The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has given a five percent bonus to its employes on their semi-annual earnings. This means, for example, to Charles Gill, of the Stockyards line, an addition of $15.40 to his six months earnings of $308.05, which was the highest pay earned by a day man. In like manner, Amos Grable, the head late man, on the Topeka avenue run, gets $14.49 added to his six months earnings of $289.98. H. F. Turner, the best swing man, gets $12.74 added to his earnings of $254.83. ¶ The company has also appointed Mr. R. G. Williams as master mechanic, in full charge of the power house, car barn, and repair shop; Mr. A. J. Crow has been appointed inspector, which will place him in charge of all the men on the cars. Mr. Williams came here from Illinois about one year ago. Mr. Crow is an old Wichita resident. ¶ The company contemplates various improvements this year. No details announced, but it is said the Fairview line will be abandoned and the street car track constructed from Main along the south side of the Missouri Pacific right-of-way to Market street, and thence north, reducing the time between Douglas avenue and the stock yards by about ten minutes.

5. The foundation for the new Frisco depot is nearly finished.

7. Real estate transfer: Keene Syndicate to Anna M. Carter, lots odd five to 29, Carter avenue, Riverside addition, $1,300.

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8. All of the Santa Fe passenger engines running through Wichita are now equipped with electric headlights.

Tuesday, January 6, 1903

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Wednesday, January 7, 1903
Report of banquet last night in Kansas City for A. E. Stilwell and 300 business men in which he reported in detail on progress of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway (“Banquet Given To Stilwell”).

Missouri Pacific engine Number 942 is in the Wichita roundhouse for extensive repairs today.

Thursday, January 8, 1903

Contract let for Henry Schnitzler’s three story hotel building, 50 by 120 feet, at corner of Douglas and Water. To cost about $20,000. J. J. Crist is the architect. Details.

Saturday, January 10, 1903

Annual report of the Wichita hospital. Details.

Thursday, January 15, 1903


Friday, January 16, 1903

Article about plans for remodeling the Rock Island passenger depot. Now that the eating house has been discontinued, the two large rooms will be changed into separate ladies’ and gentlemen’s waiting rooms. Staircase will be changed and ticket office enlarged. A steam heating plant is to be installed. Details.

Article about plans for an addition to the Carey Hotel, 25 by 120 feet and five stories to be built on the west side of the present structure. F. F. Parsons is architect. Details.

Edward K. Hyde has sold to the Yucca Company Lots 123 and 125, Douglas avenue, in Hyde’s addition.

Saturday, January 17, 1903

Article with early history of the YMCA in Wichita. Details.

Monday, January 19, 1903

Five year old boy struck by west bound street car on West Douglas yesterday. Car was bound for the switch at Douglas and Seneca where another car was waiting.
Tuesday, January 20, 1903
6. City council yesterday let contract for bridge across Chisholm creek on 17th street, subject to approval of the township trustee. Bridge to be 68 feet long, with 16 feet roadway, and cost $349, half to be paid by the county. Contract let to Canton Bridge company, of Canton, Ohio.

Wednesday, January 21, 1903
5. Work on the Frisco freight depot is progressing rapidly and the walls for the ground floor are nearly completed.

Friday, January 23, 1903
5. One of the new 1,500 series of Rock Island “battleship” engines came in on an extra freight.

Saturday, January 24, 1903
4. Article about proposed new brick building for St. Paul’s Methodist Episcopal church at 13th and Lawrence, to replace the frame church there, which has become too small. Article gives details of the church’s history. The church was organized in August 1887. In September contract let for a frame chapel at 13th and Waco, 24 by 40 feet, at cost of $1,000. First service held there October 23, 1887. The next year lots were purchased at 13th and Lawrence and the chapel was moved to the new site.

5. Article about progress of Dr. N. J. Morrison in raising the endowment funds of Fairmount college, now over $100,000. Details.

6. Schollenberger Brothers, are agents for the Oldsmobile and sold a number last year. Heretofore when one was wanted they ordered it, but from now on they will be kept in stock. Yesterday they received their first new machine for the season, with many improvements over last year.

Wednesday, January 28, 1903
6. Walls for the three story Dorsey building on East Douglas are nearing completion, and work on the interior has begun.

The old Orient hotel will soon be removed from the site of the new Schnitzler building at corner of Water and Douglas. All brick for the new building have arrived.

Saturday, January 31, 1903
10. Article reports 770 patients were treated at St. Francis hospital in 1902. Of these 385
were treated free of charge. The third addition to the hospital—a chapel and a modern steam laundry—was erected in 1902.

Article says the Brown Memorial Reformed church, corner of South Topeka and Lewis, was named for the late Reverend Isaac G. Brown, who was the first missionary and founder of the church here during the boom years.

Monday, February 2, 1903
page
1. Contract has been let for grading of the Orient Railroad from Milton to Wichita, 31 miles. To be completed by July 1. Details.

5. Article describes plans for the new Frisco yards in Wichita.

Tuesday, February 3, 1903
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5. City council yesterday gave street railway company a permit to build a railway bridge across the river 25 feet north of the north line of the present wagon bridge. The company needs a new bridge and wants to build it farther from the old bridge, so that if the wagon bridge is rebuilt and enlarged, the street railway bridge will not be in the way.

