

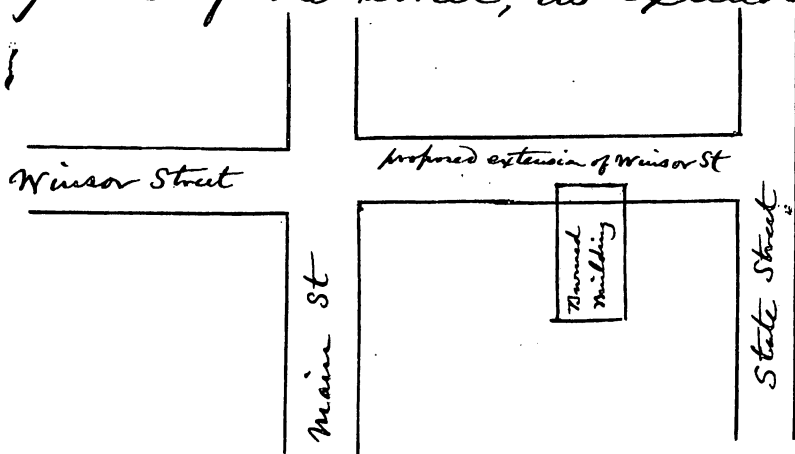
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Cambridgeport Oct 7. 1887
Alderman Henckes, Chairman Com on Roads & Bridges

My dear Sir

Owing to a fire
having burned (last night) a stable
situated upon the land, proposed to
be taken for the extension of Winsor St.
I thought it might be proper for me
to call the attention of the committee
to the fact, for if they are inclined to
report favorable upon the matter of
extending Winsor St it would be a
pity to have the said stable rebuilt
upon its former site.

The building which was burned

was upon the "Dow Estate" and projected some five or six feet over the proposed westerly line of the street, as extended thus:



I attended a hearing before the license committee, on Tuesday afternoon last, at which time a petition was considered from Stone & Peirce for permission to keep more than four horses upon the premises through which it was proposed to extend Winson St. the petitioners stated that they proposed putting other buildings upon the land if their petition was granted.

Although perhaps not exactly germane

to the matter before the committee I argued that it would be better for the license committee to postpone action upon the petition until the City decides whether or not Winsor Street shall be extended, not that I objected so much to a license being granted to keep more than four horses, but that I believed improvements should not be made upon the premises and subject the City to greater damages to pay in case the street was put thro,

(which I signed)
I understand that a petition, was sent to the City Council and read last Wednesday evening, asking that Winsor Street (extended as before mentioned) be laid out, and as a matter of economy take a sufficient time to fill the same to grade with ashes, or other refuse material, and

and thus assure the extension of the street before the land is built upon or further encumbered.

Mr. Nash, the gentleman who has built the block of six tenements upon State St, and desires a convenient outlet to Main St, tells me that if the City will take the land, lay out the street, that while the roadway is being filled he would, at his own expence, construct a plank walk ~~for the~~ ^{and maintain the same} between Main and State streets, for foot travel, until the street was graded and put in order for Vehicle travel, and is prepared to make that proposition to the City.

With an apology for so much of an intrusion upon your time I remain

Very Truly Yours

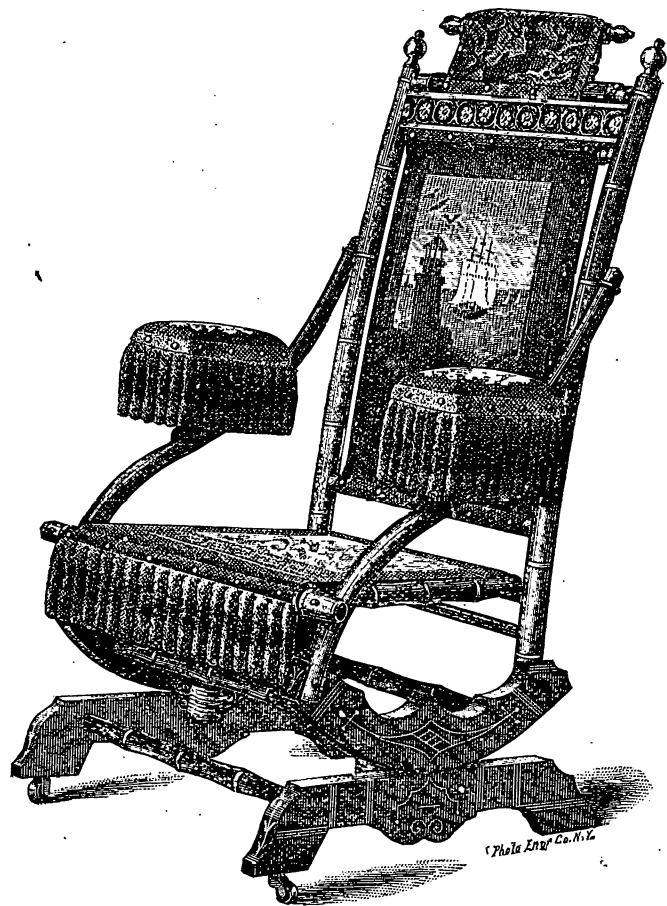
Isaac S. Pear

Communication from
Jane S. Pear, to
Ald. Hiches, in
regard to the extension
of Winton Street.

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PLATFORM SPRING ROCKERS.

