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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1888 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

Monday, January 2, 1888

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1. Report of funeral of W. C. Woodman yesterday.
2. Editorial announcing that last week the Hotchkiss Brothers purchased all outstanding stock and now own and control the *Wichita Beacon* newspaper. It had been owned by a stock company since last spring. It will continue as a staunch Democratic journal.

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1. Report of annual meeting today of the stockholders of the Kansas Midland Railroad. The railroad is now an integral part of the Frisco Railroad system. Details. Directors of Kansas Midland include J. O. Davidson, O. H. Bentley, and M. M. Murdock, et al.  
  
The Burton Stock Car Works are now completed and the machinery is fast arriving. The town around the works is known as Perkinsville.
4. The court house bonds carried by about 700 majority.

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1. Official returns from the election last Saturday shows a majority of 1172 in favor of issuing bonds worth \$200,000 for building a court house and jail.
4. The Smith-Skinner block will be ready for occupancy about February 1st.

Quote from *Kansas City Star*: "The Carey Grand hotel at Wichita, the finest hostelry in the state of Kansas, was opened to the public on New Year's day. If there was anything Wichita needed more than a sweeping revival in religion, it was a comfortable hotel."

Publication of ordinance authorizing the Wichita and Suburban railway company to construct and extend its line on 1st street from Water to Main.

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4. The 1st street sewer is being laid between Market and Emporia.

The formal opening of the Carey hotel will probably take place on January 25.

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4. Report of discussion yesterday between city council and Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company. The company says it has 325 telephones in the city at this time.

Last week the trustees of the John Bright university let the contract for the basement story to J. V. Wood, the work to be completed by May 15th.

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4. The Wichita Soap Manufacturing company today commenced selling its product.

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1. Gandolfo's hotel opens again this evening after extensive renovation and remodeling. The dining hall is now upstairs and the hotel is on the American plan.

Contractor W. P. Stem is now remodeling the building occupied by Eno, the furniture man, who will now lease and occupy the whole three floors of the building instead of only one floor.

The Will of W. C. Woodman leaves one fourth each to sons W. S. and U. S. G. Woodman, and one eighth each to the widow and three other children.

The snow blockaded the street railway on North Topeka avenue this morning.

4. Manager G. M. Dickson, of the street railway, is expected tomorrow.

Bids for completion of the post office building at Wichita were opened at Washington, D.C. today. Details.

**Friday, January 13, 1888****page**

4. Publication of Ordinance 507, creating the office of city physician and providing for salary of \$300 per annum.

**Saturday, January 14, 1888****page**

1. Wichita and Western locomotive ran into caboose on side track just south of Union depot

this morning. Details.

Machinery is arriving daily for the Burton Car Works and a contract has been received from the Rock Island Railroad company for 500 of the Range cattle cars.

One of the latest companies incorporated is the Growler Publishing Company, with capital stock of \$25,000. Officers and directors listed.

4. The Street car company were running four horses to each car today, with a 20 minute service on the Union depot line.

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4. Letter with detailed description of Burton Car Works and adjacent "Perkinsville" and "Perkins" Hotel, on Park street at corner of 5th avenue, Perkinsville. Says the motor car from town made only two trips today account of the weather.

The chemical engine ordered by the city council some time ago will arrive in about three weeks. The hook and ladder trucks have been shipped and will be here in a few days.

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4. The *Beacon* thanks Baldwin and Son, the photographer, for a handsome view of Market street.

### **Thursday, January 19, 1888**

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1. The incorporators of St. Francis hospital met yesterday and elected a board of directors: M. W. Levy, John Davidson, B. H. Campbell, A. W. Oliver, H. Schweiter, J. P. Allen, J. V. Davidson, Christopher Reed, William Griffenstein, M. J. Casey, and P. V. Healy, with B. H. Campbell chosen president, M. W. Levy, secretary, and J. Davidson, treasurer. ¶ The lease of the Burleigh brick building on North 4th avenue was secured and a charter drawn up and sent to Topeka. When the charter returns, the medical staff will be appointed. The hospital will have 42 rooms and be divided into male and female medical and surgical wards, obstetrical ward, gynecological ward and a ward for children. It will be opened about February 10th and will be in charge of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Wichita Wire Nail factory today signed a contract for a 130 horse power Corliss engine and boiler.

### **Friday, January 20, 1888**

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1. Long report of the annual meeting of the Board of Trade last night.

Long article describing the new Crawford Grand Opera house, which is to be opened

February 1st. Will seat 1500.

**Saturday, January 21, 1888****page**

4. The large boiler for heating the Sedgwick block was put in place this afternoon.

**Tuesday, January 24, 1888****page**

1. Long report on the street car fight at city council last evening. *Beacon* is very critical of the Wichita Street Railway Company and accuses it of attempting to choke off the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company. Details.

The Catholic fair was opened last night in the new church school building at corner of 2nd street and 4th avenue.

The Schuyler Electric Light Company is charging the city for 51 lamps when it has only 47 in actual use. The others are at the shop being repaired. Therefore the city council cut the company's bill from \$425 to \$350.

2. Proceedings of City Council.

Publication of Ordinance 508 authorizing Wichita and Suburban Railway Company to extend its line on 1st from Water to Main, on Water from Douglas to William and on William east to 4th avenue.

4. Further report of council discussion of the street railway matter.

**Wednesday, January 25, 1888****page**

1. Article on the expanding railroad business in Wichita.

**Thursday, January 26, 1888****page**

4. The office of the city clerk and treasurer and the council will be moved to the Polk building on Douglas avenue tomorrow.

**Friday, January 27, 1888****page**

1. It is probable that the street railway squabble has been amicably settled. Wichita and Suburban began laying their track down South Water yesterday and hope to complete it on William to the new opera house by opening night and later to Carey hotel.

**Saturday, January 28, 1888****page**

4. The city clerk, treasurer and surveyor are now located in their new quarters in the Polk

building on Douglas avenue.

The Hook and Ladder ordered by the Council for the fire department, which has been expected to reach here for some time, will arrive tomorrow.

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4. The hook and ladder for the fire department arrived yesterday and is at hose house No. 2.

**Wednesday, February 1, 1888**

This issue is missing.

**Thursday, February 2, 1888****page**

1. Report of the gala opening of the Crawford Grand Opera house last evening. The Conried Opera company presented the opera "The Gypsy Baron" by Strauss. Details.
4. Article describes the new city council chamber in the Polk block on Douglas avenue. Mayor Allen remarked that this is the third house of the council.

The stock yards opened for business last Monday.

The old Wichita House, on East Douglas, which was damaged by fire some time ago, is being repaired.

The Knights of Honor dedicated their new hall in the Getto block last night.

The Main Street Theater will close on or about March 1st.

**Tuesday, February 7, 1888****page**

1. The school board yesterday accepted Mr. Rutan's offer of \$250 for the old Hillside school house.

The new St. Louis-San Francisco offices in the Miller and Shepard building on Oak street are soon to be ready for occupancy by Superintendent Wentworth, who has charge of both the western division of the Frisco and the Kansas Midland division, and the train dispatchers for both divisions. The offices look out on both Y's of the Frisco line and on the Mosley avenue crossing.

4. The Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company received two new cars from St. Louis today. They will be in service tomorrow.

**Wednesday, February 8, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita Watch Manufacturing company met at the Kansas National yesterday and instructed the building committee to let the contract for the building of the engine and boiler house. The company has also dispatched its order for the final consignment of machinery to another \$25,000 worth. Buildings are progressing satisfactorily and the main part of the structure will be under roof this week.
  
4. There is a train of Burton cars standing in the Rock Island yards here, which are ready for business.

**Friday, February 10, 1888****page**

1. Article about proposal for celebration of the 18th anniversary of the founding of the city of Wichita. Details.

The police court room was all torn up today, the carpenters tearing out the partition and arranging for the new force of firemen, who will be put on duty as soon as the chemical engine arrives. The police court has been moved to the back end of the city building on Market street, the entire front part of the house being used for the fire department.

**Saturday, February 11, 1888****page**

1. Yesterday afternoon the officers of the Wichita and Suburban Street Railway Company invited several prominent citizens to take a trip with them over their line. The trip was made in one of the new Brownell and Wight (sic) cars, of which make it has received two just from the factory. Boarding the car at the corner of Market and William streets, near the federal building and taking on two or three persons as they proceeded, it was not long until the 15th street station was reached. The new car received many flattering remarks. Among the passengers was Mr. George M. Dickson, superintendent of the Wichita Street Car Company, who was elated with the car and roadbed of the Wichita and Suburban. Among the officers of the road on board were Mr. George C. Strong, president, Judge Little, vice-president, G. L. Douglas, secretary, and Lee Taylor, manager. When the 15th street station was reached the motor was attached to the cars and the journey was continued to Fairmount. Although this street car line is fairly new, the bed is smooth and the ride behind the motor, which makes the run at a 12-mile rate, was very comfortable and but little jarring or jerking is noticeable. ¶ One of the most important features of the new cars, and one which was enjoyed by those on the trip yesterday, is the stove which each contains. The cars are kept warm and comfortable by this means, and although the weather was cold, the trip was made with no inconvenience occasioned by the weather. ¶ The Wichita and Suburban have nearly completed their line to the stock yards and extend their line down 1st to Main street, and will thus have a very convenient point for all persons to leave for the north end of town. ¶ Mr. Strong, president, has made arrangements whereby he can assist anyone wishing to build along the line, by making a real estate loan for them.

A revival is in progress at the United Brethren church on Washington avenue, near

Douglas.

