

Bridge Articles - Print It

<u>Date</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Import</u>
18920211	A railroad bridge for Jefferson City.	2
18920512	Determining feasibility of a wagon bridge across river at Jefferson City.	3
18921208	Discussion of merits of a bridge at Jefferson City.	2
18930119	Act authorizing bridge crossing Missouri River failed. Feasibility and merits of a bridge.	3
18930323	Legislature closed without passing act and two years will intervene. Discuss merits of building bridge.	3
18930330	Discuss merits of building bridge.	2
18930406	Discuss merits of building bridge and impact of MKT south side of river.	2
18930413	two articles. Commercial Club announced and selection of officers to occur & committee on bylaws appointed. Commercial Club solidly behind construction of bridge.	3
18930427	Informal estimate of \$150K to complete a bridge. Question how to raise construction funds.	2
18930427a	Bylaws & Constitution adopted, officers elected. J.C Fisher speech indication efforts directed to a bridge over river and to raise \$150K required.	3
18930511	Commercial Club inaugurate 1st annual 4th July celebration with ~2K people in attendance. Considering capital stock to raise \$150K. Committees on subscriptions appointed.	4
18930511a	Believe construction of bridge to be assured by large bonus.	2
18930518	Commercial Club members pledge subscriptions at meeting.	3
18930518a	Cite unbroken chain of accomplishments in last six years and believe JC and area more prosperous if bridge can be built.	2
18930525	Two articles. Report success of July 4th celebration. Report favorable response in newspapers around the state regarding construction of bridge at JC.	2
18930601	Dr. Eddy, suspension bridge builder, viewed river and gave opinion a bridge could be built on a bonus of \$50K.	2
18930608	Meeting of Commercial Club appoints committee to raise \$50K. Confidence that \$50K could be raised and real estate values should rise if built.	2
18930615	Report hard time raising 50K.	2
18930713	Cedar City quiet about bridge.	1
18930727	Bridge solicitations slow due to hot weather.	2
18930907	Money becoming plentiful and should be able to raise \$50K.	2
18931012	Committee hard at work securing bridge subscriptions.	2
18931116	List of names and amounts of subscriptions secured by bridge committee.	3
18931214	Jefferson City will prosper more when it builds its' bridge.	2
18940201	Lobbying for bridge bill approval.	2
18940208	Meeting of Bridge & T Co. to consider various proposals for sounding river. Decision to employ Mr. J.A.L.Waddell to make river soundings in near future.	4
18940329	Letter from Chief Clerk of U.S. House of Representatives acknowledging receipt of letter requesting charter to build bridge at Jefferson City.	4
18940329a	Committee finishing up bridge subscriptions.	2

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18940412	Work soon commence on bridge at Madison Street. & Commercial Club meeting with C&A RR to perfect contract for railroad crossing bridge.	4
18940510	Site selected for a high bridge at Madison St. for wagon and electric railway. Estimate cost of bridge at \$198K. Railroad crossing abandoned.	5
18940524	Federal Bridge bill becomes law. Provides crossing of electric motor cars.	4
18940607	Citizens have golden opportunity to invest in bridge for city. \$150K bonus for construction?	3
18940621	Delays for bridge. Reiterates Madison St. as site. Construction should commence before September. Citizens opportunity to invest.	3
18940719	Missouri River work ceases & employees sent home due to bill delays.	2
18940927	JCB&T Board Directors meeting. \$48 funds secured in 93. Eastern Bridge Company submits estimate to build low bridge for \$50K at west end. 4 construction propositions received. Missouri Valley Bridge Co. bid of \$125K and \$80K 5% bonds accepted.	5
18941011	Jefferson City jubilant over new bridge prospects.	2
18941108	Bridge construction languishes for last 60 days due to political elections imminent. Build the bridge or admit failure.	2
18941206	Cannot afford to let bridge construction languish. Anticipate \$100K per annum revenues for bridge. Every citizen will be called on to help finance bridge.	2
18941213	Congressman Bland proposes amendment to Federal bridge bill for low swing drawspan bridge.	5
18941220	Change from high to low bridge necessary to make project a success. Construction of low bridge absolutely assured provided such a charter approved. JC Fisher to Washington to push bill. Sen. Vest & Cong. Bland supporting. 2nd article on City Improvements.	4
18941227	Amendments passed both houses. Construction to begin by June 01, 1995. Amendment timeline & JC Fisher part in such. Start date critical. Rejoice Rejoice.	5
18941227a	Statewide restatement of passage of amendment.	3
18950124	Cedar City realizing value of construction of bridge. Help share cost.	2
18950124a	Possibility of electric trolley from Berry Springs to cross bridge.	3
18950131	Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron indicates possible to build low bridge \$25K less than high. Ho agrees to build the bridge for \$160K cash or \$100K cash & \$80K 5% bonds. \$50K bonus safe and require additional \$60K.	4
18950207	Urge citizens to contribute to bridge construction fund.	2
18950214	Urge citizens to contribute to bridge construction fund.	2
18950221	Expounding virtues of a quality bridge across Missouri River and some of the benefits.	2
18950314	Two articles regarding Capitol Removal. Convert to change from bonus subscription to stock subscription to complete bridge.	5
18950321	Continue solicitation to raise additional \$50K. Work to be done to upgrade JC in next two years. Article extolling virtues of JC. Indicate Sedalia worthy choice.	5
18950321a	Progressiveness of JC with new sidewalks.	2
18950328	All citizens to do part to support bridge. Pave Main Street. Upgrade brickyards to increased supply.	3
18950328a	Capital Removal question, south central counties to support JC. Article extolling value of JC as site of Capitol.	3
18950404	Cedar City farmers to understand value of bridge to them and asked to support.	2
18950404a	Work on bridge must commence by June 01, 1995 or give up hope of a bridge and lose capitol. Need \$100K stock subscription.	3
18950418	Bridge subscription still short.	1

