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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1908 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

**Wednesday, January 1, 1908**

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6. Superintendent Morrison of the street car company said yesterday that beginning today no more complimentary transportation would be issued by the company in this city to anyone. He understands that the provisions of the state anti-passenger law (i.e., one directed mainly at steam railroads) include street car companies as well as steam railways and he does not want to get into trouble. This means that employes of the street car company will have to pay their fare, that city officials will receive no more green tickets, and that newspaper reporters will have to pay their fare in coin or go by foot.
  
8. Because of an accident the Orient Railroad track was four miles from the Texas border at the deadline, midnight last night, but because they have shown good faith in trying to complete the line to this point on time Wichita citizens are inclined to overlook this. \$80,000 in bond and was voted in 1901, with the line to be completed to the Texas line by January 1, 1906, but when this became impossible, a two year extension of the time was granted. Details.

**Thursday, January 2, 1908**

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1. Report of the death of Col. Marsh M. Murdock at 12:50 this morning "due to catarrhal condition of the stomach and liver" after a six weeks illness, at age 70. Born October 10, 1837 near Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia). Long obituary article.
  
4. Editorial regarding Murdock death, with photograph.
  
6. Superintendent Morrison reports that over 2200 persons were carried by the street cars after midnight New Year's Eve following the downtown merchants' festival.

The division freight offices of the Frisco are today being moved from the Frisco station to the second floor of the Rock Island passenger station, the freight offices of the two roads having been consolidated.

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8. Report of funeral services for Col. Murdock at the family home at 4:00 p.m. today, in charge of Dr. C. S. Sargent, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church. Details.

Report of death of B. H. Campbell early today aboard a train en route from Mexico City to San Antonio, accompanied by his daughter, Eleanor. Born in western New York about 80 years ago. Married first wife in New York and had one son by this marriage. Both wife and son died in northern Illinois. Married second wife while still in Illinois, and she died here last spring. Moved to Texas about 1860. Came to Wichita about 1880 and purchased a home at 345 North Lawrence. He purchased an interest in a local street car line in Wichita when mule cars were in vogue. Through his efforts the line was extended largely. He later engaged in the cattle business in Indian Territory, which he abandoned when the territory was opened to settlement. In 1887 during the "boom" he sold his interest in the street car line, and in about 1887 he purchased a ranch of about 18,000 acres in Clark County, about 20 miles northwest of Ashland. The proceeds made him wealthy, and in 1887 he built a stone mansion in Riverside, which he still occupied as his home. Three children were born to his second wife, two of whom are still living, a daughter Eleanor C., and a son, Robert B. The other son, Charles, was killed by being thrown from a horse six years ago.

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6. Contract has been let for a new two story brick building at corner of 1st and Market with 50 foot front on Market and 140 feet on 1st street by Coler L. Sim, at cost of \$20,000. Work will begin this month. Contract was let to William Pirtle. Business rooms to be on ground floor and 28 rooms for apartment house on the second floor.

**Monday, January 6, 1908****page**

1. Report says Wichita's new postmaster will be W. C. Edwards (succeeding Col. Murdock). Details.
6. The United Gas company has moved its offices from the corner of William and Main streets Saturday to the corner of Main and English streets. The new quarters are in the building recently vacated by the Boston store (which was there temporarily while its new building was constructed). Messrs. Holland and Isbell will put in an up-to-date billiard and pool hall and a smoke house in the building on South Main vacated by the gas company. It will open about January 15.
7. Report of funeral services for B. H. Campbell this afternoon at his residence. Details.
8. The last of the track completing the gap in the Orient line from Lugert to Dill City, Oklahoma, will probably be completed tonight, said A. H. Dickinson, superintendent, today. The delay was mainly due to delay in getting the steel. Details. ¶ Passenger trains

are now running from Wichita to Clinton, 192 miles, and freight trains to Dill City, 212 miles.

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6. Bids opened yesterday on addition to west side of the post office building, to be one story plus basement and about 30 feet wide by 56 feet long. Details. Walls to be of Bedford, Indiana limestone. Contract not yet let.
  
8. Article about some changes in press box location, etc., to be made at the baseball park by the proprietors, Messrs. Holland and Isbell.

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5. Mr. A. A. Hyde has announced plans for a new reinforced concrete building for the Mentholatum company (actually the Yucca company, manufactures of Mentholatum), to be built at northeast corner of Cleveland and Douglas at cost of between \$12-15,000. To be 75 feet wide and 110 feet long. The factory of the concern is now located in a building at 1211 East Douglas. Architect for new building is U. G. Charles. Details.

Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company reports that in the year 1907 the company's cars traveled a total distance of 1,329,000 miles. The average distance traveled each day by a car on the Wichita system is 170 miles. ¶ He stated that requisitions have been made by the Wichita office for \$88,838 worth of improvements for the present year, mainly for material to be put into new tracks. The largest item is for steel. It seems probable there will be a demand for paving of North Topeka avenue before long, and the street car company wishes to have a double track from Douglas to 13th street before this work is done. There is already a double track as far north as 2nd street, but most of the rails north of that are for dirt streets and are not high enough for a pavement, so that they will have to be replaced with new rails. ¶ A double track is also to be built on East Douglas from Hydraulic avenue to a point east of the drainage canal. ¶ Another project contemplated by the company is the building of the proposed line on North Waco from 9th street to 17th street. The rails now in use on Topeka will be used on this line. Mr. Morrison also says that as soon as the new concrete bridge across the Arkansas river is completed, some double track will be built on West Douglas avenue and Maple street to admit of two places for cars to pass on the West Side of the river and thus reduce the service to nine minutes. These double tracks would be from the river to Sycamore and from Seneca to Martinson or Elizabeth on Maple.

8. The Orient Railway is paving its driveway east of its freight depot, at southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley, with paving brick laid on concrete base. The space being paved is 40 feet wide and 150 feet long, extending the entire length of the freight building. Approximate cost of this improvement is \$2000. A platform 30 feet wide and 90 feet long, south of the freight depot, has just been completed.

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8. Report of provisions of will of B. H. Campbell. After all expenses paid, 8/20 of residual estate to go to son Robert E. Campbell, \$1 to a lost son, Willie S. Campbell, who wandered away several years ago and is thought dead (if he is found), 5/20 to wife (now deceased), 1/20 to a daughter residing in Randolph, New York, 1/20 to another daughter, Allie Campbell Rickey, and 5/20 to daughter, Eleanor Christie Campbell, with word expressing disapproval of her choice of a life of nursing, because of its severe demands, and hope that she will choose some other life work or marry.

**Saturday, January 11, 1908****page**

1. The addition to the Masonic Temple is expected to be completed and ready for dedication May 1st. To cost approximately \$125,000. Details and description.
5. Advertisement for first piano recital of Mr. Rafael Navas at Philharmony Hall, College of Music, Thursday, January 16. Photograph.
8. Article says petitions are to be circulated on West Side asking the street car company to build a line to Mt. Carmel and the Kansas sanitarium. Details.

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3. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad has completed its line from Wichita to the Texas state line. The gap was finally closed on Saturday between Lone Wolf and Sentinel, Oklahoma, completing a distance of 273 miles. Eight new stations are opened as a result of the extension: including Braithwaite, Dill City, Sentinel, Lone Wolf, Lugert, Blair, Altus and Elmer.
5. Article gives annual report of the Wichita hospital. Details.

The Orient railway has been receiving much new rolling stock. Within the last ten days, 619 pieces of new rolling stock costing over \$700,000 have passed through Wichita en route to points on the Kansas and Oklahoma division. They included 400 new box cars, 200 new stock cars, two "Jim Crow" cars, two combination baggage and mail cars, and fifteen engines. The 400 box cars were built by the American Car and Foundry company, St. Louis, and cost \$800 apiece. The 200 stock cars were built by the same company and also cost \$800 each. Because of a recent Oklahoma law requiring that the railroads provide compartment cars for negroes, the railway purchased the "Jim Crow" cars, with a partition in the car reserving one-fourth of the space for negroes. This section is finished in plush. The rest of the coach, for white persons, is finished with white rattan seats. The cars are lighted with incandescent lights. These day coaches cost \$6800 each and were made by the American Car works, St. Louis. ¶ The combination baggage and mail cars, from St. Charles, Missouri, cost \$7000 each and passed through Wichita Saturday. ¶ The fifteen new 140 ton locomotives are from the American Locomotive Works, Patterson,

New Jersey, and cost \$17,000 each.

7. There will be no extension of the Midland Valley Railroad during the present year.

Article says the suit recently begun against the Wichita Railroad and Light company by J. S. Corley and others to prevent it from changing its line from Rutan to Hillside was to have been heard in district court today, but was settled out of court at the request of the plaintiffs. The franchise granted by the city council for the line on Hillside stipulated that it should be built before October 1, 1907, but work has been delayed by the injunction suit so long that it will now be necessary to obtain an extension of the time from the council.

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3. Report of annual meeting of YMCA yesterday. Details.
5. Effective today, Orient passenger trains run through from Wichita to Altus, Oklahoma, 260 miles. Workmen from the Kansas and Oklahoma division will immediately be transferred to the Texas division, where they will work on the line north from Sweetwater, Texas. The track is now laid to a point two miles north of Benjamin, Texas, 94 miles. From there it will require 69 miles to build the line north to the Oklahoma line, beside a 3000 foot bridge across the Red river. It is also planned to build 75 miles south from Sweetwater to complete the line to San Angelo, Texas.

The Dold Packing company killed over 1000 hogs a day last week and packed and shipped a record of 109½ tons of lard in the six days ending Saturday.

6. The new seven story Caldwell-Murdock building will soon be ready for occupancy. Most of building is already leased. Tenants listed. Details.

The "owl" cars on five of the street car lines were discontinued last night, and it is said by the company that they will not be resumed until there is business enough to justify it. Henceforth the last cars for College Hill, West Side, South Emporia, South Main, and Riverside will leave Main and Douglas at 11:48 p.m. This cuts off twelve minutes from the leaving time of the last cars on these lines, which for several months have been leaving Main and Douglas at 12 o'clock. The latter will continue to be the last hour at which the North Main and Topeka cars will run.

7. Brick is being placed on the ground for the new Coler Sim building at 1st and Market streets.

Lumber has been received by the Orient railway with which to build a platform west of the depot for the use of passengers arriving and departing on the Orient.

### **Wednesday, January 15, 1908**

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5. George W. Steenrod, of Colwich, a former Sedgwick County commissioner from 1877 to

1885, was in Wichita yesterday and said that reports that the old iron bridge was paid for with county bonds is erroneous. He says it was paid for with county warrants in three years time, the last being paid before he retired as county commissioner.

7. A. E. Stilwell, president of the Orient railway, E. Dickinson, general manager, and 50 stockholders of the Orient Railroad will arrive here Saturday over the Rock Island on the twenty-second excursion trip of Orient investors, etc., over the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient lines. They will travel to Mexico City and return to Kansas City February 1st.

### **Thursday, January 16, 1908**

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1. I. F. Varney, well known Wichita jeweler, has sold a half interest to Henry A. Reinhardt of Chicago and formed a partnership, which will be incorporated at once with capital of \$75,000 and continue in business under the name of the Varney Jewelry Company. Details.
3. Rafael Navas will teach with the Wichita College of Music.
6. The party of people arriving tomorrow to inspect the Orient railway will be in charge of E. Dickinson, general superintendent, rather than A. E. Stilwell as announced previously. Details.

### **Friday, January 17, 1908**

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3. The petition being circulated on the West Side, asking that the street car line be extended to Mt. Carmel academy and the Kansas sanitarium, is being met with great approval and is being generally signed.
6. Obituary of John Matthew Bullinger, who died January 13, 1908. Born November 13, 1826 in Württemberg, Germany, came to U.S. at age 22, and moved to a farm five miles northwest of Wichita in March 1876. Details.
10. W. C. Edwards was confirmed yesterday as the new postmaster in Wichita, succeeding the late Col. M. M. Murdock, and will take charge of the office February 1st.

### **Saturday, January 18, 1908**

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5. Regular services will be held in the basement of the new Trinity Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow for the first time. Located at Maple and Martinson streets, on West Side. Details. The church was organized in 1879 with fifteen members. In 1886 Dodge avenue church was built. Now has a membership of 500.
10. Fremont Hill, president of the Yankton, Wichita and Galveston Railroad, has come to Wichita to live, according to a statement made by him last evening when he was seen at the Carey hotel.

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4. Improvements costing \$20,000 are to be made at Wonderland park for the summer season, including an "old mill" and "circle swing." Details. The old mill is to be constructed near the northwest corner of the park.
7. Dave Leahy, who has been secretary to Congressman Victor Murdock, has returned to Wichita and assumes the office of managing editor for the *Eagle* this week.

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3. The photo postal is having a great craze on the West Side. The latest is a narrow oblong frame in which portraits are put after being water colored.

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5. Advertisement describing details of the interior of the new George Innes and Company store, which is expected to open March 1st.

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12. Annual meeting of board of directors of Kansas Masonic Home is to be held in Wichita Tuesday, January 28, and at that time erection of a \$15,000 addition to the home will be considered. Details.

Long detailed advertisement for The White Sanitarium, 1530 North Lawrence, which specializes in treating all cases of alcoholism, morphine or opium habit, or drug diseases of any kind.

**Monday, January 27, 1908****page**

1. City council is to receive report of an inquiry into the service of the Independent Telephone company this evening. Details.
7. Large numbers of West Side citizens have signed petition for building of a new street car line to Mt. Carmel academy and the Kansas sanitarium. Details.

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7. Article discusses report submitted yesterday to city council on the affairs of the Wichita Independent Telephone company. On October 1, 1907 the company had applications for 750 telephones that it contends it cannot fill, as it would cost \$75 to 100,000 and this sum of money is not available. Details. ¶ Financial statistics given.

10. Report of death this morning of early Wichita grain dealer, John B. Miltner, age 72, at his home at 931 Laura avenue. Born in Germany in 1836. Came to Wichita from Illinois about 1875 and entered the grain business. In 1877 he was running "The Arkansas Valley Elevator Company," occupying an old two story frame hotel building with about fifteen rooms, on the Santa Fe tracks between Douglas and 1st street. He later bought "The Wichita Elevator," built by Russell and Furlong, on Santa Fe avenue between 1st and 2nd, and then continued business since then in the same location operating under the name of "The Miltner Elevator Company."

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5. Article about controversy over proposed moving of west end of street car bridge eighteen feet to the north to allow room for new Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river. Street car company does not wish to move it, etc. Details.

