Letter to editor: “Arrangements have been completed for the commencement of mission work in Wichita early in January, under the auspices of the American Home Missionary society, that may soon lead to the organization of a Congregational church. Rev. Joel Harper, of Burlington, Kansas, who is highly esteemed by all who know him, both as a preacher and a pastor, has consented to take charge of the work, and I heartily commend him to the confidence and christian fellowship of the people of Wichita, and all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.” S. D. Storrs, Superintendent of Missions in Kansas, Topeka, December 27, 1884.

Mrs. M. M. Murdock held open house at the “Roost” on New Year’s Day, assisted by her daughter, Kate.

Major Powell informs us that he will begin at an early day to extend his line of street railway south on Main street to Lincoln, which is about the southern limit of the city on that street. He is under obligation to have the road in running order by the first of June.

Messrs. Houck, Woodman, Lauck, and Sherwood, who are the active factors in the extension of the street railway track from Central and Main north to 13th street, have made a beginning in the way of work. They have received several car loads of ties, which have been strung along the route. Work will start when the ground thaws out.

The contract has been signed by the Wichita Street Railway company with M. Zimmerly, N. A. English, and H. G. Lee for the construction and operation of a street railway on South Main from Douglas avenue to Lincoln street, in Lee’s addition; thence east on Lincoln street to Lawrence avenue to Zimmerly’s addition. The road will open up a valuable territory, including Lee’s, Mrs. Fitzgerald’s, Bayley’s, March’s, and Zimmerly’s
additions, and in close proximity to lands of N. A. English. This area has had very rapid growth during the past year. “Lee’s Park” is situated central in Lee’s addition. \[\text{¶} \] The construction will commence as soon as the weather permits.

**Tuesday, January 6, 1885**

Page 4.

Nicholas Steffen and Charles Diehammer, both of Madison, Indiana, have arrived in this city and will embark in the bakery business near the Occidental hotel.

Article says the contract for the new (i.e., enlarged) Sedgwick county court house has been let to Mr. Abe Smith for $13,586. Details. Messrs. Terry and Dumont are the architects.

**Wednesday, January 7, 1885**

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Mr. David M. Dale, the retiring county attorney, was presented a beautiful gold headed ebony cane this afternoon as a token of esteem from the county officers. \[\text{¶} \] Considering the fact that Mr. Dale is on the opposite side of the political fence from those who so kindly manifested their esteem, the cane is a fine compliment to the recipient.

**Friday, January 9, 1885**

Page 4.

Work has begun on the tower of the Methodist Episcopal church this morning.

Comment about the propriety of allowing the street railway company to lay a track across the iron bridge to West Wichita. Postponement of the matter by the county commission will allow ample time for the people to weigh the pros and cons.

**Monday, January 12, 1885**

Page 4.

The Congregationalists of this city met yesterday for services for the first time, in the Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Harper, who recently came here to abide with us, preached an able sermon.

**Tuesday, January 13, 1885**

Page 4.

Alderman Zimmerly informs us that the iron and ties for the South Main street railway extension have been ordered, and are expected every day. After their arrival, work will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

**Wednesday, January 14, 1885**

Page 4.

The first installment of books for the Sedgwick county library has arrived.

List of directors of the Wichita National bank elected last night.
Friday, January 16, 1885

1. It’s a cold day when Alderman Zimmerly gets left. He was out yesterday collecting subscriptions to the new South Main Street extension of the street railway and raked in about $700. The enterprise is a sure go when that much can be raised in an arctic atmosphere.

4. Owing to the driving storm and drifting snow and sleet which froze to the track as it fell, the street cars were driven from the streets at 5 o’clock yesterday afternoon. It was simply impossible to keep the cars on the track. Four horses were attached to the cars to drag them through the drifts, but as the cars could not be kept on the track, Major Powell reluctantly admitted himself whipped by the storm king, and ordered the cars in. The track men were at work clearing the track early this morning, but it was 4:00 p.m. before the first car could get through. Ice and snow had frozen to the rails in places several inches thick.

Wednesday, January 21, 1885

4. Note about the supply of brick on hand by our brick makers as the building season approaches. “Ben Kelch made last year a vast number of brick and after selling 2,500,000, has 900,000 now for sale; Staucher and Hodson have about 200,000; Parsons 100,000; Younger 100,000; Aspy yards 150,000.

Friday, January 23, 1885

4. Letter to Beacon gives some history of Valley Center. It originated with the building of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe through its site in 1872. The land was originally school land, but at the time of laying it out into lots it was owned by J. T. Carpenter, who became one of the proprietors. The present school building was erected in 1877 and is a frame building 30 by 46 feet. The building now used by Dr. Ayers as a drug store was the first depot and was erected in 1872. The new depot was built in 1882. Further details.

Saturday, January 31, 1885

1. The West Wichita elevator is now running full blast.

Mr. Garrison has nearly completed a new hotel building just west of the stables near the west end of the Douglas avenue bridge.

The book store lately purchased by Mr. A. A. Hyde and formerly run by Harding and Fisher, is now in full operation, under the able management of Mr. Ike Humble.

4. Peter Bogne, foreman of construction on the Ft. Scott Railroad, is in Wichita and says the road will be pushed forward to Anthony as soon as the weather opens up. He has a train in West Wichita ready to haul stone from Eldorado to the rip-rap work on the Chikaskia.
Monday, February 2, 1885
This issue is missing.

Tuesday, February 3, 1885
page
1. City Engineer Bayley is setting the grade stakes for the new street railway extension on South Main street.

Saturday, February 7, 1885
page
4. The Wichita Ice Company, of H. Schweiter and C. Hoff, have put up over 5000 tons of pure ice eight to sixteen inches thick, formed from the pure flowing spring water which runs the water mill east of town, the ice being cut from the crystal lake formed above the structure.

Tuesday, February 10, 1885
page
4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Thursday, February 12, 1885
page
4. Capt. John B. Carey moved yesterday into his fine new residence which he built last summer on the corner of Lawrence and English.

Saturday, February 14, 1885
page
1. Rev. J. Harper, Congregational minister, will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o’clock in the Russell hall. In the evening he will preach in the Baptist church.

Tuesday, February 17, 1885
page
4. The bill authorizing a U.S. court building for Wichita has passed the House of Representatives, with an appropriation of $50,000.

Monday, February 23, 1885
page
4. Article with copy of the bill in Congress authorizing new federal building for Wichita, and of the brief discussion in the House thereon.

Monday, March 2, 1885
page
4. The street railway company have unloaded their ties along their northern extensions on Oak and Wichita streets. (Probably should be Park instead of Oak?)
Iron is laid along the Ft. Scott extension for several miles beyond Argonia.

Friday, March 6, 1885
page 4.
Parties are soliciting subscriptions of stock today to build a street railway from the upper depot along 5th avenue north to Faulkenstein’s addition, thence west to Topeka, and thence south to Oak street where it will connect with the present line. The cost is estimated at a little over $3800. Over half the stock has been subscribed.

Saturday, March 7, 1885
page 4.
Thomas Frank Lang, who drives car No. 3 on the street railway has carpeted No. 3, and has the wood-work as nicely varnished as a Pullman sleeper.

Monday, March 9, 1885
page 4.
The Wichita Steam Laundry Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of $10,000. Mr Newton Garst will be the manager and superintendent. Details.

Tuesday, March 10, 1885
page 1.
Men are excavating for the foundation of the county building.

Ground has been broken for Fritz Snitzler’s new building on North Market, just south of the City Hotel. It will be 28 by 100 feet, two stories, of brick. It should be completed by the first of June.

4.
Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

A building committee has been appointed to study the question of building a new Catholic church. Names listed.

Friday, March 13, 1885
page 4.
Major Powell has commenced graveling the street car line. He gets the gravel from Webb City, Missouri. This will add considerably to the road, and will enable them to make faster time.

Saturday, March 14, 1885
page 4.
Major Powell requests us to inform the patrons of the street railway that hereafter the fares will be ten cents after 10 o’clock at night. The service at the five cent fare has been kept up at a loss. Cars will be kept in waiting and on hand at all entertainments, and a special effort will be made to accommodate the late travel.

The plasterers are finishing up today on the Black building, and the painters are following
close behind. The plumbers are at work on the inside.

**Monday, March 16, 1885**

1. The manager of the street railway extension on South Main street began work this afternoon in preparation of the street for the new track.

**Tuesday, March 17, 1885**

4. Mr. Jones says that the Ft. Scott road is having five fine Pullman combination chair and sleeping coaches manufactured at a cost of $15,000 each, which will be ready in about three weeks.

Short sarcastic note about Marsh Murdock being a good Republican prohibition candidate for mayor.

