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

# TIHEN NOTES FROM 1909 WICHITA BEACON

# Wichita Beacon Friday, January 1, 1909 page

- 1. The Santa Fe Railroad has bought another tract of ground 150 by 272 feet at the corner of 5th avenue and Kellogg, from the Wichita Mattress factory, of which George Wetterhold is the owner, for \$18,000 exclusive of the buildings. The contract was closed Tuesday.
- 10. The big Frisco locomotive, No. 96, now pulling the 1:30 p.m. train out of Wichita, is a historic one, having attracted much attention at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 and later having hauled the St. Louis and Memphis limited. It was transferred to the Kansas division five years ago and is now in service on trains 71 and 78 between Wichita and Monett, Missouri.

#### Saturday, January 2, 1909

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8. The Toggery has bought the stock of the Cyclone Dry Goods store at 224 East Douglas and yesterday took possession and will dispose of it with a clearance sale. The Toggery will then move from North Main street to the Cyclone location.

#### Monday, January 4, 1909

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10. Report of dedication yesterday of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. Details.

#### Tuesday, January 5, 1909

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10. Dr. J. G. Dorsey plans to build a two story concrete block building 25 by 120 feet at 243 North Market and will lease it to the Smith-Willis Automobile company, which has the western agency for the Cameron Car.

#### Wednesday, January 6, 1909

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1. Messrs. Fred G. Smyth and Al J. Christman today purchased the southeast corner of 1st

and Lawrence, fronting 183<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on 1st street and occupied by the Pratt Lumber company, from Mr. E. J. Williamson, of Greencastle, Indiana, for \$38,000. Plans for the lot are incomplete.

# Thursday, January 7, 1909

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1. Jacob Dold Packing company yesterday let contract for a \$40,000 addition to their plant. Details.

# Friday, January 8, 1909

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- 1. The consolidation of the Rock Island and Frisco Railroads, which was been in effect just one year, was dissolved today so far as Wichita and Kansas City are concerned. Details.
- 6. A colored YMCA was organized yesterday in a meeting at the African Methodist Episcopal church on North Water street. Details.

# Saturday, January 9, 1909

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- 5. The Franklin Motor Car company was established the first of the year at 156 North Emporia. C. F. Smyth is manager.
- 12. Drawing of the new T. J. Cook home at 135 Fannie avenue.

# Monday, January 11, 1909

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- 8. County commission Saturday let contract for erecting a bridge across the Arkansas river on Lawrence avenue for \$8650, and for a 40 foot steel bridge on 21st street for \$1000.
- 12. Architect for Dr. J. G. Dorsey's new 25 by 120 foot two story brick building in second block on North Market adjoining the Peerless Steam laundry building, is U. G. Charles. Cost \$7000.

# Tuesday, January 12, 1909

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5. The Orient Railroad has just completed a fine new depot at Milton, 32 miles from here.

# Wednesday, January 13, 1909

- 1. The "machine" is organizing against the proposed new commission plan of city government. Details.
- 6. The last pile was driven today for the new Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river.
- 7. Article describes plans for a street department barn to be built on southwest corner of the hay market grounds, in second block on South Water.

# Thursday, January 14, 1909

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5. The First Presbyterian church plans to build a new church building at southwest corner of North Lawrence and Elm costing about \$75,000. The site with 120 foot frontage on Lawrence and 165 feet on Elm was purchased today from Mrs. J. T. Dunning and H. M. DuBois for \$10,500. Details.

### Saturday, January 16, 1909

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3. Drawing of the Peru-Van Zandt Implement company on North Water street as it will appear when a fourth story has been added to the building. The 62<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet owned by the company was added to by purchase last week of the adjoining 62<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet for \$26,000, making a total frontage of 125 feet

# Tuesday, January 19, 1909

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- 5. The Carey hotel management yesterday completed plans for remodeling of the hotel. The interior will be changed and 40 new rooms added. The main entrance will be lowered to the street level and a revolving door put in. The dining room will remain on the same level it is now. There will be 200 rooms in all and 100 of these with private bath. To cost about \$50,000. Plans being drawn by Frank V. Newell, architect and a specialist in designing hotels. Details.
- 6. City council yesterday granted the petition of Riverside citizens for a sanitary sewer.

The Wichita Wholesale Furniture company has received its charter and is now incorporated with capital stock of \$50,000. The company has purchased a two story cement building at corner of 3rd and Wichita streets. Officers listed; J. O. Gilbert is president.

- 8. The Wichita Automobile company has purchased 107<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> by 140 feet of ground at southwest corner of Rock Island and 2nd streets for \$7000.
- 10. Report on progress of plans for building a new home for the Commercial club. Details.

# Wednesday, January 20, 1909

- 5. Ground was broken yesterday for the \$50,000 addition to the Dold Packing company plant -- to be built to the west and north of the west wing of the old plant. Details.
- 10. The Santa Fe Railroad has put up for sale all the houses on the land it recently bought on east side of Tremont street -- many of which in times past were the refuge of evil doers. The houses must be moved off the property, and many will probably be moved to the North End to make homes for mechanics in the packing houses, Missouri Pacific shops,

mills and elevators.

Yesterday a motorman, Tom Reeves, caught a boy throwing snowballs at a street car near Harry street school. He was put on the car and carried to the loop in North Riverside, where he was released and allowed to walk to his home in eleventh block of South Main.

# Thursday, January 21, 1909

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- 6. Change in schedule of Orient passenger trains announced. Additional trains No. 3 and 4 will be placed in service between Wichita and Fairview, with Nos. 1 and 2 running between Wichita and Sweetwater, Texas. Details.
- 10. Former Wichita architect W. C. Kellogg, now of Cincinnati, Ohio, is visiting his sister, Mrs. I. N. Stage, of Wichita. During the boom years he designed a number of buildings here including the college hill residence now occupied by Bishop Hennessy, the Innes and Ross building, the building at 146 North Main occupied by the Bon Ton bakery, and the C. R. Miller building in second block on North Main now occupied by North bakery and Paulline drug store.

The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company has just issued a new telephone directory. Distribution began this morning.

# Friday, January 22, 1909

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1. Article about difficulties of the receivers of the Winne Mortgage company. Details.

# Saturday, January 23, 1909

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1. W. E. Jett has purchased the southwest corner of 1st and Topeka, 140 feet on 1st street and 65 feet on North Topeka, from Miss M. A. Cook for \$15,000. There are two frame buildings on the ground, occupied by Miss Cook, who conducts a rooming and boarding house.

# Monday, January 25, 1909

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1. The German Methodist Episcopal church plans to build a new church building on southwest corner of Lulu avenue and Prince street, Fred Bissantz has purchased the present church property at southeast corner of 1st and Emporia. The church was dedicated on the present site in 1878.

# Tuesday, January 26, 1909

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3. Article discusses the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company's plans for expansion of their building. A third story will be added to their present building at 223 North Market, which was erected six years ago, and another three story building will be built adjoining

it to the south, giving total frontage of 50 feet There are a little over 3100 subscribers at present. Details.

#### Thursday, January 28, 1909

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3. Fred Kellogg, owner of the Kellogg Mills, has purchased lots at 1009 and 1011 West Douglas and will erect a two story brick building 53 by 100 feet to be used as a mill. Cost of the lots was \$4100. Last week the ground where the mill now stands at corner of Walnut and Douglas was sold to the West Wichita lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows as a site for their new lodge building.

#### Friday, January 29, 1909

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5. The Peerless Steam Laundry, at 245 North Market, plans to build a two story addition adjoining the present building on the south. Details.

#### Monday, February 1, 1909

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7. Drawing of six houses now being built by the Ramsdale Realty company in Riverside Park at a combined cost exceeding \$20,000. The same company built five cottages a short time ago just across the street and have already sold them (shows street car line -- probably Nims avenue ?).

# Wednesday, February 3, 1909

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5.

In election yesterday the proposition to adopt commission form of city government passed by 3519 to 1298, but article says there is a rumor attempt will be made to set aside the election by claiming that it was illegal. Details.

\$207,000 has been appropriated for improvements on the Wichita street railway this year. Of this \$51,000 will be for pavement between the tracks on East Douglas and North Topeka avenues. The remaining \$156,000 will be spent for extensions and other improvements. ¶ The East Douglas line will be rebuilt from Hydraulic to College Hill and double tracked to Hillside. ¶ The Topeka avenue line will be double tracked to 12th street and the line extended to 17th and St. Francis. ¶ The Stock Yards line will be extended east on 21st street to the stock yards. ¶ A new line will be built on Waco avenue from 9th and Main to 18th and Waco. ¶ The company has ordered ten double truck, pay-as-you-enter type of cars. They are now being built in St. Louis and will be here about April 1st, and will be painted green trimmed in gold. They will operate on the Topeka and Stock Yards lines. Details.

# Thursday, February 4, 1909

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1. Another article about attempt to overturn Tuesday election. Details.

3. City council was told yesterday that a concrete bridge to replace the old bridge across the Little river on 11th street would cost \$35,000. The pile bridge there now, 275 feet long, is in bad condition.

City council yesterday granted a petition to open a street from the south end of Woodman bridge along the east side of the park to Central avenue south of the bridge.

#### Saturday, February 6, 1909

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8. Material was put on the ground this week for start of construction of the new College Hill Methodist Episcopal church at 1st and Erie.

# Monday, February 8, 1909

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- 5. Article explains why the county commission not only gave the street car company a franchise to extend its Stock Yards car line east from the loop at 21st and Lawrence avenue but also agreed to pay the \$385 cost of moving the bridge over Chisholm creek on 21st street ten feet north to make way for the car line. Details.
- 8. F. R. Powell will erect a three story flat in third block on North Market street facing east, across the street from Lewis academy, of brick and Carthage stone, for \$15,000. The architect is U. G. Charles.

Architect U. G. Charles is drawing plans for a large brick veneer residence to be erected by Otto Weiss at 1045 North Emporia, two stories, with nine rooms.

# **Tuesday, February 9, 1909**

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8. Report of death at midnight last night of Mrs. Caroline Mathewson, wife of Colonel William Mathewson, at the home, 605 South Topeka. Came to Wichita in 1876 from Kentucky with her first husband, Mr. Tarlton, who died a short time later. Married Mr. Mathewson in 1886. Survived by one son and two daughters (named).

# Monday, February 15, 1909

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12. Architect U. G. Charles is working on plans for the addition to the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company building on South Market. It will be 100 by 75 feet and four stories high.

# Tuesday, February 16, 1909

- 5. Samuel T. Ishmael with Kansas F. Rudolph have purchased from John N. Van Deman the lots and three story brick building at 209 and 211 North Main for \$25,000. Part of the building is occupied by the Empire Bowling alley.
  - J. A. Gast has purchased from J. B. Jones the 160 acre farm four miles east and three miles

north of Wichita for \$10,173.

- 6. City council yesterday authorized city clerk to advertise for bids for a steel bridge to replace the old Griffenstein bridge between Central and North Riverside parks. The proposition to build this at cost of \$35,000 was voted on and adopted at an election two years ago.
- 10. Article gives history of Fellowship Congregational church at corner of Kellogg and Pattie avenues. Church was built in 1905.

#### Wednesday, February 17, 1909

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10. The Hydro-Carbon company, 313 North Main, today bought an additional 25 feet of property in second lock of North St. Francis, adjacent to the 50 feet they bought last April, from Dr. J. G. Dorsey for \$2500. In about April, ground will be broken for their new factory.

The block at 128 North Main was sold today by Dr. Hugh Wallace Hodge to W. L. Scott of the Stevens-Scott Grain company for \$20,000.

# Friday, February 19, 1909

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3. Copy for the 1909 Wichita city directory is now in the hands of the printer. The contract calls for its completion in five weeks.

# Saturday, February 20, 1909

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5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company is already distributing rails for its planned extensions. Workmen are today stringing rails for the Mt. Carmel line, from the Wichita hospital west to Millwood avenue, north on Millwood to Grand, west on Grand to Glenn, north on Glenn to Anderson, and west on Anderson to the Academy. ¶ Rails have also been strung for the extension of the Riverside line west on Franklin to Porter avenue. ¶ Men are engaged in moving the wagon bridge across Chisholm creek on 21st street ten feet north to make room for a new street car bridge. ¶ Men are also working on the East Douglas line east of Grove.

A district court jury awarded \$400 to a negro woman, Mrs. Nannie A. Jones, who was denied admission to Wonderland park. To be appealed.

# Monday, February 22, 1909

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5. The Rumley Threshing Machine company is preparing to erect a new two story brick building on their property at 230 North Mead to replace their building destroyed by fire December 28. To be 60 by 120 and cost \$10,000.

#### Tuesday, February 23, 1909

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- 1. The Getto block at southwest corner of Main and 2nd was sold today by Stewart and Barns to Mr. Edward Morris, of Wichita, for \$32,000. It is four stories, with 50 foot front on Main and extending back to the alley. Article gives history of the site.
- 6. J. H. Engstrom has opened a lumber yard at 318 West Douglas, where B. F. McLean conducted a big yard a few years ago. Mr. Engstrom has been engaged in the lumber business in this city with another lumber company.

# Wednesday, February 24, 1909

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5. Report of death this morning of Jacob M. Balderston at his home at 713 North Emporia at age 67. He came to Kansas from Illinois in 1870 and to Wichita in April 1872. He was city attorney in 1884-86 and county attorney 1886-88. From 1888 to 1889 he was judge of common pleas court. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, three daughters, Jessie M., Hortense, and Mary, and one son, Philip Sheridan Balderston.

# Thursday, February 25, 1909

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- 5. Four new freight engines of the 2300 class were rebuilt at Osawatomie and have been assigned to the Wichita division of the Missouri Pacific. Two arrived yesterday and two today.
- 10. It is reported that Lewis academy is to be merged with the College of Emporia, at Emporia. Details.

# Friday, February 26, 1909

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- 8. The Wichita Baseball company, Frank Isbell, president, has signed a five year lease for what is known as Association Park, for \$1000 per year. Owner of the grounds is A. M. Weinschenk. Article describes changes to be made in the stands.
- 12. Building permit issued to W. A. Thomas, 1139 Bitting, for two story, ten room house costing \$4000.

# Monday, March 1, 1909

- 1. Kansas legislature has passed a law placing the Wichita board of education under the general state law, so Wichita will now be able to vote again on a new high school. Details.
- 3. Statement by Colonel H. W. Lewis confirming the plan to remove the Lewis academy to Emporia and merge it with the College of Emporia after the present school year. The Lewis academy has no endowment, and the American Board (Presbyterian?) has reduced its aid from former \$2000 to \$800 this year. The property here will be sold. It was built

for about \$60,000 23 years ago. There are now about 200 pupils.

#### Tuesday, March 2, 1909

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- 1. City council yesterday gave contract to the Welsbach Lighting company to provide 500 natural gas street lights for ten years at rate of \$20 each per year. The 400 blinker lights now in use in the city, which burn gasoline, will be taken out and replaced with the gas lights. Details.
- 4. Letter to editor complaining of length of time trains block the street crossings and keep people waiting.
- 5. City council yesterday passed resolution to submit to voters at the April election a proposition to build a new \$150,000 auditorium and market house.

City council yesterday rejected bids to buy the old fire house on South Topeka and ordered readvertising.

City council yesterday granted petition to pave North Market street from Elm to 8th street with asphalt.

- 6. School board yesterday requested submission to voters at April 6 election of issuance of \$206,000 in bonds to build a new high school, three new ward schools, and four room addition to Harry street school. One ward school is to be in Riverside, one in West Wichita, and one in 6th ward.
- 8. The Eberle homestead on North Lawrence ave. has been sold to Dr. Evans and to Mrs. M. S. Harper, of Conway Springs. It is one of the old landmarks of the city and was originally a five acre tract occupied by Fauntley R. Stone and family, and was afterwards platted as Stone's addition to the city of Wichita. Originally it was part of the Charles Stafford preemption.
- 10. About \$1000 will be spent this year on improvements to the McKinley Memorial park at corner of 15th and Ohio. The site of this park was purchased by the city from the Dold Packing company several years ago.