The Missouri Stone Construction company, of Webb City, Missouri, has leased 50 feet of ground on 2nd and Wichita streets, east of the Missouri Pacific tracks, to put in a stone yard. N. F. Wright, of Carthage, Missouri, is president of the company. Car load lots of stone will be shipped from Missouri and then dressed in the yard here for foundation and building purposes. ¶ Sheds will be erected and the company will begin handling stone about the 15th of February.

7. Commercial Club yesterday discussed question of revoting on the bonds in aid of Orient Railroad because of failure to complete the line to Texas by January 1st. Sedgwick County had previously voted \$80,000 in bonds and city of Wichita \$30,000 in bonds. Meeting favored re-voting on both bond propositions. Details.

### **Friday, January 31, 1908**

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5. The city library has been moving for the past ten days and will open in its new quarters Saturday afternoon. Miss Cossitt is city librarian, and her assistants are Misses Leahy and Balderston.
7. Report of annual meeting of YWCA on Wednesday. Details.

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5. Article says some famous horses are wintering at the old fair grounds here and being exercised regularly on the track there. ¶ The old fair grounds do not look much like they used to. The syndicate that now owns the place has started to make it a source of profit instead of loss. Instead of weed patches in the unoccupied sections there were corn fields last year and over a thousand bushels of corn were grown on the place. A great many of the trees that have stood in the center field and at other points about the grounds are being dug up in order that the ground may be put in cultivation. It is the intention of the owners to put much of it to alfalfa. ¶ The track that was once so famous is still in excellent condition and is being used every day.



10. E. F. Hartwig, of St. Joseph, Missouri, owner of the Hartwig block at corner of Emporia and Douglas, is in the city today looking after his business interests here. He has considerable other property in Wichita also.

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10. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

Article says Rock Island depot at Topeka was partly destroyed by fire Friday night, with heavy loss.

Mr. Coler Sim obtained building permits yesterday for his new two story business house at 1st and Market, 50 by 150 feet, to cost approximately \$16,000, and for a new two story brick residence at 1203 to 1206 (sic) North Lawrence, 40 by 42 feet, and costing \$12,000, and having ten rooms.

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3. The Gill building on West Douglas avenue will soon be ready for occupancy.

H. A. Hill is moving into his new building on West Douglas avenue.

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3. The Carthage Stone company proposes to open a stone yard in Wichita and has leased ground on the Missouri Pacific tracks at corner of 10th and Water streets. H. L. Resing is head of the new company, which will specialize in Bedford stone, Carthage stone, Silverdale stone, and Oklahoma granite, and which will have stone on hand the first of next week.

Note says the ladies of the Highland cemetery association will serve a chicken pie supper next Saturday to raise money to clean and beautify Highland cemetery.

**Wednesday, February 12, 1908****page**

1. Report of discussion at city council meeting yesterday of need to move street car bridge for the new Douglas avenue bridge. City attorney says it is not city's responsibility to get the bridge moved, etc. Details. No action taken.
5. The first shipment of street signs will be here in a few days, according to Ralph Millison, who has the contract to supply them. About 2500 have been purchased. They are of blue enamel steel with white letters.

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6. Petitions are being circulated for paving of North Topeka avenue from Douglas to 13th street, now that the paving on North Lawrence avenue is completed. The street car company has made arrangements to put down paving rails as far north as 13th street so that there will be nothing to interfere with the work if the property owners want it done.

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8. The Orient railway is putting in a track, in the yards south of its depot (at southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley,) for the purpose of making connections with the Santa Fe to Rock Island tracks. A large force of men with teams and scrapers are grading the roadbed south of Division street preparatory to laying the track, which will be completed in about a week. When this connection has been made, the Orient will put on its own switch engines and do its own switching and handling its own cars. At present Orient cars are turned over to the Frisco for delivery to connecting lines.

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7. W. C. Edwards, Wichita's new postmaster, will take actual charge of the office tomorrow, instead of today as previously announced. Details.

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7. County commissioners Saturday decided to build eight bridges including a pile bridge 240 feet long over the Little Arkansas river at 21st street in Wichita township between Sections 6 and 7, to cost \$1450. Details of other county bridges to be built.
8. The largest mortgage ever filed at the register of deeds in Sedgwick County was filed today. The Kansas and Colorado Pacific Railroad, which is a consolidation of the Ft. Scott, Wichita, and Western Railroad company, the Missouri Pacific Railroad company in Kansas, and other similar lines, mortgaged its property to the Guarantee Trust Company, of New York, for \$50,000,000. The mortgage is dated February 1, 1908 and runs for 30 years with interest at 6% per annum, payable February 1, and August 1 of each year.

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6. City council yesterday met with county commissioners and agreed to instruct the contractor to proceed with building of the new Douglas avenue bridge across Arkansas river. The street car company is to be notified to move its bridge out of the way of the new concrete bridge, which Superintendent Morrison says the company is willing to do provided it does not have to bear all the expenses.
10. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

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5. Article about the work of the Northwest Wichita Public Improvement association, formed a year ago last May by people living between the rivers north of 13th street to bring about improvements in that part of the city. One result is that they now have a two room school house at corner of 16th and Salina, where there had been none in the area before. Details.

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5. Contract has been let to the Carthage Stone company, of Wichita, whose new yard is at 11th street and the Missouri Pacific Railroad, for the stone for the new addition to the post office. It is to be Indiana Bedford stone and will be cut and dressed at the company's yard here. Robert O. Stanley and H. L. Resing just recently organized the Carthage Stone company here.

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5. With the foundation completed and material ready for the new cathedral planned by Architect Conradi, of St. Louis, work on the edifice has been halted and a new set of plans is being considered. According to the new plans a considerable part of the foundation will have to be torn away. ¶ The new plans and speculations were made by E. L. Masqueray, a church architect of St. Paul, Minnesota. They have arrived here and await approval by Bishop Hennessy. ¶ When a new cathedral was first planned over three years ago, the estimated cost was \$150,000. Accordingly Architect Charles Conradi, architect of many fine world's fair buildings, drew plans, which were accepted, and work commenced on the structure. ¶ About a year ago when the foundation had been completed, even the optimistic Conradi admitted that it would cost more than \$150,000 to complete the cathedral. He was called to account, and the investigation showed clearly that with his plans and speculations the final cost would probably exceed \$250,000. Accordingly work was at once stopped. ¶ The new plans call for a different style structure, which will be as large and pretentious as the Conradi plans although not on as expensive lines. The large clock that was to appear in the tower of the Conradi structure is not seen in the new plans. ¶ The large granite pillars, eight in number, which are to mark the entrances, remain in the back part of the church property. ¶ With acceptance of the plans by Bishop Hennessy, work will resume on the delayed cathedral.
7. The Wichita Commercial club has decided to purchase the church building and lot owned by the First Baptist church, at northeast corner of Market and 1st streets, as a site for the future home of the club. The church is willing to sell it for \$10,000 and will use the money for their new church edifice which is being erected.

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12. The Orient Railroad yesterday submitted a new proposal to Wichita commercial groups calling for revoting the \$80,000 of Sedgwick County bonds and \$50,000 of Wichita bonds for the Orient but agreeing that the bonds shall not be delivered until the Orient shall have spent \$300,000 on shops and terminals in Wichita. It is requested that the time for completion of these be extended to December 31, 1909. Details.

**Monday, February 24, 1908****page**

6. Meeting of the Masonic grand lodge council at Topeka last week decided to build a \$20,000 addition to the Masonic Home in Wichita. It will have a 60 foot front adjoining the present main building on the south. Details. The new building will be devoted to the use of the children.

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4. Article gives annual report of the Masonic Home for the year 1907. Details.

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6. "Uncle John" Miltner, the pioneer grain man of this city, died a month ago. In a few days the old ramshackle elevator which has stood on the corner of 1st and Santa Fe for years, and was owned by "Uncle John," will be a thing of the past. It will be torn down to make room for a modern building. ¶ For years "Uncle John" used this building, the ugliest, unsightliest, most forlorn looking shack in the city, for cleaning, storing, and handling grain, after which it was loaded on board the cars for transit to Galveston, New York, or other ports. ¶ At a meeting of the creditors of the Miltner Grain company yesterday, it was decided to tear down the old building and put the six lots on which it stands upon the market. It is expected that the sale of the property will pay all debts left by Mr. Miltner.

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6. Real estate sales: The Keene Syndicate to F. F. And S. E. Davis on February 17, odd lots 125 to 135, Riverside avenue, Riverside addition, for \$1200.
7. The circuit court of appeals in St. Louis has affirmed the judgment of \$5000 for W. R. Dulaney in his damage suit against the Wichita Street Railway company for injuries sustained in a street car accident.
10. Building permit issued yesterday for a four story brick and stone structure to be built by the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company on South Rock Island avenue for a produce and storage house. A contract was closed yesterday purchasing lots M and N on South Rock Island for \$4500. This is in second block and just north of the Hockaday Paint company building. To have a 42 foot front and 111 foot depth. Refrigeration will be provided by the Arctic company, and the Weaver Commission company has secured a lease on the building.

**Friday, February 28, 1908****page**

1. Wichita Street Railway officials arrived last night from St. Louis and are staying at the Hamilton hotel -- including H. E. Chubbuck, general manager, of Champaign, Illinois, W.

H. Carnahan, treasurer, of Ottawa, Illinois, and S. L. Nelson, director and former general manager, of Peoria, Illinois. They will look over the street railroad system here with a view to improvements and will discuss with city officials the matter of constructing a bridge across the drainage canal on Douglas avenue. Some rumor is expressed of a possible interurban line between Wichita and Hutchinson. Details.

5. Half of the city's new street signs have arrived. They will be placed at all important corners from 21st street to Harry and from Martinson avenue to Roosevelt. They have a Copenhagen blue background and pearl white letters. They are about two feet long and five inches high and there will be 2100 of them. Details.
8. An artificial lake one and a half acres in size is to be constructed soon on the grounds of the Kansas sanitarium. Details.

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3. List of eligible Wichita bachelors with description. (Today is Leap year's day.)
6. Article says it appears the city, county, and street car company will each pay one-third of the cost of moving the street car company's bridge to make room for the new concrete bridge across the Arkansas river. Details.

Mr. O. D. Barnes has recently completed his handsome new brick apartment house at 218 East 3rd street. There are six flats of seven rooms each. Details. Apparently named the Victoria Apartments.

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7. At a conference held Saturday it was verbally agreed that the street car company, the city, and the county would each pay one-third of the cost of moving the street car bridge, provided the county can legally do so. Details.

Bert C. Wells took the oath of office as city engineer today, succeeding Mr. Mundevello, who has been in the city engineer's office for eighteen years and took the position temporarily following the resignation of City Engineer Sawin some months ago. Mr. Wells has been first assistant city engineer during the past year and was formerly an instructor in the city high school.

12. Letter to editor from College Hill resident urging the street car company to put destination signs on the sides of all the cars. Says the company put on a few side signs but didn't finish the job, and for many cars it is still necessary to walk to the end of the car to see the sign.

### **Tuesday, March 3, 1908**

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1. Article says the St. Francis hospital plans to build a new chapel. Plans have been drawn by Architect Masqueray, of St. Paul, who also drew the new plans for the cathedral. To cost \$10,000. The present chapel is located at the northwest corner of the original building, near the sidewalk and was built seven years ago. The new one may be built on the south of the present main building and face Emporia avenue, which ground is owned by the sisters.
5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. It was decided to submit a \$75,000 bond issue for new auditorium to the voters at the city election in April.
7. List of building permits issued in February. Total \$136,940.

**Wednesday, March 4, 1908****page**

1. Report of further rumors of a Wichita-Hutchinson interurban line. Article also says the new general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company ordered the changing of the Fairmount line from Rutan to Hillside during his recent visit and establishment of a continual half hour service through from the college to the city. ¶ Superintendent. Morrison says the extension of the West Side line to Mt. Carmel will also come, but probably not until completion of the new Douglas avenue bridge.
6. A through service to Fairmount was put into effect yesterday by the Wichita Street Railway company. Through cars will leave Main and Douglas at 15 and 45 minutes after the hour.
10. Report of death yesterday in New York of Russell Harding, former resident of Wichita, and vice-president and general manager of the Missouri Pacific Railway, at age 55, of complications of liver and stomach troubles. In 1885 he was superintendent of the Ft. Scott, Wichita, and Western Railway with headquarters in Wichita. He left Wichita in 1895 and was succeeded by A. H. Webb as division superintendent of the Wichita division. Obituary.

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6. The sale of the old First Baptist church and lots at corner of 1st and Market to the Wichita Commercial club was completed last evening for \$10,000. Details. The church will give possession by January 1st, at which time their new building should be completed.

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6. Work on the new First Baptist church, which was suspended last November on account of weather and financial problems, will soon be resumed now that the present building has been sold and must be vacated by January 1st.
7. The new Murdock-Caldwell building is now open to the public. Long description.

Drawing.

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9. Article reports corner stone of the new Carnegie library at Fairmount college is to be laid tomorrow morning and the new college president, Henry E. Thayer, is to be inaugurated tomorrow afternoon. Details. Drawing of library.

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3. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Hose houses Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are to be sold if approved at the city election April 7. When the central fire station is completed the city will have no use for houses No. 1 and 2, and the completion of the 18th street house vacates the old 13th street house known as No. 3.
5. J. G. Ross, E. H. Hendershot, and W. J. Achelbohl are visiting Wichita today representing the financial interests of the street railway company of which the Wichita Railroad and Light company is a part. They are inspecting the lines here, and this is their first visit to Wichita.

Report of quarrel in city council between those wanting Waco street car line built first and those wanting the Hillside line to Fairmount built first. No action.

6. Report of laying of cornerstone this morning for new library at Fairmount college. Details.

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7. The last of the over 2000 new Wichita street signs arrived here yesterday and today they are being put up in the business part of the city.

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4. Long letter from early day Wichita resident describing in detail the former location of the bank of the big Arkansas river in the early days. ("The Old Big River")
5. Article reports on recommendations Superintendent Morrison will proposed in his yearly budget to be submitted soon to the eastern directors of the Wichita street railway company. He will recommend spending \$100,000 for improvements. About \$50,000 will be for the laying of double track and paving on North Topeka if the city decides to pave that street. Better service on the baseball park line is also planned. Manager Chubbuck during his recent visit here said he should try to secure some trailer cars from the factory before the season opened. More copper for circuit feeders on this line and it is expected that this will be supplied. ¶ Another improvement contemplated is a 90 foot switch between 17th and 18th streets on the Stock Yards line, which will permit the use of one more car on this line to relieve the strain during the congested times. ¶ Work on the new

Fairmount route will begin as soon as the city grades the street.