8. Report of collision between Fairmount and North Topeka street cars at Douglas and Topeka this morning. The larger car on the Topeka line was Number 136, which ran into the rear of the stopped Fairmount car. Details.

Monday, February 9, 1903
page
5. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company plans to build a system of rural lines running out from Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, February 11, 1903
page
5. The old Orient hotel building on Wichita Douglas avenue was sold yesterday and will be moved at once so that contractors can start work on Henry Schnitzler’s new brick hotel. It is understood it will be moved down on 4th avenue. It is one of the oldest buildings in Wichita and has been moved about considerably.

8. Emil Werner obtained building permit today for his new two story brick buildings on southwest corner of Douglas and Washington, with frontage of 100 feet on Douglas and 140 feet on Washington. To cost about $20,000. Details.

Friday, February 20, 1903
page
6. Agreement reached for Orient Railroad trains to run initially from Milton to Wichita over Missouri Pacific tracks, and for one through car daily to be run to Kansas City in a
Missouri Pacific train. Details.

Monday, February 23, 1903

Tuesday, February 24, 1903
5. The first car load of lime stone for the Frisco’s new passenger depot has arrived in the city.

Wednesday, February 25, 1903
5. The new lessees of the Manhattan Hotel, Ohmer Brothers of Indianapolis, have already spent $15,000 on improvements. Details.

Monday, March 2, 1903
5. The Wichita Board of Trade is taking over the room in the Sedgwick building long occupied by the Sedgwick Music hall. Remodeling is under way. The present Board of Trade was organized last fall. Details.

Tuesday, March 3, 1903

Tuesday, March 10, 1903
3. Missouri Pacific engine Number 888 is in the roundhouse for repairs.

6. Plans completed by architect John J. Crist for the new two story brick building on northeast corner of Douglas and St. Francis being erected by L. S. Naftzer and J. M. Moore. To be 50 by 140 feet. Details.

Wednesday, March 11, 1903
5. President A. E. Stilwell will take a party of businessmen from Kansas City on the first trip over the Orient by way of Missouri Pacific to Milton and then Orient from Milton to Fairview, Oklahoma Territory, from March 29 to April 1. Details.

Saturday, March 14, 1903
5. Resolutions of respect for the late Major Powell, of Wichita were adopted by the Ice Manufacturers’ Association at its meeting at Kansas City this week.
6. Board of governors of the Braeburn Golf club (listed) yesterday discussed plans for improvements to the club’s links on Fairmount.

Monday, March 16, 1903
page 5.
After being delayed for some time by bad weather, the grading of the Orient Railroad from Wichita to Milton will be completed by Saturday this week. Details.

Tuesday, March 17, 1903
page 5.
After long discussion, city council yesterday decided to pave West Douglas from Wichita street to Seneca with asphalt. Contract to be let.

6. S. L. Nelson, of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, is visiting Wichita this week after being in the East more than half of the time since leaving here last fall. ¶ Says the company is considering several improvements, including installation of new machinery in the power house and the extension of some lines. ¶ If the city goes ahead and paves West Douglas, it will be necessary to put in new rails such as are used on paved streets. The rails now in use on West Douglas would then be used on the new extensions. ¶ Rebuilding the line on West Douglas will also include the building of a new street car bridge across the river. Details.

Saturday, March 21, 1903
page 5.
A. E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, came through Wichita today with a party of officials and business men (names given) in his private car, “Campania.” Details.

Monday, March 23, 1903
page 5.
Report of talk by A. E. Stilwell at the Commercial club Saturday evening, about the Orient Railroad. Details.

Tuesday, March 24, 1903
page 5.
Orient Railroad engine Number 6 passed through Wichita last night on the way to Anthony.

Wednesday, March 25, 1903
page 6.
The Johnston-Larimer company yesterday purchased from the Mahan Brothers a 75 feet lot on East Douglas near the Santa Fe tracks as a site for a new five story building. The Mahan Brothers are to remove the old stone building from the lot at once. Details.

Thursday, March 26, 1903
5. H. M. Walt, of Newton, who recently purchased the Winne building from Scott E. Winne for $75,000, yesterday sold a half interest in the building to Ira Cook and his son John, also of Newton, for $50,000.

8. Report of progress on Orient Railroad construction. The first Orient train is expected to arrive in Wichita over Missouri Pacific tracks from Milton on April 1. Details.

Saturday, March 28, 1903


Monday, March 30, 1903

5. Orient Railroad plans service into Wichita from Carmen, Oklahoma Territory, is to begin Wednesday, April 1. Details.

Wednesday, April 1, 1903

5. Report of arrival of the first Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway regular train at the Missouri Pacific depot this morning at 9:35. Train had left Carmen at 5:30 a.m. and connects in Wichita with Missouri Pacific passengers train to Kansas City. Conductor was Rush H. Barnes, engineer was George Cornell, and fireman J. Gallagher. ¶ The train consisted of Orient engine Number 5, Orient coaches 131 and 132, and a Missouri Pacific combination car. Orient coach Number 132 was hooked onto the rear end of the Missouri Pacific’s Kansas City train and left at 9:45 for Kansas City. The new Orient coaches are painted olive green. The design painted on the sides embraces the crossed flags of the United States and Mexico, with the lettering “Port Stillwell Route.” The seats are upholstered in dark green plush. Details.

