

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1877 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, January 3, 1877

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5. Brown and Davidson have packed, up to last Saturday, 250 head of hogs. They slaughter 15 to 30 hogs a day.

The Wichita Library Association met on the 28th. A list of 51 names was read of persons who had joined and paid the membership fee of \$3.00. The committee on rooms was instructed to see if suitable rooms could be procured.

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5. Report of meeting of the fire company on Friday night. There are 26 members enrolled. Officers elected (named).

Editorial urging purchase of the Douglas Avenue Bridge.

Report on status of First National Bank. Details.

Long article about the suggestion that the county purchase the First National Bank Building for a court house. The county had on deposit in the bank \$11,075 at the time of its failure. Total bank indebtedness about \$110,000.

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5. Long article about the Douglas Avenue Bridge question. An examination, on Friday and Saturday showed that except for six or eight timbers it is structurally sound. Under each channel pier there are 15 piles and under the east abutment 28 piles driven as deep as possible, or to about 18 feet below the low water mark. Report of examination by engineer W. J. Hobson. Details. Other reports on the bridge examination signed by a number of leading business men (named).

Report of arrest Sunday of three prominent citizens, W. A. Thomas, E. G. Wright, and J. W. Eldridge, in connection with the failure of the First National Bank. Details.

The Wichita Select School, of Mrs. West and Mrs. Todd, has a daily attendance of 60. Tuition is \$6.00 for advanced and \$4.00 for primary.

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5. Report of birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. Zimmerly on Tuesday, January 23rd.

Mr. Wiegand has built and filled a large ice house west of his brewery.

8. Further lengthy discussion of the Douglas Avenue Bridge question. Details.

Legal publication of proclamation to vote on issuance of \$6400 of Sedgwick County bonds to buy the Douglas Avenue Bridge. Election to be held February 6th, 1877.

Wednesday, February 7, 1877**page**

5. Mr. Israel is putting up a business house on the north side of Douglas Avenue, on the lots next east of Packer's lots.

Peckham and Draper began work on McClees' residence last week. It will be 24 by 30 feet, plus a north wing, is two stories high and located on Emporia Avenue, north of the school building.

Masse, Bear and Company are completing their real estate office on the south side of Douglas Avenue, between Topeka Avenue and Emporia Avenue.

Mr. James R. Mead informs us that the El Paso Bridge across the Arkansas River has been repaired and is now open to the public.

John E. Martin sold, a few days ago, three quarters in the neighborhood of El Paso to Messrs. Martin and Neiderlander, of Sandusky, Ohio.

Wednesday, February 14, 1877**page**

5. The bridge bonds were defeated by 1186 for and 1008 against, lacking 113 votes of the three-fifths majority needed.

Mr. E. S. Israel is at work on his two story building, 25 by 90 feet, on Douglas Avenue near Topeka Avenue.

Report of public schools for month of January. Details.

The roof on the Presbyterian Church is nearly done.

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5. The Golden Eagle Clothing House has put up a very handsome sign. Mr. Craddock, proprietor.

Report of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. English.

W. C. Woodman is invoicing his stock of dry goods preparatory to turning them over to the Messrs. Myers Brothers of Memphis, Missouri, who have purchased them. Mr. Woodman is retiring from the avenue of mercantile life.

The County Board (of Commissioners) let the contract for building the bridge across the Little Arkansas River at Valley Center to the Missouri Valley Bridge Company. Cost is \$640 and it will be 60 feet long with approaches 20 feet wide.

Wednesday, February 28, 1877**page**

5. Clay Steele finished moving his stock of dry goods to No. 103 Douglas Avenue.

The old "Blue Front" has been changed into a livery stable.

The question of lighting the city has been discussed. It is a question of cost. Details.

Mayor Hope is putting up a frame building at the northeast corner of Lawrence Avenue and Douglas Avenue; to be 25 by 60 feet and one story.

Mr. Meigs is completing a handsome two story residence on Topeka Avenue, opposite N. A. English's.