4. It is reported that the street car line has been sold, Mr. J. O. Davidson retaining his interest in the concern.

The Wichita Watch Company yesterday received the shipping bill for the engine and boiler for their factory.

Long article about H. G. Toler's stock farm at Tolerville, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, four miles from Wichita and two miles east of the Burton Car works. The farm embraces 515 acres. Article lists stock on the farm.

### **Monday, February 13, 1888**

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4. The city council holds its first meeting in its new chamber tonight.

An ordinance redistricting the city into six wards will be introduced at the council meeting tonight.

### **Tuesday, February 14, 1888**

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1. Report of the council meeting last night in its new chamber in the back room of the second floor of the Polk block. The clerk's office is in the front room of the second floor. Details.
2. Report of the annual meeting of the Burton Stock Car company on February 7 at Portland, Maine. Details. It is expected that the company will begin turning out cars in the middle of March 1888, with a capacity of 16 cars per day.

### **Thursday, February 16, 1888**

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4. The Wichita and Suburban street car company will extend their line from 13th street to the stock yards and thence to the Dold packing house and the Burton Stock Car works.

### **Friday, February 17, 1888**

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1. Upwards of 20 teams are now at work on the mile race track now being built on the grounds of the Wichita Exposition and Interstate Fair Association. The contract for removing the amphitheater and remodeling it and the building of a fence around the yard will be awarded today.

Report of party yesterday evening for Col. B. H. Campbell's 50th birthday.

4. The stock yards hotel will be increased in size by making it four stories high.

The Santa Fe will put in a gate at the Douglas avenue crossing.

The Rock Island is building a switch to the Dold packing house and the Missouri Pacific will do likewise within a few days. About 30 cars of stone are in the Missouri Pacific yards for the Dold packing house.

**Saturday, February 18, 1888****page**

4. Travel on the Topeka avenue street car line was delayed some time this morning.

**Tuesday, February 21, 1888****page**

1. The school board met last night and accepted the new Irving school house, built at a cost of \$3411.82.
4. The Wichita and Suburban street railroad, which is building a line north from 13th street to the stock yards and Burton car works, has been compelled to make a big fill in the old sand pit near the Ft. Scott Railroad tracks. A large number of teams has been at work on the fill for several days.

**Wednesday, February 22, 1888****page**

1. Report of the annual reunion today of the Old Settlers' association of Sedgwick County, whose members must have been a resident of the county prior to January 1st, 1872. Meeting was at the old opera house.
4. The Rock Island is putting in a switch on Levy street for the accommodation of the exposition and fair grounds. It will be finished this week.

**Thursday, February 23, 1888****page**

4. The front of the Zimmerly block is about completed.

Fire Marshal Walden has been superintending the new fire alarm boxes which will be put in from Douglas avenue bridge to the Santa Fe freight depot and north on Main to Central. The boxes will be in working order by Friday or Saturday.

**Friday, February 24, 1888****page**

1. Excavating started today for a four story brick building 25 by 140 feet, just north of the Cracker factory on 4th avenue, and men started clearing the ground for a three story brick hotel on the corner of Oak and 5th avenue.
2. Program of the Wichita Exposition and Interstate Fair Association inaugural meeting, to be held June 5-9, 1888.

4. The Main Street theater closes Sunday night and is not expected to re-open.

**Saturday, February 25, 1888****page**

1. Article describes in detail the new rooms of the Board of Trade in the Sedgwick block, which are nearing completion. The quarters will be opened to members on March 13.

Twenty-five teams and 40 men were this morning grading and clearing off the timber and leveling off the grounds for the Wichita Exposition and Inter-state Fair Association. Men are also engaged in moving the present amphitheater to its position on the new mile track and in building a fence around the grounds. The association's grounds include about 90 acres.

2. Long editorial saying Wichita's economic prospects are good.

**Tuesday, February 28, 1888****page**

1. On March 1st Messrs. Cox and Williams retire from the proprietorship of the Occidental hotel and Mr. A. N. Deming takes the reins, with his son-in-law, Reuben Israel, as manager.
4. Publication of ordinance 516 enlarging the city limits of Wichita.

**Thursday, March 1, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita and Suburban street railway company has completed the fill in the old sand pit at the crossing of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita and the Santa Fe railroads and is now laying the rails and ties on its extension to the stock yards and Burton car works. It is expected that the company will have the extension completed by the last of this week. ¶ The effect of this extension will probably be to force the old street car company to put additional cars on the Topeka avenue line and hereafter give a ten minute service.
4. A large force of men are at work laying the track of the city railway on 1st street, and in a short time cars will be in operation on that street.

**Friday, March 2, 1888****page**

4. The Wichita and Suburban Street Railway company is about to put on a 20 minute service to accommodate its patrons.

**Saturday, March 3, 1888****page**

4. The cold weather has put a stop to the street railroad construction. The Suburban has suspended its north extension, while the Valley Center line is taking advantage of the freeze up to get material on the ground for the connection between the present terminus

and Valley Center.

**Wednesday, March 7, 1888****page**

4. Mr. Lee Taylor left for St. Louis last night to purchase more cars from the Wichita and Suburban street railway.

A new stock company has been organized and will reopen the Main street theater after March 12.

**Friday, March 9, 1888****page**

4. Mr. J. O. Davidson says the contract for the construction of the Riverside Electric Motor line has been signed in New York.

**Saturday, March 10, 1888****page**

1. Comments on prospects by Wichita architects.

**Tuesday, March 13, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita Street Car company yesterday gave notice to the council that they would build a line down 1st street to Market, and south on Market to Lincoln, but as there is already one line down Market street, and as the franchise of the Street Car Company exempts Market street, it is probable that the line will never be built. The notice was referred back to the street car company.

Article describes new Board of Trade quarters in the Sedgwick block and program for banquet tonight.

4. The new chemical engine was received at the fire department yesterday. It is of the "Champion" make and was built in Chicago by special order at a cost of \$2100.

**Wednesday, March 14, 1888****page**

1. Article reports dedication banquet last evening of the new Board of Trade hall in the Sedgwick block. Details. Meal was prepared by Gandolfo, the caterer.
4. Report of first trial of the new chemical fire engine yesterday afternoon.

**Thursday, March 15, 1888****page**

4. Special cars on the Wichita and Suburban street car line took a party of councilmen and business men out to the stock yards yesterday afternoon. It was intended that the new extension to the Dold packing house should be gone over, but owing to a slight delay in

the arrival of material, the connecting switch was not completed. The packing house line will, however, be in running order tomorrow.

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4. George Strong says engineers of the Wichita and Suburban have gone out (i.e., on strike), but that the mules are so well trained that they keep excellent time of their own accord.

**Saturday, March 17, 1888****page**

1. It is rumored that a move is on foot to establish a park in the north part of the city, on Chisholm creek somewhere between 13th and 17th streets, where the land adjoining the creek is covered with timber.

The Wichita Board of Trade moves to its new quarters in the Sedgwick block on Monday.

4. Mr. C. W. Bitting has commenced the erection of an elegant dwelling on North Lawrence avenue.

The excavating is finished and the foundation is being laid for a large hotel on Oak street near the Union depot.

**Monday, March 19, 1888****page**

1. On Saturday the Methodist Episcopal conference visited the Garfield University. Six car loads came on special cars from the city. The throng visited every part of the wing that is finished.
4. The Wichita and Suburban street railway is rapidly pushing towards the Dold packing house and will reach that terminus this week.

**Thursday, March 22, 1888****page**

1. Report of meeting of the Wichita Boat Club last evening. Details.
2. Quarterly report of the City Treasury.

**Saturday, March 24, 1888****page**

1. The Valley Center Motor line has been completed, and an impromptu excursion went up over the line this afternoon, leaving this city at 2 p.m. It contained a number of prominent citizens and representatives of the press.
4. The Wichita City Railroad company will move its offices to 111 South Main street on April 1st, as they require more room than the present quarters afford.

**Monday, March 26, 1888****page**

4. Article describes a large new water wheel on the Arkansas river at Derby.

**Tuesday, March 27, 1888****page**

1. Ordinance was introduced at city council yesterday by the Wichita City Railway company, asking that its charter be amended to allow the company to put in the T rail on all extensions north of 14th street, east of Hydraulic, south of Kellogg, and west of the river. Bill was returned to the railroad committee.

Jacob Dold and Sons have closed a contract with E. H. Harvey, whose yards are on the banks of Chisholm creek in the north part of the city, for the supply of 300,000 brick or more within the next few weeks. The contractors propose laying at the rate of 60,000 per day, and Mr. Thomas, the architect, hopes the buildings will be under cover by June 1st.

The engine has been set up at the plow works, and Mr. Gilbert says the works will be started within three weeks. Patterns of plows are being made daily.

**Wednesday, March 28, 1888****page**

1. Report on plans for the Wichita Wire National Factory.

Sedgwick County bonds in amount of \$200,000, for building of a court house and jail, were sold yesterday to the Wichita National Bank at a premium of \$3230.

**Friday, March 30, 1888****page**

1. Long article on testing of the new water wheel at Derby.
4. The street railway company have commenced the construction of a track on Topeka avenue running south from Douglas avenue.

**Saturday, March 31, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita Street Railway company is contemplating several extensions this spring. They are building an extension down South Topeka avenue, which will connect with their Lincoln street line. This new line was petitioned by the people down that avenue. The switch is being put in at the corner of Douglas and Topeka.

Report of a fire in the Joseph Ackerman packing house on the West bank of the Arkansas River near the Ft. Scott Railroad track last night which caused \$40,000 destruction. The packing house was built about two years ago.