# Wednesday, March 3, 1909

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10. The United Sash and Door company will build a new three story brick warehouse building on Rock Island ave. between 1st and 2nd street. To be 51 by 130 feet and cost \$25,000.

# Thursday, March 4, 1909

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5. The new street railway bridge across Chisholm creek at 21st street will be placed in position Monday. It is being assembled by Moore brothers and is a steel bridge, 40 feet

long and twelve feet wide. The old wagon bridge has been moved ten feet north to make room for the street railway bridge. ¶ Men began work this afternoon on the extension of the North Topeka street railway line from the loop at 14th and Topeka to 17th and St. Francis. ¶ The extension of the Riverside line on Franklin to Porter avenue is nearly finished. ¶ When the Topeka avenue extension is completed, work will be commenced on the Stock Yards extension. Next the South Main line will be improved. It will be double tracked in some places to improve the handling of passengers to the baseball park.

Mr. S. J. Buckingham today bought the triangular shaped five acre tract between 17th and 18th streets and between the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks. The Watson mill is on one side and the Red Star mill on the other. It was sold by the Union Stock Yards company which has owned it since before the fire in 1887.

# Friday, March 5, 1909

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 The West Wichita International Order of Odd Fellows yesterday sold its old building at northeast corner of Douglas and Seneca to John Thomas and S. B. Crawford for \$8500. It is three story brick, 25 by 140 feet. The International Order of Odd Fellows will build a new building at 918 West Douglas.

# Saturday, March 6, 1909

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6. City clerk's records show there are now 253 automobiles owned and driven in Wichita. Names of the owners are listed.

# Monday, March 8, 1909

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5. Mr. B. L. Eaton has signed contracts for the \$50,000 improvements to the Carey hotel and work will start when weather permits.

The Stokey residence on College Hill has been purchased by Dr. J. F. Gsell, who will occupy it soon.

12. It is impossible the new extension of the Riverside line will be completed this week. The rails are down and the roadbed is in condition, but the overhead wires have not been strung. There is also some other work to be completed before the line will be ready to go into commission.

# Tuesday, March 9, 1909

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6. Wichita had twelve inches of snow past 24 hours, the most ever recorded here in this period. The previous record was nine inches on November 8-9, 1888.

Article about delays in street car service on all lines until 10:00 a.m. or later by the heavy snow. The large green cars, which are the only ones equipped with snow plows, started

from the car barns at 5:00 a.m. and ran over the lines to push the snow from the track. Five teams and scrapers and 40 trackmen were also used. The snow was about four inches too deep for the cars to run. It blocked the motor and raised the cars off the track. Service on most lines was restored by noon, but on Fairmount not until afternoon.

Friends university is proposing a \$75,000 gym. Details.

### Wednesday, March 10, 1909

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Henry Schnitzler and Frank Gard will build a two story brick building 27 by 100 feet at 712 East Douglas, just east of the International Harvester company's building. Cost \$8000.

# Thursday, March 11, 1909

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- 1. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad will build a new depot in Wichita, the plans for which have just been completed by Louis Curtiss of Kansas City. To be one story, 222 by 60 feet, finished in enameled terra cotta. Building itself is just 48 feet wide with six foot roof extension covering the platform on both sides. To be erected on site of the old depot and ground adjoining it on the south. Interior will have large general waiting room with nearly 4000 square feet of floor space. At opposite ends of building will be men's and women's waiting rooms, each 23 by 36 feet. Large baggage room 46 by 59 feet will occupy the entire end wing.
- 3. John Mahan, owner of the Mahan block at Santa Fe and Douglas avenues, will add two stories to the present three story building, making it five stories. To be completed this summer. Building has 75 foot front and 150 foot depth. Addition will cost \$20,000. The present building was built three years ago in April and is occupied by the Schafer hotel, with 50 guest rooms. The addition will add 40 new rooms.
- 5. The new Southwestern Broom and Warehouse company factory at 15th and Santa Fe will be ready to start operations within two months. Details.

The Wichita Creamery company is planning a new building at southeast corner of Handley and Pacific avenues, 50 by 100 feet and two stories. Details.

Force of men and teams is at work on St. Francis avenue, north of 14th street, preparing the grade for the extension of the Topeka avenue street railway line. Ties have been strung along 14th and between the Topeka avenue loop and St. Francis avenue.

6. Article about sale of shacks on South Tremont street to prepare for new Santa Fe buildings. "One of the three most notorious sections of ancient Wichita will be no more." There also the Cole brothers established the most fashionable hotel in the new city, the old Tremont house, then managed by the Fisher sisters. It was the Empire house moved from Emporia and Douglas avenue. Down there "Sweet" Ann and "Cyclone" held forth, and Emma Williams and Mag Woods, who forced the old Metropolitan Policy system to capitulate.

The three story brick building at 246 North Main owned by H. O. Heller was sold yesterday to W. H. Harrington for \$12,500. The Meyer Furniture company occupies the ground floor.

Auction sale of the fifteen houses on Tremont street with a crimson past, will be held tomorrow. Details. Includes fifteen cottages, frame hotel building (old Tremont house?) and one store building.

10. The Emporia Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church in Wichita today and approved the sale of the Lewis Academy, with proceeds to go to the support of the College of Emporia.

Missouri Pacific to relay the 108 mile track from Wichita to Yates Center this spring with 85 pound steel. It requires 107 tons of rail to lay one mile. Eight-five pound rails are worth \$27 a ton. Part of the rails will arrive from Pueblo, Colorado in a few days. Details.

#### Friday, March 12, 1909

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- 4. Missouri Pacific locomotive No. 8505 caught fire in the yards near Oak street yesterday evening. Engine No. 9610 was nearby but could only take it to the Oak street crossing where the fire department reached it.
- 6. The 22 houses in second and third blocks of Tremont street sold at auction yesterday by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad brought from \$8 to \$700, with a total amount of \$2650.50.

Northbound street car No. 144 and Santa Fe freight train backing on Wichita and Western tracks at South Main and Orme collided last night at 6:00 p.m. One side of the car was smashed. Motorman Frank Clark and one passenger were injured. There were only six passengers on the street car. Conductor Lee Bowers was not injured. "What is left of the street car is hardly worth taking to the barn." Car said to have slid on wet rails. Superintendent Morrison comments that the light cars have one sand box and the large ones have two.

# Saturday, March 13, 1909

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5. Street car company expect to have cars in operation in the stock yards gate by April 1st. Track laying to commence by next Wednesday on lengthening of line half mile east from Topeka avenue on 21st street. Delay has been due to neglect in notifying Santa Fe Railroad to order a crossing. This had to be ordered from Chicago and is expected here by Monday. Yesterday several cars of ties were unloaded on 21st street along the line of the street railway extension east from Lawrence avenue.

- 6. Two Missouri Pacific freight trains collided at Tolerville, five miles northeast of Wichita, at 5:00 a.m. today. Engine No. 2301 of an extra westbound freight collided with the caboose of westbound freight No. 451, drawn by engine No. 2608. No injuries.
- 13. List of building permits this year south of Douglas and east of drainage canal.

#### Monday, March 15, 1909

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12. Superintendent Morrison says the street car line to Mt. Carmel will go west on Douglas to Millwood, but from there on the route has not yet been determined, three routes are being considered.

# Tuesday, March 16, 1909

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- 5. Mayor Graham yesterday vetoed the street lighting contract passed recently by city council.
- 6. City council yesterday let contract for a steel bridge over Little Arkansas river to replace Griffenstein bridge, to the Missouri Valley Bridge company for \$18,600.

City council yesterday sold the abandoned South Topeka avenue fire house to E. E. Whitlock for \$4310.

City council yesterday gave Fred G. McCune contract to repair the old 13th street hose house for \$1348.

#### Wednesday, March 17, 1909

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- 5. College Hill street car No. 170 was derailed at Spruce street this morning.
- 6. Frank A. Hibarger has sold his half interest in the Wichita Business college to Will G. Price, making Mr. Price the sole owner.
- 10. Excavation started today for the new building for the M. Rumley Threshing Machine company at 228 North Mead. To be 60 by 120 feet one story brick. Cost \$7500.

# Friday, March 19, 1909

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3. Advertisement offering for sale 100 foot lots on College Hill in Small's addition (between 2nd and 3rd streets including Bluff, Fountain, and Gray avenues). Diagram. Prices \$650 to 850.

- 5. Douglas avenue paving east toward College Hill is progressing. The north side of the avenue has been concreted to Erie and the brick work to Estelle avenue.
- 6. A. W. Stoner, one of the owners of the Kansas Steam Laundry, will erect at once a new apartment house at southeast corner of 9th and Market, of brick, to accommodate five families. To cost \$15,000.

#### Saturday, March 20, 1909

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5. The two story brick building at 206 West Douglas, erected only two years ago, has been sold by City Clerk R. N. Dorr to O. A. Boyle for \$10,000. There is a restaurant on the ground floor.

The Friends university church Thursday decided to purchase six lots at corner of Mentor and Glenn avenues as a building site.

6. Building is active on College Hill. Among those recently built or under construction: Fred Stanley's Swiss mansion costing about \$12,000 and C. Q. Chandler's fine home at the loop. C. M. Beachy has the foundation laid for a mansion to cost upwards of \$20,000; about five houses in second block on North Rutan, etc. Listed.

### Tuesday, March 23, 1909

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3. The old Emporia avenue Baptist church is being razed. It has been empty for three years and the property was recently sold to O. G. Eikenberry, who will build a residence on the site. ¶ The building was erected in 1887 by one of the most eccentric men who every lived in the southeast, Dr. Burleigh, who owned most of the land thereabouts and was himself a Baptist and offered to donate the ground and pay most of the cost. Dr. Burleigh's daughter, Mrs. Lillian Burleigh Smith, now resides in the next residence north of the church. Further history of the church given.

# Wednesday, March 24, 1909

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4. The new Wichita city directory will be ready for distribution soon. Details.

5. Southbound South Main street car No. 148, in charge of Motorman Adams and Conductor Strong, collided this morning with a West Side bakery wagon near corner of Main and Lewis.

# Thursday, March 25, 1909

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3. Building permit issued to George W. Cornell for two story, six room, brick veneer residence at corner of Chautauqua and Douglas for \$6000.

#### Saturday, March 27, 1909

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5. The Western Iron and Foundry company, corner of 2nd and Santa Fe, was sold today by the receiver, H. J. Roetzel, to two of the former three partners in the firm, J. F. Warren and Henry Anthony, for \$49,000. The third partner was G. C. Christopher, and disputes between the three led to appointment of a receiver 30 days ago.

### Monday, March 29, 1909

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- 5. Street car No. 148 was derailed last night in the eleventh block on South Main by boys placing a small wedge in the switch.
- 10. Notice: The Riverside car service on the new line in Central Riverside west is ready for operation and the cars will commence running on this line on Tuesday, March 30th, and the first car will leave North Riverside at 6:17 a.m., while the first car leave the corner of Franklin and Porter at 6:27 and the last car will leave Main and Douglas for Franklin and Porter at 11:45 p.m., and the last car will leave Main and Douglas for North Riverside at 11:53 p.m. and every other car will run on each branch and the cars going to North Riverside will have NORTH on the front vestibule window and the cars going to Franklin and Porter will have WEST on the front vestibule window. ¶ There will be a ten minute service on South Main and Riverside up to the Junction at Franklin and Nimms (sic) and a twenty minute service from the junction of Nimms on each branch. Through March 31.

### Tuesday, March 30, 1909

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- 1. Results of yesterday's primary election in Wichita. C. L. Davidson and J. H. Graham are candidates for mayor.
- 10. Two cub bears were purchased a few days ago in Okeene, Oklahoma, for \$75 and were added yesterday to the Riverside park zoo. They will be located near the deer pens. A pen will be built around three or four of the big trees in that vicinity. The money for the purchase was obtained from the recent sale of one of the elks to an Eldorado man for \$75. It will be sent out with a show.

# Wednesday, March 31, 1909

- 1. The Red Star Milling company will begin a once the erection of a large new elevator at the north end of the present one. It will be built of wood and divided into 20 bins. Capacity will be 125,000 bushels, and with present 75,000 bushels will give total of 200,000. To be finished by July 1st and cost about \$15,000.
- 3. Mgr. L. M. Miller plans to open the new Princess theater on South Lawrence next Monday.
- 5. Judge Kirk has bought from the Keene Investment company 50 feet of ground one block south of Franklin avenue on Porter avenue for \$550 and intends to build a residence there

this summer. The Keene syndicate also has sold to F. A. White 250 feet of ground on Dort avenue one block north of the car line for \$1850.

7. Notice from Wichita Railroad and Light company dated March 29, 1909: The Riverside car service on the new line in Central Riverside west is ready for operation and the cars will commence running on this line on Tuesday, March 30. First car will leave North Riverside at 6:17 a.m., and the first car will leave corner of Franklin and Porter at 6:27 a.m., with last car from Main and Douglas for Franklin and Porter at 11:45 p.m. and for North Riverside at 11:53 p.m. Every other car will run on each branch and the cars going to North Riverside will have NORTH on the front vestibule window and the cars going to Franklin and Porter will have WEST on the front vestibule window. There will be a ten minute service on South Main and Riverside up to Franklin and Nims and a twenty minute service beyond that on each branch.

# Thursday, April 1, 1909

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10. Article about the new Beachy home on College Hill, on Douglas between Fred Stanley's new house and that of H. W. Darling. To cost \$12,000. Details.

#### Friday, April 2, 1909

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Report of sale yesterday to John Murphy, of Enid, Oklahoma, of the three story, granite gray brick, building completed a few months ago at 223-225 North Main, for \$22,000. It was sold by W. J. Stevens, who built it last fall and winter. It is occupied by the J. O. Gilbert Furniture company.

Architect U. G. Charles has completed plans for a fine two story, eight room residence for J. W. Edwards in fifteenth block on Park Place, and for a two story, seven room residence for Dr. J. L. Evans in tenth block on North Lawrence.

- 8. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Miriam Wallenstein at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ike Goldsmith. As Miriam Marx she was born May 6, 1832 in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America, where she married M. Wallenstein on January 1, 1853, in Cincinnati. They lived there until coming to Wichita seven years ago and have since lived with their daughter, Mrs. Ike Goldsmith, of 1520 North Lawrence. Survived by her husband, four sons and three daughters, including Henry, Mrs. L. B. Solomon, and Mrs. Ike Goldsmith of Wichita.
- 12. J. O. Davidson and little son left for Chicago yesterday.

# Saturday, April 3, 1909

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6. Corner stone of the new College Hill Methodist Episcopal church at 1st and Erie is to be laid tomorrow. Details.

16. Drawing of residence of M. E. Eshelman at 1120 Riverside, one of 1,200 new homes built in Wichita the past year.

#### Monday, April 5, 1909

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Many political advertisements, comments, etc., regarding city election.

- 5. Bishop John J. Hennessy has returned from the East and says the St. Mary's cathedral will be completed with only slight revision in the original plan.
- 6. Corner stone of College Hill Methodist Episcopal church laid yesterday. Details.
- 12. Otto Heller today sold his three story brick building at 246 North Main to G. S. Hannington for \$14,500.

#### Tuesday, April 6, 1909

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- 1. Threshermen are in Wichita for a convention this week. Details.
- 10. The Toggery, exclusive shop for ladies, opened today in its new store, 224 East Douglas.

The new Princess theater was opened last evening.

#### Wednesday, April 7, 1909

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- 1. Report of city election yesterday. C. L. Davidson defeated Mayor J. H. Graham by 7243 to 5821. Wichita's first board of commissioners was elected, including L. F. Means, Rufus Cone, Sam F. Stewart, and H. J. Roetzel.
- 6. The new pay-as-you-enter street cars, ordered by the Wichita Railroad and Light company, will not arrive until about May 10, owing to the General Electric company of Lynn, Massachusetts, which has the contract for furnishing the motors, being behind in its orders. The cars are now being assembled at the factory in St. Louis.
- 10. The board of directors of the Union Stock Yards company today decided to proceed with building of a new \$50,000 exchange building, which will face south on 21st street at the end of the street car line, where the old dipping plant was located. Details.