Article about Wichita's fears concerning extension of its railroad line to the south. Details.

Report of a visit last Saturday to the artificial stone manufactory of H. P. Larabee, north of town near the Little Arkansas River. Nine or ten men are busy getting out material for J. H. Dagner's new business block on Main Street near the avenue (Douglas Avenue). For the front and north walls hollow blocks nine by 12 by 24 inches will be used. Work on the building will start about the first of April. (Editor's note: The name Larabee is spelled "Larrabee" in the December 27, 1876 issue of the *Beacon*.)

Wednesday, March 7, 1877**page**

5. Mike Zimmerly will open a large stock of hardware in Hope's new building on the avenue (Douglas Avenue).

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1. Official publication of Ordinance 179 providing for the purchase of Douglas Avenue Bridge. Details.

5. Thomas Northrup is the postmaster of Magnolia, a new place recently established in this county.

James G. Hope has removed to the new building on the corner of Douglas Avenue and Market Street, with his stock of wines and liquors.

Last Friday night the Valley House received 121 guests on the regular passenger train. Beds had to be spread all over the house in the halls, dining room and office, and yet Messrs. Ray and Edwards had to turn away 17 for lack of room.

M. Zimmerly opened out his new hardware place on the corner of Market Street and Douglas Avenue yesterday.

Mr. Nicholas Niederlander, accompanied by his brother and five other families arrived Friday from Sandusky, Ohio. He was here last fall and selected land on the Nennescah River in Townships 28 and 29, Range 4 West, for the colony making up this party, and now they have come to take possession. The Niederlanders are men of means, pluck, and energy.

Wednesday, March 21, 1877**page**

4. Tabulation of city finances for the quarter ending March 12th, 1877. Details.

5. Messrs. Harvey, Stewart and Miller have already begun to dispose of their products of the last packing season. They have sold between 5,000 and 6,000 hams and over 16,000 pounds of other meat.

The City Council at its last meeting voted \$1,000 to aid in buying the Douglas Avenue Bridge.

Wednesday, March 28, 1877**page**

5. Tonight, at the new building, the ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a festival to raise money to pay off the debt of \$400 now resting on the church.

Wednesday, April 4, 1877**page**

5. Report of marriage in Wichita, at the Wichita House, by the Rev. J. P. Harsen, of Henry Johnson and Kate E. Watson, both of Sedgwick County.

Mr. A. W. Bitting, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, writes that he will open early in April at

No. 83 Douglas Avenue, an entirely new stock of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings.

Mr. Davidson has placed the frame building removed from Main Street north of the avenue, on the west side of Main Street south of the avenue (Douglas Avenue), and will fix it up for renting.

Mr. McClees, Mr. J. C. Fraker, Mr. Gascoigne are all about finishing handsome residences on Emporia Avenue, north of the school building.

Alexander and Brothers have opened a hat, cap, and furnishing goods store on the north side of Allen's Boot and Shoe Store on Main Street.

Wednesday, April 11, 1877

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5. Report of city election April 3rd. J. G. Hope re-elected mayor over A. W. Oliver by 476 to 443. Details.

Report of change of management of the Valley House on April 1st, when Mr. Edwards retired and disposed of his interest to Mr. George W. Oaks, late of Dodge City.

The Daily House is now under management of the Carr Brothers.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners on April 2nd.

Proceedings of the new City Council on Monday night.

Wednesday, April 18, 1877

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5. A. W. Bitting, an extensive dealer in clothing from Allentown, Pennsylvania, has opened a large stock of goods on Douglas Avenue, two doors west of Trickey Brothers Grocery.

Morgan Cox has about completed his arrangements for a removal to Ellis, on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, where he will engage in merchandizing and running a hotel. Wichita much regrets to lose him.

Text of Mayor Hope's message to the City Council.

