

KANSAS AND ARKANSAS VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY.

FEBRUARY 5, 1891.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2675.]

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 2675, to authorize the Kansas and Arkansas Valley Railway to construct and operate additional lines of railway through Indian Territory and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

This railway company is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas and has now considerable road constructed in said Territory under a previous act of Congress, and now seeks through this bill to procure the right to construct and operate some additional lines in said Territory; one commencing at the most suitable point on their present main line at or near Wagoner, in the Indian Territory, and thence running in a westerly and northwesterly direction, passing through or near the town of Guthrie, in the Territory of Oklahoma, and through or near Fort Supply military reservation to a point on the western boundary of said Indian Territory.

Also, an additional or branch line, commencing at a point on the line just described, running in southerly direction, passing through or near Oklahoma City, and through or near Fort Reno military reservation to a point on western boundary line of said Indian Territory, south of the point where the Canadian River crosses said boundary line.

Also a line commencing at the most practical point on the main line at or near Fort Gibson, in Indian Territory, running thence in a southwesterly direction through the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw country to a point on the southern boundary line of the Indian Territory.

This bill gives the right of way of 100 feet wide for said road-bed, with an addition of 300 feet by 3,000 feet for stations not nearer than 10 miles to each other. The bill also provides that none of the lands granted shall be used for any other purpose, and if any of the lands cease to be so used the same shall revert to the nation or tribe from whom it was taken.

The bill also provides for adequate and just compensation to each individual Indian over whose improvements any of said lines may run, also to the tribe for all lands taken by said company, with ample provisions for executing the same. The bill requires the road to complete at least 100 miles of its lines within 3 years from the passage of this act.

Your committee finding upon careful examination that all the usual conditions and safeguards are contained in said bill, therefore recommend that said bill pass without amendment.