

Pioneer Memorial Bridge Commission

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A Splendid Project

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AN organization is in existence in Sacramento which is behind a program every citizen should lend his hearty support. It is the Pioneer Memorial Bridge Commission and it is working to bring about the construction of a modern bridge across the Sacramento River about one mile south of the Southern Pacific bridge. This bridge would be dedicated to the Pioneers of California.

This is a laudable aim. A bridge across the Sacramento, a modern bridge, high enough to constitute no interference with river navigation, constructed on stately and pleasing architectural lines, would be a valuable asset to this city. Such a bridge would constitute a better means of communication with the communities on the west side of the river. It would be a better approach to the city from the San Francisco Bay district and from the north.

Sacramento has but few handicaps, but the most serious are the unsightly and inconvenient approaches to the city from the north and west. The Lincoln Highway enters and leaves the city by narrow, obsolete and actually unsafe bridges. They do not become this Capital. Improvement of the situation is a crying demand.

This newspaper is heartily in favor of such a bridge as that proposed by the Pioneer Memorial Bridge Commission. It sees no reason why the purpose of this commission should not be realized without unnecessary delay and observation. Naturally progress will be slow in clearing away some of the obstacles of "red tape." Approval of the government must be obtained both to the idea of a bridge and to the location and design. But it may be safely assumed that the federal authorities will offer no objection to a bridge which will not interfere with navigation. Once the necessary permission is obtained, the people of Sacramento should get behind the project as one man.

The proposed new bridge may easily be designed and constructed to justify the title of a memorial, but this idea should not be permitted to obscure the fact that its main purpose is utilitarian. It will fill a long-standing need that is constantly increasing.

Let the citizens, and there are many, who have joined to push this bridge idea forward feel that they have the unanimous support of the city. Success should be their quick reward. We cannot have too many bridges across the Sacramento.

Compliments of Pioneer Memorial Bridge Commission



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