Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the “Tihen Notes,” as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1893 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Tuesday, January 3, 1893
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4. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sternberg gave a party last evening at their home on Bitting avenue.

Tuesday, January 10, 1893
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4. At city council meeting yesterday it was reported that the street car tracks on South Topeka were being removed.

Thursday, January 12, 1893
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4. Long article about Wichita’s early hotels with details.

The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother have purchased a site for a new hospital on North 4th avenue. Construction will commence as soon as spring opens.

Saturday, January 14, 1893
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4. The Missouri Pacific railway city ticket and freight office will move in a few days to 114 North Main, Hyde and Humble’s old stand.

Friday, January 20, 1893
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4. The Missouri Pacific railway city ticket and freight office has been removed to 114 North Main.

Saturday, January 21, 1893
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4. Article indicates that the Catholic church has bought the old Mead property fronting on Central, Lawrence, and Topeka avenues for $20,000. An interview with Father Tihen indicates that the location will be used as the site for a new cathedral for Wichita.
Monday, January 23, 1893  
4. J. O. Davidson left for Chicago Sunday evening.

Wednesday, January 25, 1893  
4. Article lists a number of buildings and residences to be built in Wichita this year.

Brief note regarding an explosion in Missouri Pacific locomotive Number 897 which occurred near 12th street Christmas night.

Thursday, January 26, 1893  
4. L. S. Naftzger became president of the Fourth National Bank last week succeeding Major Powell, who has been the president of the bank for the past three years. Major Powell will give his attention to the Crystal Ice plant, of which he was elected manager the first of this year.

Friday, January 27, 1893  
4. The people of Wichita consume 7,000 tons of ice every year.

Saturday, January 28, 1893  
4. Letter to editor says street cars have a sign saying “Passengers are not allowed to get off the car while in motion. The car will stop for you,” yet this is often ignored by people getting off of moving cars.

Wednesday, February 1, 1893  
4. “Kickers Column” -- letter to editor complaining about those people who complain to the employes of the street car company about insignificant infractions, etc.

Monday, February 6, 1893  
4. A Missouri Pacific section hand was struck by a train and killed yesterday in the yards near the 12th street depot. Details.

Thursday, February 9, 1893  
4. The rescue home for homeless and fallen women, which was inaugurated by the W.C.T.U. and the ministerial organization, is no longer under the auspices of these organizations. The name has been changed to that of the “Wayside Home,” and it will be under the management of a board of directors and receive its support from citizens of Wichita. The home is located at 131 Pattie avenue Details.
Ike Humble has moved his stock and home from this city to Omaha, Nebraska, where he intends to reside in the future.

Tuesday, February 14, 1893
page 4.
Oak Davidson was among those present for the city council meeting last evening.

Wednesday, February 15, 1893
page 4.
Article lists standing committees of the Board of Trade for 1893, appointed yesterday. List includes M. W. Levy on railroad committee. J. O. Davidson is not in the list.

Thursday, February 16, 1893
page 4.
Article says the Citizens’ Electric Light company and the Electric Street Railway company have been consolidated under one management. Secretary and general manager of the consolidated company is J. W. O’Neil, who has been manager of the Citizens’ Electric Light company. Other officers are Charles E. Dustin, of Hartford, Connecticut, president; A. T. Batchelder of Keene, New Hampshire, vice-president; George A. Litchfield, of Keene, New Hampshire, treasurer; and Arthur Faulkner of Wichita, assistant treasurer.

Monday, February 20, 1893
page 4.
Seventy car loads of horses and mules passed through Wichita this morning on the Rock Island. They are being sent to Bowie, Texas for use in completing the Rock Island line to Ft. Worth.

Tuesday, February 21, 1893
page 4.
The new consolidated company has taken charge of the street car line.

Thursday, March 2, 1893
page 4.
Article says a petition is being circulated calling for paving of Douglas avenue with asphaltum (sic) by the Barber Asphalt company. The company proposes to purchase all the interest of the Jasperite people in the Douglas avenue pavement for $30,000. The Jasperite company’s suit against the city would then be dropped. Details.

Friday, March 3, 1893
page 4.
Article reports plan to extend the long distance telephone line from Newton to Kansas City by this summer. Details.

Ground was broken this morning for the Bristow residence at northwest corner of 13th
street and Park Place avenue.

The employes of the street car line presented Thomas G. Fitch, the retiring superintendent of the company, with a handsome solid silver water set last evening. Presentation speech was made by Asa Runyon. No more popular superintendent ever employed men than Thomas G. Fitch and he takes with him the kindest wishes of the employes.

Tuesday, March 7, 1893

4. Note regarding recent sudden death (on Sunday) of Dr. R. W. Stevenson, late superintendent of schools in Wichita, at Columbus, Ohio.

Friday, March 10, 1893

4. Father Tihen’s father arrived here yesterday from Jefferson City, Missouri.

Saturday, March 11, 1893

4. It is reported that the special committee to study the paving of Douglas avenue with asphaltum will report favorably to the council on Monday.