Saturday, April 4, 1903

6. Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita street railway has received an order authorizing him to increase the wages of all the car men ten cents per day, making the daily wage $1.65, 1.55, and $1.50 respectively. This is in addition to the present plan of one day extra for every 14 days without accident. ¶ The wages of the two engineers, two firemen (i.e., for boilers?), and three barn men were increased $2.50 per month. The order went into effect April 1. ¶ The company is now paying its men 70% more than they were getting when the road came into the hands of the present company.

Monday, April 6, 1903

5. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Calvary Presbyterian church at 18th and Market. Details.
Wednesday, April 8, 1903
page 5. Report of results of city election yesterday. B. F. McLean elected mayor by narrow margin over Finlay Ross. Details. ¶ The proposed bond issue of $125,000 for a new high school building was defeated by 4,742 against to 3,208 for.

Thursday, April 9, 1903
page 5. The frame building adjoining the Carey Hotel on the west is being removed today to make room for the five story addition that will be built to the hotel. Cost approximately $30,000.

Saturday, April 11, 1903
page 6. The large iron pipe of the Wichita Water Company that runs across the Arkansas river on the street car company’s bridge is being removed from the bridge and laid in a trench in the bed of the river. This is made necessary because the street car company intends to build a new bridge.

Tuesday, April 14, 1903
page 5. Santa Fe engine Number 86 is back on the Oklahoma division, running through Wichita, after some repairs in the shops at Newton.

6. National Bank of Commerce has decided to build a new building on its site at southwest corner of Main and Douglas. Details.

Thursday, April 16, 1903
page 5. Contract let yesterday to Sternberg and Walters for construction of the Naftzger building at corner of St. Francis and Douglas, to be 50 by 140 feet and three stories high.

Report of another large banquet in Kansas City given by president A. E. Stilwell of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient. Details.

6. Motorman Amos Grable, in charge of street car Number 140, was held up by two men about 10:40 last night as he was turning the loop at the end of the West Side line. Details.

Saturday, April 18, 1903
page 6. Contract signed for paving West Douglas from Wichita street to Seneca with asphalt. From Wichita to Waco the paving is to be 81 feet wide and from Waco to east end of the bridge it will be narrower to conform to the width of the street. West of the bridge to Seneca it will be 70 feet wide. Details.
Monday, April 20, 1903

Report of fire that destroyed Wichita Railroad and Light company car barn at 10th and Wichita streets, soon after 12 o’clock Saturday night. Eight summer cars and five winter cars, all there were in the barn, were destroyed. Four of those summer cars and three of the winter cars were completely equipped for service. Of the 16 cars left, all but one are in use today. Details. The five winter cars were in good repair, though they were of the smaller pattern. The barn stands close to the railroad track, and Superintendent Morrison believes the fire was started by sparks from a passing Missouri Pacific engine. A new brick barn will probably be built on the site occupied by the old barn.

Tuesday, April 21, 1903

Report of city council meeting yesterday.

Mr. S. L. Nelson, general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company, arrived in Wichita this morning. He says more cars will be obtained to replace those lost in the fire, but few summer cars will be available for this season. “The closed cars will be like the large cars we recently put on the Topeka Avenue—West Side line.” Machinery for enlarging the power plant has been ordered.

Wednesday, April 22, 1903

The new Frisco roundhouse is nearing completion.

Stone masons are now working on the second story of the new Frisco passenger station.

Missouri Pacific engine Number 988 is back on the Wichita division after an overhaul in the shops at Ft. Scott.

Thursday, April 23, 1903

Report of Orient Railroad excursion trip from Wichita to Carmen, Oklahoma Territory yesterday, with large crowd. Details.

Saturday, April 25, 1903

Wichita Railroad and Light Company yesterday asked city council for a new 30 year franchise in return for which the company would build one mile of track on South Emporia within six months and one mile intersecting Douglas avenue east of the railroad tracks within a year. They would also promise to sell 24 tickets for a dollar. Details.

J. R. Mead plans to build a three story building with 50 feet front on west side of first block on North Market immediately south of the Smith-Skinner block, which he also owns, having purchased it a short time ago. To cost about $40,000.
Braeburn Golf Club is to open the season with a competition. Details.

**Tuesday, April 28, 1903**

5. City council yesterday granted the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, a new franchise extending for 30 years, although the old franchise would not have expired for 16 years. Details.

6. Contract let for remodeling the old opera house at corner of 1st and Market for store and office use. Details.

**Wednesday, April 29, 1903**

5. Under management of C. F. Guyer, the Baltimore Hotel is undergoing a complete renovation and refitting. All oil lamps have been removed and electric lights have been installed in all the rooms and halls.

6. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company anticipates having the new South Emporia line in operation by August 1, or at the latest by September 1. ¶ Four summer cars have been ordered, to be shipped at the earliest possible moment.

