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 1882 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, January 4, 1882
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3. Tongue-in-cheek comment from the Wichita Leader about Wichita newspaper editors.

Proceedings of city council meeting December 27, 1881.

Note says the Beacon has put in a telephone.

The Frisco road is now running through to Halstead over the Sedgwick and Halstead switch of the Santa Fe.

The stone for the curbing and guttering of the south side of Douglas avenue between Main and Waco streets are being delivered.

Messrs. Loomis and Hellar drove through the city last Friday 3500 head of weathers (sic), which they have been holding in Kingman and the southern part of Sedgwick County. They have pens near the stock yards south of town, and will feed them for the spring market. It was a pretty sight to see them undulating down the street.

Wednesday, January 11, 1882
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2. Proceedings of city council meeting of January 9. List of officers (named) of Frontier Fire Company was approved. J. W. Wingard is Foreman and Chief.

3. There is a fair prospect of the consolidation of the two fairs.

The subsidy bonds to the Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad have been voted by the townships of Butler County.

The railroad companies have purchased of W. C. Woodman about three acres of land, lying on both sides of the track, and running from near Central avenue north nearly to the Murdock residence. The intention is, we learn, to build a passenger depot for the joint use
of the two roads.

The Douglas avenue bridge has been repaired by Reese and Sawyer at an expense of near $1200. This being so, the project of replacing it with an iron bridge will probably have to be deferred for one to three years.

The Douglas Avenue House was re-opened on Monday under management of T. M. Lane and Ed Hassig.

Wednesday, January 18, 1882

Report of the Wichita library from Mrs. Ella G. Shield, librarian. “The library is a city institution.” Total number of books: 1091. Total number of regular subscription readers: 127. Total number of books taken during the year: 2912. Total receipts: $100.35 (from weekly rent, fines and sale of catalogues and tickets sold at the library). Expense: $100.40 (librarian’s salary, stationery, and incidentals).

“The New Depot” ¶ The railroads have purchased land north of Central avenue, on which to build a passenger depot -- this much is definite. The kind and style of building is not known. We have been told that various plans have been discussed. One was for a single story 25 by 80 feet, another 35 by 50 feet, and another was for a two story structure of some pretension. Wichita undoubtedly has been slighted on depots. The most important station for business and travel on the Santa Fe Railroad in this state, we have had the poorest depot. It was a make-shift at first, and it is still a make-shift. The reception room is practically on the platform. The new passenger depot is to be located practically out of town. The freight depot is to remain where it is now located. If the new location were the only one that could be obtained, nobody would complain, but it is not, and it only makes us the more determined to aid other railroads to come in to give us the proper facilities. Our street railway will run to the freight depot, but it can’t carry freight. The new depot may benefit some, but at the expense of the whole community.

The Eldorado Times is informed by the chief engineer of construction that the grade in Woodson County on the Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad was finished last Saturday, and that the cars would be running to Toronto by the (15th ?).

Wednesday, January 25, 1882

Report of meeting of the Old Settlers’ Association of Sedgwick County, in Eagle Hall. R. E. Lawrence, president. Details.

The erection of a depot north of town will necessitate the extension of the street railway. The Main street line will be extended to that point. The location of the depot is further out of the town than we were at first informed. It seems that the San Francisco is responsible for its location so far out of town, being 500 feet north of Oak street. The latter railroad wanted it above the “Y” connecting the two railroads. It will be built for
utility and not ornament, simply to accommodate comfortably the traveling public. As the fare is so much per mile, we anticipate a material reduction for all points north.

Stewart and McMillan stopped hog killing yesterday having packed a few over 1000 head. Their average weights have been about 270 pounds per head, and they have paid on an average $5.30.

The Occidental Hotel is temporarily under the management of the owners of the building, Messrs. Platter, Hewitt, and Williams. Capt. J. M. Steele was in Topeka for several days last week on business connected with the building of our street railway. He informed us that everything was working satisfactorily so far as preliminaries are concerned, and that active work will begin early in the spring.