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9. Judge J. N. Haymaker will soon construct a three story brick building adjoining on the west the building at 614 East Douglas, which he owns and which has been occupied by J. C. Dunn but will soon be vacated. The new building will cost about \$15,000. Details.

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8. C. A. Ralston, owner of the Unique Dry Cleaning works, is to construct a two story brick building at 142 North Emporia with 50 foot front and 60 foot depth, to cost \$6000. He will use the south half of the first floor for his business. A residence now occupies the site and will be moved away.

**Monday, March 16, 1908****page**

1. Article about new Catholic churches planned in the Wichita diocese, including one at Andale. "Credit for the great building era now going on in the Wichita diocese is mainly due to Right Reverend Monsignor Tihen."
5. Active work on the new Baptist church, which was suspended last December, began again today and will be pushed rapidly through the summer. Twenty-two carloads of Bedford stone are being used in the building.
9. Full page advertisement for Dold Niagara brand products.

**Tuesday, March 17, 1908****page**

5. City council yesterday decided to continue further investigation of the waterworks proposition. Details.
6. City council yesterday deferred action on giving street railway company to build its line on Hillside avenue by amendment to the company's franchise. Details. ¶ Plans for a bridge over the drainage canal on East Douglas avenue were adopted. They were drawn by the street railway company's engineers and presented by the city engineer and call for a concrete bridge, to cost approximately \$10,000.

Real estate sale: Scott E. Winne, to Caroline E. Winne on September 30, 1907 for \$5000: Lots 1, 2, and 3, Jefferson avenue, Winne's second addition.

**Thursday, March 19, 1908****page**

7. School board yesterday voted to resubmit a school bond proposition for \$150,000 in bonds for a new high school to the voters at the spring election. Details.



**Friday, March 20, 1908****page**

5. The new central fire station is nearing completion. Details.
8. Article about the Stock Yards Trackage association of the four railroads, Missouri Pacific, Santa Fe, Rock Island and Frisco, which handles the switching at the stock yards. They join in maintaining a switch engine and crew. About \$8000 will be spent on improvements to the track and facilities this year. Details.

**Saturday, March 21, 1908****page**

1. Report of plan for a large addition to St. Francis hospital. Details.
6. The Wichita Natural Gas offices, which were moved to Independence several months ago, will return to Wichita the latter part of next week and reoccupy their old quarters at corner of William and Main. This is the company that pipes the natural gas to Wichita and sells it to the local distributor, the United Gas and Electric Light company, which has its office at corner of South Main and English.
12. Article gives history of the Commercial club, which developed out of the old Coronado club which was established in the city in 1890. The club is now planning a new building to be erected on corner of Market and 1st streets at cost of about \$50,000. Details.

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5. Innes advertisement saying the old store at 123-133 North Main will close at 5:00 p.m. Thursday and the new store at Douglas and Lawrence will open at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Drawing of old store.  
  
Enough names have been secured on the Orient bond petition to assure that they will be re-submitted to the voters. Details.
7. The fender of street car No. 136 apparently saved a young woman who crossed the corner of 1st and Main this morning and was struck by the car. She was uninjured.

**Thursday, March 26, 1908****page**

3. The Gill building on West Douglas is completed.
5. Official publication of notice of high school bond election.
7. Fire which started at 8:40 p.m. yesterday destroyed the old Miltner elevator at 1st and Santa Fe and spread to the lumber yards of the Western Planing mill to the north. Details.  
¶ The elevator was known as the old Wichita elevator and was built by Furlong and

Russell in 1876. In 1883 it was sold to John B. Miltner and Henry Kaufman, who operated under the firm name "Miltner and Company." Miltner and Kaufman had been in the grain business for many years, starting near Peoria, Illinois, and had come to Wichita in 1876 and operated the Arkansas Valley Elevator, which was located 75 feet south of 1st street on Santa Fe. Details. Origin of the fire is a mystery.

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5. Application made yesterday for appointment of a receiver of the assets of the Winne Mortgage company. Details. ¶ Further details on page 7.

**Monday, March 30, 1908****page**

7. Article says the old Zimmerly building, more recently called the Winne building, has been sold to E. J. Street, of Kansas City, for \$85,000. Says Mr. Winne had bought the building from the Zimmerly estate and later sold it to H. M. Watt, of Newton, who was the latest owner.
12. Article about the financial problems of Scott E. Winne. Details. Mr. Winne left Wichita several days ago and his present whereabouts are unknown.

**Tuesday, March 31, 1908****page**

12. Further article and details on the problems of the Winne Mortgage company.

**Wednesday, April 1, 1908****page**

5. Report of sixth anniversary of Eberhardt and Hays Music company which opened its doors April 1, 1902 at the present location at corner of Douglas and Topeka. Says they bought out Wichita's oldest music house, the Thomas Shaw music company in fall of 1906.
10. Dr. E. B. Allen, pioneer citizen and first mayor of Wichita, was buried today at Maple Grove cemetery. He had been stricken with paralysis two months ago and was taken to Kansas City for treatment by his two sons, Dr. Charles C. Allen and Edgar P. Allen, both of Kansas City. He came to Wichita in 1869. His wife died three years ago. He was 72 and was born in Oberlin, Ohio. Also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Morehouse, of Salt Lake City.

**Friday, April 3, 1908****page**

1. Article about desire of the Land Credit Trust company to find Scott E. Winne and bring him back to Wichita. Details.
6. A. E. Stilwell, president of Kansas City, Oklahoma and Orient Railroad, announced today that all of the money has been subscribed to finish the building of the railroad between

Wichita and Sweetwater, Texas, a distance of 432 miles. The road is now built except for a 67 mile gap between Benjamin, Texas, and the Red River, and the bridge across the Red river. Construction is now proceeding on the gap of 67 miles and the bridge. He said also "we have 365 miles of railroad in operation in Old Mexico."

### **Saturday, April 4, 1908**

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4. List of building permits issued by Fire Marshall Welden's office during March. Total amount of \$124,275 including 66 dwellings, averaging \$1500 each. None shown in Riverside.
7. Work will start on new gymnasium at Fairmount college in a few weeks.

### **Tuesday, April 7, 1908**

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5. Shifts of the street car conductors have been rearranged, allowing an eight to ten dollar per month increase in their wages, since the new arrangement gives each conductor about two hours more time per day. ¶ The old arrangement divided the conductors into two groups, the day men and swing men. ¶ The new system divides them into three groups, day, late, and swing men. The day men have daylight runs. The late men work from noon till stopping time at night with an hour off for supper. The swing men work from morning till noon, are off until 6:00 p.m., and than work till late at night.
6. City council yesterday let contract to Canton Bridge company for a cement bridge across drainage canal on East Douglas for \$9474.

After several months of waiting the city council yesterday gave the street car company permission to build its line to Fairmount by way of Hillside avenue. The company agrees to give service to Fairmount without transfer on a 40 minute schedule. The line on Rutan avenue will probably be taken up. The amended franchise also requires the car company to continue operating the South Main street line to Francis avenue.

### **Friday, April 10, 1908**

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5. Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company, of Evansville, Indiana, will let contract soon for new factory they plan to build on tract of ground 200 by 260 feet on 15th street, north of the Otto Weiss alfalfa mill. The broom corn warehouse is to be 160 by 110 by 25 feet high. Work is to start in three weeks and be completed by September in time to store the fall crop.
6. Report of death today of T. G. Parham, a pioneer resident of Wichita. Born in Philadelphia July 26, 1838 and moved to Wichita in 1874.
12. Advertisement with photograph of The Wilson Automobile Company, 118-120 South Lawrence, Buick dealer.

**Saturday, April 11, 1908****page**

6. The ladies of Highland Cemetery association will have a dandelion party at Highland next Tuesday to rid the cemetery of them before they crowd out the blue grass.
  
12. J. H. Williams is getting ready to build two, two story brick veneer apartment houses at 418 and 422 North Market using cottonwood lumber cut from trees on his farm between the rivers on Meridian avenue. The flats will be 32 by 82 feet and each will contain four suites and six rooms.

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5. J. L. Thayer, property owner in this city, today began erection of a two story brick building in second block on North Market adjoining the north side of the building occupied by the Howard Cab company, 232-234 North Market, which Mr. Thayer also owns. He has three lots in the block, 75 by 140 feet. The new building will be 25 by 140 feet, two stories, and cost \$7,000. The second story will be used for living rooms. Messrs. Smith and Wildes, veterinarians, will fit up the first floor room for use as a hospital barn. Mr. Thayer built the Howard livery barn a year ago.

The Kansas Steam Laundry company has purchased the northeast corner lots on English and Market streets and will build a \$10,000 two story brick building there. The new building has been leased for five years to the Schollenberger Brothers Automobile company, which will occupy both floors of the new building. The lots are 50 by 140 feet. The house on the lots will be moved and work on the new building will start within ten days.

**Tuesday, April 14, 1908****page**

5. New metropolitan style blue uniforms were ordered Saturday for Wichita police officers. This style provides for a neat, somewhat tight fitting coat with five buttons. The first button is at the collar while the last extends to the waist line. The police officers are obliged to purchase their own uniforms and the helmets are purchased by the city.
  
6. Missouri Pacific surveyors are today setting stakes for the switch of the Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company's factory and warehouse which is to be built this summer at the corner of 15th and Santa Fe. The switch will be 500 feet long and cost about \$1000. It will be an association track paid for and used jointly by the stock yards association.

**Wednesday, April 15, 1908****page**

5. The last shipment of the 2200 new street signs arrived here Saturday.

6. City council yesterday ordered election May 12 to revote \$30,000 worth of bonds in aid to Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad. Details.

City council yesterday awarded contract for paving thirteen alleys in the business district.

### **Thursday, April 16, 1908**

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5. Friends university board of directors yesterday decided to finish more rooms in the building to provide for the increased number of students. The money will be secured from sale of lots owned by the university all over the city.

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5. The Church of Christ, which now meets in the music hall at 123 North Market, has purchased a lot at corner of 1st and Mathewson and expects to build a chapel there soon.

### **Monday, April 20, 1908**

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1. Two Missouri Pacific engines, Nos. 9609 and 9829, were stolen about 2:00 a.m. today from the coal tracks in the 25th street yards and driven to a point one mile east of Tolerville, northeast of Wichita, where they were stopped and abandoned when a west bound train was seen approaching. Details. No damage done. The men escaped.

### **Wednesday, April 22, 1908**

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6. Article says it must be decided this week whether or not the street railway is to cross the new Douglas avenue bridge. City council to hold public meeting Thursday night to discuss the question. Details.

The Weaver Commission company has moved from 322 North Main to its new quarters in the Truesdale building, 143-145 South Rock Island. Details.

7. C. W. Terry, architect, is working on plans for the addition to St. Francis hospital and will have them in the hands of the contractors within a week. Addition to be three stories above the basement and have new operating rooms. It will be built on the south end of the present building. A handsome new chapel 30 by 72 feet will be located in the rear of the addition.

### **Thursday, April 23, 1908**

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3. The new Eagle building, corner of Market and William, is to be open to the public tonight. Details. Photograph.
5. Board of education yesterday rescinded its previous decision to hold the high school commencement exercises at the Wonderland park coliseum and decided to hold them in

the Crawford theater instead. Members of the class had objected that the park coliseum was an "uncouth" place and unfit for the exercises. (See note in *Beacon* on April 22.)

Cliff Matson is constructing a new home on corner of 10th and Bitting at cost of \$3000. Colonial style with eight rooms.

6. City council met with street car officials yesterday and practically decided that the street railway will not cross the new Douglas avenue bridge. The present street railway bridge will be moved north about 20 feet, with the cost being shared equally by the street car company, city, and county. Details.

### **Friday, April 24, 1908**

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12. Mr. Chubbuck, the new manager of the street railway, has spent several days in Wichita and says that about \$100,000 will be spent for improvements during the coming year. Topeka avenue will be double tracked as the paving is put down and improvements will be made on the hill line at once. Several switches are to be combined to make a double track for a few blocks on South Main street, and with new copper wiring added to the power circuit, will shorten the time to the baseball park by about half.

### **Saturday, April 25, 1908**

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12. Article about Mayor Graham's annual report to the city council last night. Details.

### **Monday, April 27, 1908**

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1. Report of fire last night that destroyed the Root Livery barn at 114-116-118 South Market, opposite the Federal building. One man died and 17 horses killed. Loss estimated \$6-10,000. Details.

### **Tuesday, April 28, 1908**

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1. Contract was let yesterday by August Rosenberger, president of the Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company, for erection of their new broom factory and warehouse at corner of 15th and Santa Fe. To be four story factory building 60 (?) by 117 feet, and ten complete separated warehouses under one roof, with capacity of 1700 tons.
5. February and March were record breaking months for the Wichita street railway company. February broke all records for net earnings, although March showed the greatest gross earnings for any month. During March more cars were used and more miles traversed than in any previous month. The average number of cars used was 22 and the total distance traversed was 118,000 miles.
6. A new Locomobile car was brought to Wichita yesterday by Mr. A. S. Parks. It is a \$6000 beauty and is capable of 65 m.p.h. speed.

**Wednesday, April 29, 1908****page**

1. The jury in the appeal case of J. Hudson McKnight today awarded him \$16,120 for the 6.65 acres of land taken from his tract south of Douglas and west of Grove for the drainage canal. The appraisers had previously awarded him only \$6000 for the land and damages.
3. Article about players on Wichita's Western Association baseball team this year.

**Thursday, April 30, 1908****page**

10. Concrete work on the Douglas avenue bridge was begun this morning.

**Friday, May 1, 1908****page**

5. List of building permits for new homes issued in April, totaling over \$50,000. Also a \$12,000 two story business building on Mosley avenue for Mr. J. H. Jacks.

**Saturday, May 2, 1908****page**

6. Article about many new homes now under construction in Wichita. Says twelve houses are under construction in central Riverside, including one for Judge Alexander. Details. Drawings of six homes, including Judge Alexander's in central Riverside, Coler Sim's on North Lawrence, Dr. Hamilton's on North Topeka, Mr. Eberly's in North Riverside, and Paul Brown's on College Hill.
7. List of officers and committees of the Wichita Automobile Club.

**Monday, May 4, 1908****page**

5. Two miles of feed wire have arrived in the city for the Wichita street railway company. It will be used on the line to the baseball park and will double the power capacity of the line. Superintendent Morrison says the wire will be put up this week.  
  
E. A. Jones has taken the office of city engineer succeeding R. H. Mundevello, who was discharged Saturday by Mayor Graham for undisclosed reasons.