#### Thursday, April 8, 1909

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6. Henry Schweiter plans to build an eight story brick building at corner of Main and Douglas when the leases on some of the stores expire August 1st, 1910. Details.

# Saturday, April 10, 1909 page

- 3. Report on progress of buildings under construction in Wichita. Details.
- 4. A. E. Stilwell has returned from eight months in Europe and will bring through Wichita tonight a party of English capitalists on an inspection trip. Details and names.

#### Monday, April 12, 1909

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5. Plans and speculations for the new Santa Fe freight depot, sheds and deeds are in the hands of contractors, with bids to be submitted by Wednesday. Details.

#### Tuesday, April 13, 1909

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5. Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company gave members of the new city commission a complimentary ride over the new extension to the Union Stock Yards this morning.

Report of first meeting of new city commission yesterday, with appointment of new city officials, etc.

10. The old First Baptist church at 1st and Market has been put up for sale by the Wichita Commercial club.

#### Wednesday, April 14, 1909

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- 5. John A. Wolfe, manager of the New Auditorium, is rebuilding the old Airdome at corner of William and South Lawrence opposite the Cone-Cornell hall, and will open it to the public this summer. Details.
- 10. The Missouri Pacific today began relaying the track through the yards in this city and to the Kiowa junction in West Wichita with heavy 85 pound steel rails.

#### Thursday, April 15, 1909

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- 5. Contract for the new Otto Weiss home at 10th and Emporia was let this morning. U. G. Charles, architect. Cost \$10,000.
- 10. The extension of the Topeka avenue street car line to 17th and St. Francis avenue will be completed by tomorrow night. ¶ A track gang is also taking out light steel in several places on the South Main street line and replacing it with heavier rails.

#### Friday, April 16, 1909

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10. City commission let contract for paving of Market street from Elm to 12th street with asphalt for 1.97 a yard plus excavation at 43¢ a yard.

#### Saturday, April 17, 1909

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6. Article lists building contracts recently let in Wichita.

16. Drawing of one of the California Bungalows built by the California Bungalow company in Riverside Park. Location?

### Monday, April 19, 1909

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- 1. Article reports site has been purchased by the Winfield Wholesale Grocery company for a building here. It is at southeast corner of 2nd and Santa Fe.
- 5. A. W. Stover, secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Steam Laundry company, is beginning the erection of an apartment house at 9th and Market, 38 by 115 feet, two stories, with six room apartments. To be of pressed brick trimmed in Carthage stone and cost \$18,000. Architect is Fred C. McCune. Contract let to Dieter and Wenzel Construction company.

Wichita is to have three more mail carriers beginning May 1st, making a total of 37.

#### Tuesday, April 20, 1909

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- 5. The first consignment of steel rails for the Orient Railroad's use in closing the gap between Sweetwater and San Angelo, Texas, will pass through Wichita this afternoon on about 40 cars in two special trains, en route from Bessemer, Pennsylvania. The whole order is for about 9,000 tons. Today's shipment will lay about nine miles of track.
- 6. The extension of the Topeka avenue street car line to 17th and St. Francis is now being used. It necessitates the addition of another car on the Topeka avenue and Stock Yards line, making nine cars in all on this line.
- 10. The old shacks and houses are being rapidly removed from Tremont street to make room for the new Santa Fe buildings and tracks in that area.

# Wednesday, April 21, 1909

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- 5. Work on piers for the new steel bridge over the Arkansas river at South Lawrence avenue will be commenced Monday. The bridge will replace the wooden one which has been there for years. It will be about 500 feet long and cost \$15,000.
- 10. Although the Douglas avenue bridge is not completed, Mr. N. W. Longnecker, veterinary at 500 West Douglas, yesterday made the first trip across the bridge on a buggy.

# Thursday, April 22, 1909

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6. B. L. Eaton left today for Chicago for a final conference with architect Frank V. Newell

regarding the planned improvements to the Carey hotel.

10. The Missouri Pacific has ordered fourteen engines for use on the Wichita division. They are rebuilt locomotives of the 800, 2300, and 3600 type from the shops at Sedalia, Missouri, and Ft. Scott.

#### Saturday, April 24, 1909

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- 5. Advertisement for sale of lots in second block of South Hillside on east side of Hillside, with drawing. Shows the east-west street as Maple street.
- 6. Conductor Hall of Wichita Railroad and Light company was slightly injured today when he was swinging the trolley pole of Cleveland avenue car No. 106 at Main and Douglas and it broke off and fell on him.
- 13. Drawing of Mr. Fred B. Stanley's home on Douglas avenue on College Hill. Design is from a California of Swiss architecture (now the Buck residence).

#### Monday, April 26, 1909

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3. Advertisement for sale of lots in Hockaday-Rogers addition (Douglas avenue half way to 1st street, Bluff to half block east of Fountain) with drawing.

Foundation has been started for the big wholesale building of A. S. Parks on Rock Island avenue between 1st and 2nd streets. To be four stories, 50 x 130 feet.

5. Workmen are double tracking part of the South Main street car line. They are today working near Bayley and Lincoln streets. About 300 feet of double track will be put down between these two streets in order to better handle the baseball park traffic.

The Wichita Automobile company is celebrating the event of having sold 1000 automobiles. It has been organized and in operation eight years, and was the first automobile agency in Kansas. O. A. Boyle's purchase of a Reo touring car a few days ago now number 1000 on the company's list of sales. In April 1903 Mr. Boyle purchased his first car, and it was number 12. ¶ The Wichita headquarters now has branches in many counties in Kansas and Oklahoma.

#### Tuesday, April 27, 1909

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5. Nick Steffen, now of Leon but formerly of Wichita, is coming back to Wichita to live. Yesterday he purchased from Marian Frey the big house at 3401East 2nd street, College Hill, for \$11,000. The house is one of the most noted houses in Wichita. It was built during the boom period by Hardy Solomon for cost estimated at \$13-18,000. Seven years ago J. B. Blazer bought the house and the eleven lots which go with it for \$3250. He added a big porch and a hot water heating plant and sold it two years ago to Mr. Fry for \$10,000. ¶ Four years ago Mr. Steffen sold his interest in the Steffen-Bretch ice cream business and moved to Leon.

10. Wonderland park will open May 15 with a new electric foundation and circle swing and a big open air theater. Details.

#### Wednesday, April 28, 1909

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1. Article gives history of Henry Schweiter's purchase of the lots at northeast corner of Main and Douglas.

#### Thursday, April 29, 1909

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- 1. The site committee of the Congregational church yesterday purchased the northeast corner of 1st and Clifton for \$2000. It is hoped to build a chapel at once with the main church building to be added later. The new church will have 75 to 100 charter members. Chairman of the committee is W. F. Bort.
- 3. It is proposed to macadamize Murdock from Main street to Waco to give an improved entrance to Riverside park. Cost would be about \$200.
- 5. M. A. McClellan is planning to build a three story brick building at 618 East Douglas, on the first alley west of the Santa Fe tracks, to replace an old building on the site, now occupied by a small store.
- 10. Commercial club has decided to increase the height of its new building from four to five stories.
- 12. A street railway gang is now placing frogs and switches in position near the corner of Seneca and Douglas for the extension of the line west.

#### Friday, April 30, 1909

- 4. Article describes the four name plates imbedded in the end railing posts of the new Douglas avenue bridge. Referred to as "Concrete steel bridge, Melan system, patterned (patented?) September 12, 1898," etc.
- 8. Article about controversy between the Wichita Railroad and Light company and Missouri Pacific company over the crossing of the railroad company's tracks near Millwood and Douglas by the street car line. It is said the street railway company refuses to sign the contract drawn by the Missouri Pacific. One night this week a force of Missouri Pacific trackman put down a switch and track across Douglas avenue on the Kiowa branch in West Wichita. ¶ Article lists the demands of Missouri Pacific as stated by Superintendent Webb. Details.

10. Architect C. W. Terry is preparing plans and specifications for the new front for the building occupied by the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company. To be 50 feet wide and extend up the entire three stories. Cost about \$8000. Rebuilding is to start about June 1st.

# Monday, May 3, 1909

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- 5. The Second African Baptist church has purchased the old First Baptist church at 1st and Market for the material. Work of dismantling it started today. The Scottish Rite Masons had used the building prior to 1898.
- 9. The Watson Mill company today signed a contract for two new steel storage tanks to increase the present 135,000 bushel storage capacity by 35,000 bushels to 170,000 bushels. To be completed by July 1st. One tank circular and one rectangular.
- 12. City commission yesterday ordered paving of Murdock from Main to Lawrence with asphalt.

# Thursday, May 6, 1909

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3. Street railway motormen of Kansas may be permitted to sit during part of the time they are running cars after June 1. The last legislature passed a law requiring street railway and interurban companies to provide stools for the motormen. It also requires that the front vestibule of cars shall be kept at the same temperature as the rest of the car in the winter time.

# Saturday, May 8, 1909

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9. The First Universalist church, corner of Market and Kellogg, will be dedicated tomorrow morning.

# Monday, May 10, 1909

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- 5. City commission has let contract for building the Lincoln park fire station for \$3950.
- 6. East Douglas is to be repaved with brick from the Santa Fe Railroad tracks to Mosley avenue. The asphalt pavement is worn out.
- 12. Rutan avenue is to be paved with asphalt from Cedar street to Central.

# Tuesday, May 11, 1909

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6. A 40 by 60 foot addition is being built to the Wichita Vinegar works at corner of 1st and Hydraulic. Work started this morning. To cost about \$3000.

A new church organization is to be formed at a meeting tomorrow in the United

Presbyterian church at 1st and Ohio. A new church building is planned, probably on the site of the Cleveland avenue Friends church, which was destroyed by wind a short time ago.

#### Wednesday, May 12, 1909

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- 4. The new Southwestern Broom and Warehouse company factory in Wichita began making brooms Monday at the rate of 100 dozen a day. Details.
- 9. Advertisement for sale of lots in Woodridge Place (Academy to Vassar, and 15th to 17th) with drawing showing houses already on Fairmount and Holyoke.

# Thursday, May 13, 1909

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10. The meeting at United Presbyterian church, 1st and Ohio, yesterday organized a new Presbyterian church to be known as the Grace Presbyterian church. Details.

#### Friday, May 14, 1909

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- 9. Excavation started today for a two story brick building 50 by 140 feet on lots 5 and 7 in first block on South Emporia, adjoining the City Steam Laundry building. B. L. Whitlock will own the building, which will be occupied by the Young Brothers Wholesale Hat company. Fred G. McCune is architect. To cost about \$15,000.
- 10. City engineer Wells says work will start on the College Hill sewer about July 1.

# Saturday, May 15, 1909

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6. Contract has been let for Dr. J. L. Evans' new house in tenth block on North Lawrence.

# Monday, May 17, 1909

- 3. The Children's Home is considering selling its College Hill location in order to purchase a larger more suitable tract of ground for a new building.
- 6. Article in "Threshman's Review" by Addison G. Proctor, of St. Joseph, Michigan, who came to the Wichita area on a buffalo hunt in the fall of 1857. Details.
- 9. Commodore S. L. Nelson, of Chicago, a director of the McKinley syndicate, owner of Wichita Railroad and Light company, and former vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, is visiting in Wichita. Details.
- 12. Work will start in a few days on the steel bridge replacement for the old Griffenstein bridge. It will first be necessary to remove the old wooden bridge, as the new one is to be built on the same site.

#### Wednesday, May 19, 1909

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5. The Walterscheid Machinery and Supply company has sold its building at 115 to 125 North Rock Island to the Arctic Ice and Refrigerator company for \$22,000.

### Thursday, May 20, 1909

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- 1. The property south of the Boston store, on Main street, formerly occupied by the Liggett livery barn, has been acquired by The Beacon for \$39,000. The site is 75 by 140 feet, and the Beacon hopes to have a modern ten story office building erected thereon. Details.
- 5. Three local theaters were sold yesterday: the Novelty, 410 East Douglas, the Elite at 409 East Douglas, and the Marple at 417 East Douglas. The Novelty is the old Cameraphone, renamed when Berry and Barrety took charge a few years ago. Mr. John A. Berry has now sold his interest to his partner, Frank Barrety, Lederman and Amos, of Omaha, have bought out the interests of W. H. Marple, who owned the Marple and the Elite. Mr. Marple leaves today for Arizona for his health. ¶ The sale of the theaters does not include the buildings in which they are located.
- 10. Report of fire which badly damaged George T. Nolley's furniture store and the old Toggery store at 118 and 120 North Main about 6:30 p.m. yesterday. Damage estimated at \$27,000.

# Friday, May 21, 1909

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- 1. \$100,000 has been subscribed toward the Beacon's new office building. Details.
- 5. Building permit issued for a two story, 16 room, brick veneer residence of J. H. Butts at 1215 North Lawrence for \$15,000.
- 6. Work has started on the new fire station in Lincoln park. To be 25 by 50 feet, two stories, and finished in 60 days.
- 12. The May issue of the Missouri and Kansas (Bell) Telephone Company's directory has been delivered and contains names of about 1000 new subscribers since the January issue. The Wichita directory is issued at regular intervals three times per year.

#### Monday, May 24, 1909

- 3. Interview with Riverside resident, Hon. Cliff Matson, who is complaining about the inadequate and unreliable service on the Riverside street car line.
- 9. The Missouri Pacific yesterday handled its largest single day's business on the Wichita division. Fourteen freight trains with total of 249 cars moved out of Durand to Wichita. Tonnage was 14,000 tons.

10. Manager Nuttle of Wonderland park has given the YMCA the use of the south end of the island for a baseball diamond. Grading has begun and seats will be erected.

### Tuesday, May 25, 1909

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5. Contract let yesterday for three story addition to United Sash and Door company building. To be 50 by 75 feet.

Article tells where the old cattle trail passed through Wichita en route to Abilene before the railroad reached here.

6. Drawing of proposed new ten story Beacon building.

# Wednesday, May 26, 1909

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- 6. Drawing of proposed Beacon building.
- 9. Article gives history of each of Wichita's eleven banks. Details.

# Thursday, May 27, 1909

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6. Nineteen men have subscribed \$100,000 toward building an interurban line north and northwest from Wichita to Valley Center, Sedgwick, Norton, Halstead, Burrton, and Hutchinson. Details. The company is to be called the National Interurban Railway Company Subscribers are listed -- including \$20,000 each from W. G. Van Arsdale and George Theis.

# Friday, May 28, 1909

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- 1. Plans for the new exchange building of the Wichita Union Stock Yards company were received in Wichita yesterday and submitted to contractors for bids. To be 90 by 168 feet Details. Architect is E. Parker and Sons of Kansas City.
- 5. Article says street car company is considering building a new steel street car bridge across the Arkansas river at Douglas avenue, which would cost about \$50,000.

A baby deer was born Wednesday at the Riverside park zoo, increasing the herd to five.

# Saturday, May 29, 1909

- 5. The Church of Christ will open its new house of worship at corner of Mathewson and 1st street next Sunday. Details.
- 6. Five of the ten pay-as-you-enter cars, to be used on the Topeka avenue-Stock yards line, will reach the city tonight and will be in operation some time next week according to

Superintendent Morrison. They will be in operation next week. These will be the only pay-as-you-enter cars in use in this state. They are 43 feet long with extra large new platform and will seat 34 passengers. The length of these cars is the same as the two large cars that have been in use here by the company the past two years, but the center aisle is eight inches wider and the cars are better in other respects. They are mounted on double trucks and fitted with air brakes and all the latest appliances in car construction. The color is olive green. ¶ The main feature of these new cars is the arrangement for the payment of fare by passengers as they get on the car. A fare box is provided in which money or tickets may be placed before entering the car proper. A conductor will always be found on the rear platform to make change and issue transfers, but he will not pass through the cars to collect fares as on the old style cars. ¶ These cars can only be run one way, as there are controllers only on the front end. ¶ Five more cars of this style are completed in the car shops in St. Louis and will be shipped as soon as flat cars can be obtained. They will probably arrive here some time next week. ¶ Nine of these ten cars will be placed on the Topeka avenue-Stockyards line, the other being held in reserve. This will give Wichita not only the finest pay-as-you-enter cars in Kansas, but it will also have the first line in the state entirely equipped with double truck, air brake cars. ¶ Photograph of 208 (?) as received from the St. Louis factory.

