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 SACRAMENTO, April 28.—(By
 Press Staff.)—Almost any city
 officials might have perman-
 acquired the state capitol
 in 1860 and 1885, for the leg-
 islature were on the move, look-
 ing for a suitable site.
 They had tried Vallejo and Ben-
 did were still searching for
 a site that would satisfy them.
 They accepted an invita-
 tion to hold a session in the Sacra-
 mento court house, just completed.
 The legislature evidently pleased the
 makers and negotiations were
 entered with the city for non-
 use of a site of land to be used
 for erection of a state capitol
 building.
 E. Grunsky, visitor at a re-
 convention here, is authority
 on historical data. He first
 came to Sacramento shortly after
 the gold rush, and witnessed the
 scenes that characterize
 the city during that period.
 Shortly after Sacramento donated
 land for a capitol, the state
 supreme court decided that the
 legislature had no authority to in-
 issue a \$200,000 bond issue for the
 building. Grunsky related. The
 issue was abandoned and the ses-
 sion temporarily held in the court
 house.

In 1860 the county board of su-
 perior judges decided to the state the
 upon which the main capitol
 building now stands. After con-
 siderable delay, because of the dif-
 ficulty found by contractors in ful-
 filling their contracts, the present
 building was completed, at a cost of
 \$100,000. Apparently the supreme
 court had been appeased by this,
 for the work was paid for by
 the state's activities housed
 in 1864.
 Grunsky was a director of the
 Sacramento Museum Association in
 which was gathering articles of
 historic and scientific interest
 all over the state.
 He told how one day the curator,
 Jackson, now in charge of
 Crocker Art Gallery, received
 a letter from Grunsky, which
 had two live rattlesnakes.
 Putting the snakes in a glass
 jar, Jackson took the advice
 like "experts" and fed them
 and eggs. The diet failed,
 thinking they might thrive on

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