Note mentions the taking over of the Kansas City, Lawrence and Southern Railroad by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe on January 1st.

**Wednesday, February 1, 1882**

Long article reporting on meeting of the Fair Associations on January 21st and giving the terms of proposal for buying out of the “old” fair association and its assets and liabilities by the “new” fair association. Details.

A charter has been filed with the Secretary of State for a railroad from Wichita to Ft. Dodge. Messrs. John Tucker, J. M. Steele, of Wichita, and L. E. Alexander, of St. Louis, are among the charter members.

The telegraph and telephone offices will be moved to the second story of Ferrell’s building in Temple Block. This will not be quite so handy, but there will be some compensating advantages.

The *Eagle* office put in yesterday a six horsepower engine. They have ordered a power press, but it will be two or three months before they will get it.

**Wednesday, February 8, 1882**

Financial report of the Arkansas Valley Agricultural Society including itemized expenditures for 1881. Shows the fair grounds (Shuman’s park) were rented from Healy and Niederlander for $100.

The surveys for the foundation and the side tracks for the new depot building have been made.

The graders of the Ft. Scott road are at work both ways from Eureka.
Notice of a public sale to be held at the farm of J. W. Dale in Sherman township on February 14th. The sale will include 300 good milch cows, a span of mules and horses, a brood mare, pony and 30 shoats, binder, wagon and farm machinery.

Wednesday, February 15, 1882
Letter received by Mr. J. A. Miller from General Gleason, locating engineer on the Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad, from Eureka, dated February 8th, saying, “I am here locating the extension of my road from this place to Eldorado, through the Flint Hills. Arrived here a week ago and was in Eldorado on Monday last.”

The telegraph and telephone office has been moved to the rear room in the second story of Ferrell’s building in Temple Block. The job of taking down instruments, and the large number of wires, and arranging them, was no small one.

Wednesday, February 22, 1882
The Library association re-elected the old board at their meeting last Wednesday.

A new stone crossing has been put down across Douglas avenue on the west side of Main street. The avenue is now curbed and guttered from Waco to Lawrence on both sides.

Wednesday, March 1, 1882
Report of Old Settlers’ annual meeting at the Opera House on February 22nd. Details.

The telephone company now have 76 subscribers.

Wednesday, March 8, 1882
A little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hyde on Monday.

The Diamond Mill, Alexander, Tucker and Dorsey, proprietors, started up on Tuesday with two run of burrs. The machinery ran smoothly. It is the very best throughout. The mill will soon have four run of burrs in operation, adding largely to the grinding capacity of the city. The mill was enlarged and remodeled from the old Grange elevator, which for so long has been unprofitable property, but it is now of value to the owners and to the public.

Wednesday, March 15, 1882
Work is being pushed on the new depot north of town. It is to be 30 by 75 feet. Being a suburban depot, it will be built in the cottage style. The officials may open it with a country dance. It will be exceedingly convenient to those living in the north part of the county, and the city is under deep obligation to the management that it was not built at or
near Newton.

We have received our copy of John P. Edwards' township map of Sedgwick County. It is elegantly bound and the paper is of the best quality. It contains a map of each township with every farmer and owner's names, every school house, church, post office, and village. There are also separate maps of the entire county, the state, and of each town and city in the county. The historical sketch of the city and of the several townships was compiled by D. B. Emmert, and is very full.

Mr. Frank Williams, one of the owners of the Occidental Block, was in this city last week from Kansas City. He resolved to make additional improvements in the hotel building. Every room is to be supplied with hot and cold water. Several bathrooms will be put in. A water tank will be put on top of the building, supplied by an engine.

Milo Kellogg has put the telephone in his grocery.

The engine house at the railroad water tank took fire and burned down on Friday night last, about 10:00 p.m. The engine was somewhat damaged.

Work has been temporarily suspended on the Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad. The road bed is graded to within seven miles of Eureka and the route located and surveyed through the Flint Hills.

