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TIHEN NOTES FROM 1889 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, January 2, 1889

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1. Article reports statistics of Wichita's post office for 1888. Details.

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1. Article about Santa Fe switch engine Number 49, in the Wichita yards, which has been involved in many accidents. It was built in the Topeka shops in 1876.
5. A charter has been granted by the secretary of state to "The Homeopathic Hospital of Wichita."

The question is frequently asked: "Is the fine building erected for a watch factory on the West Side going to be devoted to some other purpose?" Nothing of the kind is contemplated. Certain obstacles will be removed, so it is said, and the watch factory will be put in operation in due time.

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1. C. W. Terry is constructing a residence for C. K. Freeman on College Hill.
4. The Rock Island Railroad constructed its present depot with the proceeds of the sale of half the lots donated for building purposes.

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4. The Germania hotel on West Douglas has been closed.

Advertisement by J. J. Crist, architect, listing buildings in Wichita he has designed and built since March 20, 1884. Includes Manhattan hotel, \$45,000, W. Heller, building \$15,000, William Griffenstein residence, \$15,000, and Catholic church, \$30,000.

Wednesday, January 9, 1889**page**

1. List of members elected to board of Directors of Kansas Midland Railroad yesterday.

Article giving some history of the telephone service in Wichita. First telephone put in in Wichita about eight years ago with Lloyd B. Ferrell as manager. A few years later the Merchants Telegraph and Telephone company was started, and in a short time this consolidated with the United Telephone company, which is now known as the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company. Manager of the United Telephone company was Mr. McMahan, who was succeeded by E. Garrard when the exchange passed into the control of the Missouri and Kansas company. The present manager is Charles C. Allen. There are at present 380 instruments in use in the city. There are four lady operators at the central office.

4. The street railway company has put little stoves in the cars, which will be appreciated during the cold weather.

The gap in the street car line on Chicago avenue, where the grade has been raised some two feet in the past few weeks, will be closed today and through service resumed.

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4. In relaying its track after the grading of Chicago avenue, the street railway company has placed the switch, or passing point, nearly a square further west than it was, and gives the West Side a 10 minute service instead of 15 minute.

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4. The advisory board of St. Francis hospital met this afternoon.

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1. The stove for the new government building will come from Bedford, Indiana.
4. The old Main street theater between 2nd and 3rd street has been taken down.

The management of the Wichita and Suburban motor line is discussing the substitution of an electric motor for the mules and dummy engines now employed.

Monday, January 14, 1889**page**

1. The Wichita Wire and Wire Cloth company, which was organized some time ago, has bought the building erected about a year ago for a shoe factory, on South Seneca street, for its factory. It is 110 by 35 feet and three stories. Machinery is now being put in place.

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4. Article about icebergs in Atlantic ocean.

One pair of iron piers is being put in under the Douglas avenue bridge now by J. K. Sawyer, the bridge builder, and if they prove satisfactory, all of the present stone piers will be replaced with iron piers.

The new heaters recently put in the street cars are novel, neat, and convenient. They consist of a furnace or hard coal burner, under the seat, about midway of the car, with a flat pipe, made of heavy sheet iron, running up between the seat and the side of the car and projecting out at the top. One will hardly notice that there is a stove in the car.

Wednesday, January 16, 1889**page**

1. List of members of the Board of Trade.

Excavation has commenced for a three story business block on North Market street, opposite the Smith-Skinner block.

4. The work of removing the west span of the Douglas avenue bridge commenced this morning. The bridge of the street car line will also be shortened to correspond.

Friday, January 18, 1889**page**

1. Report of annual meeting of Wichita Board of Trade last night.

The new albums of views of Wichita, published by Ward Brothers of Columbus, Ohio, have arrived at the Board of Trade rooms. The work of photography in the album was done in Germany, but the binding was done in Columbus. It is about 6 by 8 inches. Copies may be secured from Secretary Clements for 50 cents each.

2. Address of president of Board of Trade last night at the annual meeting. Also the secretary's annual report. Says last July 1st, 10,000 copies of the *Journal of Commerce* were issued at cost of some \$2000. 100,000 lithographed "folders," containing condensed information and map, were issued.
4. A ladies' waiting room has been added to the Douglas avenue Santa Fe depot.

Saturday, January 19, 1889**page**

1. Article lists new officers of Board of Trade, elected yesterday.

Monday, January 21, 1889**page**

1. Article reports murder of prominent Wichita real estate agent, Edgar T. Brown, near corner of 17th street and Arkansas avenue Saturday night. He was last seen alive when he road homeward in Car Number 11, and alighted at the corner of 17th street and Arkansas avenue. Volunteer searchers for the body were instructed to take the Carey Park street car.

Article mentions the reversing of the trolley pole at the end of the line, with the car being dark momentarily until the trolley wheel again made contact with the wire.

The walls of the Bryan Fruit company's new building are 32 inches in thickness.

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1. A. G. Mueller has opened a handsomely furnished undertaking establishment at 112 North Topeka in the Noble block. He came here from New Haven, Connecticut.

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1. H. W. Lawrence, the father of R. E. Lawrence, died last night of pneumonia at age 70, in his home at Maple and Seneca. He came here from Illinois in 1870.

The ladies of the Benevolent Home hospital will move into their new home on South 4th avenue February 1. The building is complete in every particular, and though originally designed for hotel purposes, it will nevertheless made an excellent hospital.

4. A switch on the car lines is being put in at the corner of Oak street and Topeka avenue.

The street railway will soon run the belt line to the wire factory in southwest Wichita.

The 2nd street bridge has been extensively used while repairs were being made on the Douglas avenue bridge.

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1. Late H. W. Lawrence has four sons, Robert E., James B., Charles (the Douglas avenue druggist), and Professor Reuben S., of College of Emporia, and one daughter, Miss Mary R. Lawrence.

A 12 minute street car service will in future be furnished to the packing house instead of the previous 15 minute service. The blue cars running on Main street will switch at Oak street for the stock yards and points north.

The electric motor collided with a city railway car at Main and Pine streets yesterday afternoon. Damage was slight, but as a result, the officials of the electric line have agreed to regard this particular crossing as a railroad track and come to a full stop.

4. The alleged cruelty with which the street car mules of the city are treated, has attracted the attention of the humane officials. When the cars accidentally get off the track, they claim the animals are compelled to pull enormous loads.

Saturday, January 26, 1889**page**

1. Officials of the Wichita and Suburban street car lines are engaged today in estimating the cost of substituting electricity for their motor service. Lee Taylor thinks the change will be made.
4. The street car mud plow has been abandoned for the winter.

Monday, January 28, 1889**page**

1. Wichita and Suburban Railway officials decided today to substitute electricity for their steam motors at a cost of \$35,000. Four motors will be used on nine miles of road. Two cars will be attached to each motor. The old cars will be equipped with new trucks. The present time, 40 minutes, will be reduced by half. Reconstruction will commenced as soon as the contract is let.

Wednesday, January 30, 1889**page**

4. The street car line to Garfield University has become one of the most popular lines in the city.

The Wichita street car company alone operates 41 miles of road, uses 43 cars, and employs 40 men.

Thursday, January 31, 1889**page**

4. The city offices have been moved to the second floor of the Getto block on North Main street because of a need for more commodious quarters.

Friday, February 1, 1889**page**

1. About 75 colored men assembled at Market hall last evening to debate the legislative proposal by Sen. O. H. Bentley, of Sedgwick County, to separate the white and colored school children. Details. Indignation was expressed, but the views were not unanimous.
4. Report of fire alarm at residence of J. B. Logan, on Fairmount this morning, responded to by hose cart Number 2, which was pulled by four horses and arrived there in ten minutes. The water pressure from the Fairmount water works was very good.

Saturday, February 2, 1889**page**

1. Article describes Quaker church on Cleveland avenue.
4. Any driver of Wichita street cars reported for cruelty to the horses will receive a prompt discharge.

Monday, February 4, 1889**page**

4. The electric cars did an excellent business yesterday.

Tuesday, February 5, 1889**page**

1. Article reports interviews with citizens on the bill of Sen. Bentley providing for separation of white and black children in the public schools.

Article reports progress by the Wichita Water Works company in laying mains. Thirty miles of mains are in use. Seven miles have been laid since December 1st, including 2½ miles of mains extending to College Hill from Douglas and Washington, and two miles from Douglas and Seneca to Garfield University. Extensions are now being made on Riverside and North Main. The present capacity of the five pumps is seven million gallons per 24 hours, and this will be increased by three million gallons.

Prior to last week an 18 minute service was in vogue on the Topeka avenue cars. At that time a switch was placed on Oak street and Main street and cars were switched on the avenue at that point. The new system gives a 12 minute service on Topeka avenue above Oak street, but a 24 minute time to those south of that point.

4. In future the blue cars heretofore running to Woodland avenue, on the West side, will stop at Jackson avenue. The half mile of road to the west will be abandoned until the patronage from that section increases. Forty-five miles per day will thus be saved by the company.

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4. The Homeopathic hospital, formerly located at the corner of Riverview and 2nd streets, was removed today to 9?9 South Main.

Two hundred fifty men are employed at the Burton car works, receiving on an average two dollars per day.

Attendance at the Burton school averages 100 per day.

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4. Arc lights are being placed in the Occidental hotel.

Professor Yowell says his school attendance at the Burton school averages 175.

Monday, February 11, 1889**page**

1. The site of the old wire nail factory, which, a few months since, was practically worthless, will be put immediately to the use for which it was formerly intended.

Wednesday, February 13, 1889**page**

1. The City Homeopathic hospital, at 929 South Market street, is now completed and ready for the reception of patients.
4. The material taken from the west span of the Douglas avenue bridge recently removed, will be used to bridge Chisholm creek on EastCentral avenue.

Thursday, February 14, 1889**page**

1. Article about Wichita's extensive street railway system. The tinkle of the street car bell is a familiar sound to Wichitans. The city can be traversed from end to end for five cents. General manager of the Wichita Street Railway company is G. M. Dickson, who says the company operates 41 miles of line, has 47 cars, employs 81 men, and uses 235 mules. Mules are used in preference to horses because they cost less, last longer, are less susceptible to disease, and understand what is expected of them in the harness more readily than the horse. Where are the creatures obtained? -- picked up here and there. Every day some fellow comes in to dispose of a beast. They cost from \$15 to \$20. Small animals are preferred, as they do not crowd each other while attached to the car. The life of a street car mule varies, but an active life on hard paving for five years will ordinarily ruin the best animal. The street car drivers as a rule retain their positions a considerable length of time. Our oldest driver is "Dad" Fanning, who has been driving for the company since it began operation.