Contract for brickwork of Dold packing house has been let to Messrs. Sullivan and

Steinmetz, who will start work Monday next. Yesterday Mr. Jacob Dold, Sr. closed a contract with the Forest City Dry-Pressed Brick company for 3,000,000 brick, 1,500,000 to be delivered at once and the balance within 30 days. This company is now turning out brick at the rate of 40,000 a day. Three million brick have the value of about \$30,000.

**Monday, April 2, 1888****page**

1. Messrs. Stewart and Deam have started work on a three story brick building on lot 113, West Douglas avenue. ¶ Mr. J. S. Garrison is erecting a three story building on lot No. 517, West Douglas avenue. ¶ Excavation was started today for a three story brick building 75 by 140 feet, on lots 523, 525, 527 on West side.
  
4. The 4th National Bank is nearing completion and is one of the finest banking rooms in the state.

The new market house at corner of Market and 1st streets (i.e., old Turner Opera house) is being finished today and several of the stalls are being occupied.

N. F. Niederlander and Son have removed their office from the corner of Douglas and Topeka to the second story of the Wichita National Bank.

About 2000 people were at Riverside park yesterday afternoon to witness the baptismal ceremonies in the Little river.

**Tuesday, April 3, 1888****page**

1. School board yesterday approved committee recommendation that a school be opened up in the north part of town, near the Burton car works, in compliance with the petition of citizens living there.
  
4. The Wichita City Railway company is about to build an extension to the Gilbert Plow works.

**Wednesday, April 4, 1888****page**

1. The manner of emptying the garbage of the city into the river is much to be deprecated. If the men employed in the service would empty their carts into the river, no complaints would be heard, but instead of taking the trouble necessary to do thoroughly their work, they deposit a goodly share of the garbage over the sidewalks, roadway, and railings of the Maple avenue bridge.
  
4. At the Ft. Scott depot are two houses which the Messrs. Israel Brothers have moved up from Clearwater.

**Thursday, April 5, 1888**

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4. The street railway are moving into their new office at 111 South Main street.

**Saturday, April 7, 1888****page**

1. The City Railway company have about completed their track on South 4th avenue. ((??) -- Topeka?)

**Monday, April 9, 1888****page**

1. The Burton Car works will begin work tomorrow.

**Tuesday, April 10, 1888****page**

1. Board of police commissioners yesterday appointed the members of the police force. Listed.

County commissioners yesterday awarded contract to Mr. J. K. Sawyer to place the 70 foot iron bridge recently removed from the river at Valley Center across the west branch of Chisholm creek on Lawrence avenue near the Dold packing house.

4. Report of city council meeting April 9 mentions passage of Ordinance 528 authorizing Wichita Street Railway Company to lay T rails on extensions in certain areas, amending Section 5 of Ordinance 494 approved December 12, 1887.

**Wednesday, April 11, 1888****page**

1. Long description of the Burton Car works, which made a test start up of machinery yesterday and expects to be in regular operation within 20 days.
4. The travel on the motor lines yesterday was the largest of the season.

**Thursday, April 12, 1888****page**

1. Col. Milton Stewart plans to start at once the erection of a four story brick hotel 50 by 140 feet on the north side of the Caldwell house on South Main street. The two buildings will be connected, thus giving a frontage to the hotel of 100 feet with depth of 140 feet.

Report of meeting of the boat club yesterday. Details.

Report of visit of the city council to the water works yesterday. The building is 50 feet square, and situated to the left are the 72 wells which supply the water for the city. They are 35½ feet deep. Two Walker duplex pumps with capacity of three million gallons per day and one Dean pump with capacity of one million gallons per day raise the water from the wells and pump it through the mains. Normal pressure is 40 pounds, but this can be

raised to 80 pounds, in case of fire. There are 22 miles of mains and 151 fire plugs in the city. Average daily usage is 6,000,000 gallons.

**Monday, April 16, 1888****page**

1. Report of completion of the remodeling of the Wichita market house (former Turner opera house). Details. Grand opening held Saturday night.
4. The new mile track at the Exposition and Inter-State Fair Association grounds is now ready to drive upon.

Publication of ordinance authorizing the Wichita and Suburban Railway Company to extend its lines on 17th street from 4th avenue to Emporia, on Emporia from 17th to 18th, on 18th street from Emporia to Topeka, on Topeka from 18th to High street, on Bettie avenue, on 5th avenue, on Mosley, and on Hydraulic avenue. ¶ The object of this ordinance is to straighten the route of the Suburban railway from 23rd street to the Burton car works and to obviate the necessity of building several bridges over Chisholm creek.

**Tuesday, April 17, 1888****page**

1. The Forest City Dry Pressed Brick company has a kiln of 260,000 brick ready to be sealed tomorrow.

**Wednesday, April 18, 1888****page**

4. The Missouri Pacific offices will be moved tomorrow to their new quarters in the Sedgwick block. The company has leased the entire Market street front on the third floor.

**Thursday, April 19, 1888****page**

1. The three story brick Exton block, 50 by 120 feet, on East Douglas, was sold yesterday to Mr. E. A. Dorsey for \$35,000 cash.

**Monday, April 23, 1888****page**

1. The body of a newborn infant was found this morning in the Arkansas river.

There was a big crowd at the Eldridge park yesterday. This park is the resort for a low class of people to congregate every Sunday. It was raided Saturday night and two cases of beer found.

On Sunday next the Santa Fe will open its new Chicago line.

The Corliss engine at the watch factory was started up today for the first time.

**Monday, April 30, 1888****page**

4. Besides the regular cars leaving the opera house at ten minutes past each hour, a special car will leave for Fairmount at 7:45 tomorrow evening for the reception at Rev. J. H. Parker's. The special car will leave the corner of Main and 1st.

The new lavatory put into the Occidental by Mr. Deming is one of the most needed improvements yet made in this hotel. It is situated indoors, which is much more convenient for guests.

**Tuesday, May 1, 1888****page**

4. Tomorrow the Wichita and Suburban will run excursion cars to the stock yards, packing house, and Fairmount Heights for members of the Loyal Legion.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1888****page**

4. Mr. George C. Strong, of the 4th National, is now perfecting arrangements in the East for the completion of Fairmount Ladies college. Once work is recommenced it will not again cease until the entire structure has been completed.

**Thursday, May 3, 1888****page**

4. This evening a large party of friends will attack the Heiserman castle on the corner of Carter and Riverside.

**Saturday, May 5, 1888****page**

1. The Gilbert Plow works started up its machinery for the first time this afternoon and will continue with a few hands until quarters are furnished for the large number of employees needed in the works. In this way a good deal of woodwork will be gotten ready for the first output of plows.
4. Johnson's circus will be at corner of 4th avenue and 1st street for one week starting today.

Notice that on and after Sunday, April 8, 1888, the Frisco morning train that formerly went through to Halstead will stop at Wichita.

**Saturday, May 12, 1888****page**

4. Mr. B. H. Downing has commenced excavating for the new jail foundations.

**Monday, May 14, 1888****page**

1. The Valley Center Motor line took an excursion party up to the end of the line this

afternoon, including prominent business men. The trip is occasioned by the arrival of a new motor and car which the company wished to initiate.

4. Ground was broken this morning for the new Israel block, just north of the *Beacon* office on Market.

Publication of ordinance authorizing the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railroad and Land company to construct and operate their railway on Karl street from Lawrence avenue east.

### **Tuesday, May 15, 1888**

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1. City council yesterday ordered what has been a nuisance for some time -- the electric motor wires in Market street and Pine street -- taken down and removed. If the proper authorities do not remove the wires, the street commissioner was authorized to do so and bill the owners for the costs.

City council yesterday renewed the ordinance granting a franchise to the Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line, giving the company 60 days to build at least one mile of its railroad.

Note objecting to prostitutes driving around the downtown streets in open carriages every evening.

4. Publication of new ordinance amending previous franchise ordinance of the Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line company.

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4. Publication of franchise ordinance for Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company.

### **Thursday, May 17, 1888**

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4. The Valley Center Motor line took a large number of visitors over its line during the day.

### **Friday, May 18, 1888**

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4. The projectors of the Homeopathic hospital have sent for their charter.

### **Monday, May 21, 1888**

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4. The Forest City Pressed Brick company today opened a kiln containing 260,000 brick, which go to the Dold packing house.

### **Tuesday, May 22, 1888**

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1. Report that Mr. George C. Strong, of 4th National Bank, has placed the bonds of the Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line company.

Note reports Mr. Gandolfo will in early June discontinue the culinary department and catering department of his hotel and confine the operation to the renting of rooms. He will return to his old business as a purveyor of fruit and confectionery.

4. The United States land office was moved today into rooms on the second floor of the Smith-Skinner block on Market street.

**Wednesday, May 23, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita City Railway company is pushing extensions in all directions and making arrangements for an altogether improved service. The Topeka avenue line is being completed to Lincoln street as rapidly as possible and will connect to the line to the fair grounds. On Water street the line with its 600 foot switches, is almost equal to a double track. Five new cars are daily expected from St. Louis and the company today gave an order to the Burton Car Works company for six summer cars.

4. Notice regarding meeting of stockholders of the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railway and Land company at the office of the president on Saturday June 2 at 4 p.m. Office over 211 North Main.

**Friday, May 25, 1888****page**

1. Announcement of annual commencement of Wichita High School this evening at Crawford opera house, with graduating class of eight, including two men and six women.

Note regarding meeting of city council this morning to pass on some motor line ordinances.

