

Government Building Going Else- where Unless Council Acts This Week.

Fifty cities in the South are making desperate efforts to secure the government weather bureau which has been offered to Richmond, if the Council will only give a site. The city has this week to decide whether or not the building shall be located here. After that, despite the efforts of Congressman John Lamb and Director Edward A. Evans, who have worked hard for the building, some other city will get it.

The opposition to the move was initiated by the owners of a house valued at \$8,000, which is within twenty-five feet of the proposed site of the bureau on Gamble's Hill. Following this lead, the residents of South Third Street took the matter up and kicked strenuously at the last meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee. After hearing the complaints most of the members of the committee said in an informal way that they were inclined to agree with the property owners that the building of the government observatory would damage the property and curtail the space which was considered essential for the children of the neighborhood, notwithstanding the fact, however, that the committee had already approved the plan.

The action of the citizens and the Committee on Grounds and Buildings has greatly discouraged both Mr. Evans and Congressman Lamb, who are disposed to let the matter rest.

Unless something is done by the Council to-day for the purpose of granting a suitable location for the bureau so as to assure the building for the city, citizens who are strongly in favor of the establishment of a weather bureau after the plan outlined by Director Evans will bring it to the attention of the Business Men's Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and urge these organizations to use their influence to the end that the city may not lose so valuable an institution.