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HALF WAY THROUGH.

**Union Depot Bill Passes the House—
Claimed That Winner Bridge
Will Be Built.**

JEFFERSON CITY, May 4.—(Special.) The Kansas City Union depot bill is now on the senate calendar. It was reported out of committee to-day, after it had slumbered there for weeks. A majority of the committee—Senators Anderson, Orchard, Busche and Martin—signed an unfavorable report. A minority report signed by Chairman Lyons and Senator Drabelle favored the passage of the bill. The bill will be called up Monday or Tuesday and an effort will be made to pass it. Enough senators seem predisposed against the bill, however, to kill it. The bill will allow the completion of the Winner bridge.

K. McC. DeWeese, who is associated with Thomas R. Morrow in representing the Bates interests, said last night: "I sincerely hope that the bill will pass, as it will mean a great deal toward the construction of the Winner bridge. However, I would prefer to refrain from discussing the subject as too much has been said about the matter. The public has heard so many false reports about the completion of the bridge that there is a general feeling prevalent that the bridge will never be constructed. This idea is erroneous, as the prospects for the completion of the bridge seem brighter every day."

The bill that was reported yesterday, if passed, would, according to the promoters, permit a depot company to own terminals and property that is not within the city limits. It is thought that the promoters of the Winner bridge would take advantage of the proposed law, as it would enable them to own and control a depot, terminals and the bridge under one company and management.

It was announced yesterday that Eastern capitalists will begin the construction of several new suburban electric lines. However, the work of building new lines will depend in a measure upon the status of the Winner bridge.

The successful operation of suburban lines near other cities is ample indication that a complete network of electric lines will soon branch out from this city in all directions. A line has been surveyed from this city to Excelsior Springs. Another has been projected to Liberty; another to Platte City, and the construction of the Leavenworth line is now assured. Still another is to be constructed to Bonner Springs.

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