TIHEN NOTES FROM 1906 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Monday, January 1, 1906

Report of final annual party for employees of the Hockaday Hardware company Saturday evening at Carey hotel. On Friday the stock was transferred to the new owner, the Simmons Hardware company, whose trademark is “Keen Kutter.” The firm will continue at the old location on South Rock Island avenue, until about March 1st, when the new building on North Rock Island avenue is completed.

6. The park commissioners are using the continued good weather to plant several hundred elm trees in Riverside park along the drives and in some of the open spaces. When this work is completed, the drive along the north side of South park (sic) will be made wider, which will necessitate cutting out a good many cottonwood trees bordering the drive on the south. ¶ As soon as spring opens the driveway to North Riverside park west of the fountain is to be widened and resurfaced.

Tuesday, January 2, 1906

Report of city council meeting yesterday. The city has obtained an option on four lots at corner of Hillside and 2nd for $500. The city plans to sell three of the lots and retain the corner one for a new fire hose.

6. Mr. Eshell Bronston plans to erect immediately a new four story brick building in first block of North Emporia on west side, just north of the alley. The lots were recently purchased for $6000. To be 50 by 150 feet and cost about $25,000.

Kos Harris plans to build this year a two story brick building on northwest corner of Main and William streets. To be 25 by 120 feet.

Wednesday, January 3, 1906

School board passed resolution last night by unanimous vote that beginning next September, separate schools will be maintained for the white and negro children of the
city. Separate schools are provided by the resolution for only the grade schools, the high school to remain a school for the two races. The number of negro children in the high school has always been small, and seldom more than half a dozen. Details.

Sleet and bad weather have hindered the street cars the past few days. This morning a couple of cars jumped the track, one at the College Hill loop and the other at the Topeka avenue loop.

6. Article reports the negroes of Wichita are very angry over the resolution of the school board to establish separate schools. Details.

Thursday, January 4, 1906

5. Another article discussing negro objections to separate schools. Details.

6. The American Hat Factory and Dye Works is remodeling and will occupy the building on East Douglas vacated by the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper. They expect to be ready for business the first of the week.

Friday, January 5, 1906

6. Building permit granted yesterday to Mr. T. G. Parham for a 20 room flat in the third block on South Market, to be two story frame, 48 by 50 feet, costing $5500.

Saturday, January 6, 1906

4. William Mathewson sold his homestead, embracing nearly 40 acres, this morning to J. Shannon Nave and T. Reid Zeigler of Indiana for $75,000. He will remain on the place for the time being, but later it will be platted and sold as town lots. The property lies between Central and 3rd avenues and Wabash and Hydraulic avenues. Mr. Mathewson held the original patent to the tract, issued in 1869 and signed by President U. S. Grant, and this is the first transfer. It is the first homestead taken in Sedgwick County. ¶ “Mathewson’s pasture,” as this tract has long been known to the people of Wichita, is a part of the old Mathewson homestead, and has been kept intact all these years. Until recently it has never been included within the city limits. For many years it has been the circus grounds of the city.

Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company has received a letter from General Manager Nelson stating that the four new cars ordered some time ago had been paid for and would be shipped at once. They are expected to arrive within the next ten days. They will be put on the Topeka avenue and Stock Yards run. They are a little larger than any of the other single track cars now in use in the city and contain one more seat on a side. The two large cars that have been on the Topeka avenue and Stock Yards run will be taken to the barn and kept there. Superintendent Morrison says it costs too much to run them all the time, so they will be given a rest.
Monday, January 8, 1906

5. Monsignor J. Henry Tihen, chancellor and vicar general of the diocese of Wichita, who has been in charge of the pro-Cathedral for many years, will leave in early February for Washington, D.C., to enter the Catholic university for a year’s study in post-graduate departments, and in oratory particularly. Details.

6. City Engineer Brown began surveying Chisholm creek this morning for the proposed straightening of the creek, which at present meanders fourteen miles from the stock yards to its mouth.

Tuesday, January 9, 1906

5. Work on the Orient Railroad’s bridge across the South Fork of the Canadian river is progressing rapidly, and it should be completed during the next 30 days. It will be over half a mile in length.

6. Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company has been notified by the Missouri Pacific that the four new cars recently purchased by the company in St. Louis would be shipped today. It usually takes about a week to get cars here from St. Louis, so they will likely arrive some time next week.

Wednesday, January 10, 1906

5. Legal description of tract sold December 30, 1905 to J. Shannon Nave, et. al., for $75,000. Beginning 360.75 feet east of northwest corner northeast 12-27-1E, east 2293.86 feet to northeast corner said northeast, south 640 ft, west 2293.42 feet to point 360.75 feet east of west line said northeast, north 640 feet to beginning except beginning 1297 feet east and 40 feet south of northwest corner northeast 21-27-1E, south 600 feet to north line 3rd street, east 60 feet, north 600 feet to south line Central avenue, west 60 feet to beginning and except ten feet off north side above tract.

11. Note from Hutchinson January 10 reporting the new electric car company just organized as the Hutchinson Interurban Railway company has applied for a charter, the capital stock being $100,000. Seven miles of street railway will be built in Hutchinson and lines will be extended to Haven, Brady Lake, Nickerson, Sterling, and Huntsville. President is Emerson Carey.

Thursday, January 11, 1906

6. Work on the reconstruction of the Rock Island bridge across the Arkansas river is nearly completed.

Saturday, January 13, 1906

5. C. F. Bennett, I. N. Hockaday, and others have organized the Bennett Paint company,
which will open a paint manufacturing plant about March 1st in their building under construction in first block of North Mosley. Details.

Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company has just received a million street car tickets. The book system will be a thing of the past as soon as the small supply now on hand is sold, and hereafter the economical man who wants to save four tickets by buying a dollar’s worth at a time, will get his tickets in strips instead of books. Each of these strips contains 24 tickets with perforations between so they may be torn off readily. One third of the million tickets made a pile eighteen inches high, two feet wide and three feet long in the inner office this morning. The other two-thirds had not been unpacked but will be kept in the two big cars in which they were shipped from New York. Each box of tickets is of a different color, so it will be easier to keep account of them in series. Mr. Morrison gives as a reason for the change that the books cost too much and the company could not afford to pay the price of half a cent more for each 24 tickets in books than for the same number in strips.

**Monday, January 15, 1906**

5. The four new cars ordered last November by Superintendent Morrison arrived today and will be put on the Topeka avenue and Stock Yards line as soon as they can be unloaded and tested.

7. Street car conductor Leslie Berry was badly injured yesterday afternoon when he was crushed between two cars in an accident at the switch near 17th and Market. Details.

**Tuesday, January 16, 1906**


Monsignor J. H. Tihen leaves tomorrow for Washington, D.C., for his course in oratory at Catholic university.

**Thursday, January 18, 1906**

10. A carload of stuff used at the St. Louis exposition arrived here yesterday from St. Louis for Wonderland park. Among other things there are 20 flag poles that are to be placed on the several buildings and at suitable places about the grounds. There are also several pieces of plaster statuary to be used in adorning the park. At present these figures form a sorry looking lot and are sadly in need of repairs. The largest, a fairly well dressed woman of prodigious proportions, had been sawn in sunder and came in two pieces. An arm has been broken off, her face scratched, a big chunk knocked out of one ear, and her crown of laurel cracked. Modern surgery can do wonders, and by spring she will likely look like a new woman. Two other figures, male and female, are in a little better state of preservation, but they are sadly in need of clothing. Further comments. A big paper
mache eagle attached to a globe about four feet in diameter lies on his back in a very tiresome position, and sundry other small figures standing about in crates, indicate that in the course of time the island playground is to be made a thing of beauty.

Friday, January 19, 1906

Mrs. Rodolph Hatfield died at her home, 430 South Seneca, at 7:15 this morning, from throat disease. Born Harriet Almyra Harts in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1855. Married to Mr. Hatfield 29 years ago and moved to Wichita two years later; they lived briefly on the east side but have spent most of their lives at their present residence on the west side. Her husband is a leading lawyer. Survived by five sons and one daughter: Rodolph H., 26, in St. Louis; Merle E., 22, at Wyandotte; Herbert, also 22, freshman at Colorado School of Mines; Paul, sixteen, student at Lewis academy; Rachel, fourteen; and Kenneth, age eight. Further biography.

An addition is now being built to the Wichita Ice and Cold Storage company’s plant. It is 50 by 105 feet, three stories, on the south side of the main building. On the north of the main building a one story brick structure, 45 by 105 feet, is also under construction. Details.

Saturday, January 20, 1906

Corner stone of the Eastern Star chapel of the Kansas Masonic home will be laid January 23rd, Tuesday. Details.

Saturday, January 27, 1906

Article says city of Wichita owns Chisholm creek from Douglas avenue north to the mill race and also the race as far as Sullivan’s dam and including this dam across the Little Arkansas river. This dates back to the early days of Wichita when L. G. Scheetz and others built a water mill on the creek at 2nd (sic) street. At that time the land along the creek was farm land and was owned by but a few men, and the mill owners to avoid damage suits that might arise from flooding of the land resulting from the dam, purchased the creek and obtained a deed to it. Later the mill and creek were purchased by H. W. Lewis. Mr. Lewis operated the mill for several years. During the administration of Mayor John B. Carey, in 1891, it was found that the stagnant water above the mill dam was becoming offensive to people living near the stream and that the water of the creek was necessary for flushing of the sanitary sewer, so the city paid Mr. Lewis $15,000 for the stream, and the title has been recorded in the name of the city the same as any other deed.

Monday, January 29, 1906

C. W. Terry, architect, inspected the old Johnston-Larimer building today with a view to remodeling the building for the Elks, who intend to make a temple of the structure. The Johnston-Larimer company is moving out of the building into their new place of business.
Tuesday, January 30, 1906

5. The walls of the fourth floor of the Simmons Hardware company building are almost finished, and putting on the roof will begin in a few days.

The big addition to Mt. Carmel academy should be completed by the 1st of March. F. C. Borden is contractor.

Wednesday, January 31, 1906

6. J. O. Gilbert has sold his three story brick building near corner of 2nd and Main, 25 by 120 feet, to A. K. Kemp, president of the Citizens’ State bank, for $11,290. The lower floor is at present occupied by the Lyric theater.

It is planned to build a natatorium at Wonderland park. Details.

Thursday, February 1, 1906

5. Some improvements have been made in Association park (the baseball park) this winter. Details.

Friday, February 2, 1906

6. Article says Wonderland Park is to be opened to the public April 15. There is much work yet to be done and 60 men are employed at the park now completing the various buildings. The interior of the theater is taking shape. The building is 120 by 60 feet with a stage 24 feet deep. It is of stone, as are all the other buildings of the park. Details.

Saturday, February 3, 1906

4. F. C. Borden has obtained building permit for a three story brick flat building, 65 by 72 feet, to be erected on southwest corner of Lawrence and English at cost of $18,000. It will contain 30 large rooms. Excavation for the foundation is now under way.

5. Enrollment in the city schools now totals 5916, which is greater than it has ever been. Number in each school listed -- Fairmount 37, College Hill 137, Irving 672, high school 575, etc.