**Thursday, March 19, 1885**

4. The fire bell has been placed on Snitzler’s building immediately over the council chamber.

The races were rather tame yesterday at the northern park.

The Congregationalists will hold services regularly in Russell Hall (known also as the court room, on west side of Main street) on Sabbath afternoons at 3 o’clock. Sunday school every Sunday morning at public school building on South Lawrence, at 11 o’clock.

**Friday, March 20, 1885**

1. A new street car barn is to be built on the south side of the present structure on North Main street. The portion now used for the cars will be divided into stalls when the new addition is finished.

**Saturday, March 21, 1885**

4. City Engineer Bayley has just received the proof sheets of his proposed city map. He is now making the last corrections previous to ordering them to press. He will soon have forms ready for distribution to his subscribers, while the city will get its quota.

**Monday, March 23, 1885**

4. The calaboose on North Market street was damaged by fire at 3:00 a.m. today. Details.

**Wednesday, March 25, 1885**

4. Work on the South Main street extension of the street railway is progressing rapidly.
Sixteen graders and seven teams are at work today, and the grade will be ready for the timbers tomorrow.

Friday, March 27, 1885

Article says the architect, Mr. J. J. Crist, came to Wichita just one year ago and has drawn plans for a number of buildings and residences, including Green and Hays’ block, Black’s block, Snitzler’s, Getto’s, Winch’s, Richt’s, and other business houses.

Frank Clark says the iron on the Ft. Scott extension is laid twelve miles beyond Argonia and is within five miles of Anthony.

Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Saturday, March 28, 1885

Note describes Ft. Scott railroad’s new ticket office at 109 Main Street.

Note about return of Commodore Woodman to Wichita after six weeks trip. Says while away, his son died in Philadelphia on March 7th. Also says he has a married daughter in Brooklyn, New York.

Monday, March 30, 1885

Ground was broken this morning for Heiserman and Myers’ new business house on Main street.

Thursday, April 2, 1885

Superintendent Miller, of the Sunflower route, was in Wichita yesterday and stated that the road reached the town of Anthony the day previous. Regular trains will be running there by Monday.

The grand opening of the Kansas Furniture company will be Saturday evening.

Friday, April 3, 1885

Mr. Vail’s new residence on North Topeka between Walnut and Park streets is looming up.

Thursday, April 9, 1885

The new station on the Santa Fe five miles south of Wichita is called Green. The lumber for the first house was sent down this morning. The company will build a good depot and stock yards. An elevator will be put up this season. Green station is at the 217th mile
Friday, April 10, 1885

Grading was begun this morning on the street railway extension north on Main street, beginning at Central.

Saturday, April 11, 1885

The Santa Fe baggage room has been enlarged by adding an express storage room which joins it.

The wife of Major E. R. Powell died this morning after a long illness.

Article about planning for the new Wichita Academy. Details. Names listed.

Monday, April 13, 1885

Mrs. J. Oak Davidson died last night just before midnight after a long illness of many months. Her health had been declining for three or four years.

Report of dedication of the Christian Church yesterday.

4. The River Side (sic) park was visited yesterday by quite a number of city people.

The proprietors of the water mill have built an iron clad store room addition to the building and last week put in two sets of rollers, making it a complete roller mill.

Tuesday, April 14, 1885

Proceedings of the city council meeting yesterday (first meeting of the newly elected council). Committees appointed.

The foundation of Lee’s new brick building on Douglas avenue is completed and the brick is on the ground.

Wednesday, April 15, 1885

Article with history of the Christian church in Wichita.

Friday, April 17, 1885

The Garfield Post of the G.A.R., of this city, is planning to erect a building on 1st street,
to be of brick, 75 by 100 feet, and three stories. Details.

T. M. Lane has begun the work of improving the Douglas Avenue hotel. The upper rooms have been refurnished. He will tear away the old porch and build a new one, and repaint the entire building. It will be painted a light slate color and the cornice brown.

**Monday, April 20, 1885**

4. Major Powell will leave this week for the East to purchase iron for the street railway running north, with the desire to have the track completed to 13th and Wichita by the first of June, or in time for the June races. He has also ordered several new and handsome cars, one or two of them summer excursion, or open cars.

Commodore W. C. Woodman is making a large addition to his house. In fact the addition overshadows the original structure.

The machinery of the new steam laundry at this end of the bridge, is all in and they expect to be ready for business some time next week.

**Tuesday, April 21, 1885**

1. The Turner society has for several months been considering an offer to buy the opera house, made by Messrs. Snitzler, Kroenert, Gribi, Kimmerle, and Bissantz, and last evening the offer was accepted and today the papers were made out and the transaction completed. It is thought that the property could be better and more profitably managed by the few than by the many.

Edward Dorsey today purchased the Stafford corner lot on Main street, opposite the county building for the sum of $4500. He contemplates the erection of a fine building there, 25 by 140 feet and two stories high.

4. Resolution passed by the Congregationalists in Wichita Sunday to formally organize a Congregational church in this city forthwith, the organization to be effected on May 1st. Details.

The Masonic lodge last night voted to erect a new brick building on the southwest corner of Main and 1st streets, to be 25 by 140 feet and two stories high. Details.

**Saturday, April 25, 1885**

4. Article reports John Exton’s mill, just east of the Santa Fe tracks and half a square north of Douglas avenue, was destroyed by a fire that started at 5:40 a.m. today. A north wind protected the Diamond Mills, which were near the fire.

The engine that fell through the bridge at Clearwater is still under the tide in the depth of
ten feet.

Monday, April 27, 1885

1. Letter to editor complaining about inadequate pressure from the Water Works to fight the fire on Saturday. Details.

Tuesday, April 28, 1885

1. Major Powell was delayed until this morning in departing for St. Louis to inspect the new cars he has ordered for the street railway and also to purchase the supplies for the extension of same. The cars and supplies are to be forwarded at once and the road built to 13th and Wichita by June 1st.

4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday. 4th avenue ordered opened north between the Murdock and Burleigh properties. Water pressure discussed.

The engine which went through the Ninnescah bridge at Clearwater has not been found and may have struck quick sand. The body of the drowned engineer was found far down the river.

Wednesday, April 29, 1885

4. Official proceedings of city council meeting on April 27. Committee on jail and police recommended building a new city jail or calaboose as the old one is unfit. Committee was instructed to get plans and specifications. ¶ Ordinance 325 passed enlarging the city limits (official publication of this ordinance is on same page).

Thursday, April 30, 1885

4. A meeting will be held Saturday evening, May 2nd, at the school house in West Wichita to discuss the question of incorporating West Wichita, and if so, whether it should be a separate town or incorporated as the 5th ward of Wichita.

The sunken engine at Clearwater is said to have been found this morning by probing, in the channel of the river in eight or ten feet of quick sand.

Friday, May 1, 1885

4. Short article about the Manhattan hotel, which is now being furnished by the proprietors, the Roberts Brothers, and which is to be opened about June 1st.

The new Methodist Episcopal church will be dedicated on Sunday, May 10, 1885.

Saturday, May 2, 1885
The Wichita Steam Laundry company, whose new building is at the east end of the iron bridge, will begin operations on Monday.

The ground has been cleared for the new Masonic building at corner of 1st and Main.

Monday, May 4, 1885

The Ft. Scott road laid its rails into Anthony last Thursday.

Long article reporting on the West Wichita annexation meeting Saturday evening. Details.

Ben Kelch will this week start fire in kilns and burn 150,000 brick to fill a contract for two parties building business houses on Market street.

Tuesday, May 5, 1885

Major Powell has returned from St. Louis. He bought of the Laclede Car company two elegant closed cars like those now in use and one open or excursion car. The closed cars are two feet longer than those now on the track, with finer finish and with ventilators. The excursion car is seventeen feet long, and finely finished. Major Powell says he was tempted to buy two of them but concluded that he would experiment with one first. He also bought the rails and material for the extension, and shipment will begin tomorrow.

Thursday, May 7, 1885


Contracts have been let for building of the Beacon block on Market street, adjoining the Zinninger building. To be 50 by 120 feet and two stories high. Details.

Friday, May 8, 1885

We are informed that engine No. 6, while crossing the bridge at Clearwater today, came near meeting the fate of the one now in the bed of the river there. The bridge sank about five feet under the weight of the locomotive, but the train got over safely.

Saturday, May 9, 1885

Report of death of Rev. I. G. Brown, pastor of the Reformed Church, who came here about two years ago.

Monday, May 11, 1885
4. Report of dedication ceremonies yesterday for the new Methodist Episcopal church on North Lawrence avenue. Details. The building is from an original design by Mr. Abe Smith, the contractor in the Queen Anne style. The spire is 140 feet high. Cost about $17,000 or $21,000 with furnishings.