4. Members of the boat club certainly have a "kick coming" on the present condition of the Little river. It is in a fearful condition. It is full of moss, mud, and bad smells.

**Saturday, May 26, 1888****page**

4. Publication of ordinance 540 amending ordinance 487 regarding franchise of Wichita and Suburban Railway company.

Publication of ordinance 539 amending ordinance 445 regarding franchise of Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line company.

Wichita and Valley trains will leave for Fisher's Grove and Valley Center at the corner of Water and Douglas commencing at 8 a.m. and every two hours thereafter until 4 p.m.,

leaving 13th street at 8:20, 10:20, 12:20, 2:20, 4:20; and for Burton car works and Sullivan grove every hour commencing at 8 a.m., last car leaving 7 p.m. Cars leaving 13th street 20 minutes after every even hour.

**Monday, May 28, 1888****page**

1. Mr. C. S. Russling, Kansas City agent of the Thompson (sic)-Houston company, arrived in Wichita this morning to close the contract for the construction by his company of the Davidson Electric Motor line. The contract calls for the immediate construction of two lines (sic) of road, and if this be successful, of a further length of four miles to the Burton Car works. The Thompson-Houston company of Boston purchased the Vanderpool system of electrical motor power and has so improved upon it that it has proven eminently successful.
3. Wichita and Suburban advertisement: Fairmount: cars leave 4th and William every hour from 6:10 a.m. to 10:10 p.m., crossing Douglas 15 minutes after every hour. ¶ Dold's Packing House: From 1st and Main at 5, 25, and 45 minutes after every hour from 6:05 a.m. until 10:05 p.m. Cars run on all lines after all plays at grand opera house. Parties of four or five can have special cars without special charge after these hours by telephoning No. 40 or calling at office, 1581 (?) North 4th avenue. --Lee Taylor, manager.
4. The City Railway company is building a new barn, 100 by 20 feet, on 10th street.

The YMCA building is completed to the third story.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1888****page**

4. Publication of ordinance 542 extending franchise rights of Wichita and Valley Center Railroad and Land Company along Karl street in Wichita.

**Wednesday, May 30, 1888****page**

4. Eighteen or twenty members of the Bicycle club left this morning on their wheels for Hutchinson, a run of about 50 miles.

**Friday, June 1, 1888****page**

1. Mr. J. V. (sic) Davidson yesterday closed the contract with the Thompson-Houston company of Boston for the building of two miles of electric motor line for the Wichita, Riverside and Suburban company. If this work proves satisfactory a further three miles will be built, giving a line to the Burton car works.
4. Mr. Chester Firebaugh has purchased the handsome residence of Mr. A. D. Wheeler, corner of Pine and Emporia, for \$30,000 -- denied next day by A. D. Wheeler.

**Tuesday, June 5, 1888****page**

1. Program of first day of the Fair today.

Report on the work being done by the Sisters of Charity in the St. Francis Hospital on North 4th avenue and urging better support of the institution. Three stories above a basement, with 30 or 35 rooms in all. Report lists donations to the hospital.

Note says there are now 300 men at work at the Burton Car shops.

**Wednesday, June 6, 1888****page**

1. Hyde and Humble have just issued a neat souvenir of Wichita containing photographic views of many objects of interest in the Peerless Princess and a short history and description of the city.
4. Report of Fair events yesterday and today. "The street car company had doubled and trebled its service until it was carrying 40 people in each car three minutes apart."

**Thursday, June 7, 1888****page**

1. Report of Wichita's celebration today of its 18th birthday. Describes the parade.
4. Note says David M. Dale, of Wichita, one of the delegates-at-large to the national Democratic convention in St. Louis, was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, read law in Ottawa, Illinois, and was admitted to the bar in Springfield, Illinois in 1876. He practiced law in La Salle County, Illinois, until March 1880, when he moved to Wichita. In the fall of that year he was elected prosecuting-attorney of Sedgwick County and was re-elected in 1882, the only Democrat elected in those two campaigns.

**Friday, June 8, 1888****page**

1. Report that Jay Gould, of Missouri Pacific Railroad, spent the day at the 12th street depot in Wichita yesterday in his palatial private car, the "Atlanta."
4. The City Railway company carried yesterday afternoon no less than 110 car loads of people to the fair grounds and back.

**Saturday, June 9, 1888****page**

1. Work continues on St. John's church, of Early Norman architecture. The massive rock-face capitals are in place on the pillars which support the arches over the front entrance.

The condition of some of the street car lines owned by the old street car company is very bad. There are three streets in which lines have been built that are seldom used, vis:

South 4th avenue, South Topeka avenue, and East 1st street. ¶ The South 4th avenue line is ties and rails above the street, making it absolutely impossible to get across without a carriage. Col. Cole, who owns possessions on this avenue avers that if the line is not graded he will hire someone to haul it out of the street. Much complaint is heard from other parts of the city, where the car company has failed to keep its line in proper repair and grade.

There will be a baseball game in the Summit Park, at the end of the Schweiter motor line tomorrow afternoon between the Clippers and the Manhattans, two Wichita clubs (later article refers to this game at Eldridge's Park).

List of principals and teachers appointed yesterday by the Board of Education. The superintendent's salary was also raised to \$2000 per annum, and a site on the corner of Ida and Levy chosen for a school building.

Garfield university commencement exercises will be held at Crawford Grand opera house at 10 a.m. Tuesday next.

### **Tuesday, June 12, 1888**

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4. Publication of ordinance 544 establishing franchise of Wichita and Suburban Railway company on certain streets and repealing previous ordinances 487 and 540 on this subject.

### **Wednesday, June 13, 1888**

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4. Notes mention several offices being moved to the Zimmerly building.

Unity club will hold an excursion and picnic Friday, June 15, at Fisher's park, near Valley Center. Superintendent Vidler has invited the club to visit the Burton shops, and Manager Powell has kindly consented to hold the train long enough for all who wish to do so on the return trip. Round trip tickets (single) 15 cents, or two for 25 cents. Cars will leave Douglas avenue at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Letters in the new City Directory have been printed down to "O."

### **Thursday, June 14, 1888**

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3. Advertisement for Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railway Company (advertisement first appeared this date): Motor for Valley Center will leave 13th at 6:20 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 6:20 p.m.; leave Valley Center for Wichita and Car works 8:20 a.m., 12:20, 3:20, and 7:20 p.m. Cars will leave Douglas avenue for Car works connecting with Motor every hour from 6 a.m. till 8 p.m. Cars provided for excursions on notice at office.
4. As previously announced, the branch postoffice at the Burton Car works will be known as North Wichita. Mr. M. A. Williamson received his appointment as postmaster early this

week.

**Friday, June 15, 1888****page**

1. Mr. H. G. Toler has resigned from board of directors of Garfield University in protest to speech given at Sedgwick City on Memorial Day which was apparently political in overtones and critical of the South. Details.

**Saturday, June 16, 1888****page**

1. The picnic at Fisher's Park, on the Valley Center Motor Line yesterday, was a grand success.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1888****page**

1. Davidson's Park has been leased for the 4th of July and the lessee intends working up a grand celebration of the national holiday.

The Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line will run trains on Saturday this week for the accommodation of those attending the Masonic celebration at Fisher's Grove (Valley Center) as follows: Leave Douglas avenue at 9 a.m. and leave the park to return at 4 p.m.

4. The Zimmerly block is completed and ready for occupancy. Long article describes details. Construction of the building was begun about one year ago. The front is built of Bedrock cut stone from the mill of Ballance and Jaus. Building was designed by architects Dumont and Hayward. The cost has exceeded \$85,000 and will near \$90,000 when completed. The elevator is a Hale hydraulic elevator.

**Wednesday, June 20, 1888****page**

4. The plow works are preparing to begin operations at an early date. Coal coke and pig iron have been ordered and the machinery is being adjusted.

**Friday, June 22, 1888****page**

1. Report of boating party on the Little river last evening. Says 75 boats were on the river between the boat house and the 13th street bridge. The steamer made several trips and was crowded each trip.

Davidson's park is without a doubt the center of attraction for our better class of people for an evening's enjoyment. You can see them on the race track speeding their steppers, or on the river boating, any nice evening. The tough element feels out of place here and hunt up some of the other parks more suited to their nature.

**Monday, June 25, 1888**

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1. Corporal Fred Johnson, signal service officer here, on Saturday received a dispatch from Washington ordering him to let to W. P. Stem the contract for all necessary work connected with the arrangement of the weather station on top of the Sedgwick. The work will be completed by July 1st.

**Wednesday, June 27, 1888****page**

1. The late Denver baseball club of the Western League is transferring to Wichita.
4. The contract for the foundations of the new \$200,000 court house has been let to Messrs. Ballance and Jones of the Wichita store mills.

**Thursday, June 28, 1888****page**

4. The Eastern Motor Line company having handed over its franchise to the Wichita and Suburban, the latter company has now commenced stringing ties along the route to Hydraulic avenue, to which point a 15 minute service will soon be in operation. The steel rails to be used in the central part of the city will be here the end of the week and the balance of the iron necessary is already on hand. ¶ The Wichita and Suburban has a much more valuable franchise now than it originally started with. Its cars are of the most comfortable and are all being fitted with electric bells. Several new eight wheeled cars are now on their way here from St. Louis, and as soon as they arrive special cars will be run, three in a train, to the different main stations of the line, one of the packing house and plow works, and one to the Burton car works. ¶ The company is now getting estimates on a system of electric motors to operate this entire line.

The Wichita City Railway company is now engaged in building an extension on Douglas avenue to Mozer avenue and is putting up a comfortable waiting room on top of College hill.