Tuesday, February 6, 1906

8. Report of school board meeting yesterday. Several negroes appeared to express objection to separate schools. Board passed resolution aimed at stamping out smoking in the schools. Details.
Wednesday, February 7, 1906

5. Report of meeting yesterday to organize YWCA in Wichita. Details.

Thursday, February 8, 1906

5. S. L. Nelson, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, is in Wichita on a periodic inspection trip. His main concern at present is trouble the company has been having with its power plant. “We are burning 30 tons of coal every day here when fifteen tons ought to do the work. The new engine which we bought last fall is faulty. It has given us trouble from the start and the repairs and other expense have amounted to more than double the original cost of the engine. We have ordered a 1000 h.p. cross compound Corliss engine and generator and expect to keep at it until we get satisfactory results. This new machine will likely be here by the 1st of May and ready to run by the 1st of June. It will take five cars to bring it and the freight alone will be close to $2000.”

6. Report of a record breaking automobile run from Hutchinson to Wichita yesterday afternoon in exactly two hours and 30 minutes by Morris Schollenbarger in one of the Wichita Automobile company’s Rambler machines.

10. The last $1000 of debt of the St. John’s Episcopal church will be paid tomorrow and the church will then be consecrated on Monday, February 26.

Friday, February 9, 1906

6. C. A. Tanner will erect a new three story building at 122 North Main to replace the present one story building he now occupies at that location. To be 25 by 140 feet and cost $13,000.

Wichita Elks lodge yesterday adopted plans for its new lodge room, to be fitted up in the building at 119 North Topeka recently vacated by the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company. Building is 50 by 100 feet and three stories high. Cost including furnishings will be $8500. Details.

Saturday, February 10, 1906

4. Senator C. I. Long introduced a bill in the senate yesterday for an appropriation of $65,000 for an addition to the federal building in Wichita. Details.

A two story brick building is to be erected by Charles F. Weber at the northwest corner of Douglas and Washington avenues. To front 40 feet on Douglas and be 80 feet in length. Cost approximately $12,000.

9. A new bank, the Wichita State bank, is being organized by George W. Robinson, and will be located in the corner room of the new building to be erected by Charles W. Weber at
corner of Douglas and Washington. Details.

General manager Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company leaves tonight for his home at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**Monday, February 12, 1906**

Northbound street car No. 122 with Motorman Hill and Conductor McCune in charge was bombarded with pop bottles at 10:45 p.m. yesterday at corner of Lincoln and Main, and two of its windows were broken out.

**Tuesday, February 13, 1906**

Work has begun on improvements at the club house of the Country club. Four more rooms and a bath are to be added and the dining room enlarged. The dining room was thought to be plenty large enough when the building was erected a year ago, but has proved to be much too small. The additional rooms and bath are for the keeper and his family. The work will be completed in about two weeks.

Three lots were sold yesterday by T. Vreeland, John Lee, and T. T. Tucker on Waco avenue between 1st and 2nd streets having a frontage of 166$^b$ feet. Vreeland sold 50 feet, Tucker 50 feet, and Lee 66$^b$ feet. The lots extend from the alley to the south and back to the Arkansas river. The Lee property brought $3000, the Vreeland property $4700, and the Tucker property $1500. A. J. Christman secured options on this property for a third party several weeks ago. The options expired yesterday and were taken up during the afternoon, with 30 days given to secure abstracts and make the transfer. It is not positively known, but the purchaser is said to be the Wichita Railroad and Light company.

**Wednesday, February 14, 1906**

Report of death of Colonel H. G. Toler at St. Francis hospital at 3:15 this morning after eight months illness. He moved to Wichita in 1878 and has lived in several localities here. First was on corner of 3rd and Topeka where St. John’s Episcopal church is now located. In 1883 he moved to a cottage at corner of Lawrence and 1st street, where Pratt Lumber company is now located. A short time later he moved to corner of Fairview and 15th street. In 1887 he moved to the country when he purchased the stock farm at Tolerville, but returned to 224 North Topeka when he sold his country property. Two years ago he moved into the Toler auditorium and has lived there since. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1846. Further biography. He lost most of his money when the boom collapsed and was compelled to sell his famous horse, Ashen (sic) Wilkes. In 1900 he purchased the Auditorium. He leaves a wife and three sons, Edward, present manager of the Toler auditorium, Foster, a dentist, and Sidney, a well known actor. Mrs. Toler is well known as a writer.
6. G. W. Barnett is having plans drawn for a two story business block to be erected on southwest corner of Douglas and Oak streets on West Side. To front 50 feet on Douglas and be 100 feet in depth, of cement rock, and to cost about $10,000. Work is to start in early spring.

**Thursday, February 15, 1906**

5. The new Catholic church at St. Marks is to be dedicated Sunday, February 25.

Residents of North Main street, north of 17th street, have submitted a petition to change the name of that portion of the street from Main street to “Park Place.” A small section of Main street, from 13th street to 17th street, is now called Park Place, and it is thus thought best that this name should be extended to the residence portion of the street north of 17th street.

6. Twenty-eight residence houses have been contracted for building on the Lincoln street show grounds which was platted recently.

**Friday, February 16, 1906**

5. Article reports Judge D. M. Dale declines to accept gubernatorial nomination. Details.

6. The YWCA, which was organized in Wichita last week, has leased the building at 111 West Douglas for the use of the association. Details.

**Tuesday, February 20, 1906**


**Saturday, February 24, 1906**

5. A. E. Stilwell, of the Orient Railway, was in Wichita yesterday and stated that the Orient expected to have their road to Sweetwater, Texas completed by October 1. Mr. Stilwell was here with a party of eastern capitalists numbering about 50.

12. The consecration of St. John’s Episcopal church will take place Monday. By this act the church passes out of the hands of a board of trustees and becomes the property of the diocese of Kansas. This is now possible because of the payment of a debt of $1000 owed to Miss Ida Mason, of Boston, who made the loan to a former rector.

**Monday, February 26, 1906**

4. Report of the dedication of the new Catholic church at St. Marks yesterday by Bishop J. J. Hennessey. The cornerstone was laid in June 1903. Cost $40,000 and much more has
been donated. It is 55 by 137 feet. Details.

**Tuesday, February 27, 1906**

10. Note says fully 125 automobiles are owned in Wichita.

**Wednesday, February 28, 1906**

5. Article reports meeting yesterday in which a complete reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce was accomplished. Details. Board of directors listed.

6. The chimney on the First Methodist church was blown down this afternoon.

10. The little frame building which stood for 30 years at corner of Lawrence and Douglas is being hauled away today or tomorrow. It was moved off the site to permit construction of the Barnes building and has stood in the street (Lawrence) adjacent since then. It was built in 1875 and was originally two stories, but after being partially destroyed by a fire in 1878 it was rebuilt in 1879 one story high.

**Thursday, March 1, 1906**

6. The street car company is putting longer switches in in South Main street.

Architect U. G. Charles has just completed the plans for the new Lawrence building at Douglas and Emporia.

Plans are being completed for the proposed new fire house at 2nd and Hillside. To be two story brick building, 25 by 50 feet, with quarters for the firemen on the second story. Cost will be about $3000. Plans being prepared by Fire Chief Brownewell for submission to Mayor Ross. Details.

**Friday, March 2, 1906**

10. Plans for the new Salvation Army building in first block on North Topeka are about completed. To be two story brick, 40 by 80 feet. Expected completion by July 1.

**Saturday, March 3, 1906**

12. A tier of private boxes is to be constructed at the base of the grandstand at Association park. Manager Kimmel of the Jobbers has fixed a season rental price of ten dollars on the proposed boxes, which amounts to approximately ten cents a game. Each box will be furnished with two chairs.

**Monday, March 5, 1906**
6. The engine at the power house is being repaired, so the street cars are running on half power today.

Tuesday, March 6, 1906

3. Two fine passenger engines for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad came in over the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific this afternoon. They came from the American Locomotive works and are to be placed in use on the Orient lines out of this city. One will be used on the regular passenger train and the other will be kept for emergency calls few months. During the past few weeks the Orient has been using a Rock Island engine and paying five dollars a day for its use.


6. A street car of the Main street line was struck by a train of cars being switched at the 9th street crossing of the Missouri Pacific shortly after 11:00 p.m. yesterday when it was returning to the barn in charge of Motorman Waggoner. The string of six freight cars was coming down from 12th street and struck the right side of the street car, caving it in and breaking the back axles (sic) and demolishing several seats on the inside. No one injured. Superintendent. Morrison said this was the fourth accident that has occurred in the last year at this crossing. Details.

Street car service is very poor today and will likely remain so for the rest of the week until the big engine at the power house can be repaired. The work of installing a new high pressure cylinder on the big engine was commenced Sunday night, and until this is finished the street car service will be bad -- worse than usual. It is expected to have it completed by Saturday.

Wednesday, March 7, 1906

5. Yearly report of the county poor farm. Details.

Thursday, March 8, 1906

5. The Midland Valley Railroad, a new road from the coal fields of Arkansas and Indian Territory, has completed its line to Arkansas City and is now surveying two lines in a northwesterly direction from there, one to Wichita, and one to Conway Springs, the latter thought to be with Hutchinson as the objective.

6. A. S. Parks returned to Wichita today after a five weeks trip with his wife and daughter to California by automobile. Details.

Excavation for the foundation of the Kos Harris building at northwest corner of Main and William started yesterday.
Friday, March 9, 1906

10. The YWCA opened their new rooms at 109 West Douglas this morning. Details.

The Chamber of Commerce today leased quarters in the new Mead building and will take possession tomorrow. Details.

Monday, March 12, 1906

6. The Otto Weiss Alfalfa Stock Food company has purchased lots on the northwest corner of 13th and Santa Fe streets for erection of the company’s mill and warehouse. The land is about three acres with a frontage of 356 feet on a spur of the Santa Fe tracks and is directly across the street north of the new Lassen mill that is to be built on the corner of 12th street. Details.

Tuesday, March 13, 1906

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Route and width of the new drainage canal were fixed.

Wednesday, March 14, 1906

6. The new engines which the Orient received several days ago have been put in shape and are now being used on the passenger and freight runs. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient this morning returned the engine of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific road which it has been using on their passenger train out of this city.

Thursday, March 15, 1906

5. The new quarters of the Chamber of Commerce at 133 North Market in the new Mead building will be ready for occupancy within two weeks. Details.

6. The new “Kress” 5, 10 and 25¢ store will have its opening tomorrow. The building occupied by the Kress store at 125 East Douglas has been remodeled by Mr. E. A. Bolte. Details.

Friday, March 16, 1906

6. The Wichita Board of Trade rooms in the Sedgwick block are being remodeled. Details. (Apparently at this time a separate organization from the Chamber of Commerce.)

7. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe will start soon on ballasting of its tracks from Newton through Wichita to Arkansas City. The 70 miles of work will probably take the whole summer. The stone for the work will be hauled from the company’s stone crusher at Strong City. Over 6000 cubic yards will be required. At 30 cubic yards to a car load, it
will take over 200 car loads. The new steel rails over this section of the track were laid last summer.

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The Chicago White Sox will play the Wichita baseball team tomorrow at Association park.