Tuesday, May 12, 1885


Official publication Ordinance 326, enlarging the city limits.

Wednesday, May 13, 1885

4. Ground was broken yesterday for the new Masonic building at 1st and Main.

Thursday, May 14, 1885

1. Article reports on excursion trip yesterday from Wichita to Anthony. Details.

4. The iron for the street railway extension north is expected daily.

Saturday, May 16, 1885

4. Article describes the recent modernization of the Diamond Mills, situated east (?) of the Santa Fe tracks and north of Douglas avenue. Details.

Tuesday, May 19, 1885

1. The Arthur Brothers have opened the building formerly known as the Grand Pacific house, east of the Tremont, and will run it under the name of the “Arlington.”

Mr. R. M. Hays will build, later in the season, block 50 by 100 feet, two stories high, on Douglas avenue, south side, between Market and Lawrence.

Wednesday, May 20, 1885

4. Engineer Bayley is reading final proof on the new city map.

Thursday, May 21, 1885

4. The rink is now nearly completed, and when finished will be a very pretty theater.

Saturday, May 23, 1885

4. Four cars of steel rails for the street railway on North Main street arrived yesterday.
A force of men were at work today grading on North Main street and from Main west on Park to Wichita street.

Thursday, May 28, 1885

Proceedings of city council meeting: Mr. Hartzell presented a petition authorizing the East and West Wichita Horse Car Company to construct, operate, and maintain a street railway along certain streets. Referred to judiciary committee.

Friday, May 29, 1885

Track laying on the North Main street railway extension began in earnest yesterday with a force of 40 to 50 men, starting at Main and Park streets at 8:00 a.m., and by 6:00 p.m. they were within two blocks of 13th street. If the castings for the curves arrive in time, cars will be running by June 2nd. Major Powell is also distributing his rails along South Main street and will begin laying track in that direction within ten days. He will have his new cars on hand in season.

Report of closing exercises of city schools today. Details.

Saturday, May 30, 1885

Article describing some of the recent improvements in the Rink theater. Details.

Monday, June 1, 1885

The cars on the north extension of the street car line will be running tomorrow to accommodate the visitors at the driving park horse races. The new cars ordered have not yet arrived, but cars of the old line will be put on the track. The fare from Douglas avenue to 13th street will be only five cents, and no change of cars.

The iron for the street railway in South Wichita has been distributed along the line, down Main street to Lincoln, and east on Lincoln to Lawrence avenue.

Mr. William H. Deam is about to erect a two story brick building, 50 by 80 feet, on lots 105 and 107, Main street, opposite the Occidental hotel.

Tuesday, June 2, 1885

Hacker and Jackson have bought the lots lately occupied by the Eldridge elevator, and are removing the burnt debris. They will clean up the place and use it as an extension of their stone and coal yard.

The cars are carrying dense crowds of people to the races today.
4. Ed Dorsey yesterday started moving of the frame building occupied by Stafford grocery store to make room for his new two story brick building at corner of 1st and Main.

Wednesday, June 3, 1885
4. Every other street car runs to the trotting park grounds. No mistake need be made, as the cars that run to the park have banners.

Thursday, June 4, 1885
4. D. R. Green, the proprietor of the Cannon Ball Stage line, which runs west from Kingman, is in Wichita today at the Douglas Avenue house.

Friday, June 5, 1885
1. The Manhattan hotel, of Messrs. Roberts Brothers, will probably open to the public some time next week. Details.

4. John Exton is removing the old frame building from his property on the south side of Douglas avenue, where his coal office has been located, and will put up right away a 50 foot front brick building, three stories high, costing $7000 to $8000.

Mr. M. Zimmerly has laid out a new addition to Wichita, known as Zimmerly’s 2nd addition, containing 13½ acres, adjoining Phillip and Orme’s addition on the south. The new three story brick school house will be in this addition.

Saturday, June 6, 1885
1. The new cars for the north to south Main street track will be here next week. They are painted red and will be lettered “North and South Main.”

4. Mr. M. W. Levy’s new residence on corner of 1st and Topeka is developing into magnificent proportions and will soon be an ornament to that portion of the city.

Monday, June 8, 1885
4. Men started laying track on the south end of the Market street railway (probably means Main street) this morning, and if weather holds, a junction will be made with the Main street line by end of the week.

Tuesday, June 9, 1885
4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

4. A steady stream of immigrant wagons are passing through Wichita, going west and south.
4. Messrs. Zimmerly and Braitsch will soon commence erection of a two story brick block, 60 by 110 feet, on Douglas avenue, on lots 104 and 106. Dumont and Tracy are architects.

Wednesday, June 10, 1885

1. Mr. F. A. Bayley has laid out a new park at the end of the street car line, corner of Main and Bayley streets.

4. Article about the town of St. Marks, twelve miles northwest of Wichita, with a population of about 200. Details.

The new Manhattan Hotel is not officially open, but already has a number of guests staying there.

The finishing touches have been put of the Bijou theater (i.e., the rink).

Thursday, June 11, 1885

4. The new Methodist Episcopal college is to be located in Winfield, which made the best offer to the site selection committee. Details.

O. H. Bentley filed a plat today in the register’s office for Bentley’s addition to the city of Wichita, containing five acres and taking in a part of North Lawrence, Topeka and Emporia avenues.

Friday, June 12, 1885

1. The Occidental hotel is to be enlarged. Messrs. Lewis and Williams, owners of the property, will extend the 2nd street front of the building east to the alley, giving the hotel twenty additional rooms plus four offices on the ground floor.

4. Grading is being done on the Eldorado to Newton railroad within five miles of Newton. The track is laid to the Whitewater bridge, and the bridge is being put in.

Work has commenced on the new brick block opposite the Occidental.

Work on the county building, which has been suspended for the last three weeks, will be resumed Monday if the brick from Ft. Scott arrives.

Saturday, June 13, 1885

1. The iron rails, ties, etc., for the Douglas avenue and College Hill street railway are all strung above the avenue as far as Mill street (i.e., Hydraulic). The street to the hill is now passable all the way. The new bridge over Chisholm creek is all right for travel.
4. The south Main street railway extension was to have been finished for operation today but has been delayed by bad weather. It will be completed next week.

Tuesday, June 16, 1885

1. One of the most useful inventions of the age is artificial stone, which is coming into competition with the natural. Mr. E. Dayton has opened a place at 249 Main street for manufacturing the Portland artificial stone and is now laying a walk of this stone for Mr. Casey on Lawrence avenue.

4. Article describing the Manhattan hotel. The foundation was commenced in June 1884. Architect is J. J. Crist. Building is 100 by 136 feet with rooms for 130 guests. Dining room is 40 by 55 feet. The building is owned by J. H. Black and is leased to the Roberts Brothers of New York. There is considerable interior work to be finished yet. Details.

Wednesday, June 17, 1885

1. Col. Jocelyn and State Geologist Hay went to the farm of John Kuhn yesterday to examine a reported find of brick clay. This is about four miles southeast of Wichita, on the Big river, in section 11. The clay is located on the river bank, is between 30 and 40 feet thick, and is composed of several strata. Mr. Kuhn has dug two wells and is commencing to build sheds for brick making, and will test the clay thoroughly, but it appears to be first class brick clay.

Mr. T. B. Garst, a younger brother of Newton Garst, has bought out the interest of Mr. W. F. Swentzel in the new steam laundry by the bridge, and the firm will now be known as Garst Brothers.

John Miller, of Independence, Kansas, is now having plans made by Architect Crist, for a three story brick building, on the southwest corner of Topeka and Douglas, 30 by 100 feet.

Dr. Furley has bought of Mr. John Roth for $4000 the corner on Douglas avenue opposite the Manhattan hotel, on south side, and he and Mr. Roth, who owns the next lot west, will build a three story brick block, 50 by 120 feet.

4. Work was commenced yesterday on the Lawrence avenue bridge across the big Arkansas. Grading on the extension of Lawrence avenue to the bridge was also started yesterday.

Note correcting previous article stating that the contractor drew up the plans for the new Methodist Episcopal church. Says the architects were Messrs. Haskell and Wood, of Topeka, Kansas.

Arrangements were made yesterday to have the street car line on South Main street extended one-fourth mile further than first contemplated.
Thursday, June 18, 1885
page 4.
Mr. Sawyer will begin work in a few days on the bridge across the Arkansas at the south end of Lawrence avenue. It will be about 640 feet long, on piles, and cost $3000 to $4000.

Contractors are figuring the cost of the new school building for the south end. The school board bought 190 by 320 feet on south side of Lincoln street, between Topeka and Emporia avenues.

