Regent's office.

The calling of the roll resulted as follows :

Present—Messrs. Blackburn, Bowen, Brown of Pulaski, Cobb, Cunningham, Edwards, Galusha, Goltra, Griggs, Lawrence, Pearson, Pickrell, Pullen, Pickard, Scroggs, Slade, Scott, VanOsdel, Wright and the Regent—20.

Absent—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Brayman, Brown of Sangamon, Greenleaf, Harrington, Hays, Johnson, Mahan, McMurray, Wagner and the Governor—12.

Hon. C. R. Griggs invited the members of the Board to be his guests at the Griggs' House. The invitation was accepted; and, on motion, the Board took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

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EVENING SESSION.

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The Board assembled at 7:30, P. M.

Scriptures were read by the Regent, and prayer offered by Judge L. W. Lawrence.

The oath of office was administered to the newly appointed members of the Board, Judge J. O. Cunningham and Mr. Bowen, by Judge Lawrence.

Judge Lawrence offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Judge J. O. Cunningham be requested and instructed to examine the question of the liability of the property in the hands of this Board, in trust, for taxes, which are understood to have been levied, and take such action in the premises as to him may seem necessary.

On motion of Mr. Goltra, the Board proceeded to consider the question of the location of the University building to be erected.

To bring the question directly before the Board, Judge Brown offered the following :

Resolved, That the new University building, to be erected with the proceeds of the appropriation recently made by the Legislature, shall be built upon the crest of the ridge on which the gardener's house now stands, being that part of the University lands lying immediately south of Green street.

In the discussion which followed, Messrs. Scroggs, Blackburn and Scott spoke for the erection of the building upon the present grounds, advocating the purchase of about 24 lots east of the present University grounds. Messrs. Griggs, Lawrence, Brown and others, supported the resolution.

The motion was then put to vote, and resulted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Bowen, Brown of Pulaski, Cobb, Cunningham, Edwards, Galusha, Goltra, Griggs, Slade, Lawrence, Pickrell, Pullen, Pickard and VanOsdel—14.

Noes—Messrs. Blackburn, Wright, Pearson, Scroggs and Scott.

Mr. Pearson rose to explain his vote. He voted "No" because he thought the building under consideration should be located upon the Experimental farm.

Mr. Galusha offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the location of the Mechanical buildings and Drill Hall, connected with this University, be entrusted to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Cobb moved the following :

Resolved, That, in accordance with the act of appropriation, passed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, and approved April —, appropriating for Chemical, Horticultural and Agricultural departments, and for books and apparatus, an amount of \$25,000, the Treasurer be authorized to draw said sums, from time to time, and that the Regent and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish such certificates as he may require.

The ayes and noes being called on Mr. Cobb's resolution, the vote resulted in—

Ayes—Messrs. Blackburn, Bowen, Brown of Pulaski, Cobb, Cunningham, Edwards, Galusha, Goltra, Griggs, Lawrence, Pearson, Pickrell, Pullen, Pickard, Slade, Scroggs, Scott, Van Osdel, Wright and the Regent—20.

Noes—0.

It was moved and carried that the plans and specifications of the new University building, prepared by Mr. Van Osdel, of Chicago, be acted upon by the Board.

Mr. Van Osdel exhibited the plans, and read the estimates, amounting to \$143,700.

The plans were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Blackburn, Bowen, Brown of Pulaski, Cobb, Cunningham, Edwards, Galusha, Goltra, Griggs, Lawrence, Pearson, Pickrell, Pullen, Pickard, Scott, Slade, Van Osdel, Wright and the Regent—19.

Noes—0.

The specifications were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with instruction to report at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, Mr. Griggs was added to the Building Committee to inspect the plans before it.

The plans and specifications of the Mechanical building were considered, and referred to the Building Committee, to be reported back to-morrow.

The motion instructing the Building Committee to report to-morrow, was reconsidered, and the committee was requested to report immediately.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported back the plans and specifications referred to them, without alteration.

On motion, Mr. Van Osdel was requested to read the specifications of the University building in full.

It was moved that the specifications read by Mr. Van Osdel, be adopted.

The vote was taken by ayes and noes, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Bown of Pulaski, Wright, Cobb, Cunningham, Edwards, Galusha, Griggs, Slade, Lawrence, Pearson, Pullen, Pickrell, Pickard, Scott, Van Osdel, Goltra, and the Regent—19.

Noes—0.

Judge Brown offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans of Drill Hall and Mechanical Building, presented to the Board, be approved and adopted, except that the end elevation shall be altered to correspond with the side elevation; and that the said plans be referred to Mr. Van Osdel, with directions to make said alterations before the same are placed in the hands of the Governor.

Resolved, also, That the specifications and estimates for said building, be approved, but that they be referred to Mr. Van Osdel, to be put in better form before they are presented to the Governor.

The resolutions of Judge Brown were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Blackburn, Bowen, Brown of Pulaski, Cobb, Cunningham, Edwards, Galusha, Goltra, Griggs, Slade, Lawrence, Pearson, Pickrell, Pullen, Pickard, Scott, Van Osdel, Wright, and the Regent—19.

Noes—0.

Mr. Pearson offered the following :

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article III, of the By-laws for the government of the Board, be amended, by adding to said section the following: "*Provided*, that every motion, or resolution, contemplating any disbursement from the funds of the University, shall either emanate from or be referred to some standing committee, before final action thereon."

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Pearson also moved that the Recording Secretary be instructed to have the by-laws and lists of the Standing Committees printed on cards for the use of the Board.

Carried.

Judge Cunningham moved, and it was voted, that the Regent receive bids for the erection of the buildings agreed upon, and that such bids be reported to the Executive Committee on the third Wednesday in May, for its approval.

On motion of Mr. Pickard, the Secretary was instructed to furnish transcripts of the action of the Board upon the plans and specifications of the new buildings, to accompany the plans when sent to the Governor.

On motion, it was voted that the vouchers for money drawn from the State appropriations, be first audited and signed by the Executive Committee, and then sent to the other members of the Board for their signatures.

The Board then adjourned.