TIHEN NOTES FROM 1902 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, January 1, 1902
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5. Report says Cudahy packing plant will be enlarged. Details.

The new telephone company, of which Frank L. Brown is at the head, yesterday bought two lots on North Market street immediately south of Fire House Number 1 for $2,000 and will build a two story building on the property for a telephone office and exchange. To be 40 by 80 feet with the exchange and 12 operators on the second floor. The switchboard will cost $25,000.

6. Article with city financial statistics for year 1901. Cost of city government was $168,311.79. Police department revenues from fines, etc., were $19,132.91.

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Friday, January 3, 1902
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5. Central Christian church members are raising funds for a new $18,000 church building to be erected at corner of 2nd and Market streets. Details.

6. The new McCormick warehouse at corner of Santa Fe and Douglas is receiving its finishing touches at the hands of the brick layers.

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5. Another long article about attempts of the city to force the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company out of business here.

Tuesday, January 7, 1902
City council yesterday passed ordinance to force the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company out of business in Wichita. Details.

Friday, January 10, 1902
Real estate deal: Keene Syndicate to Ezra C. Smith, lots 25-73, Litchfield avenue, Riverside addition, $75.

Saturday, January 11, 1902
The Central avenue bridge over Little Arkansas river, which leads to the water works, is being widened. A number of new piles are being sunk. Details.

Tuesday, January 14, 1902
Kos Harris is having plans drawn for a two story brick building which he will build on his lot at the northwest corner of Main and William. To cost about $5,000. Mr. Harris has owned the property for 22 years, having bought it in 1879 for $110. Building to front 25 feet on Main street.

Wednesday, January 15, 1902
The Hamilton hotel addition will be formally opened this evening.

Thursday, January 16, 1902
The two new cars ordered by the Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived this morning, and as soon as they are unloaded and put in running order they will be placed in service on the Topeka avenue line. They are longer than any now in service and have a greater seating capacity. They were built at the car factory in St. Louis.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad will soon establish a lunch room in the room at the north end of its passenger depot in Wichita. Plans have been approved by the head office in St. Louis.

Friday, January 17, 1902
The new club house of the Braeburn Golf club will be ready for occupancy next week.

The city engineer was out surveying yesterday for the new hose house at the corner of 18th street and Topeka.

Men are now at work enlarging (i.e., widening) the bridge over the Little river at Central avenue. The work will be completed by next Friday.
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4. H. H. Steinbuchel has arranged for the erection of a three story brick building on the property at 204-06-08 North Main street. To cost $25,000. Details.

5. Article about the new Braeburn Golf club club house. Says there is a 60 foot porch on the front of the club house. There are lockers for 40 men and 20 women. The club has 75 members. Details.

6. W. H. Barche has purchased the interests of Claude O. Funk in the City Directory and will send out a force of 16 men next week gathering data for the book. It is expected to be ready for delivery about March 15.

Monday, January 20, 1902
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6. The building and property at southwest corner of Douglas and Market, known as the Noyes corner and occupied for several years by the Noyes Dry Goods company, was sold Saturday to Charles L. Davidson and W. B. Throckmorton for $26,000.

Tuesday, January 21, 1902
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5. C. U. Ferguson and others yesterday asked city council for a franchise for an interurban railway between Wichita and cities south and east of here, with right of way on Tremont street and William street. Details.

City council yesterday let contract for construction of a new hose house at 18th and Topeka to Julius Walters for $3,878.

Thursday, January 23, 1902
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5. Contract has been let and work will start at once on the new street railway company car barn being built by the street railway company. To be of brick with cost about $4,000. Will be 50 by 128 feet, with walls 16 feet high and the center of building 25 feet high, with capacity for 25 cars. At present several cars must be left standing out over night, but with the new barn, all can be housed. The new street cars have been tested and are very satisfactory. They will not be placed in service for a time because they are not provided with heaters. After they arrived it was found that the trucks used on the regular cars are too short, and extension braces have been ordered for them. If weather permits they will probably be put in service on the Topeka line about March 1.

Friday, January 24, 1902
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5. Real estate sale: Keene Syndicate to Hiram Blake, lots odd 125 to 139, Riverside avenue, Riverside addition, $6,400.
6. Frank L. Brown, of the new independent telephone company, has made a proposition to purchase the building now occupied by Station Number 1 of the fire department on North Market street. The new company has purchased two lots just south of the fire station and will begin at once to erect a building thereon. Mr. Brown offered $3,000 for the fire station building. No decision.

Monday, January 27, 1902

6. Work will start this week on improving the banks of the Little river between the Campbell and Davidson houses to give a more gradual and even slope.

   Widening of 9th street from Santa Fe to Cleveland avenue will start this week. The street has previously only been opened up to half its full original width of 60 feet.

7. An automobile club is being agitated by the owners of horseless carriages in Wichita.

Tuesday, January 28, 1902

5. The street railway company has ordered four miles of copper wire which will be stretched about March 1st. When it is placed, every part of the company’s lines in Wichita will be equipped with new wire. Company has total of 25 miles of wire in Wichita. Cost of new order is $1,500.