The newly built and freshly painted palace stock cars turned out by the Burton company form a pretty as well as a business like appearance as they are ranged in rows on the side tracks which surround the works.

4. Missouri Pacific locomotives are being supplied with new smokestacks. They are perfectly straight and exceedingly ugly.

Friday, February 15, 1889**page**

1. Report that General Manager Dickson of the Wichita Street Railway company is negotiating with the agent of the Sprague system, now at the Carey, regarding a proposal to convert 10 miles of the company's 41 miles of lines to electric operation. The lines to be converted would be on Douglas avenue from Seneca through the city to College Hill, on Main street from Lincoln to 12th street, and on Topeka avenue from Douglas to the Dold packing house. The system of poles for supporting the wire would differ from the Market street line, where poles at either side of the street suspend the wire over the cars.

Instead, a series of poles erected between two tracks or on one side of a single track would have an arm extending over the track from which the wire would be suspended.

56 new palace stock cars are on the side tracks of the car works.

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4. The tower in front of Garfield university is growing higher and will soon be completed.

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1. Board of Railroad commissioners visited Wichita the past two days from Topeka to investigate the complaints of the citizens of Wichita Heights, a village on the Frisco line six miles north of Wichita, against the Frisco Railroad company for not providing reasonable station facilities to the public. The company some time ago built a depot at the place but for some reason -- lack of business sufficient to justify the expense of keeping a salaried agent at the place, the company alleges -- the depot building has never been opened for business.
4. The street car scrapers did good service last night.

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1. O. J. Chapman left yesterday for Des Moines, Iowa, where he will become general manager of the Des Moines electric street railway. Mr. Chapman has acted in the capacity of superintendent of the City Street Railway company and later of the Wichita and Suburban company. General manager Taylor will act as superintendent of the company's lines until Mr. Chapman's successor is appointed.

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4. Because of a large number of visitors to the Burton car works in the past week, the motor line has been operating an extra train to accommodate the rush.

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4. The gongs on the electric cars sound something like the fire alarm bells. Until people get used to them, they think there is a fire and the boys are coming.

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1. The Sedgwick County court bill passed the Senate yesterday and goes to the governor for signature. It establishes a court to be known as the court of common pleas of Sedgwick County.

Thursday, February 28, 1889**page**

1. The Dold packing house has slaughtered over 26,000 hogs in the first three months of its existence.
4. The Missouri Pacific has constructed a water tower at the 2nd street crossing.

A new word has been invented. It is "Motorneer." A motorneer is a man who rides in the front end of an electric car and handles the trolley (sic), which controls the electricity that moves the car. There are several motorneers in Wichita.

Friday, March 1, 1889**page**

1. According to the executive order of February 19, the land offices at Wichita, Independence, and Concordia are to be consolidated at Topeka, and the business of the local office was concluded last evening. Today the records are being packed for removal to Topeka.

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1. The cinder track for the bicyclists at the Davidson track seems to be a failure, as some members of the club are preparing to put in a new one on 2nd street.

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1. J. M. Balderston last night received the appointment as judge of the new common pleas court.

The tower on the front of the Garfield university is nearly finished.

The annual meeting of the Valley Center Motor Line company was held yesterday. Officers and board of directors were elected, including, E. R. Powell, president, William Mathewson, vice-president, Gus Race, secretary and general manager, Arthur Allen, treasurer, and H. D. Heiserman, Peter Getto, B. Aldrich, and John Fisher, directors. ¶ It is understood that money will be expended in immediate improvements. The right-of-way will be changed in order to make Burton a point on the main line. This move will compete with the business of the Wichita and Suburban. Within a year, steam as a motive power will be abandoned, and the more rapid electric motor will be used.

4. The Wichita Street Railway company is putting in additional switches near the stock yards in order to improve the service of the Topeka avenue line.

The Valley Center cornet band will give a concert this evening for benefit of the Christian church. The motor will carry passenger to and from Valley Center.

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4. The people of the West Side desire depot facilities from the Missouri Pacific company.

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1. The new common pleas court will meet in the room over the market house after it is fitted up for the purpose.
4. Chester Firebaugh has begun the erection of a brick block on Market street near 1st.

Superintendent Lee Taylor of the Wichita and Suburban Railroad announced that beginning March 10, the car leaving 1st and Main at 10:10 p.m. will not go through to Fairmount except on Saturday nights or when there are five or more passengers to make the trip.

Saturday, March 9, 1889**page**

1. The Riverside Electric railway is now completed and is in operation to the Alamo addition, a distance of five miles from Douglas and Market, where it begins. At 3 p.m. today an excursion train will be run over the line with the mayor, city officials, prominent members of the board of trade, and newspapermen. Three cars will be used to transport the party. The line has heretofore been in operation for a distance of $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles.
4. The Valley Center Railway Company held a meeting yesterday to consider the adoption of electricity, but adjourned for want of a quorum.

The Wichita and Valley Center motor line will run a special train over their road tomorrow, leaving at 11 o'clock. The train will remain in Valley Center for an hour or more.

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1. Report of the special trip over the Riverside Electric railway's new extension to the Alamo addition last Saturday at 3 p.m. Three cars left the Douglas avenue terminus at 3 p.m. The trip took over 35 minutes to reach the terminus. ¶ The extension just completed was begun in November and extends from Woodman avenue to Huron street and is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length. The road bed is well graded and 18 mph is easily made. Four additional motors will arrive from St. Louis before the 20th, and 10 minute service will be given.

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1. Residents of North Water street near the street car stables were startled last evening by screams followed by finding of a prostrate woman lying on the sidewalk a few feet north of the barn. (Question whether this means Main street barn.)

Rock Island officials are actively preparing to extend their line from Pond Creek, Indian Territory, to Cisco, Texas.

Article reports that citizens are suspicious that the electric motor line will damage their watches.

4. The Women's Benevolent Home and Hospital has been removed from 705 South Main to 1021 South 4th avenue.

The St. Louis car company will forfeit \$10 per day after the 20th in the event of their failure to furnish the Riverside Electric railway company four motors by that date.

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1. The Wichita and Suburban Railway company will apply to the city council tonight for permission to use the city streets now occupied by them, for putting in a Sprague electric railway and motor line system. ¶ General manager C. E. Strong said that if permission is granted, work will begin within a week and within 90 days they expect to run motor cars from the city to Burton and Fairmount, and when this is completed work will start on Central avenue. The company already has a number of eight wheel coaches, which it will use on the line. They are at work now beyond the junction but are so heavy they cannot be used in the city with mules. ¶ The intention is to run two cars -- one, the motor car, with two 15 h.p. motors attached, and the second, one of the eight wheel coaches. The former will be the smoker, the latter for ladies.
4. The Benevolent hospital, which has just been finished, is on 4th avenue, facing east and just south of Gilbert street. It is three stories in height, with verandas and porches for each floor and on every side of the building. Pay patients can be accommodated at a charge of one dollar per day. Details. Medical staff and officers listed.

The new Catholic church on the north side was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Hennessey.

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1. The first story of the government building is almost completed. The stone is from Bedford, Indiana.

List of articles needed by the City hospital, 929 South Main street.
2. City council yesterday passed ordinances 635, 636, and 637 granting franchise for electric railways to the Wichita and Suburban, Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line, and the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railway and Land company.

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1. William Mathewson, the prime mover in the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railway enterprise, expressed satisfaction at the granting of the franchise for the use of electric motors on the 11 mile road, which will shorten the travel time to 30 minutes. He said "I presume the Suburban will continue to use jointly with us the line from 13th street down to the center of the city."
2. Publication of ordinance 636 and 637 granting electric railway franchises.
4. Wichita university now has 100 students.

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2. Publication of ordinance 635 granting electric railway franchise to Wichita and Suburban.

Friday, March 22, 1889**page**

1. The Wichita Water company and the Fairmount water works have decided to unite.

Saturday, March 23, 1889**page**

1. Article reports number of men employed by Wichita firms: 275 on Whittaker packing house, 250 on sewer system, 150 at Burton, 150 at Dold, 80 at Globe Iron works, 100 at Gilbert Plow works, etc.
4. Five carloads of poles for the Wichita and Suburban electric railway arrived yesterday.

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4. The Wichita and Suburban will be furnished with power to run their motor line by the Citizens' Electric Light company.

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2. City council yesterday directed city engineer to prepare plans and estimate cost for using the east (sic) span of Douglas avenue bridge for a bridge over Chisholm creek at Central avenue as offered by the county commissioners.

Wednesday, March 27, 1889**page**

1. President Harrison announced that Oklahoma lands would be opened for settlement on April 22.

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4. The first poles were set yesterday for the Wichita and Suburban electric railway. The company has 20 hands employed.

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3. Publication of proposed ordinance to grant H. H. Dewey and G. S. Wilson franchise for electric street railway extending south on Topeka from Douglas, etc.

Saturday, March 30, 1889**page**

1. Trees were planted around Garfield university today in observation of Arbor day.

Monday, April 1, 1889**page**

4. Work commenced on the Wichita and Suburban electric line running to Fairmount and on Wichita street. Some of the wire is expected to arrive this week.

Wednesday, April 3, 1889**page**

1. Results of city election yesterday. Mayor is George W. Clement.

Thursday, April 4, 1889**page**

1. The old unused water works well at corner of Riverside and Elm has stood open for a year and yesterday nearly resulted in drowning of a two year old child. The well was filled up this afternoon.
4. The market-house is being abandoned as a market place and is being converted into a warehouse for a branch house of the Studebaker wagon and carriage works of South Bend, Indiana.

Friday, April 5, 1889**page**

1. General order issued in Chicago by President Cable of the Rock Island announcing that the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific company assumes the operation of the Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska Railway in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Indian Territory as a part of its own lines. Heretofore, the latter, while virtually a part of the Rock Island system, was under separate management.

