

INTERURBAN LINE

WILL CONNECT PLATTE CITY WITH KANSAS CITY.

DISTINCT FROM WINNER ROAD

PARKVILLE WILL BE ONE OF THE TOWNS ON THE ROUTE.

Another to Linville and Still Another to Liberty Have Been Projected —Electric Roads Will in Time Stretch in All Directions.

Kansas City will soon become the center from which will radiate a large number of interurban electric lines, connecting all the towns and cities within a radius of 100 miles or even more. New plans are coming to light almost every week. The projected line to Topeka will tap a very populous and prosperous section of country. Work on the line to Leavenworth is being pushed with all possible rapidity. W. E. Winner has recently been granted a franchise for a line through Platte county which will eventually connect Platte City with Kansas City, with a line extended north to St. Joseph.

The latest project is a line to Platte City via Parkville, a distance of twenty-six miles. A line to Liberty and another to Linville are projected. Ex-Postmaster Homer Reed is interested in these new enterprises. Mr. Reed said yesterday that the Kansas City & Platte City Interurban line would be built within a year from the time it becomes definitely known that the Winner bridge will be completed, providing the bridge company will make a reasonable toll for crossing the river.

"I mean by that," said Mr. Reed, "that the road can be in operation from Kansas City to Platte City, a distance of twenty-six miles, within a year from June 1, if the project for finishing the bridge is matured as soon as we all have reason to believe now it will be. The bridge can easily be built in that time. I am not at liberty now to say who the projectors of the bridge are, but I am confident of their ability to carry it to success.

"The Platte City Electric Railway Company is not organized fully. A committee has the preliminary matters to attend to. Another member of the committee is William Fulton, of Parkville. We know to a certainty that we can get the right of way.

"There are two other interurban railroads projected, which are waiting as we are for a contract on bridge tolls to go ahead. One line is to run to Linville, a distance of eighteen miles. The road will run through what is known as the Winner lands. The other is to connect Liberty with Kansas City.

"Interurban railroads are very popular in all the Eastern cities. You will find electric cars running out from most cities of 150,000 population and over to the neighboring towns. Judging from their success elsewhere, Kansas City could afford a half dozen such lines. The land along the line is at once converted into choice residence property; its value increased to \$1,000 an acre from \$50. I have always been greatly interested in Parkville, and hope to see it become one of the most beautiful residence towns in Western Missouri. It is a college town and would, in a way, be to Kansas City what Evanston is to Chicago.

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