Friday, January 31, 1902

6. A small island in the Little river is being dug up and the dirt hauled over the eight inch thick ice to a larger island in the river, about an acre in size, which the park commissioners intend to cover with floral plantings. The island being enlarged at one end almost touches the base of the Griffenstein bridge. With ten teams it will take about two days to finish the work.

7. The Wichita hospital board yesterday purchased the five lots immediately adjoining the hospital property on the west from R. A. Sankey for $600. They front 125 feet on Douglas avenue and are 140 feet deep.

Saturday, February 1, 1902

5. Report of public school attendance. Total is about 4,900. Attendance at individual schools listed. ¶High school has 427. Largest is Irving, 503. Smallest is Fairmount with 25.

Monday, February 3, 1902

5. Plans for the new wing at St. Francis hospital are now being drawn by architect Dumont. The new addition will extend from the present building to Emporia avenue.
Tuesday, February 4, 1902
page 5. Long article quoting Orient Railroad investors as saying that English capitalists have invested large amounts (says five million dollars) in the railroad and that it definitely will be built. Details.

6. John Noble, portrait painter, will leave some time during the next two weeks for Paris, where he intends taking several courses in painting. He will be absent about 12 months.

Wednesday, February 5, 1902
page 6. Reconstruction of the Central avenue bridge over the Little river was completed today. A foot bridge has been added on one side.

Tuesday, February 11, 1902
page 5. W. W. Johnston yesterday sold his handsome residence at 1240 North Topeka to A. C. Huston (sic) for $5,000. It is a ten room house with bottom floor of stone and top floor frame. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are moving to Los Angeles.

Tuesday, February 18, 1902
page 5. Cablegram yesterday reported that A. E. Stilwell has sailed home after several months in London with three million dollars raised in Europe from the sale of International Construction Company stock, for financing of the Orient Railroad. The International Construction Company is capitalized for seven million dollars, of which six million dollars has now been placed in the United States, Mexico, and Europe. It is building the road in Mexico and Texas. The Union Construction Company, with officers in Kansas City, is building the line from Kansas City to Fairview, Oklahoma Territory, while that portion between Fairview and the Red River is being built by the Delaware Construction Company. Article reports progress. About 100 miles is now graded in Mexico and the line between Anthony, Kansas and Fairview in the United States is graded and has the bridging in. The grade between Anthony and Harper, Kansas is nearly finished.

6. The new Independent Telephone company, Frank L. Brown, president, has filed its bond with the city and let the contract for construction of the new plant, which will cost about $150,000. Details.

Wednesday, February 19, 1902
page 6. The street cars were nearly stalled by the snow this morning, and most carried huge funnels of tin through which to pour sand on the tracks.

Saturday, February 22, 1902
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5. The new street railway company car barn is nearly completed and will soon be ready for occupancy. The contract for the switches and tracks in the barn, which is the most expensive part of the establishment, has been let to the Page Iron Works, of Chicago. The office of the street car company has been moved from the west room in the basement of the Kansas National Bank building to the southeast corner room on account of the remodeling of the bank building to accommodate the bank’s new vaults. ¶ The company decided last fall to order eight (sic) new cars, which includes the two already received. They have now decided to add two more cars, making eight new ones, four summer and four winter cars. There has been difficulty in placing the orders on account of the car factories all being loaded down with orders.

7. Photos of winter scene in Riverside park west of Griffenstein bridge, and of B. H. Campbell residence looking west from Riverside park.

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Thursday, February 27, 1902

5. Work started today on enlargement of the Cudahy plant. Details.

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Wednesday, March 5, 1902

5. The Wichita Paint and Color Company has purchased the old cracker factory on St. Francis avenue from the American Biscuit company for $6,500 and will occupy the building as a factory for paints, oils, and painting materials. Building is three story brick, 50 by 140 feet.

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Thursday, March 6, 1902

5. Report says actual track laying on the Orient Railroad will begin at Anthony this morning.

8. Fritz Schnitzler is having an automobile constructed at the Walterscheid’s factory.

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Friday, March 7, 1902

6. H. W. Porter plans to build a four story brick building at 211-213 E. Douglas to replace the small frame buildings there. Contract has been let to W. H. Sternberg. To cost $10,000.

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Monday, March 10, 1902

6. Kansas Supreme court Saturday denied the suit of Arthur and Agnes Sullivan for damages of $20,700 against the city of Wichita in connection with the Sullivan dam case. Says the dam was first built in 1872. Dam and sluiceway were purchased by the city in 1891 for $15,000 from the Hydraulic Milling company. City employed Mr. Sullivan to take care of the dam and sluiceway for 20 years and paid him $6,000 for this. At the end of the 20 years the city terminated the contract with him, and Sullivan then brought suit. Details.
Tuesday, March 11, 1902

6. The first carload of poles for the new telephone company has arrived.

Wednesday, March 12, 1902
page 5. A. E. Stilwell, president of Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway, arrived in Kansas City today accompanied by a party of English capitalists. Details.