Monday, March 13, 1893

4. Herman Tihen, brother of Father Tihen, was down yesterday from Kansas City and spent the day.

The Metropole hotel is to be re-opened the first of next month by two experienced men from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tuesday, March 14, 1893

4. City council yesterday apparently accepted recommendations to repave Douglas avenue with asphaltum. Details.

At city council meeting yesterday, south side citizens asked that the Harry street street car track be taken up. The petition was referred to public improvements committee.

Thursday, March 16, 1893

4. John B. Carey withdraws his name from renomination for mayor, allegedly because of poor health. ¶ Ben Aldrich was today nominated for mayor on the citizens’ ticket. Details.

Tuesday, March 21, 1893
4. The cooking club will meet Thursday with Mrs. B. H. Campbell at her home in Riverside.

Monday, March 27, 1893
4. Article about the “Wayside Home” for women. Details.

Thursday, March 30, 1893
4. The Metropole hotel is re-opening this evening under direction of William Knights, of Denver, and C. Carl Brecht, of Ohio.

Wednesday, April 5, 1893
4. In election yesterday, Cox was elected mayor over Ben Aldrich by 3875 to 2815. Details.

   The spring term of Garfield university opened yesterday.

Thursday, April 6, 1893
4. Work has been resumed on the Scheetz building at corner of Market and Douglas.

Saturday, April 8, 1893
4. Thomas G. Fitch returned from the east this morning.

   Letter to editor from “Railroad Switchman” complaining about street car motorneer’s speeding to cross the railroad track and barely escaping (sic) being struck by a locomotive.

Tuesday, April 11, 1893
4. List of city officers appointed by the new city council last evening.

Friday, April 14, 1893
4. Interview with ex-mayor Carey yesterday. “I hope the new city council will not delay matters but will have Douglas avenue paved at once with asphaltum. It is an unsightly thoroughfare at present and greatly injures the city. A visitor arriving here gets a bad impression of the town at once when he looks at Douglas avenue, and it takes a great deal to overcome the first impression. These holes in the pavement are also a great hindrance to business and make driving along the avenue a hazardous undertaking. I hope the new council will get the new pavement put down at once.”
Saturday, April 15, 1893

Article gives annual report of the fire department for year ending March 31, 1893. Department has 21 men, including officers, one steam engine drawn by two horses, one chemical engine drawn by two horses, four hose reels drawn by two horses each, one Bangor extension truck drawn by two horses, and one chief’s buggy drawn by one horse. Department has 15 horses. There are four fire stations: Number 1 on North Market between 1st and 2nd streets; Number 2 on South Market between William and English; Number 3 on corner of 4th avenue and 13th street; Number 4 on west side on Seneca near Chicago avenue. Department responded to 84 alarms during the year. List of department expense, which totaled $18,617.03.

Tuesday, April 25, 1893

M. W. Levy is in Chicago representing Kansas at the bankers’ congress.

Thursday, April 27, 1893

The Riverside electric car line struck a buggy yesterday at corner of Main and Central. The buggy was demolished and one woman injured.

Friday, April 28, 1893

Article says Wichita is to be a member of the new Western Base Ball League this summer. Details.

M. M. Murdock and J. O. Davidson returned this morning from Kansas City.

Saturday, April 29, 1893

Mrs. Artie C. McClain filed suit yesterday in the district court against the Wichita Electric railway company for $10,175 damages. Alleges she was injured when the motormeer suddenly speeded up the car just as she was getting off on April 3, 1893, throwing her to the ground and causing her “great and permanent bodily injury, mental pain, and physical suffering.” T. C. Wilson is attorney.

Tuesday, May 2, 1893

City council yesterday passed resolution to advertise for bids for repaving Douglas avenue with asphalt. Details.

Tuesday, May 9, 1893

City council yesterday opened bids and let contract for paving Douglas avenue with asphalt to the Barber Asphalt company for $2.80 per square yard. Details.
Wednesday, May 10, 1893

Board of trade meeting yesterday criticized several delinquent firms who had received money from the people of Wichita in return for promise to maintain operation and employ men here but had failed to comply with their contracts. ¶ The first to come under discussion was the Burton Stock Car company, whose magnificent plant and extensive buildings standing in the north part of the city, a monument to Wichita liberality and enterprise and which, on the other hand, with its idle forges and furnaces, rusting machinery, deserted shops, and hushed business hum, marking more plainly than words the failure of the parties receiving all those rich gifts to give employment to the labor and capital as by their agreement they said they would do.

Thursday, May 11, 1893

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davidson and baby left last evening for Chicago, where they will remain for some time.

J. R. Mead is improving property on Wabash avenue between 3rd and Central avenue, where he will move in the near future.

Tuesday, May 16, 1893

The Barber company will begin paving work on Douglas avenue next Monday morning. The jasperite will be taken up and used on residence streets for improving low places.

Thursday, May 18, 1893

The electric railway company had the first summer car of the season on the Topeka avenue line today. It is just from the Burton shops and is bright as a dollar.