Wednesday, April 25, 1877

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5. Mr. T. M. Lane has collected \$2700 of the \$3000 subscribed for purchase of the Douglas Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Balch is moving the frame building formerly occupied by Aley's Boot Store, from

Main Street to a lot near Meigs and Healy's Land Office on Douglas Avenue.

Mr. Lewis moved the frame building from his Main Street lot to a lot on Douglas Avenue just west of the Grand Pacific Hotel, where it will be occupied by Mr. C. D. Ward, late of Clearwater.

Wednesday, May 2, 1877

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5. The County Board (of Commissioners) accepted the Weidner Bridge from the contractor.

The County Board (of Commissioners) has concluded to take the First National Bank building in satisfaction of its indebtedness to the county.

Note promoting the Daily House, at northeast corner of 1st Street and Water Street, Carr Brothers, proprietors.

Mr. H. W. Lewis has purchased Mr. S. C. Jocelyn's lots on corner of Topeka Avenue and 2nd Street, for \$950. He will begin at once the construction of a large and handsome residence.

Wednesday, May 9, 1877

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5. We learn that the Water Mill has been purchased by Mr. Rouse, Sr., father of W. P. Rouse of the Occidental Hotel.

We return our thanks to Martin, Neville, and Smith, of the Arkansas Valley Land Company, for an accurate map of the city of Wichita lately published by Mr. Bird.

The Douglas Avenue Bridge was thrown open to the public last Friday for two weeks, conditioned upon the collection of some \$300 or \$400 yet to be raised.

Wednesday, May 16, 1877

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5. H. W. Lewis and Caldwell and Davidson are making some progress with their brick blocks. Mr. Lewis has the first story of his building nearly up.

Col. H. L. Taylor is preparing to build a handsome residence on the southwest corner of 2nd Street and Lawrence Avenue.

Jim Dagner's stone block is fast nearing completion.

The bridges over Chisholm Creek east of Central Avenue and southeast of Douglas Avenue should be provided with railings.

Wednesday, May 23, 1877**page**

5. Long article about a major flood on Saturday following four heavy rains since May 16th. Much of the city north of 2nd Street was under water six inches to three feet deep. Much of the valley from the railroad track to Chisholm Creek was under water. Details.

Mr. Greiffenstein intends, as soon as the weather will permit, to put a tin roof on Eagle Hall.

The Wichita House, lately under the control of Charley Thompson, has been leased by Mrs. A. G. and F. Smith, who have refitted and refurnished it throughout, and are running it as a boarding house. Although they will do a hotel business, this will be subordinate.

The dam on the Little Arkansas River was partially washed out on Thursday last.

The bridge over the Little Arkansas River gave way about 10:00 Monday morning. As it passed the Douglas Avenue bridge it struck one of the middle piers and broke in two. The pieces were landed some distance below.

Many other short notes with details about the flood.

8. The El Paso and Oxford bridges over the Arkansas River were both washed out by the flood. Both were toll bridges.

Wednesday, May 30, 1877**page**

5. We regret to learn that T. B. Murdock, of the *Eldorado Times*, has lost one of his children. Col. Murdock left on Monday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Bitting, wife of A. W. Bitting, of the Keystone Clothing House, accompanied by her mother, arrived here from Pennsylvania last week.

The county offices have been removed to the First National Bank building. Details regarding location of the various offices in the building.

About \$500 remains to be raised before title to the Douglas Avenue Bridge passes to the county. Mr. Lane informs us that in all probability toll will be collected until a sufficient amount has been collected to make up this deficiency.

7. Full page advertisement for the Great Forepaugh Show (circus), which will appear in Wichita June 11th. Details. Adult admission 50 cents, children under nine, 25 cents. Eight center pole tents, 1000 men and horses.

Wednesday, June 6, 1877**page**

5. A substantial levee has been built along the banks of the Little Arkansas River near the stone yard. It is about 200 feet in length and from three to four feet high.

Messrs. Ray and Oaks, of the Valley House, dissolved partnership last week by mutual consent. Mr. Oaks left for Rochester, Montana. Mr. Ray will continue management of the Valley House.