Extension repairs are being made on the Deaconess home, corner St. Francis and Central. Four rooms will be added and the home repainted.

**Tuesday, May 4, 1903**

8. Article about buildings under construction in Wichita. Excavation started today for the new Emil Werner building at corner of Douglas and Washington. ¶ Work has started on the third story of the brick walls of the Hotel Carey addition. ¶ Details. ¶ Workmen started tearing down the old National Bank of Commerce building today.

**Wednesday, May 5, 1903**

5. City council yesterday adopted a resolution allowing the street car company to built its new bridge across the Arkansas river.

City council yesterday referred to paving committee a petition asking that the space of the abandoned street car track on Market street from Douglas to Elm be paved with asphalt at the city’s expense.

School board yesterday voted to issue $50,000 in bonds for four room additions to Park, Irving, and Kellogg schools, a two room addition to Lincoln school, etc. Details.

**Friday, May 7, 1903**


5. Stockholders meeting of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient held yesterday in Kansas City, Kansas. Article gives lists of officers and directors elected.

Saturday, May 8, 1903

3. Considering the shortage of cars, the Wichita Railroad and Light Company was able to handle the crowds yesterday very satisfactorily. Every car in the barns was pressed into service. The company only has 19 available cars since the fire, and one of these was in the car barn when it burned but has since been rebuilt. ¶ Four new nine-bench summer cars have been ordered from the American Car Company, of St. Louis, and they are to be ready for delivery by June 15. They will be larger and better than any of the summer cars now in use, and will be appreciated by the people of the city as the other five new cars recently put on the lines have been. ¶ Several closed cars of the same pattern as those now on the North Topeka and West Side line will be ordered to be delivered as quickly as possible.

Sunday, May 9, 1903

5. Report on plans for new car barn to replace the one burned down. To be brick and will face on 10th Street whereas the old barn faced on Wichita Street Superintendent Morrison offers new idea of placing tracks in the new barn on slight incline so that blocks holding them could be pulled loose from outside building in case of fire and release the cars to the outside in a few seconds.

8. A deaf man was struck and killed by Topeka avenue street car Number 140 at corner of Douglas and Lawrence at 2:45 p.m. today. Motormen was Roscoe Lowe.

Friday, May 14, 1903

5. Plans for the new Bank of Commerce building on southwest corner of Main and Douglas have been completed by architect Ed Dumont. Walls of the old building are being torn down, and laying of the foundation will commence on June 1. New building is to be of white stone.

The Frisco will move into its new freight depot on Rock Island avenue by June 1.

Wednesday, May 19, 1903

5. City council yesterday adopted resolution to make Ackerman’s island a part of the city of Wichita. Attempts have been made in past to do this but without success. Details.

Tuesday, May 25, 1903

6. Superintendent Morrison announced today that the Wichita Railroad and Light company would put 24 tickets for a dollar on sale tomorrow morning. This means purchasers of one dollar’s worth of street car tickets will receive four rides free instead of two as
he previously.

Workmen have started placing the roof on the new Frisco passenger depot.

Thursday, May 27, 1903
page 6. William H. Voss, superintendent of the Burton Car Works company, of Chicago, is in Wichita on business. He has been traveling over the country for some time looking after the interests of the company, and has disposed of all the company’s interests with the exception of the car works in Wichita.

Friday, May 28, 1903
page 8. Report of lawsuit in district court by Osie A. Raymond, daughter of William Griffenstein, to recover a tract of land 54 feet wide by 431 feet long on Douglas avenue between Wichita street and Waco avenue, which she claims was never dedicated to the city for use as a public thoroughfare. Suit was filed April 23, 1902. The tract includes the north half of Douglas avenue between Wichita street and Waco. The city claims right to the land by lapse of time in having occupied it since 1888 and says it had been occupied by the public as a thoroughfare since 1872. Details.

Sunday, May 30, 1903
page 1. Report of high water in Little river with most of Riverside park flooded and street car service to Riverside discontinued. Details.

4. District court jury yesterday decided against Mrs. Osie A. Raymond in her suit claiming title to a strip of West Douglas avenue (see May 28). Details.

5. The Frisco will move its freight office this weekend and open for business Monday, June 1 in its new freight depot on Rock Island avenue. ¶ The company’s new freight yards include more than three miles of track. At the widest spot the yards are equipped with eight new tracks. ¶ Long article with details (“Frisco Enters Streets New Station”).

Monday, June 1, 1903
page 5. Long article about the flooding in Riverside park and around the Little river yesterday and today. Details.

Tuesday, June 2, 1903
page 6. J. J. Ackerman has asked district court for an injunction to prevent the city of Wichita from annexing his island. He states he is the owner of the island in the Big Arkansas river described as Lot 9, Section 29, Township 27, Range 1 East, which contains 56 acres of farm land. He says that there is now no bridge connecting it with the city, although there
was one until August 1901 when it was destroyed by the city through its mayor and city council, since which time all communication with the city has been cut off. Details.