Commencement exercises of the high school will be on Thursday next week, those of Wichita university will be the second week of June, and those of the Normal school will be in evening of Thursday, May 25 at Crawford Grand. Details.

Friday, May 19, 1893

Yesterday a deed was filed in the office of register of deeds conveying the Crawford Grand opera house from Lester M. Crawford to the Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska Opera House and Amusement company for $60,000. P. V. Healy and O. C. Daisy some time ago conveyed their interests in the property to Mr. Crawford, so it now passes entirely out of the hands of Wichita people.

Ringling Brothers circus arrived at the Oak street depot early this morning. At 10:00 the parade moved east on Oak street to Fourth avenue, south on Fourth to Douglas,
west on Douglas to Main, and then north to the show grounds at Riverside park.

**Monday, May 22, 1893**

4. Father Tihen spent Sunday at Andale.

**Tuesday, May 23, 1893**

4. The Burton Car works Presbyterian church has been moved from that division to 18th and Market streets.

**Thursday, May 25, 1893**


**Friday, May 26, 1893**

4. Long article about the business of house moving in Wichita. In the past two years nearly 1,000 dwellings have been moved onto inside lots, Topeka, Lawrence, Emporia, and 4th avenues having received a large number of the better ones. One of the largest moved is the three story house of J. T. Ludlum, moved from near Fairmount to the corner of 9th and Topeka. Some of the outside additions have had the last house moved from them. In the Schweiter Motor Line addition a man named Jones built 16 large houses and another firm built four, the smallest ones. They have all been moved in. Logan addition out next to the hill is nearly vacant. ¶ There are four firms engaged in the business of house moving. Horses, trucks, jack screws, ropes, chains, pulleys, etc. are required. The greatest obstacle is the numerous telegraph, telephone, light, and car wires all over the city. ¶ A number of houses have been moved in from Alamo addition and in order to get them across the Little River it was necessary to build a temporary bridge near 13th street. Chisholm creek is frequently crossed by scaffolding. ¶ The cost of moving a house varies from $50 to $700 according to the size of the building and the distance it has to be moved. They have been sold at such remarkably low prices that a person could buy a house, pay for moving it, putting a new foundation under it and placing it in good repair for less than one half the original cost when it was built. ¶ The house movers are now beginning to invade Burton and many laboring men are securing homes of their own by buying a cottage at a low price and moving it to some lots purchased while real estate was so low.

Article lists Wichita business men going on trade trip to the territory the first week in June. About 70 or 80 names listed. List includes M. W. Levy.

**Saturday, May 27, 1893**

4. Real estate transfers yesterday amounted to $162,472.32. The largest transfer was that
of J. O. Davidson to Cornella K. Witherell for Reserve B in Riverside addition, being the sale of Mr. Davidson’s beautiful residence on Riverside avenue.

Board of education yesterday requested architects of Wichita to present plans for building of two rooms each as additions to the high school and Webster buildings.

Monday, May 29, 1893

The Barber Asphalt company began tearing up the jasperite this morning preparatory to paving Douglas avenue with asphalt. Work started on West Douglas, tearing up one side of the street at a time. One blow sent a pick through the bogus pavement and a crowbar readily turned it over in large squares. A good deal of it will be given to the city and utilized on outside streets after being ground up.

A dam will probably be built near the mouth of the Little river to cause more water to stand in it where it runs though the city.

Tuesday, May 30, 1893

The handsome home of J. O. Davidson in Riverside has been turned over to its new owner, E. H. Witherell, who took possession on Saturday. ¶ The following is from the Kansas City Star of last evening: “E. H. Witherell of Emporia, owner of the Woodland hotel at corner of 8th and Woodland avenue, this afternoon sold the hotel property to J. O. Davidson. The consideration was $50,000. Mr. Davidson’s purchase was made as an investment.”

Wednesday, May 31, 1893

One electric car off the track kept five others waiting several minutes in front of the court house this afternoon.

Saturday, June 3, 1893

Frank Dale, who was recently appointed one of the judges of the supreme court of Oklahoma, is in Wichita.

Commencement exercises of Garfield university started today.

The Metropole hotel is closed. The proprietor is said to have lost $1,500 since opening the house. Much of this is said due to the action of the steward, Jones, who skipped out a few days ago leaving numerous unpaid bills unauthorized by the proprietor.

Monday, June 5, 1893

Article says the Guthrie, Oklahoma papers without regard to politics praise the
appointment of Frank Dale of that city and formerly of Wichita to the position of associate justice of the territory. Quotations.

During the past week the jasperite on Douglas avenue has been torn up on the north side of the street car tracks from the west end to Emporia avenue. The base has been rolled to Market street, the crushed stone laid and rolled to Main street, to which point the liquid asphalt has been put on. The line of the old car track in Market street will also be paved.

Thursday, June 8, 1893
Report of sixth annual commencement exercises of Lewis academy this morning. There were ten graduates. Details.

Monday, June 12, 1893
J. A. Davidson (sic) and family left over the Rock Island Saturday evening for Chicago.