Long article quoting Deputy Marshal Jones on the pursuit and arrest of J. C. Fraker, former president of the failed First National Bank. Says he was arrested at Ysleta, Texas and brought as a prisoner to Leavenworth, arriving on May 31st. Many details.

The water mill, under active management of Col. Rouse, is grinding away at a satisfactory rate.

Judge Lauck believes that to fully protect the city against future overflows of the Little Arkansas River a four foot levee will have to be built from the fair grounds to the junction of the two rivers.

Note about a new newspaper, the *Wichita Independent*, edited and published by R. A. Neff. It is a quarto of 56 columns, 42 of which are printed in St. Louis. The remaining 14 columns are printed here with material rented for one year from H. W. Lewis.

Wednesday, June 13, 1877**page**

5. Mr. Cole, a large wholesale druggist and perfumery manufacturer, of New York City, has been spending a few days in our city visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. A. A. Hyde.

Long article giving report of a committee appointed to report on the public schools in Wichita. Says the school taught by Miss Thomas, located on Main Street near 1st Street is in a location unsuitable for a school, having no play grounds, etc. The main school buildings, on Emporia Avenue, have six teachers (named). A number of deficiencies in buildings and equipment described. The out-houses are in a bad condition. Recommendations made. Details.

8. Sixteen covered wagons with 16 families and their goods, from Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio, came into town Monday evening on their way to the southwest part of the county and the northwest part of Sumner County.

Article says steps are now being taken to organize a boating club in Wichita, with headquarters on the banks of the Little Arkansas River. Details.

The bridge over the Cowskin Creek at Mead's crossing has been repaired.

Wednesday, June 20, 1877**page**

5. The bridge across the Cowskin Creek at Cartwright's has been fixed and teams can cross it safely.

A new porch has been added to the Valley House.

8. The bridge across Chisholm Creek, south of the water mill, known as the Hoover Bridge, and the roadway at each end of it, is a disgrace to the township and the city.

Report of marriage on Thursday, June 14th, at the residence of the bride's father in Sedgwick County, by Rev. M. Kirby, of O. C. Daisy and Emma Stover. A wedding feast was spread for them at the house of the Hon. T. M. Lane, on Topeka Avenue.

Wednesday, June 27, 1877**page**

5. The bail of J. C. Fraker has been increased from \$9000 to \$15,000 by Judge Foster, of the United States Court.

Mr. C. A. Walker has been appointed receiver of the Occidental Hotel, by United States District Judge Foster.

Eagle Hall is to be seated with chairs hereafter, in place of those back-breaking uncomfortable benches which have so long annoyed the public. Mr. Greiffenstein, the proprietor, will have the thanks of the community for this much needed improvement.

One dollar twenty cents per day is what they pay hands on the Eldorado Branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

Detailed report of the Wichita public schools for the year ending June 1st, 1877 by Superintendent O. F. McKim. Number of seats in six rooms -- 334 (most rooms 52 to 62 seats). Average daily attendance -- 303. Salaries: Superintendent and principal O. F. McKim, \$1,000. The other teachers from \$280 to \$400 per year. Total \$3,040 for seven teachers. Other details.

James and Frank Hope, sons of Mayor Hope, came home of Saturday night. These young gentlemen are receiving a thorough education at the Poughkeepsie Military Institute, on the Hudson River.

Wednesday, July 4, 1877**page**

5. Hodge and Wright have moved their dry goods into the Mead Block on Douglas Avenue, occupying the room lately vacated by Mr. West.

Col. Lewis is putting up an elegant front of cut stone from the quarries of Florence.

His building will be an ornament on Main Street.

Pat Healy is putting up a frame building on the north side of the avenue (Douglas Avenue), near Mr. Schumacher's building. He will have two rooms, one of which Meigs and Healy will use as a land office.

The plasterers are busy at work on the new block of J. H. Dagner.