Fire damaged the Pacific House, east of the Tremont, Monday night, but was put out before it reached the Tremont.

**Wednesday, March 22, 1882**

3. The new depot will be finished this week, we suppose, as the roof was on last Saturday and a large force is at work.

Rogers and Dillon have opened a photograph gallery in the rooms opposite the *Beacon* office.

**Wednesday, March 29, 1882**

2. Report from *Ft. Scott Monitor* that a new board of directors was elected by the stockholders of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad on Tuesday last. Names listed.

3. Mr. Sternberg has purchased the house and two lots adjoining Mr. Barnes on the north on Lawrence avenue. He is enlarging and raising the structure and will occupy it himself.

**Wednesday, April 5, 1882**
3. Report of a fire on north side of Douglas avenue last Tuesday evening which caused considerable damage and danger to the other buildings. Details.

The Kansas State Bank has just placed in its vault a set of hardened steel safety deposit boxes. (First in Wichita?)

Col. Gleason, Chief Engineer of the Ft. Scott Railroad, was in the city on Saturday and Sunday. He made a preliminary survey as far as Chisholm creek, and on Monday his corps were camped northeast of town near the creek.

“Where, oh where, is our street railway?”

**Wednesday, April 12, 1882**

3. Report of death on Wednesday of Paul, the first born and only child of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Murdock.

Report of visit to the 40 acre fruit farm of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Moser (on College Hill).

Article describes improvements now being made to the Occidental hotel. Details. As the four large store rooms on the first floor have usually been vacant, the building, especially at night, had a vacant, abandoned external appearance. The two rooms on the south will be remodeled, and the “dead” windows on the south facade have been opened. The south room will be fitted up, the first 30 feet for a reading room; in the rear of that will be a sample room. The room on the north of this will be used, the front part as an office, in the rear of that, a baggage room, and in the rear of the latter, a wash room and barber saloon. A large archway has been cut between the reading room and office, and between the office and the hall and stairway. The present stairway is to be taken down and a circular one to be put up, giving more hall room. The present entrance is to be the ladies’ entrance of the remodeled hotel. The space now occupied by the office and reading room on the second floor will be partitioned off into bed chambers. Other improvements in the way of water and bath rooms are to be added. Mr. Albert is doing the brick work, Mr. Sternberg, the carpentering, and Mr. Stocker, the plastering.

Report of the city election on April 4. Details.

**Wednesday, April 19, 1882**

2. Report of the death of Henry W. Vigus on Tuesday, April 11, after a few hours illness. Funeral was on Thursday. He was 53 (born in Amherst County, Virginia on November 29, 1829), and came to Kansas before 1856 (Olathe, Johnson County) and to Sedgwick County in May 1868. He was the first hotel keeper here. Ran for sheriff twice, but as a Democrat, was defeated. Married about 1853 and first wife died in 1871. Remarried in 1873. Has one son, living at Prescott, Arizona Territory.
3. The new country passenger depot will be opened for public inconvenience on the first of the merry month of May.

On Friday, telephone communication was opened with Mr. Sullivan at the mill dam, four miles north of town.

On Monday, Mr. Abe Smith, one of the leading contractors and builders, showed us the plans of several fine private residences which will soon be erected. Included one for Mr. Guthrie on Waco and 3rd, one for Doc Mann on the mill farm on Chisholm creek east of the city, one for Col. Innes on the lots north of C. S. Caldwell’s residence on Topeka avenue, and one for T. B. Wall on corner of Water and 3rd streets.

Wednesday, April 26, 1882
page 3. Meeting of Arkansas Valley Agricultural Society, C. S. Eichholtz, chairman, on April 11th, rescinded the offer to buy the fairgrounds of the old fair association, owing to failure of the old fair association to consummate the agreement between the two. Details.

The city schools will close on Friday owing to a deficiency in the free school fund.

The Baldwin property on the corner of 1st and Market, north of the Opera House, has been purchased by the Episcopal congregation. The dwelling house will be moved to the north side of the lots and fitted up for a parsonage, and a church structure will be built on the corner.

