

**Another Electric Line Proposition.**

Following we print a communication from Col. J. H. Birch, of Plattsburg, setting forth the feasibility of an electric line from Albany to Kansas City. Col. Birch is widely known throughout this section of the state, as he has been identified with its interests for many years.

Electric line projects will not find very ready response in this section since the disastrous termination of the recent effort, but the communication will give the citizens a subject to consider. The letter is full follows:

Plattsburg Mo., Nov. 7, 1909.

To the Editors of the Ledger:

I desire to submit to your readers a proposition which I think will interest them.

It is the organization of a company to build an electric railway from Albany to Kansas City.

The final consummation looking to the building of a splendid union station in Kansas City, marks the beginning of the making of that city the great commercial emporium in the west. This, in connection with the action of Swift and Armour in buying and re-constructing the Winner bridge, so that it can be used for railway purposes from the north side of the river, opens the way for such an enterprise as the building of an electric line from Kansas City northward.

Heretofore, the delay in setting the union station and the reconstruction of the Winner bridge has blocked all desire from those on the north side, who desired, not only direct connection with Kansas City, but better methods of access and ingress, for the steam roads are not now sufficient for the trade and travel of a people who live so close to a great city.

These conditions removed makes the present opportunity both favorable and feasible, and it only remains for the people to take advantage of the situation and organize their own company and secure the building of an electric line between these two points.

Those acquainted with the territory over which it will pass know that it is the finest agricultural country in the west—a solid farm owned and occupied by men living in fine homes and surrounded by conditions which bring them ever increasing wealth. Then why should people owning such a heritage hesitate to place in their midst a means of transportation which year by year will not only be a great convenience, but bring additional revenues as the years go by? The people on the south and west of Kansas City are building these electric lines, but on the north side, for the reasons stated, no movement in that direction has been started. But there is no reason now why this movement should be delayed. And it is up to the people to take up the matter and solve the problem to their entire satisfaction. That they can do it there is no question, for us people are better able to put the enterprise on a safe and sure foundation.

It is about seventy miles between the north end of the Winner bridge to Albany. It will require a subscription of seventy thousand dollars to obtain a charter. It should be a hundred thousand to make it entirely dependable. On this subscription five per cent must be paid up in cash, and this is all that will ever be required, for railways are built now by organized capital, which is seeking such opportunities for investment and our subscription would be of little help in its construction, and therefore need never be called for.

Now, if the citizens of Albany and vicinity will subscribe fifty thousand dollars, I will undertake to raise the other fifty thousand dollars at this end. With a paid up capital of five thousand dollars, the road can be organized, charter fees paid, and the entire line surveyed, plotted, mapped, and the maps filed in the different counties and franchises granted by the counties and such incidental expenses as may naturally be incurred. With the road chartered, mapped and filed the company will then be in position to submit the building of

the entire road to men who make that their business.

The line will run over the high divide between the waters of Grand river and the Prairie and will be easy of construction, as there will be but few unimportant bridges to build until it should reach Grand river.

My recollection of the country seems to show me that the north end could be turned to the bridge across that river and with a third rail run over the St. Joseph road into Albany, thus relieving the company of its heaviest expenses.

There are no obstacles in the way of the enterprise and everything is favorable to its success. I am gratified therefore in being able to present the matter to your readers. I should be pleased if your readers will take up the matter and give me a favorable response. It should be done without delay before other interests should take possession and secure the right of entry into Kansas City over the Winner bridge.

Respecting your favorable consideration, I subscribe myself

JAMES H. BIRCH.

**Albany Wins Double Header.**

The Albany teams were victorious in both the double header games played at the Coliseum last Saturday afternoon. In the boys' game the score was 11 to 10 and the girls' resulted 12 to 1. In all points of the games the visitors were outclassed, their lack of training was shown and the team work was very defective. The Grant City players are a fine lot of young people and took their defeat gracefully. With more experience they will be able to play Albany a closer game when the team goes there.

These are the first games of the popular sport to be played here and the large crowd which assembled entered into the spirit of the contest with enthusiasm. With several games scheduled to be played here the sport will doubtless prove popular. Albany's star player in the boys' team is Gray Gill and he is credited with a good per cent of the scores made by Albany.

**T. H. Killam Sells Out.**

T. H. Killam, who has been in the hardware business here for the past seven or eight years, has sold his interest in the Killam Hardware Co. to E. K. Williams, of New Hampton. The business will be carried on by Sam C. Killam and Mr. Williams at the same stand. The new proprietor will move his family to Albany soon and will occupy the Mrs. Margaret Sullinger property in the southwest part of town. The move will probably be made next week.

The new firm will prove a strong one. The proprietors are both sterling, upright young men, full of energy and business and will doubtless enjoy profitable trade.

Mr. Killam says he will not be idle. He has his residence property and four business rooms to look after, which alone will require a good portion of his time.

**Big Revival Meeting.**

The revival meeting which has been in progress at the Baptist church at Gara for several weeks has met with encouraging success. Elder D. C. Campbell, the pastor, has been in charge, and has been ably assisted by Lake Groen and John Dodson. The whole town and neighborhood has been reached by the influence of the meeting, and up to Tuesday night there had been 43 professions and 20 additions to the church.

**Chicken Pie Dinner.**

The ladies of the Christian church will serve a chicken pie dinner in the basement of the Merchants hotel tomorrow, the 13th, from 11 o'clock till evening. Everybody invited to come. Dinner 25 cents.

**City Taxes Due.**

The city taxes are now due. Call at office of McCammon & Gibbany for payment.

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Collector.

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