The plasterers have finished their work on the Presbyterian Church building. Mr. Juneau informs us that the building will be ready by the middle of next week. Details.

C. H. Kurtz, of the *Augusta Gazette*, and E. R. Powell of Butler, were in Wichita last week to meet some of the gentlemen connected with the Kansas City and Emporia's Narrow Gauge Railroad.

The Eldorado Branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad is being built at the rate of three miles a day, we are informed.

We understand that it is the intention of the authorities to remove the houses of prostitution that have brazenly located themselves on one of the most public thoroughfares of the city.

8. The Douglas Avenue Bridge is free for all time to come. The County paid \$1500 and the city \$1000. The balance of the \$5,000 was raised by private subscription.

The County Board (of Commissioners) was in session two days. Among the important acts was the division of Greeley Township, and the formation of a new township called Sherman. 30 sections were taken off Greeley.

Wednesday, July 11, 1877

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4. Long letter from a committee urging the voting of bonds for school purposes, in the amount of \$3000. Proposal includes a new building, 24 by 60 feet, to cost \$900.
5. A. J. Cutter has sold out his interest in the Grand Pacific Hotel to Mr. James Turner, of Fairberry, Illinois.

Professor O. F. McKim takes charge of the public schools for another year. Other teachers named.

The circulatory library has moved from Mr. Baldwin's gallery to the front basement room of the National Bank building. It will be open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

D. K. McPherson, of Parsons, is about to erect a handsome block on Main Street, near

Hacker and Fraker's hardware store. It will be 50 by 70 feet, with a front elevation of artificial stone 35 feet high. Mr. Fisk drew the plans and specifications.

Wednesday, July 18, 1877**page**

5. Movers are passing through the city every day for all parts of the West and Southwest.

The sheriff opened out Monday the stock of hardware lately owned by Schlichter and Russell.

5. The stone used for the front of Col. Lewis' bank building was furnished through John Exton from the quarries at Cottonwood Falls. The walls of this building and that of Caldwell and Davidson are about up and add to the city-like appearance of Main Street.

Wednesday, July 25, 1877**page**

5. The debt on the Presbyterian Church building amounts to only \$600.

The freight on a bushel of wheat from here to Kansas City or Atchison is 20 cents, from Kansas City to St. Louis 16 cents.

Note urging favorable vote on the school bonds. The four rooms owned at present by the Board of Education will accommodate only 200 to 250.

Col. Lewis will soon have his residence ready for occupancy.

Report of death Friday at his residence near Wichita, of John Charter Harvey, age 58, of the firm of Harvey, Stewart and Company, pork packers. Born in Kentucky, came to Kansas from Illinois in the fall of 1875.

Wednesday, August 1, 1877**page**

5. C. C. Hartwig and Company have purchased of H. B. Cullum, the bank receiver, the brick block known as Mead's on Douglas Avenue.

W. C. West has the contract for the erection of Col. Taylor's residence, on corner of Lawrence Avenue and 2nd Street.

The school bonds were carried on Monday last by a handsome majority of 163 votes.

8. The Golden Eagle Clothing House was closed by judicial process last week. The creditors of W. H. Craddock have attached to goods as a part of his assets. Details.

Report of death at the residence of William Greiffenstein of John Knoffloch, at age 74.

Born in Breunigweiler, Bavaria. Immigrated to America in 1832, settling in Ohio. Moved to Indiana, and then to Kansas in 1872. Was father of nine children; 18 grand children, and seven great-grand children.

Wednesday, August 8, 1877**page**

5. Financial report of the school board for the 13 months ending July 31st, 1877. Total expense \$5,889.44. Details.

The County Board (of Commissioners), at its July session, divided Greeley Township, cutting off the southern portion, which they named Sherman. There was a remonstrance, and the matter was brought up again last Monday. Considerable indignation is expressed by the citizens of Greeley Township with the action of the board. The board decided that if fraud in the petition could be shown, their action would be rescinded.

Report of a three hour interview with J. C. Fraker in the Leavenworth jail, by F. G. Smyth. Details.