Deeds conveying to the Wichita Railroad and Light company a valuable tract of land abutting on Waco avenue near 2nd street were filed with the register of deeds yesterday. It is thought the company will build a large new power house on this tract. ¶ The tract has a frontage on Waco of 342 feet. From Waco it extends west 515 feet (sic) and touches the Arkansas river. ¶ The deeds show the following purchases:

- From John W. Lee to S. L. Nelson (general manager of street railway) on March 13, Lot 23, Waco street, Waterman’s addition to Waterman’s addition: $3000.
- From J. G. Donnell, March 13, Lot 32 and south half of Lot 34, Waco street, Waterman’s addition: $2500.
- From Howard Mills Company to S. L. Nelson, March 13, part of Lots 17, 19, Waco street, Waterman’s addition to Waterman’s addition: $3000.
- From Tunis Vreeland, March 10, north half of Lot 19, and south half of Lot 21, Waco street, Waterman’s addition to Waterman’s addition: $4700.
- From John T. Tucker, March 14, 50 feet off the north side of Lot 21, Waco street, Waterman’s addition to Waterman’s addition: $2400.

The cost of the several tracts amounts to $15,600.

Tuesday, March 20, 1906
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W. R. Dulaney has filed suit in district court against the Wichita Railroad and Light company for $30,000 damages for injuries sustained when he was struck by a street car on August 9, 1905. Details. ¶ Leslie Berry, street railway conductor who was injured recently when crushed between two cars on a switch, has also filed suit for $12,000 damages.

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One of the large engines ordered by the street railway company has arrived. It will be put to work in the company’s power house. It is 350 h.p. and of the turbine pattern.

Friday, March 23, 1906
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The Wichita Light and Power company will soon make some improvements in its plant on Waco avenue. Henry C. Scott, a St. Louis capitalist and the owner of the gas and electric plant, has been in the city this week. The company has secured a plot of ground 140 by 200 feet just north of the Missouri Pacific passenger depot and just east of the gas plant where it is planned to erect several new buildings.
6. An extension is being built on the platform at the Missouri Pacific depot north to 2nd (sic) street.

Frisco engineers are in the city today surveying the right-of-way for a track the Frisco intends putting in to the old Burton Car works, which was recently bought by the American Warehouse company.

Monday, March 26, 1906

5. Article reports the YMCA has offered $40,000 to buy the Scottish Rite Temple building at 1st and Topeka, which was bought by the Scottish Rite Consistory from the YMCA nine years ago when the YMCA was not in a financial position to utilize the building. If sold, the Scottish Rite group would build a new temple. Details.

6. Article report that the E. K. Nevling elevator at 18th and Santa Fe streets is to be sold and made into a million bushel public elevator. Details.

Tuesday, March 27, 1906

5. The Western Newspaper Union has purchased the majority of the stock of the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper company, and the offices and printing plants of the two concerns in this city will probably be merged. Details.

6. The plate glass for the front of the Winne building, which is being remodeled for the Globe Clothing company, was received this morning from the factory at Kokomo, Indiana, and is being put in by the workmen today.

Wednesday, March 28, 1906

5. Stockholders of the Hockaday Hardware company met in Wichita yesterday and officially changed the name of the company to the Morton-Simmons Hardware company. The company’s new building on Mosley avenue will be finished next month. The old Hockaday building will be sold or leased.

Thursday, March 29, 1906

5. Work will start Monday on the new Missouri Pacific yards and terminals east of the stock yards. Plans have been drawn for the round house and shop buildings.

Friday, March 30, 1906

6. The four railroads are arranging to build a joint track along the Santa Fe right of way from 18th street to 12th street to serve the new Lassen-Jackson mill at 13th street and also the Otto Weiss alfalfa mills. Details.
Saturday, March 31, 1906

5. The Wichita Automobile Company is providing the first auto hire service to compete with railroads and liveries. The company has installed two heavy passenger machines, two Ramblers, and a Winton for this purpose. The initial long distance trip of the new service was made this morning, when a passenger in a Rambler touring car left the garage at 5:00 a.m. on a trip to Ashland. The return will be made Sunday night with arrival Monday morning. Competent chauffeurs are provided and the service is for the use of local residents or tourists.

Report of formal opening of the Globe Shoe and Clothing company yesterday. The new store is located in the Winne building where the old Fulton Clothing company was formerly located.

12. J. J. Hardenbower is to erect a two story brick building this spring in first block on South Tremont, 25 by 140 feet, adjoining the building on South Tremont now under construction by C. S. Daniels. Details.

Tuesday, April 17, 1906


6. Report on progress in completing Wonderland Park. Foundation for another building was begun today -- to house Cessna’s Tours of the World. It will be located just west of the roller coaster and within sight of the theater. The scenery for the theater arrived yesterday. The auditorium and balcony has a seating capacity of about 1100. The interior will be finished with frescoes and goldleaf.

10. Improvements costing $20,000 are being made in the Jacob Dold Packing company plant, including new car repair shops. Details.

Wednesday, April 18, 1906

1. Full page on the San Francisco earthquake and fire.

5. J. O. Davidson reports contracts have been let for the pipe to bring the natural gas from the fields near Independence controlled by the Wichita Natural Gas Company. Articles of incorporation for this company have been filed at Dover, Delaware, with capitalization of $3,000,000. Details.

6. The addition to Mt. Carmel Academy was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Hennessey.

Thursday, April 19, 1906

1. Full page of San Francisco news.
5. All records were broken yesterday in the sale of extra editions of the *Beacon* in Wichita, with more than 5000 copies sold on the streets with the latest news of the San Francisco disaster.

**Saturday, April 21, 1906**

Large advertisement for grand opening and music festival at Wonderland Park beginning Saturday, April 28 and featuring Frederick H. Innes and his Orchestral Band. Admission to the Park 25¢, with no extra charge for the Innes festival.

**Monday, April 23, 1906**

Contract has been let to Wurster Construction company, of St. Louis, for new six story sky-scraper at corner of Main and Douglas, to be leased to firm of Wallenstein and Cohn and occupied by the Boston store. Construction will begin about August 1st. The present two story building on the site will be razed early in July. Construction being financed by a consortium of the Western Investment company, headed by W. C. Little, and the Emporium Building company, headed by C. G. Cohn. Building to have frontage of 90 feet and depth of 120 feet.

**Wednesday, April 25, 1906**

The street car company is putting in a new switch on the South Main streetline between Morris and Gilbert streets in order to give better service to Association park.

**Friday, April 27, 1906**

Early next month the Missouri Pacific plans to transfer most of its engines from Eldorado to Wichita, adding fourteen engines to those already kept here, and to abolish the division headquarters in Eldorado. Only enough engines for operation of the McPherson branch will be kept in Eldorado.

**Saturday, April 28, 1906**

Wonderland Park opened to the public today. Long article with details. Entrance is between the two bridges on 2nd street through a cement stone wall. Just inside is the large Coliseum, where roller skating has been in vogue. In back of the Coliseum are twelve or thirteen other buildings, including several refreshment booths, bowling alleys, a billiard hall, box ball alleys, the Irish Cafe, Cessna’s Tour of the World, the Carnival, the Fun Factory, the Penny Arcade, a big dancing pavilion, and others, some not yet finished. Near the bank of the river on the east side of the island is the roller coaster, or Figure 8, which was built and running late last fall. Back of the roller coaster and peeping out from the tall trees which surround it is the Wonderland Park theater, which is outlined with hundreds of incandescent lights and has a seating capacity for 1200 people. ¶ When completed the park will represent an outlay of more than $125,000. The company includes A. E.
Nuttle, president and general manager, A. C. Dickson, secretary, Eisberry Martin, treasurer, and J. T. Nuttle, assistant secretary and manager (he is son of A. E. Nuttle. Both Nuttles came here from Eldorado to build and operate this enterprise.)

**Wednesday, May 2, 1906**

3. Transfer of the division point of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company from Eldorado to Wichita was made yesterday. Between 30 and 35 men will be transferred, including eight engineers, their firemen, and other helpers and machinists. Fourteen engines will be added to the number already stationed here.

5. Street car No. 124 which runs between Fairmount and the College Hill line is a hoodoo. The bells of the car have a way of ringing at night just as the car is passing between the two cemeteries. The car itself resembles a haunted house. It is a short “dinky” with two long seats running lengthwise. Several of the windows are out, one door is shattered, the seat on one side is broken, the paint on the outside of the car is almost off, giving the car the appearance of a “cook shack,” a dirty yellow, while the home made fenders are bent and crippled. Last evening with a new motorman running the car the motors gave an unearthly shriek as it passed the cemeteries. The terrified motorman threw on more power and ran full speed to the end of the line. He forgot that there was no loop on Fairmount and so ran the car about 50 feet off the end of the track. Another car had to be sent out from town to put No. 124 back on the track.

Wonderland Park advertisement. Admission to the park ten cents.

**Saturday, May 5, 1906**

5. Work will begin next Monday on construction of an air dome theater, to be opened May 28 at 1st and Market. The open amphitheater will have 500 chairs on the ground floor and circus seats across the rear and about the sides seating an additional 500 people. Olson and Baldwin, owners and managers of the Bijou theater, the popular ten cent Douglas avenue vaudeville house will operate the new theater. Two shows will be given nightly. The stage will be constructed across the east end of the enclosure. The pavilion will not be covered, but if weather necessitates protection, a canvas top will be spread over the theater.

Work has started on erection of the new factory for the Western Biscuit company, to be built by the Wurster Construction company. Excavation for the foundation and basement is about completed, and construction of the building will probably begin next week and take about six weeks to complete, before the Wurster company commences work on the new Boston store. The Cox-Diamond Dry Goods company will move into the building at present occupied by the cracker company on South Market street. The building was bought by the company several months ago and will be completely remodeled before it is occupied by them, which will probably not be before next fall.
8. Real estate transfer:
   1) Lots odd 149 to 159, Dort avenue, Riverside addition sold by D. M. Jones to Edward
      A. Jones May 2 for $200.
   2) Lots 137 and 139, Riverside avenue, Riverside addition sold by the Keene Syndicate
      April 23 to Eva G. Shields for $300.

Monday, May 7, 1906

4. Two bridges are to be built across Chisholm creek in Kechi township within next month
   for $350 each. They are on the roads between Sections 13 and 14 and Sections 29 and 32.
   Contracts let to Canton Bridge company.

12. Contract between Wichita Amusement Park company and the Wichita Water company
    ready for signing and provides for extension of the Douglas avenue water main to a point
    on the island about 1800 feet north of the Douglas avenue bridge. This will bring it to
    about the site of the Wonderland Park theater and means the immediate completion of the
    electric fountain which was planned heretofore, and for which a place was made in the
    circle of statues just west of the roller coaster. Another improvement is being added
    today, the erection of a platform and steps leading to the Douglas avenue bridge. This
    platform and its connecting steps will land the Park visitors on the south end of the island
    within less than two blocks of the park gate. The path through the woods leading to the
    park gate will be fixed up and lighted by electric lights. A monster electric sign has been
    erected near the south end of the island and can be seen the length of Douglas avenue.

Tuesday, May 8, 1906

5. A new club for competitive endurance contests, the Wichita Automobile Club, has been
   organized by owners of large fast powerful machines. Mr. S. Winne is owner of the
   largest machines in the city, a Winton 50 h.p. with maximum speed of 50 m.p.h. Other
   members listed.

10. Douglas avenue property owners have petitioned for six blocks of pavement between
    Washington and Hydraulic avenues.