**Wednesday, June 3, 1903**

5. Conklin and Weigand have issued a new and up-to-date sectional map of Sedgwick County showing property owners’ names on each farm and the proposed line of the Orient Railroad according to the last survey. Mr. Wiggins drew the map.

A beautiful souvenir pamphlet of Friends university is now ready for distribution.

6. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter has filed an affidavit in the district court charging that her Wichita attorney, D. B. Crewson, refused to pay her a sum of money he had collected for her in Neosho County from the administrator of the estate of L. J. Ford. Details.

**Thursday, June 4, 1903**

5. Report of 16th annual commencement exercises of Lewis Academy at 1st Presbyterian church this morning. Details.

**Thursday, June 11, 1903**

5. Plans for the new Country Club house have been completed and it is expected the building will be finished in 60 days. Details.

**Saturday, June 13, 1903**

6. Article about plans for additions to Park, Irving, Kellogg, and Lincoln schools. Details.

**Monday, June 15, 1903**

5. Orient Railroad pile drivers are at work on the Cimarron river bridge eight miles this side of Fairview.

**Tuesday, June 16, 1903**

5. Contract for the Country club’s new club house has been let to J. H. Florence and is to be completed within sixty days. The site selected is about in the center of the grounds, just east of the eighth hole.

Report of city council meeting yesterday with recommendations for changes to protect Riverside park from flooding.

6. The remaining portion of the old City Mills at Douglas and Santa Fe was moved this afternoon to the Mahan Brothers warerooms on Rock Island avenue where it will be used
as a store room.

**Wednesday, June 17, 1903**

5. Laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic church at St. Mark’s will take place next Thursday, with Bishop Hennessy in charge. ¶ It will be remembered that the Catholic Church at St. Mark’s purchased the old watch factory on the West Side. It was an immense structure with more material in it than the church could use so the other day Bishop Hennessy sold to William Werrick a lot of surplus material for $1,500.

6. The third floor interior at Fairmount College is probably going to be completed soon. Details.

Superintendent Morrison said today that the Wichita Railroad and Light company has started distributing ties and rails for the new South Emporia avenue extension.

**Thursday, June 18, 1903**

6. Actual work was started this morning on the Emporia avenue extension of the street railway. Excavation for the first block of track south of Douglas was completed by noon.

**Tuesday, June 23, 1903**

5. In addition to the Emporia avenue extension and rebuilding of the West Douglas line (in connection with street pavings), Superintendent Morrison today announced company’s plan to build new lines on Pattie and Cleveland avenues. Material already ordered. Details. Construction will probably start about September 1. Since transfers are ordered in 100,000 lots, the new transfers received recently already have Pattie and Cleveland on them in case the lines are finished before more are needed. ¶ Lewis street has been reached by track layers on Emporia line. ¶ The four new summer cars are expected about July 10. They will be 30 feet long and will be placed on the College Hill line. Four summer cars were saved from the fire, making eight in all with the new ones. In addition the shop boys are turning out a combustion summer and enclosed car themselves, a portion having no roof at all.

**Thursday, June 25, 1903**

5. Work has been started on a large addition to the Cudahy packing plant.


O. A. Boyle, president and general manager of the interurban line, leaves for the East tomorrow to visit several interurban enterprises. The company’s charter has been received
since the last meeting.

Friday, June 26, 1903
5. School board let contracts yesterday for the additions to Park, Kellogg, Irving, and Lincoln schools. Details.

Saturday, June 27, 1903
5. In conformity with the law passed at the last regular session of the legislature, the Wichita Independent Telephone company yesterday obtained a new charter. Capital stock is $200,000. The five stockholders are named.

Monday, June 29, 1903
6. Long report on the court hearing today on the allegations of Mrs. Laura Buckwalter against her attorney, D. B. Crewson. Details (“Trial was Spicy and Interesting”).

Tuesday, June 30, 1903
5. Judge Dale today sustained Mrs. Buckwalter’s charges against attorney D. B. Crewson, and suspended him from practicing law in Kansas for two years. Details (“Suspended From Practicing Law”).

Wednesday, July 8, 1903
5. Workmen today are connecting the South Emporia street car line with the East Douglas line, and it is expected to have the South Emporia line operating by Sunday to Lincoln street, with a 20 minute service. ¶ With completion of the South Emporia line, the work force will start building the new section on the Stock yards line. Instead of crossing the Missouri Pacific railroad at 12th street, the line will continue along the line of the railroad to Market street, where the railroad crossing will be made and the line then continued north on Market to join the old line at 17th street. Details.

Thursday, July 9, 1903
6. The Beacon has received a new Wiggin’s pocket map of the city of Wichita, as published by the Southwestern Map Company of this city.

Thursday, July 16, 1903
5. General manager S. L. Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, is visiting in the city. He says the company is still experiencing trouble in getting its four new summer cars that should have been here the 23rd of last month.
Friday, July 17, 1903
8. Noyes and Company, whose old store was destroyed by fire October 11, 1902, has obtained a long term lease on the Douglas (east) avenue Little and Reed building recently vacated by the S and M store (Schmidt and Martin) and expect to reopen there September 1. Details.

