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The Jefferson street bridge project over the Little Lehigh received another impetus last week by the announcement that a city hospital is to be erected near the place where the proposed bridge is to be built. If the hospital is to be built, which seems to be an assured matter, it will be necessary to have a bridge across the Little Lehigh. It unfortunately happens that the commissioners are seeking a site to build such a bridge. Of the four sites under consideration by the commissioners, Jefferson street would be the cheapest, and as the city seems to be growing westward more rapidly than any other direction it is plain reasoning that Jefferson street is the place to accommodate the majorities. Not only will it accommodate a great many city people, but it will give an easy entrance from a thickly settled country district. Country trade is by no means despised by our merchants and a bridge at this point will aid materially. The one great point, however, is the cost. Let us put it in the shape of a syllogism. It is decided that a bridge is to be built over the Little Lehigh river. There are four sites, each only a few squares apart and the benefits to all concerned are about equal; that is, we will grant that each bridge offers equal advantages, but one can be built for less than half the price than any one of the other three can. Is it not a logical conclusion to say that the bridge should be built at the point where it will cost least.