Tuesday, June 13, 1893
City council meeting yesterday. City engineer submitted estimates on the Little river improvement. A brush dam would cost $275, a pile dam $1,086, a flood gate $578, and a log dam at the mouth $577.92.

City council yesterday: 13th street bridge was reported in a very dangerous condition, and city engineer was instructed to make an estimate of necessary repairs.

City council yesterday ordered the street railway company to take up the ties and rails at corner of Oak and Main streets and leave the street in good condition.

Wednesday, June 14, 1893
The first general reception given by the ladies of St. John’s church will be held in the new stone building this evening. Music by Shaw’s orchestra. The new church will be beautifully decorated. The plastering is done and the steps and tower will be completed in a few days. The beautiful windows of cathedral glass have arrived and most of them placed in position. It will require about $1,600 to complete the edifice.

Friday, June 16, 1893
The public school library will be moved to the second floor of the city building today and tomorrow. Between 1,200 and 1,300 books are now in the cases and 500 volumes have been received and are awaiting cataloging and placement. Details.
Tuesday, June 27, 1893
Article describes the plant of the Barber Asphalt Paving company, located on the island between the 2nd street bridges over the Arkansas river. Details.

Report of commencement exercises of All Hallows Academy yesterday. Details.

M. W. Levy went to Chicago yesterday.

Wednesday, June 28, 1893
City council yesterday discussed paving of the Market street canal. They all wanted it paved but saw no way to get it at the present. The liability of the street car company will be inquired into.

City council yesterday let contract to Canton Bridge company for repairing of 13th street bridge for $185.

Friday, June 29, 1893
The public school library opened last evening for the first time and will be open from seven to nine every evening now.

Monday, July 3, 1893
Sidewalks are being built all over the city out of the blocks of jasperite taken from Douglas avenue.

Wednesday, July 5, 1893
The north half of the pavement on Douglas avenue will be completed today and all of it will be done by August 4.

Friday, July 7, 1893
The Barber Asphalt Paving company has constructed a total of 56,176 square yards of pavement in Wichita, including: Market street -- English to Elm -- 16,478 square yards; 1st street -- Market to Main -- 1,287 square yards; Main street -- Lewis to Park -- 38,411 square yards.

Thursday, July 13, 1893
The last of the jasperite was removed from Douglas avenue this morning. All that was of value, about 2,500 square yards, has been used in making sidewalks.

Monday, July 17, 1893

J. O. Davidson is in the city on a short visit.

Saturday, July 22, 1893

Note about suit for $5,000 damages filed against Wichita Electric Railway company by F. M. Chamberlain alleging injuries sustained May 10, 1893 when a North Topeka avenue car was started as he was alighting, throwing him to the ground.

Thursday, July 27, 1893

Professor Dyer, the newly elected principal of the high school, arrived in Wichita yesterday. He has taught for 12 years and last year was principal of the Canton, Ohio schools. He became acquainted with Dr. Richardson (Wichita superintendent of schools) while he was at Cleveland.

Friday, July 28, 1893

The Douglas avenue pavement will be completed Monday.

Tuesday, August 1, 1893

The paving of Douglas avenue with asphalt from Wichita street to Washington avenue was completed yesterday. The 28,173 square yards cost total of $78,884.40 at $2.80 per square yard. The Barber Asphalt company paved Market street in 1889 and Main and 1st streets in 1890.

Tuesday, August 8, 1893

School board yesterday proposed nearly ten percent retrenchment in the school budget for the coming year. Total expense from July 1, 1892 to July 1, 1893 was $95,788.75 and the proposed budget for the current year is $86,840.00. Details.

Thursday, August 10, 1893

Shuman’s park has been deeded to the Wichita National bank for a consideration of $3,300.

All lines of the Wichita Electric Railway company lead to Main and Douglas -- cars from Fairview, Fairmount, Tenth street, Riverside, South Main, West Side, College
Hill, Topeka avenue, and Burton Car works all go there. ¶ A young employe of the company collects the nickels from the boxes in all these cars each day at Main and Douglas. He has a little grip sack containing a number of canvas bags each bearing a number to correspond with the numbers on the cars. Entering a car as it stops, he quickly selects the bag bearing the same number as that car and taking a key from his pocket and unlocking the bottom of the box into which nickels have been dropped all day, he empties it into the bag, relocks the box, treats the one at the other end of the car in the same manner and jumps off, either boarding another car or carrying his collections into the office.

Friday, August 11, 1893

A party of about 30 went out street car riding last evening.

Monday, August 14, 1893

Article reports it is expected that the Whittaker packing plant will resume operations by October 1 with the aid of foreign capital. Details.

Tuesday, August 15, 1893

City council yesterday passed ordinance to redeem Wichita Electric Railway and Light indebtedness of $3,997.68.

City council yesterday instructed the Missouri Pacific Railroad to take out its “Y” at 15th street and 4th avenue and put the crossing in good shape.