Wednesday, May 9, 1906

5. All the stock of the Simmons Hardware company has been moved from the old Hockaday
   building to the new building on East 1st street and the company is doing business there
   although some of the plumbing and heating work is not yet finished. A large clock has
   been ordered for the tower. Details.

Thursday, May 10, 1906

10. Real estate men report a big demand for residence lots in Wichita at present, in all parts
    of the city, the best this spring in ten years. Details.
Friday, May 11, 1906

Article lists business buildings under construction or recently built in Wichita. Says excavation is now under way for the Lawrence block at Douglas and Emporia.

Saturday, May 12, 1906

Wonderland Park’s big electric sign was lighted up last night. It is near the Missouri Pacific bridge at the south end of the island and can be seen the entire length of Douglas avenue to College Hill. It is 52 feet long and nine feet wide and stands on uprights 24 feet from the ground.

Monday, May 14, 1906


Tuesday, May 15, 1906

The old Burton car works was bought a short time ago by the American Warehouse company for $30,000 for use as a broom corn warehouse. Initially $10,000 will be spent in fixing up two of the five brick buildings on the property. This work will be started as soon as the railroads extend their tracks to the property. The Frisco has already made its survey and laying of the track may be commenced shortly. The Santa Fe track will be put in a little later.

Wednesday, May 16, 1906

General Superintendent A. De Bernardi, of the Missouri Pacific, arrived here yesterday in his special car, No. 169. He said they expect to have their new shops in Wichita completed and in operation for the fall rush beginning about September 15. All the repair work between Ft. Scott and Osawatomie will be taken care of at the Wichita shops. Total cost of the improvements is about $125,000.

Thursday, May 17, 1906

Work started yesterday on the Bijou air dome theater now under erection at 1st and Market streets. Details. The opening performance will be next Monday night.

Saturday, May 19, 1906

Article describes improvements made in Riverside parks this year in planting, raising curbings, etc. Details.

A. E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, passed through
this city again last night with another large party of eastern capitalists and prospective stock owners.

7. The new Chamber of Commerce club rooms in the new Mead building on North Market will be opened for public inspection Wednesday afternoon.

Monday, May 21, 1906

10. Article says Wichita is to have a new half mile race track on the 30 acre tract on the west bank of the Arkansas river north of Wonderland park. Some of the horsemen of the city are somewhat opposed to the location, favoring the re-occupation of the old fair grounds south of the city.

Tuesday, May 22, 1906

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Plans are to be submitted for a new central fire station on William street east of the city hall, the site for which was purchased three years ago. Fifteen thousand dollars is available for the new building, which will house the companies of present stations 1 and 2. Details.

6. F. L. Parks, master carpenter of the Rock Island, from Topeka, was in Wichita yesterday drawing plans for improvement of the Wichita depot. The old baggage room at the north end will be converted into a ladies’ waiting room, an arch will be built at the east end, and the whole lower floor of the depot is to be tiled.

Wednesday, May 23, 1906

5. The new club rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in the new Mead building on North Market street were opened to the public today. Details.

Fred Aley has purchased the 25 foot lot at 122 North Market from Otto Kopplin and Mrs. Knobloch for $5300 and plans to build a two story brick building costing about $8000 on the site. Excavation will commence about July 1st.

Thursday, May 24, 1906

5. The United Brethren congregations of Wichita laid the corner stone for a new church on Hendryx avenue, West Side, on Sunday, and the Waco avenue United Brethren church is building. The church at Washington avenue and Prince street will also be improved by an extension.

Report of commencement exercises of the high school last evening at Toler auditorium. The largest class to date was graduated, with 67 members.

10. The 300 bankers and their wives attending the Kansas State Bankers association meeting
are enjoying an outing and "seeing Wichita" trolley ride this afternoon and will visit the Country club among other places.

Friday, May 25, 1906

5. A. H. Dickinson will likely be appointed general superintendent of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient to replace the late J. A. Foley. Details.

The Rock Island will donate 45 car loads of stone to be used on the park drives as a result of the recent request of Mayor Ross. The first shipment will be here June 1 and continue at the rate of two cars a day until full amount received.

Graduation exercises of the pro-Cathedral high school will be held June 21, with eight girls graduating.

6. The Wallace circus will be in Wichita tomorrow at the old show grounds at corner of 3rd street and Cleveland.

Saturday, May 26, 1906

3. Article about the planed new Salvation Army building in first block on North Topeka, with drawing. To be two stories and cost $12-13,000. Details.

6. Work will start Monday on the two story brick Yungmeyer block in first block of North St. Francis, 30 by 100 feet, to cost $6000.

The foundation for the new cathedral at Central and Lawrence was commenced the first of April but work is being delayed on account of the concrete having to be allowed to harden. Building to be 190 feet long and 110 feet wide. The two clock towers are to be 178 feet high and the dome 145 feet high. The granite front has been ordered from Oklahoma. Twelve round and twelve square pillars are now on the ground. Architect is Mr. Conradin, from St. Louis, and Julius Walters is contractor.

Monday, May 28, 1906

6. City council and city officials are agitating for installation of a passenger elevator in the city hall. Lack of funds was given as the reason for failure to equip the building with an elevator at the time of its erection. An elevator shaft was provided on the east side of the structure about which the flights of stairs to the second and third floors were constructed.

Automatic electric crossing bells are being put in today at the Frisco crossings at 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Murdock streets. The Rock Island and Santa Fe have had this system in operation on their lines for some time.

Tuesday, May 29, 1906
A three story brick building is to be built by L. Hays for the Hays Saddlery in back of the Walters building now under construction at southwest corner of Main and William. To be 49 by 115 feet and face William street. Cost approximately $10,000.

Advertisement says Bijou Air Dome theater is now open, “on Market, near 1st Street.”

Wednesday, May 30, 1906

A large balloon is being built in a tent near the river on West Douglas avenue by R. P. Wipple, aeronaut, manufacturer of balloons, and general manager of the Wipple Amusement company. It is 63 feet in length and 40 feet in diameter. Eight hundred yards of cloth are used in its construction. It is to be completed in time to show at the Kinsley, Kansas street fair in June.

Thursday, May 31, 1906

Bricks are being placed along Topeka from Douglas to English to be used in paving this street.

Friday, June 1, 1906

Water street between Douglas and William is being paved this week.

Albert H. Dickinson, assistant superintendent of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, was today appointed to the position of Superintendent of the line in Kansas and Oklahoma, with headquarters in Wichita, succeeding the late J. A. Foley. The appointment took effect today, June 1st. Details. Says the company’s big bridge over the South Canadian river in Oklahoma was begun last December 6. Bridge proper is 1250 feet long, plus trestle of 1000 feet. Twenty-one piers support the structure. Bridge cost $60,000.

Saturday, June 2, 1906

Plans have been drawn for the straightening of Chisholm creek. Long article with details.

Monday, June 4, 1906

The sixth annual commencement exercises of Friends university began yesterday with the baccalaureate sermon. Details.

The Santa Fe has begun the renumbering and lettering the tanks and engines over the entire system. The new letters and numbers will be of aluminum bronze. They have heretofore been of yellow for the freight engines and gold leaf on the passenger engines. The new numbers on the engine tanks will be 24 inches high instead of ten inch figures that have been in use for several years. The aluminum figures will make a better appearance.
and be more durable than the old letters and figures.

Tuesday, June 5, 1906

3. Report of school board meeting yesterday. Bids received for one new building and additions to Franklin and Lincoln schools.

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. They agreed to put an elevator in the city building if the school board would pay half the cost. Ordinance passed to pave Douglas from Washington to Hydraulic with bitulithic pavement, with bids to be advertised for. Work started this morning on preparing first block of South Topeka for paving.

6. Commencement exercises of Friends university held last evening in Russell hall, with three men and seven women graduating. Details.

Wednesday, June 6, 1906

5. Commencement exercises of Fairmount college held this morning, with twelve graduates.

Thursday, June 7, 1906

5. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Fiske Hall building at Fairmount College, named in honor of Mrs. Fiske, of Boston, who contributed much toward erecting it. Details.

6. The two big Rock Island engines, the 1600s, that have recently been put on the fast freight haul between Herington and Caldwell are causing trouble due to their great weight. The turntable at Caldwell gave way under the strain and this has caused difficulty and delay in turning the engines. Yesterday the big engines had to be backed up to Wellington, where they made the turn on the Santa Fe turn table. The track south of Caldwell is not built to allow the running of these big engines over it and they do not run south of that point. One of these big engines recently hauled a train of 76 cars through Wichita.

Friday, June 8, 1906

8. School board will spend $1200 on repairs and new equipment for the high school building. Details.

Saturday, June 9, 1906

3. Long article about annual picnic of Hypatia club yesterday in honor of former Wichitan, Miss H. Rea Woodman, now living in Washington, D. C. Rea, as she is known to her friends, was a member of the club during her life here, and the picnic was held at her old home, the Woodman place, now the residence of P. J. Conklin, 901 Waco avenue. There
was also present at the picnic Mrs. Julia Richards, whose father, Mr. Munger, built the log house which afterwards became the Woodman home. Though added to and disguised from its original log frame, the home is still a hospitable one and bears the reputation it gained in the days when Rea and Lc (sic) Woodman and their mother reigned as hostesses. ¶Miss Woodman has had two books published in the last year. One is a novel, “The Noa’s Afloat,” “a bundle of nonsense” the author calls it, and the other is a book of sonnets, “The King’s Heart and the Queen’s Crown.” ¶ Further details.

5. The Wichita laundries are upset at the action of the Wichita Water company, which yesterday began installation of water meters in every laundry in the city. Details.

8. The Frisco Railroad has, after a number of years, started work on the ballasting of its track between Beaumont Junction and Wichita. The company is hauling one to three train loads of rock daily from the quarry for this purpose. It will probably take all summer to complete the ballasting of this line. When this is completed and also the ballasting of the Santa Fe tracks which is now in progress, the Missouri Pacific will be the only through road through Wichita that will not have a good rock ballast roadbed.

10. Report of a trolley ride party given by the “Sweet Sixteen” club Wednesday evening.

13. Twenty thousand dollars has been subscribed toward erection of a new $75,000 YMCA building. A. A. Hyde, president of the association, contributed $5000. Details.


Plans have been completed for a frame addition, 32 by 36 feet, to the United Brethren church at corner of Washington and Prince. Work is to start immediately. A furnace is also to be installed. John J. Crist is architect. Cost about $1500.

Monday, June 11, 1906

5. Report of death of former Wichita resident, Charles G. Goodyear, at age 55 years ten months. He came to Kansas from Connecticut at age seventeen and for years was a freighter between Wichita and Leavenworth. After a time in Missouri, he returned here and took up a farm on northwest corner of Hillside and Central, now known as the Buck place. Twenty years ago he moved to a farm near Oatville and has lived there since.

Tuesday, June 12, 1906

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. City clerk to prepare resolution to the Board of County Commissioners requesting the removal of Wonderland Park island from the Wichita city limits, placing the amusement resort under the jurisdiction of the county. This resulted from a petition by many of Wichita’s most influential business men in order that the theater and other attractions of the park may be opened on Sunday. Without this the
park will operate at a loss. ¶ Ordinance passed for paving with brick of St. Francis from Douglas to 2nd street, 1st street from Santa Fe avenue to Market, and Topeka from Douglas to English.