Mr. William Vigus, son of the late Henry W. Vigus, arrived from Arizona last week. He left here in 1875 and this is his first visit back.

Proceedings of city council meeting on April 24.

Wednesday, May 3, 1882

Wednesday, May 10, 1882
page 3. Short description of arrangement of rooms on first floor of the Occidental hotel. “The Occidental ranks with the very best hotel buildings in the state.”

Proceedings of city council meeting May 8th.

“John Davidson is putting up a mansion.”

The road bed of the Ft. Scott road is finished as far as Eureka, and the track will be laid to that place in about two weeks.
Wednesday, May 17, 1882

3. The new depot is not yet finished. The agent says he does not know when it will be open for business.

The *Eagle* this week will be worked off its brand new Cottrell power press.

Wednesday, May 24, 1882

3. F. G. Smyth and Sons have purchased two lots on the northeast corner of Douglas and Lawrence avenues, of Charley Russell, for $3000. They are 50 by 145 feet, and on them the firm will erect a two story brick business house.

Wednesday, May 31, 1882

3. The section between the mill race and Valley Center was covered with water on Friday and Saturday last. This overflow was said to be caused by the breaking of a ditch dug through Mr. Elswick’s farm, according to Mr. “Dam” Sullivan.

Wednesday, June 7, 1882

3. Our streets are enlivened by the competitive display of steam road tractors.

Note from the *Walnut Valley Times* (El Dorado?) of June 1st saying that work on the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad was begun in the Flint Hills last Monday. One mile, right on the summit, with the heaviest cuts and fills, is to be completed in four months, which is the longest time of any of the six miles newly contracted for. This six miles extends about two and one half miles into Butler County.

Our freight depot is being remodeled, and when done it will be the largest and best freight depot on the line of the Santa Fe Railroad. ¶ The Company’s passenger depot, now nearly completed, is in closer proximity to Wichita than to any other city. In fact it is nearer Wichita than any other passenger depot in the state.

Wednesday, June 14, 1882

3. Proceedings of city council meeting of June 12th: “The matter of extending the time of the Wichita City Railway Company. Action was deferred until next regular meeting.”

The population of Wichita this year is 5779, compared with 5482 in 1881. Valuation is:

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The Kansas State bank has purchased the brick on the southwest corner of Douglas and Main and will fit it up and move into it.

Don’t forget the Christian social tomorrow at Eagle Hall.

**Wednesday, June 21, 1882**

Dillon and Rogers, photographers, are doing a large business.

Milo Kellogg now swings his front windows on hinges.

**Wednesday, June 28, 1882**

Proceedings of city council meeting of June 26th. Ordinance No. 263, entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing the Wichita City Street Railway Company to Construct and Operate a Street Railway along certain Streets and Avenues” was duly carried.

Official publication of Ordinance 263, referred to above, granting franchise to Wichita City Railway Company.

Finlay Ross has purchased the Emil Werner property on Main street, opposite the post office. He paid $3000 for the 50 foot front with the frame buildings. He intends to build a two story brick, 50 by 100 feet, probably this summer, and to occupy the entire building as a furniture store and upholstering factory.

O. C. Daisy some weeks past sold his farm on the Cowskin (Creek), and has lately purchased General Eggleston’s farm between the rivers, paying $5000.

Bloss and Davidson have just turned out from their carriage and wagon shop a number one transfer wagon for Root Brothers.

**Wednesday, July 5, 1882**

Article describes some of recent improvements in Occidental hotel.

The walls of Mr. Jackson’s livery stable are up and the roof is being put on. It is brick, 50 by 100 feet.

F. G. Smyth and Sons have commenced to tear down the old livery stable on his lots preparatory to erection of his fine agricultural implement house.

The Kansas State Bank is fitting up the building on southwest corner of Main and Douglas for banking purposes.

**Wednesday, July 12, 1882**
Contractors on the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita road are running two gangs of hands on the grade of that road, the night gang putting in full time. Track laying west of Eureka will soon commence.