**Tuesday, May 5, 1908****page**

3. As soon as the city completes its work on the Hillside avenue bridge and grading, the Wichita street railway company will begin work on the new car line from Douglas to Central on Hillside avenue.
5. City council yesterday instructed the city engineer to prepare estimate of the cost of a foot

bridge over the Little Arkansas river on Buffoon (sic) (probably Buffum) avenue.

### **Wednesday, May 6, 1908**

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3. The Frisco's first oil burning locomotive to enter Wichita arrived here this morning. It is Mogul type No. 337 (237 ?). All Frisco engines on the Kansas division between Monett, Missouri and Ellsworth will be equipped with oil burners about June 1st. The crude oil is furnished from wells at Neodesha. ¶ The Rock Island is also preparing to substitute oil on its engines.
  
5. City council yesterday discussed proposal to make the new Douglas avenue bridge over the drainage canal 80 feet wide instead of 66 feet wide as specified in the contract, which was previously awarded but not yet signed. Details.  
  
City engineer Bert C. Wells gave bond of \$500 yesterday to guarantee faithful performance of his duties.
  
6. Report of a deal to be made soon for purchase of the two story Zimmerly building at 122 West Douglas by C. L. Davidson for \$30,000, from heirs of M. Zimmerly, who have held the building for over 20 years. It has been occupied for the past fifteen years by the Goldsmith Book and Stationery company.
  
10. A card index system of cataloging books is to be installed at the City Library. Details.

### **Thursday, May 7, 1908**

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6. Report of laying of corner stone of new First Baptist church last evening. Says the church was first organized in a little wooden shack on Main street in the winter of 1872 and now has a membership of 725.

### **Friday, May 8, 1908**

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8. Building permit issued for a new \$15,000 home to be constructed by H. C. Way at 1751 Park Place.  
  
Building permit issued to Robert McVicar for \$3800, eight room house, two story frame, at southeast corner of 13th and Water.  
  
Building permit issued to Kansas Steam Laundry for two story brick building on lots 42-44, South Market street, for \$7000.

### **Saturday, May 9, 1908**

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1. Report of a fire last night at the J. S. Liggett livery stable, 128 South Main, which partially destroyed the building, with loss estimated at \$4000. Details.



**Monday, May 11, 1908****page**

1. List of six livery barn fires in Wichita in past eight weeks -- raises question whether due to arsonist. Details.

**Tuesday, May 12, 1908****page**

3. Grand opening of the new Innes store is to be held Friday. Details.
5. Letter to editor saying that the paving of Market street north to 21st street is being promoted by residents of North Lawrence avenue who now have all the heavy traffic on that street since it was paved.
8. Advertisements listing all railroad timetables in and out of Wichita.

**Wednesday, May 13, 1908****page**

1. The city and county yesterday voted in favor of \$110,000 in bonds in aid of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad. This includes \$30,000 in city bonds and \$80,000 in Sedgwick county bonds. In return the Orient's general car and repair shops are to be built in Wichita. Details. Total vote cost was 5799. Majority for the bonds in city was 2077 (of total 3722 votes) and in the county was 1407.
5. The Dunkards are preparing to build a church on lots 48 and 50 on St. Francis avenue, to be one story and cost \$4000. Building permit obtained today.
6. Charles Southard will build a three story brick business building 125 by 140 feet between 1st and 2nd street on South (sic) Water (probably means North Water). To be used by the Southard and Jackson firm.

**Thursday, May 14, 1908****page**

3. Drawing of 80 foot bridge over drainage canal at Douglas avenue compared with 66 foot bridge.  
  
Map of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad.
10. The Pullman car company is delivering to the Frisco Railroad 25 steel baggage cars which were ordered in February of last year, and these will be followed by six combination mail, baggage, and express cars of similar construction. The baggage cars are 60 feet 9½ inches long and the combination cars 70 feet 1 inch long over the sills. Several of them will be used on passenger trains between St. Louis and Wichita.

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5. The new Innes store opens today. Details.

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13. Full page with photographs about Wonderland Park which opens for its third season on May 23. Says the statuary imported from the St. Louis world's fair are surrounding the Perogollia (sic) at the park. Details.
20. Real estate sales: Julia B. Rouse, trustee, et. al. to Walter F. Metz, April 22, 1908, lots even 44 to 62, Riverside avenue north, Riverside addition.
- 2B. Booster issue  
Advertisement with drawing of Cox-Blodgett Wholesale Dry Goods company, 217-19-21-23 South Market.
- 4B. Advertisement with drawing of Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company.
- 5B. Article describing the large R. W. Weaver Company Poultry ranch on the banks of the Arkansas river on the northwest edge of town. Details.
- 7B. Article describing Arctic Ice and Cold Storage company.
- 10B. Advertisement of O. S. Shirk real estate company with photograph of apartment house just completed in fifth block of North Emporia and also photograph of O. S. Shirk residence at 516 North Lawrence.

**Monday, May 18, 1908****page**

10. Report of death of Mrs. A. H. Fabrique yesterday afternoon at her home, 503 North Lawrence, after three months illness from paralysis. Born in Indiana in 1840 and came to Wichita in 1870. Survived by husband and a daughter, Mrs. George T. Nolley.

**Tuesday, May 19, 1908****page**

3. The Hydro-Carbon Light company, 311-313 North Main street, has purchased from Dr. E. E. Hamilton, the second 50 feet north of the Western Planing Mill company's factory on St. Francis for \$3400 to be used as a site upon which a \$20,000 factory will be erected. The company started in Wichita seven years ago and has outgrown its present quarters. The new building will be 50 by 140 foot and four stories high. ¶ The company was incorporated a year ago with a capital of \$26,000. W. R. Dulaney is president, J. F. Shearman vice-president, and W. C. Coleman, secretary, treasurer, and general manager.

The Missouri Pacific was three switch engines in the yards here: two day engines and one night engine.

5. City council yesterday ordered following street paving:
  - Emporia from 9th to 14th with asphalt.
  - 2nd from Lawrence to Market with brick.
  - Emporia from Douglas to 1st with brick.
  - Central from Lawrence to Market with brick.
  - The canal in 1st from Main to Market with asphalt.
  - 3rd from Market to Lawrence with brick.
  - Elm from Market to Lawrence with brick.

City council yesterday gave the street car company 60 days more time to complete its Hillside car line to Fairmount.

### **Thursday, May 21, 1908**

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6. Plans are being drawn by Terry and Company, architects, for a two story building to be built in first block of North Market on lots 36 and the north six feet of lot 35, next to the building occupied by the Millison Office Supply company by L. S. Naftzger, president of Fourth National bank, and to be occupied by the A. G. Mueller undertaking firm, which is now located at 213 North Main.

### **Friday, May 22, 1908**

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3. Drawing of the P. J. Conklin home on North Waco, which was originally the Munger home, and which the Daughters of the Revolution are proposing to buy and preserve.

### **Saturday, May 23, 1908**

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1. Drawing of Wichita booster train with sunflower design on front of locomotive. It left here last Sunday afternoon and returns to Wichita tonight.
3. Article urging the preservation of the old Munger home (see above). Gives history of the place. The price on the property is \$14,000, which includes the house and the 210 feet of land adjoining.
6. Do the trustees of Maple Grove cemetery company own and control the unsold lots in Highland cemetery? Or does the Highland Cemetery company own and control these lots? These questions may have to be decided by the courts. ¶ Meeting of lot owners of Highland cemetery last night elected a new board of trustees. Details.

### **Monday, May 25, 1908**

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8. Advertisement for the Air Dome theater, corner Emporia and William.
12. Building permit was issued Saturday for the new \$35,000 factory and warehouse of the Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company, to be erected on northeast corner of 15th

and Santa Fe.

Article reports death today of old settler, Henry Smith, at his home, 2704 East 9th street. Says he founded the Highland cemetery. He was owner of the land west of Hillside and between 9th and 13th streets. He platted the southeast corner of this land and started the cemetery, which was sold to the Maple Grove cemetery company some ten or twelve years ago. Is survived by wife and seven children.

## **Tuesday, May 26, 1908**

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7. Tipton Cox, of the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company, today purchased the J. Oak Davidson residence at 1001 Buffum avenue for \$25,000. Mr. and Mrs. Cox will take possession in about six weeks after redecorating the interior. ¶ The house is built of beautiful Colorado lava stone. ¶ Mr. Davidson disposed of the property because he expected to be in the east much of his time. He remains president of the United Gas company and the Edison Electric Light and Power company and will make Wichita his home.

## **Thursday, May 28, 1908**

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3. Work has started on the foundation for the new addition to the Masonic Home. To be three stories, directly south of the present main building, and cost about \$25,000.
5. Report of commencement exercises of the twenty-eighth class of the Wichita High School at the Crawford last evening. Eighty-three members in the class. Details.
10. Drawing of the J. Oak Davidson home in Riverside, which was purchased this week by Tipton Cox for \$25,000.

Report of twenty-first annual commencement of the Lewis academy this morning. Details.

N. W. Longnecker asked the district court today for an injunction to stop the moving of the street car bridge north out of the way of the new Douglas avenue bridge, saying that he owns a livery barn near the west end of the bridge and that moving the bridge would injure his property.

## **Friday, May 29, 1908**

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9. The Wichita Business college will move from the Wall building to new quarters in the Cone-Cornell building at corner of Lawrence and William. ¶ The Pioneer Shirt company, now occupying the quarters in the Cone-Cornell building, will move to the new Keene building at corner of Market and 1st streets. It will move there next month.
12. The enlarged Kress store opened its doors to the public yesterday. It is enlarged to double its original size.

John Wenzel has taken out building permit for a two story brick apartment house at northeast corner of Waterman and Market, to cost \$14,000.

**Monday, June 1, 1908****page**

4. Article says foundation has been built by the Dunkards for a mission chapel at the corner of 11th and St. Francis and the frame is about to be raised. The Dunkards now have a church on 15th street and about 100 members. The chapel will cost about \$4000, of which \$2500 is on hand.

**Wednesday, June 3, 1908****page**

1. Article says a four story brick business building is to be built by Arthur Paulline on the 100 foot front at 117-19-21 South Lawrence. The site is at present occupied by a restaurant, a residence, and a "two percent joint." Work is to begin September 1. The site is just next to the three story Cone-Cornell building and is across the alley from the two story Means building, which faces on Douglas avenue.
6. The new Cookson drug store at 312 East Douglas will open tomorrow. Details.

**Thursday, June 4, 1908****page**

1. The Rorabaugh Dry Goods company plans to rebuild the Ross building on Main street in which its store is located. An entire new front will be put in. It will be 75 feet and include the room now occupied by Steele hardware. The Rorabaugh company will move into the Ferrell building, formerly occupied by the Innes Dry Goods company, right away and remain there five months while the Ross building is being repaired.
6. Report of plans for St. Stephen's church, a new episcopal church, to be built at 1st and New York avenue. Details.
7. Drawing of the proposed new Mentholatum building on corner of Cleveland and Douglas avenues. Architect is U. G. Charles.

**Saturday, June 6, 1908****page**

7. Report of plans of W. J. Stevens to build a three story brick building at 223 North Main for \$15,000. To be of mottled gray brick with Carthage stone trimmings. Lower floor will be occupied by Mr. Stevens' feed store. Plans have been drawn by C. W. Terry.
12. Fire Marshal Walden has purchased two new horses for the Wichita fire department. Details.

**Monday, June 8, 1908****page**

5. The Merchants' State bank and the Wichita State bank were consolidated this morning and will be known as the Merchants' State bank. Business will continue at the Merchants' State bank building on corner of Douglas and Emporia.
8. Long article describing the Scottish Rite Temple and its new addition. Details.
12. The Fourth National bank has taken over the business of the National Bank of Wichita. Details.

Report of death at her home in Los Angeles, of Mrs. Mary Dulaney Johnston, widow of the late William Wylie Johnston, founder of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods house. Survived by three sons and four daughters. Sons are Charles, William and Walter. Daughters are Mrs. Alfred Cooper, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Edwin Daniels, of Indianapolis, Mrs. David V. Walker, of Wichita, and Miss Lillie Johnston. Was born in Baltimore in 1833, married William W. Johnston in 1858, and moved to Wichita in 1885 and lived here until her husband's death in 1904.

## **Tuesday, June 9, 1908**

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1. Report of formal dedication last night of the new Scottish Rite temple and consistory building addition. Details.
3. Article reports residences valued at over \$75,000 are under construction or soon to be built in Riverside, which area has shown a wonderful improvement in past year. List includes two story, nine room house for W. M. Ramsdale, colonial style, at corner of Wiley and Park avenues, cost \$4500; \$3000 residence for W. A. Ayres, county attorney, across the avenue from Governor Stanley's; \$4000 residence just completed for J. E. Alexander on corner of Wiley and Franklin, \$4000 residence, two story and ten rooms, for J. E. Farrell, deputy register of deeds, at Pearce and 11th streets; \$5000 residence for Eugene Kelly, of Kelly Grain company, on Riverside avenue between Wiley and Nims; \$4500 residence for C. R. Hildebrand at Spalding and Franklin; and others (listed).
4. Article describing new four story building to be erected on lot recently purchased at corner of 1st and Market by the Wichita Commercial club. Details.
5. Report of organization yesterday of the Wichita Gun club, with 52 charter members. Details.
7. The wagons and horses of fire department No. 1 station moved into the new central fire station this morning. Old No. 1 station will be at the central entrance of the new building, old No. 2 at the left, and on the right will be the chief's buggy, the police patrol, and the police department's buggy. This will total eight wagons and sixteen horses in the new building.

## **Thursday, June 11, 1908**

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1. Photograph by Harry Pottenger of the new Scottish Rite dedicatory class of 529 members.

**Friday, June 12, 1908****page**

5. A petition is being circulated to pave Douglas avenue from Hydraulic to the top of College Hill.
7. Contract let yesterday for new building being built in first block of North Market by L. S. Naftzger for occupancy by the A. G. Mueller undertaking company. To be completed by October 1.

**Saturday, June 13, 1908****page**

8. Two carloads of rails were shipped to the Wichita Railroad and Light company from Joliet on June 6. Superintendent Morrison says the 800 foot of double track planned for the South Main street line will be installed with the arrival of the rails. A long switch from 17th to 18th street on the North Market street line will also be installed. As soon as the grading is completed at the Hillside crossing, the company will be ready to commence work in that place.

