TIHEN NOTES FROM 1891 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Friday, January 2, 1891
page 4.

Heavy snow fall during night of Wednesday to Thursday leaving snow 15 inches deep in
the drifts. The street railway lines were completely buried and before the cars could make
any attempt at running it was necessary to get out a snow plow and a gang of men to clear
the tracks. Superintendent Thomas Fitch directed the work and in a very short time the
cars were able to run on schedule time on the main lines.

Monday, January 5, 1891
This issue is missing.

Tuesday, January 6, 1891
page 4.

Report of school board meeting last night. Cost of buildings and equipment during 1890
was listed.

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County commission yesterday rented basement of the old court house to Deam, the abstracter, for ten dollars per month.

Monday, January 12, 1891

The electric cars are having a tough time since the snow set in. Last night all the cars made poor connections. Each car was supplied with a broom boy who kept the rail clear of snow, but it was almost impossible as sleighs continually driving along the thoroughfares kept piling it on as fast as it would be swept off. Snow had a very injurious effect on the working of the machinery.

Thursday, January 15, 1891

The Rock Island ticket office at corner of Main and Douglas is undergoing a series of improvements.

Monday, January 19, 1891

Architect Proudfoot went yesterday to Salt Lake City to figure on some work there.

Tuesday, January 20, 1891

Note says H. H. Swift, of Chicago, relieved Mr. Caswell as superintendent of Burton car works on December 25.

The colored people of the city met in St. Paul’s colored church last evening with purpose of taking steps towards fighting the proposition to establish separate schools for white and colored children in cities of the first and second class. Details.

Monday, January 26, 1891

The Savings bank closed its doors this morning owing to lack of sufficient available cash. Directors included William Mathewson, J. C. McCormick, A. E. Dodge, Martin
Hellar, R. M. Piatt, and Mr. Merriman.

Tuesday, January 27, 1891
page 4. City council yesterday granted petition to set outside of the city limits all north of 21st street and west of Arkansas avenue and all north of 22nd street between Arkansas avenue and Lawrence avenue.

Monday, February 2, 1891
page 4. A legislative committee of the state house of representatives will go out to Fairmount tomorrow to investigate the proposition of the trustees of the Fairmount college to turn it over to the state for a normal school, provided the state promises to pay the mortgage thereon which amounts to $27,000. The building alone cost $50,000 and the grounds are worth fully $27,000. ¶The two committee members will be taken out to the college by the trustees, Messrs. Levy, Comer, and Clifford, accompanied by Messrs. J. O. Davidson, G. C. Strong, W. J. Babb, and Mr. Llewellyn.

Tuesday, February 3, 1891
page 4. Board of education yesterday was told that the Cleveland school building is nearing completion and recommended that three of the classes in the Bird building (?) be transferred to it when it is completed.

Thursday, February 5, 1891
page 4. Article reports that Woodman’s Bank closed its doors this morning (but print is too faint to read). Long article.

Friday, February 6, 1891
page 4. Long article discussing the failure yesterday of the Woodman bank.

Tuesday, February 10, 1891
page 4. Mr. Proudfoot attended city council meeting yesterday and discussed the specifications for heating the city hall.

Wednesday, February 11, 1891
page 4. Long article listing some of assets and liabilities of the Woodman bank (Arkansas Valley bank), which has been under management of the Woodman estate. Details.

Thursday, February 12, 1891
page
4. Long article with further details regarding assets of the Woodman bank.

Saturday, February 21, 1891

4. Prospects of the acceptance by the state of the proposition of the trustees of Fairmount college are very good.

Tuesday, February 24, 1891

4. City council yesterday granted petition from William Mathewson to have his homestead excluded from the city limits.

Friday, February 27, 1891

4. Article reports bond election yesterday was passed by 1984 to 165 - for terminal aid for the Wichita and El Paso Railroad.

Monday, March 2, 1891

4. Note says the Wichita and Western Railroad men refer to that line of railway as the “Pea Vine.” Nobody knows how the nickname originated.

Saturday, March 7, 1891

4. The street cars are able to travel along slowly today by having two men on the front of each car with brooms sweeping the snow off the rails.

Article says assistant city clerk Smith, while he was in the post office, made a list of 117 different ways he found the name of Wichita spelled on the letters that were received. The list is given in article.