Wednesday, August 15, 1877**page**

5. Mr. Juneau has the contract for the carpenter work on McPherson's new block on Main Street, and Mr. Martin Hellar the contract for the stone work. The walls are to be built of artificial stone, which Mr. Hellar manufactures.
8. The Cincinnati Bakery has just been opened by F. Wilke, on Douglas Avenue, two doors south of Emporia Avenue.

Wednesday, August 22, 1877**page**

5. The stained window glass for the Presbyterian Church building arrived last week and has been put in. The building will be dedicated in early September.

The county Normal Institute has over 50 teachers enrolled.

Charley Lemcke has bought the residence of Mr. Schumacher on South Market Street.

Wednesday, August 29, 1877**page**

5. F. G. Smyth is making an addition to his residence on Wichita Street.

The school board purchased the wing attached to the school building, from Mr. Noble for \$300.

P. Healy has about completed his concrete house on Douglas Avenue and will shortly

occupy one of the rooms as a real estate office.

The school board bought four lots on the north of the school house of H. B. Cullum, receiver of the First National Bank. The price paid was \$300, or \$75 per lot.

Article criticizing the condition of the cemetery. It looks more like a potter's field than the final resting place for the dead of a thriving city like Wichita. Grass has overgrown the tombs and grounds. There are no roads or paths. Many graves are in neglected condition.

Note urging the organization of a board of trade.

The Board of Education last Saturday evening decided to erect another school building in addition to the one contracted for in the 1st Ward. This new building will be located in the 2nd Ward and will contain but one room at the present. Cost will probably be less than \$500.

Wednesday, September 5, 1877

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5. Mr. and Mrs. Bitting mourn the loss of their little child, which died last Thursday.

Col. Lewis moved his family into his new residence last Thursday.

Mr. E. M. Israel has been changing and refitting his building on Douglas Avenue for hotel purposes. The house will be open to the public in a few days.

Wednesday, September 12, 1877

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5. The contractors expect to have the school buildings in the 1st and 2nd wards completed for beginning of the school year.

Report of death of Mrs. Moser, wife of M. R. Moser. Funeral held Sunday afternoon at the residence, two miles east of town.

The foundation has been laid for the McPherson Block, on Main Street.

Announcement of a meeting of the Old Settlers of Sedgwick County, to be held on the last day of the county fair.

Col. Taylor's residence is rapidly approaching completion under the manipulations of W. C. West. The plan of the house was drawn by Mr. Haskell, of Lawrence, one of the most noted architects of the state.

Dedication of the new Presbyterian Church in Wichita will take place Sunday, September 16, 1877. Details. Notice signed by J. P. Harsen, Pastor.

Announcement of the opening of the schools on Monday, September 17th, with districts of attendance described for the new 1st and 2nd Ward school buildings as well as the old school building. The new building in 2nd Ward will probably not be ready until one week later.

Wednesday, September 19, 1877

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5. It is a rare and creditable fact that the Presbyterian Church was dedicated clear of debt. Article gives tabulation of the financial report. Total cost was \$4,589.08.

Report of a fight last Saturday night at Mayor Hope's place of business (i.e., saloon) between Mayor James G. Hope and Mr. G. F. Hargis, of the City Mills. Mr. Hargis then lodged a complaint of assault and battery against the mayor, who pleaded guilty and was fined \$75. The mayor is appealing the amount of the fine. The unfriendly feeling between the two men dates from the overflow of last spring. Details.

8. Tabulation of city finances for the quarter ending September 10th, 1877.

Wednesday, September 26, 1877

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5. Four hundred ten pupils were enrolled in the public schools the first week of the present school year, against 273 same date last year.

The Turners of Wichita will celebrate the seventh anniversary of their founding on October 3rd, at Eagle Hall.

Report of opening of the Sedgwick County Fair yesterday. Details.

Messrs. Stewart, Miller, and Keller will succeed Harvey, Stewart and Company in the pork packing business on Douglas Avenue.