Thursday, March 13, 1902
page 5. The new fire engine purchased by the city of Wichita has been shipped and should arrive next Saturday. It is known as a Metropolitan fire engine and was made by the American Engine company of Seneca Falls, New York, and Cincinnati, Ohio. Has capacity of pumping 1,300 gallons of water per minute. Weighs 8,000 pounds and cost $5,500.

6. The Unitarian church trustees have sold their lot at corner of Market and William to J. Hudson McKnight for $5,000 and have purchased a lot at corner of Central and Topeka from the Keene Syndicate for $2,100. It has frontage of 62½ feet on Topeka.

Friday, March 14, 1902
page 6. Detailed report of Peter Getto’s funeral yesterday at Pro-Cathedral, conducted by Father Tihen. Burial at Highland cemetery. ¶ Article gives Father Tihen’s complete eulogy (“Peter Getto’s Funeral”).

Monday, March 17, 1902
page 5. The United Sash and Door company has purchased the Western Planing mill for $17,079.

6. The new $5,500 fire engine purchased by the city has arrived and has been installed in fire station Number 1.

Tuesday, March 18, 1902
page 6. City council yesterday granted 20 year franchise to B. B. Gordan and G. W. Wiggs, from Union City, Indiana, to pipe natural gas into the city. Details.

Wednesday, March 19, 1902
Thursday, March 20, 1902

page 6.

Work started today on the improvement of the driveway on Riverside avenue, extending from Buffum to the residence of B. H. Campbell. When finished, the avenue will be about 40 feet wide, with a gradual slope of the bank toward the river. The main promoters of the improvement are Mrs. Fred Buckley and Mrs. Paul Mellinger, both of whom live on the avenue. Details.

Friday, March 21, 1902

page 5.

James M. Davis, the St. Louis millionaire who purchased the building occupied by Friends university, plans to have the grounds improved by a landscape gardener. Details.

Saturday, March 22, 1902

page 6.

Article about the Wichita High School alumni association, organized in 1890. The first class was graduated from the high school on May 25, 1879 and had four members: W. B. Throckmorton, of Wichita; Mrs. C. L. Davidson, of Wichita, (a sister of Mr. Throckmorton.); Clementine Davidson, of Wichita; and Miss Grace Pope, now Mrs. W. A. Woods, of Elmdale, Kansas. Details.

The Dold Packing company will resume operation May 15 with three times the capacity of the plant that was burned last summer. Details.

Tuesday, March 25, 1902

page 6.

The Wichita hospital has just installed an X-ray machine of the latest manufacture.

Friday, March 28, 1902

page 5.

Long article critical of Mayor McLean for allowing vice to flourish in Wichita. Long list of places with slot machines, “resorts,” gambling houses, etc.

Monday, March 31, 1902

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Work started this morning on the new Wells Fargo express office near the Santa Fe depot.

Wednesday, April 2, 1902

page 5.

Report of results of city election yesterday. Details.

Thursday, April 3, 1902

page 6.

The Frisco Railroad passenger depot was destroyed by fire at 1:15 a.m. today. The fire was caused by lightning.
Tuesday, April 8, 1902
page 5. Report of city council meeting yesterday, with several annual reports given.

Wednesday, April 9, 1902
page 6. The Orient Railroad is now laying rails south of Anthony. Nine Orient road box cars passed through Wichita yesterday on the Missouri Pacific bound for Anthony. They are the first Orient cars to pass through here and are from the St. Charles car works.

Thursday, April 10, 1902
page 5. The 1902 city directory will soon be ready for delivery.

An addition to the Riverside park zoo has been made in the shape of two elk, each about one year old.

Saturday, April 12, 1902

Tuesday, April 15, 1902
page 5. Report of concert by Jan Ignace Paderewski at the Auditorium last night. Details.

Thursday, April 17, 1902
page 6. A new bank is being formed in Wichita, the National Bank of Wichita, with capital stock of $100,000. Details.

Friday, April 18, 1902
page 5. Formal opening of the new quarters of the Van Zandt Implement company, in first block of North Water, is to be held tomorrow. Details. Building has three stories and sixty-two and one-half feet frontage on Water. Cost $20,000.

Saturday, April 19, 1902
page 4. Long article about Arthur Stilwell and plans for the Orient Railroad (“Stilwell’s Perseverance”).

6. Another article about Orient Railroad plans. Details.

Monday, April 21, 1902
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6. Work will commence on the Orient Railroad south of Anthony in a few days. Cars for hauling the rails and ties were sent to Anthony several weeks ago, and yesterday an engine arrived at Anthony.

Tuesday, April 22, 1902
page 6.
Report of city council meeting yesterday.

Wednesday, April 23, 1902
page 5.
The street railway company’s project for buying a park and giving open air entertainment has been abandoned for this year because of inability to procure the desired number of summer cars with which to operate the line. Superintendent Morrison said: “What we need is eight more cars for summer use, but the company we negotiated with to build them gave us no satisfaction regarding the time they would be completed.” ¶ Two more new combination cars have been ordered for the Topeka avenue Line, Mr. Morrison says, and word was received today that they had been shipped from St. Louis.