Monday, March 9, 1891

4. The car works it is said will go on nine hours this week. Quite a number of cars are to be turned out this month.

Tuesday, March 17, 1891

4. The old Fort Scott elevator on the West Side which was empty, was damaged by fire last night. The machinery had been taken out some time ago.

Monday, March 30, 1891

2. Article lists receipts of cattle and hogs at Wichita Union Stock yards by month during 1889, 1890, and 1891.
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(Winter Season is months of November, December, January, and February. Summer season is the other eight months.)

**Wednesday, April 1, 1891**

4. The Union hotel at the stock yards has changed hands and has been thoroughly renovated.

**Thursday, April 2, 1891**

4. Comments about failure of city administration to settle the question of the mill race nuisance — Councilman Buckeridge.

**Friday, April 3, 1891**

This issue is missing.

**Wednesday, April 8, 1891**


**Tuesday, April 14, 1891**

4. The electric street car company has just ordered six gorgeous new vestibule cars. They will be here in less than 60 days.
John B. Carey took over office of mayor from Mr. Clement at council meeting last night.

Wednesday, April 15, 1891
page 4. Article about the claims of the Jasperite paving company against the city of Wichita for unpaid work done in the paving of Douglas avenue — described by the *Beacon* writer as “the alleged pavement which now disgraces Douglas avenue.” Details.

Thursday, April 16, 1891
page 4. The street car company is determined to force the season. They are running several of their summer cars today.

Friday, April 17, 1891
page 4. Citizens of Valley Center are very economical. When they come to Wichita they buy a ticket to the North Wichita station, then walk to the street car line, 160 yards, and then ride into the center of Wichita for five cents instead of fifteen cents which the railroad charges. They save ten cents besides having the advantage of getting off where they please instead of at the depot.

Saturday, April 18, 1891
page 4. The Ida avenue street car line will be operated from now on during the entire summer. Cars will commence running on it tomorrow morning from Douglas to Linwood park.

Monday, April 20, 1891
page 4. The gymnasium of the YMCA is nearly completed, the floor being two-thirds finished.

Tuesday, April 21, 1891
page 4. Council proceedings yesterday: The street commissioner was instructed to notify the Street Railway company to put Wichita street in good condition at once where they have abandoned it.

List of city council committees appointed yesterday.

Monday, April 27, 1891
page 4. Article about water works. The company’s building on Lane’s Island was located among sand hills and a thick grove of timber and underbrush, which two years ago was nothing but a gloomy wilderness. Since then, however, it has been transformed into a place of beauty. The sand hills have been leveled down, and Messrs. Cramer and Thompson, the engineers in charge, have grubbed out the underbrush on the five acres owned by the water
works company, saving only the finest trees, and are putting the ground under cultivation preparatory to being seeded to grass. They have several squares of blue grass already started near the fountain south of the building. The Water Works company yesterday furnished the city 2,799,900 gallons of water. The power to accomplish that was supplied with steam and the steam was generated with coal.

Tuesday, April 28, 1891

City council meeting yesterday: A petition signed by 103 taxpayers for a bridge over the Little river on 11th street was presented and city engineer instructed to prepare plans and estimate and the public improvements committee was instructed to ascertain if the property is in the city limits.

Article about relatively cheap cost of steam power in Wichita. Thomas G. Fitch, manager of the Wichita Electric Railway said: “During the months of February and March we ran a Hamilton Corliss engine, 24 by 48 inches with a 33,000 pound flywheel. It drove two electric dynamos and transmitted power through 25 miles of overhead wire to 14 15 horsepower motors running 17 hours a day at an average expense of $7.40 a day for fuel. We use a condensing engine, which increases power, and are able to draw the water from the ground at nominal cost for condensing the steam. With our machinery we could six additional cars, making 20 inch in all, without any additional cost.”

Wednesday, April 29, 1891

The Santa Fe offices in the new freight depot are finished and will be occupied by Superintendent Parsons and his clerical force in a few days.

Friday, May 1, 1891

Article describes improvements to Linwood park. Details. Says the street car line runs to the entrance of the park.

Monday, May 4, 1891

Mr. Proudfoot left last evening for Salt Lake City.

Wednesday, May 6, 1891

Article discusses cost of generating steam power for the Citizen’s Electric company in Wichita. Details.