Mr. J. O. Davidson says the outfit for his electric motor line is being made as rapidly as possible. His contract calls for the completion of the work within 90 days from time of signing, and about 30 days have already elapsed.

Report of recent meeting of trustees of the Judson (Baptist) University. Says the work already done has been paid for. When business matters commence to move and the trustees get deeded to them the property donated to the University, work on the building will re-commence.

**Friday, June 29, 1888****page**

1. Yesterday, an average day, the elevator in the Sedgwick block made 507 trips and carried 627 passengers.

**Saturday, June 30, 1888****page**

1. The city council yesterday voted to give the St. Francis hospital \$75 per month and to raise the monthly stipend granted to the Ladies Benevolent Home to the same amount. The council has been giving the Home \$50 per month heretofore.

City council yesterday passed the franchise for the Fairmount waterworks.

The drums and tambourines of the Salvation Army nearly caused a runaway on Market street last night.

A new time card has been issued by the Wichita and Suburban Railway line. This line has recently completed its extensions to the car works and now has 18 miles of line under operation. Over this entire 18 miles one can ride for 15 cents. Extra cars can be chartered by applying to Mr. Lee Taylor, superintendent, at 1551 North 4th or through telephone No. 40.

4. The new Wichita city directory is now being distributed.

**Monday, July 2, 1888****page**

3. Advertisement giving hour timetable for Wichita and Suburban: For Fairmount, cars leave 4th avenue and William street at 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50, 11:30 a.m. and 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30 and 10:10 p.m. and cross Douglas avenue five minutes after each of these times. ¶ For Burton Car Works, Packing House and Stock Yards: cars leave 1st and Main at 6:05, 7:05, 7:25, 7:45, 8:05, 8:25, 8:45, 9:05, 9:25, 9:45, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45, 11:05, 11:25, 11:45 a.m. and 12:05 and continuing every 20 minutes until 10:05 p.m. ¶ Leave Fairmount for the City and Burton Car Works every 40 minutes from 6:15 a.m. until 10:15 p.m. ¶ Leave Burton Car Works for City and Fairmount at 6:15 a.m. and then every 40 minutes from 7:05 a.m. until 10:25 p.m. ¶ Cars will leave Grand Opera house after all plays for Fairmount and Burton Car Works. --O. J. Chapman, General Superintendent, Lee Taylor, Manager

Advertisement for Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line schedule discontinued in today's paper -- last appeared on June 30.

**Wednesday, July 4, 1888****page**

1. Mr. Lee Taylor, manager of the Wichita and Suburban, is in receipt of an estimate, made by the Sprague Electric Company. of New York, for the equipping of that street car line with electric motors and all the necessary paraphernalia. The estimate covers a distance of four miles, and if undertaken and found successful, the company will operate its whole 13 miles of line by electricity.

**Thursday, July 5, 1888****page**

1. Report of large 4th of July celebration at Fisher's grove, two miles south of Valley Center, yesterday. The motor cars were crowded to their utmost capacity.

A Valley Center motor and a buggy collided near the Burton car works yesterday.

**Friday, July 6, 1888****page**

1. The city's street lights now include:
 

296 vapor lights	annual cost	\$ 6216
79 electric lights	annual cost	7900
120 gas lights	annual cost	<u>8360</u>
	Total	\$ 17,476

Over 50 percent of this expenditure is on Douglas avenue and Main street.

**Saturday, July 7, 1888****page**

1. Long article describes in detail the plans for the new court house, now on view in architect W. R. McPherson's office.

Board of education yesterday authorized rental for \$15 a month of a building owned by a Mr. Crawford for use as a school near the Burton Car works. There are now about 300 children in the area, necessitating not less than four teachers.

Ventilators have been placed in the roofs of all the shops at the Burton car works and the foundations are in for a very extensive annex. While no great amount of car building has yet been done, the shops are being put in order to start up at full capacity.

The first casting of molten iron at the Gilbert plow works was done this afternoon.

**Monday, July 9, 1888****page**

4. The Stewart hotel on South Main is advancing rapidly, the walls having reached the second floor.

**Tuesday, July 10, 1888****page**

1. The foundations of the wire nail factory are completed.
4. Publication of ordinance 558 granting franchise to the Fairmount Water Company.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1888****page**

1. Long article reports severe conflagration last night that burned the principal stables of the

Wichita City Railway company. The only man around the building was the watchman, C. Hartle. The first men on the scene (North Main street) saved as many of the mules as they could. About 40 were turned loose, but some so badly burned they had to be destroyed. ¶ No cars were lost. There were ten in the shed adjoining the stables, but the crowd soon had them strung along the track on Main street. ¶ In the barn were 84 head of mules. Forty-two had been recovered by 9:30 a.m., but five of them had to be destroyed. Many large and high priced mules had recently been purchased for the new and heavier cars.

3. New advertisement (started yesterday) with new Wichita and Suburban schedule.

### **Thursday, July 12, 1888**

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1. The Wichita Watch Manufacturing company is in receipt of a portion of its machinery.

The street car company's waiting room on College Hill has been finished and the line is being rapidly pushed out to that point.

The model of the Burton palace stock car intended for the Cincinnati exposition is now ready for shipment. ¶ Some of the horse cars are also completed.

### **Saturday, July 14, 1888**

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1. The Wichita Street Railway company has decided to build a brick stable 30 by 120 feet, with corrugated iron roof, on the site of the building lately destroyed by fire. The work will start as soon as the insurance on the old barn has been adjusted. ¶ The total losses in the fire were 29 mules and one horse, 50 tons of hay, 100 bushels of corn, and 41 sets of harness. In addition to this, 11 mules are still in the surgeon's hands.

Notice of free exhibition of high wire walking, etc., at South Park tomorrow. Take motor line cars at corner of Douglas and Emporia.

### **Monday, July 16, 1888**

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4. There is a new awning in front of the Manhattan hotel.

### **Tuesday, July 17, 1888**

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1. Another mule injured in the car barn fire died today.

The scale model of the Burton palace stock car made for the Cincinnati Exposition is now on view in the Board of Trade rooms.

The Presbyterian churches of Wichita will hold a picnic at Fisher's grove (near Valley Center) next Wednesday. A full service of cars will be put on for the occasion, and passengers will be carried for ten cent round trip.

**Wednesday, July 18, 1888****page**

1. Report of meeting yesterday of Board of Trustees of Fairmount college. Details.

The notorious island in the Arkansas river below the Wichita and Western Railroad was raided this morning by police. Details. The island has been a rendezvous for cut-throats, counterfeiters, and robbers for a long time.

Next Saturday The Museum on South Main street will be opened up as a free museum and vaudeville theater.

**Thursday, July 19, 1888****page**

1. Article reports local sentiment in favor of Marsh Murdock's candidacy for governor.

**Friday, July 20, 1888****page**

1. Letters favoring Murdock's candidacy for governor.

The Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska (Rock Island) was opened today to Pond Creek, Indian Territory, 75 miles south of Wichita.

4. Work is progressing rapidly on the Myers-Israel block, on North Market street just above the Beacon block.

The numerous motors running in the northern portion of the city and whistling every two minutes, make things appear very lively and at the same time act as a good incentive for a lazy horse.

Carloads go to the extreme southern part of the city every 15 minutes until a late hour. Must be a "duck pond" somewhere in that vicinity.

Description of scenic routing over Santa Fe for teachers going to national education association meeting in San Francisco. Details.

**Saturday, July 21, 1888****page**

4. The Wichita and Suburban took carload after carload to the open air concert on Fairmount Heights last night given by the Fairmount cornet band.

**Tuesday, July 24, 1888****page**

1. The foundations of the Richey building on East Douglas were commenced today.

**Wednesday, July 25, 1888**

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4. Issue No. 2 of the *Wichita Journal of Commerce*, published by the board of trade, is out. Details.

**Thursday, July 26, 1888****page**

1. Mrs. L. J. Bailey, of Ohio avenue, this morning took car No. 44 for downtown on a shopping expedition and left her pocketbook on the car seat.

**Friday, July 27, 1888****page**

1. Four young men had a fight last night on the Riverside street car bridge across the Little Arkansas.

Mr. C. C. Allen, superintendent of the Telephone Company, is now extending the wires to Riverside. All told there will be about 1½ mile of new line built giving connection to the new residences of Messrs. J. O. Davidson, B. H. Campbell, Stanley, Derst, and Dr. Johnson. The poles will probably be painted.

4. Publication of ordinance granting franchise to East Wichita Water Company to maintain and build water works in the portion of the city east of 5th avenue and south of 13th street.

**Saturday, July 28, 1888****page**

1. Woman found murdered in a lonely cottage at 813 South Hydraulic. Separated from her husband, Mr. W. A. Miller, engineer on the motor which runs on the Riverside line between the two rivers.

Advertisement -- "Take the motor line and see the U.S. soldiers in camp. Free concert tonight at Eldredge (sic) park."

Further note about Mr. W. A. Miller, husband of murdered woman (above). He was engineer at the gasworks before going to work on the Riverside and Suburban dummy line. He has been in the habit of sleeping in the barn at the end of the dummy line in Alamo addition, as his work was so distant that he could only go home occasionally.

4. Article urging the establishment of a public park in Mr. Griffenstein's land, about 80 acres, in the bend of the Little Arkansas, which Mr. Griffenstein reserved and platted for park purposes. It is almost entirely covered with timber and lies but a mile and a half from the center of the city. ¶ It is understood it is Mr. Griffenstein's intention to put a bridge across the Little river at Forest avenue at his own expense, thus giving connection with Riverside a block or two east of Mr. J. O. Davidson's residence. ¶ The water mains now reach Carlos and 11th street and could be extended to the park at little expense.