Monday, April 8, 1889**page**

4. Tomorrow the Garfield university opens its fourth term.

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4. City council yesterday deferred action on proposed ordinance granting H. H. Dewey and G. S. Wilson franchise for electric railway.

Wednesday, April 10, 1889**page**

1. The Rock Island road has begun work on its extension from Pond Creek to Kingfisher.

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4. A disabled engine on the Wichita and Suburban stopped traffic on that road for some time yesterday.

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4. Work is progressing on the South Topeka extension of the Wichita street railway. The line will be extended south to Lincoln avenue, where it will connect with the Lincoln avenue line.

Sunday, April 14, 1889**page**

4. The stone work on the third story of the Gordon building on North Main is nearly completed.

Monday, April 15, 1889**page**

1. Work on the motor line is going forward rapidly. By tonight the wire connections will be made from the Citizen's Electric Light company's plant to 15th street and by the first of the month the cars will be running from Fairmount to the city. In two days all the wire connections will be made. On completion of the main line, work will be commenced on the Central avenue line.
4. The electric railway received three new cars on Saturday.

The east span of the Douglas avenue bridge is probably more ornamental than useful as it projects very near its entire length over the bank, owing to the filling in process that was inaugurated last year.

Tuesday, April 16, 1889**page**

1. Three new electric motors arrived from St. Louis today (probably actually last Saturday?) for the Riverside line. They are the most elegant equipped cars ever seen in this part of the country. Two are equipped with the Verstote patent platform, which is composed of plate glass to shield the conductor. The third car is for picnic purposes, and the three are finely finished in the most costly manner. \$3000 is the cost of the cars minus the electric

attachment. They are being loaded today and a trip will be made the latter part of the week.

4. Work has been commenced by the City Railway company on South Topeka avenue, connecting Douglas with Lincoln street.

The county commission yesterday appropriated \$600 for a bridge across Little river between Kechi and Wichita townships.

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1. Lightning struck wires of the Riverside electric motor line last evening. No damage done except burning out of a protective fuse.

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4. The three new cars for the Riverside electric motor line will be put in operation Sunday.

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1. The machinery of the Hydraulic mills on Chisholm creek suddenly stopped a few days ago. The water wheel was found to be literally choked up by the bodies of small fish with which the creek abounds. Two years ago there was scarcely a fish in the stream and today it is literally alive with them.

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1. The Riverside electric line was a scene of activity yesterday. One of the new picnic cars was started early in the morning to accommodate the rush. The other new cars were not prepared for the road and were left in the barn. A ten minute service was furnished, and cars were crowded with passengers all day long. The works in the vicinity of the line west of the river were alive with people. Superintendent Fitch deserves credit for the excellent manner in which he is accommodating the patrons of the line.

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1. Riverside electric line official said company intends to transform Riverside into a beautiful park, cutting away underbrush, leveling ground, placing benches, refreshment stands, a bowling alley, and a dance platform, etc.
4. The Riverside electric motor line will have the new summer cars running by the latter part of this week.

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2. The Homeopathic Hospital has changed its name to "The City Hospital of Wichita" and yesterday petitioned the city council for aid.
4. On the first of next month the Rock Island ticket office will be moved to the corner of Main and Douglas.

Thursday, April 25, 1889**page**

1. Article lists buildings under construction in Wichita. Says the brick engine house of the Citizen's Electric Light company at 3rd and Wichita streets will be completed this week at cost of \$15,000.

The Burton car works are just completing an order for 20 horse cars for transportation of blooded stock during the racing season. The company is employing about 200 men.

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4. Work began yesterday on Dr. Whitlock's new building on South Main.

Offices of the Missouri Pacific railway are being removed from the Sedgwick building to the upper depot.

Saturday, April 27, 1889**page**

1. Collision occurred at 2 p.m. today between two cars of the Riverside electric railway "a short distance beyond the western terminus of the Little river" when an outward bound vestibule car was moving off the switch and collided with one of the ordinary cars. No injuries occurred to passengers and minor ones to one of the motormen, Elmo Scott. Other motorman was Andrew Miller.

Two new vestibule cars of the Riverside and Suburban electric railway made a successful trial run today, carrying 50 invited guests over the five miles from Douglas and Market in less than half an hour. The cars were built by the St. Louis Car company under patents of Edward Vershaele, (sic), electrician of the road, and are not only most comfortable but are also very attractive in appearance. The chief characteristic is the vestibule section at the end of the car. The patent covers the vestibule or covered platform at each end of the car, which separated the motorman from the passengers. By means of sliding windows the cars can be opened or closed. The Thomson-Houston trucks and motors are used. Beginning tomorrow the cars will run every 20 minutes and each car will go to the end of the line.

4. The 4th National bank will shortly move from the present location to the Fechheimer building, at the corner of Douglas and Market.

Monday, April 29, 1889**page**

1. The Riverside electric motor line had the new cars in active operation yesterday, and the cars were crowded to utmost capacity during the entire afternoon. A 20 minute service was given. The running time is 80 minutes for the round trip of ten miles, including all the stops. Twelve hundred passengers were carried on this line yesterday.

4. An iron bridge will be built across Chisholm creek at Central avenue.

Six hundred three houses were built in Wichita during the past year.

The Rock Island ticket office will move to their new quarters at Main and Douglas tomorrow.

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4. Advertisement says "Cabinet photographs, 99 cents per dozen, at the Rich gallery, 151 North Main street."

Wednesday, May 1, 1889

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1. A dozen wagons containing the families of as many disappointed Oklahoma boomers were corralled on the creek in the vicinity of the Rapid Transit company's barn last night.

The *Beacon* questions the habit of some enterprising individuals of driving herds of cows to the public parks and allowing them to graze during the day. It is a notorious fact that Linwood park is usually crowded with cows and occasionally a bunch of horses.

4. Long article reporting that Bishop Hennessy has decided to remove Father M. J. Casey, priest of St. Aloysius church, from Wichita and send him to take charge of the church at Newton. Considerable criticism of this change.

The Wichita and Suburban today completed the laying of the electric ground wire (sic) for the new motor power as far as Main street.

Arrangements are being made to erect a new depot at the crossing of the Ft. Scott, Wichita, and Western and the Wichita and Western Railroads. The new station will take the name of College Green, the name now possessed by the station near the same place on the Wichita and Western.

Thursday, May 2, 1889

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1. Another long article criticizing the transfer of Father Casey from Wichita to Newton.

4. The Boat Club held a ball in the Eagle Rifles armory last night.

Forty tons of ice a day is now being made by the Crystal ice company.

The Rock Island Railroad ticket office has everything neatly arranged in its new quarters at 100 East Douglas avenue.

Friday, May 3, 1889**page**

4. Work on the new city directory will begin May 13.

Saturday, May 4, 1889**page**

1. Article describes method of canvassing for the new city directory. Eight men will be employed.

Advertisement says the Riverside Electric line will run cars from Douglas avenue every ten minutes tomorrow. The road is now completed to Alamo and the round trip can be made in less than one hour.

4. The ten-pin alley west of the river, on the electric line, will be ready for business tonight.

The Riverside Electric Motor company has ordered a new generator, which will double the present capacity.

The dancing platform and the bowling alley have been completed at the Riverside park. The pavilion will be finished in a day or two.

Monday, May 6, 1889**page**

4. The Missouri Pacific depot on 12th street has been remodeled.

Wednesday, May 8, 1889**page**

1. Superintendent Fitch yesterday opened the bowling alley of the Riverside Electric railway company.

Thursday, May 9, 1889**page**

1. Rumor in railroad circles that the Santa Fe will build a new depot near the Douglas avenue crossing. Company officials have been in Wichita examining the union depot and the property on Douglas avenue, which is used for both freight and passengers.

A committee was appointed yesterday by Mayor Clement to look into the questions of obtaining a public park or parks for the city of Wichita. Members are J. O. Davidson, R. E. Lawrence, William Griffenstein, A. W. Oliver, and B. H. Campbell.

4. The trolley and side wires are being placed on the Wichita and Suburban road.

Friday, May 10, 1889**page**

1. The overhead wires have been strung by the Wichita and Suburban from Main street to the eastern terminus of the road. The plan of operation of this company will differ entirely with that of the Riverside company -- two overhead wires being used in place of one.
2. Editorial: The Garfield university has a new college attached to it. This time it is a medical college. If the university had as many students as it has colleges and departments, it would be second to none in the west.
4. The dynamos to be used on the Wichita and Suburban have arrived.

Monday, May 13, 1889**page**

1. H. W. Everest has resigned as chancellor of Garfield university, effective at close of school year, June 13.

Wichita and Suburban machinery will arrive the early part of this week, and electric system will soon be placed in operation. The line will start from junction of 1st and Main and run to the stock yards, packing houses, car works, and Fairmount. A 15 minute service will be adopted.

Wednesday, May 15, 1889**page**

1. The Wichita and Western is daily bringing in train loads of cattle and hogs to the Wichita market. The company is using eight locomotives, seven of which are used in hauling the stock trains.

Friday, May 17, 1889**page**

1. There is less sickness throughout the city than at any time this year. At St. Francis hospital there are 18 patients and at the Benevolent home only seven cases of sickness.
2. The citizens of the Burton car shop area are delighted with the recent act of the council deciding to provide a chemical fire engine for Burton. The old volunteer fire company will attend to the machine.

Tuesday, May 21, 1889**page**

1. County commissioners have awarded contract bridge 220 feet long over Little river on line between Wichita and Kechi townships for \$880.

Article about high water on the Little river the past few days which threatened the Central avenue bridge and the main pipe line of the water works, which is laid across this bridge. ¶ Says William Mathewson recalls spring floods here in 1867. Then in the spring of 1877

the Little river overflowed and rushed down through the lower places of the city. It crossed Douglas avenue at Topeka and water was four feet deep at that point. The temporary river entered the Arkansas about four miles below the city. Water stood 18 inches deep on the floor of the Occidental hotel. For two weeks the water ran through the city and then gradually subsided.

Wednesday, May 22, 1889**page**

1. Davidson's park was formally opened for the season last night.
4. Wichita pressed brick will be furnished for the construction of the Atchison union depot.