The Wells Fargo Express has moved in with the Adams Express.

Article lists teachers of the Wichita city schools. The superintendent will be E. L. Halleck, from Mishawaka, Indiana, and the principal is Ella Wood. Fifteen other teachers listed.

Wednesday, July 19, 1882

The foundation of the agricultural equipment warehouse of Smyth and Sons, being built at northeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas, is done.

The Drs. Whitlock will soon move into their new brick office (one story), south of Douglas avenue on Main street.

Wednesday, July 26, 1882

The street railway company issued some blocks of stock last week. Mr. Hartzell had power to subscribe for $8000 worth in the name of Mr. Wheelock, who is president of the Moline Plow factory company and the Moline paper mill company. Mr. Hartzell took the same, and Mr. Steele ditto. Work will probably begin this fall.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated last Sunday. Details. It is a frame structure, 28 by 50 feet, plain but neat.

Mr. Hartzell, of Topeka, the Wichita Street Railway man, was in the city on Saturday. There was a meeting of stockholders with reference to the beginning of the work.

Finlay Ross has the plans and specifications made for his two story brick furniture store, 50 by 130 feet, to be built on Main street.

The new passenger depot was opened on Thursday last. The trains will make their usual stop at this place, only halting long enough at the old depot to let the passengers jump off. This latter stop will be only for the convenience of those desiring to get off in town and not in the country. All tickets must be purchased in the suburban depot. Mr. Hollinger has charge of the ticket office and will be on hand for sale of tickets on all passenger trains. The balance of his time will be occupied at the freight depot. A telephone wire connects the old with the new. The arrangement is admirable and will not only facilitate the transaction of the business of the railroad, but it will accommodate the people -- after they get used to it.

Wednesday, August 2, 1882
The repairs and changes made at the freight depot are about completed. The freight office has been given commodious quarters in the south end of the building. Access is given patrons through a hallway on the north of the freight room. The platform has been lowered and the building repainted.

Wednesday, August 9, 1882

Mr. W. W. Pearce returned on Saturday from Middleboro, Massachusetts. He has been away several weeks.

Wednesday, August 16, 1882

Capt. John B. Carey returned last Friday from Wisconsin lumber regions, after an absence of six weeks. He has bought the largest invoice of lumber ever brought to the state. His purchase includes upwards of two million feet of lumber, and over one million shingles. He will have ready sale for this immense stock, as he has seven large yards, four on the Kansas Southern and three on the Santa Fe.

The two fair associations have about arrived at an agreement. The new association is to pay the old one $5500. The mortgage indebtedness is to be taken out of the amount, and the balance will be paid in cash, raised from fairs and sale of stock. Immediate possession of the fair grounds is to be given.

The trustees of the Wichita Academy met on Wednesday and elected Col. Murdock president, A. A. Glenn, secretary, and D. A. Mitchell, treasurer.

The cemetery is now in telephonic connection with the city.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Skinner on Saturday.

Emil Werner has begun the erection of a two story brick business house on the south side of Douglas, next to Jackson’s livery stable.

Wednesday, August 23, 1882

The agreement between the two fair associations reported last week, has failed. Details.

Milo Kellogg has been made inspector of flour for the Indians, which will be delivered at Arkansas City and at Caldwell. The pay is ten dollars for each day employed.

The Kansas State Bank will move into its new quarters this week.

Mr. John Davidson’s father and mother have lately arrived from Glasgow, Scotland, and will make their home here.
The Ferrell building, of Temple Block, will be occupied September 1st by Mrs. Sherman and the Miss Egglestons with a large stock of millinery and ladies furnishings.

The foundation of the rectory has been laid on the Baldwin property at 1st and Market, now owned by the Episcopal (?) Church.

Wednesday, August 30, 1882
Article says the Old Fair Association are will hold their tenth annual exhibition next week. Details.

Henry Bolte is now building on his lots on South Water street, south of Mr. Griffenstein’s.