10. Advertisement for the Tent Theatre, on South Washington street a half block from Douglas.

Advertisement for the Air Dome at William and Emporia.

#### Monday, May 31, 1909

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- 1. Drawing of the new Stock Yards company exchange building.
- 6. Report of dedication of new Church of Christ at 1st and Mathewson yesterday. Details.
- 12. The Western Newspaper Union has bought from Fred Bissantz a tract of land 50 by 150 feet at northeast corner of William and Tremont for \$10,000 as a site for a new three story building.

# Tuesday, June 1, 1909

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10. City commission yesterday granted petition to change name of Main street north of 17th street to Park Place.

# Wednesday, June 2, 1909

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10. A six foot high statue of St. Francis will soon be placed in the cupola of the St. Francis Hospital. It is cast of iron and painted in natural colors, representing St. Francis clad in his brown tunic girt with a cord. Details.

#### Thursday, June 3, 1909

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- 1. The Wichita Country Club yesterday secured an option on 80 acres of ground east of Hillside and north of Central, to cost \$19,000. Details. The land is on Frisco Heights and is owned by a dozen or more persons. The club house would be built at the intersection of Grandview (sic) and Cowper avenues.
- 5. Work on the East Douglas pavement will be completed as far as Green street today. The pavement to Hillside will be completed in a week or so and by the first of August the additional 1800 feet to Roosevelt should be in.
- 12. Map shows location of the 80 acres of ground obtained by a new Wichita Country Club site.

The Hydro-Carbon Company, of W. C. Coleman, yesterday commenced excavating for foundation for its big new building to be erected just north of the Western Planing Mill on 1st and St. Francis. To be two stories, 50 by 140 feet, and cost \$25,000.

#### Friday, June 4, 1909

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12. Construction work on the Waco avenue street car line has progressed sufficiently for a car service to be inaugurated tomorrow night. It is expected that the line will be ready for use from 9th street to 15th street by that time and a car will be put on between Main and 9th and 15th. Persons living on North Waco avenue can take the stockyards car north as far as 9th street, where they will receive transfers and connect with the cars on the new line. ¶ The service will commence at 6 o'clock tomorrow night, running every ten minutes to 15th street. This service will be maintained until such time as the line is completed.

# Saturday, June 5, 1909

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# Magazine

- 3. Owing to some changes it was found necessary to make in the new pay-as-you-enter street cars, they will not be ready for service until next week. Meanwhile instruction classes are being held for the man who will operate the cars. They will be provided with stools for both motormen and conductors in compliance with the new law.
- 5. Commencing tomorrow morning street car service on the East Douglas line between Hillside and the loop on Roosevelt avenue will be temporarily abandoned. This is necessary in order to pave the space between the tracks. It will take about 30 days to finish the paving.
- 6. Superintendent Morrison has decided that the traffic on Waco avenue will be enough to justify running of the Waco avenue cars from Main and Douglas instead of running a stub car from Main and 9th, so at 6:00 p.m. today two cars will be put on the new run from Main and Douglas to 15th and Waco.

Persons attending the baseball games today and tomorrow will be able to try out the new pay-as-you-enter cars, as they have been put on the South Main street run for these two games, although they are not entirely ready for service on a regular run.

Sec. II

1. Article listing "What Wichita Has"

Says Wichita has 67 street cars, 31 of which are in operation at all times. This includes four of the finest trailer cars in the west. ¶ There are multiple page sections of articles and advertisements describing many of Wichita's main industries and companies.

- 3. Advertisement of Wichita Union Stock Yards company with table of yearly receipts of cattle, hogs, sheep, etc. 1893 to 1908.
- 4. Report of 22nd annual commencement exercises Thursday of Lewis academy at 1st Presbyterian church. Six graduates including Gaylord Beardsley Hamilton.

Sec. III

5. Advertisement of the Hydro-Carbon company, featuring Coleman lamps.

Sec. IV

9. Wichita has a street railway system that comprises 30 miles of track on which 32 cars are operated daily.

Many advertisements and articles about Wichita businesses, etc.

# Monday, June 7, 1909

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- 3. Report of marriage in Strassfurt (sic), Germany this morning of Wichita artist, Mr. John Noble, and Miss Amalie Peich, of Paris, France. Details. They will make their home in Brittany.
- 12. City commission yesterday granted petition to pave North Topeka from 14th to 15th with asphalt.

# Tuesday, June 8, 1909

- 1. Report of a plan to unify the subsidiary lines of the Missouri Pacific Railway company into one company -- to be submitted to stockholders for ratification. The consolidation would exclude the Iron Mountain lines, but would include a number of other subsidiary lines (named,) including the Kansas and Colorado Pacific Railway company of Kansas.
- 5. Kansas supreme court Saturday granted N. W. Longnecker's request for temporary injunction to keep street railway company from interfering with his property near west end of Douglas avenue bridge. Hearing regarding permanent injunction will be held later. Long article discusses the matter -- some suggest the street car company would like a

permanent injunction, so that it might build its tracks then on new Douglas avenue bridge.

#### Thursday, June 10, 1909

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- 1. Article reports that Scott E. Winne is a patient in a hospital in Santa Ana, California, with a broken leg resulting from a motor car accident. Article gives summary of his flight from Wichita on March 26, 1908 with liabilities of over half a million dollars, etc. Details. (Report later denied June 11.)
- 8. Real estate transfer: The Riverside Land Company to The Keene Syndicate, June 5, 1909: Reserve G, Riverside addition, for \$1.
- 12. Photograph of new Church of Christ, at 1st and Mathewson (but largely obscured by trees).

### Friday, June 11, 1909

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- 1. Drawing of proposed new club house of the Riverside club, F. E. Parker and Son, architects. Details.
- 12. The Wichita Wholesale Furniture company, now at 3rd and Wichita streets, plans to erect soon after July 1st a new four story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, as a wholesale place in first block on North Water, separate from the retail house at 225 to 229 North Water. Details.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company has elected the following board of directors: W. O. Van Arsdale, George Theis, Jr., R. L. Holmes, Charles G. Cohn, Charles H. Smyth, E. T. Battin, R. B. Campbell, D. C. Rounds, and O. A. Boyle. ¶ Officers are W. O. Van Arsdale, president; George Theis, Jr., vice-president; A. Stone, secretary; E. T. Battin, treasurer. ¶ Negotiations are pending to secure a chief engineer.

Elmer E. Reiff, secretary of the Union Livestock Commission company, will soon erect a large residence at southeast corner of 12th and Topeka, next to the residence of W. M. Paugh.

# Saturday, June 12, 1909

- 3. Drawing of the new O. D. Barnes apartments now being finished near corner of 3rd street and Lawrence.
- 4. Hon. W. B. McKinley, president, and H. E. Chubbuck, general manager, of the McKinley syndicate are visiting Wichita this week. They stated that the West Side line will be extended to Meridian street by fall.
- 5. J. F. Riley has recently finished a two story brick building at corner of Cleveland and East

Douglas. It is a buff brick, 46 by 60 feet.

#### Monday, June 14, 1909

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- 9. Advertisement for sale of lots in "The Knoll," at west edge of Merriman park. Map.
- 12. Beacon building fund is nearing \$180,000.

#### **Tuesday, June 15, 1909**

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- 1. Board of county commission yesterday raised assessed valuation of *The Beacon* from assessor's \$26,600 to \$100,000 while leaving *The Eagle's* at \$30,910, apparently in retribution for the *Beacon's* criticism. Details.
- 9. One week's trial of the new pay-as-you-enter street cars has been given in Wichita and the verdict is that they are a success. Details. ¶ Superintendent Morrison said "We can see only one mistake in our new cars and that is because the front platform is too short. Chicago Pay As You Enter cars have these platforms two feet longer, giving them a capacity of about a dozen more when crowded. We will correct this on our next cars. Twelve of these have been ordered to be delivered next year."

#### Wednesday, June 16, 1909

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4. Article lists dos and don'ts for patrons riding the new pay-as-you-enter street cars.

The Interurban Construction Company has been organized to conduct building operations for the new interurban line that will run north and northwest from Wichita. ¶ Officers: O. A. Boyle, president; J. H. Elem, vice-president; R. B. Campbell, secretary; F. D. Trekell, treasurer. ¶ Directors: J. H. Elem, R. B. Campbell, R. L. Holmes, George Theis, Jr., C. H. Smyth, F. D. Trekell, O. A. Boyle.

10. A monkey has been donated to the Riverside park zoo, to add to the pair of peafowl, three Angora goats, six deer, nine elk, two bears, and four coyotes already there.

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6. H. I. Ellis, general superintendent for the Wurster Construction company, has left the Wurster company and will go into the construction business for himself. Effective July 1st.

Ex-mayor Ross has let a contract for tearing out the front of his building at 119 and 121 North Main and building in a new modern front of white glazed brick and terra cotta. Building is occupied by Rorabaugh Dry Goods company.

Starting today the new Pay As You Enter cars now run on South Main street instead of North Topeka. This change was made because the paving of North Topeka interferes with

the running of cars through from North Topeka to the Stock Yards on regular time.  $\P$ During the time Topeka avenue is torn up for paving, the line on that street will be operated separate from any other line.  $\P$  Cars on the new Stock Yards-South Main line will run on an eight minute schedule.  $\P$  The Riverside line will also be operated as a separate line on a ten minute schedule.  $\P$  The West Side has a street car service all its own today while the track is torn up to install a cross-over just west of Main street. This is being put in so cars from Wonderland park can be transferred from one track to the other without crossing Main street.

# Friday, June 18, 1909

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1. Subscriptions to the Beacon building have reached \$180,400, and the "go ahead" order has been issued. Details.

# Saturday, June 19, 1909

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- 5. One of the landmarks on West Douglas avenue has disappeared within the past few days. It is the little shack that has so long been occupied by Mrs. Cora Black, near the Douglas avenue bridge. She was induced by friends to leave and take up more comfortable quarters in a cottage in another part of the city. During the time she lived alone in the little shack she has guarded the property, which has been coveted by others a good many times. ¶ When workmen tore down the little house this week, which Mrs. Black herself had made, it appeared that the inner walls had been built up by nailing on of the daily papers to a thickness of as much as three inches. Now it has all disappeared.
- Drawing of the Husey apartments, which will be erected at corner of Market and Dewey.
  R. W. Barr, architect.

Article lists current real estate sales, etc.

# Monday, June 21, 1909

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6. Contract was let Saturday for the new Riverside club building for \$14,346. Details.

# **Tuesday, June 22, 1909**

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- 8. Discussion for need of a concrete dam on Little river at Central avenue to maintain water level.
- 12. Letter from A. E. Stilwell to Orient stock-holders says 30 miles of track has been laid between San Angelo and Sweetwater, leaving 47 miles to close the gap, which should be finished in September.

Wednesday, June 23, 1909 page

- 1. Article says the Sedgwick Home for Boys and Girls is to be located in the large two story house on the corner of the Haymarket square, on South Water street. Details.
- 6. Advertisement with photograph of Walker Brothers new store, 129-33 North Main.

#### Monday, June 28, 1909

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- 3. Real estate transfers: Henry Dozier to Board of Education of Wichita, June 26, 1909, lots 101, 103, 105, 107, Porter avenue, Riverside addition, for \$2,000.
- 5. Superintendent Morrison announced today that the Waco avenue street cars would run to 18th street tonight and that hereafter a regular service will be maintained to that point.
- 6. Superintendent Morrison last week informed the city commission that no more work is to be done by the street car company on its new line to Mt. Carmel academy until the city commissioners have satisfied the Longnecker claim for damages or as long as the injunction obtained by Longnecker stands. According to article the supreme court has reversed the district court and given Longnecker the injunction he sought, but an agreement was made that it will not be enforced until October to give the city time to condemn a strip along the front of some vacant property owned by Longnecker to be added to the width of the street. Details.
- 8. Article about the case of <u>Woodman vs. Davidson</u>, which will be heard in district court next Friday. It involves the title to lot No. 33, North Main street, on which the Commercial bank now stands. Grant Woodman claims his father's will stated that lot 33 with all furnishings and fixtures was to be given to him after 20 years, during which time the executors were to conduct the bank business. After W. C. Woodman's death the bank failed, and the receivers sold the above property to Mr. Davidson at a sale. Mr. Grant Woodman claims they had no right to permanently sell the property.

Article says the proposed College Hill sewer is estimated to cost \$400,000. Details.

Man today started at 14th street putting in the concrete base for the asphalt pavement on North Topeka south to 1st street. Work also started this morning on the concrete base for the brick pavement on Douglas east of Hillside.

16. Plans for the new College Hill Congregational church to be erected at 1st and Clifton are now finished and ready to be submitted to the contractors. Main building will be 40 by 42 feet. It faces east with arched porticoes on both north and south sides leading to the tower entrance at west side. William R. Stringfield is the architect. Estimated cost \$6000. Details.

# Wednesday, June 30, 1909

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5. Superintendent Morrison said today that appropriation has been made by the company for

a street car line circling the block bounded by Douglas, Main, William, and Market streets. A franchise for this line was granted yesterday by the city commission, and it should be completed by September 1st. Cost of building the track on William and Market will be about \$8000 including the special work at the street intersections. When this loop is completed there will be no more switching at Main and Douglas and no more swinging of trolley's and backing up.

City commission passed ordinance requiring bicycle owners to pay  $25\phi$  a year for a license tag for their bicycles.

8. Ground has been broken for the new Riverside club house. The porch will sit in Porter avenue, which has been ordered closed at the north end. Directly behind the club house will be the tennis courts. Contract specifies completion within 90 days from June 28th. Details.

# Thursday, July 1, 1909

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6. South Topeka is to be paved from English to Lincoln with Bitulithic. Contract let.

# Friday, July 2, 1909

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- 1. Photograph of old building on Beacon building site. It was erected in 1883 by Jake Cooper and Charles K. Freeman and will be removed at once. It was sold yesterday to the colored Arkansas Valley Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 21, and the material will be used to construct a new Masonic building on North Main street.
- 11. The three story Lee Hays brick block at southeast corner of Douglas and Water was sold yesterday to W. B. Throckmorton for \$19,500. It was formerly occupied by the Hays Saddlery and Leather company. The Ames Motor company now has the first floor.

# Saturday, July 3, 1909

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- 1. The Beacon Building company was organized yesterday. Details.
- 5. Five car loads of Carthage shale and crushed stone, from Carthage, Missouri, have been received for use in repairing the drives in Riverside park.

Arrangements have been made so the street cars stop at the entrance to that part of Riverside park where the animals are kept so persons who want to see them need not walk a block or two. A platform has been built at that point and a good gravel walk made to the animal pens.

16. Drawing of the new building of the Martin Metal Manufacturing company, 140 by 160 feet, under construction at 2nd and Mosley.

#### Tuesday, July 6, 1909

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6. City commission today said that unless the street car company promises to keep the paving of its tracks in the proposed look around the post office in excellent condition, it will not be permitted to construct the loop. Commissioner Cone said the paving along the company's tracks on Main street and Douglas avenue is very rough.

# Wednesday, July 7, 1909

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5. Superintendent Morrison at present plans to build the street car loop around the post office block in August.

# Thursday, July 8, 1909

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5. Paving of the new Douglas avenue bridge with asphalt was completed this afternoon.

Contract was let today for construction of the new Stock Yards exchange building for \$40,000.