**Monday, June 15, 1908****page**

9. The first active move by the Wichita street railway company towards construction of the Hillside avenue car line from Douglas to Central came Saturday afternoon when ties were unloaded -- several carloads. ¶ The cement culvert at 3rd street and Hillside is just about completed. Graders have almost finished grading Hillside from 3rd to 2nd street and are now working from 3rd street to Central avenue. Hillside is closed from 2nd to Central.
12. Work started this morning on the bridge over the drainage canal on Douglas avenue, being built by the Canton Bridge company. It will probably be completed in September. Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company said today that work would commence in a few days on the temporary street car bridge over the canal. It is to be located where the temporary wagon bridge was south of the street. This bridge was washed away recently.

**Tuesday, June 16, 1908****page**

10. Judge Thomas C. Wilson has denied the petition of Dr. N. W. Longnecker for an injunction against the Wichita Railroad and Light company, the city of Wichita, and Sedgwick county moving the street car bridge and track north of its present location at the west end of the Douglas avenue bridge. The case is to be appealed to the supreme court.

Another big broom corn warehouse is to be built Wichita by Mr. J. H. Hockett for \$40,000. To be of brick, four stories, 100 by 170 feet, south of the Frisco "Y" on Central

avenue.

**Saturday, June 20, 1908****page**

8. Article says the Kansas Pure Alfalfa Milling company, which was incorporated January 28, will build a three story building, frame covered with corrugated iron, at 14th street and Santa Fe avenue, between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks, on lots 400 by 100 feet purchased from the Seright Broom Corn company. The main building will be 50 by 100 feet with a track front of 100 feet, with the remainder of the land devoted to warehouses. Details.

**Monday, June 22, 1908****page**

4. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, at corner of Maple and Martinson. ¶ Sunday school department.

**Tuesday, June 23, 1908****page**

3. Drawing of the new Carnegie Library under construction at Fairmount college.

**Wednesday, June 24, 1908****page**

10. A deal has been closed whereby the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company will permanently occupy the Ferrell building, which was recently vacated by the Innes company. With the 50 feet of the Ferrell building this will give the company 100 foot front by 140 foot depth and three stories. The interior of the Ferrell building will be remodeled and the dividing wall between it and the present building will be removed.

**Thursday, June 25, 1908****page**

5. The temporary street car bridge across the drainage canal on Douglas avenue has been completed and was put in use today.
6. Excavation for the new addition to St. Francis hospital has been completed and workmen are now laying foundations.
10. Real estate transfer: J. O. Davidson to Tipton Cox, June 24, 1908, Reserve B, Riverside addition, for \$25,000.

**Saturday, June 27, 1908****page**

4. A club house is being fitted up in one of the old Burton car works structures for the "Amwaco" club, composed of employes of the American Warehouse Company.
6. J. O. Davidson has purchased a six cylinder Franklin automobile from the Wilson



Automobile company for \$4200. The machine arrived Thursday from the factory. Mr. Davidson's former machine was a Haynes.

7. Full page with photograph describing completion of the new Keene Building on corner of 1st and Market streets. Erected by Coler L. Sim and named in honor of the many citizens of Keene, New Hampshire, who for many years have shown faith in Wichita by large investments here. Building is 50 by 150, two stories, on southeast corner. Erection was started shortly after the panic of 1907. Mr. Sim first came to Wichita in 1885. Second floor to be occupied by the Keene European hotel, with 26 sleeping apartments. Various businesses on ground floor (listed) including Dulaney and Johnston on the corner. Details.
8. Grading of Hillside between Douglas and Central is almost complete, and the street car company will be able to begin laying track early next week.

### **Monday, June 29, 1908**

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4. M. A. McClellan is planning to build a three story brick building in the sixth block on East Douglas costing \$10-14,000. To be on north side adjoining the Haymaker building, now under construction. To be 25 foot front.
9. Plans are being prepared for a new three story brick building on lots 131 and 133, North Main street. Mr. J. H. Black, who owns the lots, will build the 50 foot building, just north of the Ferrell building, formerly occupied by the Innes company. He hopes to lease it to the Walker Dry Goods company. C. W. Terry is architect.
12. The interior of the Crawford theater, owned by L. M. Crawford, is to be redecorated. Details.

### **Tuesday, June 30, 1908**

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5. Superintendent Morrison reported that two of the new trailer cars for the Wichita Railroad and Light company were shipped last Thursday and two more last Saturday. They should arrive here by tomorrow. They are of an open top variety, with canvas tops which may be removed as desired. They will be used on the line to the ball park and for summer rides and parties.
6. Contract for the new Mentholatum building at Cleveland and Douglas has been awarded to the Wurster Construction company. Work will begin within a few days.
10. R. O. Rodolph today sold his wholesale plumbing business to the Crane company, of Kansas City. The company is located at 133-135 North Water.

### **Wednesday, July 1, 1908**

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2. Article about new YMCA building with drawing and details.

**Thursday, July 2, 1908****page**

3. Building permits issued in June included one for a three story brick building to be erected by Mrs. Dodds on East Douglas.
6. The four new trailer cars ordered by the Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived in the city last evening. They are brand new canopy top affairs and cost \$4400. The cars will be tried over the lines this afternoon.

**Friday, July 3, 1908****page**

6. The new YMCA building will open its doors to the public next Monday and Tuesday.

**Monday, July 6, 1908****page**

8. The Free Kindergarten board will hold a charity trolley party Wednesday evening to raise funds. The ladies have been given the use of the new trailer cars for the occasion by Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. The two hour round trip will leave Main and Douglas at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and will cost 25¢.
12. A street car in West Wichita was derailed Saturday afternoon when it struck the switch at Sycamore street.

**Tuesday, July 7, 1908****page**

6. City council yesterday ordered paving of East Douglas from Hydraulic to the street car loop on College Hill with brick.

All *Beacon* employes will be given a trolley ride this evening in the new trailer cars of Wichita Railroad and Light company.

**Wednesday, July 8, 1908****page**

6. Report of the *Beacon's* trolley car party last evening. Motorman was Amos Grable and pilot was A. J. Crow. Charles Dunn and L. M. Bowers were conductors. ¶ The new trailer cars could not visit Wonderland park, as they are too long to turn on the Wonderland loop.

**Friday, July 10, 1908****page**

1. Report that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge plans to build a new building in first block on Tremont avenue on the 75 feet of ground across the alley from Carey hotel.

**Saturday, July 11, 1908****page**

6. The Betton Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the North End, yesterday let contract for erection of a new lodge building at corner of Lawrence and 18th streets at cost of \$20,000. Building to be 50 by 140 feet, brick with Carthage stone trimmings, and two stories. Ground floor will be used for business houses, with the Stock Yards State bank in the corner room. Details.

**Monday, July 13, 1908****page**

5. Street car No. 164 with motorman C. E. Gear and conductor Don Hayworth struck and killed an 80 year old deaf man residing at the Masonic home this morning. Details.

**Tuesday, July 14, 1908****page**

5. Report on the growth of College Hill and plans for a number of fine new residences there. Details.
6. Special work on East Douglas avenue for the laying of the track on Hillside avenue was commenced by the Wichita Railroad and Light company today and the ties have been placed in the center of the street. The stretch of double track on South Main street has been completed.

Work will be commenced at once on the \$65,000 addition to the Wichita postoffice today.

**Saturday, July 18, 1908****page**

1. Two alfalfa feed mills are to be erected here in the next few months. One with capacity of 25 tons per day will be located in buildings of the old Burton car works. The second, with capacity of ten tons per day, is now under construction by A. H. and L. A. Ottoway on the spur leading from the main line of the Santa Fe to the Burton car works.
5. The West Wichita Commercial club has passed a resolution calling for an extension of the street railway to Mt. Carmel and the Kansas Sanitarium. Details.
6. Street cars operated on the new Hillside avenue line yesterday for the first time, although the track is not entirely completed yet. It is completed from near 1st street to Central avenue. The line from Douglas to Central on Rutan avenue has been torn up, so passengers from Fairmount must walk from near 1st street to Douglas avenue to transfer to the College Hill line. The two and a half blocks of track has been laid in just a day or two.

**Monday, July 20, 1908****page**

6. Building permit issued today to the Houck Hardware company for a new plate glass front and a two story brick addition to the rear of the building extending to the alley line, to cost

\$3500. The building was built by I. M. Houck in 1873 and occupied by him with his hardware store, and since his death the hardware company occupying the building has continued to carry his name. The building is owned by Mrs. I. M. Houck. To be completed by October 1st.

**Tuesday, July 21, 1908****page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance limiting speed of autos and motorcycles to four m.p.h. at corner of Main and Douglas.

City council yesterday ordered paving of Lawrence avenue from 13th street to 14th street with asphalt.

**Wednesday, July 22, 1908****page**

3. The Fairmount pumping station, at 14th and Tyler, has added a second pump and will pump water to College Hill along with the main pumping station, thereby improving the water pressure on College Hill.
6. Comment by conductor of street car No. 149 about the large variety of things people leave behind on street cars -- one woman even started to leave her baby behind once.
10. The Union Stock Yards company took over the active management of the Exchange hotel within the yards yesterday.

**Friday, July 24, 1908****page**

5. Professor Zenrah, the aeronaut, will make two balloon ascensions and parachute drops at Wonderland park Saturday and Sunday night.

**Monday, July 27, 1908****page**

5. The Dunkards held their first evening meeting last night at the new chapel on corner of 11th and St. Francis. The chapel is not yet completed.
8. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas (sic) Bell Telephone company yesterday purchased 25 feet of ground on Market street adjoining their present location and will soon erect a two story brick building to enlarge their plant. Cost was \$3200.

**Wednesday, July 29, 1908****page**

6. Article about the Waco avenue United Brethren church, which will dedicate its new chapel at 11th and Waco Sunday.
7. City council yesterday ordered paving of Topeka from 13th to 14th and 12th street from

Lawrence to Emporia (the latter with asphalt).

8. City council yesterday decided to change the names of Tremont street and Lafayette avenue from Douglas south to the city limits. The name of the street is to be St. Francis from north limits to south limits of the city.
10. The new Hillside avenue street car line to Fairmount is almost completed and in the next few days the residents of Fairmount are planning a big trolley party to dedicate the new line.

#### **Thursday, July 30, 1908**

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5. List of building permits issued in July.

#### **Friday, July 31, 1908**

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5. Joseph Mottle, who for the past year has been actively engaged with S. G. Humphreys in management of the Carey hotel, has sold his interest in the hotel to H. G. Humphreys, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, who is a son of S. G. Humphreys and will engage with his father in the management of the business here. The Carey will also return to the American plan for the dining room after a six months trial of the European plan, beginning tomorrow.

#### **Saturday, August 1, 1908**

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8. Building permit issued today to Fred Bissantz for enlargement of his building at 414 East Douglas by a two story addition costing \$800.

#### **Monday, August 3, 1908**

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4. The new Wichita State savings bank opened its doors today at 215 East Douglas.
5. Work on the new concrete canal bridge on East Douglas is progressing. The piling has all been placed and the studding has been laid across the center piles.
7. Work started today on moving the street car bridge further north to make way for the new Douglas avenue bridge across the Arkansas river. For some time pilings have been driven to the north of the old street car bridge and this morning all was in readiness to shift the whole track northward. This work will require three or four days, and in the meantime the West Wichita people will have to transfer on either side and walk across.

#### **Wednesday, August 5, 1908**

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3. A large two story frame residence is under construction opposite the ladies' cottage at corner of 16th and Holyoke and will be the future home of Dr. H. E. Thayer, the new president of Fairmount college. It is placed on a solid rock basement, the rock shipped in

from Augusta.

7. A grotto of "Our Lady of Lourdes" is being constructed at Mt. Carmel academy at cost of \$1000. It is to be located at the north end of the academy building.

#### **Thursday, August 6, 1908**

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5. Article reports on a test trip to Fairmount by a reporter last evening to Fairmount and return on car No. 133. At Hillside she changed from College Hill car 133 to Fairmount car No. 109. The return trip from Fairmount was on car No. 115, which came through to the city with no transfer, but at Hillside and Douglas a conductor boarded the car (which had been operated by motormen only from Fairmount to that point). The reporter went to the South Main loop and there took Riverside car No. 178, changing at Main and Douglas to Stock Yards car No. 176, returning on south bound Stock Yards car No. 180. Then changed to southbound Riverside car no. 132. Details. Critical article with many comments about conduct of motormen and conductors.
6. Kansas Milling Company's 25 car flour train for export to Glasgow and London left yesterday over Missouri Pacific for New Orleans. It was photographed by L. G. Whittier, commercial photographer.

#### **Friday, August 7, 1908**

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8. The Northern building will be one of the most handsomely equipped in the city when the improvements presently being made are completed. It is to have the first "boyless" elevator in Wichita. Details.
12. The Webster building will be used for high school students during the coming year, allowing just one session instead of two, as was the case during the last two years. The Webster grade school students will be compelled to attend the nearest school to their homes.

#### **Saturday, August 8, 1908**

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3. There are now more than 8000 ticket holders at the city library.
9. The German-American club has purchased from William Skinner five acres of ground northeast of the city as a site for a German park and club house, to be known as "Germania park." It is about two blocks east of the Missouri Pacific roundhouse, north of 21st street and west of Hydraulic avenue, shaded with hedge fences and groves of walnut trees. Chisholm creek purses a circuitous course through the grove.

#### **Monday, August 10, 1908**

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7. A large "sky" electric sign is being installed on the top of the United Electric company's

building on North Water street.

9. The new YMCA building was opened to the public this morning.

### **Tuesday, August 11, 1908**

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4. At city council yesterday W. M. Leonard asked that the street railway company be required to move its loop at Main and St. Francis (?) as it caused persons to drive over his curb and parking. Granted.
5. Supreme Court ruling on school law means that Wichita's two new ward schools (at 3rd and Athenian in West Wichita, and west of Riverside park) and new high school cannot be built this year. Details.

### **Saturday, August 15, 1908**

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6. Ground was broken this week for a one story gymnasium building at Fairmount college, 50 by 70 feet, to be located halfway between the main college building and the athletic field. It is intended to be a temporary building for use until money can be raised for a permanent one.
10. The new 150 yard switch on the Stock Yards car line between 17th and 18th streets was finished yesterday.

### **Monday, August 17, 1908**

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7. List of statistics from Wichita city school report for the last term, as prepared by Superintendent R. F. Knight. High school enrollment was 713 -- 241 boys and 472 girls --with average daily attendance of 621. Details.
12. Contract let Saturday for \$32,000 addition to Dold packing plant.

### **Wednesday, August 19, 1908**

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5. H. E. Chubbuck, of Ottawa, Illinois, and W. H. Chambers, of Champaign, Illinois (assistant treasurer), officers of the McKinley syndicate of which the Wichita street railway is a part, will pay an inspection visit to Wichita this week.