Wednesday, September 6, 1882
The Old Fair association are holding their tenth annual exhibit this week at their fair grounds, north of the city.

Messrs. Deffenbaugh, Lewis and Company, proprietors of the Wichita Water Mills, have recently introduced the gradual reduction system now in use in the best mills in the country, notably those of Minneapolis. The Water Mills have just put in two sets of Weegmann’s patent porcelain rollers and is now putting on the market their “Roller Patent” brand of flour.

Both fairs are running this week.

Wednesday, September 13, 1882
Several reports about both Old and New Fairs last week, with details.

The walls of the Smyth building are up ready for the roof.

Emil Werner has the foundation laid for his brick on Douglas avenue.

Wednesday, September 20, 1882
The Wichita public schools opened Monday, September 11. The Board of Education has wisely excluded all children under the age of seven years, to prevent overcrowding of the primary departments. Total enrollment Friday was 773. New bells for two of our buildings are now en route.

Report of a meeting Monday to consider a location for the Academy. No decision.

Article says that the city council met Monday and passed the Water Works proposition, submitted by Mr. J. A. Jones, of St. Louis, on behalf of St. Louis capitalists and water
works builders, in the form of an Ordinance. However this will not be published until Mr. Jones is ready to begin work, which will be in about 30 days.

Innes and Ross are having an addition, about 35 feet long, built on the back end for a boot and shoe department.

**Wednesday, September 27, 1882**

2. Proceedings of city council meeting on September 18th, at which Ordinance 266, providing for a system of water works, was passed. Original Ordinance was rejected by Mayor Griffenstein, so council met again on September 19 and made the desired changes, and the revised Ordinance 266 was adopted.

3. The Santa Fe is putting up a water tank and sinking a large well north of the freight depot.

**Wednesday, October 4, 1882**

2. Official publication of notice that County Commissioners on September 12, 1882 met and determined that the bridge across the Arkansas River at Wichita is in a dangerous condition and that a substantial new bridge needs to be built; therefore they are submitting to the voters at the election on November 7, 1882, the proposition that an iron bridge shall be built to replace the old bridge, at a cost not exceeding $25,000.

3. The Wichita Bank, of Kohn Brothers and Company, will shortly commence transacting business, under the National Banking act, under the name of Wichita National Bank. The officers and management will remain the same: Sol H. Kohn, president, and M. W. Levy, cashier.

The Ft. Scott road has finished the heaviest work through the Flint Hills, and the contractors are now moving towards Eldorado.

**Wednesday, October 11, 1882**

3. Long article reports verdict last Saturday for plaintiff, Hannah R. Carter, for $6000 damages against Wichita businessman T. M. Lane (owner of Douglas Avenue house). Details.

**Wednesday, October 18, 1882**

3. Article urging a favorable vote on the proposition for a new iron bridge at Douglas avenue. Details.

**Wednesday, October 25, 1882**

3. Peter Getto has begun building a one story brick on corner of 2nd and Main, 25 by 80 feet,
for a soda factory.

Wednesday, November 1, 1882

3. Miss Ida Skinner, sister of L. D. Skinner, is visiting her brother’s family in this city.

Eureka has been booming since the Ft. Scott road reached that place.

Wednesday, November 8, 1882

3. The Wichita Water Works Company have purchased 14 acres of ground, lying north of Central avenue and west of Waco street. This tract lies along the Little river. The well and engines will be located on the north side near the river.

Market street is to be opened out northward as far as the section line that runs by Judge Lauck’s place. It is to be 150 feet wide, with 15 feet of the center planted in trees and grass. Messrs. Ferrell and A. A. Hyde are making this fine addition to the city, being the owners of the 40 acres just north of the city limits and west of Lawrence avenue. They intend to make this a choice residential locality.

Note reports the death of Mr. and Mrs. Skinner’s first born baby after a very short illness. Funeral was on Monday.