Tuesday, July 21, 1903
2. Work has begun on 50 miles of grade for the Midland Valley Railroad which is being constructed out of Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Wichita, Kansas. C. E. Ingersoll is at the head of the road, but it is being financed by the Girard Trust company of Philadelphia. Details.

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. The purchases of the strip of low land 30 feet wide and extending 1,700 feet west of the Griffenstein bridge has been made, and the land will be used for a dyke and drive.


The Innes store is being remodeled and enlarged. The store is moving into the old J. H. Black building just north of the old annex, giving additional space of 25 by 140 feet. Many details.

Thursday, July 23, 1903
5. Two new summer cars were received by the Wichita Railroad and Light company several days ago. Last night they made their initial trip on the Stock Yards and Main street lines. When the loop at the terminus of the South Emporia line is finished, the cars will run on that line instead of the Main street line as now. ¶ The cars are of a handsome appearance and brand new, right out of the shop at St. Louis. They are 30 feet in length, or about 5 feet longer than the old summer cars. They are painted a bright yellow.

Friday, July 24, 1903
5. Enumeration for the new city directory has just been completed by W. H. Burche. Details.

Tuesday, July 28, 1903
5. The Frisco will take possession of its new passenger station August 1st and will close its uptown offices at that time. Details.

Thirty-six books of street car tickets containing 1,080 tickets were stolen recently from a shipment of 10,000 tickets received at the Santa Fe freight house. The missing books were numbered between 2,251 and 2,544. Details.
Wednesday, July 29, 1903
6. The new addition to the Carey Hotel will be completed by September 1. The hydraulic elevator now in use will be replaced by a new electric one.

Saturday, August 1, 1903
5. The packing plants, stock yards, and mills in the north part of the city are to have a joint switch engine in that vicinity. The contract was awarded to the Frisco the first of the week. Details.

The first passenger train arrived at the new Frisco passenger station at 8:15 this morning.

The first train will be run into Fairview, Oklahoma Territory, over the Orient tonight.

6. A new roof on Hose House Number 1 was completed yesterday and the roof on Hose House Number 2 is also being repaired.

Tuesday, August 4, 1903
6. The 22 mile extension of the Orient railroad from Carmen to Fairview was completed yesterday.

Wednesday, August 5, 1903
5. A number of passengers on street car Number 30 (sic) stampeded at 9:45 p.m. yesterday trying to get out when they feared the west bound street car was about to be struck by a Missouri Pacific switch engine at the Central avenue crossing. However the motorman reversed the car just in time and no collision occurred. Details.

Thursday, August 6, 1903
5. Brief report of informal opening of the new Frisco passenger station last evening with large crowd there.

Monday, August 10, 1903
5. Article reports A. E. Stilwell, president of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient has been in Europe since June 1st and has cabled that French capitalists have agreed to subscribe one and one-half million dollars for the development of the road. At a meeting of the finance committee of the Orient held recently in London, it was voted to increase the capital stock of the road from seven to ten million dollars. Details.

Tuesday, August 11, 1903

5. Local officials have been notified that the Rock Island is going to ship six of its mammoth new 1,500 Class engines at once for use on this division between Herington and Caldwell.

**Thursday, August 13, 1903**

6. Report of arrest of George C. Strong, former prominent Wichita business man during the boom years, in Arkansas on charges of embezzlement from Bank of De Vall’s Bluff, of which he was cashier until recently. Details. Says he is a brother-in-law of H. W. Lewis.

**Tuesday, August 18, 1903**

5. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer Joseph P. Allen at his home, 253 North Lawrence. Started the first drug store here 33 years ago last May. Was a native of Elkhart County, Indiana, born October 9, 1829. Came to Wichita in March 1870. Survived by wife, a son, Roy E., and a daughter, Miss Bessie. Dr. B. B. Allen is a brother. Details. Photo.

6. Two new summer cars have been in the Missouri Pacific yard here since Saturday, but the blockade in the yard has prevented their being unloaded yet. They are exact duplicates of the two new summer cars recently put on the Emporia avenue line and were made by the American Car company of St. Louis. They are larger than the old cars, being 29 feet long. They will be put on the College Hill and Riverside run in place of cars 132 and 134 which belong to the Topeka avenue and West Side line. ¶ This completes the new summer cars ordered for this year. The next cars will be closed cars after the style of the large ones on the Topeka avenue and West Side lines. They are due to arrive here in October.

The Braeburn golf club will give a social function Friday afternoon and evening at the club house on Fairmount.

**Wednesday, August 19, 1903**

5. Work on the school additions has been delayed by failure of materials to arrive on time. Details.

**Thursday, August 20, 1903**

6. Judge Dale and wife left this morning for their old home near Paw Paw and Mendota, Illinois. They were accompanied by Mrs. Helen Pratt of Paw Paw, who has been visiting them for several weeks.

**Friday, August 21, 1903**

Tuesday, August 25, 1903

The paving of West Douglas with asphalt is finally under way. Details.

Pile driver is at work on the new street car bridge across the Arkansas river. Piles have been driven across the west channel and the island, and the pile driver is now starting work on the bed of the east channel. The Wichita Railroad and Light company also has men putting in a crossing over the Santa Fe tracks on East Douglas avenue. This will be laid with 80 pound steel rails.