# Friday, July 9, 1909

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- 5. Work on the preliminary survey for the proposed Arkansas Valley Interurban road was commended this afternoon by J. M. McAfee, of Joplin, Missouri, the engineer in charge, with seven men. They began setting stakes at the western boundary of the city, not far from Maple street. The survey will take about two weeks.
- 6. The Dillworth Hardware company of Oklahoma City will locate in Wichita about August 1 and has leased the building formerly occupied by Walker Brothers Dry Goods company at 139 North Main.

#### Saturday, July 10, 1909

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- 4. Building permit issued yesterday for a two story, eight room residence for H. N. Roberts at 235 North Roosevelt, to cost \$5500.
- 5. There will be four light posts on each side of the new Douglas avenue bridge. At the top of each post a cross arm will have two electric lights and one gas light.
- 16. Real estate transfer: The Keene Syndicate Company to Mary E. Alexander, April 21, lots 65 and 67, Porter avenue, Riverside addition for \$700.

# Monday, July 12, 1909

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1. The new Douglas avenue bridge will be opened for traffic tomorrow morning. Photograph and details. Plans drawn in December 1907. Actual work begun March 1, 1908.

Completed July 8, 1909. Cost \$100,000. Length over all 551 feet. Length of bridge proper 516<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet. Width of roadway 40 feet. Width of walk on each side eight feet. Six piers and seven spans. Length of each span 66 feet in the clear, 72<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet from center to center. Height of center of bridge above low water mark nineteen feet. Weight of bridge 16,925 tons. One hundred and twenty-five tons of steel, and 7000 barrels of cement used. Weight capacity 150 pounds per square feet.

3. Mrs. L. S. Carter as "81 years young" yesterday. Some information about her.

#### **Tuesday, July 13, 1909**

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5. J. D. Houston of the Schuyler Jones Shoe company has moved into his new bungalow on Riverside.

Building permit issued today for the four story Aylesbury Mercantile company building on North Santa Fe avenue. To be 50 by 120 feet and cost \$25,000.

The Wichita College of Music is now erecting a three story ladies' dormitory at 314-316 East 3rd street, to cost \$2000 and be finished about October 1.

Building permit issued today to Mrs. W. M. Gunnell for two story, ten room house, 908 North Topeka, to cost \$5000.

10. Report of official opening of new Douglas avenue bridge last evening. Details.

The Topeka avenue (North) paving is progressing slowly. A double track will be laid from 9th to Central, giving double track from Douglas to 11th on the North Topeka line.

# Wednesday, July 14, 1909

- 1. City commission has granted petition for paving of 13th street from Santa Fe avenue east to Hillside with brick.
- 4. Report of J. R. Mead's address at opening of the new Douglas avenue bridge Monday night. Gives history of the first bridge across river at that point. Details.
- 5. The Catholic church on South Millwood avenue, which has been closed for more than 20 years is being repaired and will be opened in a few days. It was closed during the "boom" in 1887.
- 6. An effort is being made by the West Wichita Commercial club to have Seneca street extended from Central avenue north around a bend in the Little river to Buffum avenue.
- 10. Paving of Emporia from 9th to 14th was completed today, and work will start at once on paving of 12th block on North Market.

### Thursday, July 15, 1909

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- 1. Report of gruesome finding of disposal of premature babies in an old cess pool in the back yard of the Lenox Sanitarium, which is in a three story brick building at 1725 East Douglas. Remains of eight fetuses found. Details.
- 5. When the new Central avenue dam across the Little river is built, it will be in an entirely new location. Instead of being below the Central avenue bridge, it will be about 100 feet up the river from it, according to City Engineer Wells. The reason is that it will be a better place to construct it, since it is nearly impossible to drive piling where the bridge is now located, since hundreds of tons of rock have been dumped into the river at the site of the present dam.
- 6. The temporary bridge across the Arkansas river just north of Douglas avenue, used while the new bridge was under construction, is being torn down. Lumber and piling will be saved and used at some other location. The bridge was built in November 1907.
- 10. An old settler and real estate dealer, in early Wichita, now of St. Louis, tells of the "Big Four" here 25 years ago -- M. M. Murdock, M. W. Levy (now of New York,) A. W. Oliver, and M. F. Niederlander (both now of St. Louis).

Commissioner L. F. Means, has sold his 160 acre farm five miles northeast of the city to Mr. Felman, of Kingman, for \$8000.

#### Friday, July 16, 1909

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5. Commissioner Cone has been strongly critical of the rough cobble stones which pave the street car tracks on Main street and Douglas avenue and the city commission has ordered the Wichita Railroad and Light company to repave these tracks within 30 days.

The Grit Printery has leased rooms at 122-124 South Lawrence, formerly occupied by the Palace Furniture company, and is moving its printing plant there from its present location at 321-325 East William, in the Crawford theater building, where it has been for the past fifteen years.

Notice dated July 13 from Wichita Railroad and Light Company: The Waco avenue cars will operate as a stub line from 9th and Main street to 18th street and Waco until the necessary any switches can be put in at 9th and Waco in order to run through cars.

# Saturday, July 17, 1909

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1. Chief of Police Burt served notice on Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company early this morning him to stop work on the proposed loop around the block in which the federal building is located. The action is said to have been ordered this week by city commission, but the street car company workers had started yesterday setting poles in place. ¶ Superintendent Morrison says the loop has become a necessity and needs to be built quickly. Seventy-six street cars pass the intersection of Main and Douglas every hour. Of this number 36 have to be switched at that point every time they arrive.

5. Dr. W. A. Minick will retire from practice August 1st and on September 15 will leave for Sanford, Florida. He came to Wichita in 1885.

Directors of the Fair Association let contract today for a one story concrete agricultural hall, 34 by 112 feet, to be built at the fair grounds.

6. Motormen and conductors of the street car company will all be given a new run assignment tomorrow. The company's policy is to make such changes occasionally.

# Monday, July 19, 1909

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4. Building permit issued last week to L. C. Huber for a two story brick building at corner of Ohio and Douglas, cost \$15,000.

Building permit issued last week to Kansas Steam Laundry for two story brick building at 40 by 138 feet at 220-22 W. Waterman. To cost \$9000.

## Tuesday, July 20, 1909

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- 5. The lot and two story frame building at 146 North Topeka, once known as the "Gray Gables" boarding and rooming house, was sold yesterday to P. A. Johnston, of Coldwater, by H. Burnett for \$12,000. ¶ This same lot was bought ten years ago by Mary E. Cook for \$1000. At that time it had a small frame building on it. Later she built the present two story frame building and transferred the property to her brother, H. Burnett. This property has increased in value ten fold in the past ten years.
- 6. Article about progress in constructing the new steel bridge to replace the Griffenstein bridge. Heavy blue clay difficult to penetrate has delayed the building of the piers near the south end. Details.

# Wednesday, July 21, 1909

- 1. Drawing of the new building for the Wichita Commercial club.
- 3. Article gives details of the Wichita Commercial club's planned new building at 1st and Market. To cost \$90,000. To be five stories, 50 by 140 feet.
- 5. Harry R. Brookings has sold his 320 acre farm four miles east of Wichita on 21st street to George W. Smith, William M. Smith, and Jacob Smith, of Illinois, for \$22,000.
- 6. Work has commenced on the new Stock Yards Exchange building and it is expected to be

completed by November 1.

10. Grading is now under way for the new Santa Fe freight depot and yards. Details.

# Thursday, July 22, 1909

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1. Editorial criticizing the objections being made to the street car loop around the post office block.

Site of two of the three proposed new ward schools has been decided. One will be at Harrison and Porter in Riverside and the other on Athenian avenue two blocks north of Douglas. Each will have four large class rooms and cost about \$13,500. The Riverside site cost \$2000 and the West Wichita site cost \$1800.

- 4. Building permit issued for C. M. Beachy's new two story, ten room brick veneer residence in Merriam (sic) Park addition, to cost \$15,000.
- 5. The United States Express company has completed plans for a new building to be erected on the site of their present building just south of the Rock Island depot. To be two stories, brick, 30 by 60 feet, and cost \$15-20,000.

Building permit issued for C. Q. Chandler's \$15,000 frame residence at southeast corner of Clifton and Prince streets.

6. Article about developments in the Woodland district between Big and Little Arkansas rivers. Details.

Short articles discuss possible locations of the Arkansas Valley Interurban line.

# Friday, July 23, 1909

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- 1. Article says other blocks want the new downtown street car loop if property owners on the post office block streets don't want it. Owners on East 1st, Market, Lawrence, and Topeka are all said to be interested. Details.
- 12. The old First Presbyterian church property at southwest corner of 1st and Lawrence, 100 by 140 feet, was recently sold to J. H. Butts and Son for \$30,000, including the building. The remaining 25 feet on Lawrence was bought by Charles Lawrence for \$7000.

# Saturday, July 24, 1909

- 4. The extension of a switch on the South Main street car line was completed yesterday.
- 6. Long list of buildings and residences under construction or planned in Wichita. Details.

## Monday, July 26, 1909

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- 5. Article reports plan to build a soldiers' monument on the court house grounds. Details.
- 6. Commissioner Roetzel today tried to induce city commission to adopt ordinance forbidding the Wichita Railroad and Light company from building a loop around the post office block, but it was not adopted.

# **Tuesday, July 27, 1909**

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- 5. Note says stock subscriptions for the new Interurban railway are selling well.
- 10. Plans for the new J. H. Butts and Son building at southeast corner of 1st and Lawrence have just been completed by architect J. P. Cochrane. To be four stories, 100 by 140 feet, and cost \$80-85,000. The old Presbyterian church building will be allowed to stand until the last of September when it will be wrecked. It will not interfere with initial work on the walls of the new building.

# Wednesday, July 28, 1909

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- 1. Drawing of proposed new J. H. Butts and Son building.
- 5. Work is in progress on remodeling of the Carey hotel and the west half of the building is dismantled and partitions, plumbing, and steam fittings are being put in. \$20,000 of new furniture has been bought.

# Thursday, July 29, 1909

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5. The Orient Railroad has 34 engines working between Wichita and Sweetwater and all of them must be repaired at Fairview.

Work started yesterday on the new front of the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company building. It will be of white brick with large plate glass windows and will cost about \$14,000. To be completed by September 1.

10. Contract let today for the new German Methodist Episcopal church at corner of South Ida and Prince streets. Cost \$10,000.

# Friday, July 30, 1909

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5. The city high school building has a new buff coat of paint.

# Saturday, July 31, 1909

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10. Rev. G. A. King of First Universalist church is raising funds for a gymnasium building for

boys and young men of the North End, to be erected below the alley south of 21st street facing Topeka avenue. To be one story, of cement, 75 by 140 feet, and cost \$5,000. About \$1000 already raised from private subscriptions.

# Monday, August 2, 1909

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- 1. Drawing of the new building for the Western Newspaper Union, at corner of William and Tremont, to be two stories, 50 by 140 feet, and cost \$50,000.
- 2. Judge Frank Dale today filed on behalf of the citizens of Guthrie objections to initiative petitions proposing earlier permanent location of the Oklahoma state capital than was provided for by the constitutional convention. Details.
- 4. Dr. J. H. Rhoads has sold to C. S. Plaster the two story brick building at 220 North Main for \$15,000. The lower floor is now occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine company.

E. F. Hartwick, of St. Joseph, Missouri, has sold to the Wichita Country Club eight acres on east 9th street for \$3,600. It will be added to other purchases for the new Country club site.

5. Building permits issued in July set a new record at \$412,000, including \$87,500 for business buildings, \$50,000 for apartment houses, and \$275,400 for residences. Details.

# Tuesday, August 3, 1909

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6. The Eaton Hotel Company has been incorporated and will take over the property of the Carey hotel as a holding company, for \$150,000, including the property, lots 63, 65, 67, 69, and 71 Douglas avenue, English addition. Officers of the new corporation are G. E. Eaton, president, Warren Brown, vice-president, and B. L. Eaton, secretary and treasurer. ¶ Yesterday B. L. Eaton, formerly sole owner of the Hotel Carey, formally deeded by warranty deed the property of the hotel to this new Eaton Hotel company. ¶ The work of remodeling is expected to be done by November 1st. The big new Otis freight elevator will be installed by August 15. ¶ The management of the Hotel Carey is also a corporation now known as the Daniels Hotel company with officers S. G. Humphries, president, E. B. Humphries, vice-president, and H. G. Humphries, secretary and general manager.

# Thursday, August 5, 1909

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3. Trolley parties are again quite popular this summer.

# Friday, August 6, 1909

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1. New Kansas population figures show Wichita population of 52,913 in 1909, increase of 11,653 since 1908. Topeka is 45,143, a gain of 1864. Kansas City is 81,052, a gain of 212. Sedgwick county is 72,583, a gain of 12,697, and second only to Wyandotte's

112,847.

6. Stock of nine subsidiary railroads was consolidated with that of the Missouri Pacific Railway today. Includes stock of the Kansas and Colorado Pacific Railway company, which was consolidated with that of the Missouri Pacific at Ft. Scott. Others listed with details.

#### Saturday, August 7, 1909

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- 1. Members of Grand Army of the Republic posts here today formed a temporary organization to raise funds to build a monument to ex-soldiers on the court house grounds. Estimated cost is \$50,000. Details.
- 5. Paving of concrete for the foundations of the new Livestock exchange building was begun today.
- 6. First of the new Lincoln cents has arrived in Wichita.
- 10. Drawing of the Fred Smyth cement residence on N. Topeka.

## Tuesday, August 10, 1909

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- 5. Workmen are tearing out some of the worn out special work on the street car company's tracks at intersection of Main and Douglas and replacing it with heavier and better steel.
- 6. Article says Wichita sold its old stock in the Wichita and Colorado Railroad several weeks ago for 20¢ on the dollar, but by waiting until this week Hutchinson was paid 60¢ on the dollar for its Wichita and Colorado stock, or \$29,000 for \$49,000 worth of stock. Wichita had \$40,000 worth of stock.
- 9. City commission yesterday directed Commissioner Stewart to procure an electric sign, to be placed across Douglas avenue near the Santa Fe depot. "Watch Wichita Win" is to be the motto on the sign. The letters will be 3 feet high and total cost of the sign and keeping it lighted every night till 12 o'clock will be \$350.

#### Wednesday, August 11, 1909

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6. Drawing of Dr. J. L. Evans' new home at 1054 North Lawrence. Cost \$6000.

Miss Cornelia O'Neil, cashier in the office of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, is taking a six weeks vacation.

#### Thursday, August 12, 1909

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3. The trustees for the Woodland Methodist church have recently received their charter.

A two story garage building, 50 by 140 feet, will be built at 217-219 South Emporia by W. S. Brown at cost of \$17-20,000. Architect is W. R. Stringfield, in the Winne building. It will be occupied by an automobile company.

- 6. Judge P. D. Wall today obtained building permit for his new two story, seven room residence at 1056 North Market.
- 8. Advertisement with photograph of residence of H. A. Ross at 829 North Waco, which is being offered for sale.

#### Friday, August 13, 1909

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- 6. C. Q. Chandler, president of the Kansas National Bank, and Dr. C. E. Bowers yesterday purchased the 50 feet of ground and three story building adjoining the Kansas National Bank on the west, for \$43,000. This was purchased from the Mahan Brothers. Mr. Chandler purchased the 25 feet adjoining the bank property and occupied by the Royal Cigar parlor, and Dr. Bowers the next 25 feet occupied by the Empire restaurant.
- 9. Advertisement for Orients Park addition with map of southwest part of Wichita.

# Saturday, August 14, 1909

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12. Drawing of residence of Dr. C. G. Adams at 1130 North Lawrence.

#### Tuesday, August 17, 1909

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6. City commission let contract yesterday for paving of St. Francis from 9th to 14th with Bitulithic.

At city commission meeting yesterday Judge Dale was given as opportunity to protest against the construction of a switch at the intersection of 9th and Waco.

10. Board of education last night awarded contract to Wurster Construction company for three new ward schools of four rooms each, to be located on the West Side, in Riverside, and on Zimmerly avenue. Bid was \$39,837 for the three building, to be constructed of brick with cement stone trimmings.