### **Friday, August 21, 1908**

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9. Interview with H. B. Chubbuck, general manager of McKinley syndicate, in Wichita to inspect the street railway, along with W. H. Carnahan, assistant treasurer of the syndicate, and E. W. Hendershot, of Champaign, Illinois, has made appropriation of nearly \$50,000 for their work on Topeka avenue, but this cannot be spent until the pavement is decided upon.

**Saturday, August 22, 1908****page**

6. Advertisement announcing opening of Southwestern Electric Company at 123 North Market. Says they charge 40¢ per hour for wire work, as against 60¢ prevailing price.
  
12. Contract has been signed for erection of a four story warehouse by Swift and Company, of Kansas City, on two lots lying on west side of Rock Island avenue between the Mahan Supply company's property and the building of the Arctic Ice and Cold Storage company. Building being constructed by C. W. Southward, of Wichita, and has been leased to Swift for five years. To be 51 by 120 feet, with front on Rock Island avenue, and rear abutting on the Rock Island tracks. To cost \$15,000, and will be used for poultry and produce cold storage, packing, and shipping, plus feeding pens for chickens on the top floor.

Article about opening of the Southwestern Electric company retail store at 123 North Market. This company is organized and controlled by the United Electric company.

W. G. Layle has leased the three story building now under construction at 610-612 East Douglas from J. N. Haymaker, and will operate a new 50 room hotel there.

**Monday, August 24, 1908****page**

3. Drawing of the boathouse and landings on the Little river at Murdock avenue

**Tuesday, August 25, 1908****page**

5. The 3rd street bridge over the canal was completed this week. When the canal was built and bridges planned, none was provided for at 3rd street, but because of the need the engineering department has built a pile bridge which will serve temporarily. Work of opening and grading 3rd street from Hydraulic to Hillside was commenced this morning.
  
7. Report of laying of corner stone yesterday for new building of Betton lodge of International Order of Odd Fellows at 18th and Lawrence. Details.

**Wednesday, August 26, 1908****page**

10. The Wichita Railroad and Light company is preparing to lay a new street car switch on Maple street.

**Thursday, August 27, 1908****page**

1. Fire of questionable origin partly destroyed the Liggett livery barn at 114 South Main last night, with loss of about \$3000. Sixty head of horses and most of the vehicles were saved. The same livery barn had previously been damaged by fire on May 8 this year.
  
5. Contract has been let for the new Black building on lots 127 and 129 North Main street.



for \$43,000. To be three stories, of yellow brick with Carthage stone trimmings, and will be occupied by the Walker Dry Goods company.

10. During last night's severe thunderstorm the trolley on the Riverside line broke and the line was dead for over an hour, a West Side car was derailed at the east end of the street car bridge, the lights were burned out in one South Main street car and the motor of another car was put out of working order.

### **Friday, August 28, 1908**

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9. Drawing of the new John Wenzel apartment house at corner of Market and Waterman streets.

The residents of Fairmount will celebrate the laying of the new Hillside line with a trolley party tonight on guests of Superintendent Morrison, who will place two large cars at the party's disposal.

### **Saturday, August 29, 1908**

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4. The Ponca City Tent and Awning Company, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, will move its factory to Wichita this fall. Details.
12. The new trailer cars will be put into regular service for the first time tonight by the Wichita Railroad and Light company. Superintendent Morrison says he will make a trial of these cars for the accommodation of the Saturday night crowds on the Stock Yards and Topeka avenue lines tonight. If satisfactory, they will be used on those lines every Saturday night for the remainder of the summer.

### **Monday, August 31, 1908**

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1. Article discussing the advisability of putting in a new street between Douglas and 1st street, from Market street to St. Francis. Details.
8. Map showing the new ward and precinct boundaries in Wichita -- number of precincts increased from sixteen to 22.
12. List of building permits issued this month. Includes one story house at 1020 Pierce (sic) for Kate Wall for \$1600 and two story house for W. A. Ayres in Riverside for \$3150.

### **Tuesday, September 1, 1908**

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2. Kansas population is now 1,656,799. Sedgwick county showed the largest increase, of 3961, and is now third in the state with 59,888, following Wyandotte (111,316) and Montgomery (60,566).

**Wednesday, September 2, 1908****page**

1. Article reports the squabble between lot owners of Highland cemetery and management of Maple Grove cemetery appears to have been settled. After a financial account, the two cemeteries will be run separately by separate associations. Details.

**Thursday, September 3, 1908****page**

1. Riverside district will soon ask the city council to order a sanitary sewer for that part of the city. The district has grown rapidly in the last five years and is now thickly populated and in need of city improvements.
6. Full page article and advertisement (?) for Fairmount college, with photographs. Details.
7. Two gangs of track layers are now working on the Orient Railroad in Texas, one south from the Red river and the other north from Benjamin, Texas. The track is completed and trains are now running 270 miles from Wichita to Elmer, Texas, and 100 miles between Benjamin and Sweetwater, Texas.

**Friday, September 4, 1908****page**

8. Report from Fairmount resident describes the Fairmount trolley ride last Friday evening, August 28. Three cars were brought up -- two were filled at the Congregational church and one at the residence of Mr. Fred Aley. One of the cars was a double length trailer car (probably loaded at the church because unable to turn on the loop ?).

**Tuesday, September 8, 1908****page**

5. With the opening of the school year at Fairmount college tomorrow, street cars will begin giving a 20 minute service to Fairmount from Main street.

**Wednesday, September 9, 1908****page**

5. City council yesterday let contract for paving East Douglas avenue with brick from Hydraulic to Roosevelt avenue. Bid was \$1.97 for coal burned brick with asphalt filler plus 45¢ a yard for excavating.
7. City council voted to buy the five lots in Hamilton park previously deeded to the city by Mr. Hamilton for use for park purposes only, during his lifetime. Mr. Hamilton will sell the lots, worth about \$15,000, to the city for \$1000, just what he paid for them in 1891. Mr. Hamilton is now in California.

**Saturday, September 12, 1908****page**

1. City council recently asked the Wichita Water company to place a price on its plant and

yesterday was told the selling price would be \$1,077,449.80 plus cost of any improvements or extensions made after May 1, 1908. This was considerably higher than expected. Details.

6. Aeronaut, Cliff Briggs, of this city made balloon ascension from Wonderland park Thursday night, but last night as he was preparing to ascend, his balloon caught fire and was burned.

### **Friday, September 18, 1908**

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12. The drainage canal bridge (on East Douglas) will be finished soon. Dr. Taylor said he drove over the bridge today.

### **Saturday, September 19, 1908**

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5. Article about attempts to repair Sullivan's dam so that it will divert water to flow through the drainage canal.
6. Article lists enrollment so far in individual Wichita schools compared with same time last year. Fairmount college has 262 (215 in 1907) and Friends university 250 (200). Mt. Carmel academy 150 (125) and Lewis academy 126 (126.) High school has 680 (679). Riverside not listed. Total for public schools is 7889 (6722 last year).
7. Article about plans for a new theater on South Lawrence to be erected by Arthur Paulline and leased by L. M. Miller. Plans drawn by well known Kansas City theater architect, Carl Boller. Front of building to be grey brick trimmed in stone. Seating capacity 1200. Will cost \$40,000. L. M. Miller will move here from Lincoln, Nebraska. Work is to begin at once. To be opened February 1st.
12. P. B. Dilday, of Dilday and Bretch, has bought the Otto Weiss building on South Santa Fe. He will build a second story of the building and then lease it to the Alfalfa Stock Food company. Building is 50 by 100 feet. Price was \$15,000. Mr. Weiss retains his two story building adjoining this on the south.

### **Tuesday, September 22, 1908**

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5. H. E. Chubbuck has been appointed general manager of the Illinois Traction company, the largest interurban railway system in the world. He will retain his office as general manger of the Western Railways and Light properties in Illinois and Kansas, which includes the Wichita Railroad and Light company.
7. City council yesterday decided to have a wagon and foot bridge built over the drainage canal at 15th street at estimated cost of \$496.90.

City engineer estimated it will cost the street railway company \$27,103 to pave its right-

of-way on North Topeka avenue.

### **Wednesday, September 23, 1908**

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5. Article says contract signed with Roy Knobenshue for a daily flight of his famous airship at the Peerless Prophets Jubilee, beginning Monday, October 12, for total of \$2500 for the five flights.
6. The city this morning started building the new bridge across the drainage canal at 15th street.

Work started today on moving the wooden building from 226 North Lawrence avenue, on which site Mrs. E. B. Colvin, of 248 North Lawrence, will build a three story, 36 room, rooming house in the near future.

### **Thursday, September 24, 1908**

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3. Drawing of a block in Central Riverside where seven cottages are under construction, costing \$1500 to \$2000 each. One block north, Eugene Kelley is just completing a \$5000 modern cottage.
10. O. D. Barnes is having plans built for a new three story brick apartment house immediately north of his residence at corner of Lawrence and 3rd street.

Total attendance at Association park ball game during past season was 52,944 including 29,472 in the grandstand. Was about 15,000 less than in 1907, but net profit was \$6693.29. Other statistics.

A. G. Mueller, undertaker, has moved into his new building at 142-144 North Market from 213 North Main.

### **Friday, September 25, 1908**

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1. Fairmount college has bought eight lots adjoining its property, at southeast corner of 17th and Fairmount (lots 2-16 even, Fairmount avenue, Fairmount addition) as a site for a new science hall. Cost was \$800.
5. Fairmount Congregational church yesterday decided to build a new church to take the place of the present brick building which has been used ever since the founding of the church.

Contract let for three story apartment house at 228 North Emporia to be built for Misses Minnie and Lula Kelly for about \$15,000.

### **Tuesday, September 29, 1908**

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1. List of building permits issued in September.
10. The Orient railway Sunday laid a track along the east side of Mosley avenue three blocks south of Douglas avenue to Hunter avenue, tearing up a sidewalk to do so, but saying their franchise to use Mosley avenue permitted this.

**Wednesday, September 30, 1908****page**

1. Albert Pike Lodge plans to build a new lodge room in an addition adjacent to the main Scottish Rite Temple building on 1st street. Architect: U. G. Charles. To cost \$10,000.
6. The Orient Railroad has been completed from Wichita to Chillicothe, Texas, 290 miles.

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10. Parrott and Son have just completed the interior decoration of the most elaborate play house in this area, the Marple.

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7. Drawing of J. H. Williams' new apartment building at 420-22 North Market.

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26. Booster issue with articles about various businesses, for Peerless Prophet Jubilee, Wichita's fortieth anniversary.
26. Photograph of Morton-Simmons Hardware company.
32. Article about William Mathewson, with photograph.  
  
Drawing of American Hat and Dye Works, 115 North Emporia.
33. Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company plan addition to their building at 217-23 South Market.  
Drawing of building with addition.

**Thursday, October 8, 1908****page**

5. Letter from J. R. Mead disagreeing with some facts about early Wichita as stated in yesterday's articles regarding William Mathewson. ¶ "The county was surveyed in the summer of 1867. I took my claim, bounded by what is now Lawrence, Central, Washington, and Douglas avenues, in the summer of 1868. It was a piece of wild unoccupied prairie. Not a dozen claims had been taken in the county at that time, and those were along the river where there was wood and water. No one wanted a piece of open prairie. ¶ During 1867, 1868, 1869 to the spring of 1870, Mr. Mathewson was in

the employ of the government at his trading post at the Kiowa and Comanche agency six miles from Ft. Sill. I was here supplying him with goods in 1868 and 1869 and attending to transportation. All this time the quarter section adjoining mine on the east laid vacant, so in the latter part of July 1869 I staked and held it for Mr. Mathewson and made the necessary improvements to hold it for him, which at that time consisted of a notice of location written on a board stuck in the ground, four logs laid as a foundation, breaking half an acre of ground, and registering a notice with Mr. D. S. Munger of the Munger hotel, who kept records of all claims taken, was postmaster, hotel keeper, etc. Mr. Mathewson knew nothing of my taking the claim for him until I wrote him later. ¶ Now about the log house being the first house built in Wichita. Mr. Mathewson came up over the Chisholm trail in the spring of 1870 from his trading post at Ft. Sill, bought a set of hewed logs up the Little river, moved them onto his claim, and made a comfortable home for his family, whose residence was at Topeka. How could his carpenters have helped build the Munger house when that hotel had been completed and open to the public for eighteen months at that time? There was also the Buck Horn (sic) tavern, a number of stores and other places of business in the town of Wichita, about a mile distant from the Mathewson claim (latter bounded by present day Washington, Central, Hydraulic, and Douglas avenues)." Says he has been doing business on the site of Wichita since 1863.

**Friday, October 9, 1908****page**

5. City council has accepted the new bridge across the drainage canal on Douglas avenue.

**Saturday, October 10, 1908****page**

9. The Wichita Trunk Factory, which has been doing business for some time at 319 East Douglas, was incorporated today with capital of \$25,000. Incorporators listed.
12. Advertisement says Bronston Clothing and Shoe company will move Monday, October 12 from 422 East Douglas to 402 East Douglas.

**Monday, October 12, 1908****page**

4. Building permit issued Saturday for an addition to the Masonic temple at 1st and Topeka, for \$8000, to be 12 by 50 feet and two stories high, on north side of the temple.
8. Report of death Saturday of an early settler, John McCormick, who came here in 1870 from Topeka and took up a homestead west of the river and built his home where it now stands at 1007 South Seneca. His claim lay west of Seneca and south of McCormick avenue, which was named in his honor. Was born in Henry county, Iowa in 1842. Survived by wife, one son and three daughters, all residents of Wichita.

**Tuesday, October 13, 1908****page**

1. The day was too windy yesterday, so no attempt was made to fly the Roy Knobenshue

airship.

Report of Peerless Prophets Jubilee events yesterday.

5. Report of death of Cash Henderson, pioneer Wichita dry goods merchant, this morning at his home, 815 South Emporia, at age 64, from cirrhosis of the liver. Had been ailing two years. Was born May 2, 1884 at Weston, New York, and came to Wichita in spring of 1873. On arriving here he began business with the Cohn Brothers Dry Goods company on northeast corner of Main and Douglas. Later he purchased the Larimer and Stinson dry goods store at 130 and 132 North Main, and was proprietor there until he secured the store at 119 and 121 North Main, where Rorabaugh's is now located. He sold his store to that company seven years ago. He is survived by his wife and three children, Anita, Barbara, and Cash, Jr.

Report of dedication last Sunday of the new church of the Waco avenue United Brethren congregation, built at cost of \$4000. This mission started three years ago in an old hall on Murdock avenue. Details.