List of papers to be presented at the 25th annual meeting of the Kansas Medical Society, to be held in Wichita May 13 to 16 in the board of trade rooms.

Friday, May 8, 1891
Tuesday, May 12, 1891

School board yesterday appointed R. W. Stevenson as superintendent of schools for coming year at salary of $2,500 per year.

Wednesday, May 13, 1891

The Santa Fe city ticket office will shortly be moved to the corner of 1st and Main streets, in building formerly occupied by Valentine’s grocery.

Monday, May 18, 1891

City council meeting on Friday, May 15, appropriated $25 per month for the needs of the “African Orphans’ Home of Wichita,” which has rented a building at corner of Waco and Oak streets and is doing a good work.

Tuesday, May 19, 1891

Long article critical of city council’s action in awarding city printing contract to Eagle when Beacon claims to have made lower bid. Details.

Thursday, May 21, 1891

The Electric railway is putting in a new cement sidewalk at the car stables on North Main street.

Wednesday, May 27, 1891

The city ticket office of the Santa Fe has been moved into the Gandolfo building at corner of 1st and Main.

Saturday, June 6, 1891

The ten minute service on the Topeka avenue electric line was inaugurated this morning. The necessary switches have been provided and the service is now in full operation.

Report of the Kansas Humane Society of Wichita.

Monday, June 8, 1891

The Wichita Live Stock Exchange was organized at a meeting this morning. Details.
Wednesday, June 9, 1891

page 4. Cars on the Fairmount line will leave Main and Douglas at ten minutes past the hour instead of 40 minutes past, as was heretofore the custom.

Thursday, June 10, 1891

page 4. Closing exercises of the Wichita University will take place this evening. Electric cars leaving Main street at 7:20 p.m. will make connections with the University cars and take passengers through for one fare.

Saturday, June 13, 1891

page 4. The graduating class of the Wichita University was photographed yesterday.

Tuesday, June 16, 1891

page 4. Long article discusses city council discussion of city printing contract yesterday. Details.

Thursday, June 18, 1891

page 4. Men are working today tearing up Central street between Market and Main preparatory to paving it with brick.

Saturday, June 20, 1891

page 4. Article reports a large two story house is now being moved across the Douglas avenue bridge from the West Side to Lawrence avenue. Belongs to C. R. Miller. Details.

Tuesday, June 23, 1891

page 4. At city council meeting yesterday a petition was presented asking for construction of a bridge at 11th street and was referred to the proper committee.

Wednesday, June 24, 1891


Article says Father Tihen has probably seen more hangings than any other man in Wichita. Before coming here he was chaplain of the St. Louis prison and attended many condemned men to the scaffold. He thinks hanging a dreadful thing, a relic of barbarism.

Thursday, June 25, 1891
Report of commencement exercises of All Hallow’s Academy yesterday, held at the hall of St. Aloysius school, corner of 2nd street and 4th avenue. Details.

**Monday, June 29, 1891**

The big bell, weighing 1,200 pounds, which has just been received for the fire department, is being put in place at hose house number 1 today.

**Tuesday, June 30, 1891**

The telephone company tore down the unsightly pole at corner of Douglas and Market last night and put up a brand new one, 50 feet height and painted white, in its stead.

**Saturday, July 6, 1891**

Article reports case of National Bank of Kansas City against the administrators of the W. C. Woodman estate will be heard in the Kansas Supreme Court tomorrow. It is in regard to the failure of the Arkansas Valley Bank last February. Details.

The street car company did a big business Saturday, and notwithstanding the immense passenger traffic done, nobody has any complaint to make regarding the accommodation of the company or the courtesy of the employees.

**Monday, July 8, 1891**

The street car company estimates the number of people that went to Riverside park July 4 at 7,000. The receipts from the picnic amounted to a trifle over $1,000.

Note says Bishop Hennessey would like to buy Fairmount College for the Catholic church.

**Wednesday, July 10, 1891**

The Kansas Supreme Court yesterday sustained the appointment of a receiver by the court of common pleas for the failed Woodman bank. Details.

**Tuesday, July 14, 1891**

The Rock Island Railroad has agreed to establish a flag station at Haysville in this county, and work will start on it this week.

**Thursday, July 23, 1891**

Article reports suit is to be filed today in United States District Court at Topeka against the city of Wichita by Mr. Wilson, the contractor, for recovery of the contract price of the
Jasperite paving on Douglas avenue. Details.

