

## MONTANA, KANSAS AND TEXAS RAILROAD COMPANY.

---

APRIL 13, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

---

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

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 7223.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 7223) granting the right of way through the Public Land Strip and Indian Territory to the Montana, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company, and for other purposes, report:*

That the railroad to which the right of way is sought to be granted by this bill was duly incorporated by the State of Kansas, and provides for a system of railroad extending from Bismarck, Dak., to Galveston, Tex., with a line separating from said north and south line at a point where said line intersects the south line of the State of Kansas; thence in a south or southeasterly direction along the Cimarron and Arkansas Rivers to Fort Smith, Ark., also a line separating from the latter line at a point where said line enters the Indian Territory; thence in a southeasterly direction along the Canadian River and intersecting said line at or near the mouth of the Canadian River.

The company represent that they have commenced construction of their road at Syracuse, Kans., a point where said road crosses the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad, and have provided for their construction account to complete that part of the road extending from Syracuse to Galveston and also the lines of road designated in the accompanying bill.

The bill herewith presented is a copy of a bill formulated by this committee, and is in harmony with previous acts granting the right of way to railroads through the Indian Territory by the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses, and as the policy of granting this right of way to railroads has been settled it is only deemed necessary to inquire into the financial standing of the corporation seeking such privileges, and, if satisfied, to report favorably upon such application.

The committee recommend inserting the word "two" in lieu of the word "five" in line 2 of section 9, and the striking out of the words "at least fifty miles of" in lines 1 and 2 of said section, and the striking out of the words "or near" in line 20 in section 1, and, with these amendments, recommend the passage of the bill.