Contract has been let for seats and buildings in Bayley’s Park to F. R. Sabin. The work is to be completed by June 25th.

Friday, June 19, 1885
page 4.
J. O. Davidson has sold his handsome residence at corner of Lawrence avenue and Oak street to Mr. Bush, of the firm of Bush and Rogers, liverymen.

The South Main street car line was finished yesterday to Lawrence avenue and Lincoln street, except for completion of the curves.

Saturday, June 20, 1885
page 1.
A base ball game will be played tomorrow at the fair grounds between the Winfield club and the “Wichitas.”

4.
The new cars are expected here on or before next Tuesday. By that time the new line from 13th street on the north to Lincoln street, and maybe Pearl street on the south, will be in good order.

Monday, June 22, 1885
page 4.
Long article about need to organize a stock yards company in Wichita. Details. Says such a joint stock company has been formed here and a charter for same filed at Topeka on the 17th. Names given.

4.
Note objecting to the filth being piled up at the end of the bridge on Douglas avenue.

Tuesday, June 23, 1885
page 4.
Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday. Fire committee reported that another fire company has been organized, to be known as “No. 2.”

Workmen are engaged in connecting the north and south Main street car tracks on Douglas avenue today.
Wednesday, June 24, 1885

1. Article about the Southwestern Business College, on Main street in the Woodman block. Details.

4. Sarcastic note about Marsh Murdock’s fears of being thrown out as postmaster by the Democrats.

Thursday, June 25, 1885

1. Note about the new town of Ninnescah, which was recently platted 17 miles west of Kingman on the survey of the Wichita and Western Railroad from Kingman to Saratoga. Details.

4. Connection between the north and south Main street car tracks at Douglas avenue will be made today.

   Workmen are grading at the south end of the Main street car line for an extension of the road to Bayley’s park.

   There will be but one fare collected on the street car line between North and South Wichita. Five cents will carry a person over the entire line.

Friday, June 26, 1885

1. Complaint about lack of public water hydrants, although water company is required to furnish free water to two of them. Details.

4. Article says the new calaboose is just finished and was accepted by the city council last Monday. It is on the ground at the rear of No. 1 Fire company’s building, 20 by 24 feet. Outer walls are of oak plank two by eight inches, laid horizontally and fastened with large spikes to make wall eight inches thick. Exterior of the walls is overlaid with sheet iron. Interior is divided into five cells. There are no privy closets inside the jail, buckets being used instead. The jail has cost the city about $900 thus far. Further details.

   The second story of the county building extension is nearly bricked in.

   Work started today on foundation of the new Dittman building, near the Citizen’s bank.

Saturday, June 27, 1885

1. Workmen are engaged today on the East Douglas avenue street railway extension.

   Col. J. W. Hartzell and Mr. H. G. Toler, of Wichita, have obtained the franchise for a street railway to connect the east and west sides of Winfield, Kansas.
Monday, June 29, 1885

1. Official population figures for Wichita released by Mr. W. F. Green, city assessor to census taker. Number listed by ward, by sex, and by color. Total is 16,019, including 15,548 white and 471 colored.
   
   Previous totals:  
   - 1880 -- 5482  
   - 1882 -- 5779  
   - 1883 -- 8005  
   - 1884 -- 12,470

   Mr. R. C. Noble, of Todd’s Point, Illinois, is in Wichita having plans prepared for his new building opposite the Manhattan hotel on northeast corner of Douglas and Topeka.

4. The railroad from Eldorado to Newton was finished yesterday.

Tuesday, June 30, 1885

1. Article gives new population figures for Sedgwick county by township. Total for county is 39,472, increase from 30,829 in 1884. Increase in county is 5098 and in Wichita is 3545.

   - Delano township -- 1201
   - Sherman township -- 502
   - Wichita township -- 2532
   - Greeley township -- 924

   The cars for the Main street street railway extensions have been delayed for some reason unknown to the company here. Al Woodcock, who arrived here from Portland last night, says he saw three street cars marked Wichita, standing on the side track at Ft. Scott yesterday.

   The tract of land, 100 acres, lately bought by O. O. Brown, will soon be laid out and platted into smaller garden tracts, each tract reaching to the center of Chisholm creek (tract is on east side of Chisholm creek).

4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

   The fine frame residence of H. G. Toler on Fairview avenue is under construction and starting to loom up.

   A new switch for the street cars is being put in on Douglas avenue between 4th and 5th avenues, and the road is being pushed eastward rapidly.

Wednesday, July 1, 1885

1. The plans for the new school houses, one in Zimmerly’s addition and the other on North
Main street, are ready, and bids for the work will be received at architect Proudfoot’s office tonight.

The new cars for the South Main street line came in last night, from Ft. Scott. There are three of them and they were made by the Laclede Car company of St. Louis. They are daisies. The line will be in operation tomorrow.

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The new street cars will not be put on until the weather settles. The track is new and has not had time to settle, while the rains have thoroughly soaked it.

Friday, July 3, 1885
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The new street cars are out on the track today. One went south early this morning.

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Tuesday, July 7, 1885
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If there is any one enterprise the citizens of Wichita are proud of, it is the street car system here, which is so admirably managed by Superintendent Powell. ¶ Eight of the finest cars in the country are run upon the four miles of track already laid, and an additional car will be put on as soon as the extension on East Douglas avenue is finished. The excursion car is particularly handsome. ¶ To run these cars, 50 head of horses and mules and 25 men are employed. ¶ For the convenience of working men, the cars will, on Wednesday, July 8th, commence leaving the stables at 6:00 a.m., and the last cars will leave the Santa Fe freight depot at 10:00 p.m., instead of 9:00. ¶ The receipts on the 4th of July over the various lines amounted to $347.00. According to this, the lines must have carried 8000 people, counting those who paid and those who rode free, and there were a great many of the latter class.

4. Editorial article critical of the nuisance of fire crackers, etc., in the city every year on Independence Day, and urging that this be abated by law.

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The Omaha, Abilene, and Wichita Railway company filed their charter at Topeka yesterday, to build a road from Washington, in Washington County, Kansas, to Wichita. Details.

Thursday, July 9, 1885
1. Article about the German organization “Turnverein Vorwärts” in Wichita, which was organized about two months ago and received its charter on July 1, 1885. Details.

The new city directory is being pushed as fast as possible.

4. Workman have started on the foundation for the new Dittman block, next to the Citizens’ bank.

The contract for building the two new school houses was let to Mr. Abe Smith for $20,623. Both are to be alike. One will be on South Emporia and Zimmerly streets, and the other on Oak and Main streets. Each will be brick, two stories, with three rooms in each story.

The construction of the building for No. 2 Hose company has begun. The site is on lot 39, east side of Topeka, between William and English. The ground cost the city $450 and the building will cost about $200 and be 14 foot front by 24 feet.

Friday, July 10, 1885

4. Willis Proudfoot, of this city, has finished plans for a new Congregational church at Eureka.

Manager Powell is having a time table printed for his street car lines, and is arranging to place tickets on sale at convenient places in the city.

Saturday, July 11, 1885

1. Letter of complaint because recent contracts for school buildings were not let to lowest bidder. Details.

Note says Wichita is now qualified to become a city of the first class, having a population over 15,000.

4. A new company, to be known as the Citizens’ Land Company, has been founded by some prominent and wealthy individuals of the town, including J. O. Davidson, H. G. Lee, C. R. Miller, Henry Boss, and others whose names were not given.

Monday, July 13, 1885

4. Note about base ball game yesterday in Wichita between the colored “Blue Stockings” and white “Stars.” Colored team won 9 to 7.

Tuesday, July 14, 1885
1. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday. Fire committee reported that the new hose house has been completed and the cost was $200.

4. Engineers left yesterday to locate the new branch of the “Sunflower” road, from Newton to McPherson.

Herman and Hess, the Manhattan clothing company, are already putting some stock in their store, although they do not expect to be opened with a full stock before September 1st.

A new school house is to be built on the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 26, Range 3 West, in Sherman township.

Wednesday, July 15, 1885

4. Article about the financial failure of the Bijou theater, (ex-Rink).

Rogers, the artist, has just finished a large and varied assortment of views of the city, including Douglas avenue looking east and west, Douglas avenue bridge and railroad bridges, Main street, Riverside stables, Manhattan and Tremont hotels, view of the river, etc.

Report of election for councilmen in the 5th ward yesterday.

Officers of the new Citizens’ Land company were elected last night. Listed. C. R. Miller is president.

Thursday, July 16, 1885

4. The Commercial college, of Professors Pence and Fritch, will occupy an entire floor of the new Noble building, east of the Manhattan, when completed.

Excavation has started for the new school house in Zimmerly’s addition.