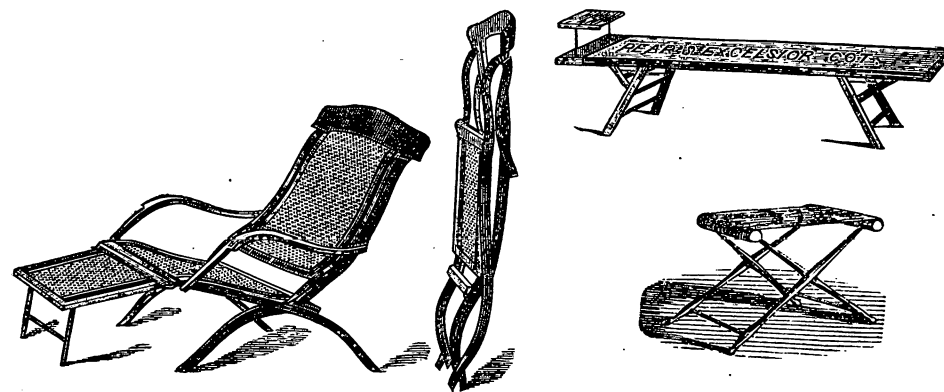
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30 BRATTLE STREET. Boston, Oct 10 1887

General E. W. Wincks

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 7th inst came to hand on the evening of Saturday, and thanking you for your prompt consideration of the matter at issue I hasten to reply.

As to the extension of Winsor Street I do not care a fig, so far as my own personal interest goes, whether the street is extended, or not, in fact

it would be more for my interest not to have the extension made at this time, and for this reason, I use my premises for storage purposes, Stable, Sheds &c and it answers for my use just right as it is. I do not want to sell out consequently I do not care to have its assessed value increased so long as I am not to receive any additional advantage. If this street was extended I have no doubt but that the assessors might pay the Value ^{of my estate} was increased, as you can see about where I am in the matter.

Now you will undoubtedly ask why I signed the petition or had a word to say in favor of the extension, so I will explain. I have known that the people who live on State, Front and Village streets want a more convenient outlet to Main St, and have ^{on} previous occasions made the attempt to have the City open a way for them, their present condition in this respect is bad, then again the new bridge will be in condition to be travelled within two years and the opening of Winsor street as a direct

avenue from Indian Square and a portion of East Cambridge, Somerville or will necessitate the opening be a matter of the very near future and my opinion is that it can be opened cheaper now, before the land is further occupied. I understand that the parties who have leased the premises contemplate the erection of other buildings, which of course would increase the damage where the street is opened.

You ask my views as to the practicability of opening this street under the betterment law. I know that most of the people in the section would not be willing to be assessed and agree with you in this respect, that I cannot see where the cost could be obtained under that act, although it seems to me that the cost which you have estimated is excessive, there would be required say 40 feet wide and 180 feet deep, 7200 feet, at 50¢ per foot, the filling can be done

with refuse material and the damage
to the present owners ought to be little
or nothing.

If in the wisdom of the committee
they thought the opening was desirable
I should coincide in the suggestion
made in your note to me, that is, I
would meet the question squarely on
the demands of public necessity,
as of today, and what will be re-
quired to accommodate the travel to
the new bridge in the very near
future, this is the way that
I should put it were I one of
the "powers that be".

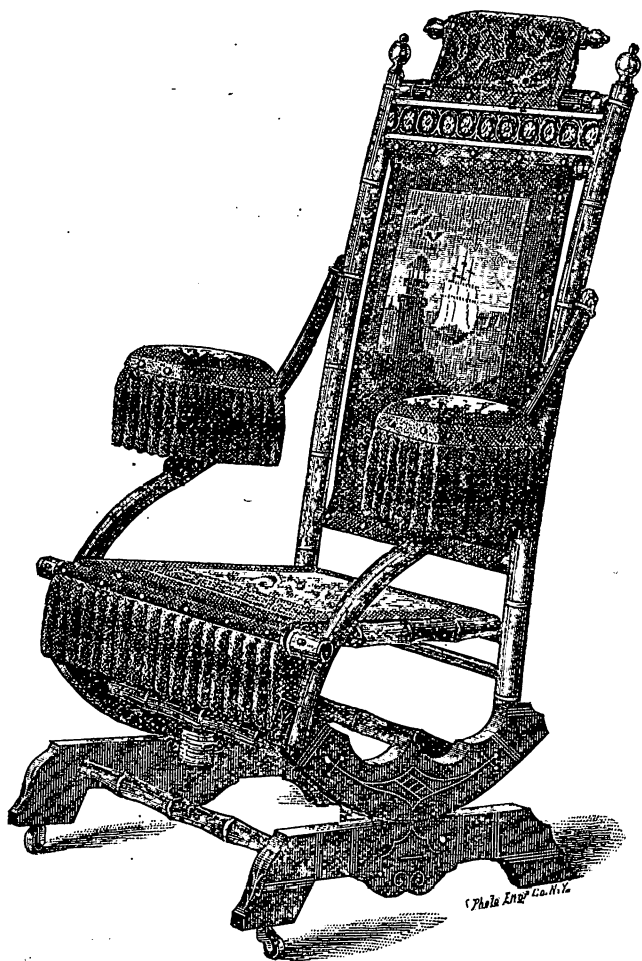
Whatever way you personally
should deem best to advise in
^{this report of the committee to the City Council upon}
this matter I shall, for one, feel
that you have acted as you considered
for the best interest of the city.

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