Thursday, May 23, 1889**page**

4. Superintendent Chamberlain of Burton car works says work has started on order for 100 more palace horse cars.

Friday, May 24, 1889**page**

1. Article mentions W. T. Proudfoot as possible candidate for city council. Says he came here from Des Moines about five years ago.

Saturday, May 25, 1889**page**

2. Editorial says Father Casey has now left for his new assignment at Newton and that his successor, the Bishop's choice for Wichita, is here.

Monday, May 27, 1889**page**

1. The Wichita and Suburban line is now complete with electrical appliances from 1st and Main to Fairmount and from 1st and Main to the Whittaker packing house.

Seven of the nine parts of an attractive book entitled "Wichita, the Magic City" have been issued and the two others will put in an appearance in a short time. The cuts begin with the lowly cabin of Hon. Buffalo Bill Mathewson and include those of the handsomest business and private structures in the city. The execution, by George B. Pratt, of Neenah, Wisconsin, is particularly finished in appearance, with the handsome type printed in bronze ink.

Tuesday, May 28, 1889**page**

4. The Topeka avenue street car line has been completed.

Wednesday, May 29, 1889**page**

1. City council last night directed city engineer to prepare plans and specifications and estimate of cost of moving the west span of the iron bridge (i.e., Douglas avenue) to that point (Central avenue across Chisholm creek) and also to estimate cost of a pile bridge at same place. Engineer also instructed to report on matter of widening the bridge across Chisholm creek at Kellogg street.

City council yesterday granted petition of Riverside and Suburban Railway company to string wire from Douglas and Market south to the alley between Douglas and William and thence west through said alley to and across Main street.

A communication was sent to the city council last night stating that the Benevolent Home will change its name to "the Wichita Hospital."

4. New cars have been placed on the Valley Center Motor line.

The name of the Benevolent Home has been changed to the Wichita Hospital.

The street cars which were temporarily taken from South Topeka avenue have been placed on that line again.

Thursday, May 30, 1889

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1. City council yesterday instructed the park commissioners to close Prince street from Ellis avenue to Fannie avenue for Hyde park purposes.

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4. The Hydraulic avenue bridge over Chisholm creek will be widened to twice its present size.

Twenty-five extra cars were in use by the city street railway yesterday to accommodate the holiday crowd.

The west span of the Douglas avenue bridge has been rendered useless by the filling process and will be removed.

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4. The Wichita and Suburban railway will begin operating its line with electricity tomorrow or Wednesday. The steam motor will continue to be used between the packing house and the car works until the new system can be extended to that point.

Tuesday, June 4, 1889

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1. Board of education yesterday voted to submit proposal to vote bonds for \$100,000 for erection of more school buildings.
4. George W. Dickson, who recently resigned as general manager of the Wichita Street Car company and left for the east, will return in the fall and enter the coal business.

Five cars of the Valley Center Motor line conveyed the high school students to a picnic at Fisher's grove this morning. About 150 were in attendance.

Wednesday, June 5, 1889

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1. Wichita's first house is today being removed by its owner, William Mathewson. The one room log house with large open fireplace was built in 1868 on the Mathewson homestead on Central avenue and occupied by him for five years. Since it was vacated, relic hunters have almost demolished it. The door has been hacked piece by piece with pocket knives until only the hinges are left. A year ago the Burton car works obtained a load of logs from the building and made all kinds of swell articles from it to be distributed to its patrons as souvenirs of the city's first residence. Mr. Mathewson will retain the remains of the cabin and construct a "play house" for his children.

Thursday, June 6, 1889

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4. The Wichita and Suburban electric line to Fairmount was opened last night.

The south Topeka street cars will make regular trips in future.

Friday, June 7, 1889

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1. Board of health yesterday discussed the need for removal of the Lewis dams on Little river and Chisholm creek for health reasons. Details.

Monday, June 10, 1889

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4. The Wichita and Suburban electric motor line was in operation yesterday and was generously patronized.

Persons around 1st and Main complain that the switch being constructed at that point by the Suburban line will obstruct the street.

Tuesday, June 11, 1889

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1. City council yesterday received petition from O. C. Daisy and 16 others asking that the Salvation Army be restricted from beating their bass drums and tambourines on South Lawrence avenue after 8 p.m., saying "while we are law abiding citizens and Christians, yet we do not believe that it takes a bass drum and tambourines to wake up Christ."

Letter to editor about the City Hospital of Wichita, 929 South Main, saying it should not be confused with the one formerly known as the Benevolent Home, which has not adopted a similar name. The City Hospital on South Main, is a homeopathic institution but does permit allopathic physicians to have patients there. The City Hospital was organized last December.

The Palace stable, two story brick structure at corner of Lawrence and Douglas, under construction past three months, is completed, and Hewey Brothers, proprietors, moved in today.

2. Editorial about Wichita police force says there are 23 men on the force and Chief of Police Aspy is asking for four more, preferably mounted.

Wednesday, June 12, 1889

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1. Report of second annual commencement exercises of Garfield university this morning at the chapel. Details.

The Riverside park was visited by about 1800 persons last night for various amusements of dancing, boat riding, etc.

The Wichita and Suburban line has discarded mules and now uses electricity to propel its cars. The change of motive power was made last night. Early this morning the electric motors were started on the Fairmount line, traversing the line from Fairmount to the corner of 1st and Main in 25 minutes instead of the former 45 minutes. By next Monday it is expected the line will be completed to the packing houses, with reduction of travel time from 30 to 15 minutes.

4. The Garfield university and Griffenstein cars will in future make the round trip, instead of stopping at Douglas avenue.

Saturday, June 15, 1889

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1. Interview with street car driver complaining of inconsiderate women passengers.

Note from Sisters of Mercy (i.e., St. Francis hospital) saying the number of free patients during the last six months has drawn on their limited funds and asking for the generous charity of the citizens of Wichita.

4. City council yesterday passed resolutions for paving of Market street from English to Elm and 1st from Main to Market.

Monday, June 17, 1889

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1. Officers of Wichita street railway are planning gradual adoption of electric motors, beginning with the line from College Hill to Garfield university. The track gauge will need to be widened for this.

H. J. Martine, proprietor of Delmonico Hotel on South Topeka, and said to be considerably in debt, disappeared yesterday and the hotel has been closed.

4. Glass is in and plastering finished at R. E. Lawrence's new residence on South Seneca.

The Garfield university register shows an attendance for the last session of 1070 students.

Tuesday, June 18, 1889

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1. Report of high water on Little river last night, with some flooding. Said to be highest since 1877. Water was within few inches of the banks near the J. O. Davidson residence. Details.

Officials of Wichita Street Railway are today inspecting the Sprague system of electricity as applied on the Wichita and Suburban lines. A special car left Main and 1st at 2 p.m. and inspected the entire route.

Wednesday, June 19, 1889

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1. Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company filed injunction suit against the Wichita and Suburban railway to restrain that company from causing interference with transmissions over their telephone lines. Details.

The tracks of the Suburban Railway line are submerged between 29th and 30th street from the recent rains.

Discussion of proposal school bond issue of \$150,000, to be voted on July 15. Details.

4. The natatorium opens for business today.

Long report on the Citizens Electric company, now in operation. Three years ago the Wichita Schuyler company began electric lighting in Wichita. The company was placed under new management in December 1886, under Mr. F. O. Rusling. In October 1887 the Citizens Electric company was formed as its successor, with capital of \$100,000. This company is largely a Wichita concern, with J. O. Davidson, president, George H. Blackwelder, director, etc. ¶ The old works on 5th avenue operated 275 arc lights. It was then determined to branch out and furnish cheap incandescent light by the Thomson-Houston system. The large brick building at 3rd and Wichita streets cost \$6400 and was first occupied June 1, 1889. The boiler room has five 100 hp boilers, operating one 125 hp, two 75 hp and three 60 hp engines, driving two incandescent dynamos capable of furnishing 650 lights each and nine furnishing 30 lights each. The boilers consume \$650

worth of coal monthly. The company proposes to substitute incandescent lights for the gas street lights in the city. Details. Rates for households to be \$1 each per month for one to three lights, 75¢ each for three to six lights, 50¢ each for six to ten lights, etc.

Saturday, June 22, 1889

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2. Long report from St. Louis paper about the controversy over the appointment of Father Tihen to replace Father Casey as administrator of the diocese of Wichita. Details.
4. Oliver and Imboden are building a 60,000 bushel elevator on Douglas avenue near their mill to handle this season's crop.

The Wichita and Suburban railway will reach the packing house with its electric motor line. North of 15th street only one set of poles will be used, while south of that point it uses poles on each side of the street.

Monday, June 24, 1889

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4. The Riverside electric line accommodated 3052 passengers yesterday. At least 5000 persons visited the park.

Tuesday, June 25, 1889

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4. The St. Francis hospital is said to show a preference to poor paupers. At present it is crowded with poor patients while those with money are turned away.

The Natatorium is nearing completion and will soon be opened to the public.

Ad for 4th of July celebration at the new Riverside Park says electric motors will leave Market and Douglas every five minutes for the park.

Wednesday, June 26, 1889

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1. The Sisters of Mercy at St. Francis hospital will appeal publicly, for the first time, to the generous public for substantial assistance. Owing to the great number of charity patients, their financial condition is at present at its lowest ebb.

The track of the motor line in the Burton car works area is in a deplorable condition as a result of recent rains. Cross ties are loosened, the rails crooked, and the road generally in a bad condition. Gangs of workmen are engaged in repairing the road bed.

4. The old bridge across Chisholm creek on Central avenue will be replaced with a new one.

Announcement of musicale at B. H. Campbell's residence, Riverside, tomorrow evening. The electric motor passes within a block of his house. A special car will return at 10:30.