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18950418a	Bridge subscription committee still at work. \$100K still needed.	1
18950502	Bridge soliciting committee still at work. Current amount raised \$84,480 with almost \$16K left to go.	3
18950502a	Article extolling the virtues of bridge solicitors and the value of their work.	2
18950516	Contract for bridge signed and work to commence Wed., May 22, 1895. Bridge located at Bolivar St. to be constructed of steel throughout.	5
18950523	Complete information on ground breaking and plans for the bridge. People involved and parade and celebration afterward.	5
18950530	Boonville congratulates JC on ground breaking of bridge.	2
18950606	Address of Maj. J.L. Bittinger on ground breaking ceremony.	3
18950613	Address of Mayor Edwin Silver on ground breaking ceremony.	3
18950620	High water interfering with work on bridge. Machinery boats and materials arriving here. 100K feet of lumber arriving here from St. Louis. Office being built.	4
18950627	Bridge work slow due to high water. Construction of new Dulle's Mill underway investment of \$60K. Electric railway between Cedar City and Columbia will be great convenience.	3
18950701	An electric line is contemplated from Cedar City to Columbia, to be built as soon as the new bridge at Jefferson City is completed.	2
18950822	Bridge company launched the big caisson last Wednesday (Aug. 14, 1895). Car loads of material arriving. Unloaded by steam derrick. River falling and big caisson pumped out this week.	4
18950829	Advertisement. Hurrah for the Capital. Hurrah for the Bridge.	2
18950905	Several loads of coal came in. 85 men now employed on the bridge. New caisson under construction. Within 20 feet of bedrock in big caisson. Big rock needs blasting.	4
18950912	Passengers across bridge expected to triple with completion of bridge. Street improvements much. Granite walks.	3
18950929	Article showcasing industry and manufacturing.	2
18951003	Committees appointed at Board of Director's meeting. At stockholder's meeting progress on bridge detailed and financial statement delivered.	3
18951024	Article BUILDING A CITY. Details on progress of city.	2
18951107	The bridge piers likely will all be completed within next six weeks and work on steel superstructure will commence then.	4
18951114	Bridge work being pushed vigorously on north side. North bridge approach being built. Col. Dewey in charge. Large number of teams and men employed.	3
18951121	Work on bridge progressing rapidly. North approach to be completed before cold weather sets in. Pier 4 to reach bedrock soon. Work on superstructure to commence as soon as material gets on the ground.	4
18951205	\$60K of bonds paid for. 660 stockholders and 35 bond subscribers.	3
18951205a	Capital removal scheme good for JC. Spurred largest building boom ever.	2
18951205b	All piers of JC bridge will be completed by Dec. 25, 1895. Rejoicing over bridge in Lexington for MO Valley Steel.	2
18951219	Work progressing rapidly in favorable weather. North approach nearing completion. Mr. Weber doing rip-rap work on pier 5. False work being put up. Expected to be complete Mar. 01, 1896.	4
18951226	High water. Raging MO River caught bridge company prepared with little loss of lumber. North approach work halted until ground dries. High water means minor delays.	3

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18960130	Work progressing rapidly and expect bridge completion between Mar. 01 and Apr. 01. Draw span completed and false work being put in between center and third pier.	4
18960206	Draw span complete and people will be crossing bridge by end of March.	2
18960220	Draw span opened for the first time on Monday, February 17, 1896 at 3:30 pm. Steamer J.W. Spencer had honor of the first boat through the draw span.	4
18960227	Bridge nearing completion. Amazing what has been accomplished in JC in last year. 24th day of Feb. as warm as a May day. Work never stopped a day on account of weather.	3
18960305	Last span of the bridge completed. Approaches remain to be completed & bridge open by Apr. 01. C&A RR surveying for spur track to north end of bridge for passengers.	4
18960312	Bridge nears completion & visitors come on Sundays to view progress.	2
18960409	Bridge opened on Apr. 05, Easter Sunday, for foot passengers. Round trip is \$0.10 and on rainy day over 700 persons crossed. Judge Shackelford first to drive bridge. Commence regular traffic in ten days.	5
18960416	Bridge opened for regular traffic on Fri., Apr. 10, 1896. JC Transportation transferring passengers from rail stations north of river. Formal opening to be May 21, 1896.	4
18960416a	Kansas City article on bridge.	2
18960423	Small articles on bridge and Capital removal.	2
18960430a	Pacific RR to run excursion train from St. Louis & Kansas City. C&A RR to run excursion train and MKT has under consideration.	3
18960430b	Bridge toll rates published.	3
18960507	Tremendous crowds expected. Many speakers announced.	3
18960521	Article containing all details of the bridge celebraton on May 21, 1896.	5
18960528	Bridge edition gotten out by JC Tribune.	5
18960528a	general details regarding the chronology of the bridge.	3
McHenryJE	The first steamboat to pass through the draw of the Jefferson City steel bridge over the Missouri River was the U. S. Light Horse steamer "lily," going up, March 31st, 1896.	