Wednesday, June 13, 1906
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5. Report of nineteenth annual commencement of Mt. Carmel academy this morning.

Thursday, June 14, 1906
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5. Five cars of shale, the first of 45 donated by the Rock Island Railroad for improving the driveways in Riverside Park, arrived this morning and were switched to the Missouri Pacific siding at Murdock avenue. Spreading of the shale will commence immediately, the first drive to be improved being the driveway just south of the road leading to the circle in the center of the park. It is expected to use five cars of material a week and to complete the work within another month.

Saturday, June 16, 1906
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6. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient bridge across the South Canadian river in Oklahoma is nearing completion. Details.

Monday, June 18, 1906
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6. The Frisco Railroad has announced that it will try motor car service on its short line between Joplin and Pittsburg. It is anticipated that motor cars will be used by other railroads also on branch lines where steam trains do not pay. Details.

The Rock Island Railroad started yesterday putting in a new track scale in the Wichita yards. It will be 46 feet long and have capacity of 100 tons.

Tuesday, June 19, 1906
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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. They voted to rescind their action of a week ago and thus to keep Wonderland Park within the city limits. Details. ¶ Contract was approved for paving Douglas from Washington to Hydraulic with bitulithic pavement.
Long editorial saying that Wonderland Park must be supported or it will not survive. It is not a paying proposition as yet. Details.

10. YMCA fund drive nears $28,000. Details.

A baby elk was born at Riverside park yesterday.

**Wednesday, June 20, 1906**

Page 5. “John,” veteran Wichita fire horse for eighteen years, has been retired. Details.

6. The Missouri Pacific depot is being repainted.

**Thursday, June 21, 1906**

Page 5. YMCA fund drive has reached $32,900.

**Friday, June 22, 1906**

Page 6. A charter was granted in Topeka yesterday to the Wichita and Southwestern Fair Association. Stockholders listed. Fair ground and track to be located west of Wonderland Park, between the Arkansas river and the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Details.

**Saturday, June 23, 1906**

Page 5. The 11th street bridge across the Little river was damaged by high water two weeks ago and is impassable at present.

6. The home of W. E. Stanley in Riverside was considerably damaged by fire this morning. Details. Loss about $5000.

Superintendent Morrison announced today that the last street cars for College Hill and the stock yards would leave Main and Douglas at 11:30 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m. beginning next Monday, to accommodate those attending Wonderland Park. After July 1st it is probable that a late schedule will be arranged for all the lines.

8. YMCA fund nearly $40,000. Details.

**Tuesday, June 26, 1906**

Page 6. Two more new engines, Nos. 3669 and 806, were received by the Missouri Pacific today.

**Wednesday, June 27, 1906**

Page 5. Friends university will seek $125,000 to double its endowment fund. Details.
Thursday, June 28, 1906

6. YMCA fund has reached $55,000.

Friday, June 29, 1906

5. Congress yesterday appropriated $50,000 for addition to Wichita post office.

6. The brick work for the new building of the Western Biscuit Company on South Wichita street is almost completed.

   Boys along the Topeka avenue car line have been causing some annoyance by placing torpedoes on the track.

10. YMCA building fund has reached $58,000.

Saturday, June 30, 1906

4. Santa Fe surveyors were here yesterday making a survey for a 4000 foot spur to be put in from the Santa Fe tracks to the old Burton Car works recently bought by the American Warehouse company.

Monday, July 2, 1906

5. The Bijou Airdrome theater at 1st and Market has vanished as an amusement resort and workmen are today razing the seats and stage. Lack of patronage has caused the place to lose money according to Manager Baldwin and Secretary Olson. The company’s theater on East Douglas will be retained and possibly be opened again this winter.

Tuesday, July 3, 1906

5. Architect Conradi of St. Louis was in the city Friday looking over the work on the new Cathedral at Lawrence and Central. The foundation is laid even with the ground now. It is to be four feet four inches above the level of the ground and is to be constructed of granite. J. T. Shea of Granite, Oklahoma, who supplies the granite being used in the foundation, was also in the city.

6. YMCA building fund has reached $76,000.

10. The first material for the new Missouri Pacific yards arrived here yesterday. Several car loads of steel rails came in and a quantity of ties from the White River division of the Missouri Pacific system came in today. A large force of negroes are to be employed in laying of the track.

Wednesday, July 4, 1906
6. Article gives detail of refurbishing and changes in the high school building.

8. Mrs. B. H. Campbell is very ill in her Riverside home.

**Thursday, July 5, 1906**

5. Article says between 10,000 and 12,000 people were at Wonderland Park yesterday. Details.

Work will start about August 1st on the new Salvation Army building.

**Friday, July 6, 1906**

5. Article about controversy over whether the new central fire station should be a two story or three story building. Details.

**Saturday, July 7, 1906**

5. Monsignor J. Henry Tihen arrived in Wichita yesterday from Washington, D.C., where he has attended the Catholic college for the past six months. Well known as an orator, he is now on a lyceum course, speaking in large cities throughout the country to raise money towards the building of the new Cathedral here. He will make the rectory here his headquarters during the speech making tour.

P. J. and A. O. Conklin have purchased lots 65 to 71 on North Water street from the Portsmouth Savings bank for $7500 and will build a modern brick warehouse on the site. The site is now occupied by several small houses. At the northwest corner of 1st and Water is a three story brick building used as an implement warehouse and adjoining this is a like building used for similar purposes. The new building will be located 50 feet north of these structures. It will front 100 feet on Water and extend back 140 feet. It has not been decided whether it will be two or three stories.

6. President Larry Milton of the Wichita baseball club of the Western association will transfer his majority interest in the club and franchise this afternoon to a stock company for $2500, which includes the improvements of the plant at Association park. The new management will assume control July 11. Further details.

J. O. Davidson of the Home Natural Gas company says an entirely new distribution system for natural gas will be built in Wichita and the company will not use the existing artificial gas system. ¶ The twelve inch pipeline to bring the gas here from Montgomery Company is a separate company, the Wichita Natural Gas company, which will bring the gas to a station east of College Hill for distribution through the local system.

10. Report of a party last Tuesday evening in which Mr. Carl Baehr entertained friends with
a steam launch ride in Riverside park. The launch has recently been brought here by Mr. John Page, of Wichita, and this was the first party ride in the new boat, which is named “Olympia.”

Tuesday, July 10, 1906
The two story brick building at 126 North Main is to be remodeled and made three stories high. C. W. Curry is owner of the building. The lease will be transferred from the present occupant, the Earp Shoe company, to the Cookson-Vincent Pharmaceutical company.

Stock is being sold, $16,000 to date, in the newly organized Wichita and Southwestern Fair association. It is hoped to obtain $50,000 to build the half mile race track and exhibit buildings on the 31 acres of land owned by the association. A stable is to be built at the northwest corner of Cherokee and Osage streets to accommodate 150 horses. Exhibit buildings will be on the east side of the tract. Details.

Wednesday, July 11, 1906
Kansas City, Mexico and Orient engine No. 11 jumped the track at 7:30 p.m. yesterday while running on the “Y” on the West Side. It took until almost morning to get the engine back on the rails.

A carload of Maxwell automobiles arrived in Wichita this morning for the Wichita Automobile company, Morris Schollenberger, manager. There is a heavy demand for swift light and durable runabouts. It is estimated Wichita residents are driving almost double the number of autos this summer than were operated in 1905.

Thursday, July 12, 1906
New rails were put in by the street railway company yesterday where the car line crosses the Missouri Pacific tracks on North Market near 13th street.

Saturday, July 14, 1906
Plans and speculations have been completed by architect U. G. Charles for the three story brick building to be constructed by L. Hays on the south side of William street between Main and Water. To be 50 by 115 feet and occupied by the L. Hays Saddlery company. Excavation is to start immediately.

Real estate sale February 27: Keene Syndicate to Kos Harris for $10,000: Even lots 102 to 136, Water street; odd lots 101 to 135, Wichita street; even lots 42 to 136, Wichita street; lots odd and even 41 to 136, Waco avenue, English’s 9th addition; also beginning 1160 feet west of southeast corner 22-27-1E, north 1366¼ feet, west 820 feet on south line of English’s 9th addition, north 1820 feet on west line said addition; west to Arkansas river, southeast along east river bank to south line said section 32 (22 ?); east 535 feet to
beginning.

Monday, July 16, 1906

6. Excavation for the paving of the alley at the rear of the city building has been completed and the brick will be laid within a few days.

10. Advertisement for Boston Store removal sale (full page) prior to tearing down of its present building, which is to commence August 1st. ¶ Drawing of the old building (Eagle block).

Tuesday, July 17, 1906

6. Report of city council meeting yesterday. “An inspection of the Wichita Railroad Light company’s street railway lines will be made by the council at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, the municipal body to be accompanied by the mayor.”

Wednesday, July 18, 1906

5. City council members are this afternoon making a trip of inspection over the street railway lines throughout the city to determine whether the terms of the franchise are being lived up to, etc.

Thursday, July 19, 1906

5. Article about the old Boston Store building, which is to be razed soon, one of the oldest landmarks of the city. It was erected by William Griffenstein, in 1872. Stone for the building was hauled from Butler County quarries with teams and wagons. This was slow as it was a 30 mile drive to the quarries and took two days to make one trip. The brick used in the front of the structure was made in Wichita brickyards. At that time there were about three brickyards in the city. Further details about occupancy and use of the building. The corner room was occupied for years by the Wichita National bank, which moved to other quarters when the Boston store located there.

6. Missouri Pacific engine 8622 was dead headed to Ft. Scott this morning for repairs. Engine No. 877 was received here today from the shops at Ft. Scott.

The Wichita Automobile company got in a carload of 1906 Rambler automobiles today, the first shipment of 1906 Ramblers to come to Wichita.

Friday, July 20, 1906

5. The Santa Fe has commenced construction of a new depot at Eldorado, to cost $25,000.

6. William Mathewson has purchased the Dr. J. C. Wilson residence at 605 South Topeka
avenue.

Brick for building the new 1st Baptist church is now being delivered on the ground.

Another car load of granite has arrived for the new Cathedral.

**Monday, July 23, 1906**

Henry Schweiter disagrees with the *Beacon’s* story about the old Boston store building and says the stone used in the building was dug from the ground on College Hill along the ravine that runs east of Fairmount and crosses Central avenue near Rutan and crosses Hillside at 3rd street. He says it was dug along this draw with the aid of picks.

Another Boston store advertisement with drawing of the old building. Five more shopping days in the “Old Store.”

**Tuesday, July 24, 1906**

Paving of the alley at the rear of the city building has been completed.

Pipeline for the new natural gas line to Wichita is being unloaded from Santa Fe cars at Murdock and Santa Fe avenue and transported by teams to surrounding territory within a radius of five or six miles.

Harry Dockum has bought back his old drug store at 128 North Main and will take charge again tomorrow. He had sold it about eighteen months ago to Jack Shields and Frank Redfield because of poor health, but this has since improved.

**Wednesday, July 25, 1906**

Building of additional switch tracks on the joint railroad tracks of the Lassen-Jackman mill will be completed tomorrow.

The Santa Fe Railway company has after a number of years of waiting decided to build a new passenger station close to the business portion of the town of Englewood. The present passenger station is quite remote from the business part of town.