#### Wednesday, August 18, 1909

- 5. The annual meeting of the Kansas Holiness association begins tomorrow in South Riverside park and will last for ten days.
- 6. Two spans of the new bridge across Little river at Griffenstein bridge site are in readiness for the brick paving, but workmen have had trouble breaking through a four foot layer of quicksand and have been slowed down, although they finally broke through today and are

sinking the casing for the other concrete pier at a rapid rate.

List of population of Kansas towns of over 1000 people.

# Thursday, August 19, 1909

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1. Headline: "Beerless Princess No Longer; Lid Has Been Thrown Away." "Wichita is wide open again this week. Chief Burt says he can do nothing without help." Details.

Drawing of the Mentholatum company's new building. The company is moving into its new building today from the old quarters at 1209 East Douglas. Cost about \$20,000. Details. 76 by 110 feet.

- 5. The Rock Island Sash and Door company, of Rock Island, Illinois, will establish a wholesale branch in Wichita and has secured a long term lease on the Martin Metal company's office building and warehouse at 132 North Mosley. Details.
- 6. Directors of Grace Presbyterian church yesterday adopted plans for a new building to be erected on the site of the old Friend's church on Cleveland avenue. Details.

# Saturday, August 21, 1909

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- 5. A farewell service will be held at the old German Methodist Episcopal church at 1st and Emporia tomorrow. The church will be moving to its new church now building at Lulu and Prince. ¶ The old church was sold to Mr. Fred Bissantz, who will erect a building on the old church site. The building will be used as a mission chapel by ladies of the Presbyterian church after being moved to the North End.
- 6. The Beacon building directors yesterday selected the firm of Richards, McCarty and Bueford of Columbus, Ohio, as architects for their new building. Details.

Photo of Mrs. L. S. Carter, age 81 on July 14.

# Tuesday, August 24, 1909

- 1. The Rock Island plans to spend \$20,000 for improvements in Wichita this fall. Work will begin September 1. The freight depot will be moved fifteen feet west of its present location to give more room for passengers to get on and off trains. The receiving freight platform will be extended 70 feet south and roofed, giving about 125 feet of covered platform, south of the freight depot. Capacity of the freight yards, now about 300 cars, will be doubled by addition of five tracks on vacant ground north of Kellogg, east and west of the present yards. The team track west of the freight depot will be extended. Passenger platform east of depot will be extended 300 feet south and paved with brick.
- 10. Drawing of the new Grace Presbyterian church, to be erected on site of the old Friends'

church on Cleveland avenue. Architect William R. Stringfield. Cost about \$15,000.

#### Wednesday, August 25, 1909

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5. Article says Chief of Police Burt has ordered houses of ill-repute on West Douglas to close by September 1. "There are at least six of these places on West Douglas between Main street and the Missouri Pacific depot, with from three to five inmates in each place."

The Grit Printery has moved from its old quarters under the Crawford Grand theater to its new home at 122 and 124 South Lawrence, where it occupies all three floors of the building.

10. The Martin Metal Manufacturing company is today moving into its new quarters at corner of 2nd and Mosley. The former headquarters of this company, adjoining the Hockaday Paint company's building on Mosley, are to be occupied September 1st by the Rock Island Sash and Door company's new Wichita branch wholesale house.

## Thursday, August 26, 1909

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- 3. Letter of complaint about "suggestive" post cards.
- 5. Building permit issued to George Bergman for a two story apartment house at corner of Waco and Central, to cost \$6000.
- 6. The new beef house at the Cudahy Packing company was opened today. Details.

Letter from Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron company giving reasons for delays in completion of the new Griffenstein bridge. Details.

#### Saturday, August 28, 1909

- 5. The Frisco Railroad will spend about \$10,000 improving its freight yards in Wichita this fall. Four new tracks will be added south of Douglas, with changing of the leads from the north end near Douglas to the south end near Gilbert street. When this is done, switching will be done from the south instead of from the north as is now done, doing away with switching engines across Douglas avenue. This improvement will increase the capacity of the yards by one-third.
- 7. The German Methodist Episcopal church building at 1st and Emporia has been purchased by the mission of the First Presbyterian church. It is being moved to Riverside where it will be used as a mission.
- 12. The Harper and Sons' Alfalfa mill, located on 14th street between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks, was sold today to H. W. Schopel, J. R. Kenworthy, and H. B. Allen for \$15,000.

#### Monday, August 30, 1909

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- 8. The Frisco Railroad is building a new \$5000 brick depot at Augusta to replace the old frame depot which was destroyed by fire about two months ago.
- 12. Walter Scott Priest, of Columbus, Ohio, has been selected as pastor of the Central Church of Christ, to succeed Edgar William Allen, resigned. Details.

#### Tuesday, August 31, 1909

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- 5. The Rock Island freight depot will be moved about 15 feet west Saturday night and Sunday to permit construction of a new wider brick passenger platform on its east side.
- 6. Article says County Surveyor finds a surplus of four and eight tenths foot in the Douglas avenue frontage facing south between Main and Market, apparently dating back to the old John Bear resurvey of 1880. Details.

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6. Two car loads of steel rails arrived in Wichita yesterday for the Wichita Railroad and Light company, and are intended for use in the proposed new loop around the post office block.

The United Gas company and Edison Electric Light company were sold today to the Electric Bond and Share company of New York for around \$2,000,000. ¶ Mr. Randle, Mr. Wilbur, and all the original owners retire from the Wichita companies, except J. O. Davidson, C. H. Smyth, and T. G. Fitch, who will serve as local directors for the New York corporation, but Mr. J. O. Davidson, who organized the companies, will return from active management. Details.

# Thursday, September 2, 1909

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- 4. Building permit issued to Finlay Ross for a new front and improvements to his building at 119-121 North Main for \$7,500.
- 5. L. F. Means will soon build a new two story building in 900 block on West Douglas, 50 by 90 feet, cost around \$20,000.

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12. Contract let for three story Western Newspaper Union building at southwest corner of William and Tremont streets for \$20,000. The company is now in rented quarters at 1st and Emporia.

Monday, September 6, 1909 page

- 1. Mayor Davidson says the Rock Island and Frisco are willing to join the Santa Fe in building elevated tracks across Douglas. Details.
- 8. A new store, the National Cloak and Garment company, opened its doors Saturday at 121 South Lawrence. Details.

#### Tuesday, September 7, 1909

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- 5. Contract let yesterday for three story building, 50 by 135 feet, for Bevi's Wholesale Grocery house, at 1st and Santa Fe. Cost is \$35-40,000. Work to begin at once.
- 8. City commission today changed the name of Plum and Cherry streets, which conform to Indiana avenue, to Indiana avenue to make the name uniform from Douglas avenue to the northern limits of the city. The appropriate ordinance is to be prepared by city attorney.
- 12. Letter to editor asking why the street cars seem to go in flocks.

Excavation has been made for the foundation and basement of the new 5th ward school at corner of Anderson and Athenian avenues. Work on the walls will begin tomorrow.

#### Wednesday, September 8, 1909

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- 5. Note reports grand opening and pipe organ installation last evening at the Second Baptist church, 529 North Wichita street.
- 6. City engineer's estimate on paving the 24 blocks of East 13th from Santa Fe to Hillside with brick was approved yesterday by city commission and bids are to be advertised for. Estimate was \$81,906.86.

City commission yesterday adopted resolution declaring it necessary to pave Murdock avenue from Little river to Waco with asphalt.

Note says work on the wrecking the old Webster school building will commence soon and neither the high school students nor grade school students will be sent there this year.

#### Thursday, September 9, 1909

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- 3. The old Mentholatum building, purchased by F. G. Grady about three months ago, is being remodeled, including removal of the old fashioned street awning, and will be rented out. Two of the three store rooms have already been rented out. Details.
- 5. Colonel Ashe, of Delano township, says the recent sale by the city of its Missouri Pacific Railroad stock for 20 cents on the dollar was illegal. Details.

The old Turner block at 1st and Market is to be remodeled by its occupants, the Gold

State Savings bank and the Anchor Trust company, at cost of over \$4000. A new plate glass front with corner entrance will be put in and other improvements made (details). To be completed by November 1.

L. W. Clapp is having the present building at 316 North Main wrecked and will build there a modern two story building to cost about \$5000.

6. Report of annual meeting of Highland Cemetery association last evening. Board of directors elected (named) and new by laws drawn up.

## Friday, September 10, 1909

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11. The new Planters Hotel opened yesterday in the brick building recently put up by Emil Werner at 116 North Water. Two story brick with 30 rooms.

# Monday, September 13, 1909

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- 1. Report of fire in rear of the Carl Graham Paint and Wall Paper company's store at 203-205 North Main about 2:45 a.m. yesterday, believed due to arson. Details. Loss about \$12,000.
- 8. Three monkeys have been donated to the Riverside park zoo Saturday by Tipton Cox, Jr.

# Tuesday, September 14, 1909

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- 1. Drawing of the new Beacon building. Article with details.
  - The high school and ward school bond issues were sold yesterday to the Fourth National bank. High school total \$125,000 and ward school total \$56,000. Details.
- 12. The new three story building with 54 foot front at 119 North Emporia has been sold by Eschell Branston (sic) to Dr. J. H. Rhoades, of Newton, for \$33,000.

# Thursday, September 16, 1909

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5. The building on corner of Douglas and Emporia which is being rebuilt of concrete is nearing completion.

# Friday, September 17, 1909

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 Mrs. W. S. Hawk has sold her rooming house, the Gray Gables, 237 North Market, to Dr. G. W. Benthusen of Burrton, Kansas for \$3000.

# Saturday, September 18, 1909 page

- 2. Advertisement with photograph of horse drawn van of the Merchants Transfer and Storage company, 325 South William.
- 5. The Bolte Brothers Furniture company, established since 1870, is quitting business as soon as its large stock is disposed of.
- 10. The big electric sign purchased by the city with the slogan "Watch Wichita Win" will be put in place at the intersection of Douglas and St. Francis this evening.
- 12. Architect Charles Benjamin Tuttle has moved to Wichita from Topeka, where he has been for the past 22 years.

Sec. II

2. The 160 acre Orients Park second addition will be opened for sale next week. It is just west of the original 80 acre Orients Park addition. Details.

Sec. III Booster section for Peerless Prophets show next week.

- 4. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement with details.
- 9. Advertisement for Hydro-Carbon company's Coleman reading lamp, says the company will be at 220-24 St. Francis after October 1st.

#### Monday, September 20, 1909

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- 1. The Peerless Prophets Jubilee opens today. Details.
- 12. City commission today let contract for paving of 13th street from Santa Fe to Hillside with brick.

#### Tuesday, September 21, 1909

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- 2. The people of Lawrence saw the first street car of the new electric line which was built this summer.
- 8. Advertisement with drawing of the Bolte building at 323-25 East Douglas, which is for rent after the quitting business sale of the Bolte Brothers Furniture and Carpet company.

#### Wednesday, September 22, 1909

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12. Article lists prizes awarded in the flower parade today.

# Friday, September 24, 1909

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8. The street car waiting station which is under construction at the entrance of Highland

cemetery is almost completed. This will be a very pretty stone retreat and will afford convenience to those who have to wait for the cars at that point.

#### Saturday, September 25, 1909

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6. Superintendent Morrison says this has been the biggest week in the history of the street car company in Wichita with approximately 300,000 riders.

Building permit issued today to J. F. Hollicke for a two story brick building at 1215 East Douglas to cost \$7000. Buff brick with Carthage stone trimmings will be used. To be completed in 60 days.

#### Tuesday, September 28, 1909

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Summary of new buildings erected in Wichita:		Number		Cost		
1906 Resi	Business houses dence		<u>249</u>	15	\$ 192,500 462,890	
					655,390	
1907	Business			23	581,500	
Resi	dence		315		<u>772,171</u> 1,353,671	
1908	Business			26	600,500	
Resi	dence		632		<u>954,700</u> 1,563,200	
1909 to Busi	iness		30		532,200	
September 25 Residence			876		1,406,170	
September 25	September 25				1,938,370	
Total bank depo	Total bank deposits in Sedgwick county:					
Septenber	Septenber 1905 \$ 6,691,086					
September	September 1906 7,920,926					
September 1907 9,095,262						
September	September 1908 10,123,476					
September	1909 12	2,231,562				

The new Orient railway time card effective September 30 discontinues passenger trains 3 and 4 between Wichita and Fairview and extends Nos. 1 and 2 from Sweetwater to San Angelo.

City commission today purchased for \$2850 a small triangle strip of land near the new Douglas avenue bridge from Mrs. Holmes, of Omaha, one of the Black heirs, to permit

straightening and widening of Douglas avenue at this point. The track contains about 1337 square feet and is eighteen feet wide at Waco avenue, tapering gradually toward the Arkansas river until it comes to a point 150 feet west of Waco.

# Wednesday, September 29, 1909

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5. Kansas Steam Laundry has purchased ground at northeast corner of 2nd and Emporia, 102 by 140 feet, from F.A. Randall for \$12,000 as site for a new plant.

#### Thursday, September 30, 1909

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- 4. Building permit issued yesterday to J. H. Butts and son for five story brick and stone office building at southwest corner of 1st and Lawrence, for \$53,000.
- 5. Among building permits issued in September was one for Brooks Tire Machine company, corner of Lewis and Wichita streets, for \$27,000.
- 6. A trade paper, the *Dry Goods Economist*, recently published a writeup of the new Innes store with pictures of exterior and interior.

# Friday, October 1, 1909

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4. Judge C. V. Ferguson and Charles W. Southward yesterday purchased the property at 221 and 223 East Douglas from Emil Werner for \$55,000. At present it is occupied by the Hockaday Paint company's down town sales room and by the Speer Shoe company. ¶ Mr. Werner bought the lots in 1883 for \$1500 and built the two story brick structures thereon in 1886.

# Saturday, October 2, 1909

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- 5. The public school enrollment in Wichita is now 7138 compared with 6417 at this time last year.
- 6. Members of the interurban railway company have indicated that they may ask the city for a franchise through the city on the following streets: Into the city at 25th street, by Main street to 17th, east on 17th to Emporia, south on Emporia to 13th, west on 13th to Market, south on Market to Harry street, and east on Harry to Hydraulic.

Members of College Hill United Presbyterian church had an informal social last night to celebrate the results of the booth conducted by the church during the fair week.

The Riverside Club house will be ready for occupancy by the first of next month.

Effective October 7 (later note October 7 changes date to November 7) the Rock Island will put on a solid steel fast passenger train from Kansas City to Dallas via Wichita. All

equipment will be of steel and the train drawn by a heavy Pacific locomotive of the 800 class. It will make only two stops between Kansas City and Wichita, at Topeka and Herington. It will leave Kansas City about 4:00 p.m., arriving here about 10:00 p.m. and Dallas at 8:30 a.m.

#### Monday, October 4, 1909

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- 4. Rock Island Railroad employes have finished moving the freight depot about fifteen feet west of its former location and are now engaged in extending the passenger platform about 300 feet south of the station. The concrete base is finished and is ready for the brick surface. When completed it will no longer be necessary for south bound passenger trains to stop where they block Douglas avenue.
- 5. City commission has let contracts for paving South Market from English to Orme, Murdock from Lawrence to Emporia and from Wichita to Waco, and Market from 12th to 13th with asphalt, and Topeka from English to Lincoln with Bitulithic.
- 16. City commission today granted a protest against the building of double street car tracks around the corner of 9th and Waco and the street car company was ordered to tear up the spurs already in place at this point.

## Tuesday, October 5, 1909

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6. The brick pavement is now being placed on the new bridge replacing Griffenstein bridge, and it will probably be opened to traffic next week. Cost about \$19,000.

Note about progress on Carey hotel improvements. Details.

10. Real estate transfer: North Park Realty Company to Paul J. Wall, September 30, lots 1015 and 1017, Forest avenue, Griffenstein's thirteenth addition, for \$750.