Friday, April 25, 1902
page 5.
Work started today on construction of a $3,000 building at junction of Rock Island and Santa Fe tracks at Lincoln street to be used for the “semaphore” system of controlling trains, so that they can pass without stopping, as is now the case.

Monday, April 28, 1902
page 8.
The new fire station at corner of 18th and Topeka is almost ready for occupancy. The total cost including equipment is about $12,000.

Wichita expects to build about 50 miles of new cement sidewalks this year at cost of about $1,000 per mile.

Tuesday, April 29, 1902
page 5.
The new city directory is being delivered today.

6. Bishop John Hennessy has sold his former residence in the College Green reserve, three-fourths mile south of Garfield University, to the Convent of Sisters of the Precious Blood (sic) for $11,500. The sisters will use it as a headquarters for their order and will also maintain a preparatory school for boys under age 11. The sisters have been living in the house for some time past. It is a three story brick structure.

Wednesday, April 30, 1902
page 5.
Report of wedding to be held this afternoon of Miss Rose Wallenstein and Mr. Ike
Goldsmith at the Scottish Rite Temple. Details.

Thursday, May 8, 1902

5. Long article about need for a new high school building in Wichita.

Friday, May 9, 1902

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company plans to spend about $60,000 on improvements to its property in Wichita this year in addition to what has already been spent, making a total of about $100,000 for the year. ¶ Two new switches will be built on North Topeka avenue at once to allow a seven and one-half minute service on that line during rush hours. One will be located just south of 10th street and the other south of 1st street. The preset switch between 1st and 2nd streets will be moved to 1st street. ¶ Beginning May 18 the company will put in a 15 minute service for the College Hill and Riverside Park lines and will use open cars exclusively on those lines. ¶ The new car barn will be completed next week and the company will then have plenty of room for all its cars. The present barn is too small and it is necessary to allow cars to stand outdoors all night. The new cars which have been placed on the Topeka avenue line are models of the car builder’s art. They are combination summer and winter cars and can be closed or opened at will. By simply pulling a lever, all of the windows in the top of the car can be opened simultaneously. Another pleasing feature is the wide platforms on the rear of the cars. The new cars were originally ordered for the New Orleans Street Railway company, but for some reason were not taken by them. ¶ The offices of the Street Railway company will be moved to 103 West Douglas avenue, on the opposite side of the street from the present location. The building is owned by Kos Harris. The change is made so that the offices will be on the ground floor. At present they are in the basement of the Kansas National Bank building. ¶ Above information from interview with Superintendent Morrison.


Saturday, May 10, 1902

2. The rebuilt bridge over Chisholm creek at Oak street will be completed Tuesday.

Monday, May 12, 1902

6. Report of death at 12:05 a.m. yesterday of Major E. R. (Edwin Rutherford) Powell due to head injuries received when he was thrown from his buggy six hours earlier on Topeka avenue just north of 3rd street. In so doing his head struck forcefully against a rail of the street car track. ¶ He was born at Port Dover, Canada in June 1830. Came to Augusta in the 1870s. Built the first street railway system in Wichita and also the dummy line to Valley Center. He was a widower and had been married three times, his last wife being Mrs. Woods, who brought four step-daughters to the marriage (named). Three brothers living in Toronto and Victoria, Canada, and San Francisco, and one sister, in Canada.
Wednesday, May 14, 1902

The Orient shops are to be located in the extreme southwest part of the city. The site was selected several months ago and the final purchase was made yesterday by a syndicate of Wichita business men (named). It is a tract of about 40 acres bounded by Harry street on the south, Seneca on the east, Vine on the west, and Walker on the north. Details.

Wednesday, May 21, 1902

Twenty second annual high school commencement to be held tonight at the Crawford theater. There are 67 graduates—24 boys and 43 girls. Details.

The new fire station at 18th and Topeka will be opened for service June 1. On that day the colored firemen now at 13th and St. Francis will be transferred to the new station and the old one will be closed.

Monday, May 26, 1902

Article lists provisions of will of late George Sullivan, owner of the farm north of town adjacent to Sullivan’s dam. The widow, Mrs. Letitia Sullivan, was willed the farm: northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 26, Route 1 E, in the original will, but a later codicil divided the 136 acres into four horizontal strips across the full east to west length of the farm. The south strip of 30 acres to go to his daughter, Maggie, the next strip, on which the house and improvements are located, of 38 acres, to go to the wife, the next strip of 30 acres to the eldest son, Thomas, and the north strip to the other grown son, William Sullivan. Details.

Tuesday, May 27, 1902

Article reports that an illegitimate son of Captain E. R. Powell, Robert Powell, age 21, is making claim to a share of Captain Powell’s estate. Detailed story.