**Thursday, July 26, 1906**

Construction of the new Missouri Pacific yards has been held up by delay in receiving materials, especially ties, but some was received today and work should be commenced soon.
6. The Rock Island has delivered 35 of the 45 cars of crushed stone donated to the city. All the park driveways have been covered with the crushed stone except for 200 feet. The circle drive has been completed.

The Frisco has put in several loads of crushed rock on the drives through the park and south of the depot.

Saturday, July 28, 1906

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George T. Nolley will open a wholesale and retail furniture house in the three story building at 120 and 122 North Main on September 1. He came to Wichita four years ago from Memphis, Tennessee and has been manager of the Western Furniture and Manufacturing Company.

10. Report of a trolley party last evening. Took the car at 11th and Topeka and went to West Side, College Hill, and through Riverside. Names listed.

16. Construction will start Monday on the new Salvation Army barracks in first block on North Topeka, to be 40 by 80 feet and cost $15,000.

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The passenger elevator purchased by the city council for the city building has been shipped and installation should begin before the end of the week.

The Kansas Natural Gas Company is laying about 3000 feet of twelve inch pipe daily from the northeast into the city. The reducing station is to be located outside the city limits, near the Skinner school house, close to Hydraulic and 21st streets. There the 100 pound per square inch pressure will be reduced for transmission through the smaller pipe throughout the city.

10. Santa Fe engine No. 596 (696 ?) was derailed yesterday on the Wichita and Western “Y.”

Missouri Pacific engine No. 850 has returned from the shops at Ft. Scott where it was sent for repairs.

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6. Building permit obtained today by the Western Investment and Realty company for the west 57½ feet of the new Boston Store building at Main and Douglas. The balance of the building will be erected by another company.

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5. Jacob Gardner has purchased as an investment the two story brick building, 25 by 81 feet,
and lot at 806 East Douglas from R. A. Randall for $8000. The building was erected about three years ago and is near Rock Island avenue, which is being opened north of Douglas. The first floor is occupied by a restaurant and the upper story is a rooming house.

6. The new machinery of the Wichita Gas, Light, and Electric Power Company has been installed, and the power was turned on at midnight last night.


**Thursday, August 2, 1906**


6. Service on the North Main street car line was interrupted yesterday for half an hour owing to the derailment of car No. 140.

**Saturday, August 4, 1906**

page 6. The downtown office of the Pacific Express company and the telegraph office of the Postal Telegraph company will be moved to the Clapp building on northeast corner of 1st and Main by the latter part of next week.

Advertisement of Wichita Automobile Company for the 20 h.p. 1907 Rambler Model 4, price $1400.

**Monday, August 6, 1906**

page 6. Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company will leave for St. Louis this evening. He will meet W. B. Buckley and S. I. Nelson and arrange for the purchase of eight new street cars for service in Wichita before he returns to this city.

Work started this morning on gauging the street car track between the Santa Fe tracks and Main street. One side of the track will be loosened and moved closer to the other rail.

**Tuesday, August 7, 1906**

page 5. Ordinance (petition?) introduced at city council meeting yesterday asking right of way across certain streets and alleys by Wichita Railroad and Light company to reach the site of this proposed new power plant. Councilman Paugh was very critical of the street railway company -- “Last Saturday night eighteen of their cars went into the barns disabled. On Sunday morning it was almost an impossibility to get down town. The system is the rottenest in the state of Kansas,” etc. Councilman Knapp defended the street railway company. Details.
Report of school board meeting yesterday. Question of separation of white and negro children in the schools was discussed. No action taken. Details. ¶ Decision made to purchase four lots east of the present location of Fairmount school for $160 and move the present school building to the new lots by the opening date of school.

Concrete foundation for the large sales barn at the fairgrounds of the Wichita and Southwestern Fair Association, west of Wonderland Park on West 2nd street, is nearly completed. Barn will cover 25,000 square feet and accommodate about 300 horses. West of this will be the amphitheater and half mile race track. The amphitheater will seat 5000 persons. Raising of $50,000 to finance these projects is coming along favorably.

10. The Frisco will soon commence work on putting in a track to the old Burton Car works, now owned by the American Warehouse company. There is 1696 feet of track to be laid.

Up to August 1st the Frisco has completed the rock ballasting of eight miles of track east of here, leaving 39 miles to go to complete the work to Beaumont Junction.

Missouri Pacific engine No. 3611 is out of the shops at Ft. Scott and will be put on a run out of Conway Springs.

Wednesday, August 8, 1906

6. Work has started on a dam equipped with flood gates across the Little Arkansas river quarter mile west of the mill race, A. C. Taylor has the contract. The dam is to control the flow of water into Chisholm creek.

8. Missouri Pacific engine No. 3652 has been received here from the Ft. Scott shops and assigned to a local run between Wichita and Geneseo.

Thursday, August 9, 1906

5. Work started this morning on laying the tracks in the Missouri Pacific’s new yards north of the city. It will take several weeks to complete the work.


Friday, August 10, 1906

2. Article about the new electric storage battery motor car made by the Strang Gas Electric Car Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey, for the Missouri and Kansas Interurban Railway company. The car started today from Philadelphia under its own power on the long journey half way across the continent. ¶ The new car has been subjected to rigid tests on the Baltimore and Ohio tracks between Philadelphia and Wilmington, maintaining an average speed of 55 m.p.h. ¶ The new car is 52 feet nine inches long and is a combination smoking and passenger car, with seating for 42 passengers. The power compartment takes
up fourteen feet eight inches, the smoking compartment ten feet eight inches, and the passenger compartment 27 feet five inches.

5. The granite foundation of the new cathedral extending three feet above the ground is partly completed. The granite is shipped from Granite, Oklahoma. Ten carloads of granite have been used and ten carloads more are expected soon. About 30 men are at work on the construction.

6. Colonel Stephen E. Jocelyn died this morning at his home at 346 North Topeka at age 76 after six months illness. He was born in German Flats, New York, on December 8, 1832 (?). After serving in Army he came to Wichita in 1874. In grocery business a short time, and then in real estate and loan business. Survived by wife and four children, Genevra (sic) M. Jocelyn, Shirley T. Jocelyn, S. Raymond Jocelyn, and Theodore S. Jocelyn.

Building permit issued today to A. G. Walden (sic) for a two story frame residence, ten rooms, on lot 13, North Park avenue, to cost $4500.

Saturday, August 11, 1906

5. Real estate sale July 28: By Keene Syndicate to Harry A. Fisher for $3000: Commercial. 322 feet east of northwest corner, Section 17 Township 27 Range 1 East, south 650 feet, east 1028 feet, north 650 feet, west 1028 feet, to begin except street; also commercial 262 feet west of northeast corner, Section 17 Township 27 Range 1 East, south 650 feet, west 1028 feet, north 650 feet, east 1028 feet to begin.


Monday, August 13, 1906

6. The Western Biscuit Company, successors to Bryan Brothers Candy Company, will commence to move to their new building one block south of the Missouri Pacific depot next week. Moving will take about three weeks.

The United Gas company, which has the contract for piping of natural gas from the main line throughout the city, has received ten car loads of pipes and fixtures so far. These are being unloaded and digging of the trenches will commence when the remainder of the supplies arrive.

Tuesday, August 14, 1906

5. Friends university will open its ninth consecutive school year September 12.

Work has started on installation of a passenger elevator in the city building. It will require several weeks to complete. An elevator shaft was provided when the building was erected.
Report of school board meeting yesterday. Four rooms of the Park school will be set aside for the negro children. ¶ Contracts let for plumbing of the new additions to Franklin and Lincoln schools. ¶ City enumerators report shows 8955 school age children in the city, up 352 since last year. Of these 393 are negroes. Negro school children by ward: first ward -- 9, second -- 198, third -- 47, fourth -- 123, fifth -- 0, sixth -- 35; total 392.

Missouri Pacific this morning put on a new switch engine, No. 9821, out of the shops.

Wednesday, August 15, 1906

Letter of complaint about Wichita street car service from A. S. Buzzi to S. L. Nelson, vice president and general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, together with letter of reply from Mr. Nelson. ¶ Nelson’s letter says eighteen cars are in service in Wichita and we have 34 in all. We have contracted for six more of the most modern and up-to-date cars with six foot platforms and have made conditional arrangements for four more cars. The conditions are that if we can get a reasonable entrance into the park and fair grounds, these four cars will be delivered in time for the spring opening. If we do not extend to the park we shall hardly need them. ¶ “In March we purchased at a pretty big price grounds on Waco avenue running back to the river, on which we expect to erect a new power house, car barns, and shops.”

Report of a farewell party for the old Boston Store building last evening attended by a large crowd. Only the floor of the second story remains now, and the party was named “roof garden.” Addresses giving history of the old building, etc., by Judge E. B. Jewett and Colonel J. R. Mead. Details.

Contract awarded to Frank E. Borden for $10,200 for construction of new Salvation Army citadel on North Topeka. To be finished by November 15. Price of the land was $3500, making total cost with furnishings $15,000, of which all but $1000 has been subscribed.

Friday, August 17, 1906

Superintendent. W. R. Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company returned yesterday from a two weeks trip through the east. While in St. Louis he inspected models of the six new street cars that have been ordered for the Wichita system.

C. Q. Chandler, president of Kansas National Bank has purchased lot 1 in block B of Merriman’s addition for $3500 for a modern residence. The Merriman park is a private tract of land laid out during the boom of about 20 years ago. It comprises the only lots in the city which are of irregular shapes, in order to accommodate the wide and shaded driveways that curl about the park. The Country club is located in almost the exact center of the park. The old club house is located near the west end. ¶ Mr. Chandler’s plot occupies a prominent view of the golf links. The lots have a frontage of three streets, East
Park avenue on the north, Clinton (sic) avenue on the west, and Maple street on the south. To the southeast of the proposed Chandler residence is the H. W. Darling structure now in the course of construction. Several other architectural beauties now adorn the suburban tract.

6. Advertisement of Wichita Automobile company with good drawing of a 10 h.p. Maxwell runabout, costing $800.

Monday, August 20, 1906

4. A. H. Dickinson, superintendent of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway, has purchased a new Sheffield gasoline motor car for making track inspections over the Orient road. The car has been received here but is not yet in running order. It has four wheels and a seating capacity for four persons and attains a speed of about 25 m.p.h.

Tuesday, August 21, 1906

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Construction of six steel bridges across the proposed Wichita drainage canal was provided for at estimated cost of $16,683. The bridges range from 46 to 80 feet in length and are eighteen feet wide. The Broadway street bridge is the longest at 80 feet, and cost $2636. It is hoped the Wichita Street Railway company will pay part of the cost of the Douglas avenue bridge.

At city council meeting yesterday resolution adopted demanding that the street railway company put its tracks and equipment in proper repair within 90 days or forfeit its franchise. Details. ¶ Mayor Ross also denounced the company and vetoed an ordinance passed one week ago granting the Street Railway company a right-of-way across Waco avenue, to its property recently acquired on that street. ¶ Councilman Paugh criticized the street railway company. ¶ Councilman Burton supported the street railway company.

6. Missouri Pacific engines Nos. 860 and 861 have been sent here from the shops in Ft. Scott.

7. Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway advertisement says effective Sunday, August 12, 1906 through train service was inaugurated between Wichita and Thomas, Oklahoma Territory, with schedule listed.