Saturday, July 18, 1885

1. The street cars are now running on East Douglas to Hydraulic avenue.

4. J. O. Davidson left this morning for the east on business. He will be gone about two weeks, during which time he will be principally in the New England states.

Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Monday, July 20, 1885
1. Board of Railroad Commissioners in Topeka has received a communication from Mrs. S. F. Pratt, of Wichita, stating that she owns a valuable stone quarry 1½ miles west of Towanda, Butler county, which she wishes to develop for the Wichita market. She has made application to the Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad to have a spur built from their line to the quarry, but the company refused, saying that there were enough quarries already open along their road to supply the demand. She therefore asks that the board intercede in her behalf.

**Tuesday, July 21, 1885**

4. The design for the building of R. C. Noble, to be erected on the northeast corner of Douglas and Topeka, is now completed by the architects, Terry and Dumont. To be three stories with front of St. Louis pressed brick.

**Wednesday, July 22, 1885**

4. The foundation for the new school house on North Main is being laid.

Contract for the C. C. Furley and J. H. Roth building, opposite the Manhattan, will probably be let today. To be 50 by 100 feet and cost about $16,000.

S. L. Davidson and wife and daughter, Berdine, and C. L. Davidson and wife and son, Locke, left today for trip to Michigan.

**Thursday, July 23, 1885**


4. The Wichita Brick Company has filed its charter in Topeka.

**Friday, July 24, 1885**

4. There are now 110 telephones in Wichita.

**Saturday, July 25, 1885**

4. The roof of the county building nears completion.

There will be a concert at Griffenstein’s park Sunday, August 2.

**Monday, July 27, 1885**

4. The three new parlor combination chair and sleeping coaches recently put on the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita road are beauties. Their names are “Mikado,” “Khedive,” and “Kaiser.” Each has six beautifully upholstered berths, a lounge, easy chairs, fine carpets,
and electric bells. They will be run through between Anthony and St. Louis without charge.

Tuesday, July 28, 1885

1. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

4. A new typewriter has just been received at R. G. Dunn’s Commercial agency.

The Wichita Street Car company yesterday bought twelve wild mules of Mr. Diver, to be broken for street car service by Mr. L. H. Tweig, the foreman at the barns. Mr. Tweig and one assistant manage to change teams for the cars about 120 times a day.

Wednesday, July 29, 1885

4. Article describing the new county building. Details.

Thursday, July 30, 1885

1. J. O. Davidson is now in the east negotiating mortgage loans. He is doing well in disposing of his negotiable paper there.

4. The Dittman building is up to the second story.

The Wichita and Colorado Railroad Company apparently has been chartered with capital stock of $3,000,000. Directors are J. W. Miller, of Ft. Scott, M. W. Levy, N. F. Niederlander, N. S. Woods, and Kos Harris, of Wichita (note is copied from Topeka Commonwealth).

Friday, July 31, 1885

4. Nearly all the names have been collected for the city directory.

Saturday, August 1, 1885

4. The third story of the Finlay Ross block is finished.

Time table cards of the Wichita street railway line are out. The card before us reads that the cars will leave Main and Douglas for the Union depot at 6:10 a.m. and for East Douglas at same time and then every ten minutes until 9:40 p.m.

Monday, August 3, 1885

4. The G.A.R. building contract has been let to J. W. Wingard for $9400.
Wednesday, August 5, 1885

1. The Wichita and Colorado Railway company held a meeting in this city yesterday and elected the following officers:
   - President and General Manager -- J. W. Miller
   - Vice-president and Auditor -- N. F. Niederlander
   - Secretary and Attorney -- Kos Harris
   - Treasurer -- M. W. Levy
   - Engineer -- N. S. Woods

   The street cars did a big business yesterday. Wichita has the finest and best patronized street railway of any city of its size in the world. That’s what strangers say who come here.

4. The Deam block on Main street has the cornice and roof completed.

   The street railway on the east side is extended to within two blocks of the end of Douglas avenue, and the ties are on the ground for the balance of the distance. The line will probably be completed this week.

   A two story brick store building is to be erected at once on the lots immediately north of the Occidental hotel. To be 50 by 80 feet. Owners are Messrs. Stone and Catherwood.

Thursday, August 6, 1885

1. A few weeks ago Mr. J. Oak Davidson, president of the Davidson Loan company, left the city for the east, and is still there. He took with him $100,000 worth of loans on real estate. He found a ready market for all he had. He also increased the capital stock of the Loan company from $60,000 to $100,000. $25,000 of the stock he sold at a premium of forty cents.

4. At the last meeting of the county board, Major Powell, president of the Street Railway company, made application to lay a double track across the bridge to reach the west side and the new fair grounds, using flat iron rails that would not project one half inch above the surface of the bridge. Board deferred the matter until the next meeting. Details.

Friday, August 7, 1885

1. Letter to editor from West Wichita objecting to proposed street railway track on the Douglas avenue bridge.

Saturday, August 8, 1885

4. The east side street car line is nearing completion (E. Douglas).
It is thought that the new Catholic church will be enclosed before cold weather. As soon as the material is on the ground, work will begin on the foundation already built.

**Monday, August 10, 1885**

4. Letter to editor: “I very much dislike to see myself paraded in the *Eagle* as being a very ignorant Dutchman, who hasn’t the slightest idea or conception of the English language. But, worse than all, they spell my name wrong, which is an unpardonable offense, or ought to be.” Fritz Schnitzler.

**Tuesday, August 11, 1885**

4. City council yesterday ordered an election on September 15 on proposition to subscribe $40,000 in bonds for the Wichita and Colorado Railroad.

**Wednesday, August 12, 1885**

1. Proceedings of city council meeting on August 10. Election ordered as noted above.

   Mr. D. M. Dale and Mr. C. Reed have formed a law partnership under the firm name of Dale and Reed, the firm of Dale and Dale having dissolved. Mr. Dale’s standing as a lawyer is well known in this county.

4. The siding capacity of the Santa Fe tracks in this city is officially stated by the company as 612 cars, while that of the Wichita and Western tracks is put at 491 cars, a total of 1103 cars.

   Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schnitzler have a very elegant residence in the second story of their new building on Market street. Details.

**Thursday, August 13, 1885**

1. City Engineer Bayley’s new map of Wichita has been received and is being distributed today. The map is 48 by 66 inches in size, is handsomely engraved and colored and is by far the best map of Wichita ever printed. The work was done by the Topeka lithographing company.

4. Mr. Oak Davidson will return home tomorrow from his eastern trip.

   The street railway is completed to Mill street (i.e., Hydraulic), and cars are now running there.

   The Dittman building will soon be enclosed.

**Saturday, August 15, 1885**
Monday, August 17, 1885

Article reports appointment of Frank Dale as register of Wichita U. S. land office and says he took charge of it today. The general opinion is that the appointment is an excellent one. We believe that Frank Dale has the ability and the integrity of character to worthily conduct the responsible affairs of his office. He came from Earl, Illinois in 1871 when he had just arrived at legal age. He took a claim in Sherman township, proved up on it and then studied law while following the plow. About four years ago he moved to Wichita and became the junior partner in the law firm of Dale and Dale and built up a large and lucrative law practice.

Tuesday, August 18, 1885

Annual report of the Wichita Public Schools. Says it makes a 42 page pamphlet. The high school building cost $11,000. Three teachers were men, with salaries averaging $84 per month. Twenty-seven were women, with salaries averaging $45 per month. Total enrollment past year was 1936, with average attendance of 1463, or about 39 pupils in each of the 30 class rooms. Details.

Water melons are piled up by the cord at the grocery stores and range in price from a nickel to twenty cents for the choicest.

Wednesday, August 19, 1885

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school had a picnic at Bayley’s park today.

The walls of Zimmerly’s new brick building are going up rapidly.

Thursday, August 20, 1885

The incorporators of the Wichita and Ft. Smith Railroad met yesterday and elected officers. Names listed. Amos Houck, president.

Article reports rumor that Griffenstein’s 80 acres in northwest part of the city will be purchased by a syndicate and made into a park. Says Riverside park (i.e., South Riverside) has become a stench in the nostrils of the moral portion of the community.

The new stock yards of the Ft. Scott and Wichita and Western railroads on the west side are looming up.
4. The grading of the road on the line of Douglas avenue from Mill street (i.e., Hydraulic) to the bluffs is progressing rapidly.

The brick work of the first story of the Furley-Roth block at corner of Lawrence and Douglas avenues, is up.

Saturday, August 22, 1885

1. Engineers are at work surveying the Wichita and Western extension between Kingman and Saratoga.

Herman and Hess are fitting out their large and elegant clothing store in the Manhattan block and will open on September 1st.