**Monday, July 30, 1888**

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1. The market house proprietors have allotted a waiting room to ladies waiting for the Wichita and Suburban cars.

A colored boy was struck by a Schweiter motor line car yesterday but not seriously injured.

4. The excavations for the foundations of the new street car barn on North Main street will be completed today, and work will proceed at once on the superstructure.

**Tuesday, July 31, 1888****page**

1. Photographer Baldwin is showing a very fine photograph, 22 by 26 inches, of the proposed Sedgwick county court house. The picture will be sent to the Cincinnati exposition to join the rest of Wichita's exhibits.

**Wednesday, August 1, 1888****page**

1. Papers have today been transferred between Dr. A. M. Wassam and trustees of a new Methodist Episcopal church by which the latter become owners of the property on the corner of Lawrence avenue and 13th street on which they propose to construct a church.

A Prohibition rally will be held at Valley Center tomorrow evening. The Valley Center motor line will run a special train from this city leaving Douglas and Water at 7 o'clock.

**Thursday, August 2, 1888****page**

1. List of donations to the St. Francis hospital.

News received from New York this morning that the Rev. J. J. Hennessey, of St. John's Church of St. Louis, has been appointed as bishop of the diocese of Wichita to succeed the late Dr. O'Reilly, the first bishop, who died before his consecration. Father Hennessey was born in Ireland and brought to this country when two or three years of age. He is 39 and has been pastor of St. John's church, St. Louis, for the last eight years.

**Friday, August 3, 1888****page**

1. Messrs. McClung and Deming have a boot and shoe factory under construction at 15th street and Campbell avenue. Details.

Mr. George C. Strong has well under way a two story brick business building, 50 by 80 feet, on the corner of 15th and Vassar. The upper part of the building will be used as a school house and the lower part as business rooms.

**Saturday, August 4, 1888**

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4. The Wichita and Valley Center Motor railway will run an evening train every evening leaving Douglas and Water at 8 p.m. On Sundays there will be special trains run to the Iron Springs, Fisher's Park, and Valley Center, leaving Douglas avenue at 8 and 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 2, 4, 6, and 9 p.m. Free concert by K. P. band.

Take the motor line, corner of Douglas and Emporia, at 7 or 8 p.m. tonight and take in the opening performance of the South Park coliseum. Curtain rises at 8:30.

**Monday, August 6, 1888****page**

1. Mr. Charles S. Rushing, general agent for the Thompson-Houston Electric company west of Chicago, will be in the city early this week to set in motion work on the Davidson electric motor line. The paraphernalia has all been prepared so that the road will be completed according to contract by the 1st of September.

The foundations of the new street car barn on North Main street have been completed and brick laying commenced today. The structure will be roofed in by the end of the week.

**Tuesday, August 7, 1888****page**

1. N. Baldwin and Son are doing photographing for the board of trade. Son took a picture of the boat house with boats arranged out in front, from the east end of the Oak street bridge.

Article lists valuation of school buildings, as reported at board of education meeting yesterday -- indicates location of the buildings.

A picnic has been arranged for next Thursday at Fisher's park. About 30 couples will leave on the motor at 2 o'clock. Three cars have been chartered.

**Wednesday, August 8, 1888****page**

1. The cars for the picnic tomorrow afternoon at Fisher's park will leave Douglas and Water at 2 o'clock sharp. Should that car be missed, it will be 5 o'clock before another will go out.

The large hall over the Catholic school house on 4th avenue will be completed next week.

Mr. C. C. Allen, manager of the telephone company, has instituted preliminary arrangements for extending telephone toll lines to towns north of Wichita. Wires to Valley Center, Newton, and on to McPherson are intended. ¶ The Riverside telephone line is completed except for the phones, which are expected shortly.

The motor line leaves for the South park coliseum at 7, 8, and 9 p.m. and returns at 11:30.

**Thursday, August 9, 1888****page**

1. Report of the third annual meeting of the boat club last night. Details.

All the Union bricklayers working on the street railway barn walked out yesterday. The contractor had in his employ a "scab" and this was objected to. The work is now progressing under the hands of "scabs" entirely.

Yesterday work re-commenced on Fairmount college.

4. Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird have completed the plans for and excavating for foundations has already commenced on a handsome residence to be erected by Mr. A. S. Parks on Fairmount Heights at a cost of \$7,000. The lower story will be stone.

**Friday, August 10, 1888****page**

1. The picnic at Fisher's park yesterday was a success. About 25 couples went out, most leaving on the 2 o'clock motor while some came out at 5 o'clock.
4. Publication of ordinance 569 dealing with public health in Wichita.

**Saturday, August 11, 1888****page**

1. Article reports talk about proposals for street paving on Waco and on Lawrence avenue.

The roof of the Episcopal church is now going on.

**Tuesday, August 14, 1888****page**

1. There have been received three car loads of poles and 27 bundles of wire for the Davidson Electric Motor line and the work of building will commence as soon as the electrician can arrive here from Chicago.
4. Report of city council meeting yesterday says "Petition of citizens from College Hill asking that Clifton avenue from Douglas to the Wichita University be graded so as to admit of a street railway, and that the hollow in that locality be filled up, was granted."

**Wednesday, August 15, 1888****page**

1. The delay in the running of a service on the eastern extension of the Wichita and Suburban Motor line is caused by the action of Santa Fe officials, who enjoined the company from crossing the railroad tracks. This injunction they afterwards promised to dissolve, but have not yet done so. As soon as the crossing can be put in the service will be extended to the corner of 3rd street and Wabash avenue.

Bear and Herring, surveyors, are surveying the location for the extensive barns to be built by George Strong on the East Central avenue street car line. They will be built just west of the Mossman addition near Central avenue.

Concerning the recent resolution of the city council to level up Clifton avenue for a street car line, Mr. Dixon, of the railway company, says that he will not build the proposed line. He says it would not pay to run cars to the college every morning and evening. What the company would like to do, he said, would be to build a road down Hillside avenue and connect it eventually with the line now terminating on Levy street.

#### **Thursday, August 16, 1888**

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1. Mr. Edmund Veistreate, the electrical expert of the Thomson-Houston company, arrived in the city this morning to superintend the construction of the Davidson electric motor line.

List of officers of Wichita Children's Home for coming year.

#### **Friday, August 17, 1888**

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1. In view of the reluctance of the Wichita Street Railway company to build a street car line south of Douglas on Clifton avenue, the College Hill people have agreed on a line on Hillside avenue and have assurances of Mr. G. M. Dickson that his company will extend its line on that avenue from Douglas to Harry street, thus giving the Wichita University some accommodation. As soon as feasible this line will be extended west on Harry to a junction with the Linwood Park line, thus completing the circuit.
4. Mr. Veratreat, representative of the Thompson-Houston electrical company, says he will have the Davidson motor line in successful operation within six weeks.

#### **Saturday, August 18, 1888**

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1. The Wichita Children's Home, which was organized about two months ago, has received its charter and has elected officers. Details. Visitors are invited at the home, 1058 E. avenue, corner of Lincoln.

The walls of Fairmount college are rapidly rising and it seems certain the building will be ready to received pupils on the date agreed upon, January 6.

Note refers to one of the drivers on the blue line of the Wichita Street Railway company.

Manager C. C. Allen, of telephone company, says for the first time in six or eight months plenty of telephones are on hand to meet the demands of new customers. Says the charge is \$50 per annum.

#### **Monday, August 20, 1888**

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1. A German Catholic school will be opened in September at corner of Ohio and 2nd streets.

Terms have been arranged between the Santa Fe and the Wichita and Suburban Street Railway company by which the latter can cross the former's track. A crossing will be put in today, and tomorrow a regular service of cars will run from Main street to the corner of Wabash avenue and 3rd street.

4. The Wichita University will open in its beautiful new buildings on College Hill on September 5. Details. The street car line will at once be extended to the university, and a stage line will carry students from the nearest point of the Schweiter motor line, and from Douglas and Hillside to the University and return free until the line to the University is completed.

**Tuesday, August 21, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita and Suburban Railway company's car barn will be completed in a few days and will have a waiting room annex for the accommodation of passengers. This is but a small barn and is merely for early morning and night transportation, as it is the intention of the road to concentrate all its car barns and stables near the corner of 4th avenue and 15th street. The Fairmount round house, a building 60 by 50 feet, has already been moved to this site. As soon as the road is in working order, trains will run right through to Cook's Hill.

West Side people are beginning to regret the exception of Seneca street from the franchise granted the Wichita street railway company. Instead of coming up Seneca street to Chicago avenue, as would have been expected, the travel from Garfield University and the West Side is now carried over the Maple avenue bridge and up Main street to Douglas. The business on Chicago avenue is suffering accordingly.

**Friday, August 24, 1888****page**

1. Article about plans for a new Santa Fe depot. City council passed ordinance vacating 5th avenue from Douglas avenue to 127 feet north of 1st street to allow a roadway 30 feet wide to be built to the west of the proposed depot.

The Davidson Electric Motor line has commenced construction of its line on Market street, and the telephone company are concerned that it might damage their service by induction from the electric wires. It is hoped the matter will be amicably settled.

**Monday, August 27, 1888****page**

1. Report of opening of the fall meeting of the Inter-state Fair and Wichita Exposition today. Details.

J. O. Richey has commenced work in earnest on his new \$12,000 brick block, 25 by 130 feet, on north side of Douglas avenue between 4th and 5th avenues.