Wednesday, August 22, 1906

5. Architect Conradi, of St. Louis, supervising the construction of the new cathedral, is expected in the city this week. Thus far only the foundation has been completed.

6. The Postal Telegraph company has located its office in the remodeled L. W. Clapp building at Main and 1st street. It was formerly located across the street on the southeast corner.
Workmen are engaged in installing the passenger elevator in the city building. Details.

10. Miss Margaret Fisher (sic) and Mrs. Victor Wagner, sisters of Rev. Father J. Henry Tihen from Jefferson City, Missouri, are visiting in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzpatrick of 536 Wabash avenue.

Thursday, August 23, 1906

The Rock Island is receiving 100 new engines, including freight engines in the 1700 class of the well known Consolidation type.

Friday, August 24, 1906

The building occupied by the YMCA at 1st and Emporia is to be sold.

The Toler auditorium is to be remodeled and repaired and will be heated with gas this winter. Details.

J. O. Davidson has returned from a several months’ pleasure and business tour through the eastern states.

Saturday, August 25, 1906

Report of visit to Wichita after absence of seventeen years, of J. E. Nessly, who rode into Wichita on the first railroad train run into the city, and later moved to Washington state in 1889 after the boom had collapsed. ¶ Says he saw the first brick building in the town constructed, on northeast corner of Main and Douglas (i.e., the New York store building), now owned by Henry Schweiter and occupied by the Manhattan cigar store. ¶ “A change I noticed that surprised me was in the Arkansas river. It is now only about half as wide as in early years and the size of the stream has dwindled down. The banks of the river used to extend to about where the Howard Mills are now situated on the east, and beyond the site of the brick livery barn on the west bank. Now I see brick structures standing in the site of what was once the bed of the river.”

Monday, August 27, 1906

Sale barns are now building on the Wichita and Southwestern Fair association grounds west of Wonderland park.

Tuesday, August 28, 1906

Bids for the construction of the new $15,000 central fire station were rejected by the city council last evening, as they were all above the estimate of Architect John J. Crist. Details. ¶ Further reports on city council meeting.
A 32 year old woman died this morning as a result of a 100 foot fall from a balloon trapeze before a crowd at Wonderland Park last evening. Her parachute failed to open in time to break her fall. Details.

6. The Bijou Theater is to be repainted and then reopened Monday for the fall season. Details.

10. Note about a plan to move the town of Englewood because there is a question about the title to the 160 acres on which it is now located. Details.

**Wednesday, August 29, 1906**

5. Men started work yesterday stringing pipe over the city to be used by the United Gas company for supplying the city with natural gas.

6. Track laying in the new Missouri Pacific yards is progressing rapidly. Owing to scarcity of laborers here, a force of 35 negroes from Little Rock and Van Buren, Arkansas were brought here yesterday and put to work. For the week ending Saturday, more than a mile of sidings has been laid.

**Thursday, August 30, 1906**

6. Missouri Pacific engine No. 877 stands damaged in the yards here this morning as a result of a collision last evening while it was switching in the yards at Geneseo. Details.

Two cars of stone were received yesterday to be used in repairing the Central avenue dam, which developed a leak more than a month ago. Repairs to cost $800. Details.

Note about the sand pumping station at corner of 2nd and Sherman streets being a paradise for neighborhood children. As soon as the first whistle of the steam engine which pumps the sand is heard in the morning, the urchins flock to the running stream of water to paddle in it and float their boats.

**Saturday, September 1, 1906**

5. Report of death yesterday of Dr. A. Whitlock, of 515 North Washington, at his office, 235 South Main, of sudden hemorrhage from lungs, at age 50. Born in Farmington, Iowa in March 1856, practiced in that state several years, then in California, and moved to Wichita in spring of 1886. Survived by wife and three children, daughters ten and three and a son, two, by his mother, Mrs. F. W. Whitlock and a sister, Mrs. Fegtly, of Wichita.

**Monday, September 3, 1906**

6. There are two baby elk in Riverside park, one about two months old and the other two weeks old.
Tuesday, September 4, 1906

6. The large sand boat owned by the Wonderland Park association which has been plying between 1st and 2nd streets in the Big Arkansas river all summer, sprung a leak this morning and threatens to sink.

Wednesday, September 5, 1906

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10. Report of school board meeting yesterday. Question of white or colored teachers in the separate schools discussed. ¶ The addition to the Fairmount school building is now enclosed.

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6. Colonel M. M. Murdock has purchased the interest of his brother, R. P. Murdock, who has been the business manager of the Eagle. The deal was consummated on a valuation of $300,000. R. P. Murdock owned a one-third interest. It is understood that Colonel Murdock will build a new home for the Eagle at southwest corner of Market and William streets, where the newspaper is now located in temporary quarters.

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5. Article discusses progress in construction of the new fair grounds west of Wonderland Park. Details.

6. The Santa Fe is reported to have adopted a new standard color for their depots. The new color is a maroon trimmed with green.

Monday, September 10, 1906

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5. The chapel of the Order of the Eastern Star on the grounds of the Kansas Masonic Home is nearly completed. The electric wiring was finished last week and a test of the lights was made. Details.

6. The “Sunflower,” the school paper of Fairmount college, is going to be published weekly this year instead of monthly, as in the past. It will be printed in newspaper form this year instead of magazine style.

8. Work on the Missouri Pacific’s new yards in the north end has been suspended for several days because of a shortage of steel rails, but thirteen car loads of steel have now been received and work on the yards is being resumed today. About 6000 feet of track have been laid, and ties for a greater amount of track have already been laid. In all about 20,000 feet of track is to be laid.

Tuesday, September 11, 1906
The street railway company has put a new schedule in effect on the Fairmount line on account of the college opening this week. The number of cars on that line has been doubled and a fifteen minute service is given.

Wednesday, September 12, 1906

Fire destroyed the house on the old Cook homestead at Central and Hillside early this morning. It was one of the oldest landmarks in this area, and a one and a half story frame structure constructed of native lumber, and is now owned by J. B. Blazer, local agent of the American Book company. It was to have been moved today to lots owned by Mr. Blazer at 2nd and Rutan, and was unoccupied.

Thursday, September 13, 1906

More than 100 men are engaged in construction of the mammoth new Lassen-Jackman mill and elevator. Active work commenced in May on the site that was last year a forest of weeds and sunflowers on the Santa Fe tracks between 12th and 13th streets. The elevator towers seven stories, with galvanized iron covering it, and south of the elevator six immense sheet iron storage tanks are being built, of which three have been completed to their height of 60 feet. East of the elevator, the brick building will contain the mill. Capacity of the elevator is 300,000 bushels, and each of the six storage tanks has a capacity of 40,000 bushels, or a total of 240,000 bushels. Details.

Mayor Ross and a party of 50 Wichita business men witnessed the laying of the first pipe that is to furnish the city with natural gas, this morning, as guests of J. O. Davidson, president of the United Gas company. The first pipe was laid in the alley off Lawrence avenue at 17th street. Details.

Saturday, September 15, 1906

Missouri Pacific officials visited Wichita this morning and said work would start next month on construction of the new fifteen stall roundhouse here. When this is completed, the engines will be moved up to the new site in the north end.

Miss Sidney Clapp and Mr. Marc Clapp leave Tuesday for the east to resume their studies. Miss Clapp will be a junior at Wellesley, while Mr. Clapp will be a senior at Harvard.

Monday, September 17, 1906

Article reports negro citizens have been meeting and plan to file injunction against school board to prevent racial separation in school. Article lists number of negro children in each school last year and so far this year. Details.

Kansas City, Mexico and Orient engine No. 102 was derailed on a pit track at the Missouri
Pacific round house last evening.

**Tuesday, September 18, 1906**


6. Owing to increasing business in Wichita, the Frisco has put on another switch engine in the yards here. Engine No. 314 was received here yesterday.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1906**

10. Article about the recent Santa Fe order to change the color of paint scheme on its depots, etc., issued by the railroad a few weeks ago but just received here. ¶ The dark red, barn like color, used without exception for all these years for depots, houses for station agents, and all other railroad building and sheds, will be replaced by a lighter shade of red, a sort of maroon color, trimmed with a dark green color, as the buildings come due for repainting. A few stations are already receiving their new coat of paint, but it will be months or years before all the stations are repainted. ¶ Another feature that has been annulled is the blowing of sand onto the paint on the sides of the building before it is dry, supposedly to prevent loafers from whittling away the depots.

**Thursday, September 20, 1906**

5. Real estate sale: by Wichita Sand and Mercantile Company (or Buildings Material) to A. E. Nuttle September 17 for $10,000: part of Ackerman’s Island in section 20-27-1E. Article describes this as being the south part of Ackerman’s Island from 2nd street to Douglas avenue. Therefore Mr. Nuttle and the other Wonderland Park stockholders now control the entire island. Article says Mr. Nuttle says it was a private investment by him and not connected with the park. The island is covered with willows and thick underbrush, with the now famous “cow path” down the middle from Douglas avenue to Wonderland Park.

6. The interior of the Frisco depot here will be repainted beginning about October 1st. There may be a little change in the color, a lighter shade being wanted to replace the dark bluish green color now in use.

**Friday, September 21, 1906**

10. A representative of the *Southwest Magazine*, a monthly publication put out by the passenger department of the Rock Island-Frisco lines, is in the city today taking a number of views of the streets and buildings in the city for use in an illustrated write-up of the city in a coming issue of the publication.

**Saturday, September 22, 1906**
5. Electric automobiles made their first appearance in Wichita yesterday. They are Waverly electrics, received in a car load by the Wichita Automobile company. The Waverly runs 50 miles on one charge.

6. Petition filed in district court this morning by Mrs. Sallie Rowles, a negro of 411 North Water, for injunction to restrain the board of education from preventing her child from attending its neighborhood school and compelling attendance at a separate school. Details.

8. Corner stone for the new Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, at corner of Maple and Martinson, on West Side, will be laid Sunday afternoon. Details.

Monday, September 24, 1906

5. Final standings for second season of Western Association baseball league. Topeka first. Wichita Jobbers were third.


6. While running in on the Kiowa line Saturday evening, Orient Railroad engine No. 501 hit a Missouri Pacific engine standing on the main line near the Missouri Pacific roundhouse, knocking the pilot of the Missouri Pacific engine off.

The Wichita trade excursion trip left on the Santa Fe this morning.

Tuesday, September 25, 1906

5. A string of box cars was shoved into the Missouri Pacific flag house at 10th street last evening, demolishing it. The flagman, J. Cleary, who has been stationed at this crossing for the past seventeen years, got out in time to escape injury. The flag house will have to be rebuilt.

6. Ground breaking for the L. Hays building on West William street commenced this morning.

10. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Contract for the new central fire station was let to N. Hartle for $17,173. It is to be 75 by 100 feet, two stories high, and built of either Eldorado or Augusta limestone.

Missouri Pacific engine No. 871 was sent to the shops for repair this morning.

Wednesday, September 26, 1906

5. Article about the Carlisle family, early settlers and lawyers here, who left Wichita about 1890. Details. While here they built the residence at 1215 North Emporia.
6. The Missouri Pacific is working on construction of a short spur from the tracks near the ice house on the West Side to the enclosure of the fair grounds.