The Zimmerly block has been sold by the administrators of the estate of Nettie Jerome to the Western Investment company for $30,000, cash, according to the report filed in the probate court.

Thursday, August 17, 1893

Gay’s park, at West Central, has been purchased by Manager Griswold, of Griswold’s Uncle Tom’s Cabin company. He spent the greater portion of last winter in Wichita and at that time conceived the idea of purchasing the park and fitting it up for a regular summer resort, similar to Elitch’s gardens of Denver. ¶ Gay’s park is at the foot of West Central avenue and is bounded on the north and west by the Little river. With but little outlay it can be made into a very attractive park, which was the object of a portion of the city council about two years ago when an effort was made to induce the city to purchase this park. ¶ Manager Griswold proposes spending several thousand dollars on the park. He will construct boat houses, drive ways, and promenades. He will erect a large dancing pavilion and a summer theater, where he will employ a stock company to produce dramas and comic operas during the summer season.
Wednesday, August 23, 1893

E. Dumont has prepared the plans for Caswell and Buckley’s new building at 506 East Douglas. It is to be of brick, two stories, 25 by 100 feet, and will be occupied by them as their cornice works.

Thursday, August 24, 1893

Miss Rea Woodman will leave tomorrow for Chicago and the fair, to remain several weeks. She will be the guest of her brother, Grant Woodman, of Chicago.

Friday, August 25, 1893

Article lists 28 Wichita wholesale houses and the number of employes at each, which totals 309 employes, who support families totaling 1,051 persons.

Tuesday, August 29, 1893

At city council meeting yesterday the paving committee recommended that the city attorney bring a suit of mandamus against the street railway company compelling them to pave the Market street canal. It was so ordered.

Wednesday, August 30, 1893

The Wichita Gas and Electric Light company today moved its office to the old county building in the room formerly occupied by Knight Brothers.

Thursday, August 31, 1893

The Forepaugh circus will be here tomorrow and the tents will be pitched in Riverside park. The street car accommodations will be ample for the large crowd.

Friday, September 1, 1893

Long article about the Forepaugh circus appearance in Wichita today. Details.

Saturday, September 2, 1893

Another long article describing circus activities.

Tuesday, September 5, 1893

Lewis academy opened for the year yesterday with enrollment exceeding 100. All Hallow’s Academy also opened yesterday.
Monday, September 11, 1893
page 4. Today is the first day of the fair. The street car company has arranged to handle the crowds. One car will leave 18th and Topeka at 6 a.m. daily so as to connect with the South Main car at 6:30 and reach the grounds at 7 a.m. This will accommodate people living north who are employed at the fair.

Wednesday, September 13, 1893
page 4. Miss Rea Woodman has returned from a visit to the fair (in Chicago).

Friday, September 15, 1893
page 4. Today is the last day of the fair.

Room assignments of high school classes have been made: Freshmen girls in rooms two and four, freshmen boys in room three; sophomore girls room one, boys room five; junior girls room nine, boys room five; seniors in room ten.

Monday, September 18, 1893
page 4. The public schools opened this morning. Things are changed considerably at the high school. Professor Shull, principal of the high school for the past eight years, has been replaced by Professor Dyer, of Canton, Ohio. The building has been renovated and remodeled inside. The chapel is no more. In its place are two study rooms. The general chapel exercises of the morning have been abolished. As there is no longer a general assembly room in the building, meetings of the literary societies, as well as the city teachers’ meetings will be held at some hall in the city.

Wednesday, September 20, 1893
page 4. The Wichita Electric Light and Railway company has enjoined Sheriff Ault from enforcing against its property a warrant for taxes owing by the Wichita Electric Railway company.

Saturday, September 23, 1893
page 4. Interview with Superintendent Aley about Wichita’s water supply. The Wichita Water company now has 103 wells of an average depth of 35 feet below the bed of the river. Six large pumps draw the water from the wells and supply it to 30 or 35 miles of mains. The Gaskell pump furnishes the general supply while at the others are held in reserve. The regular pressure is 60 pounds, while the fire pressure is 80 pounds or more.

Thursday, September 28, 1893
page
4. Since the Missouri Pacific changed its running of freight trains and made Wichita the end of the division between Geneseo and Yates Center, six train crews have moved here from Eldorado. These together with other Missouri Pacific employees here number about 34.

Saturday, September 30, 1893
page 4. William Griffenstein is ill at his home in the Pottawatomie country.

Tuesday, October 3, 1893
page 4. An electric street car with four passengers, in charge of Motorman Russell, was run into by a Missouri Pacific freight train about 1:30 this afternoon at the 12th street crossing. The motorman claims he stopped his car in time but the freight crew cut the train in two to allow him to pass and when he was about half way across they backed up on him, throwing the car from the track and badly damaging it. No one was hurt.

At school board meeting yesterday Superintendent Richardson reported the enrollment at present does not differ much from last year.