#### Wednesday, October 6, 1909

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5. Petition now being circulated for paving of West Douglas to Mt. Carmel and the Kansas Sanitarium. ¶ Contract for paving two blocks with Bitulithic from Seneca to Exposition has already been let.

#### Thursday, October 7, 1909

- 1. Glenn H. Curtiss today made the first aeroplane flights west of Dayton, Ohio, at St. Louis.
- 10. Report of death today of Jacob G. Winne, father of Scott E. Winne, at his home on Jefferson avenue, after four years illness with paralysis. Born in 1839 in Dansville, New York, came to Kansas in 1858 and filed on a land grant in Chase county. Served in Civil War and returned to Kansas about 1867. From Chase county he moved to Hutchinson and

from there to Wichita ten years ago. Survived also by wife, Caroline.

#### Saturday, October 9, 1909

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2. Drawing of the Fairmount Congregational church, on which work will be commenced next week at cost of \$10,000. To be brick veneer, 82 by 85 feet. The old building will be utilized as much as possible in the new. Architect is Mr. Stringfield. Details.

#### Monday, October 11, 1909

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12. City commission today granted petition to pave 10th street from Main to Market with asphalt.

#### Tuesday, October 12, 1909

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- 1. \$150,000 worth of city bonds have been sold for building of a new auditorium. Details.
- 4. Real estate transfer. The Keene Syndicate to Frank Nighswonger, February 189 (sic), even lots 82 to 96, Porter avenue, Riverside addition, for \$1650.
- 10. Drawing of new C. Q. Chandler residence on College Hill. Cost with garage, \$25,000.

## Wednesday, October 13, 1909

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5. Mayor Davidson has been giving much of his time to the matter of track elevation and building of a union depot in Wichita. Details.

The brick pavement on the new bridge at 9th street and Little river was completed yesterday and when the approaches are filled the new bridge will be ready for use.

12. Superintendent Morrison says no important improvement or extension of the street car lines will be made until orders have been received from Manager Chubbuck. He said "we are holding the construction gang together for a few days to see if the company wants to go ahead with the West Side line to Mt. Carmel, but if word is not received pretty soon, we will let the men go for the winter, as that is about all we have in view at present."

#### Thursday, October 14, 1909

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10. Mr. J. O. Davidson has purchased some lots on the corner of 11th and Emporia and intends to build a residence there next spring.

# Friday, October 15, 1909

# page8.Enrollment in Wichita schools:<br/>Public ward schools6542

High school	791
Fairmount college	350
Friends university	315
Mt. Carmel	170
St. John's	105
Pro-Cathedral schools	258

- 9. Paving of North Topeka from 1st to 14th street will be finished by the end of the week except for some work still to be done on paving of the street car tracks.
- 12. Contract for building the new Commercial Club building at 1st and Market was let yesterday to Dieter and Wenzel for \$62,000. To be completed by September 1, 1910. Details.

# Saturday, October 16, 1909

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- 11. Times last street cars leave Main and Douglas.
- 13. Several motor car agencies are bidding for use of the building being erected by W. S. Brown at 205 South Lawrence avenue. To be two stories, 50 by 140 feet, cost \$16,000, and be ready for occupancy in about 40 days.

#### Monday, October 18, 1909

- 1. Report of fire at Charles Tipler's horse barn, on alley between Main and Water between 1st and 2nd streets, at 4:00 a.m. today. Five men and 32 horses killed. Details.
- 3. The new bridge which takes the place of the old Griffenstein bridge was opened for travel yesterday.
- 4. E. C. Hathaway, of the R. L. Polk and company, is now canvassing the city for the new city directory.
- 5. City commission today instructed city clerk to serve notice of the street car company that it must commence work on extending its line on West Douglas within the next ten days or steps will be taken to abrogate its franchise on that street.
- 8. Article about improvements in 12th block of North Emporia. W. S. Brown recently bought southwest corner of Emporia and 12th, moved the two story house on it to corner of 15th and Emporia, and will build there. J. O. Davidson bought northwest corner of 11th and Emporia, will move the Torrington home there to middle of the block, and will build home. The southeast corner of 12th and Emporia is occupied by an artistic bungalow recently built by F. D. Munn, and south of that is the new home of Mrs. Mary Dunning. The former home of Mrs. Dunning in this block was sold last spring to Mr. J. R. Hendryx. ¶ On the northeast corner of 11th and Emporia three new homes will be built,

each on a 62<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> foot lot. Mr. Arthur Hill will build on the corner, Mr. C. A. McGill on the second tract, and Mr. W. S. Grant will occupy the third. ¶ Seven years ago there were six residences in the block and three shacks, two of which have disappeared. Now with the planned new structures, there will be seventeen fine homes and one shack.

#### Tuesday, October 19, 1909

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- 4. Note says the old "canal" down the center of 1st street between Main and Market is still there.
- 7. Real estate transfer: G. M. Dickson to George S. Piatt, November 27, lots 1042, 1044 Pearce avenue, Griffenstein's twelfth addition, for \$650.
- 10. Superintendent Morrison says it is impossible for the street car company to comply with city commission's order to start work on extension of West Douglas line within ten days, as the district court has issued a restraining injunction as requested by Missouri Pacific Railway company, and it is still in effect. Details.

## Wednesday, October 20, 1909

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5. Article reports on the plan of City Engineer Wells for a sanitary sewer for the Riverside district. Details.

A. S. Parks new concrete warehouse building on North Rock Island avenue has just been completed. It is three stories, 50 by 140 feet.

# Thursday, October 21, 1909

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1. Article reports rumor of a new street car line to the northwest on 21st street resulting from rumor of a new fair ground to be built in that area.

# Friday, October 22, 1909

- 6. Plans are about ready for a resumption of work on the new Catholic cathedral. Monsignor Tihen is in charge of the building plans and is the head of the building committee. The architect's drawings have been submitted to contractors for bids. The foundations are already in -- they were laid two years ago.
- 9. A new three story brick building is to be built in the first block on North Topeka adjacent to the Salvation Army barracks by Joseph Hollicke, and will be occupied by the Jones Auto Exchange, which now has its sales room at 122 North Market and its repair room at 226 North Market. To be 50 by 140 feet and cost \$30,000. Details.
- 12. A combination chemical and hose wagon for the new fire station No. 6 at South Lawrence and Bayley, arrived last night. It was made by the Seagrove Company, of Columbus,

Ohio. The new hose house is about finished.

## Saturday, October 23, 1909

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9. Advertisement with list of churches in Wichita.

# Monday, October 25, 1909

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- 8. The old Carey homestead at southeast corner of Lawrence and English was sold today to the Schollenberger Brothers, who operate the Wichita Automobile company, for \$15,000. It was sold by Mrs. M. S. Dowden who is the daughter of John B. Carey (deceased,) and a sister of Charles W. Carey, president of the Little Bank of Commerce. Mr. Carey bought the ground in 1880 and built a brick house on it, the most imposing home in the city at that time.
- 9. Drawing of the two story frame homes, of C. Houser, of Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company, at 3436 East Douglas, and of J. B. Wilbur, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the United Gas company, at 3440 East Douglas.

# Tuesday, October 26, 1909

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 Report of death of Jacob Dold yesterday at Buffalo, New York, at age 83. Survived by his second wife, five sons, Jacob C., Edward W., Charles W., Fred W., and Philip R. (Philip being only child of his second marriage) and two married daughters. ¶ Some history of Dold plant in Wichita.

# Wednesday, October 27, 1909

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6. The Wichita Automobile company, owned by the Schollenberger Brothers, is having an architect draw plans for their new building on the recently purchased Carey homestead at South Lawrence and English. The lot faces 140 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on English. Construction will begin in the early spring. Details.

# Thursday, October 28, 1909

- 1. Mayor C. L. Davidson returned yesterday from a conference with railroad officials in Chicago and says that Wichita is certain to have elevated tracks over principal streets and is practically certain of a union depot. ¶ Plans indicate the tracks will be elevated for one mile from Central avenue to Kellogg. The old Santa Fe plans for a passenger depot have been abandoned, and new ones will be drawn. Details.
- 9. The First Presbyterian church members have decided to build a new church to cost at least \$125,000 on the property recently purchased at corner of Lawrence and Elm. To be 165 feet long and 100 feet wide, and of Bedford stone. Details.

Grade of the Wichita and Western Railroad in West Wichita is to be lowered. Details.

#### Friday, October 29, 1909

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 Building permit issued today to Joel H. Williams for a two story brick apartment building, 42 by 90 feet, at 416 North Lawrence avenue, to cost \$20,000. Mr. William's is a farmer living in the vicinity of Goddard.

The McKinley Syndicate has purchased the electric light and street car plants in Des Moines, Iowa.

- 6. The new First Baptist church is to be dedicated this Sunday. Photograph and article with details. Total cost \$75,500. Cost of ground \$8000. Cost of building \$64,000. Work started September 22, 1907. Cornerstone laid May 6, 1908. Built of Bedford buff stone with blue stone trimmings. Seating capacity 1500.
- 7. Article says a down town location for Wichita's base ball park is under construction. Details.
- 12. Dedication of the new African Methodist Episcopal church at 15th and Wabash will begin November 2 and continue for four nights.

## Monday, November 1, 1909

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- 1. Bids for the new Beacon building will be opened November 17. Details.
- 5. Subscriptions of \$10,000 worth of Arkansas Valley Interurban bonds were turned in from Sedgwick Saturday, representing about one-third of the inducement that town expects to make to get the proposed electric road to go that way. Details.
- 6. Work began today east of the drainage canal on the paving of 13th street from Santa Fe to Hillside.
- 12. Report of dedication of new First Baptist church yesterday with details.

# Tuesday, November 2, 1909

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1. General Manager H. E. Chubbuck of the Wichita Railroad and Light company is visiting here from his home in Peoria, Illinois and discussed plans of the company here. ¶ "One of the biggest problems confronting us here is the solution of the power problem, and in this we may do one of two things. We may either build a power plant on our new site along the bank of the river between 1st and 2nd streets, or we may make a deal with the Edison Light and Power company to supply us with power. We have been figuring with the company about two months on this proposition." ¶ Further discussion of this question with details. ¶ He hopes to come to a decision about building a downtown loop during his

visit. "We have given up the plan of building about the post office block, as it involves so much trouble with property owners. So some other block will be selected, and I expect to decide before I leave. The material is here for the work and we will build a loop at once." ¶ Concerning the extension on West Douglas, "If the Missouri Pacific will give us a crossing we will go ahead. Otherwise we will give up the plan altogether." ¶ "There is about ten miles of streets to be paved on which we have lines, which in many cases will involved the laying of double tracks, so this means the laying of up to 20 miles of new track during the year."

6. Report of annual meeting yesterday of the Wichita Amusement Park company, owner and operator of Wonderland Park. The past season has been one of the best of the four years that the park has been operated. Directors and officers listed. A. E. Nuttle president and general manger, C. M. Beachy vice-president, J. T. Nuttle secretary and manager, M. A. McClellan treasurer.

Note says the 13th street bridge over Little river is broken (apparently when a (traction?) engine broke through it), and is closed.

## Wednesday, November 3, 1909

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1. Mr. H. E. Chubbuck and Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company this morning had a conference with some of the men back of the plan to build an interurban from Wichita to Hutchinson. ¶ Mr. Chubbuck believes a down town loop will be built in next 30 days, but location is not yet decided. He also promised to buy four or five more of the Pay As You Enter type cars as soon as they can be made.

G. W. Smith plans erection of a three story apartment house at 425 North Lawrence, to cost about \$15,000. Plans bought from an architect in Detroit.

Article says four or five new houses are being built daily in Wichita. Details.

5. The Wonderland Park skating rink opened last night. Four hundred pairs of skates were out.

The Rock Island's new fast express train from Kansas City to Dallas will make its first trip through Wichita November 14. It will make only two stops between Kansas City and Wichita, at Topeka and Herington.

# Friday, November 5, 1909

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2. Report of death yesterday of Thomas Benton Murdock, of Eldorado, brother of M. M. Murdock. He was born in Morgantown, Virginia in 1841 and came to Kansas in 1856 with his parents, settling on a farm. In 1870 he began publication of the *Eldorado Times*. This he sold in 1881 when he started the *Eldorado Republican*. He once said his father, Thomas Murdock, left Virginia for Kansas territory in 1856, in a carryall, with his wife and

five children. He got as far as Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he left his wife and three younger children, and then came overland to Kansas with the two older boys (Bent and Marsh) during the winter of 1856 and 57. The rest of the family came on to Kansas the following spring. Wife and two daughters survive. Daughters are Mrs. Albert Pemberton and Mrs. Jacob Stotter, both of Emporia.

- 5. Mr. E. F. Hartwig, of St. Joseph, is in Wichita to look after his property here and says if the elevated tracks and union depot are built, he will build a new building on his property opposite the Carey hotel at Douglas and St. Francis.
- 12. Article about the Sedgwick Home, which was started four months ago. Details.

## Saturday, November 6, 1909

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6. Beginning this afternoon an additional car was put on the West Wichita street car line, giving about an eight and a half minute schedule. ¶ Regarding extension of the West Douglas line, Superintendent Morrison said that the company could do nothing until the city commission has formally condemned a street at the point where Douglas avenue intersects the Missouri Pacific tracks. The Missouri Pacific owned its right of way at that point before Douglas avenue existed there, and for this reason there is no legal street at that place.

Sec. II Booster section regarding Sedgwick county.

- 11. Map of Sedgwick county.
- 12. Article about Cheney.
- 13. Articles about Mt. Hope, Clearwater, Peck, Garden Plain.
- 14. Articles about Viola, Derby, Maize, Andale, Colwich.

# Monday, November 8, 1909

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- 1. The new minster at Central Christian church, Rev. Walter Scott Priest, preached his first service here yesterday and soon after he began, an elderly man in the audience suddenly died. Details.
- 12. City commission today granted petitions to pave West Douglas from Exposition to Sheridian, Seneca from Douglas to Central, Waco from 9th to 13th (all with asphalt), and Tremont from William to Wichita and Western tracks, with brick.

# Tuesday, November 9, 1909

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6. The United State Express company, which now servces the Rock Island Railroad, will also

take over the business of the Frisco, replacing the Wells-Farge company at the Frisco.

10. Work started yesterday on a new two story brick building 25 by 130 feet being erected in the first block of North Topeka for \$9000 by Bishop John J. Hennessy.

S. J. Smalley, formerly owner of the Ladies' Tea Parlor on North Main street, has leased the O. C. Daisy building in first block on South Topeka, which will be finished about March 1. It will be arranged with a restaurant on the first floor and 42 hotel rooms on the second and third floors, and will be called the Acacia house.

#### Wednesday, November 10, 1909

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5. Work started today at Cedar street on excavation for the paving of Rutan avenue for six blocks, two south of Douglas and four north, with asphalt.

## Thursday, November 11, 1909

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6. Mr. W. E. Jett, of the Jett and Wood Mercantile company, today purchased from M. H. Rudolph, of St. Louis, the 35 feet in first block of North Topeka adjoining the 65 feet at southwest corner of 1st and Topeka he already owns, giving him 100 feet on North Topeka. The cook boarding house and a two story residence are on the property. Mr. Jett plans to erect a business building on the property.

# Friday, November 12, 1909

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- 1. A home for unadopted babies will soon be started by the Christian Service League at the corner of Maple and Glenn streets.
- 3. Article says the area north of North Riverside park is to be platted and put on the market instead of being saved for a park as long desired. It is between 30 and 40 acres of virgin woodland bounded on the south by North Riverside park, on the north and west by the Little river, and on the east by a residence district.
- 16. Article says it appears evident the Orient Railroad will not start building its shops in Wichita this year and may therefore lose the \$30,000 in bonds voted by Wichita.

#### Saturday, November 13, 1909

- 3. Article lists the names, numbers and make of cars of automobile owners in Wichita who have taken out licenses in last six months. Includes Nos. 326 through 541.
- 7. Drawing of new home of J. H. Butts at 1215 North Lawrence. To be completed by January 1. Cost about \$25,000.
- 10. Mrs. John Sturgeon is building a \$10,000 flat at 314-316 East Lewis. To be completed

by January 1.