Thursday, May 29, 1902

A. E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railroad, will sail today for Europe on the Furst Bismarck.

Saturday, May 31, 1902

James Collinson, who has been connected with the mechanical department of the Santa Fe, is in Cleburne and Temple, Texas, buying an order of locomotives for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad. The engines are to be purchased from the Santa Fe and
delivered to the Orient for use on that part of the line already being operated in Old Mexico. Mr. Collinson resigned from his job as Santa Fe master mechanic at Topeka about four months ago.

Tuesday, June 3, 1902
page 5. Article describes the great flood in Wichita in 1877. Details.

6. The Missouri Pacific yesterday purchased two lots on the west side of Wichita street between 1st and 2nd streets for $1,200, and now owns all the property between these two streets back as far as the alley. New side tracks will probably be put in.

Saturday, June 7, 1902
page 4. Dr. J. W. Kirkwood has let the contract for erection of a two story brick building, 25 by 100 feet, on his lot west of the Carey Hotel between Emporia and Tremont avenues on E. Douglas. To cost $5,000.

6. George Innes and Company are cutting an opening between their present store and the store room immediately north, and will occupy the latter to increase their space. The building to the north was formerly owned by Thomas Shaw. Originally J. H. Black, who owns the building, intended to build a new building on the site, but he has postponed his plans until next spring.

A souvenir booklet of Wichita has just been issued by the Tanner Book store containing many excellent photogravures of Wichita buildings and scenes. Details.

9. Long article of reminiscences by P. V. Healy—"Pat"—about the boom days in Wichita. Says the wildest boom in real estate was between December 1, 1886 and March 31, 1887. Details ("Recollection of Boom Days").

Article with history of origins of Wichita as related by William Mathewson. Details ("First House in Wichita").

Tuesday, June 10, 1902
page 6. The new fire station at 18th and Topeka was opened for use today.

Monday, June 16, 1902
page 6. The new semaphore system at the crossing of the Rock Island and Santa Fe Railroad tracks at Lincoln street was put into operation this morning for the first time.

Wednesday, June 18, 1902
page
5. Article describes new fire station at 18th and Topeka.

6. General Manager S. L. Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company visiting in Wichita, said today that the company will spend $30,000 on improvements in Wichita in the next three months. Three miles of new track will be laid, and three more new cars have been ordered similar to those recently put in service on the Topeka avenue line. ¶ The entire line from Seneca street to Friends university will be relaid with 60 pound rails. The steel is now on the road and expected to arrive next week. When this is done, within 30 days, the Topeka avenue and West Side lines will be given a ten minute service; another switch will be built and an additional car will be put on that line. ¶ The South Main street line will be relaid with new rails from Lincoln street to Harry street. ¶ The Fairmount line will be relaid from Central avenue to the cemetery, making it possible to give a through service from Riverside park. The question of building a line south on Emporia street to Lincoln street rests with the property owners on that street. ¶ The company has decided to reward all employees except the superintendent and power house foreman with a dividend of five percent of their earnings since January 1, to be paid July 1. The average employee of the company now receives $1.60 a day. The company employs 60 men, so the semi-annual dividend will cost the company about $1,000 every six months. ¶ The capacity of the new barn according to Superintendent Morrison, is 32 cars. At present the company has 28 cars in service, so with the three new ones ordered, the space will be limited.

Monday, June 30, 1902

A petition is being circulated against granting of a franchise for a street car line on South Emporia, so it appears likely this line will not be built.

Wednesday, July 2, 1902

Construction of new Unitarian church at Central and Topeka is progressing rapidly. Details.

Thursday, July 3, 1902

The Mahan Brothers yesterday purchased the old Imboden mill property at the Santa Fe tracks and Douglas avenue from N. F. Frazier, of Eldorado, for $21,500. The ruins of the old mill building will be torn down at once.

Saturday, July 5, 1902

Superintendent Morrison says the street railway carried 12,000 people between Main and Douglas and Riverside park yesterday, i.e., 6,000 each way.

Monday, July 7, 1902

Tuesday, July 8, 1902
page
5. Annual report of Superintendent of Schools Knight. Details.

6. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Street railway company asked for franchise to build line on South Emporia ave.—referred to franchise and licensee committee. ¶ Petition approved to pave Douglas from Wichita street to Seneca. ¶ The new park at corner of 15th and Ohio was named “McKinley Park.”

Friday, July 11, 1902
page
5. The Orient Townsite and Land Company was granted a charter in Topeka yesterday. Capital is $35,000. Directors listed.

Monday, July 14, 1902
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6. Mr. and Mrs. Oak Davidson arrived yesterday from California and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson at 1245 North Lawrence.

Wednesday, July 16, 1902
page
6. City council passed ordinance yesterday granting right-of-way through the city to Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad. Details.

The Van Zandt Implement company has reorganized and charged its name to the Peru-Van Zandt Implement company.

Thursday, July 17, 1902
page
6. Brief note refers to a Mrs. Sayles, 606 St. Francis avenue (not Mrs. Amy Sayles).

Friday, July 18, 1902
page
6. Report of a bad fire last evening at the Western Newspaper Union building at 1st and Emporia. Details.