Friday, June 28, 1889**page**

1. The city directory for 1889 has just been issued and contains 16,000 names compared with 15,000 last year.

Saturday, June 29, 1889**page**

1. The consolidation of the Riverside and the Wichita and Suburban Electric lines is the topic of conversation in the city today. J. O. Davidson, who purchased the Suburban line, said the deal was first taken under consideration Monday. For the sum of \$65,000 the interests of the Suburban company were transferred to Mr. Davidson, the idea being to effect an arrangement by which a belt line could be operated. The deed to the property was filed yesterday and the new management took charge today. ¶ It is understood that only \$15,000 passed between the parties, the new owner assuming \$40,000 of liabilities. ¶ An extension from Alamo to the car works is planned. ¶ Consolidation of the city railway with the electric line is being contemplated. The eastern company which is said to be forming now for the purpose of operating the street car lines of Wichita will not take the management from the hands of the present officials.
3. Notice: bids will be received for repair of the bridge over Chisholm creek at Kellogg street.

Monday, July 1, 1889**page**

1. The Wichita and Suburban electric line is now under the management of Superintendent Fitch of the Riverside line. Lee Taylor will continue as division superintendent of the Wichita and Suburban line, which position he has held since its construction. The electric system will be completed immediately to the car works and the steam motor dispensed with. Transfers will be made by the two lines at the corner of Water and Pine streets. A "Y" will be constructed at that point so that cars may change and run in either direction when necessary.

The Natatorium opposite Crawford's Grand opera house is now open and ready for business.

Tuesday, July 2, 1889**page**

1. Picnic at Riverside park to be held July 4 for the benefit of St. Francis hospital. Prices are: coffee 5¢, ice cream and cake 15¢, and sandwiches 5¢.

Wednesday, July 3, 1889**page**

1. Directors of the City railway yesterday decided to adopt the Thomson-Houston electric system, which is the system in use on the Riverside line. About 15 miles of line will be constructed, at a total cost of \$195,000. This will give electric service to College Hill,

Garfield university, Union depot, Griffenstein's park, Main street, and Douglas and Topeka avenues, provided the Council will permit the change.

For the 4th of July celebration, the Riverside electric motor line will operate 12 cars, of which ten will operate between Douglas avenue and the park, while the other two will run straight through to the end of the line. ¶ On the Wichita and Suburban, four electric cars will be operated, while four will be run with steam dummies. ¶ Thus the company will have 16 cars running by electricity that day.

The rooms provided for the board of education in the Sedgwick building are being furnished today. Heretofore the board has depended on the kindness of others for rooms in which to hold meetings.

4. The "Y" was finished yesterday at the corner of Pine and Water streets, thus connecting the two electric motor lines.

Friday, July 5, 1889

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1. Reports of the 4th of July parade, etc. Details.
4. The jam on the Riverside electric line yesterday was unprecedented. Twelve cars were being operated, and when they were overcrowded, as attempt was made to switch the Wichita and Suburban electric motors to that line but without good results. The Sprague system could not be operated on the Thomson-Houston line and the scheme was abandoned. ¶ From noon until 3 p.m. a crowd of 500 persons waited continuously to take the cars at Douglas and Market and the scramble to obtain seats when the cars arrived was anything but pleasant.

Eight hundred people went out to the new ball park in Riverside yesterday to see a game between Hutchinson and the Wichita Clippers.

Tuesday, July 9, 1889

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1. Electric car Number 2 of the Wichita and Suburban line was struck by lightning yesterday and the armature burned out.

Wednesday, July 10, 1889

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1. Hon. John S. Wise, the general attorney of the Sprague Electric company will arrive here tomorrow with a view of obtaining a settlement for the construction of the Wichita and Suburban electric line and for the electric motors on that line. The company claims \$25,000 as the entire amount and assert that no part of the sum has been paid.

Thursday, July 11, 1889

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4. Car Number 3 of the Wichita and Suburban line broke down this morning at the corner of Pine and Water, and for two hours passengers were transferred to the Riverside line.

Friday, July 12, 1889**page**

1. Residents on Market from Douglas to Pine are complaining about unused poles every 100 yards along the electric line, which disfigure the street. Superintendent Fitch of the Riverside line says they were put up by the predecessor Electric company, which sold their franchise to the present company. In a controversy arising over these poles, the Riverside line refused to accept them and erected new ones.
4. Superintendent Chamberlain of the car works sent eight new stock cars to the East today.

Monday, July 15, 1889**page**

4. A platform will be erected on the motor line at the Whittaker packing house for the accommodation of those visiting that locality.

Tuesday, July 16, 1889**page**

1. The proposition to vote \$100,000 of school bonds carried in the election yesterday by 642 to 467.
4. Number 1, the first street car operated in Wichita, is doing service at present on the South Topeka branch of the city railway.

Wednesday, July 17, 1889**page**

4. The city hospital has removed from South Main street to 1105 North 4th avenue.

The grand stand at the ball park is being erected today. The seating capacity will be 1,000 and it will be roofed.

The Wichita and Western has eight engines in use.

Thursday, July 18, 1889**page**

1. General manager has ordered the painting and repairing of a number of cars of the City Railway company.
3. Drawing of YMCA building (I believe the first illustration to appear in the *News-Beacon*).

Saturday, July 20, 1889**page**

1. School board met in the council chamber last night. One of the board members is Mr. Pratt.

Monday, July 22, 1889**page**

1. Contract was let today to S. G. Gribi for an addition to the Metropole hotel -- the south half to be raised two stories and extended 100 feet in the rear.

Honorable John Wise had papers issues Saturday to replevin the cars and wire of the Wichita and Suburban electric motor line, for a claim of \$17,000 (he is attorney for the Sprague Electric company). The Riverside company at once gave bonds in the sum of \$34,000, and the property was released by the sheriff. Mr. Fitch, of the Riverside company, said this was merely a matter of form to establish the fact that the Sprague company hold a claim against the Wichita and Suburban line.

Tuesday, July 23, 1889**page**

1. Switch engine 216, which killed Hal Tracy in the Frisco yards yesterday, is said to be "Hoodooed" by the superstitious railroad men of the city.

Friday, July 26, 1889**page**

1. Cars 39, 40, 41, and 42, on the City railway from Garfield university to Griffenstein park, which formerly reached these points via Park street, will in future go north on Main to 10th and thence to the west. This is made possible by the repairing of the Ft. Scott Railroad tracks. The Main street traffic demanded the change.

Saturday, July 27, 1889**page**

1. The school board met yesterday in the Sedgwick building to consider plans for proposed school houses. Building and grounds committee recommended. ¶ In 6th ward, vicinity of Kellogg and Ida, Lulu, or Laura, eight room building; in 3rd ward, about on 3rd street and Cleveland, Mathewson, New York, or Pennsylvania avenues, eight room building; in 5th ward in vicinity of 10th and Wabash, four room building; and in 5th ward in vicinity of McCormick avenue and Martinson, Elizabeth, or Roberts avenues, four room building.

Tuesday, July 30, 1889**page**

4. The Gordon store block on North Main street, opposite the court house, was completed today at cost of \$31,000.

Edmond Verstraete, the electrician who has had charge of the electrical portion of the Riverside line, leaves tomorrow for Peoria, Illinois, where he will superintend the construction of an electric railway to be built there. He will be absent about four months.

Wednesday, July 31, 1889**page**

1. School board met yesterday. Article lists the schools and janitors appointed to each.

4. Change of time on Suburban line:
Cars leave city for Burton 10 minutes after each hour.
Cars leave city for packing house 10 and 40 minutes after each hour.
Cars leave city for Fairmount 40 minutes after each hour.
Cars leave Burton for city 25 minutes after each hour.
Cars leave packing house for city 10 and 40 minutes after each hour.
Cars leave Fairmount for city 30 minutes after each hour.
A car leaves 1st and Main, Burton, and Fairmount at 6:10 a.m. from each place.
¶ Increased service will be given as soon as cars arrive.

Thursday, August 1, 1889**page**

1. The Whittaker packing plant started up today. Details and description.

Report of test of fire department's response and water pressure at YMCA building yesterday. Details.

Local officials of the Santa Fe say the company will shortly erect a new depot at Douglas avenue.

Friday, August 2, 1889**page**

1. The Wholesale Grocer Company, whose quarters on Main street were recently destroyed by fire, has determined to locate in the Root building on South Market street despite the action of the Council in refusing to allow the company to construct a switch from the Wichita and Western track through the alleys to the rear of the building. The company will move from their temporary quarters today (delayed -- page 1 August 3).

4. The Oliver-Imboden company, proprietors of the City Mills, have completed their new grain elevator which has six bins each holding 10,000 barrels, making at total capacity of 125,000 bushels of storage at the mills.

Charles C. Allen resigned as manager of the Wichita telephone exchange, effective Monday, after being in charge one year. H. G. Chipchaser, of the Wellington exchange will succeed him.

Saturday, August 3, 1889**page**

1. Article reports Santa Fe has awarded contract for a \$35,000 depot building in Wichita. Details.

Tuesday, August 6, 1889**page**

1. The various brick companies of the city report about two million out of six to seven million manufactured this season are still at the yards. Demand is comparatively light and the yards generally have shut down. If need arises they could readily produce 75,000 per day.
4. Steps are being taken to organize a silk company and occupy the watch factory on the West Side.

Thursday, August 8, 1889**page**

1. The Wichita Street Railway company is improving its service and lines since Superintendent Rider took hold. Cars are being cleaned and repainted. Track laying is progressing west on Oak street from Main to cross the Oak street bridge. The long buried rails on Central avenue have been taken up.

Friday, August 9, 1889**page**

1. Car Number 33 on the Carey Park line of the City Railway company passed over the body of a small child last night after it turned from Main to Park street. The child, who was not seen by the driver, was injured.

Colorado sandstone, a popular paving material, is in use in several places on the line of the City street railway. It is used principally in constructing the curves of the road owing to its durability.
4. A representative of a Boston syndicate is in the city negotiating for the purchase of all the street car lines.

Saturday, August 10, 1889**page**

1. A street car track is being laid on Oak street from Main street to Little river bridge. This is to accommodate the public when circuses are in the city by running cars directly to the park in which the exhibition occurs.
4. A platform has been constructed on the Riverside electric line at the western end of the bridge to accommodate patrons who attend the circus next Tuesday.

Monday, August 12, 1889**page**

1. The street car lines have made extensive arrangements to accommodate those attending the circus tomorrow. The electric line will give a five minute service between Douglas avenue and the grounds, and the city railway will run cars by way of Oak street to the

park. ¶ The electric line will run eight motors each with a trail car, from Douglas and Market (on page 2). The Sells Brothers circus has a national reputation.