Mrs. J. O. Davidson left today for Manitou, Colorado to spend the warm weather.

Friday, July 24, 1891
page 4. The first car of merchandise shipped to the new Haysville station on the Rock Island was shipped this morning.

Saturday, July 25, 1891
page 4. Long article about legal maneuverings in connection with the assets of the failed Woodman bank. Details.

Monday, July 27, 1891
page 4. The telephone office was moved Saturday night from the Fechheimer building to the Bitting Brothers block.

The picnic given by the Wichita sing-club at Alamo park yesterday was well attended.

Tuesday, July 28, 1891
page 4. The Wichita Transfer company have bought the business of the Wichita Omnibus and Carriage Company.

Friday, July 31, 1891
page 4. The cathedral of the Scottish Rite Masons, Wichita Consistory Number 2, is fast approaching completion. The interior is so altered one would with difficulty recognize the old Baptist church. Details. It will be ready for use about September 1. Cost of improvements over $15,000.

Monday, August 3, 1891
page 4. The plat of the new town of Haysville was filed in the register’s office Saturday by W. W. Hays.

Business men are kicking about the delay in the paving of 2nd street and Central avenue (both between Main and Market).

Tuesday, August 4, 1891
page 4. Long lampooning article about Mayor Carey saying he boarded a Frisco train by mistake when he intended to take the Santa Fe. Details. Sarcastic tone.
Article describes an enlargement to be built for the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company directly across the street from the gas plant. Details. Main addition to be 100 by 60 feet. Cost about $65,000. Is for expansion of electric generating capacity.

Tuesday, August 11, 1891

Six of Wichita’s contractors left this morning for Salt Lake to bid on construction of the city hall to be built there.

Saturday, August 15, 1891

Article critical of recent decision of county commission to spend $3,569 to build an unneeded fence around the court house. Details.

The Wichita Browns and Wichita Clippers play baseball this afternoon at Riverside park.

Tuesday, August 18, 1891

School board met yesterday and decided not to build the planned two room addition to the high school this year.

Wednesday, August 19, 1891

M. W. Levy got home from his camping expedition to Colorado today.

Friday, August 21, 1891

J. O. Davidson and family returned yesterday from the mountains.

Wednesday, August 26, 1891

Article reports on visit to the county poor farm on Monday. Details.

In tearing the roof from the old depot this morning one of the men was struck by a falling rafter and sustained injuries to his foot.

Friday, August 28, 1891

The Wichita University will open September 7.

Saturday, August 29, 1891

F. W. Sweet, of the electric street railway, was asked today whether the company would be able to take care of the crowds attending the fair this fall. “We will do our best,” he replied. “We would have had a double track to the fair grounds by this time if the fair had
been permanently located. We cannot help the matter now by putting in more switches, because the run between switches is now only about two and one-half minutes and the speed of the cars must be checked up in running over switches. To increase the switches and the cars would necessitate so many stops that nothing would be gained. ¶ “We will be able to put 16 open cars on South Main during the fair. During a rush they will carry 125 people each and will make the round trip every 30 minutes. At that rate each car would be able to take to the fair grounds 250 people in an hour, and the 16 cars would make the number 3,750. What crippled us last year was a lack of power. There will be no trouble of that kind this year. We have plenty of power and a separate line running to the Main street line, so that we can transmit the entire power to that line when desired.”

Monday, August 31, 1891

4. Note about a picnic in Linwood park yesterday. Says “cars were in waiting for them when they were ready to return to the city about 8:00 p.m.” (probably meaning horse cars).

Wednesday, September 2, 1891

4. Directors of the City Hospital yesterday decided to change the name of City Hospital to Homeopathic Hospital of Wichita. The next meeting will be in the parlors of the hospital, corner 10th street and 4th avenue, on September 4.

Wednesday, September 9, 1891

4. Article lists assignment of Wichita school teachers for the coming year by school and name. Shows one teacher at Riverside school, with B, C, and D primary school grades. U. P. Shull is principal of high school, which has six additional teachers.