Wednesday, August 26, 1903

The new heavy six inch steel rails for the Seneca street car line from Douglas to Maple have arrived and are being distributed along the three blocks to be rebuilt. This is necessitated by the decision of the city council to pave Seneca from Douglas to Maple, which requires the new high rails for the paving. The rails now in use there will be to South Emporia where they will be used to complete that line to Bayley street where the loop will be put in.

Thursday, August 27, 1903

Contract has been let for the new Central Christian church. Details. To cost $20,000.

Saturday, August 29, 1903

State census shows Wichita population of 31,549 on March 1, 1903.

Thursday, September 3, 1903

Building permit issued yesterday for the new Central Church of Christ at corner of Market and 2nd streets and work has started today on excavation. Architect is Leon A. Hunter. Details.

Wednesday, September 9, 1903

Fire destroyed the Wichita Paint and Color company factory at 134-136 St. Francis street about 1:00 a.m. today.

The Burton car works plant, which has lain idle for several years, was sold yesterday to the A. C. Randolph company of Newton, Iowa, for $25,000. The new company will put the plant in shape to manufacture agricultural implements of various kinds. The property includes five large buildings, 73 acres of land, and 16 lots. The Frisco and Santa Fe will arrange to build necessary switches to the plant. Details.

Tuesday, September 15, 1903
The Wichita Commercial Club has leased for five years the second and third floors of the new National Bank of Commerce building at Main and Douglas and will move there as soon as the new building is completed, about December 1st.

Friday, September 18, 1903

J. Q. Hamilton yesterday sold the Hamilton Hotel to W. V. Lippincott, of Kansas City, for $87,000. Mr. Hamilton came here about three years ago and purchased old Metropole hotel building, which had stood idle most of the time since boom days but at the time was being used as a rooming house. He spent $62,000 in improvements to make it a first class hotel. Details.

Tuesday, September 22, 1903

Report of city council meeting yesterday.

Wednesday, September 23, 1903

The new city directory for 1903-04 is now being delivered by the publishers, Burche and Company.

Saturday, September 26, 1903

Article about need to change a number of street names in Wichita, where the names are duplicated in different parts of the city. Details.

Thursday, October 1, 1903

Interview with S. L. Nelson, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, who arrived yesterday on one of his periodic visits. Says the company will proceed with the new Market street route for the Stock Yards line and plans to tear up the Fairview line and use the material for building the Pattie avenue line. Only way to keep the Fairview line would be to build west to Waco on 9th and north on Waco to 13th, thence east to Fairview, but the company is prohibited from building a line on Waco. ¶ Says ties are hard to get at present and quite expensive—76¢ for good sawed ties compared with 25¢ a few years ago.

Henry Stunkel, proprietor of the Baltimore Hotel, is planning to build an addition to the
hotel on 2nd street on the rear of the present building, adding 20 rooms to the hotel. Details.

**Saturday, October 3, 1903**

Street car business was very good last week during the street fair. During the seven days ending Saturday the company carried 130,000 people including transfers, and on Thursday 30,000 people were handled, “including transfer and deadheads,” which is the biggest day’s business the company has ever done in Wichita. Details.

**Monday, October 5, 1903**

During the fair week just ended, Superintendent Morrison reports the street cars during the seven days ending Saturday night carried 130,000 passengers, including transfers.

**Wednesday, October 7, 1903**

Santa Fe switch engine Number 2194 was derailed this morning at the curve into the Cudahy yards.

**Friday, October 9, 1903**

The new Country Club clubhouse is nearing completion.

**Saturday, October 17, 1903**

Bishop Hennessy reports it is the intention of the Catholics to build a new cathedral on ground on the south side of Central between Lawrence and Topeka, which he purchased himself and gave to the diocese for that purpose.

**Monday, October 19, 1903**

Prior to June, the West Side street car service was as good as any, with the cars being continued through to the Topeka avenue line. However this summer the street paving work interfered to such an extent that the two lines have been run separately, and there has been much interruption of the West Side service all summer. The company now expects to complete its work, with the relaying beginning tomorrow of the track on Seneca from Douglas to Maple, and within ten days the old through service to North Topeka should be resumed. ¶ Six new cars of the same size and style of those now in use on Topeka avenue will be received this week from the works of the American Car company in St. Louis. ¶ This morning a new schedule went into effect on the Riverside run, which will only afford a half hour service from now till spring. The College Hill cars will run through to the park every half hour, but the Fairmount cars will turn at corner of Main and Douglas.
Tuesday, October 20, 1903

page 6. W. H. Bretch has purchased a lot on East Douglas with 61 foot front, on south side of Douglas just west of the Rock Island depot, for $8,000, and plans to erect a two story brick building on the site.

Friday, October 23, 1903

page 8. Two masked men tried to stop Fairmount street car Number 100 with Motorman Giddings about 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, on the lonely stretch of track about half way between the Frisco Railroad and Central avenue on Hillside avenue, but the motorman saw the masks and did not stop. He went on to Douglas and Rutan, where he passed the other Fairmount car in charge of Motorman Brown, and there warned Brown to be on the lookout. The same two men tried to stop his car just south of the Frisco tracks, but he did not stop.