Over one-half of the books lately ordered for the library have been received.

Wednesday, October 3, 1877

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4. Report of the Old Settlers meeting on Friday, the 28th, at the Fairground in the large tent used as an agricultural hall. H. W. Vigus elected president and Uncle D. S. Munger, vice-president. Details.

5. Long article with detailed reports of the Sedgwick County Fair. (5th annual)

Wednesday, October 10, 1877

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5. Mike Zimmerly is building a comfortable residence on Market Street, south of Douglas Avenue.

Report of a visit to the cooper shop of Mr. Clay Pearson, on the east end of Douglas Avenue. Details.

Hess and Getto have dissolved partnership, Mr. Getto retiring. This breaks up the oldest grocery firm in this city, dating back to the summer of 1871. Mr. Hess will continue at the old stand.

Major E. R. Powell, of Augusta, called on us Saturday.

Proceedings of the County Commissioners including treasurer's yearly report. There is a deficiency of something over \$5000 caused by the purchase of the First National Bank building. One hundred seventy-five dollars was appropriated for a bridge across the Cowskin Creek on section line between Sections 10 and 15, Township 28, Range 1 West, near Mr. Mead's, payable in December. \$200 payable for a bridge across the slough on the road west of town, to be paid when the grade of the entire road is finished from the corner of R. E. Lawrence's farm to the foot of the rise at Mouser's farm. \$50 appropriated for replacing the bridge at the McDonald crossing of the Cowskin Creek, payable in December. The board appropriated the timber of the bridge over the Big Arkansas River above town to build a bridge across the Nennescah River on the section line between Townships 28 and 29, Range 3 West, to accommodate trade going west to Kingman and Harper counties.

Mr. A. W. Bitting moved his stock of goods into the room lately occupied by Munn's Drug Store.

8. Mr. H. J. Hills is with Morris Kohn and Company. Mr. Hills is a dry goods man of large experience and was at one time a leading merchant in this city.

Fred Sowers is filling up the room lately occupied by Mr. Hope with a grocery stock.

James G. Hope has closed out his liquor business and will turn his attention to the stock business. He has several hundred head near the city, which he will move to Medicine Lodge. Mr. Hope sold the building he occupied to Messrs. Sowers and Zimmerly, the latter taking the corner room and Mr. Sowers the east room.

Messrs. Baker and Deming purchased the Empire House and lots, paying \$5000 for the same. They are pushing the work of repairs as rapidly as possible.

Charley Garrison, the oldest saddle and harness manufacturer in the valley, has moved his stock of goods into his frame store room a few doors west of Trickey Brothers.

Messrs. Colby and Hellar are making good progress with the artificial stone block on Main Street.

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4. Long report and editorial about the appearance in United States District Court in Leavenworth on October 14th of J. C. Fraker, formerly president of the First National Bank of Wichita, to plead guilty of the charges on which he was indicted. Details.
5. Proceedings of the Sedgwick County Democratic Convention. Candidates selected (named), including H. W. Vigus, nominated for sheriff.

Wednesday, October 24, 1877**page**

4. List of Democratic candidates for county offices, with editorial endorsement.
5. J. H. Dagner is opening an auction and commission house in his stone block on Main Street.

The balance of the books ordered by the Library Association arrived last Friday, making a total of 350 books in the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Kellogg celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary last Wednesday.

Average daily attendance in the public schools for the five weeks ending October 19th, 1877 was 436.

Long letter to editor criticizing the County Commissioners' action in dividing Greeley Township and relating circumstances leading to this action.

Wednesday, October 31, 1877**page**

5. R. H. Roys has moved his law and loan office to a room over Caldwell's Queensware House.

Mr. D. R. Huston is building a private residence on the former site of the Empire House, on Main Street.

We call attention to the card of Mr. Bunnell, who has recently come to Wichita from Indianapolis.

Report of death last Monday after a long illness, of Mrs. A. W. Bitting.