# Monday, November 15, 1909

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8. Article about street lights in Wichita. Says the city's lighting system is chaotic. About 250 or 300 of the gasoline lights ("blinker lights") used in the city are on streets traversed by gas mains, and the city pays \$27 per year for carting gasoline around to these lights. Further details.

Report of city commission meeting today.

## Tuesday, November 16, 1909

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- 3. Report of the initial service held past Sunday at the new College Hill Congregational church. Details.
- 5. The Western Planing Mill company will erect a new two story building 36 by 100 feet in second block on North St. Francis, just north of the company's office. The old frame structure now on the ground will be removed at once. To cost \$8,000.

W. H. Gaiser will erect a two story brick building 42 by 125 feet at 217-219 North St. Francis at cost of \$12,000, to be occupied by him as a carriage factory and garage. It will be directly opposite the new Hydro-Carbon Light company's 75 by 140 foot building, two stories, which is now fast nearing completion.

10. The Union Stock Yards National Bank is to be the name of the new bank in Wichita's stock yards district. Papers authorizing its organization have been received from the comptroller of the currency in Washington, D.C. Capital is to be \$50,000. It will be established in the new Exchange building, now under construction.

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- 3. As eastbound Cleveland avenue street car (no number given) was struck by a Santa Fe switch engine and demolished at 7:00 a.m. today. No injuries. Details. S. W. Hull was motormen and F. L. Meade conductor.
- 5. Contract let yesterday for the new Grace Presbyterian church to be erected at 124 Cleveland avenue, the site of the old Friends church which was demolished during a wind storm last spring. New church is to be of brick, trimmed with Carthage stone, and is to be built by April 1, 1910. Cost \$15,500. Details.

# Thursday, November 18, 1909

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1. Article suggests that street cars be stopped for loading and unloading on the near side of the street corners instead of the far side. Details.

- 5. Article says there are many tracts within the Wichita city limits which have never been platted but rather have been designated by the "metes and bounds" system. This is burdensome to the county clerk, as it is difficult to locate them for taxation purposes. ¶ Hereafter all property taken into the city must be platted, as county clerk was given authority to require this by an act of the 1909 Kansas legislature. The county clerk can also require all owners of "metes and bounds" tracts to have them platted within 30 days. ¶ Several large tracts in various parts of the city have given county officials trouble in this regard. One of the latest is the "triangle" bounded by Riverside Drive, Riverside avenue, and Buffum avenue. It was sub-divided into residence tracts a couple of years ago and has become more and more complicated with every transfer made.
- 12. Report of death today of Thomas H. Mahan, 401 North Emporia, at age 50. Born in New York state in 1858 and came to Wichita in 1883 and organized the Mahan Supply company (wholesale and retail liquor business). Further obituary. Survived by wife and six daughters (named).

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12. Another article favoring stopping of street cars on near side of intersections rather than far side.

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8. City commission has decided that cottonwood tress are a nuisance and proposes to require their removal within the fire limits of the city. Details.

A site for a new ice plant was purchased today by the Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream company. The ground lies between the Rock Island and Santa Fe tracks and north of Central avenue. Three tracks are included, 70 by 127 feet from the James Campbell estate for \$1250, 85 by 127 feet from J. R. Hebner, who lives in Canada, for \$2500, and to the north of these, 100 by 127 feet from Madge A. Pool, of San Francisco, California, for \$5000. Work on the new plant is to start in the spring. Cost \$75-100,000. Capacity will be 75-100 tons of ice daily.

- 9. Edward Vail, jeweler, of 106 East Douglas, has purchased the Clement building, 251-253 North Main, from the Knight Investment company, of St. Louis, for \$20,000. The 50 by 120 foot, three story building was built by the late George W. Clement. The first floor is occupied by the Cook-Pechin furniture company.
- 12. Fire Marshall Walden notified city commission today for the second time that a certain brick building at corner of Water and Pine streets, owned by a man named Fitch, was unsafe, and the city clerk was directed to notify Fitch to remove it at once.

Tuesday, November 23, 1909 page

- 1. City commission yesterday directed Fire Marshal Walden to negotiate with manufacturers to obtain for the Wichita fire department a motor fire engine, similar to those used in other cities.
- 6. The Wichita Street Railway company started this morning to build a street car loop around the block bounded by Main, Douglas, Market, and 1st streets, but they were ordered to stop by Police Chief Burt acting on instructions from Commissioner Roetzel, who appears to be the only member of the city commission opposed to the new loop. Details.
- 8. The Wichita Railroad and Light company in previous years has given each married employe a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner and each unmarried one \$1 with which to buy a good turkey dinner. Last year the number of employes was 148, but it has now increased to 275, including 150 who are married, and since the turkey crop is short this year, the company could not find a supplier willing to provide the 150 turkeys. Therefore this year the company will give each married employe \$2 cash instead of the turkey, and the single employe \$1 as usual. ¶ The increase in number of employes is due to the fact that there are now 33 cars running very day instead of 24 last year, that conductors have been placed on all the cars, and an increased number of men employed in all the other departments of the company.

# Wednesday, November 24, 1909

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1. The street car company is continuing work on the loop around Market and 1st streets despite the protests of Commissioner H. J. Roetzel. The company expects to complete the work in three weeks. Details.

# Thursday, November 25, 1909

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Contract let today for three story business building at 211 South Lawrence, by J. S. Giwosky, owner of the People's Cleaning and Dye Works, which will occupy the building. They now occupy a one story building at 131 North Lawrence. New building to cost \$15,000 and be completed March 1, 1910.

# Friday, November 26, 1909

- 1. Arthur E. Stilwell, president of Orient Railway, will arrive tomorrow evening over the Rock Island with a special train, and will be accompanied by 30 capitalists from the East who are interested in the road and expect to buy stock. They will go south early Sunday over the Orient.
- 3. Drawing of home of D. H. Jackson, being built at 1324 North Topeka, for about \$10,000.
- 6. Superintendent W. R. Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company is at work on the plans for a new car barn to be erected soon on the company's property on Waco just north of 1st street. It will be two stories, and 100 by 300 feet. ¶ The barn will have six

tracks running the full length of it, and each track will be long enough to hold six large double truck cars, or 36 in all. ¶ The second floor of the building will be used for quarters for the company's employees. The waiting room is to be 40 by 52 feet in size. Cost of the structure will be about \$30,000, and it is hoped to begin work on it by January 1. The barn will have a frontage of 100 feet on Waco.

Rails for the new street car loop have been placed on 1st and Market streets today.

#### Saturday, November 27, 1909

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5. Twenty-five acres in the south part of Linwood park is to be fixed up as park grounds. South Linwood park, as it is sometimes called, has been used for raising hay, but the men who gave it to the city many years ago, as a park, L. C. Hamilton and J. D. Hutchings, have notified the city that the land must be used as a park, or they will take it back.

# Monday, November 29, 1909

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- 5. Report of Commissioner Roetzel's speech to city commission today presenting his objections to street car company's downtown loop, etc. Details.
- 12. Report of Arthur E. Stilwell's visit to Wichita Saturday night with a party of 60 capitalists from east of the Mississippi river. Details.

City commission let contract Saturday for plans for the new Auditorium to be built on the Haymarket square in the second block on South Water at cost of \$140,000. Contract for plans given to Richards, McCarthy, and Bulford, architects of Columbus, Ohio, who also drew the plans for the Beacon building.

# Tuesday, November 30, 1909

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1.

Contract let yesterday to the Selden-Breck Construction company, of St. Louis, for the new Beacon building. To cost \$300,000. Details. To be completed by September 1, 1910.

The new Riverside Club house will be officially opened Christmas day.

# Wednesday, December 1, 1909

- 1. Beginning today, the street cars will be warm. Ever since the McKinley syndicate purchased the Wichita street railway system, December 1 has been the date for the turning on of heat in the cars. Before that date no conductor may turn on the heat in his car without special permission. Disobedicence to this order means the loss of a job.
- 12. Article reports expected formal announcement today of separation of the Rock Island and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroads. Details.

#### Thursday, December 2, 1909

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- 3. Drawing of new building of the Aylesbury Mercantile company on Santa Fe avenue half block north of Douglas. Cost \$80,000.
- 5. W. H. Gaiser of the Gaiser Carriage Works at 114-116 St. Francis avenue today took out building permit for his new two story brick building, 42 by 125 feet, at 217-219 St. Francis avenue, to cost \$10,000.

# Friday, December 3, 1909

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12. Article reports settlement of some litigation regarding the estate of the late Wichita building contractor, W. H. Sternberg. Details.

# Saturday, December 4, 1909

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13. First page of special Motor Car Show of the *Beacon* for Motor Car Show December 6-11. Many advertisements, etc.

## Tuesday, December 7, 1909

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- 1. Report of heavy snowstorm -- seven inches yesterday and last night--with street car service at a standstill early this morning. Details. The street car company does not have a big rotary sweeper, as this would cost \$6000, but this morning it got out its two sweepers and hitched them to teams of horses to work on clearing 30 miles of track. ¶ Previous snow falls of seven inches or more in Wichita were in February 1894, seven and a half inches, in February 1900, seven inches, and the record twelve inch snowfall last March.
- 3. Contract let yesterday for the new College Hill sewer for \$119,279.81 and for the Riverside sewer for \$36,107.88. Details.

# Wednesday, December 8, 1909

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1. The Sedgwick Home is to be moved from the Haymarket square to a new site 100 by 120 feet at 3rd and Wichita streets.

By 9:00 a.m. today all the street car lines were open except Cleveland avenue north of 2nd street, Pattie avenue south of Indianapolis street, and the Franklin avenue extension of the Riverside line. The latter will be open tonight.

# Thursday, December 9, 1909

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1. Long article reporting crackdown on "jointists" in Wichita, with names and details.

#### Friday, December 10, 1909

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16. Article tells how to put automobiles up in storage for the winter. Details.

## Saturday, December 11, 1909

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5. Article about the motor car exhibition in Wichita this week.

# Tuesday, December 14, 1909

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- 1. Article reports First Methodist church plans to erect a new \$100,000 building on the site of the present church in third block on North Lawrence. Details.
- 9. Commissioner H. J. Roetzel is still mad at the street car company -- this time because of their delay in placing colored lights on each car to identify the line it is running on. The city commission ordered this done in November -- to be completed by December 6, and it is not yet done. Yesterday they voted to extend the time allowed for one month. "If the lights are not in by that time," said Mr. Roetzel, "we will see what we can do with the street car company's franchise along the line of forfeiting some or all of it." ¶ Superintendent Morrison in a letter to the commission said that the company's officials had agreed to the placing of the lights. Sixty-three cars will have to be provided with the lights at a cost of \$15 each, or a total of \$945. It will require about two days to equip each car, and therefore the company had requested an extension of the time allowed until April 1.

# Wednesday, December 15, 1909

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- 5. Report of complaints by College Hill residents about the dirty condition of the street cars, with mud and water on the floor thrown up by the wheels.
- 16. Report of proposed ordinance introduced at city commission meeting Monday to straighten and enlarge the boundaries of the city.

# Thursday, December 16, 1909

- 3. Interview with L. M. Crawford, of Topeka, giving some history of his ownership of the Crawford opera house (given while looking out from Crawford opera house across William street at the home of O. C. Daisy, which is across the street). ¶ Says the Crawford was built in 1887 by O. C. Daisy, P. V. Healy, and himself for \$95,000. Later the two partners induced him to take the property for its \$33,300 indebtedness. He paid off the \$8300 second mortgage but not the first mortgage, which was the foreclosed on and sold to the mortgagee for \$10,000. Three years later Mr. Crawford bought back the property on a rental contract for \$10,000 by paying \$500 down and then 95 monthly payments of \$100 each without interest.
- 4. First car load of steel rails for the rebuilding of the Missouri Pacific tracks from Yates Center to Wichita and the Geneseo, was unloaded today at Greenwich, ten miles east of

Wichita. Fifty more cars will be delivered this month and more shipments will be made all through next year. The new rails are 85 pound weight, while the present ones are 56 pound.  $\P$  New rails were laid between Wichita and Greenwich early this year.

## Friday, December 17, 1909

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1. The entire capital stock of the Wichita Creamery company was sold yesterday by Alva E. Sweet, president, and his associates, to B. F. Copley, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who is an experienced creamery operator and expects to enlarge the capacity of the plant in Wichita from 200,000 pounds of butter a year to one million pounds. He will also continue the ice cream business and enlarge the capacity of that department.

## Saturday, December 18, 1909

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1. Superintendent W. R. Morrison yesterday paid to the Sedgwick county treasurer 27,668, which represents the county share in the profits of the street car system. This represents all of the fares for a total of 553,360 riders at  $5\phi$  each.

# Monday, December 20, 1909

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11. J. W. Vaughn, of the Seldon-Breck Construction company, which has the contract for erection of the Beacon building, said that work will start tomorrow.

# Wednesday, December 22, 1909

- 3. Article reports organization yesterday of the new Wichita Terminal Association to replace the old, smaller Wichita Terminal Railway. The general superintendents of the Santa Fe, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, and Frisco met yesterday in the office of A. H. Webb, of the Missouri Pacific, and reached the agreement. Details. A new superintendent will be named in a few days and is expected to take charge January 1. Various improvements will be made in trackage and facilities, including purchase of four new switch engines. Details.
- 5. W. R. Morrison, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company, received a telegram last night asking him to come to Peoria, Illinois to meet H. C. Chubbuck, general manager of the company, for discussion of appropriations for 1910. Details. ¶ Unless weather interferes, the building of the loop around the first block north of Douglas between Main and Market is expected to be completed by the end of the first week in January. The work was resumed yesterday.
- 6. Article about preliminary plans for building of the new golf course for the Wichita Country club. To cost about \$50,000, plus \$30,000 for the club house. Details.
- 12. A. S. Parks today purchased 175 feet of ground on Rock Island avenue at corner of 3rd street for about \$15,000. A large four story building is to be built there, to be used by the International Harvester company. The ground was purchased from Ora McKinney and

George Dimond of this city. New building to be 120 by 140 feet and will cost about \$75,000. The International Harvester company now owns the building at corner of Santa Fe and Douglas.

The Bell Telephone company in Wichita is making improvements which will cost \$150,000. The present switchboard, with capacity of 5000 phones, is too small, and its capacity is to be doubled. The company has 4500 subscribers and expects to add 2500 next year.

#### Thursday, December 23, 1909

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12. City commission yesterday discussed a proposed contract for purchase by the city of the Wichita Water company from the American Water company for \$950,000. Details.

## Friday, December 24, 1909

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School board yesterday selected the architect for the proposed new high school. He is William B. Ittner, of St. Louis, who is a specialist in school buildings. Details.

## Monday, December 27, 1909

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12. Superintendent Morrison returned yesterday from Peoria, Illinois, when he conferred with company officials. He says he was promised everything he asked for. The new car barns will be built and changes will be made in about ten miles of track on streets where paving has been ordered. General manager Chubbuck will visit Wichita about mid-January and may make decision as to whether new power plant will be built. ¶ A deal is pending with the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company for use of the street car company's lines inside the city limits, and Mr. Morrison brought back a contract from Illinois to submit to the interurban company.

# Wednesday, December 29, 1909

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5. Street car No. 120 on the Cleveland avenue line, a "diminutive yellow terror," put on "high jinks" this morning at the Pattie avenue switch, when the trolley pole went up, broke the trolley rope, broke the pole holding the trolley wire supports, etc.

O. S. Shirk has sold his two story brick flats at 527-29-31-33 North Emporia, which he built about six months ago, to Nicholas C. Smith for \$28,000.

# Thursday, December 30, 1909

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10. Frank Schwartz will soon build a two story brick business building on lots 115 and 117 in third block on North Main, to cost about \$10,000. He recently purchased the lots from Peter Saup of Cairo, Illinois.