

THE BRIDGE FOR FAIR OAKS.

PETITIONS ARE IN COURSE OF PREPARATION.

Letter From Property Owners in Chicago Who Are Coming Here to Reside.

The people of Fair Oaks and Orangevale are again agitating the matter of the construction of a bridge across the American River between here and Folsom, and petitions will be presented to the Supervisors at an early day asking that one be built.

Recently E. I. Galvin, who represents several owners of property in Fair Oaks, received a letter (which appears below) from them, dated at Chicago, asking him to lay the matter before the Supervisors and urge speedy action. The signers to this letter all intend soon to establish permanent homes in this county, and they are prominent and well-to-do people. George Straith is connected with the large commercial house of Clement, Bane & Co., Chicago; O. W. Ruggles is General Ticket and Passenger Agent for the Michigan Central Railroad, and George E. King is his assistant; F. S. Bramball is in the same office with the latter two; A. J. Hodge is a prominent Chicago business man.

Several of the persons whose names are signed to the letter have had plans prepared in Sacramento for handsome dwelling-houses, and one calls for a residence that will cost \$8,000. These people are preparing to come to this county to live. They hold frequent meetings in Chicago at which they discuss their plans for removal hither.

In another letter Mr. Ruggles writes that many of the Fair Oaks property owners back there are subscribers to the "Record-Union" and take a deep interest in matters concerning Sacramento, especially the letters from Fair Oaks which appear in its columns, which are eagerly looked for.

Orangevale has joined hands with Fair Oaks in the matter of the proposed bridge and other needed public improvements in that part of the county, which has received very little attention, they claim, at the hands of the authorities.

The site generally preferred for the proposed bridge is about in the center of the Fair Oaks tract, which would equally accommodate both the Fair Oaks and Orangevale people. The building of the bridge would, it is believed, increase the travel between these points and the city fully one hundred per cent., as the present route is long and the roads hilly and rough.

The Supervisors have assured the people of that end of the county that whenever the matter is laid before that body in proper shape it will receive favorable action. A petition was filed last year, but new ones are now being prepared. Following is the letter referred to:

to:

Chicago, July 28, 1899.

Edward I. Galvin, Sacramento, Cal.—
Dear Sir: The undersigned, citizens of Chicago and owners of property at Fair Oaks, Sacramento County, Cal., have read the recent publications in the Sacramento papers relative to public improvements in that section of the county, in which, both as property owners and as prospective residents, we have an especial interest; and as you are upon the ground we would ask you to make the necessary and proper representations upon our behalf to the Board of Supervisors or such other officials as may have jurisdiction of the matter.

We allude particularly and especially to the great and growing necessity for improved means of transportation to and from Fair Oaks. Its natural base of supplies and gateway for ingress and egress, is Sacramento, and it seems to us that it is to the interest of the citizens of both these localities to improve such means of transportation that business relations between the two localities may be fostered and increased.

Most of us have been upon the ground and have some knowledge of the conditions from personal experience, but we all know, either from personal observation or from interested inquiries, that upon the settlement of this question depends in greater or less degree, the time within which it may seem advisable to us to build and become actual residents of that locality.

Most important of all is a good, strong, safe bridge over the American River at the most convenient point that engineers may decide upon, connecting what is known as the town site of Fair Oaks with the railroad station of Saulsbury but a short distance to the south. The early construction of this bridge we believe could not fail to materially cheapen the transportation of freight between Sacramento and Fair Oaks, and would therefore exercise an important influence in the upbuilding of

the community of Fair Oaks and its producing and tax paying abilities.

(Signed), Mrs. Isabelle Cash, N. G. Lademore, O. W. Ruggles, Frank J. Bramhall, George E. King, George Straith, W. N. Vandeworker, A. J. Hodge, Elbert Ingalls, Mrs. Alice E. Vehmeyer, Helena Hodge, M. M. Barry, Sheldon P. Patterson, Warren L. Clapp, O. Howard, Sarah E. Beaton, C. B. S. Wilcox, W. G. Hargis, W. I. Midler, A. Craig.