Note from D. S. Munger declining to accept the Republican county convention's nomination for re-election as county coroner.

Wednesday, November 7, 1877**page**

5. Baker and Deming will open the Empire House in about two weeks. The building

contains over 40 rooms and has been thoroughly repaired.

Wednesday, November 14, 1877**page**

5. Report of results of the election in Sedgwick County. H. W. Dunning elected sheriff over H. W. Vigus by 1058 to 744. D. S. Munger elected coroner over Levi Antrim by 1339 to 788. Details.

The McPherson artificial stone building on Main Street is approaching completion. The plasterers will soon be at work.

Coroner D. S. Munger now occupies the residence of Judge Baldwin, on the corner of Market Street and First Street, opposite the Baptist Church.

The City Mills Company began work last Saturday on the foundation of a flow warehouse, which they intend to erect on the east side of the mills. The building will be 13½ by 75 feet long, and 16 feet in the clear. It will hold about 18 cars of flour.

Report of meeting of the Wichita Library Association. Details.

Report of Wichita public schools for month ending November 9th.

8. Advertisement of the Golden Eagle Clothing House, No. 23 Main Street, states that W. E. Stone has purchased the entire stock of the store and that it is opened to the public.

Wednesday, November 21, 1877**page**

5. The Tremont House, formerly the Empire House, is now open for the accommodation of the traveling public.

The furnace ordered by the trustees of the Presbyterian Church, from Cincinnati, was placed in position last week.

Mr. D. K. McPherson, of Parsons, is in the city. He is the proprietor of the new artificial stone block on Main Street, now being completed.

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5. The City Mills will have their warehouse ready in a few days.

Mr. E. W. Israel has leased the Globe Hotel with all its furniture, for one year.

The timbers used for the bridge across the Big and Little Arkansas rivers above the city (i.e., on Seneca Street and Central Avenue), have been taken to the Nennescah River, where they will be used in bridging that stream on the section line between Townships

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Judge E. Hill of Vicksburg, Mississippi, brother-in-law of Col. H. W. Lewis, arrived with his family last Friday for the purpose of permanently locating in this city.

Mr. Martin Hellar and Col. M. Stewart have formed a partnership, under the firm name of Hellar and Stewart, to pack pork this winter. They will open immediately, in the packing house on the avenue, west of the Douglas Avenue Hotel.

The elegant book case for the Wichita Library Association, built by Mr. C. W. Fisk and painted and grained by Mr. White, has been placed in N. Baldwin's photograph rooms on Main Street. It is eight feet wide by nine feet high, cost \$65, and will hold 1000 books.

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5. The bridge across the Cowskin Creek to Waco and Salem Townships is, except for one approach, ready for public use. It is 80 feet long and replaces the one washed away by the flood last spring.

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5. Letter about Wichita taken from a report from Florence, Kansas, to the *Leavenworth Times*. Laudatory.

Col. S. E. Jocelyn and Milo B. Kellogg have formed a partnership for the purpose of opening a grocery store. They have rented the brick store room on east side of Main Street, formerly occupied by E. R. Jones' Chicago Dry Goods Store.

Report of the yearly meeting of the Presbyterian Church. Officers elected (named). Details.

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5. Messrs. Hellar and Steadman began their packing operations last week. They expect to pack from 1000 to 1500 head, and are occupying the old packing house of Harvey, Stewart and Company on Douglas Avenue.

Report of marriage Tuesday of R. P. Murdock, junior of the *Eagle*, to Miss Lou Caldwell, daughter of J. E. Caldwell. Details.

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5. Mr. D. G. Millison, having sold his job printing office to Mr. C. M. Keller, left last week with his family for Leavenworth, where he proposes to try his fortune. He has

been in Wichita since the fall of 1872.

Col. Taylor and family got into their new house last week.

Turner and Lake, of the Grand Pacific Hotel, near the depot, dissolved partnership.
Mr. Lake retires and Mr. Grismore takes his place.