

NO WAGON BRIDGE

Vancouver Commercial Club Makes an About Face.

RESCINDS ITS RESOLUTIONS

At First Citizens Favored a Wagon Course Over Columbia River Railroad Bridge at Any Cost—Now They Are Against It.

Some of the good citizens of Vancouver have changed their minds. About a month ago a petition to the Government found a number of signatures in Clark County for a wagon course across the proposed railroad bridge at Vancouver. The petition asked, unless a roadway were added to the structure, that Congress should refuse to grant a franchise to the Washington & Oregon Railway Company. Last Tuesday the Vancouver Commercial Club of Vancouver declared itself against the petition. A month ago many Vancouver people were strenuously in favor of holding up the franchise, but now they just as strenuously arrayed the other way.

To a reporter who visited Vancouver yesterday it was admitted that sentiment has taken a radical turn. The club members explain that a better understanding of the situation has come with mature reflection. Some of them declare that the petition was rushed around and that the signers attached names to it inconsiderately, just because it seemed to be a good thing.

Debate Grows Warm.

A warm debate has been radiating its heat in the precincts of the city. Last Tuesday night, when the Commercial Club went on record against the petition, the discussion waxed several degrees hotter. There is considerable indignation that the petition has been represented as the offspring of the Commercial Club. But the wagon-bridge people are constantly lessening in number, and if it were not for this, the disaffection might mature into a municipal schism.

Railroad Bridge at Any Cost.

"Twelve years ago we thought we had a railroad bridge. Sooner than go without the bridge for another 12 years, we shall make the most of the present opportunity."

Petition That is Rescinded.

The petition that emanated from Vancouver a month ago was as follows:

The undersigned citizens of the State of Washington respectfully represent that any law authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver, Wash., should provide that said bridge be made a wagon bridge as well as a railroad bridge.

The provision for wagon transportation is of the utmost importance to the cities of Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Or., to the people of both states and to the Government of the United States for many reasons, including the following, viz.:

At Vancouver, on the north bank of the Columbia River, is located the most important military post in the Northwest, and across this river, five or six miles away, lies Portland, the largest city in the Northwest. The convenience to the public and the utility and economy to the Government of an open road at all times between that city and Vancouver are, therefore, obvious, while the necessity for it in emergencies is equally plain.

Emergencies such as war or popular disturbances may arise at any time in the great emergencies that demonstrate the necessity of a wagon bridge has just occurred, being an ice blockade in the Columbia River, which, for about two weeks, has completely cut off the routes of passengers and freight between Vancouver and Portland.

This ice blockade has occurred many times in the history of this region, and may occur in any future winter, with increased duration, and to such an extent that the communication or transportation between these two places.

Wherefore, for convenience to the producers and consumers, in the matter of ordinary transportation, for economy and convenience to the Government in military transportation and for protection to the public in the great emergencies of ice blockades, foreign attacks and internal disorder, we ask that your charter be granted for the construction of a bridge between Portland and Vancouver which should provide for making it also a wagon bridge.

Portland Must Tack, Too.

In accordance with the request of Vancouver citizens the petition was endorsed by the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce of this city. These two bodies are therefore put to annoyance, since they have sent their approval to Congress. Yesterday the Board of Trade rescinded its endorsement and telegraphed Oregon Congressmen to that effect. President Mears, of the Chamber of Commerce, at the request of the Vancouver committee, agreed to bring the matter before that body for reconsideration, provided the grounds therefore are submitted to writing.

Vancouver does not deny that it would like to have a wagon bridge. It says that since it cannot get what it would like it will take what it can get. It is not so sure, even as a wagon bridge was provided, that any benefit would come. Approaches to the bridge would have to be built at the expense of Clark and Multnomah Counties. The cost of the approach on the Oregon side would be very large, inasmuch as it would probably have to extend as far as Shaw's (Hayden) Island. The cost of a trolley line were laid on the wagon bridge there would be little improvement over the present ferry system, and besides, the railroad company has given assurance that it will run frequent trains between Vancouver and Portland.

Fear of Losing Trade.

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DISCUSSES BAD STREETS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF TRADE URGES REFORM.

Board of Public Works, Common Council and Board of Health Will Be Asked to Act.

The improvement of streets occupied a great deal of the time of the executive committee of the Board of Trade at its meeting yesterday afternoon. Secretary Moore said he had seen H. W. Corbett, and Mr. Corbett had recommended the following of court decisions in the wording of contracts and the assessing of property for improvements. Mr. Corbett also said that the wooden block pavement to be laid on Fourth street should have a concrete and brick sides; that a protest of 80 per cent of the property interested should be required to stop an improvement; that a provision should be made for two or three carts which should be kept constantly in service in repairing of streets; and that \$7000 should be ap-

TO MAKE A ROSE CITY.

Novel Idea for Lewis and Clark Fair Gains Strength.

The Unitarian chapel was crowded last evening with a gathering of representative people who turned out to hear the lecture of William S. Sibson, en-

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He is the Same L. M. Davis. PORTLAND, Or., March 13.—(To the Editor.)—Could you kindly inform me and the Scandinavians in precinct No. 33 whether L. M. Davis, nominated as a delegate on the Simon ticket in precinct 33, is the same L. M. Davis who, as a Councilman, in 1891, in a discussion in open meeting, made the statement that the Swedes, Chinese and negroes were all in the same class?

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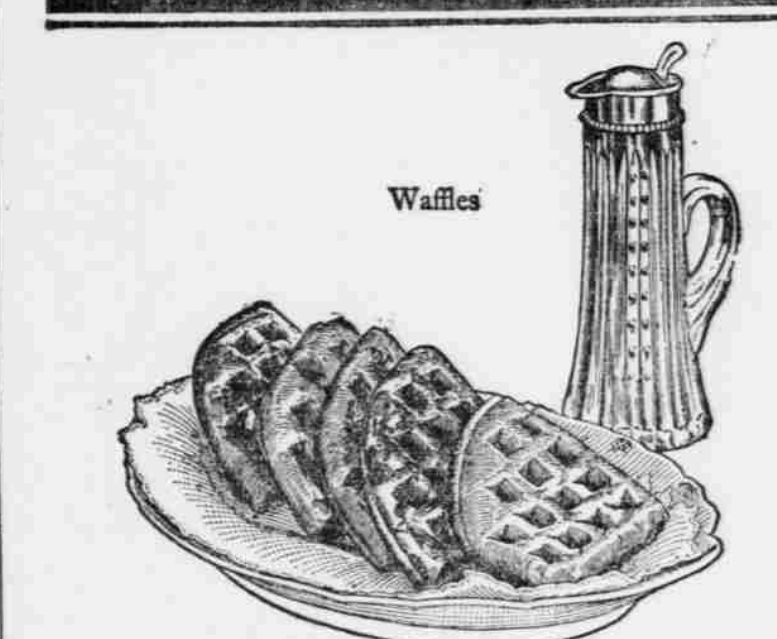
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