Tuesday, August 13, 1889**page**

1. The City street railway has extended its track to Riverside park especially for the occasion of the Sells Brothers circus there today. The company run cars from Main and Douglas direct to the circus every three minutes. At the close of the night performance they will have 40 cars in waiting at the Oak street bridge to convey passengers to all parts of the city.

Wednesday, August 14, 1889**page**

1. The Street Car companies reaped a harvest yesterday (from the circus crowd). During the day and night the electric cars collected 14,791 fares.

Thursday, August 15, 1889**page**

1. Ground for the Santa Fe passenger depot was broken this morning at 6 o'clock. It will be erected south of the company's Douglas avenue station, 60 feet from the street crossing. R. Hedderman, of Topeka, secured the contract. The building is to be constructed of red granite from New Mexico.

City railway directors met today to consider proposals for construction of 13 miles of electric railway. Two bids were received: Sprague and the Thomson-Houston. Awarding of the contract was deferred pending a new franchise from the Council.

4. Brick work of the addition to the Metropole hotel was completed today. It is to be ready for occupancy September 15.

Friday, August 16, 1889**page**

1. Report of a patient in very low condition at the St. Francis hospital.

J. O. Davidson entertained a number of New York gentlemen on the electric line this morning. The distance between Alamo and the river was traveled several times.
4. The first train on the Territorial extension of the Rock Island will leave Wichita next Monday. The road has been completed to Wild Horse, 12 miles south of Pond Creek.

Saturday, August 17, 1889**page**

1. Representatives of the eastern syndicate interested in purchase of the electric lines of the city made an inspection trip over the entire road yesterday, including the Burton and Fairmount extensions.

Monday, August 19, 1889**page**

1. Notice by Riverside and Suburban Railway Company that tickets of the Wichita and Suburban Railway Company will not be honored on and after September 1, 1889.

Tuesday, August 20, 1889**page**

1. Members of the metropolitan police force have discarded the badges they have worn theretofore and are now wearing stars as insignias of their office.

Thursday, August 22, 1889**page**

4. Slate is being laid on the roof of the government building.

Monday, August 26, 1889**page**

1. Manager Ryder of the Wichita Street Railway said the company would this week inaugurate a new and improved service. The red line cars, leaving Carey park, will run down Main to Lincoln street, and instead of coming back over the same route as is now done, will run up South Topeka to Douglas and thence on Douglas to Main. Every other car leaving the park will run south on Main to Douglas, thence east to Topeka and south on Topeka to Lincoln, returning on South Main, thus making a circuit with cars moving in opposite directions. The service will be 15 minute.

Wednesday, August 28, 1889**page**

4. The new African Methodist Episcopal church on North Water will soon be completed. It is a near brick structure.

Thursday, August 29, 1889**page**

4. Dr. E. H. Creditor, the dentist, has moved from 209 North Main street, to 144 North Market street over Smith and Stover's shoe store.

The family of Superintendent Chase, of the telephone company, have arrived here.

Friday, August 30, 1889**page**

1. The first car on the belt line of the Wichita Street Railway crossed Main and Douglas at 6:45 this morning bound south and inaugurated the new service as described a few days ago (August 26).

Saturday, August 31, 1889**page**

1. The Forepaugh circus arrived here this morning from Emporia, over the Santa Fe, and rapidly raised their tents in the space enclosing the race track in Davidson's park. The main tent is 185 by 385 feet and will seat 13,000 people. The parade followed (details).

The electric railway company has 20 cars in operation this afternoon and evening carrying passengers to and from the circus grounds. There are 11 cars on the Market street line and nine on Water street.

2. The injured railroad employe, Fred Fisher, was placed in St. Francis hospital last night.

Monday, September 2, 1889

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1. Garfield university will open its third session tomorrow.
4. The Riverside and Suburban Electric line has a record of 12,400 fares on circus day. The Wichita Street Railway company transported 8000 people to and from the circus grounds last Saturday.

Tuesday, September 3, 1889

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1. City council last night passed the new franchise granting the Wichita Street Railway the right to use electricity. President Campbell, of the Wichita Street Railway Company, said today that the company has not yet decided between the Thompson-Houston (sic) and Sprague systems.

City council yesterday heard report of plans by Dumont and Hayward for the new engine house at corner of 13th and 4th avenue and instructed the city clerk to advertise for bids.

The old Ida May house on the corner of Pine and Main streets has been fitted up as the Barnum hotel, for accommodation of colored people. First class day board can be obtained at \$2.50 per week, and board and lodging at \$2.75.

4. The fall term of Wichita University will open tomorrow.

The new engine house to be located at 13th street and 4th avenue, will be a two story building 37 by 52 feet, with a pressed brick front. Designs are by Elbert Dumont.

The council agreed last night to purchase a Number 2 Ahrens fire engine at cost not to exceed \$4000.

Wednesday, September 4, 1889

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1. Article reporting complaints about the new franchise given the Wichita Street Railway. Details.

Thursday, September 5, 1889**page**

1. The Santa Fe company has just received a new switch engine, Number 187, that is a beauty. It has a platform or guard all around the tender.

Friday, September 6, 1889**page**

1. W. B. Strong today resigned as president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company.

Article reports views of Colonel Campbell, of the Wichita Street Railway company, on the new franchise ordinance. He is indignant about the complaints. Details. Says stockholders in company include J. O. Davidson, William Griffenstein, Robert E. Lawrence, N. A. English, George L. Rouse, H. G. Lee, J. N. Pompelly, R. W. Eldridge, and A. H. Merrill.

4. Services were held in the new African Methodist Episcopal church on North Water street last evening (probably for first time).

Saturday, September 7, 1889**page**

1. Article with more discussion of the new street railway ordinance.

Article reports assignments of teachers to the various schools for coming year.

About 200 students are enrolled in the college proper at Garfield University for the new year.

Monday, September 9, 1889**page**

1. Colonel Campbell discusses the new street railway ordinance again. Details.

About 25 Indians were at Riverside park yesterday and were shown through the engine room of the electric motor lines power house.

Tuesday, September 10, 1889**page**

1. At city council last night, Mayor Clement vetoed the new street railway ordinance Number 705. Details.

Mayor Clement signed the contract with Barber Asphalt Paving Company today for paving Market street.

The keystone in the tower of the new government building was laid yesterday, and today the tall derricks are being taken down.

City council yesterday agreed to pay E. B. Mentzer \$1000 for property on corner of 13th street and 4th avenue for new fire house. (Ordinance 713.)

City engineer reported to council yesterday estimation of cost of grading streets from Douglas avenue to campus of Wichita University as less than \$200, either on Clifton, Grant, or Park avenues. On motion of Councilman Coffin, Clifton avenue was chosen.

4. Official publication of boundaries of wards and precincts.

Wednesday, September 11, 1889

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4. Article tells of Indians amusing themselves in Wichita Sunday dropping nickels in the glass money box of the electric motor and watching the zig-zag course of the coins to the lower end of the box.

Friday, September 13, 1889

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1. The Burton car works are doing an active business at present.
4. Workmen are taking down the front of that part of the Metropole hotel that was formerly called the Caldwell house, preparatory to rebuilding it to the height of the new building and making the front uniform.

Saturday, September 14, 1889

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1. The lease of the Harvey county railroad to the Frisco expires today and will not be renewed. It runs from Sedgwick to Halstead and has been used by the Frisco for their western outlet. They will now use the Midland road, running their trains to Burrton instead of Halstead, and are now building new yards, tracks, and tanks in Burrton. The Harvey county road will probably be abandoned and the tracks taken up, although this is not definitely determined yet.
4. Article describes methods of Wichita fire department in leaving when alarm is turned in. Details.

Tuesday, September 17, 1889

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1. The Yucca soap company, at 1213 East Douglas, owned by W. R. Binkley, C. K. Smith, and A. A. Hyde, will shortly employ about ten hands making drugs and toilet soaps from yucca root, known among Mexicans and Indians for generations.
4. City council yesterday adopted resolution declaring all unused street railway tracks within the city a nuisance and directing the various companies to take up all unused track in the city within ten days after notice is served.

Wednesday, September 18, 1889**page**

1. School board yesterday ordered building of a two room addition to Emerson school. ¶ It also recommended that single desks replace, where practicable, the double desks used in Park and Emerson schools, where there is a mixed attendance of white and colored children.

Friday, September 20, 1889**page**

1. Report of annual meeting of the YMCA in the new building Tuesday night. Details.

Saturday, September 21, 1889**page**

1. School board last night opened bids for new 6th ward school, tentatively named Lowell. Details.

Monday, September 23, 1889**page**

1. Owners of Riverside electric line will ask the council tonight for franchise for block of road from Douglas to William on Market. ¶ The company now operate the Riverside line from Douglas north on Market to Pine, west on Pine across the river, through the park to north to Alamo. ¶ Since buying the Wichita and Suburban they also operate that line from 1st and Main west on 1st to Water, north on Water to 10th, east on 10th to Market, thence north to 13th, east to 4th avenue, north to 15th and east to Fairmount. The line is also completed on 1st street from Water east to New York avenue ¶ They also have a line from 1st to William on Water and then east on William to 5th avenue, at the lower end of the new depot being built by the Santa Fe. ¶ The extension would give them opportunity to run cars directly from the depot through the business center to Alamo and Fairmount, and the extension now being completed to the packing house and car works would add these points.

Tuesday, September 24, 1889**page**

1. City council yesterday awarded contract for hose house Number 3 to Thomas Sees for \$4050 and ordered advertising for bids for hose house Number 4 on West Side.

Wednesday, September 25, 1889**page**

1. Article describes location and progress on mains of the new sewer system. Details.
4. Frank Dale will leave in a few days for Oklahoma.

Thursday, September 26, 1889**page**

1. The city railway people are engaged in arranging their cars to accommodate the fair traffic next week. They will have 40 cars placed on the Main street line and will put on more if this is not sufficient.

Friday, September 27, 1889**page**

1. Report of article in *Kansas City Globe* comparing statistics of leading Kansas cities. Shows 1888 Wichita population of 33,999. ¶ "Much ado has been made in Kansas papers over the fact that Wichita this year refused to give in her population."