Thursday, October 5, 1893
page 4. The Douglas Avenue hotel, an old landmark, caught fire at 6:00 p.m. yesterday and was partially destroyed. The building was closed on the 16th of last month and Mr. Lane then turned charge of it over to his nephew. It was closed and locked and firemen had to break in through a window. The upper story was destroyed and furniture on the second floor was burned. The building is in the shape of an “L”. It was an old frame building and had long been regarded as a fire trap. It was built away back in 1871, and was then the pride of the town. It was erected by William Griffenstein and was considered headquarters for the cattlemen in the days when the cattle business flourished. Soon after its erection it was sold to Mr. Lane, who owned it ever since.

Monday, October 9, 1893
page 4. J. O. Davidson returned to Chicago yesterday.

Tuesday, October 10, 1893
page 4. A new emergency brake and life guard will be tried on the electric street cars of Wichita. The invention was patented last month by F. W. Smith of Emporia and the Emergency Life Guard Manufacturing company was formed for its manufacture. The Wichita line will be the first one to be equipped with it. F. W. Smith and James D. Holden, of Emporia, together with George L. Pratt, of Wichita, have been working on
the project. ¶ It is called an emergency life guard and fender and enables a motorman to stop a car within two thirds of the car’s length from a high rate of speed. It consists of a board fastened across the trucks of a car in front of the wheels and when not in use is suspended about two inches above the track, being held up by a coil spring. Attached to it and riding just bare of the track close up under each wheel, is a wedge-shaped piece of wood. Should any object be run onto by the car, its weight alone when struck by the board fender would drop the wedge into position under each wheel, stopping the car instantly, and the board dropping onto a level with the track would prevent the object from being run over by the wheels. In addition to this automatic working of the brake and fender, there is a bolt on the platform so that in case a car becomes uncontrollable on a down grade or approaching a dangerous crossing, the motorman may press it with his foot, stopping the car at once. ¶ Today a bag of sand was placed on the track and a car sent against it at a high rate of speed, and when it struck the fender the brake immediately fell into place and the sand bag was not pushed over six feet when the car was stopped.

Thursday, October 12, 1893

page 4.

The new 4th and 5th grades organized on the West Side to care for the overflow of pupils there are comfortably settled in the Stanton block at corner of Seneca and Maple streets, with Miss Sadie Caldwell as teacher. The enrollment is 32.

Friday, October 13, 1893

page 4.

A football game will be played tomorrow afternoon on the Garfield university grounds between the high school and Lewis academy.

Tuesday, October 17, 1893

page 4.

At city council meeting yesterday it was reported that one of the horses at Number 3 hose house is dead and the fire marshal was authorized to buy another.

After two or three futile attempts by the council to have the building material removed from corner of Douglas and Market (probably from Scheetz building construction), they were yesterday threatened with a law suit by Ed Taylor, the liveryman, for damages because of blockade of the street next to his place of business. The council then ordered that the rubbish be removed by November 1.

Wednesday, October 18, 1893

page 2.

Report of death today of Frank B. Smith, age 41, senior proprietor and business manager of the Beacon. Obituary. He came to Wichita in 1874 with D. G. Millison to start the Beacon. He was then foreman, but Mr. Millison moved to Leavenworth and Frank Smith and Frank Fisher bought out the struggling weekly paper. In the fall of 1879 he planned to make the Beacon a daily, but after one week as such the telegraph
company said its limited facilities could not transmit the Associated Press news, and the
daily was temporarily suspended. ¶ Mr. Smith formed a new partnership with Captain
White, and in the fall of 1884 they started the *Daily Beacon*, which has continued to
appear regularly since then. ¶ Mr. Smith became postmaster of Wichita in 1888 and
disposed of the *Beacon* to Hotchkiss and Eaton. When he left the post office he
bought out the half interest of F. N. Peck in the *Daily Beacon* and thus formed the
present partnership and ownership of the paper. ¶ He has had a chronic illness for some
time, a nervous affliction of unknown cause and was comatose the last several days.
Death was at his home at 603 North Emporia. Burial to be in Maple Grove cemetery.

**Saturday, October 21, 1893**

page 4. Otto Weiss has moved from 1103 Jackson to 1045 North Emporia.

**Tuesday, October 24, 1893**

page 1. Because of hard times the Santa Fe Railroad has been for some time two months
behind in paying wages and employes are threatening to strike. Details.

**Friday, October 27, 1893**

page 4. The attendance at Fairmount college (sic) is gradually increasing. Enrollment at the
high school is now 255, including 95 boys and 160 girls.

**Saturday, October 28, 1893**

page 4. Edwin Taylor, who is engaged in livery business on east side of Market street in first
block south of Douglas avenue, has brought suit for damages to amount of $1,016.25
against the city of Wichita, because of obstruction of the street and sidewalk in front of
his place of business since November 1892 with sand, stone, brick, and lumber, which
has interfered with his customers driving to his barn. ¶ The suit grows out of the
unfinished Scheetz building and the failure of the council to compel the contractor or
owner to remove the building material from the street.

**Friday, November 3, 1893**

page 4. The Garfield university and high school foot ball teams will play tomorrow afternoon
on the Garfield campus.