Saturday, July 19, 1902
page
4. Article with reminiscences by O. H. Bentley about some characters in Wichita when he came here in 1880. Details (“Some Early Day Characters”).

Tuesday, July 22, 1902
page
6. The new addition to enlarge the stage of the Toler auditorium is almost finished, and installing of the new scenery will be commenced soon.

Wednesday, July 23, 1902


The Rock Island will start this week laying side tracks on either side of its main line north of Douglas, running to the Moore brothers foundry, near 1st street, and the Smyth Brothers Implement warehouse, near Douglas. Will be one block in length.

Monday, July 28, 1902

5. Report of letter of July 19, 1902 from General Manager S. L. Nelson, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Superintendent Morrison saying that the building of a new line on South Emporia is contingent on the city’s giving the company a new ten year contract for street lighting. ¶ Says the board at its meeting last Wednesday authorized building the line on South Emporia under these conditions, and it also authorized the purchase of three new cars with complete trucks and equipment, the same as the last ones purchased. Details.

Thursday, July 31, 1902

5. The proposed new sanitarium, which is to be a branch of the Battle Creek sanitarium, is to open in about two weeks after remodeling of the large house at 321 North Market, which is to be its temporary location. Details.

Friday, August 1, 1902

5. The State Savings Bank, located in the Wall building on North Market street, will open for business Monday morning. M. W. Levy is president, T. B. Wall is vice-president, H. W. Lewis is cashier.

Saturday, August 2, 1902

4. There are now said to be over 20 automobiles in Wichita, with the number steadily increasing. Long article with details. Machines here so far are either gasoline or steam powered, but an electric powered one is expected soon. ¶ Walterscheid Brothers recently made a steam automobile here in Wichita for their own use and were so well pleased with it that they have put in new machinery and will make this a feature of their manufacturing business. Article lists several men who own cars.

5. The new addition to St. Francis hospital is nearly completed and will probably be ready for occupancy by November. The new part is at the back of the old hospital and reaches almost to Emporia avenue. It is four stories high, 120 feet By 40 feet, and wire porches extend the full length of the building on each floor on the south and west sides. It will
contain 45 rooms, several wards and an operating room. Cost about $25,000. It is only slightly smaller than the main hospital, which is 170 by 47 feet and has 50 rooms. Details.

6. Dr. J. G. Dorsey plans to build a two story brick business building at southwest corner of Douglas and Emporia, 25 by 60 feet, to cost $3,500-4,000.

Monday, August 4, 1902

Tearing down of the ruins of the old Imboden Mill at Santa Fe and Douglas avenues will begin tomorrow.

Saturday, August 9, 1902

The newly remodeled Toler auditorium will open September 1. Details.

J. R. Mead has purchased the north 50 feet of the Smith-Skinner block on North Market from William Haynes for $19,000. He had previously purchased the south 50 feet of the building several years ago.

Tuesday, August 12, 1902

The old Wells Fargo express office, which has stood for many years just south of the Santa Fe depot, is being torn down. The company recently erected a handsome brick office building adjacent, and vacation of the site of the old building will give additional carriage room at the depot.

Monday, August 18, 1902

Street commissioner is today having a section torn out of the old 2nd street bridge across the Arkansas river. This was ordered by the council at its last meeting because so many people were using the bridge to go over to the island, where they did not conduct themselves properly.

Friday, August 22, 1902

President A. E. Stilwell, of Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient, will sail from London September 6 and arrive in Kansas City about Sept. 15.

Saturday, August 23, 1902

The windows of the fifth floor of the Carey hotel are being lowered by taking out the brick under the windows and lowering the sashes to make those rooms as desirable as those on the lower floors.

Monday, August 25, 1902
Tuesday, August 26, 1902

The new Kirkwood building on E. Douglas is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy about September 1.

Article tells of plans of Frisco to build new passenger and freight depots in Wichita and to build an enlarged ten stall roundhouse. Passenger station to be of Carthage stone and located at corner of Douglas and Mosley on site occupied by the old frame depot of the Kansas Midland Railroad, which the Frisco bought some time ago. Details.

Saturday, August 30, 1902

Long article with history of original water works in Wichita and wooden pipes, etc. (“Pipes Were Laid Many Years Ago”).

Friday, September 5, 1902

T. H. Griffith has let contract for a three story brick building to be erected on site of the old Ritchie (sic) hotel on E. Douglas. To be 25 by 120 feet and cost $8-9,000.

Saturday, September 6, 1902

The Country Club is planning to build a new club house. Long article with details.

Article about Sanford’s band with drawing of W. W. Sanford.

Wednesday, September 10, 1902

The new telephone company will being operating today although none of the residence phones are connected as yet. Details.

Thursday, September 11, 1902

The street car company has extended its track from Harry street to the fair grounds and has put in new steel rails on South Main to Harry street. There is also a new switch between Gilbert and Harry streets on South Main.
Friday, September 12, 1902
page 5. J. J. LaFlower, of Augusta, and J. D. James, of Wichita, have purchased the lease and fixtures of the Manhattan hotel from F. G. Van Duyn and took charge of the management of the hotel at midnight last night.