Thursday, September 27, 1906
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The Frisco Railroad is apparently going to equip its engines with oil burners and has closed a contract with oil producers south of Tulsa for 1000 barrels of oil daily.

Friday, September 28, 1906
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Report from Anthony says lumber for the new Orient Railroad eating house has arrived there and it will be erected soon.

10. Announcement made today by A. H. Dickinson, superintendent of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, that 26 more miles of track and four new stations will be completed and opened up south of the present terminus at Thomas, Oklahoma Territory, the first of next week. Train service will be extended from Thomas to Yewing, a small station one and a half miles north of Clinton. This extension gives the Orient 197 miles of track completed south of Wichita.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient will commence construction of a ten stall round house at Fairview, Oklahoma. To be of brick and expected to be completed by the first of the year.

Saturday, September 29, 1906
page 6.

G. W. Rourke, superintendent of the Kansas division of the Rock Island, was in Wichita yesterday and stated that the plans for improvements to the depot here will be carried out soon. The plans call for a new tile floor on the ground floor of the station. An archway is to be cut in the wall on the north side of the present waiting room and an unused room which was formerly a baggage room is to be converted into a ladies’ private waiting room. The depot will also be entirely repainted.

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The Orient Railroad opened up service on its line to Yewing, Oklahoma, today, an extension of 26 miles making a total of 197 miles of track in operation south of Wichita.

Wednesday, October 3, 1906
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Work has started on construction of two new two story brick business blocks on West Side, at 905 and 907 West Douglas, each 25 by 100 feet. The building at 905 West Douglas is being built by Fred Farmer and adjoins a two story, 50 foot front, building at 901 and 903 West Douglas that was finished by Mr. Farmer last spring. The other building is being erected by Robert Sloan, who has a bakery at 823 West Douglas and will
occupy it when completed.

Thursday, October 4, 1906
page 6.
Report of death yesterday in Topeka of Colonel Joel Huntoon, who was the father of Mrs. Coler F. Sim, of 1065 North Emporia in Wichita. He was the builder of the old Kansas Midland, now the main line of the Santa Fe between Kansas City and Topeka. Obituary.

A German picnic was held at Colwich yesterday. The principal speaker was Rev. Father J. Henry TiHen, of Wichita, whose subject was “The Work of the German Nationality in the Development of this Country, and the Influence of the German’s character on Americans.”

Saturday, October 6, 1906
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Full page advertisement for Wichita and Southwestern Fair, October 15-20.

Tuesday, October 9, 1906
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Article about visit of William Jennings Bryan to Wichita today. Details.

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Missouri Pacific engine No. 8704 struck a man in the Missouri Pacific yards here today and badly injured him. Details. Occurred in the old yards just north of 1st street where the negro employe was shoveling cinders from a cinder pit.

Wednesday, October 10, 1906
page 6.
Plans and specifications for the new Missouri Pacific round house will arrive in Wichita in a few days. It is to be a sixteen stall one, of brick, with a 75 foot turntable. Estimated cost $25-30,000.

Saturday, October 13, 1906
page 5.
Surveyors of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway were in the city several days ago, completing the survey of a line across the river from the terminus of the company’s road in West Wichita to a connection with the Frisco track in the south part of the city. It is said that work will start on the bridge within a few months and that renegotiations are under way for lease by the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient of depot facilities at the Frisco depot. Details.

Monday, October 15, 1906
page 6.
The private car of A. E. Stilwell, of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway car No. 100, was on the Missouri Pacific tracks here for a time today. The car is being sent east from Fairview, where it has been in the shops for a repainting.
Tuesday, October 16, 1906

Wednesday, October 17, 1906
page 10. Yearly report on Friends university to the Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends. Enrollment is 222, including 104 of college rank.

Thursday, October 18, 1906
page 5. Report of death of R. P. Murdock last night in a Chicago hospital. His health has been failing in the last few years. He was 62 years old. Moved to Wichita in 1873 and was business manager of the Eagle and part owner until September 1 this year. Survived by widow and one son, R. P. Murdock, Jr. Also by two brothers M. M. Murdock, of Wichita, and T. B. Murdock of Eldorado and by two sisters, Mrs. Levera Stoller and Mrs. Puss Pemberton, of Emporia. Born in West Virginia, and boyhood days spent in Ohio. The family moved to Topeka briefly in 1857 and then to Emporia. Sixteen years later he came to Wichita in 1873.


A new sub-post office, known as substation No. 2, will soon be established in the bank building at northwest corner of Douglas and Washington.

Monday, October 22, 1906
page 6. Wonderland Park season closed Saturday night. During the year 200,000 passed through the turnstiles. The largest attendance was 13,000 on July 4th. Attendance was 8000 on Wichita Day, July 13th. A natatorium to cost $10,000 is among the improvements planned for next year.

7. A Frisco official says it is not true that the Frisco is switching its locomotives to burning oil. For the present at least, they will stick to coal.

The first load of material for the new central fire station on William street was unloaded this morning. Work on excavation started last week and is nearly completed.

Tuesday, October 23, 1906
page 6. The Riverside park flowers have been taken up for the winter and deposited in the hot house that adjoins the park on the west.

Thursday, October 25, 1906
Specifications for the new Missouri Pacific round house have reached the city. It is to have eighteen stalls and be built of brick. The new yards are now being surfaced and will be ready for use in a month.

Friday, October 26, 1906

Long editorial article opposing Independent Telephone Company’s request for higher rates.

The foundation of the new central fire station is nearly completed. Estimated completion is next June. Most of the rock being used comes from Augusta.

Tuesday, October 30, 1906

Photographs of all Democratic candidates on the ticket in Sedgwick County.

Wednesday, October 31, 1906

Syrians in this area will hold a holiday convention in Wichita during the Christmas season. Wichita is the headquarters for Syrians for miles around. There are about 75 Syrians living in Wichita, of about ten distinct settlements, and visitors for the gathering will number 300.

Thursday, November 1, 1906

Post office sub-Station No. 2, at corner of Douglas and Washington, was opened to the public today.

Tuesday, November 6, 1906

Report of city council meeting yesterday. Request of Independent Telephone Company for amendment of its charter to permit higher rates was refused. Details.

Wednesday, November 7, 1906

Report of results of election yesterday for county officers. Most Democrats elected.

Thursday, November 8, 1906

Waterworks bonds carried in election Tuesday. Details.

Saturday, November 10, 1906

The large dredge boat for digging of the new drainage canal has been completed and is to be launched into Chisholm creek approximately a week from next Wednesday. Long
article with many details. Approximate cost of canal $100,000. To be seven miles long, 20 feet wide at the bottom, and 40 to 50 feet wide at the top and 10 to 15 feet deep.

5. Eagle lodge proposes to build a new building at southeast corner of Emporia and William. Details.

Monday, November 12, 1906

6. After a month of inactivity, the packing plant here formerly owned by the John Cudahy Packing company will resume operations today under auspices of a new owner, the Cudahy Packing company. Details.

Tuesday, November 13, 1906

5. Ground breaking ceremonies held this morning for the new addition being built on the Masonic temple at corner of 1st and Topeka. Addition will extend 75 feet north of the present building and 150 feet west to the alley. Details.

Contract for the new eighteen stall Missouri Pacific round house and other terminal facilities has been let to Edward Crebo, a railroad contractor of Eureka. Work will begin Monday. A. H. Webb, division superintendent, says the round house will be built of wood and cement. This contract is for $35,000.

Thursday, November 15, 1906

5. Article reports on growth and improvements on College Hill in past year or planned. Completion of the pavement to the summit and recent extension of electric lights have contributed to this growth -- also the new fire station soon to be built at 2nd and Hillside. ¶ The H. Darling residence is almost completed at cost of about $30,000. ¶ A. H. Dickinson, superintendent of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, is preparing to build at corner of Roosevelt and Brooklyn avenues. ¶ Excavation has started for two story residence of J. B. Blazer to Hillside and Central, costing $6000. ¶ A. A. Hyde has remodeled his residence at Roosevelt and 2nd street and a north wing has been added at cost of $10,000. This was one of the finest houses in the city during the boom. ¶ Paul Brown plans a residence at corner of Douglas and Rutan. ¶ A. G. Walden, ex-fire chief, plans two story frame residence on North Park avenue, west of Rutan, to cost $5500.

Saturday, November 17, 1906

4. The Wichita College of Music has purchased a building site in second block on North Lawrence and will soon build a modern conservatory building and concert hall there. To be two story brick, with seating capacity of 650, and cost $14-16,000. H. J. Donahue, retired merchant and land owner of Sumner County, is interested in the college and has contributed substantially to the new building.
The Adventist church, on Texas and Handley avenues, on West Side, has been purchased by St. John’s Episcopal church and will henceforth be conducted by the latter church as a West Side mission house. Building and site cost $1000.

5. First story of the new three story L. Hays building on West William street has been completed.

Monday, November 19, 1906

6. Street car No. 150, with eighteen passengers, refused to run through the snow in sixth block on East Douglas this morning and conductor and motorman were compelled to wade in the snow and push the car 200 feet.

7. A. E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway, returned to Kansas City yesterday from England and Holland where he has been soliciting money to finish the building of the road. As a result of the trip he says many new names have been added to the list of stockholders. ¶ “The Orient is being built without one cent of aid from Wall street or any of the great financial institutions of the east, something heretofore unheard of in railroad annals. ¶ Consider what it means to undertake construction of a great 1659 miles railroad with no funds except from private individuals. Thirteen million dollars already expended, less than one million in bonds issued. To accomplish this it has been necessary to see personally 6000 men of means and convince them of the merit of our undertaking. The result is that the Orient is owned by the people and not by Wall street. Of the 6000 capitalists seen, 3500 are now stockholders. More than 1400 of them are residents of the U.S. ¶ The road is staked for its entire length. Our right-of-way is a paid for with the exception of less than ten percent. There are now 625 miles of finished road in operation, and 420 miles are graded and ready to receive the rails. I hope the entire line will be finished within three years.”

Tuesday, November 20, 1906

7. The big boat for digging of the drainage canal was launched last Wednesday. The remainder of the machinery has now arrived and actual work of digging may commence by next Monday.

Wednesday, November 21, 1906

5. Meeting of chamber of commerce to be held Friday to discuss question of city government by the commission plan as is now in force in Galveston and Houston, Texas.

Friday, November 23, 1906

5. Article with some details about the dredge to be used in digging the drainage canal. Work has been held up by the snow storm this week.
Saturday, November 24, 1906

5. Committee appointed by chamber of commerce yesterday to investigate the commission form of city government. Details.

6. Patrick Gould and H. D. Hubbard have purchased from Charles H. Smyth a 400 acre tract of land four miles southeast of the city for $29,400. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Gould are proprietors of the Crown Point dairy, which is located on the site. The purchase of the land was made a month ago and the deed recorded this week.

Monday, November 26, 1906

8. Missouri Pacific engine No. 3647 from the Ft. Scott shops was sent through Wichita to Conway Springs yesterday.

Friday, November 30, 1906

5. Edwin A. Hoehle was shot and killed by Wycoff Wright, a conductor for Wichita Railroad and Light company last night on street car No. 142 running from West Side to Fairmount. Hoehle was drunk and aimed his gun at the conductor first. Details. Occurred at Douglas and Grove. The car was immediately reversed and run back to the city to Main and Douglas and onto the siding on the South Main street track.