4. Sunday afternoon the Beacon Gossiper was going north on the Valley Center motor when the car jumped the track.

### **Thursday, August 30, 1888**

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1. County commissioners today let the contract for the new court house to W. H. Sternberg, on bid of \$197,329 in Grouse creek stone. Mr. W. McPherson is the architect. Details and list of bids received. All bids were approximately \$10-15,000 higher for Bedford, Indiana stone in comparison with Grouse creek stone.

### **Friday, August 31, 1888**

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1. Those who drive out or take the motor will spend an enjoyable time at the Fairmount concert tonight.

### **Saturday, September 1, 1888**

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1. The bicycle club has sent one of the recent photographs of itself to the Board of Trade rooms to be sent to the Cincinnati exposition.

### **Monday, September 3, 1888**

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1. The South Park, which is operated by Col. G. C. Eldridge as a beer garden and a place where the worst type of shows are given, was the scene last night of another disgusting row and free-for-all fight. Details. "It is a disgraceful hole and should be shut up."

Mr. Edmond Verstrete, superintendent of the Thompson-Houston electric company, was in consultation this morning with Mr. J. Oak Davidson, and it was decided to rush the work of putting up the wires for the new line as rapidly as possible. In two weeks cars will be running. The main cable will be stretched about day after tomorrow. A large gang of workmen are employed on the motor.

The German Catholic school at 2nd and Ohio opened today.

Yesterday was an unfortunate day on the Schweiter motor line. Two wrecks occurred during the day, and both engines were disabled. When near the park and while trying to make a flying switch, the engine ran into a coach and tore off the wood work and roof to the motor. Later in the day when the train was heavily loaded on the uptown run the engine broke some of the running gear which plowed into the ground and came near upsetting. No one was injured either time.

### **Tuesday, September 4, 1888**

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1. The Smith hotel at the Dold packing house opened last night.

**Thursday, September 6, 1888****page**

1. Article describes the Wichita exhibit at the Cincinnati Centennial exhibition.
4. New time table for Wichita and Suburban (beginning Saturday, September 8): Cars leave 1st and Main for Fairmount on each hour from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cars leave 1st and Main for car works at 20 minutes past hour each hour from 7:20 a.m. to 9:20 p.m. Cars leave 1st and Main for 15th street at 40 minutes past hour each hour from 7:40 a.m. to 9:40 p.m.  
Car will leave 4th avenue and William at 6 a.m. for Fairmount and car works.

**Friday, September 7, 1888****page**

1. The Boat Club regatta was held yesterday, the course being below the motor line bridge. Details.

**Monday, September 10, 1888****page**

1. A long editorial article complaining about Eldridge's South Park and its "Coliseum" variety theater as being a den of iniquity frequented by the lowest type of people. "There are three buildings in the park. One is a joint where whisky (sic) and beer are sold. Another is a house of ill-fame, where the variety women are kept, and the third is the place where the show is given and the dances are held." Details.

**Wednesday, September 12, 1888****page**

4. The old Main street theater is being torn down.

The Protestant children's home is on Pennsylvania avenue in the first block north of East Douglas.

**Saturday, September 15, 1888****page**

1. Workmen are busy today laying a brick crossing on the east side of Main street at the intersection of Douglas. These are thought better than the old wooden affairs.

The wires of the electric motor railway are now all in position, although not yet soldered, and if the dynamos arrive in time, cars will be running some time next week.

**Monday, September 17, 1888****page**

1. Fisher's park was visited by quite a number of citizens of Wichita yesterday.

**Tuesday, September 18, 1888****page**

3. Advertisement for P. T. Barnum's circus, which appears in Wichita tomorrow.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1888****page**

1. Article describes the arrival of the Barnum circus in Wichita this morning on the Santa Fe. The circus grounds are at corner of Lincoln and 4th avenue. Details.

Report of an opium den found at 415 East Douglas in the rear of a Chinese laundry.

Note reporting that a "countryman" was robbed last night in "Cyclone's resort," Cyclone being a well known female character.

**Thursday, September 20, 1888****page**

4. The roof is being placed on the YMCA building.

**Monday, September 24, 1888****page**

1. Two policemen went to the Burton car works yesterday, where a gang of men was working on a switch for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. The men were placed under arrest for working on Sunday and were brought to the police station.

**Wednesday, September 26, 1888****page**

4. Publication of Ordinance 589 extending right-of-way of Kansas Midland Railroad as granted in Ordinance 392.

**Thursday, September 27, 1888****page**

1. Article reports Wichita's "joints" are all closed for one week because of the Women's Christian Temperance Union state convention.

**Saturday, October 6, 1888****page**

1. The workmen are very busy on the Electric Motor line and expect to have the cars running in a week or so. The dynamo is expected to be ready for work in a day or two, and then not much time will be used in getting the cars into motion.

The Garfield university brick work is now nearly finished, and the entire building is under contract to be under roof by December 1st.

**Monday, October 8, 1888****page**

1. The Dold packing house is nearly ready to start operations.

Article asking donations to the Protestant children's home, 119 Pennsylvania.

**Thursday, October 11, 1888****page**

1. Article reports city council yesterday let contracts for Wichita's sewerage system. Details.

**Friday, October 12, 1888****page**

1. The contract price for the new sewerage is \$264,522.
2. Editorial rejoicing in Wichita's prospects for a sewerage system.

**Saturday, October 13, 1888****page**

1. The City high school has now on roll about 150 students, a third larger enrollment than ever before.

**Monday, October 15, 1888****page**

1. Cars will leave 1st and Main at 4 p.m. sharp today for Ebey's meeting at Valley Center. A special train will be run.
4. The 42 prisoners in the old county jail were moved to the new jail yesterday at 6 a.m. The new jail will hold about 160, including 60 in the revolving cage.

**Tuesday, October 16, 1888****page**

1. Report of Harry Hill's political meeting at Valley Center last night. The crowd started from 1st and Water at 6 p.m. in three special cars in charge of Manager John Fisher. The ride home was very beautiful in the moonlight, reaching Wichita about 1 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 17, 1888****page**

4. The Fairmount band has moved into its new quarters in the brick hall erected for that organization.

**Thursday, October 18, 1888****page**

1. Report of ground breaking this afternoon by Mayor Allen in the south part of the city, for the new sewerage system, at the mouth of the sewer.

**Friday, October 19, 1888****page**

1. Report of Boat Club meeting last night. The club has 180 members.

**Tuesday, October 23, 1888****page**

1. Article reports the Whittaker packing company will build a plant in Wichita. Details.

Member's of the women's association of St. Francis hospital will meet October 24 to make comforts for the hospital.

City council yesterday adopted resolution declaring it necessary to pave Rochester from 13th to 15th streets and Avenues A, D (sic), and C from Waco to Rochester.

4. Publication of Ordinance 597 authorizing the Wichita Street Railway company to construct and operate a street railway on Seneca south of Douglas to Maple subject to provisions of Ordinance 494.

**Wednesday, October 24, 1888****page**

1. Decision has been made to locate the new Santa Fe depot on South 5th avenue, just below Douglas, and opposite the City Roller Mills. The freight depot will be left in the place it is now. The new depot will be 110 by 38 feet. ¶ "For many years the city of Wichita and the Santa Fe have been at outs. But Wichita can get along without the Santa Fe, and the Santa Fe has concluded it can't get along without Wichita. Now if we can get a good depot, why not give the road a few of its requests, the same as has been done with the other roads?"

**Friday, October 26, 1888****page**

1. A special car containing the city council and fire marshal went out to Fairmount on the Wichita and Suburban at 2 p.m. today to test the new Fairmount water works.

**Saturday, October 27, 1888****page**

4. The test of the Fairmount water works yesterday was satisfactory.

**Monday, October 29, 1888****page**

1. Through efforts of the bicycle club, a new cinder track for bicycle racing is being put down at the Davidson park and is almost completed. It is one-quarter mile long and 20 feet wide on the home stretch and 10 feet in the back stretch. It is to be completed some time next week.

**Tuesday, October 30, 1888****page**

2. Ordinance 593 publication listing all lots in city to be appraised for special assessment for

construction of sewers. Lots listed by number.

### **Thursday, November 1, 1888**

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1. Article gives history of the *Beacon*. Proprietorship changes beginning today from that of W. B. and D. F. Hotchkiss to that of Richardson and Peck, and the name is being changed to the *News-Beacon*.

Innes and Ross are putting a new iron column in the front of their large double store.

The Wichita Waterworks company during October laid about 2½ miles of water mains in different parts of town. The extensions to be completed this month are those to Riverside, Garfield University, and College Hill.

### **Saturday, November 3, 1888**

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1. Article gives history of St. John's Episcopal church. It was started 15 years ago in a little stockade, called a church, which was located on North Market street near where the new court house is being built. Details. The present church stands on North Lawrence between 1st and 2nd.

### **Monday, November 5, 1888**

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1. List of polling places for tomorrow's election.

So much property has been destroyed along the line of the Valley Center motor that a special deputy sheriff has been detailed to watch the line. Windows in the cars have been broken, and a week or so ago the safe in the company's office was robbed.

The Delmonico hotel, on South Topeka avenue, was damaged by fire at 4 a.m. today.

### **Tuesday, November 6, 1888**

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1. Superintendent of buildings of board of education yesterday recommended that the Levy school house be accepted by the board.

The Wichita and Suburban motor will run cars to Burton and Fairmount every hour from 10 o'clock tonight (election night).

Salvation Army headquarters have been removed to the corner of Lawrence and William.