A much-needed institution is about to be established in our city in the two story building belonging to J. B. Brindley on the west side of Main street, near Elm. It is to be a city hospital for the accommodation of the unfortunate people of the city as well as those strangers who happen to be taken sick while here. Mr. Rouse is head of the group organizing this institution. Mayor Aldrich believes the city will donate $50 per month to its support.

4. Water melons were selling two for a nickel today.

The cupola of the addition to the county building looms up.

Persons who desire to purchase tickets for the Wichita street railway will find them on sale at the city office of the Ft. Scott Railroad on North Main street near Douglas avenue.

Tuesday, August 25, 1885

1. County commissioners yesterday deferred the matter of the street railway crossing the Douglas avenue bridge until proper petitions are presented.

4. Major Powell leaves for St. Louis today to inspect and receive, if all right, two additional cars for the street railway. They will be uniform in size with the red cars but will be of a different color. They are to take the place of the open cars (sic) on the old track. We have nearly seven miles of track, with projected lines that will run it up to nine or ten miles of track.

From $300 to $400 have yet to be raised before the street railway will be extended to Carey’s Park.

The 5th ward is trying to get a street railway to the fair grounds and parties are out soliciting subscriptions for stock to build the line before the fair opens.
Stone work on the school house in south part of town has been delayed by viability to get the stone from Augusta, owing to high water in the creek near the stone quarries.

Wednesday, August 26, 1885


The Warner and Roys block is up to the second story.

Thursday, August 27, 1885

4. The Dittman building, on Douglas avenue, is nearing completion.

The approaches to the Lawrence avenue bridge across the Big River in the south part of the city were completed yesterday and the bridge opened for travel.

Friday, August 28, 1885

4. Superintendent Powell, of the street railway, returned home from St. Louis last night.

The Geuda Strings, Caldwell and Western Railroad company filed its charter at Topeka yesterday.

The street railway is finished to Chisholm creek, on the east side.

Saturday, August 29, 1885

1. The corner lot opposite the Occidental hotel was sold today to Harrison and Firebaugh for $3300 cash.

4. The elevator for the new Beacon block has arrived and will soon be put in.

The cupola on the county building will soon be ready for the clock.

Monday, August 31, 1885

3. Advertisement announcing the grand opening of the Manhattan Clothing Company, Herman and Hess proprietors, on Tuesday, September 1.

4. Bayley’s park was well patronized yesterday.

Tuesday, September 1, 1885

1. Article reports that the Ladies’ Benevolent Home has applied for a charter in Topeka. Name of charter members listed. The Home will occupy the two story frame building of
Mr. J. B. Brinley’s, on the west side of North Main street above Central avenue, and Mrs. Emma Rouse will be the matron.

**Wednesday, September 2, 1885**

1. Editorial article urging that the opposition to allowing the street railway to lay its tracks across the Douglas avenue bridge be dropped and that the company be allowed to build its road to the west side in time for the Sedgwick county fair.

   Letter from Thomas A. Bayley, city engineer, saying that the maps printed by the Topeka Lithographing company were not delivered on time and hence were out of date and he had refused to accept them, but that he is now drawing a new up to date map of the city which will be ready in about three weeks and will sell for one dollar.


   Oak Davidson is now living in a luxurious and beautifully furnished room at the Manhattan hotel.

   The first invalid guest of the Ladies’ Benevolent Home took quarters there yesterday.

   The following towns are to be linked with Wichita on a new telephone circuit about to be built: Derby, Mulvane, Belle Plaine, Wellington, South Haven, Caldwell, Hunnewell, Geuda Springs, Oxford, Winfield, and Arkansas City.

**Friday, September 4, 1885**

1. The foundation of the G.A.R. building at 1st and Water streets is nearly finished.

4. Workmen commenced laying brick on the Noble building yesterday.

   Baldwin and Son have moved their photograph gallery to rooms over the Barnes drug store.

**Saturday, September 5, 1885**

1. The public schools will commence on Monday. Article lists the required textbooks and cost of each.

   The new special delivery service of the post office will begin in Wichita on October 1st. Cost is ten cents. Details.

4. Article lists assignment of teachers (by name) to the various schools. Schools are listed by ward (not by name). George E. Campbell is superintendent and V. P. Shull is principal
Monday, September 7, 1885
page 4.
A new bridge is being put up across Chisholm creek at the end of the recent extension of Kellogg street.

Tuesday, September 8, 1885
page 4.
Tinners are putting on the roof of the new Zimmerly store on Douglas avenue and masons are mixing the mortar for the plastering.

Thursday, September 10, 1885
page 1.
Reporter describes the homes being built on North Topeka at present. The residence of M. W. Levy is rapidly nearing completion at 1st and Topeka. Other houses described.
Details.

4. Directors of the Omaha, Abilene, and Wichita Railroad met yesterday. Names listed.
Details.

Note says Newton is to have a street railway.

Friday, September 11, 1885
page 1.
Article about the Ladies’ Benevolent Home of Wichita, which is now formally organized and ready for business. Officers and directors listed. Constitution given.

4. The new city directory, by Mr. F. A. North, is out. It has 244 pages.

Saturday, September 12, 1885
page 1.
Article about recent addition to St. John’s Episcopal church. Article says “old settlers will remember that the first church built in Wichita was an Episcopal church, which was located east of Main between 3rd and Central, near where the jail now stands.” Later the corner stone of the Episcopal church on Lawrence avenue was laid on March 5 (?), 1879, and the building, 46 by 21 feet, was erected. Recently a new addition, 38 by 21 feet, has been completed, forming a transept, and making the whole church cruciform in shape. Seating capacity is 275. Details.

4. The Beacon block is being plastered.

Tuesday, September 15, 1885
page 4.
Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.
Work has commenced on the United Brethren church building.

**Wednesday, September 16, 1885**

1. Long article describes the newly enlarged county court house. Terry and Dumont, architects. Abe Smith, contractor. Cost $22,500. To be completed by October 1st. Details.

4. In the election held yesterday to vote $40,000 in bonds for the Wichita and Colorado Railroad company and $30,000 for the Omaha, Abilene, and Wichita Railroad, the vote was 882 for and 20 against.

**Thursday, September 17, 1885**

1. The front, of stained glass windows and tile entrance, is being constructed on L. W. Dittman’s new three story block on West Douglas.

4. “Owing to the foolish opposition on the part of certain parties to the street railway crossing the bridge, the cars will not run to the fair grounds this season.”

**Saturday, September 19, 1885**

4. Major Powell has extended both his stable and his car house to the alley, making the length of each about 150 feet. The mule brigade now numbers 60. Two new cars will be on in a few days and are an improvement even on the red cars. They are the same size with the same ventilators but with a central chandelier. The major has ordered for next season four open excursion cars which will be put on whenever the season becomes pleasant.

There are ten first class brick business houses approaching completion on Douglas avenue, and the street begins to look metropolitan.

**Tuesday, September 22, 1885**

1. The street railway company received three new cars from St. Louis this morning.

4. The Dorsey building on Main street is topped off with a handsome cornice.

**Wednesday, September 23, 1885**

4. An oyster supper was given last night at the new Beacon block. Details.

**Thursday, September 24, 1885**

1. Wichita Jewish people have formed a new congregation, called “Holy Congregation Immanuel.” Details.
Friday, September 25, 1885

Manager Powell has placed two new street cars on his lines, the increased travel necessitating this step. The cars received this week were from St. Louis and made by Brownell and Wight, the celebrated car builders. These cars are of an improved pattern with upholstered seats, parlor lamp in center, and a lamp on each end with a reflector on outside. In fact they are elegant coaches. The improved springs allow but little jar to the passengers. On the outside they are lettered “Douglas Avenue and Union Depot,” and are numbered 9 and 10.

Saturday, September 26, 1885

Forepaugh’s circus in Wichita yesterday and today. Details.

Monday, September 28, 1885

The street cars had immense patronage on Saturday (circus day). It is estimated that proceeds for the day will run between $250 and $300.

The frame of the new Chicago lumber yard office at Lawrence and 1st is up.

Tuesday, September 29, 1885

We were shown today by John Kimmerle a postal card from Chris, dated in Munich. The card struck us as being rather novel. It may be interesting to some to know each city in Germany has its own postal cards. This one contains a colored lithograph of the public buildings of the state of Bavaria and a lager beer saloon with a crowd of men, women and children going in and coming out. On the message side of card the address is printed as follows: “Regards out of Munich, from ___ to __.”

Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Wednesday, September 30, 1885

It is to be regretted that the street car line was not built to the fair grounds this season. Manager Powell did all he could in the matter, and had he been given the right-of-way across the bridge the line would have been promptly put down. It is a great mistake to suppose that a line across the bridge will interfere with travel in any way.