Saturday, September 28, 1889**page**

1. The Sedgwick county fair will be at the fair grounds next Tuesday. The mile track is one of the best and the grand stand will seat over 4000 people. The grounds comprise 85 acres.

School board yesterday awarded contract to R. M. Jacks for the 6th ward eight room school building, and to H. R. Lillibridge for the Burton building. \$500 was appropriated for a building between the rivers south of Alamo.

4. Excavation for the new hose house at 13th street and 4th avenue was completed yesterday.

The city force grading Clifton avenue from Douglas to the Wichita University, in order that a street car line may be constructed there, finished the job yesterday.

Monday, September 30, 1889**page**

1. *Wichita News-Beacon* reduces its price to 2¢.

Tuesday, October 1, 1889**page**

4. City council yesterday awarded contract for hose house Number 4, on West Side, to Taylor and Cox for \$2868.

Wednesday, October 2, 1889**page**

1. At the Sedgwick county fair, being held this week, "Hit this nigger and you get 25 cents," is a sign displayed where a game of throwing eggs at a colored man's head is conducted.

Thursday, October 3, 1889**page**

1. An excursion train from Wichita is traveling today to the terminus of the Rock Island at Hennessey, 40 miles below Pond Creek.

Sunday, October 6, 1889

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4. Manager Ryder, of the Wichita street railway, contemplates better service for the country extensions of their line. At present two cars operate the whole extension.

Monday, October 7, 1889**page**

1. An unknown man took charge of a street car on the City Railway company's tracks early this morning while preparations were being made by the foreman at the 10th street barn to start the work of the day. Before being noticed, the mules were started off at a rapid trot and the car driven down Main and out to the fair grounds.

Tuesday, October 8, 1889**page**

1. City council yesterday instructed city engineer to prepare plans and specifications of a bridge across Little river at Central avenue
4. School board yesterday heard reports that work has started on the new 6th ward building and the foundation of the new building at the car works is about completed.

Wednesday, October 9, 1889**page**

4. The first annual announcement of the Wichita Medical College has been issued. The first term will commence next Tuesday. The institution is located in the Sedgwick building, and the faculty is composed of the city's leading physicians.

Friday, October 11, 1889**page**

1. Long article describes the Wichita stock yards and its new additions. November 26 will be first anniversary of the opening of the yards. At the time of opening the Stock Yards company had provided about two acres of pens adjoining the siding of Emporia avenue the three story brick Live Stock exchange had been built, containing offices for commission firms, and a hotel. ¶ The new stock yards are located between the Rock Island tracks and the rear lines of the packing houses and include 68 acres of ground and five acres of new buildings. Details.
4. West Central avenue is being graded and work on the new bridge crossing the Little river has been commenced.

Town topics: "A secret of Wichita's success is the entire absence of factional strife when the city's interest is to be considered. When the good of the city is involved, commercial rivalry is forgotten and all meet on equal ground and vie with each other in their desire to make the Magic City the most prosperous of cities."

Saturday, October 12, 1889**page**

1. Article describes blow up by Judge Balderston at a reporter of the *News-Beacon* in the court of common pleas yesterday.

An order was issued to employes of Riverside and Suburban line yesterday by General Manager Fitch, that no tickets issued by the City railway should be accepted for travel on the company's line, since the City railway refuses to accept those of his line.

4. Work on the armory building of the Wichita Light Infantry, on South Market, will commence Monday.

School board meeting yesterday considered purchase of lots on Cleveland and Mathewson in 3rd Ward and at Main and Harry in 1st Ward.

Monday, October 14, 1889

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4. The Suburban electric line issued a new time card today, to take immediate effect. The packing house, car works, and Fairmount will have a 30 minute service, and the junction will have a car every 15 minutes. To the residents of the northern portion of the city the time is reduced by one-half.

Tuesday, October 15, 1889

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1. Report of opening exercises of the Wichita Medical College at the chamber of commerce last evening. Details.

Report that J. S. Hilton filed suit against the Wichita City Railway company for \$5500 damages for injuries in his three year old son alleged due to negligence on August 6, 1889, when the boy was struck by a street car.

4. Article about need to find a key to open the city's fire alarm boxes. Chief Walden has issued 100 keys to the city's 17 alarm boxes to policemen, places staying open late, etc.

Wednesday, October 16, 1889

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1. The City Railway company is constructing a track on English street to connect with the South Main street line in order to get cars around to the custom house (sic). The road will be completed tomorrow. The Water street cars will be operated on the new road and a half hour service will be given.

Friday, October 18, 1889

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4. The Valley Center motor line has again resumed operations.

The Wichita Medical College has 12 pupils in attendance at present. Six lectures are delivered daily. The rooms are fitted up for the demonstration of anatomy.

The City Railway company is digging up (sic) a line on Market street, south from Douglas to English, where it turns west and taps the Main street line, thus forming a loop that passes in front of the government building.

The grading of Market street preparatory to paving with asphalt commenced this morning at English and Market and will work north.

Saturday, October 19, 1889

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4. Rooms are for rent in the Zimmerly building for four, five, six, and eight dollars.

Several cars of red granite from New Mexico were received today for use in the Santa Fe depot. The arches of the main entrance are being put in position today. The Wichita stone works will prepare all the soft stone to be used.

The first regular train for Kingfisher, on the newly completed extension of the Rock Island, will leave Wichita Monday morning at 6:45.

Monday, October 21, 1889

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1. Article quotes J. O. Davidson saying there is a prospect that the several street railway companies of Wichita will pass under one management, and that this will be under the direction of eastern capitalists. This includes the horse car lines, steam motors, and electric lines. A representative will visit the city soon and examine the lines. ¶ The proposed transfer includes 72½ miles with some 125 cars, the lines being as follows:

The Wichita City Railway, operated by mule power, 40 miles.

The Wichita and Suburban electric line -- 12 miles.

The Valley Center steam motor line -- 11 miles.

The Riverside and Suburban electric line -- 6½ miles.

The Rapid Transit steam motor line -- 5 miles.

The City Railway company today decided to pave with vitrified brick between the company's tracks on Market from English to Douglas, where the street is to be paved with asphalt. The Wichita Brick and Sewer Pipe company, of Colonel Jocelyn, agreed to lay the pavement for \$2.30 per yard, including the preparation of the street, such as grading, etc. This is less than the price of asphalt.

Tuesday, October 22, 1889

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1. Discussion in city council last night of contest between Riverside and Suburban and the Wichita Street Railway companies over right-of-way in the first block on South Market. W. E. Stanley was attorney for Riverside and Suburban and Kos Harris for the City Street Railway company. Latter said the request for franchise authority was but an effort by the Riverside line to wreck the City railway line. Mr. Stanley replied that J. O. Davidson had

no disposition to injure the City railway line, as he owned five times as much stock in the latter line as he did in the Riverside line. No decision made.

Report of collision this morning between an electric motor and a Santa Fe engine at the 15th street crossing. The electric car was pushed off the track and partly overturned. Details.

The Barber Asphalt Company is erecting a plant on the island in the Arkansas river, immediately south of the 2nd street bridge, for purpose of preparing material for paving purposes. Details.

Council yesterday voted to locate the new city hall at southwest corner of Main and William.

Wednesday, October 23, 1889

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1. Regarding collision yesterday between Wichita and Suburban electric car and Santa Fe engine, Manager Fitch asserts that the Santa Fe is required to stop all trains at that crossing by law, as the Fairmount road was operated as a steam road for a long time and hence comes under the provisions of the state law requiring all railroad trains to stop at road crossings. ¶ S. H. Stonebraker was motoneer of the electric car.
3. City council on Monday ordered two new hose wagons for the department from M. A. McKenzie and Company, of Wichita, for \$400 each.

City council on Monday awarded contract for paving South Main to Barber Asphalt company at cost of \$2.80 per square yard.

Thursday, October 24, 1889

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4. The street car companies had fires in the cars this morning for the first time this season.

Friday, October 25, 1889

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1. Directors of City railway company met yesterday to consider various matters (details). No decisions taken.

The ground wire of the Burton extension of the Wichita and Suburban electric line is being laid. The side poles and overhead wire have been completed from the packing houses to Burton. ¶ The steam motor which was operated on the extension until recently has been rendered entirely useless by the breaking of piston rods. A mule car is doing service in the absence of better facilities. ¶ When the line is completed, motors will run through from 1st and Main to Burton in 40 minutes.

Saturday, October 26, 1889

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4. The Wholesale Grocer company received two car of native sugar from Conway Springs today.

Monday, October 28, 1889**page**

1. Report of fourth anniversary meeting yesterday of the YMCA in Wichita. Details.

Tuesday, October 29, 1889**page**

4. The plant of the Barber Asphalt company on the island south of the 2nd street bridge, has been completed except for the residuum oil tanks. The work of preparing asphalt for Market street will commence next week.

Wednesday, October 30, 1889**page**

1. The St. Louis Browns and the Wichita Clippers will cross bats at the Riverside baseball park November 7.
2. Complaint by a West Sider about filling in of the Arkansas river bed by adjoining property owners. "One span of the Douglas avenue bridge was removed last year as no longer necessary. The best (sic) span was removed and now does service at the crossing of Hydraulic avenue and Chisholm creek. The east span of the bridge can now be removed," etc.

The street railway to the Wichita university is being rapidly completed.

Thursday, October 31, 1889**page**

1. A street car driver of the City railway company claimed to have been cut with a razor yesterday by a passenger on car 29 who refused to pay the fare. It occurred north of the Main street car barn.

Friday, November 1, 1889**page**

1. Report on progress of the *Wichita News-Beacon* since it first appeared one year ago on November 1, 1888.

Saturday, November 2, 1889**page**

1. A concert will be given tonight at residence of B. H. Campbell, Riverside. The Riverside electric car from 1st and Market will put down passengers within one block of the house.

Monday, November 4, 1889**page**

1. The St. Louis Browns will play the Wichita Clippers Wednesday. Men are today repairing the Riverside ball grounds where the contest will occur. The grand stand, which was blown over recently, will be rebuilt. Additional seating capacity will be arranged. ¶ Manager Fitch, of the Riverside line, will have all the electric cars of the company operated for the benefit of those attending the game. Mule cars will be used to accommodate other portions of the line Wednesday afternoon.