Thursday, September 17, 1891

4. Note says the city took formal charge of the Lewis dam yesterday and destroyed it.

Friday, September 18, 1891

4. Mr. Proudfoot, the architect, leaves today over the Missouri Pacific for Salt Lake City.

Monday, September 21, 1891

4. Note says the watchman at the Oak street depot was shot in the hand Saturday night by a tramp.

Wednesday, September 23, 1891

Thursday, September 24, 1891
page 4. The tabernacle building which recently was located at 3rd and Topeka has been moved down to the fair grounds and rebuilt for the flower and plant exhibit. It is 160 by 60 feet.

Article tells about preparations for the fair next week.

Saturday, September 26, 1891
page 4. The foundation of the new house lately removed to College Hill and to be occupied as a children’s home is now completed.

Monday, September 28, 1891
page 4. Article reports the Southern Kansas fair opened today. Details.

Wednesday, September 30, 1891
page 4. City council yesterday accepted the final estimate of the city engineer for the brick pavement on Central (i.e., from Market to Main).

Thursday, October 1, 1891
page 4. The old Benevolent Home on South Market street was on fire yesterday afternoon, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Friday, October 2, 1891
page 4. The electric cars on South Main street have been crowded in the trips to the fair grounds. The cars are sent down in trains of four cars each and they make the round trip in less than half an hour. There are 16 cars in the service. The management stated that the cars carried 12,000 people yesterday.

Tuesday, October 6, 1891
page 4. The Gilbert Plow Works have been purchased by a new company recently formed under the name of Kansas Co-operative Implement Co., with S. R. Brown, president and treasurer; Joseph Stover, vice-president; and G. Willis Moore, secretary. Directors are Theodore Oswiler, S.R. Brown, B.F. Nichols, Joseph Stover and G. Willis Moore. Capital stock of the company is $100,000, and they propose to begin the manufacture of Brown’s patent two-row, three horse cultivator and other farm implements about December 1st.

Wednesday, October 7, 1891
page 4. Shaw’s orchestra goes to Newton on the 30th for the Switchmen’s ball.
The Occidental hotel changed hands yesterday. E. H. Chamberlain, recently from Kingman, has leased the building and furniture.

A large amount of vitrified brick have been unloaded south of the post office for the purpose of paving William street.

Thursday, October 8, 1891

The useless and expensive fence about the court house yard has not been put up as yet.

Monday, October 12, 1891

Article reports reunion yesterday of brothers and sisters at David M. Dale’s residence, who had not all been together since 1865. Those here yesterday were: Mrs. Bacon of Chicago, Arthur H. Dale of Leland, Illinois, Frank Dale of Guthrie, Indian Territory, J. W. Dale of Andale with his wife, Mrs. Metcalf of Andale with her husband, Mrs. Watson of Mt. Hope, and David M. Dale and wife. The oldest of the children is Mrs. Metcalf of Andale, who is 56, and the youngest is David M. Dale, age 39.

Wednesday, October 14, 1891

Mr. and Mrs. Proudfoot left over the Missouri Pacific to locate permanently in Salt Lake City. They left this evening. W. T. Proudfoot has a contract on the government building there.

Thursday, October 15, 1891

The new Scottish Rite cathedral in Wichita is to be dedicated in four days of ceremonies beginning next Monday, October 19. Details.

On some of the North Main street electric cars the electric headlight was plainly visible this morning after sun up.

Monday, October 19, 1891

The Hydraulic Milling company has deeded the mill property on Chisholm creek to the Cowgill, Hill and Lewis Milling company for $20,000. The instrument was filed for record Friday.

Tuesday, October 20, 1891

Article reports a Santa Fe engine carrying five men was wrecked one and one-half miles north of Derby yesterday afternoon and three of the men were killed. Details. The engine was a six wheel (0-6-0) switch engine, number 215, which had been sent to help at the wreck of a north bound stock train near Mulvane. While returning and running about 45
miles per hour it jumped the track and turned over. Number 215 has no tender proper but rather a saddle tank as a part of the engine.

**Thursday, October 22, 1891**

The building on corner of 1st and Main, known as the Gandolfo, which has been vacant for a short time, has been leased by S. C. Ireland.

**Friday, October 23, 1891**

Article says the Burton Car company has developed a new stock car different and improved from anything yet built by them. It has been sent to Texas and other points for inspection by stockmen and railroad men.

**Tuesday, October 27, 1891**

The houses near the Garfield University which have stood vacant so long are rapidly being occupied.