**Saturday, November 4, 1893**

page 4. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Levy have returned from another visit to the fair at Chicago.

**Monday, November 6, 1893**

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4. Article gives some history of St. Paul’s Methodist church. Formed as offshoot of First Methodist Episcopal church about six years ago and built a church on North Waco. Not long afterward the church was moved to corner of 13th and Lawrence.

Thursday, November 7, 1893

4. Dr. and Mrs. Buckwalter have returned from a visit to Chicago and the fair.

Friday, November 8, 1893


Monday, November 13, 1893

4. Mr. Griswold, of the Uncle Tom’s Cabin show, has come to Wichita and will remain here during the winter.

Sanger and Lent’s circus is quartered in the Gilbert Plow Works and will remain there until April 1, when the show goes on the road again. The large buildings of the plow works are admirably adapted for the purpose, and the proprietors, learning last summer that they were vacant, secured them. Details.

Tuesday, November 14, 1893

4. City council meeting yesterday: Proudfoot and Bird had written a letter asking about their claim. The city attorney and building committee will look after it.

Thursday, November 16, 1893

4. Article reports on Frank E. Griswold’s plans to improve the park he recently purchased at foot of Central avenue. He has come with his family to locate permanently in Wichita. Wants to put a fence along Central avenue, then some kind of dam in the Little river to make good boating. Wants to get the water works to the park for drinking water and fountains. Intends to fix up the track in the park and to erect an auditorium to accommodate at least 4,000 people. Will have electric lights and would like to have the street car run down Central avenue to the park. Details.

Friday, November 17, 1893

4. There is rejoicing at Fairmount college (sic) that by the closing of the Garfield university their enrollment is increased to the extent of 35 or 40 pupils. Five of the Garfield faculty go with the pupils. The foot ball team will be transferred from one institution to the other intact. Two new rooms will be completed in the college to accommodate the students.
Monday, November 20, 1893

Article gives some history of Plymouth Congregational church, at 2nd and Lawrence on southeast corner. The church was organized in October 1885 by Reverend Joel Harper. The present minister is Reverend F. A. Bissell and congregation numbers 109. Since organization of the church there have been three Congregational churches organized in the city -- Olivet church in south part of town, the May Flower (sic) church on Fairview, and the Fourth church on Fairmount. Ministers at Plymouth since its founding have been Reverend Joel Harper, Reverend J. H. Parker, Reverend Mr. Millikan, and the present Reverend F. A. Bissell. Trustees are listed. Details.

Tuesday, November 21, 1893

Article gives some history of Scottish Rite masons in Wichita. Elmo Lodge of Perfection Number 9 was organized in Wichita under a charter date of June 28, 1887 with 12 charter members. It was closely followed the same year by organization of the higher bodies of the rite, Chapter Rose Croix, Number 5, and Council Knights of Kadosh, Number 5, under charter of November 17, 1887, and Wichita Consistory, Number 2, on December 28, 1887. The first sessions were held in the Hacker building on East Douglas. January 1, 1891 the Baptist church property at 1st and Market was purchased and since then has been the home of the Scottish Rite bodies here. Total membership is 226. Details.

Wednesday, November 22, 1893

Mr. Griswold has a force at work cleaning up the park at the foot of Central avenue. The old fence along Central avenue is all torn out and will be replaced with a new one. Several florists have engaged space for flower beds and a nice fountain will be erected near the gate.

J. Garabaldi, who came here from Little Rock a year ago, died in that city a week ago yesterday. He purchased the elegant home of Ben Aldrich, on College Hill, and also some valuable Main street property.

The county commissioners today let the contract for the lighting of the county building with electricity for $800 per annum. Gas has been used heretofore and has cost the county $1,300 each year.

Friday, November 24, 1893

A picket fence has been built between the high school and Webster building separating the play ground of each school.

On Friday evening the Periclesian hall at Garfield university was the scene of the last meeting of the society of that institution. The society ceases to be a Garfield university
society and becomes a city literary society which will meet every Friday evening in the old council chamber in the Getto building on North Main street.

Saturday, November 25, 1893

Yesterday Benjamin L. Eaton of Hutchinson leases the Metropole hotel for one year with option to extend the lease two years. He has purchased the furniture and will move to Wichita with his family. The Metropole will be newly decorated and put in good condition. He hopes to open December 9, but the date may be delayed on account of necessary repairs to the steam heating apparatus.

Monday, November 27, 1893

Article reports the immersion baptism of six people by the New Hope Baptist church at the 13th street bridge yesterday. Details. (Church is a black church.)

Wednesday, November 29, 1893

Long article about the many needy in the city this winter and relief measures being taken. Details.

A slight change was made in the street car time today. Cars on Topeka avenue depart five minutes earlier and the first car on the Riverside line leaves at 6:45 a.m.

Thursday, November 30, 1893

J. W. O’Neil distributed turkeys among the motorneers of the electric line last night.

Friday, December 1, 1893

The Riverside school has been moved and now stands on the corner of 13th and Water streets. On Monday it will open with the Riverside pupils, 15 from Park and 30 from Irving.