Monday, September 15, 1902
page 6. The street car company is nearly finished laying new track from Rutan avenue, to the end of the College Hill line. When that is finished, a new track will be laid on the West Side line from the Masonic Home to Friends university. ¶ A ten minute service is being tried on South Main street and will be started on Topeka avenue during carnival week. Whether these will be continued depends on the patronage.

Thursday, September 18, 1902
page 6. A. E. Stilwell has returned to Kansas City from a three months stay in England accompanied by several Orient Railroad investors (named) from Europe.

Saturday, September 20, 1902
page 6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company tomorrow morning will commence a ten minute service on the North Topeka and West Side line. Three new cars like those received a short time ago by the company and now in use on those two lines will be used to complete the ten minute service. ¶ The new track on College Hill has been completed and beginning tomorrow the cars will run around the loop. ¶ During the carnival and reunion there will be a five minute service from the depots to Riverside park. There will be a ten minute service to the fair grounds. ¶ During the carnival week there will be 22 cars in use, which is four more than were used last year during the carnival.

Monday, September 22, 1902

Tuesday, September 30, 1902
page 5. The Wichita street railway company has just recently adopted use of a wheel attached by a rope to the trolley pole to keep a trolley which jumps the wires from a striking the wires and damaging them. Wheel has a catch which sets automatically.

Monday, October 6, 1902
page 6. Article says city council Saturday granted a franchise to Orient Railroad on Wichita street. Details.
Thursday, October 9, 1902

Saturday, October 11, 1902
page 6. Plans for the new Frisco freight depot were received yesterday. To be of gray pressed brick. Located about 200 feet south of Douglas on Rock Island avenue. Office portion to be two stories, 30 by 40 feet, then warehouse portion or freight room, one story, 40 by 120 feet, and a 40 by 100 feet platform for loading of cars. To cost $20,000.

Monday, October 13, 1902
page 5. A petition is being circulated asking the council to open the river drive from 9th street to J. O. Davidson’s place. This is the old driveway along the river that has been closed for several years.


Tuesday, October 14, 1902
page 6. The first passenger coach of the Orient railway is in the Missouri Pacific yards here.

Friday, October 17, 1902
page 8. A number of the new Rock Island engines of the 1,500 series are now running through Wichita.

Tuesday, October 21, 1902
page 5. Missouri Pacific engine Number 84 recently out of the shops at Ft. Scott, has been sent to Wichita for use on extra runs.

Wednesday, October 22, 1902

Friday, October 24, 1902
page 6. The first carload of piling for the new street car bridge across the Arkansas river has been received and unloaded.
8. The first car load of material for the new Frisco passenger station was received this morning. The old depot has been moved off the ground and located at the corner of Santa Fe avenue and Kellogg street.

Wednesday, October 29, 1902

The Dold Packing plant will resume operation tomorrow.

Saturday, November 1, 1902

Report of death today of Charles Campbell, born September 19, 1875, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Campbell and twin brother of Robert Campbell, from an injury Tuesday on the Campbell ranch when he was thrown from a horse. Graduated from high school in 1895 and had lived on the ranch at Ashland since.

Excavation will start the first of the week for the new building for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company, to be erected in second block on North Market. To be two stories, 25 by 90 feet, and to be completed within four months.

Tuesday, November 4, 1902

Work has stated on the foundation of the new Frisco passenger station.

Friday, November 7, 1902

Contract has been let for the two story brick building being built at southwest corner of Douglas and Emporia by Dr. J. G. Dorsey.

Saturday, November 8, 1902

Three attempts were made to hold up Riverside street cars at the switch in Central Riverside park last night, but without success. Details.

Long article about Dold plant, which resumed operation about ten days ago. Details.

Greenfield Brothers have rented the building at southwest corner of Douglas and Market formerly occupied by S. E. Noyes and Company, from C. L. Davidson and W. B. Throckmorton, the owners. Building is to be remodeled. Greenfield Brothers came to Wichita just 18 months ago.

Monday, November 10, 1902

Note about collision of two street cars at the 9th street switch on Topeka avenue last night.
Wednesday, November 12, 1902

5. At present there are 16 Missouri Pacific engines which lay over here and are taken care of at the round house. Missouri Pacific engine Number 871 is a new one which has been received on the Wichita division and which will run between Wichita and Kanopolis.

Thursday, November 13, 1902

6. Work will start next week on a two story brick building on north side of Douglas just east of Emporia being erected by E. Bronson. To have 25 feet front.

Saturday, November 15, 1902

5. Missouri Pacific engine Number 940 is being overhauled today in the Missouri Pacific round house.

Friday, November 21, 1902

5. Missouri Pacific engine Number 213 has been received here directly from the company’s shops at St. Louis and will replace engine Number 209, which will be sent to the shops for repair.