Thursday, October 1, 1885
1. The room formerly occupied by the Bank of Commerce is being enlarged and fixed up and when completed will be occupied by the Bank of Wichita.

Friday, October 2, 1885

1. Article reports that a new town called Richland has been organized and laid out on the line of the Denver, Memphis, and Atlantic Railroad eight miles southeast of Kingman in Kingman county. Details.

Union township voted bonds in aid of the Wichita and Colorado Railroad by a large majority.

Saturday, October 3, 1885

4. The Bank of Wichita will open in the Roys block corner room on Monday.

Monday, October 5, 1885

4. Brief note about funeral of Mrs. William Mathewson yesterday.

“We salute you today from the new Beacon block.”

Tuesday, October 6, 1885

4. Report of first day of Sedgwick County fair yesterday being held at fair grounds on the west side. Details.

The floors are being laid in the Stone and Catherwood Main street building.

Thursday, October 8, 1885

4. Mr. F. R. Stone’s new three story brick business building on Main street should be completed before November 1st and has been leased by Otto Weiss of the Occidental grocery.

Milo B. Kellogg, of Kingman, government inspector of Indian supplies, was in the city last night.

Friday, October 9, 1885

1. The Kansas City and Southern Railroad has been completed from Beaumont to Winfield and is now open for through St. Louis traffic. It connects with the Frisco at Beaumont.

4. Teams were delayed at the Douglas avenue bridge about an hour yesterday. An estimated 1500 teams crossed the bridge between 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
The Congregational church has changed its place of meeting to the rink. Plans are in hands of contractors for their new church at Lawrence and 2nd.

Saturday, October 10, 1885

Report of last day of the county fair. Details.

Mr. N. F. Niederlander today offered Mr. Noble $25,000 for the brick block now being finished on Douglas avenue, east of the Manhattan Hotel, but Mr. Noble refused it.

Monday, October 12, 1885

Article describes the new Beacon block, in first block of North Market on west side. The north half of the block was erected by Fred W. Israel and the south half by Smith and White, proprietors of the Beacon. John Scott was the architect and foreman in charge. The front is of St. Louis pressed brick. Building is 50 feet by 120 feet. Mr. B. H. Downing was contractor for the wood work. Details.

Tuesday, October 13, 1885

Mr. Powell, superintendent of the street railway, says work will begin tomorrow morning on extension of the North Main street line on Fairview street to Carey’s park. The extension will be three-quarters mile in length, giving a total of 7¾ miles of street railroad. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Thursday, October 15, 1885

Article describing John Exton’s new building on south side of Douglas avenue in first block west of the Douglas avenue depot. It is three story, 50 by 70 feet, with front of St. Louis Hydraulic Pressed brick, which cost $35 per thousand. Cost about $12,000. Details.

Friday, October 16, 1885

Article describing Bitting Brothers clothing store. Says Al and Charles Bitting came here nine years ago from Pennsylvania. Details.
4. R. H. Roys’ new block is now ready for occupancy.

Saturday, October 17, 1885

1. Reporter describes visit yesterday to the area of the union depot in northeast part of the city. The Consolidated Tank Line company has recently put in a plant at the Y of the railroads. Their plant is enclosed with a picket fence. Details.

Article urging the extension of the street railway to West Wichita. Mentions that the Douglas avenue bridge has eight spans, but the ground beneath the east and west end spans is but a little lower than the road. The approaches could be filled in and the east to west span of the present bridge removed and used in constructing a street railway bridge.

Monday, October 19, 1885

1. The Deam block was rented on Saturday to the Steinhouser Supply company of St. Louis, and will be occupied as a wholesale grocery.

4. Rogers, the photographer, set his camera on top of a freight car last week on the arrival of Jay Gould and party, and consequently has a fine 8 by 10 picture of his arrival at the Ft. Scott depot.

Wednesday, October 21, 1885

4. G. W. Clement, Jr., of Lake county, Ohio, arrived last night and will locate here in the law business. He is a recent graduate of the Columbia law school.

Sherman township voted $24,000 in bonds to the Wichita and Colorado Railroad on Monday last.

Thursday, October 22, 1885

1. Article describes reporter’s visit to Hyde’s Book store, on North Main street, managed by Mr T. I. Humble. Details.

Tuesday, October 27, 1885

1. The street railway is being extended on Fairview avenue to the old fair ground, and it is expected to have cars running by Saturday.

4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Wednesday, October 28, 1885

4. Article describing Finlay Ross’ furniture and carpet store.
Thursday, October 29, 1885

1. A Santa Fe work train between Wichita and Valley Center is busy replacing the iron rails with heavy steel ones and putting in rock ballast, which will make the Santa Fe all steel rails and rock ballast between Wichita and Kansas City.

4. Rogers, the photographer, has been absent several days at Garden City. While there he took a negative of the rear of the land office one day when 300 land seekers were getting their papers made out. Mr. Jones, of the land office, has purchased the negative, and will have cuts make and inserted in Harper’s Weekly.

Engineer Bayley is preparing a complete map of the city of Wichita with all the latest additions. The work will soon be completed.

Contract has been let for the new Presbyterian church in West Wichita to Hurd and Taylor for $1750. Work is to be completed by January 1st.

Dr. Furley will remove his office on the 1st of November to his new building opposite the Manhattan hotel.

Saturday, October 31, 1885

4. The contract for the Congregational church has been let to Mr. Sternberg, and work will commence immediately.

Painters were giving finishing touches yesterday to the frame building of Dr. Rowley, 430 North Main, next to the office of the street railway. There are nine rooms in the new addition and four in the original building. It will be leased out as a private boarding house.

Wednesday, November 4, 1885

1. Results of Sedgwick County elections yesterday.

Thursday, November 5, 1885

4. The first story of the G.A.R. building is up.

Monday, November 9, 1885

1. Article indicates that the contract to build the first section of the Wichita and Colorado Railroad has been let.

4. Men were distributing iron this morning on 2nd street west of Main street for an extension of the street railway to the Ft. Scott depot.
Interview with Mr. J. Ackerman at the Arlington House this morning. He is the gentleman who was here some time ago and leased from Mr. Lee the building near the bridge formerly occupied by Col. Stewart. His pork packing enterprise will be operated under the name of J. Ackerman and Company. They will merely make a start this winter with their present limited accommodations but will expand next spring.

A new town will be laid out this afternoon on Section 15 in Sherman township.

Telephone connection with Mulvane and Belle Plaine began at 2:00 p.m. today.

Tuesday, November 10, 1885

The YMCA was organized in Wichita last Friday night in the vestry room of the Presbyterian church. Details.

The foundation of the West Side Presbyterian church was begun yesterday.

The town of Andale company was organized yesterday with Messrs. Niederlander, Kos Harris, N. S. Wood, G. W. Anderson, and J. W. Dale as incorporators. The town site will be on the northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 26, and Range 3 West, on the line of the Wichita and Colorado Railroad.

Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Wednesday, November 11, 1885

The protracted pleasant weather renders travel on street cars light.

Workmen are putting on finishing touches on the new school house in the south part of the city.

N. F. Niederlander will move his real estate office to R. C. Noble’s new building east of the Manhattan Hotel about the 1st of December.

Thursday, November 12, 1885

The Lincoln school, in the south end, will begin the first of next week.

“Another bridge is needed across the Arkansas river.”

Bert, the efficient agent and operator at the West Wichita depot, returned yesterday after a stay in Eureka.

The Congregationalists have begun work on their church building on southeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence.
The Park school, on North Main, was opened to pupils yesterday.

**Friday, November 13, 1885**

1. Work seems to have stopped on the track laying for the street railway between Main street and the Ft. Scott depot.

4. Hog butchering is going at a lively rate at the packing house of Ackerman and Company.

**Saturday, November 14, 1885**

4. H. H. Pearce and wife, of Peoria, Illinois, are stopping in the city.

Report from the Ladies’ Benevolent Home. Details.

Mr. John Catherwood rented his new brick building north of the Occidental yesterday to Mr. George Munn of Clearwater, who will be here by November 25th and put in a stock of hardware.

**Monday, November 16, 1885**

1. Note says J. H. Fill, contractor, has the second contract on the Wichita and Colorado Railroad and expected to start work today with 20 teams but was stopped because of a right-of-way question. Five contractors work for the Ft. Scott road and they get the contracts direct from the chief engineer, Mr. Wood.

4. Mr. C. W. Kellogg, the architect, who arrived in Wichita recently, has opened an office on Main street.

Some grading was done in West Wichita Saturday on the Wichita and Colorado Railroad about a quarter mile from the corporate limits on Mr. Martinson’s land, but the work is discontinued today.