E. E. Bleckley, city passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, went to Coffeyville this morning.

Wednesday, November 6, 1889

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1. The bonds for the city building carried in the election yesterday by 2475 to 779.

Thursday, November 7, 1889

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1. The St. Louis Browns beat the Wichita Clippers yesterday 11 to 3.

Friday, November 8, 1889

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1. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company completed a new circuit today that connects Wichita by telephone with Hutchinson, Burrton, Halstead, Newton, Sedgwick, and Valley Center. This also connects with the southern circuit that includes Wellington, Hunnewell, Caldwell, Ark City, Winfield, Belle Plaine, Mulvane, and Derby. The new circuit was tested this morning.
4. List of donations to the Wichita hospital.

Saturday, November 9, 1889

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1. Drivers of the City street railway are threatening to strike because of the reduction of their wages from \$1.40 per day to \$1.25. ¶ A driver said that when he first began driving for the company the pay for drivers was \$1.65 per day, later cut to \$1.45, and now to \$1.25. "If the work was but for ten hours a day it would be different," said the driver,"but we are compelled to work 15 hours a day the year around." ¶ Should a strike be inaugurated, there will be about 55 men in it.

Willie Lewis entertained his young friends at his home, 1336 North Lawrence, last night.

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2. About 130 men are employed at present at the Burton car works, building the palace horse cars, which are the finest in the world. About 100 of these cars have been turned out, and men are now at work on an order for a second hundred. These cars are not sold, but are

leased to individuals and corporations by the Burton Car company, nearly all being sent east.

4. The people of north Wichita are anxiously waiting for the extension of the electric motor system to their part of the city, as the poles have been erected for some time.

The street car strike failed to materialize.

Someone this morning placed a five dollar gold piece in the money box of street car, Number 22 of the yellow line, evidently mistaking it for a nickel.

Tuesday, November 12, 1889

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1. City council yesterday adopted ordinance giving Riverside and Suburban railway the privilege of extending its line from present terminus at Douglas and Market south on Market to William, and thence east to 5th avenue.

City council yesterday altered franchise of Central Avenue Street Railway company to permit them to construct a line from Main and 1st east on 1st to Wabash, thence to Hydraulic, thence north to Central, and east on Central to Tracy avenue.

City council yesterday adopted recommendation of the fire chief to build an addition to engine house Number 1 in order to make room of the new fire engine, which is expected to arrive December 1.

City council yesterday authorized advertising for bids for plans and speculations for new city building. Details.

City council yesterday awarded contract for bridge over Chisholm creek on Hunter avenue to J. K. Sawyer for \$190.

Article about strike today of drivers on the City street railway lines.

Wednesday, November 13, 1889

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1. Things are quiet in street car circles today, with no evidence of yesterday's strike. Two drivers were discharged yesterday. ¶ Mr. Doniphan, the new superintendent at the Main street barn, is still on duty. He has been with the company three years and says yesterday's article was incorrect, and he had not solicited the new position, but the company offered it to him. A driver stated that McClure, the discharged superintendent of the yellow barn, had obtained employment at \$1.50 per day.

Thursday, November 14, 1889

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1. James Howard, superintendent for Sullivan and Steinmetz, contractors for the sewer, said about 40 miles of the 68 miles contracted for is completed. There are about 900 manholes.

Friday, November 15, 1889**page**

1. Article about Rev. J. F. Nessly, said to be the first regular Methodist minister in Wichita, who came here from Olathe in March 1872. There being no church building here at that time, services were held in the old frame school house that occupied the spot where the high school building now stands. Services were held every other Sunday, alternating with the Episcopalians, who also used the same building. ¶ He then built a frame church building on Lawrence avenue, where now stands the First Methodist Episcopal church, and it was dedicated in December 1872.
3. Official publication: notice advertising for bids for plans and speculations for new city building, to be received by December 2, 1889.

Monday, November 18, 1889**page**

18. At midnight Saturday a restraining order stopped work of the Riverside and Suburban railway in building its extension south on Market from Douglas to Market. Details.

Tuesday, November 19, 1889**page**

1. Secretary Fitch, of the Riverside and Suburban electric line, fears the death of a child along the line, as school children are in the habit of jumping on the electric cars while in motion. The cars weight about three tons each.
4. Bishop Hennessy will be presented with a carriage on his return from Baltimore. Contributions towards the fund are being received by the priests of the city. The people of Wichita are responding readily to the call.

The platform on the west side of the new Santa Fe depot was completed this morning. Work on the depot is progressing.

Thursday, November 21, 1889**page**

1. Report of hearing of the injunction suit by Wichita Street Railway Company against extension by Riverside and Suburban company in first block of South Market. Details.

Friday, November 22, 1889**page**

1. Combination of report on street car injunction hearing.

Monday, November 25, 1889**page**

1. James Cains was appointed Chief of Police on Saturday. Details.

Wednesday, November 27, 1889**page**

1. District court judge Reed dissolved the injunction against Riverside and Suburban railway extension in first block on South Market, but Wichita street railway company re-instated it by appealing to state supreme court.

Friday, November 29, 1889**page**

4. The Wichita Live Stock Exchange was organized Wednesday evening. Details.

Monday, December 2, 1889**page**

2. Grain dealers at Goddard are complaining about the scarcity of cars in which to ship their grain. The supply is so limited it is impossible to fill half the orders.

Tuesday, December 3, 1889**page**

2. The Wichita Street railway company informed the council yesterday of its intention to build a connecting line on Seneca from Chicago avenue to Maple.

Wednesday, December 4, 1889**page**

1. The asphalt is being put down on 1st street between Main and Market, and tomorrow it should be opened to traffic.
2. City physician reports the number of paupers in local hospitals. St. Francis hospital 10, Wichita hospital 10, City hospital 7.

Thursday, December 5, 1889**page**

4. The water company started work yesterday replacing the old wooden mains on Main from English to Central with iron pipe.

Monday, December 9, 1889**page**

1. Report of meeting yesterday to perfect the organization of the Wichita Live Stock Exchange. Details.

The new hose house Number 3, at 13th and 4th avenue, is nearly ready for occupancy.

Tuesday, December 10, 1889**page**

1. City council last night selected the plans of Proudfoot and Bird for the new city hall, to be built of stone and cost \$70,000. It will be 80 by 108 feet, with central tower 125 feet high, and is to be located at southeast corner of Main and William. Details.
4. City council yesterday awarded contract for an addition to hose house Number 1, to cost \$768.

Wednesday, December 11, 1889**page**

1. More complaints about failure of the railroads to supply sufficient cars to haul away the grain.

Friday, December 13, 1889**page**

4. The city prison is being moved today to the lot just south of where it has been located. This is so an addition of 24 feet can be built upon the rear of hose house Number 1 to house the new fire engine.

The wooden water mains being removed for Main street, which have been underground for six years, are in a good state of preservation. They were built from the best pine to be obtained from the noted pineries of Michigan.

Saturday, December 14, 1889**page**

4. The street railway company has opened its line for traffic to the Wichita University, corner of Lincoln avenue and Mosher street. Persons leaving Main and Douglas at 25 to the hour will make connection for the Clifton avenue line for the university. Trips are made daily between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. ¶ Workmen yesterday commenced work on a line on the West Side from Chicago avenue south on Seneca to Maple, which should be open next week and will give improved accommodation to the students of Garfield University.

Bishop Hennessy was surprised yesterday by the gift of a carriage purchased by his friends from the McKenzie Carriage company.

Saturday, December 21, 1889**page**

4. The Street railway company completed its Seneca street line today. Beginning the fore part of next week, cars for Garfield university will run from Main to Douglas west on Douglas to Seneca, thence south to Maple, thence west to Hiram, and thence south on Hiram to the university. Heretofore cars have been run west on Maple from Main and south on Hiram to the university.

Tuesday, December 24, 1889**page**

1. Wichita's new and improved stock yards were formally opened for business this morning.
Description.

Saturday, December 28, 1889**page**

1. Following changes have been made in time of running street cars. Cars for Griffenstein park will connect with red cars at 10th and Wichita streets on the hour and half hour. Cars Nos. 30, 32, and 8 leaving Main and Douglas at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour will connect with the Griffenstein car. ¶ Garfield university cars will start from Main and Douglas every 20 minutes; crossing Douglas avenue bridge and south on Seneca to Maple street to university.

Mr. Sawyer, of building committee of board of education, says work on new buildings has been delayed by inability to get stone fast enough from the Butler quarries, and one or two buildings will not be finished before next fall. The building between the rivers, Burton car works school, and Emerson addition will be occupied Monday, January 6, at start of the winter term of school.

4. The Vitrified Brick company has men at work paving between the rails of the electric railway on North Market.

Monday, December 30, 1889**page**

2. Description of Wichita Street Railway company service. The company was organized with authorized capital of \$1,000,000 and has extended its lines into a network over the city. Twenty-eight cars pass to and fro on 47 streets, traveling 2400 miles daily. Many drivers after boarding cars in the morning travel 60 or 70 miles before quitting work at 10 p.m. ¶ The company is at present operating 33 miles of road, requiring 28 cars and as many drivers, with over 200 mules. At each of the five stables located in different parts of the city, a foreman and from six to eight men are required to perform the work. The services of three blacksmiths and two of three harness makers are also required. ¶ Each car makes from six to ten trips daily, traveling between 50 and 70 miles. Three teams of mules are required to pull the cars, the teams being changed in some instances every trip where the journey is long. On shorter routes a single team is worked five hours, changing for a fresh team at noon and again at 6 p.m. When the drivers board a car in the morning, they remain with it until 10 p.m., the hour for quitting. ¶ Cars are run on time and schedules are arranged that connections are made with each and every line. ¶ The street railway touches Lincoln street on the south, 17th street on the north, College Hill on the east, and Garfield university on the west. Seventy men are employed 365 days a year. The payroll of the company exceeds \$600 each week, and when costs of repairing tracks and boarding mules are added, the expenses of the company will be nearly \$100 each week, or \$52,000 annually.

Tuesday, December 31, 1889**page**

1. Rock Island Railroad company has purchased property just south of its passenger depot for \$5000 and will erect a new brick freight depot there.