J. H. Rhoades has purchased the three story building at 220 North Main from Calvin H. Hettinger for \$12,000. Ground floor is occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine company and the upper floors are used by the Keystone Hotel.

The Wichita street car company put a force of men to work this morning building a loop at the end of the Fairmount line. This will be finished by noon tomorrow. Heretofore the motorman has had to swing the trolley at the end of the line. ¶ Cars ran over the new bridge over the canal on East Douglas yesterday afternoon for first time. The company changed the line from the temporary bridge to the permanent one in four hours.

The Scott E. Winne property, including the Winne homestead built by William Griffenstein at 10th and Jefferson streets and remodeled by Mr. Winne a few years ago at a cost of \$25,000, is to be sold at public auction tomorrow morning.

### **Wednesday, October 14, 1908**

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8. The flower parade Friday will leave corner of Main and Central at 10:00 a.m. It will form on Central east of the court house.

### **Thursday, October 15, 1908**

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5. High winds have continued to keep the Knobenshue airship on the ground. Can't fly in wind over eight miles per hour.
10. All the property of Scott E. Winne, including his home and his two additions to Wichita, were sold at auction to Delos Wood for \$40,000. The home is located on a plot of ground 540 feet square. It is said that other parties will take some of the property from Mr.

Woods.

### **Friday, October 16, 1908**

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1 & 8. Report of the magnificent flower parade this morning.

10. The airship has not yet been flown because of the wind. The directors of the Peerless Prophet's Jubilee will meet with H. T. Matlock, the airship man tomorrow, and decide whether to keep the airship here over Sunday in hopes of getting a flight.

List of prize winners in the flower parade.

### **Saturday, October 17, 1908**

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12. A twelve m.p.h. wind kept the airship on the ground again today.

The Wichita and Western train is to start from the Santa Fe depot instead of a point 300 feet below the depot as it has done for the last ten years or more, as result of a complaint by Mr. C. W. Mosher, of Wichita, to the Kansas board of railroad commissioners. Details.

### **Monday, October 19, 1908**

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1. Report of collision of westbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 17 with Santa Fe stock train at Broddock, fifteen minutes east of Newton, at 3:45 this morning. Engineer of stock train was killed and 22 passengers on other train injured. Details.
7. The Otto Weiss Alfalfa Stock Food company is building a 50 by 100 foot addition of brick to its warehouse at 221-223 South Santa Fe avenue and at the company's alfalfa mill at corner of 13th and Santa Fe is building a 50 foot square brick building to house a 150 h.p. engine. Cost of warehouse addition is \$3000 and of mill improvements is \$1000.
8. Article says Henry Lassen on Saturday purchased the old Griffenstein residence, more recently that of Scott E. Winne, at 10th and Jefferson, from Delos Woods for \$17,700. He will spend several thousand dollars in renovation of the property and then make it his home.

Note says 180,000 people were carried were carried by the Wichita street car company during the Jubilee week. The largest day was Thursday, with 40,000. The number was cut down because the cars could not run in the down town district for five and a half hours during the various parades.

12. Note says Aviator Goodale (sic) made three attempts late Saturday to fly the Knobenshue airship. The first time it made a good start, but the sparker failed to ignite the gasoline to run the engine, so the ship had to come down to get new batteries. At the next two attempts the ship started out well, but when it reached the big cottonwood trees it was



found that the gas had condensed so much that the machine could not be lifted over the tree tops. ¶ Yesterday two attempts were made. At the second attempt the ship sailed around Ackerman's island, exploring it thoroughly. It got as far south as the Douglas avenue bridge. It is still in the city waiting for a few windless hours.

**Tuesday, October 20, 1908****page**

1. Report of launching of a campaign to raise a \$25,000 endowment for the Wichita hospital. Details.
  
7. City council yesterday passed ordinance requiring motorcycles to have a license number and to attach a front and rear light. The license will cost \$5 a year and the number carried must have figures three inches tall.

**Wednesday, October 21, 1908****page**

7. The dirigible balloon that has been waiting at Wonderland park island for a calm, punctured its gas bag with its rudder last night when it made another effort to fly. A hole six inches in diameter was made in the lower front end of the bag. The puncture was caused by the gasoline engine starting after it had been shut off. A gust of wind caught the balloon while it was rising. It was turned short and Mr. Goodale, in charge, shut off the propeller. When the engine started after being shut off, the fan propeller hit the gas bag and made a slit in it. The machine was only 20 feet from the ground. It dropped quickly, but neither the man in charge nor the machinery was injured. The outfit will be packed today and shipped to Toledo, Ohio. It was brought here for the Jubilee week but was unable to fly then because of continued high wind.

The first service was held in the new First Baptist church last Sunday.

10. Two street cars were struck by lightning on the West Side at 1:30 p.m. today. One car was disabled by the burning out of the motors and the motorman was knocked to the floor. The second car was uninjured.

**Thursday, October 22, 1908****page**

6. A new building is to be built by Arthur Paulline for the Wichita Trunk factory on the 50 feet just south of his new theater building in first block of South Lawrence. Work began yesterday on wrecking the old buildings now on the site. The trunk factory will move from its present location at 319 East Douglas when the new building is ready.

**Friday, October 23, 1908****page**

5. An old landmark is being torn down, namely the 50 foot portion of the Ben McLean Lumber company at the northeast corner of Douglas and Waco.

8. Excavation started yesterday for the new College Hill Methodist Episcopal church. The first stage including basement will be completed at cost of \$8000, and rest of the \$40,000 church built as funds allow.

**Saturday, October 24, 1908****page**

2. Fast time was made yesterday by a Santa Fe train behind engine No. 118 over the new steel rails laid between Wellington and Woodward. Details.
12. Drawing of the W. S. Henrion "double apartment house" now being finished at corner of Topeka and Murdock. Cost \$7000.

**Monday, October 26, 1908****page**

7. Article says Wichita baseball team will probably change from Western Association to Western League next season. The ball park will be rebuilt with grandstand, presently seating 1600, increased in capacity to 2400. Details.
12. Report of death of a Tremont street madam, Ella Dawson, age 45, this morning at 308 Tremont street, from overdose of drugs. Husband had been shot and killed in November 1897 in a quarrel over her with another man. Details.

**Wednesday, October 28, 1908****page**

6. Article about people's confusion at Main and Douglas transfer point in locating street car they want.

Article describes empty bleak appearance of Riverside park at this season. Plants have been uprooted, potted and stored in their quarters in basement of city hall.

**Monday, November 2, 1908****page**

3. Report of meeting last Tuesday of the Highland Cemetery association with election of officers (named).

**Tuesday, November 3, 1908****page**

1. J. R. Kenworthy and H. W. Schopf yesterday purchased 29 lots near the Missouri Pacific Railroad track south of 19th street as site for a proposed alfalfa mill. Cost \$16,500.
6. Report of progress in paving for the new First Baptist church. Total cost \$63,500 plus \$8000 for the lot. Details.

**Thursday, November 5, 1908****page**

6. List of building permits issued in October. Includes the theater being built in first block of South Lawrence (and says excavation for foundation is now under way). \$164,780 total.

Wichita voted bonds in election Tuesday to build an \$850,000 water plant, by two to one majority. Details.

Work started this morning on the two block extension of the street car company's double track on North Topeka -- from 2nd to Central, which will give the Topeka avenue line a double track all the way from Main and Douglas to 9th street. (?) By the time Topeka is ready for paving, the only remaining stretch of single track will be made double.

### **Friday, November 6, 1908**

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9. Work started last week on the Kelley sisters' new brick apartment building at 228 North Emporia. To be 50 by 140 feet, three stories, and cost \$12,000.
12. Report of collision yesterday afternoon of Rock Island switch engine No. 165 with north bound freight train pulled by engine No. 1405, on the Rock Island "freezer" track near the freight depot here. Only slight damage.

### **Saturday, November 7, 1908**

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3. It was planned to pave street car right of way on North Topeka from 1st street to 14th street with brick, but property owners objected, so now city council yesterday decided to pave it with asphalt at estimated cost of \$26,146.
6. List of building permits issued this week. Included:
  - David M. Tipton will erect two story brick building, 24½ by 145 feet, on lot No. 21, North Market street, for \$10,000.
  - Mrs. Hattie Watson will build two story residence at 9th and Jefferson for \$4000.

### **Monday, November 9, 1908**

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1. Report says John Noble, a young painter from Wichita, will return to Wichita from Paris to paint the portrait of Congressman Victor Murdock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, 1029 North Market. He is now 33 years old and has spent eight years in France.
8. People living in the northeast part of the city, east of the drainage canal, are asking for a street car line. Details.
 

Work started this morning on excavation of East Douglas avenue for the new brick pavement east from Hydraulic avenue.
9. The Schwartz Lumber company is building a large cement block storage building, 120 by

140 feet and 20 feet high on the east bank of the Arkansas river, directly south of the Howard mills.

### **Wednesday, November 11, 1908**

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3. West Wichita Commercial league yesterday passed another resolution urging the extension of the street railway system in that area, especially to Mt. Carmel and Kansas Sanitarium.
7. Photograph of the Wichita police force. Shows them wearing high helmets and jackets with single row of buttons.

### **Thursday, November 12, 1908**

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1. Santa Fe railway has bought up in past several weeks all the lots on the east side of Tremont street from William street south as far as the Wichita and Western tracks, giving a tract half block wide and six blocks long on which it will build its freight depot and freight car tracks. It is understood that a new passenger depot will than be built on the site of the present freight depot and freight tracks. ¶ Cost of this land has been around \$100,000.
10. Article gives history of Tremont street. Details. Says the city administration closed the disorderly houses there a year ago last May. Mentions well known characters who ran houses there -- Sadie, Edith, Mildred, etc.

### **Friday, November 13, 1908**

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9. The stone Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe depot in Wichita is nearly nineteen years old. Sixteen trains stop in front of it each day and over 2000 passengers get on and off.

Members of the Fairmount Congregational church yesterday decided to make plans for a \$12,000 building to replace the old brick building on corner of 16th and Fairmount now used. The church was organized here in 1888. A frame building was built on 15th street at foot of Fairmount hill but was sold to the Dunkards six years later because of heavy debt and is still used by the Dunkards. For three years the Congregationalists worshiped in a brick store building at corner of 15th and Vassar. In 1897 they bought a brick church building on Fairview avenue, called the Mayflower church and built in 1888, and moved it to the present site at 16th and Fairmount.

### **Saturday, November 14, 1908**

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3. Photograph of Woodman bridge taken by Livingston Studio, of Wichita, that won first prize at Kansas Photograph Association meeting.
12. The Portland Trust Company of Portland, Maine, is advertising for sale in the East of five percent mortgage bonds of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. The advertisement

reveals that of the \$1,100,000 worth of bonds issued by the company at various times, all but \$175,000 have been sold. There were formerly \$700,000 worth of bonds outstanding. Another issue of \$400,000 was authorized a year ago last October, and \$225,000 of these have already been sold. ¶ The Portland Trust Company declares the Wichita Street Railway company to be doing a profitable business. Last year gross earnings of the company were \$241,567.42; operating expenses were \$116,916.02, leaving a profit for the year ending December 31, 1907 of \$124,651.40. The advertisement says there are no floating debts on the company and that the gross earnings for the current year up to October 5 show an increased of \$49,401.51 over the same period in 1907. The net earnings are three and a half times the bond interest. After paying all operating expense and interest on the bonds last year, the company had a net profit left over of practically \$80,000 (90,000). With the \$225,000 from the sale of its bonds, the yield in ready cash was \$315,000.

### **Monday, November 16, 1908**

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1. Congressman McKinley of Illinois, visited Wichita yesterday and today accompanied by Mr. McCauley of Canada, a wealthy capitalist. During his visit he stated that the Mt. Carmel extension of the street railway will be built, that the Stock Yards extension is to be built, and that the South Main street line is to be double tracked to the ball park.
8. Report of death Saturday of Benjamin H. Downing, commissioner of elections, at his home at 614 North Waco, at age 67. Survived by wife, two sons and four daughters (all named and living in Wichita).
9. Work started today clearing the site for a new building to enlarge the plant of the Hockaday Paint company. The company was organized three years ago. The addition is to be 58 by 120 feet and built alongside the present factory on North Mosley.
12. Photograph of long line of people waiting this morning at Howe Jewelry store to buy Ben Hur tickets. Line extended across the alley and east nearly to the Goldsmith book store. Shows two story building and alley (apparently first block on East Douglas, east of New York store?).

### **Wednesday, November 18, 1908**

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1. City council yesterday passed ordinance establishing maximum telephone rates. Details

### **Thursday, November 19, 1908**

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5. Drawing of the new addition now being finished at St. Francis hospital. It is 42 by 62 feet, and in the rear is seen the spire of the new chapel, which is 47 by 53 feet.

Drawing of the new Harry Street Methodist Episcopal church, at corner of Main and Harry streets.

**Friday, November 20, 1908****page**

3. A new one story brick building, 50 by 85 feet, is to be built at the south end of Threshermen's Row, at corner of South Wichita and Waterman streets, by Frank G. Schwartz, of the Schwartz Lumber company, and is to be occupied by the Advance Thresher company, which will move their Wichita branch from its present location at 201 North Water.

**Saturday, November 21, 1908****page**

5. Street car company finished its 2000 foot (three block) extension of the Pattie avenue line to Zimmerly street last night, in just five days. First car ran last night, and regular service starts today, with 20 minute service beginning 6:30 a.m. and at 10, 30, 50 minutes after each hour. Work will begin on the Cleveland avenue line extension next Monday.

**Monday, November 23, 1908****page**

4. Drawing of Dr. J. E. Oldham's residence at 1031 North Lawrence.

**Wednesday, November 25, 1908****page**

1. A new magazine called the "Kansas Magazine" is to be published in Wichita or Topeka beginning January 1, 1909. Details.
5. Members of the Germania park will meet tomorrow afternoon at the park, corner of 23rd and Hydraulic.

**Friday, November 27, 1908****page**

1. Superintendent W. R. Morrison returned from visit to Springfield, Illinois this week with promise of twelve new cars for Wichita Railroad and Light company costing \$51,000. The twelve modern double truck cars are to be delivered within the next six months. Six of the new cars are to be for summer use and will be here by April 1st. They will be the largest cars ever used here -- 48 feet in length compared with 44 feet of the open trailers now in use. They will have air brakes and cost \$3500 each. The six winter cars will be almost exact duplicates of the big green cars now in use here. They will be double truck, with air brakes and large vestibules. They were ordered for delivery for next winter, though some may be secured earlier. They will cost \$5000 each. ¶ Mr. Morrison stated "it is our purpose to replace all the single truck, hand brake cars as rapidly as possible." ¶ While in Springfield, H. E. Chubbuck was installed as general manager of the Illinois Traction company and of the Western Railway and Light company. He will take active charge of these companies from January 1 and from then make his home in Peoria, Illinois.