**Thursday, October 29, 1891**

Engine Number 215 of the Santa Fe, which caused the death of three men recently near Derby, has been taken to Topeka for repairs.

**Saturday, October 31, 1891**

The electric railway company is putting up a feed wire at corner of Main and Douglas, so that if one trolley wire should break, the remainder of the lines would be all right.

**Tuesday, November 3, 1891**

The electric headlights on the street cars are not just an experiment, says Thomas G. Fitch, manager of the road. The first cost of the previous oil light and the electric light are far different. The oil lights now in use on the roads consume about 50 gallons of oil per month and the electric lamp will burn 1000 hours. The difference in position is the main thing. If two cars collide now, away goes your headlight, but the electric is on the roof, out of harms way. The electric headlight may cause difficulty in winter when snow or sleet on the track may make connection to the ground poor and cause the light to be poor. The company will test the electric lamp thoroughly in the snow, and if it will do they will then use it on all their cars. If not, they will continue to use oil.

**Saturday, November 7, 1891**

M. W. Levy leaves tonight to attend a Bankers association meeting in New Orleans.
The people in charge of the city hospital disbanded yesterday. The furniture has been sold to the resident physician who expects to move at once to Oklahoma.

Friday, November 13, 1891
Moving houses is a daily occurrence and makes travel go round the back way for days at a time.

Tuesday, November 17, 1891
The Occidental hotel has changed hands, Messrs. Chamberlain and Newman having assumed charge.

Monday, November 23, 1891
Article reports damage to the unfinished city building by a severe windstorm Saturday evening. Details.

The Children’s home and all its belongings was moved Saturday to their commodious new home.

Article lists location of 24 electric fire alarm boxes in the city.

Tuesday, November 24, 1891
William street between Main and Market is being prepared for paving.

Friday, November 27, 1891
A football game was played yesterday between the Wichita University and the Business college academy in Riverside park. The Wichita University team won 16 to 0.

Article about Thanksgiving day yesterday. Says the Children’s home is now located in a house of its own one block north of the end of the College Hill electric line. Details. The home was started three years ago. Article lists names of officers.

Monday, November 30, 1891
J. O. Davidson leaves tonight for an eastern trip of short duration.

Thursday, December 3, 1891
Paving of William street is ready to be finished. The ground is prepared, the curbing is in, and the bricks are ready on the ground (i.e., Market to Main).
The plastering of the city building is completed. Carpenters are making staircases and finished windows and doors.

Friday, December 4, 1891

Revival services at the United Brethren church, corner of Washington avenue and Prince street, are still in progress.

Monday, December 7, 1891

The electric cars had a hard trip yesterday morning. The sleet on the rails and trolley wire made the connection very poor.

Tuesday, December 8, 1891

City council yesterday made contract with Arthur Sullivan for him to repair and maintain the dam on the Little river at his place and to build and maintain a five foot dam on Chisholm creek at Lawrence avenue where the flushing sewer is to be constructed, for the sum of $2,800 the first year and $100 monthly thereafter. Details.

Wednesday, December 9, 1891

The concrete foundation for the paving on William street is being put in.

Thursday, December 10, 1891

Mrs. M. W. Levy gives a children’s party Friday evening.

Friday, December 11, 1891

Article about the county poor farm. Details.

Monday, December 14, 1891

Report of interview with Mr. Arthur Sullivan regarding the city’s contract with him for maintenance of dam, etc. Details. Says Mr. Sullivan’s first contract with the Hydraulic mill company was dated September 1, 1882 and that it was canceled August 2, 1890 by mutual consent.

Tuesday, December 15, 1891

City council yesterday voted down the dam contract with Mr. Sullivan since the latter had refused to sign it on account of some added amendments. Details.

Thursday, December 17, 1891
Since the Hydraulic mills passed into the new management they have added another story to the building and put in some new machinery.

Friday, December 18, 1891

The new express office near the Santa Fe depot is about completed.

Tuesday, December 22, 1891

The trolley line on vestibule car Number 28 broke when the car reached 10th street on North Main Monday afternoon and the car is laid up for repairs.

Saturday, December 26, 1891

The new cement sidewalk in front of the city building is almost completed.

N. F. Niederlander came home from St. Louis to spend Christmas.

Thursday, December 31, 1891

Long article giving detailed description of the interior of the new city building.