Saturday, December 2, 1893

Report of visit of Jacob Dold to Wichita yesterday and interview with him about packing industry. Details.

Wednesday, December 6, 1893

At last meeting of school board the Riverside building was reported moved to its new location, repainted, and protecting the scholars as usual. A contract for renting two lots at 13th and Water for two years with option of four at $20 was accepted. ■ The principal of the high school reported 264 enrollment November 1.
Thursday, December 7, 1893
4. The electric street car company is putting in a new track on East Douglas from Washington to Hydraulic. A gang of men is at work today and will be kept busy a couple of weeks.

Friday, December 8, 1893
3. Ad says starting Sunday, November 19, the Missouri Pacific railway placed in service a new train, “The Wichita Peerless Express” between Wichita and Kansas City and St. Louis, leaving from Wichita daily at 9:05 p.m., running through to Kansas City with Pullman sleeper, chair car and coach.

4. Interview with Sewer Inspector Fitzpatrick critical of the diversion of Little river water into the Chisholm creek. Now at the low stage of Little river there is about six times as much water turned into Chisholm creek as is run into the city sewers. ¶ “The Little river up about the parks used to be the prettiest stream that I ever saw, and it was a great damage to all that portion of the city west of Main street and north of 3rd street to have the water turned from its natural channel. Since the water has been turned off all that part of the Little river below the dam (i.e., Sullivan’s dam) smells more than any sewer in this city.”

Monday, December 11, 1893
4. The first number of the high school Messenger has been published. It is a three column folio, neatly printed on book paper.

Tuesday, December 12, 1893

City council meeting: report that the Wayside home has been picked up bodily and moved to Fairmount. The furniture is stored and it has not been running for some time. This saves the city its $25 monthly contribution.

Wednesday, December 13, 1893
4. The Metropole hotel reopened last night.

Thursday, December 14, 1893
3. The Burton car has been taken off and in consequence the teachers who go to Burton are having a rough time getting there.
Another article about the problem of caring for the poor in Wichita.

4. A pretty and attractive picture is the Birdseye View of Wichita which is just out, the work of the Western Lithographs company, located in the Beacon block. The pictorial presentation has five distinct colors.

Property owners on Douglas avenue are fighting the tax assessed for repaving of the street with asphalt. Details.

Monday, December 18, 1893

3. Report of interview with Mr. F. A. Perry, a capitalist of Keene, New Hampshire, who has been visiting in Wichita for about three weeks and is friend of Mr. Tom Fitch. It is the first time Mr. Perry has visited Wichita and he has been agreeably surprised. He has investments here in the electric light and street railway company and in real estate. A year ago one could hardly pick up an eastern paper without seeing a paragraph ridiculing Wichita, and he is pleasantly surprised to find it to be a lively place. Etc.

The district court is trying an important case this morning that of a suit to dissolve the attachments against the Whittaker Packing company, which amount to about $150,000. (Note: December 19 says that case was continued to January 6.)

Wednesday, December 20, 1893

4. A large number of lots were deeded by the county yesterday to the Riverside Land company, the Midland Investment company, and the Citizens bank. The bank was the heaviest purchaser, paying $5,364, and the next largest was the Riverside Land company, for $866.

The residents of Burton feel aggrieved because they have no street car service any more. Some time in November the cars on that line were laid off. There are not many people out there who ride on cars, but those who do want to ride just as bad as if there were a thousand.

The street car company has laid its new track on East Douglas as far as Hydraulic avenue.

Thursday, December 21, 1893

3. The second number of the high school Messenger will appear the first week in January.

The Burton car having been taken off, teacher Miss Leichardt of the Burton school has taken up her abode in that little burg, and the other teacher there, Mrs. Taylor, is compelled to drive to and from the school each day.
4. Discussion with Mr. O’Neil of the Electric Railway company explaining why the lights in an electric car sometimes grow dim just as the car is started.

Saturday, December 23, 1893

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The Salvation army has secured the store room at 610 East Douglas for a soup house and hope to have it established in a few days.

Friday, December 29, 1893

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Article discusses the Sullivan dam: “What is known as the Sullivan dam is a good one. It is at least 400 feet in length, extending across the natural channel of the Little river where the race turns eastward. Below it can be seen the remains of the first dam built there. Decaying wood crops out above the water on the lower side of the dam showing where the first dam was built by Colonel Lewis 20 years ago. The present dam is built of brush and loaded down with sand. The holes in the banks of the creek show how much sand has been taken out and hauled into the work of turning the water. ¶ The contractor (i.e. Mr. Sullivan) has no sinecure as it takes constant work to keep the dam in repair, and at any time the whole structure may be washed away by a sudden rise in the river. ¶ “About ten inches of water is now allowed to run over the dam and this flows down the Little river. If a head gate was placed on the race at a point about 300 feet east of the junction of the two streams the water could be allowed at will from one stream to the other and keep both Little river and Chisholm creek free from stagnant water.”