**Monday, November 30, 1908****page**

8. The Bell Telephone company is completing plans for a new building just south of its present structure, which will double the present capacity. To be two stores, 25 by 45 feet, with offices on the lower floor and the long distance exchange on the upper floor. The local exchange will remain in the old building.
9. The First Baptist church will meet only four more Sundays in their old building. Then they will move into the basement rooms of their new building at 2nd and Lawrence.
10. Building permits during November totaled \$112,750 and included the Mentholatum building at corner of Cleveland and Douglas for \$15,000. Not listed.
12. Paving will begin this week on 9th street from Main to Lawrence, with asphalt.

### **Wednesday, December 2, 1908**

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1. "Why not a boulevard along either side of the drainage canal" as proposed by City Engineer Wells. Discussion.
3. Drawing of Mr. H. C. Wey's new home at 17th and Park Place, costing about \$20,000. The interior is now being finished.
5. "Greater Wichita" is the title of a new souvenir booklet with the city of Wichita and her industries for the subject matter. It will be ready for distribution around the holidays and will be a 42 page affair printed on fine glossy paper. Photographers are now at work taking new views in all parts of the city for the booklet. ¶ A souvenir of this sort was gotten up two years ago but Wichita has grown wonderfully since then and none of the old cuts will be used in the new book.
10. List of amount of deposits in each of the State banks in Wichita. Includes nine State banks.

Contract to be let soon by Fred Smyth for first cement block residence in Wichita, to be 32 by 39 feet, built between 11th and 12th streets on North Topeka on east side, and will cost \$6000. Architect is U. G. Charles. Will have a stipple surface to look as if made of one solid piece of cement.

### **Thursday, December 3, 1908**

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1. H. J. Hagney and J. D. Houston will erect a two story brick building 50 by 140 feet in first block of North Market just opposite the Chamber of Commerce.
5. The Rorabaugh Dry Goods company will start the new year with an automobile delivery service, the only one of its kind in the city. It will be by a Buick automobile to which a special body has been fitted. The auto has been purchased from J. H. Butts and Son, and the Washburn and Gaiser Carriage works is now engaged in making and fitting the body.

¶ It will take the place of the several horse drawn wagons now used by the Rorabaugh company. The new outfit will cost \$1800.

10. Drawing of the site of the new building to be built on east side of first block of North Market by H. J. Hagney and J. D. Houston. The two small frame buildings will be razed.

Article reports plan for a new country club in Riverside. Details. Says Riverside boulevard has been macadamized from Wiley to Buffum. The driveway had been given to the city by the abutting property owners during the McLean administration on condition that the city macadamize it. This was not done and ownership of the property reverted to the property owners, but Mayor Graham took the matter up with them and they agreed to re-dedicate it to the city if the city would macadamize it.

O. S. Shirk started today to build another flat annex to the one he recently completed at 529 North Emporia. To be 35 by 50 feet, two stories, brick, and cost \$12,000. When it is completed Mr. Shirk will build another flat on the remaining lot.

### **Friday, December 4, 1908**

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12. John W. Bays has started work on a new \$12,000 flat at 345 North Market opposite Lewis academy. To be 37 by 75 and two stories.

### **Saturday, December 5, 1908**

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6. Within the next month the street car company will begin work on a 900 foot strip of double track on Douglas avenue just west of the river. The construction gang is still at work on the Cleveland avenue extension but will be through there in a couple of weeks and then will be transferred to the West Side job, which extends from the river to Sycamore street.
10. Drawing of W. O. Judd's new residence on College Hill, at 3009 East Douglas, costing about \$6000.
12. & 13. Advertisements with drawings of new 1909 automobiles.
16. Friends university endowment fund this week reached \$125,000.

### **Monday, December 7, 1908**

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9. The street car company announced today that plans have been completed for a five block extension of the Topeka avenue line northeast from the present terminus. It will extend east on 14th street to St. Francis and thence north to 17th street. One reason for proceeding with it is to do away with the loop at 14th street before the Topeka avenue paving is done.



**Tuesday, December 8, 1908****page**

3. Drawing of Southwestern Broom Manufacturing company building at 15th and Santa Fe, which will be ready to open about January 1st. Factory is four stories, 65 by 135 feet, and warehouse is 100 by 160 feet. Cost about \$25,000.
  
6. City council yesterday gave street railway company a franchise on Waco avenue from 9th street to 21st (sic) street. It shall begin work in four months and have the railway in operation within one year. A similar ordinance was passed previously but lapsed because the company did not begin work in the specified time.

City council yesterday instructed advertising for bids for repairing the old 13th street hose house to make it fit for a business building. Will cost about \$1350.

Street car company wants to extend its Stock Yards line but the bridge on 21st street will not carry loaded cars. City council and county commissioners will ascertain who is the owner of the bridge and what can be done to accommodate the car company.

**Wednesday, December 9, 1908****page**

6. Here is good news for the people of the city who drive automobiles, go out in buggies, and use the sidewalks in the city. The city has notified all railroads entering the city that the railroad crossings must be brought up to the requirements of the city ordinances. All railroad crossings in the city have been examined by a man especially assigned to that duty from the street department. His report is that nearly 200 crossings should be repaired.
  
7. Letter to editor from ex-City Engineer Ransom H. Brown with some history regarding drainage canal and stating that Mayor Ross was the first to suggest a boulevard on each side of the canal.
  
10. Article says the Orient railway line has just been completed from Chillicothe to Sweetwater, Texas, 142 miles, and is to be extended 96 miles to San Angelo. Beginning January 1st there will be a daily passenger train between Wichita and Sweetwater, 432 miles. At present it runs only to Chillicothe, Texas.

**Thursday, December 10, 1908****page**

1. The Buick Motor company of Flint, Michigan, yesterday purchased the Buick automobile business in Wichita, which for several years was under control of the Wilson Automobile company and was recently bought by the J. H. Butts and Sons Implement company. For the present the company will continue the business at the present location on South Lawrence avenue.
  
6. The Wichita County Club is considering purchase of a new permanent location, consisting of about 80 acres of land lying between Central avenue and 9th street and east of Hillside.

The lease on the present grounds on College Hill expires four years from January.

**Friday, December 11, 1908****page**

1. Article reports plan to add one story to the Carey hotel and to lower the lobby and dining room to the ground floor. Plans are being drawn by Architect MrCracken, of Independence, who drew the plans for Carey hotel when it was built (?). Would cost \$50,000. For years the elevation of the dining room and lobby of the Carey has been a stumbling block in the way of the hotel's success. S. G. Humphrey, manager, says no definite plans have been decided on by Mr. Eaton and themselves, but their idea is to completely modernize the house.
9. Superintendent W. R. Morrison predicts the Mt. Carmel street car line will be completed before July 1st. The company plans to do more building in 1909 than in any previous year since the Wichita Railroad and Light company took over the system. Seven hundred tons of steel have already been ordered. The largest amount ever used before in one year was 400 tons during the first year of the McKinley syndicate ownership.
11. The Riverside club was organized and financed in three days' time and \$10,000 pledged to guarantee success of the enterprise. Applications for membership now exceed the limit of 250.

**Saturday, December 12, 1908****page**

5. Work on the Topeka avenue paving will start Monday. Work is also expected to begin Monday at Hydraulic avenue on the East Douglas avenue paving.
7. The new Carnegie library at Fairmount will have its opening Monday. The gymnasium building is nearly finished and the stucco is now being put on.
16. Effective Sunday, December 13, the Frisco will operate the first and only dining car service over any line through Wichita, on No. 308, the "St. Louis and Memphis Limited," serving lunch immediately after departure. Previously the dining car was attached at Severy, only serving dinner. It is under Fred Harvey management.

**Monday, December 14, 1908****page**

1. The J. H. Butts and Sons Implement company is disposing of all its branch stores in small towns of southern Kansas and plans to concentrate its business in Wichita. They intend to erect a new building in Wichita within the next year.
7. The Jones auto exchange has secured a lease on the old fire house on North Market and will remodel it and use it as an annex.
12. The first concrete was spread on the arches of the new Douglas avenue bridge this

morning.

## **Tuesday, December 15, 1908**

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5. John A. Wolfe, lessee and manager of the New Auditorium, today closed a three year lease with the H. G. Toler heirs for the house, beginning with the expiration of the present two year lease next summer. Cost is about \$10,000. This means that the Wolfe Stock company will remain in Wichita for some time. Interior of the house is to be changed and improved next season. Details.
8. The new grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Mt. Carmel academy was formally dedicated this afternoon.

## **Wednesday, December 16, 1908**

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10. The new 2¢ stamps are here. They are red in color but with a profile view of Washington instead of the previous front view. The new 1¢ stamp has a picture of Ben Franklin from Hondon's bust.

## **Thursday, December 17, 1908**

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1. Herman Steinbuchel will improve his lot at northeast corner of 1st and Water, where the Reed livery stable was destroyed by fire last summer. It has frontage of 140 feet on West 1st and 125 feet on North Water. He will build a new cement stone barn for about \$4000, 50 by 140 feet, two stories, located 75 feet north of 1st street on Water.

## **Friday, December 18, 1908**

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1. Article reports extensive plans for enlarging the Cudahy packing plant here. Details.
5. Architect Fred G. McCune is drawing plans for a new building for C. R. Miller to be located on corner of Douglas and Mead. To be 72 by 117 feet and used as a hotel.

Architect McCune has drawn plans for a new apartment house for R. C. Chambers to be built at 508 South Lawrence. To be 40 by 80 feet, with 25 rooms.

Announcement by Wichita Railroad and Light company, December 17, 1908: Cars run on both Cleveland and Pattie lines every fifteen minutes as follows: Cleveland cars leave Main street and also 11th street at 5, 20, 35, and 50 minutes past the hour from 6:05 a.m. to 11:05 p.m. Pattie avenue cars leave Main street and also Zimmerly street at 10, 25, 40, and 55 minutes after the hour from 6:10 a.m. to 11:10 p.m.

## **Saturday, December 19, 1908**

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1. The United Sash and Door company will build an addition to its present plan. To be three

stories, 50 by 75 foot, brick. Work will start at once and be ready for spring business.

5. The farmers living in Wichita township are fighting against the proposed extension of the Stock Yards car line from the present terminus east on 21st street, as they say 21st street is an important highway belonging to the county and the heavy traffic should not be hindered by a car line.
12. St. Stephen's Episcopal church on corner of 1st and New York is nearing completion and the first regular service will be held there Sunday.

The Missouri Pacific "shopper" train from Kiowa broke all records today with 241 passengers, including 79 from Clearwater.

H. C. Miles Paving company has completed the first block on North Emporia and is now excavating for paving on Emporia between 9th and 14th streets. ¶ The Cleveland-Trinidad Asphalt company started work this week on 9th street between Main and Topeka. ¶ The Metropolitan Paving company is to pave Topeka from 1st to 14th street but has not yet started work.

### **Monday, December 21, 1908**

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12. Directors of the Riverside club met Saturday at the residence of W. E. Stanley and the new charter was presented to the club. Officers: W. E. Stanley, president; Henry Lassen, vice-president; S. T. Jocelyn, secretary.

A committee from the stock yards met with the county commissioners Saturday to discuss extension of the Stock Yards street car line. They requested that the county move the bridge across Chisholm creek to 21st street eight feet further north to give the car company room for a bridge at the south.

### **Tuesday, December 22, 1908**

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6. Cartoon drawing showing huge Christmas shopping crowd at Main and Douglas Saturday afternoon.
12. Note says Superintendent Morrison, the county commissioners, and City Engineer Wells looked over the site of the proposed street car extension on 21st street this morning. The 21st street bridge across Chisholm creek will be moved north and few feet. The street car company has secured consent from the Santa Fe to cross their right-of-way, and work will commence at once.

The heirs of the John T. Stewart estate, of Wellington, have purchased from the Knight Investment company of St. Louis, the vacant lots, 75 by 140 feet, on South Market opposite the post office. The ground was formerly occupied by the Root livery barn which burned in April.

**Wednesday, December 23, 1908****page**

1. Drawing of proposed plan for new Commercial Club building.
6. Excavation started yesterday for Arthur Paulline's new two story brick building at 106-08 South Lawrence, to be 50 by 150 feet, cost \$15,000, and to be leased by E. G. Bodkin of the Wichita Trunk Factory.
10. The Riverside club now owns five acres of land alongside the river between the residences of S. S. Noble and B. H. Campbell. Building committee listed.

**Thursday, December 24, 1908****page**

7. The Wichita street car company plans to build an eating house for its employes on the company's property near the car barns at 10th and Water (sic) streets.

**Friday, December 25, 1908****page**

1. F. W. Hockaday, of the Wichita Bicycle and Sporting Goods company, will open up a wholesale and retail motorcycle house at 422 East Douglas, the Hockaday Motorcycle company. The present bicycle business at 240 North Main will continue under management of R. K. Hockaday.
5. Judge D. M. Dale today purchased from W. W. Pearce lots 1 and 3 on South Topeka avenue in N. A. English's addition, for \$18,000, as an investment. This is on east side, 50 by 140 feet, between Douglas and William and just north of the Topeka avenue hotel.
10. Article says custom was established last year of giving the street car conductor a dime or quarter on New Year's Day and telling him to keep the change as a New Year's gift. He then splits the sum with his motorman.

**Monday, December 28, 1908****page**

1. George E. Theis, Jr. today bought the Topeka avenue hotel and its 50 foot lot in first block on South Topeka from Judge Haymaker and L. W. Clapp for \$21,000 as an investment.
5. The manufacturing plant of the Rumley Threshing Machine company, 230 North Mead, a one story concrete stone structure 50 by 130 feet, was destroyed by fire at 3:00 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, December 29, 1908****page**

4. John Hoenscheidt will build a two story cement stone building 100 by 125 feet at 1303 South Lawrence (southwest corner of Lawrence and Bayley), for his publishing house.

To cost \$6000 and be finished in April.

**Thursday, December 31, 1908**

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5. The new Trinity Methodist Episcopal church is finished and will be dedicated next Sunday. Details.
  
10. The Second Church of Christ, Scientist, has been organized in Wichita yesterday and has leased for use for a year the Philharmony hall at 217 North Lawrence.

Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company returned today from Peoria, Illinois, where he conferred with General Manager Chubbuck and secured the official sanction for the proposed extensions to the Wichita system. He also spent some time inspecting new cars.