### **Thursday, November 8, 1888**

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1. The Wichita and Suburban managers are burning up all the old tickets on account of the late theft, and are supplying the holders with the new tickets, which are yellow.

**Friday, November 9, 1888****page**

2. In a few days the office of the *News-Beacon* will be removed to 117 West Douglas avenue, into more convenient and desirable quarters.

**Saturday, November 10, 1888****page**

1. Reports of trains blockaded by heavy snow. Street car travel was resumed this morning on some of the lines in Wichita, while others were so badly blocked that they will not be running for a day or two.

Article gives some history of the Wichita post-office, established a little over 18 years ago, when there was nothing in the city but a few board houses and log cabins. The building in which it was first opened stands today on the spot it was built, at 717 North Main street, and is occupied by Deputy Sheriff Metcalf as a residence. It has been remodeled on the inside somewhat, but the building stands intact, as it did when Mr. Kellogg received his appointment. The building is now owned by H. C. Cook. Mr. Kellogg was succeeded by T. J. Holmes and the office was moved nearly every new moon. Mr. Holmes was succeeded by Robert West, Col. M. M. Murdock, and Frank B. Smith. When Mr. Smith took office it was in the building now occupied by the Santa Fe on North Main street. Shortly afterward it was removed to its present location in the Garfield opera house block, on West 1st street. There are now 29 employees, including 14 clerks, 14 letter carriers, and one special messenger.

Article gives history of the Reformed church in Wichita. First organized in November 1884. Present church is on corner of Lewis and Topeka. Details.

**Monday, November 12, 1888****page**

1. Report of brine found in exploratory salt well on O. Martinson's farm four miles west of the city. Details.

Article gives history of fire department in Wichita. Hose house No. 1 was built in fall of 1886 and No. 2 was built on South Topeka avenue last fall. Details. The chemical engine in No. 1 was named Fred Schattner, after the present city clerk. Hose cart No. 1 is called "B. W. Aldrich," No. 2 is "John B. Carey," and the hoof and ladder track in house No. 2 is named "George Harris."

2. The *News-Beacon* is issued today from the new quarters at 117 West Douglas.

**Tuesday, November 13, 1888****page**

1. Long article reports first trip of Wichita's new electric railway this morning was a success. Initial trip carried the mayor, council, and invited citizens, from corner of Market and

Douglas. The company has two new cars, built by the Brownell and Wright company, of St. Louis, and equipped with Thompson and Houston tracks and electric appliances. The cars are painted a bright yellow color. Only two cars are thus far equipped with the electric appliances, but two more are being prepared to run regularly on the line. The line runs beside the private trotting course of Mr. Davidson.

**Saturday, November 17, 1888****page**

1. Article gives history of the Unitarian church in Wichita.

**Monday, November 19, 1888****page**

1. Report of ceremonies on the laying the corner stone of the new court house today. Details. Building to be 191 feet 6 inches by 90 feet 6 inches, not including the corner pavilions and porticoes, which will project about 20 feet each way from the main building. It will be built of Grouse creek stone.

Article on history of Sedgwick County. Says the first real white settler in what is now Sedgwick County was C. C. Arnold, who staked out a claim here in 1857. He was almost alone for three years, when John Ross came out with his family. In October 1860, Ross and a servant were murdered by the Indians. In 1863 Hon. James R. Mead established a trading post with William Mathewson, who was then freighting through Wichita and had been for five years previous. Mrs. William Mathewson was the first white women to set foot on what is now Sedgwick County. She came here in 1864. On February 26, 1867, an act of the legislature established Sedgwick County, named in honor of General John Sedgwick. In November 1868 the first election was held, with 35 votes cast.

**Tuesday, November 20, 1888****page**

4. F. T. Tobey, a representative of the Art Publishing Company, is in Wichita soliciting orders for a work entitled "Picturesque Wichita," which the company he represents intends to publish in the near future. The lithographs used will give a more perfect likeness of the scenes depicted than any other process, including steel engraving. It is expected it will be published next March.

**Wednesday, November 21, 1888****page**

1. Report of execution of the Tobler brothers, Jake and Joe, at the Sedgwick County jail this morning, by hanging. Details.

**Thursday, November 22, 1888****page**

1. The east side of Market street from Douglas to 1st is being curbed and guttered.

Two hundred thirty dwellings have just been completed in and about the Burton car works.

**Friday, November 23, 1888****page**

1. The Wichita and Suburban has added a handsome new car to its rolling stock. This makes 20 cars now owned by this road and is another evidence of its prosperity.

**Saturday, November 24, 1888****page**

1. Maple Grove cemetery, which was opened one year ago, has 21 graves in it at present, less than two per month since the date of its opening.

It is stated on good authority that one of the city street car companies will have a strike before the holidays, unless an obnoxious superintendent is removed in accordance with the wishes of the employes.

**Monday, November 26, 1888****page**

1. There are 95 physicians in this city.

**Tuesday, November 27, 1888****page**

1. Fairmount is organizing a volunteer fire company.

**Wednesday, November 28, 1888 and Thursday, November 29, 1888**

These issues are missing.

**Friday, November 30, 1888****page**

1. Article says the Dold Packing company was opened here on Wednesday. Details.

The Wichita and Suburban has just put on half hour cars between 1st and Main and the Dold packing house to accommodate those who desire to see the packing house in operation.

The Citizens Electric light company will erect a large one story brick building on corner of 3rd and Wichita streets at a cost of \$7000 and will remove the company's plant to that point. The building will be commenced Monday.

4. Advertisement for G. Henry, M.D., with office and residence at corner of 13th and Vassar streets, Fairmount.

**Saturday, December 1, 1888****page**

1. Article gives history of 1st Methodist Episcopal church in Wichita.

The exhibit from the Cincinnati Exposition in the Board of Trade room was photographed Wednesday.

An attempt will be made by the police to break up the crowd of boys and men who ride back and forth on the Santa Fe passenger train between the Union depot and the Douglas avenue station.

List of Thanksgiving donations to St. Francis hospital.

### **Monday, December 3, 1888**

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1. In the Wichita yards of the Santa Fe Railroad yesterday there were 600 cars of freight.

### **Tuesday, December 4, 1888**

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1. Article interviews William Mathewson on the reasons for his locating in Wichita. Details. Says he came here in 1869 and settled on the land where he now lives on Central avenue. The timber with which he and friends built houses was hauled from Topeka.

The Wichita Rapid Transit company reports a wonderful increase of business the past month.

### **Thursday, December 6, 1888**

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1. Ground was broken today for the Whittaker packing plant.

Article complains that the whistles used by street car drivers to notify wagons of their approach and to attract the attention of one another in making transfers, sound too much like police whistles, and this is confusing to the police officers.

### **Friday, December 7, 1888**

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1. The new badges for the "mets" (i.e., police) will be in the shape of a star instead of a shield as is worn at present.

After January 1st the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska railway will be known as the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific. The road was constructed under the former name, but has always been recognized as part of the Rock Island system. Many of the cars are being re-lettered in this city at present.

### **Tuesday, December 11, 1888**

This issue is missing.

**Wednesday, December 12, 1888****page**

1. Bishop J. J. Hennessey will arrive in Wichita today. Details. He was born July 19, 1847. Biographical information.

**Thursday, December 13, 1888****page**

1. First mass in Wichita in presence of Bishop Hennessey this morning. Report of reception in his honor last night followed by a banquet at the Hotel Carey.
4. The metropolitan police have donned their uniforms.

**Saturday, December 15, 1888****page**

4. A new car has been added to the electric railway.

**Monday, December 17, 1888****page**

1. Price of the *Evening News-Beacon* has been reduced to six cents a week.
4. The street car company have given West Wichita the very best street car service in the city, there being three separate lines by which all points of that expansive portion by the city can be reached.

**Tuesday, December 18, 1888****page**

4. Work on the extension of the electric railway will be commenced in a few days.  
  
The main building of Garfield University is now completed, so far as the outside work and the roof are concerned.

**Wednesday, December 19, 1888****page**

1. The poor men and women at the St. Francis hospital are in need of warm clothing, etc. The sisters in charge of the hospital hope the public will not forget that institution at Christmas.
4. The Wichita street railway company employs 50 drivers.

**Saturday, December 22, 1888****page**

3. Article reports history of the Catholic church in Wichita.

**Wednesday, December 26, 1888****page**

1. The trees in Hon. R. E. Lawrence's apple orchard, which stood in front of his new residence, have been cut down, revealing a view of that structure from Seneca street.

**Thursday, December 27, 1888****page**

1. *Harper's Weekly* for December 29th contains a four page supplement entitled "The City of Wichita, Kansas," with a descriptive article and nine illustrations.

The West Side street car stables, situated on North Seneca street, constitute quite an extensive institution. From 65 to 75 mules are sheltered, and ten cars go out from the stables every morning, five on the Topeka avenue line, two on the Garfield University line, two on the Belt Line, to the southern limits of West Wichita, and one on the short line to the watch factory, in the direction of the Catholic institution, west on the Chicago avenue extension. This is only a part of the system of street car lines of Wichita.

4. The street car tracks on Ida avenue were completely blocked with snow and ice yesterday. Men are working today to open the right of way.

The superiority of electricity as a motor power was demonstrated on the city lines during the present cold snap.

**Friday, December 28, 1888****page**

2. The *News-Beacon* firm employs 12 to 16 people and uses a Cottrell and Babcock press, run by a gas engine.

**Monday, December 31, 1888****page**

1. Article lists number of buildings erected in Wichita in 1888.

The Hotel Metropole will be opened to the public tomorrow morning. Details.