Wednesday, November 15, 1882

2. Report of results of election on November 7. The Douglas avenue bridge bonds carried 2720 to 739.

3. The Wichita Academy board of trustees are considering location on the block north of the county jail. Details.

Mr. Jones returned last Friday from St. Louis. He says that contracts have been made for water mains and pipes, and for the machinery for the Wichita Water Works. Work should begin within two weeks.

Wednesday, November 22, 1882

2. Report of meeting of the Old Settlers Association on November 18, J. R. Mead, president. He was re-elected president for the coming year. Details.

Official publication of Ordinance No. 266, to provide a system of water works for the city of Wichita. Details. Also publication of Ordinance No. 268, amending Section 3 of Ordinance 266.

3. Proceedings of city council meeting of November 15 in which council was informed that
Mr. Jones plans to use wooden water mains instead of the iron pipes originally planned. Details.

Col. S. S. Prouty is now in the city gathering statistics and writing up the history of Wichita city and Sedgwick county, for the forthcoming history of Kansas now being compiled by the Western Historical Publishing Company, of Chicago. One thousand pages will be devoted to the state and one thousand to the cities and counties.

Messrs. Glenn and Cox, of Lincoln, Nebraska, are in the city for the purpose of compiling a general and business directory of the city.

The Harmony Presbyterian Church, seven miles west on the Kingman Road, will be dedicated Sunday, November 26.

**Wednesday, November 22, 1882**

3. Stewart and McMillen opened the packing season the first of this month. They expect to largely increase the number of hogs over past seasons.

**Wednesday, November 29, 1882**


The water works company have had their addition north of Central and west of Waco surveyed and platted. It makes three squares (i.e., blocks). Lots run 50 to 60 feet front and 174 feet deep. In addition the company has reserved ample grounds along the Little river for the well and machinery.

Frank Dale got back from the country on Monday.

Houck Brothers have taken a large interest in the water works, and Mr. Sam Houck will be one of the board of directors.

**Wednesday, December 6, 1882**

3. The water works are progressing finely. The well is 30 feet in diameter and now down over eight feet. A large pump and an engine will be in position this week to keep the water down.

**Wednesday, December 13, 1882**

3. Note from *Eureka Herald* says the grade on the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita road is now about entirely completed to Eldorado and track laying is about to be pushed. The end of the track now is two miles west of Eureka.
Report of a meeting between Mr. J. D. Hill, superintendent, and Mr. Tiernan, president, of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad with representatives of the Wichita Board of Trade last week in which the railroad asked that an election be called to vote $40,000 of bonds in aid of construction of the railroad to Wichita. Details.

Charley Bitting has bought Jimmy Davidson’s house and lot on Lawrence avenue near Pine.

Wednesday, December 20, 1882

3. The County Board awarded Thursday last the contract to build the iron bridge across the Arkansas river at the west end of Douglas avenue to the Missouri Valley Bridge company, of Leavenworth. The bridge will be 800 feet long with six spans, 18 feet roadway in the clear, trusses 20 feet high, floor laid with one and one-half inch oak lumber, and with a foot bridge on the south side six feet wide. It is to be completed by the middle of April, 1883, and will cost $25,000. Details.

The foundation for the engine house of the water works, 40 by 60 feet, is being laid and excavations made for the stand pipe.

Supplement: Special four page booster supplement to this issue with articles giving history and description of Wichita and Sedgwick County and various industries, etc.

Wednesday, December 27, 1882

2. Note from Eldorado Times saying work on the depot of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita road began there Tuesday morning.

3. A centrifugal pump with a capacity of four million gallons a day was put in the water works well ready for operation last Thursday morning. The well will soon be down to the required depth. The water flowing in from all parts of the well is beautifully clear.

We understand that Mr. Hartwig, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who owns the one story brick block on corner of Douglas and 4th avenues, plans adding two more stories and extending the entire building to the alley in the rear.

Mr. Hurst is putting up a brick engine house and putting in a new boiler and engine for his mill, on the corner of Topeka and Douglas avenues.