Wednesday, October 28, 1903

page 5. Article with history of the Lincoln Street Presbyterian church.

Three of the new cars ordered to take the place of those burned last spring have arrived from the American Car works at St. Louis, and another is expected today. Two of the cars, Nos 44 and 46 (sic) have been unloaded and are being fitted up to be placed on the Topeka avenue and West Side run, probably by the first of next week. ¶ Two more cars are still under construction and are not expected until about Christmas.

Friday, October 30, 1903

page 5. Graders are working on the Orient Railroad grade between Milton and Wichita and hope to complete it by end of November.

Saturday, October 31, 1903

page 5. Article saying that falling leaves on street car tracks make them slippery and make it impossible to stop cars as quickly as usual. Details.

6. The manual training department will be opened in Wichita schools on Monday. Details.

Tuesday, November 3, 1903

page 1. *Beacon* offers election results by telephone. Details.

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday discussing purchase of a strip of land along the Little river on which to build a roadway along the river. Details.

Wednesday, November 11, 1903
Thursday, November 12, 1903

The block of Douglas between the bridge and Waco is now ready for the asphalt paving.

Friday, November 13, 1903

Article about buildings under construction on East Douglas. Brick layers are to top of second story of the Emil Werner building. Building permit issued yesterday for two story brick building immediately west (adjoining) the Werner building in 900 block of East Douglas for Jones and Clinesmith, of the Peerless mills, to be 25 by 75 feet. ¶ In the next block east, C. M. Stewart will build a two story brick building with a 25 foot front. ¶ Coler Sim is excavating for the brick building he is erecting at corner of Emporia and Douglas.

Friday, November 13, 1903

The street car company is unloading the new engine for its power house today.

Saturday, November 14, 1903

The new club house of the Country club is nearing completion and will be dedicated the latter part of this month. Detailed description. It is surrounded on the east, west, and north by wide porches.

Building permits this week included two story brick and stone building, 50 by 136 feet, on lots 46 and 48 East Douglas avenue, for C. L. Sim, cost $10,000.

Monday, November 16, 1903

Dr. Fabrique has returned from a ten day visit with the famous Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minnesota.

Tuesday, November 17, 1903

Kansas Masonic home is planning to build an addition. Details.

Report of city council meeting yesterday. Six tracts of land were taken into the city limits, including a part of the old Griffenstein homestead near Riverside park. Details. ¶ Further discussion of the building of a roadway along bank of Little river with levee to protect against high water. Details.

Thursday, November 19, 1903

A. E. Stilwell, president of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, is returning from Europe today and will proceed directly to Mexico City.
Tuesday, November 24, 1903

5. The last of the asphalt paving on West Douglas avenue was laid yesterday afternoon.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company is now putting in its new crossing of the Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks at 13th and Market to replace the old crossing at 12th and Market.

6. The Wichita Country club moved into its new club house last night.

Thursday, November 26, 1903

5. Fairmount won the fourth annual Thanksgiving game with Friends University yesterday, played on the Fairmount field. Scores of the games:

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Saturday, November 28, 1903

3. The street car company expects to complete the new North Market street line on the Stock Yards route and start operating it by next Friday. The Fairview line will be operated for the present as a stub, connecting with the main lines at 17th street.

Monday, November 30, 1903

6. Residents in the Fairview district are trying to obtain a new connection with the street car system to continue service over their line after the abandoning of the North Main street line above 12th street, which takes effect next Friday. A petition is being circulated to request city council to permit the street car company to build a line on Waco from 9th street to 13th street to connect with the Fairview line. Details.

Saturday, December 5, 1903


Tuesday, December 8, 1903

6. A new roof is being put on the Lehman-Higginson Wholesale Grocery company building
at corner of Santa Fe and William streets, and an ornamental tower is being built over the entrance at the southwest corner.


The additions to the Park and Irving school buildings will be completed and ready for use by Monday of next week.

Thursday, December 24, 1903

6. The old natatorium building in second block on South Topeka has been purchased by M. and Fred D. Aley for $3,100 and will be made into a modern hotel. It is a relic of boom
days and was put up in 1888 by Joseph Koenig and contained a large swimming pool and a gymnasium. Later H. G. Toler and sons converted it into a skating rink, but if fell into disuse and was unoccupied for years. At present it is being used as an implement storage house. Mr. Aley is a wealthy farmer living near Wichita on the South Seneca road and is a nephew of Fred D. Aley, superintendent of the Wichita Water company.

**Monday, December 28, 1903**

6. Judge Dale today declined to issue the permanent injunction sought by Mr. Ackerman to prevent the city of Wichita from annexing Ackerman’s island. To be appealed.

**Thursday, December 31, 1903**

1. Full page plus on Iroquois theater fire in Chicago.

3. Missouri Pacific Railroad is instructed to comply with the strict provisions of the franchise permitting them to operate a switch track in Waco avenue and across Douglas avenue. Details.

5. Article about plans of the Orient Railroad for coming year.