**Tuesday, November 17, 1885**

1. We learn today that the commissioner appointed to assess damages for right-of-way on line of Wichita and Colorado Railroad allowed $17,000 for the first six miles, which the company deems to be excessive, and for this reason work is temporarily suspended. About $1000 per mile is the amount of damage railroad companies ordinarily expect to pay.

4. The city engineer, Mr. Thomas A. Bayley, is busy making surveys for the city. There is now in progress the renaming of a number of streets: Texas avenue, from Central north, to be changed to North Lawrence; Church street, from Central north, to be changed to North Water; Court street, from Central north, to be changed to North Main; Chisholm
street, from Central north, to be changed to North Market. Oak street, Walnut street, Lincoln street, and Pine street, all in 5th ward are to be changed, as other streets in main part of the city already have these names. Chicago avenue, in 5th ward, will become West Douglas avenue.

Lincoln school, in Zimmerly’s addition, was opened yesterday with three teachers and 120 pupils. Details.

The plat of the new town of Colwich was filed at the register of deeds’ office yesterday.

Mr. G. W. Clement, an attorney, has recently arrived in our midst and opened a law office in Kansas National Bank building.

Mr. Stafford has moved his grocery store stock into Ed Dorsey’s new brick block at 1st and Main, and the old frame building previously occupied by him is being moved today to 4th avenue.

Wednesday, November 18, 1885

1. Report of a meeting today of leading business men to discuss the Wichita and Colorado Railroad right-of-way question. Details.

4. The commission to condemn right-of-way for the Wichita and Colorado Railroad was composed of R. E. Lawrence, J. H. Aley, and T. O. Hoss. They are the ones who fixed the damages in Delano township alone, about six miles, at $17,000, or nearly $3000 per mile. This compares with the $19,000 charged recently for 23 miles of right-of-way for the Wichita and McPherson Railroad.

Thursday, November 19, 1885

1. Mr. W. K. Carlisle, son of Speaker Carlisle, arrived here today from Kentucky, with his family, to become a permanent resident here.

The city library is being moved today to the room formerly occupied by the Beacon on Douglas avenue. It will soon be opened again to the public.


The YMCA have rented rooms over the Bank of Wichita.

Friday, November 20, 1885

4. Enrollment in the city schools is about 2100. There are ten school buildings and 38 teachers, including the superintendent.
John Noble’s block, east of the Manhattan, is nearing completion.

Saturday, November 21, 1885
4. Article says the right-of-way dispute concerning the Wichita and Colorado Railroad has been settled, and work on the line will be resumed at once. Details.

Subscriptions for the street railway extension to College Hill are about completed, and that extension is an assured fact.

Monday, November 23, 1885
1. City engineer Bayley has furnished a list of changes in street names agreed on by a committee of the city council. Listed.

Tuesday, November 24, 1885
1. Report of large fire on North Main street between 1st and 2nd streets on east side of Main, about 11:00 a.m. today. The fire originated in the kitchen of Mr. Huett’s restaurant. Seven buildings were burned. Details.

4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday. Report of committee on changing street names adopted and is to be written into an Ordinance.

Foundation of the north wing of the Presbyterian academy on North Market street is now under construction.

The Ackerman pork packing establishment is running daily.

Article about the city library, which has been moved to rooms in the J. M. Allen building on Douglas avenue, lately vacated by the Beacon. Rental is $25 per month. Mr. J. F. McIntosh, who arrived here from Chicago about six weeks ago, has taken charge. The yearly membership tickets will be put down to the low price of one dollar.

Wednesday, November 25, 1885
4. Comment after yesterday’s bad fire, urging that the city immediately purchase one or two steam fire engines, etc.

It is a lively scene along the line of the Wichita and Colorado Railroad for miles. Hundreds of men are at work. It is hoped that the road will be completed to Colwich by Christmas.

Friday, November 27, 1885

4. G. W. Clement, Sr., father of George Clement, the attorney, arrived from Ohio yesterday.

Saturday, November 28, 1885

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1. Another long editorial comment critical of the *Eagle*.

Monday, November 30, 1885

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1. More long editorial comments about the argument between the *Eagle* and *Beacon*, especially over railroads. Says “the editor of the *Eagle* has always been satisfied with one road -- the Santa Fe.”

4. The side track from the water tank to the freight depot, out on the east side, was completed today.

   The Congregationalists held their usual services at the rink yesterday.

Wednesday, December 2, 1885

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4. Track laying on the Wichita and Colorado was commenced today.

   Barnes and Son began work today on a two story brick business building on the west side of Main street next to the Masonic building.

Thursday, December 3, 1885

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4. There is complaint made by the north town patrons of the street car lines that the service is not sufficient to be convenient. They want one or two more cars. We understand that Major Powell contemplates putting at best one more car on the Main street line. It must be remembered that the Main street line is a long one, and that it runs through, for a long distance, at both ends, a thinly settled section as yet.

   The new United Brethren church on South Washington avenue will be dedicated December 6, 1885.

Friday, December 4, 1885

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1. Report of a bad wind storm in Wichita this morning that did considerable damage. Details.

Monday, December 7, 1885

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4. Note says Santa Fe engine 43, drawing the passenger train, struck a rock placed on the
track by a demented person and broke its cow-catcher, about a week ago.

Tuesday, December 8, 1885

Note regarding transfer of deed to north quarter of Section 15, Township 26, Range 3 West from G. W. Anderson and wife to Sherman township company for $15,000 (i.e., site of Andale).

Report of the Ladies’ Benevolent Home for past quarter. Seventeen patients cared for from September 1 to December 1. Details.

Wednesday, December 9, 1885

N. F. Niederlander is getting moved into his new real estate office in the Noble building (Douglas and Topeka).

Thursday, December 10, 1885

Reporter describes visit yesterday to newly fixed up suite of rooms of Mr. Rogers, the photographer, over Mr. Lynch’s dry goods store. Mr. Rogers has lived here six years and has been assisted by Mr. Ostergren for the last three years.

Friday, December 11, 1885

Letter from Andale dated Dec. 8, 1885. J. W. Dale, one of the proprietors of the town site, has under construction a fine livery barn 30 by 60 feet. Anderson Brothers, the principal stock holders in the town company, are erecting a building 24 by 40 feet, which they will occupy as a temporary bank building. As soon as the railroad is completed to this point, they will ship in brick and put up a brick building with a hall above. Oliver Brothers, of Wichita, have bought five lots near the depot site and will put in a large lumber yard. The graders are now camped on the town site.

Tuesday, December 15, 1885

Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Wednesday, December 16, 1885

Reporter visited office of architects Crist and Rush and was shown plans and specifications of a new two story brick building to be erected by William Heller on lots 72 and 74 on North Main street. To be 50 by 100 feet, with front of St. Louis pressed brick trimmed with Cottonwood stone. The foundation of Mr. Griffenstein’s new residence at west end of 10th street, in Griffenstein’s 8th addition, at the entrance of his park, is completed.
Friday, December 18, 1885

4. The Southwestern Business College moved into its rooms in the new Noble building today.

The electric light is to be demonstrated for the first time in Wichita tonight at corner of Douglas and Topeka.

Saturday, December 19, 1885

4. Report of the demonstration of the Thompson-Houston electric light last evening at corner of Douglas and Topeka. There were four lamps in operation. Details and discussion.

The Masons will dedicate their new hall next Tuesday (was postponed).

N. F. Niederlander had the honor of turning on the first electric light in the city of Wichita last night.

Monday, December 21, 1885

4. Architects Terry and Dumont have finished the plans for a two story brick residence to be erected by Mr. J. A. Jones at 10th and Lawrence.

Wednesday, December 23, 1885

1. J. O. Davidson and other parties bought the Sam Hoover farm between the rivers for $42,000.

4. The new depot of the Wichita and Colorado road, a short distance southwest of the Ft. Scott freight depot, is about completed.
Thursday, December 24, 1885
1. The town plat of Andale was filed in the register of deeds office today.

Saturday, December 26, 1885
4. N. F. Niederlander, M. W. Levy, and A. W. Oliver start to New York Sunday to close the contract for extension of Wichita and Colorado railway (this denied by Eagle next day).

Monday, December 28, 1885
4. Capt. John Carey is talking about building a hotel on southwest corner of Douglas and 4th avenues, to be 100 foot front and four stories high.

W. H. Heller is building foundation for his brick block, east side of Main street.

Tuesday, December 29, 1885
4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday.

Thursday, December 31, 1885
4. Major W. Powell, of Ottawa, Ontario, brother of E. R. Powell, superintendent of the street railway, is in the city.