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# LEGISLATURE FAVORS THE NEW BUILDING

May Permit the Issue of Bonds by the  
University to be Made

## NEW MEDICAL BUILDING

Income of the Robinson Farm to be  
Used for the new Building

Estimate the Income at Seven Thousand  
Dollars Each Year—Issue  
\$100,000 in Bonds

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 19.—The state board of administration, in charge of all the state schools, has worked out a plan whereby the money from the Dr. Robinson estate can be used as a memorial to the former governor. At Dr. Robinson's death he left 1268 acres of land near Lawrence to be sold and used as a fund for a Robinson memorial, preferably for a medical building at the University. But under the constitution all bequests left to any school must go to the endowment fund of that school and is not to be used for buildings or any other purpose.

Dr. Robinson did not make any provision for a building in his will to get away from the constitutional provision for the money to be used as an endowment. The land is worth about one hundred thousand dollars. It is being put into alfalfa as rapidly as possible and now pays the University a considerable sum in rentals each year. When it is all in alfalfa it is estimated that it will return seven thousand dollars a year.

The board of administration has submitted to the judiciary and ways and means committees of both branches of the legislature a plan to authorize the board of administration to issue one hundred thousand dollars in bonds, the interest to be paid and the principal also from the revenue from the land. The bonds, of course would be underwritten by the state. The board has offers to take the bonds at less than four per cent. and with the revenues already being received from the land the interest and principal of the debt could be paid off from the land itself within 25 years and then the land could be sold and the money used as an endowment or the land remain as at present and the interest used as other endowments are used. And the memorial building for Dr. Robinson would be erected and in use during all of that time.

The building would be the medical building at the University and when completed would enable parts of other buildings, now used for medical work at the University to be turned to other departments, which are seriously hampered for room. The legislature is disposed to look with considerable favor on the proposition as it would avoid a big appropriation for much needed structures for the medical school at the University.

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