Friday, November 28, 1902

5. Superintendent Morrison says the street car company will have two new street cars by December 15 that will be put on the Topeka avenue and West Side line immediately upon their arrival. The cars now in use on the Topeka avenue line will probably be placed on the Stock Yards line. The motors for the new cars came yesterday, but the cars themselves are not expected until about December 15. The cars now in use on the Topeka avenue line will probably then be placed on the Stock Yards line.

Saturday, November 29, 1902

4. A new Frisco “Y” track has been built at the corner of Mead avenue and Pine street connecting the Frisco main line with the Kansas Midland. This will enable Frisco trains to reach their new passenger station when it is completed without turning around or backing in as heretofore. The new tracks will be ready for use Monday morning.

Saturday, December 6, 1902

6. Article about presentation of a set of golf clubs to Judge Dale by a jury as a token of esteem. Details (“Judge Dale To Hold His Place”).

Cornerstone of the new German Catholic church at 2nd and Ohio is to be laid tomorrow afternoon.
Tuesday, December 9, 1902
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6. Capacity of the Cudahy plant in Wichita is to be doubled. Details.

Wednesday, December 10, 1902
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1. Article announces plans of Johnston and Larimer Dry Goods company to build a five story building, reportedly in first block on South Emporia on west side just south of the alley. Details.

Thursday, December 11, 1902
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6. The Manhattan hotel has been leased for ten years to E. J. Ohmer. The deal was made by Mason C. Nevins, one of the principal owners of the building.

J. R. Mead plans erection of a three story brick building on the 50 feet of first block of North Market just south of the Smith-Skinner block. To cost $15,000.

Friday, December 12, 1902
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5. Article says Union Electric Railway and Construction company, F. M. Cyes, president, to start grading on the right-of-way for its new interurban road north of Wichita on Monday.

6. Missouri Pacific switch engine Number 209 was sent to the Ft. Scott shops this morning for repairs.

8. Directors of Wichita Railroad and Light company met in Wichita this week and Commodore Nelson, general manager, said today it is the company’s intention to build new lines on South Emporia and one-half mile north from Douglas and one-half mile south from Douglas on some street east of the railroad tracks, and also to double the capacity of the power plant. When Mr. Nelson left the direct supervision of the Wichita line to the local manager, the road used 16 cars. Today they are running 31 cars and three new ones have been ordered. The present demands strain the capacity of the power.

Tuesday, December 16, 1902
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7. Work on the right-of-way north from Wichita was begun yesterday by the graders employed by the Union Electric Railway and Construction company.

Thursday, December 18, 1902
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8. Missouri Pacific engine Number 852 is being repaired at the Wichita round house today.

Monday, December 22, 1902

Missouri Pacific engine Number 5, recently overhauled in the Ft. Scott shops, has arrived here and been attached to the new passenger train Number 58 between Kiowa and Kansas City.

Tuesday, December 23, 1902

Report says the Winne building has been sold (not confirmed by later reports) to Whitney T. Tucker, S. B. Amidon, and O. Z. Smith for $80,000. Details. Says ownership had passed to mortgage company during the 1890s and that the building was bought by Scott E. Winne in latter part of 1900 for $40,000.

Article describes some planned remodeling of the Manhattan hotel. Details. The new proprietor, E. J. Ohmer, has taken possession.

Wednesday, December 24, 1902

The front end of street car Number 110 caught fire while car was being worked on in company’s shops on Wichita street and was considerably damaged, but it has been repaired and is back in service on the Stock Yards line.

8. The Frisco has started fitting its passenger engines with electric headlights, and several were through Wichita this week with them.

Thursday, December 25, 1902

Street cars started running at 7:00 a.m. today instead of the usual 6:00 a.m. because of the holiday. Superintendent Morrison has a way bill for the last of the three large new cars to be put on the Topeka avenue — West Side line. The other two cars are already in the barn and one of them will be sent out tomorrow for the first time. They are for the same type as the other large cars in use by the company. When all three are in running order the College Hill line will be given two large cars, and in time all of the lines will have them.

Monday, December 29, 1902

Contract let Saturday for Peerless Laundry building in the second block, North Market.

6. O. W. Jones, bookkeeper in the county treasurer’s office, has purchased the nine room brick house and 200 feet of ground at 1015 Coolidge avenue for $1,275 from E. W. Baxter, of Boston, Massachusetts. The residence was erected during the boom days.

The elegant street car, Number 138, was run out of the shop this morning and put into
service on the Topeka avenue—West Side run. Two other new cars, Numbers 136 and 140 are now in the shop and are being wired and fitted up for service. They will probably be running inside of ten days.

Previously announced sale of Winne building fell through and today it was sold to H. M. Walt, of Newton, for $75,000. Details.

**Wednesday, December 31, 1902**

One of the new street cars, Number 136, was sent out this morning for the first time. It is the counterpart of Number 138, which was put into service Monday on the Topeka avenue and West Side line. Number 140, last of the three, will probably be ready for service by the first of next week. Everyone who has had the pleasure of riding in these new cars is well pleased with them. They are commodious, clean and warm, and are not near so noisy as the old cars.