

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 1911 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon

Monday, January 2, 1911

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1. Report of fire which completely destroyed the Bitting block beginning about 9:00 a.m. today. Details. ¶ Photograph from Butts building looking southwest towards Bitting block (before fire).
8. The first regular run on the new Mt. Carmel street car line was made Saturday afternoon and since then the cars have run on a regular 30 minute schedule.

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5. Residents of West Wichita have petitioned the city commission to have the Wichita Railroad and Light Company build a new street car line to the Orient Shops. Suggested route is south from Douglas on Osage, thence west on Dayton to Martinson and south on Martinson to McCormick. ¶ Superintendent Morrison says it is unlikely to be built this year because of expense of a new car barn, four new cars, and the necessary amount of street paving, plus possible extension from South Main to meet proposed interurban from the southeast.

The International Harvester Company is moving this week into its new building on North Rock Island. The old building at Douglas and Santa Fe was sold last summer to the Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods Company.

6. Chamber of Commerce is making plans for an aviation meet in Wichita in May or June. Details.

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4. The Charles Lawrence Photographic Supply House is moving from 219 East Douglas to its new building just south of the Butts Building in first block on North Lawrence.

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2. Jimmy Ward, the eighteen year old aviator won a \$5000 prize for a daring flight over two rivers and the harbor at Charleston, South Caroline, in a 24 horsepower Curtiss aeroplane. Details.

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3. The Orient shops are practically completed and will be in operation within a month or six weeks. Details.

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5. The Black property on the east bank of the Arkansas river just north of Douglas, about 50 by 200 feet of reclaimed land, has been purchased by George Morgan for \$18,000 from Mrs. Black and her daughter, Mrs. Holmes, of Omaha. Details.

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6. Patronage on the new Mt. Carmel street car line has been so good that another car is to be put on during the morning and afternoon, giving a fifteen minute service from 6:30 until 8:00 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., beginning tomorrow.

Monday, January 16, 1911**page**

1. Mr. Chubbuck, of Peoria, Illinois, general manager of the Wichita street car company, wants suggestions from Wichita people on ways the company's service could be improved. Details.

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3. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company will serve a dinner to its employees at the Riverside club Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week and plans to make it a yearly affair.
7. Contract has been let for paving Hillside from Douglas to Kellogg with asphalt. Price is 45 cents a cubic yard for excavation and \$1.98 for the paving.
10. Suggestions from readers regarding street car improvements.

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4. County commissioners on Monday split off parts of the oversize Waco and Gypsum townships and created the new Riverside township of 36 square miles immediately south of Wichita.

10. More reader suggestions regarding street car service.

Thursday, January 19, 1911**page**

1. Mayor C. L. Davidson returned from Chicago last night. It is reported that plans for the new union station are now being made in Kansas City by Louis Curtiss, a well known architect.
12. More readers suggestions regarding street cars. One says "Why not trade off those trailers and the 128 spot and some others and instead get some large cars that could be used every day."

Saturday, January 21, 1911**page**

8. The temporary station of the Arkansas Valley Interurban is located on the ground floor of the Beacon building just opposite the elevators. There are plenty of seats and the room is warm. The temporary waiting room was established several weeks ago and will be used until the company builds its terminal station tracks to the Arkansas Valley Interurban depot at 1st and Water. All interurban cars load and unload in front of the Beacon building.
16. More reader suggestions regarding street cars.

Monday, January 23, 1911**page**

1. Photograph of the new "Ben Hur" curtain now in place at the Forum. Made by the Kansas City Scenic Company, is an asbestos curtain 35 by 63 feet, weighs 2250 pounds with all the fixtures, and cost \$1200.
6. The new Orient shops will be opened February 14 with a St. Valentine's ball. Details.
8. City commission today let contract for paving 13th Street from Park Place to Lawrence with brick.

Three new cars have been ordered by the Arkansas Valley Interurban railway. One, an exclusive freight and express car, is to be delivered as soon as it can be built. The other two are to be passenger coaches and will be delivered later in the spring. ¶ Freight business has been heavier than expected. The sidewalk in front of the Beacon building very often looks like the platform of a busy railway freight house. Cans of milk, jars of butter, cases of eggs, boxes of apples and many other things are unloaded, while all sorts of goods are shipped out.

14. More reader suggestions regarding street cars.

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3. Yesterday was one of the Arkansas Valley Interurban's biggest days. Nearly 1000 persons took rides and the two cars were kept full all day and far into the night.
5. Long article about opening of the Forum tomorrow. Details.
6. Street cars resumed running around the Market street loop this morning after having been blocked from that street since the Bitting block fire.
12. More reader suggestions regarding street cars. "The humane officer should investigate car No. 150 on the Riverside line. It groans like a stuck hog."

Wednesday, January 25, 1911**page**

1. Forum is to be opened tonight. Article with details.
3. A petition is being signed by South End residents asking for extension of the South Main street car line two blocks south of the present loop to Levy Street and then west on Levy six blocks to Exchange Avenue. The street car company is now preparing to rebuild its line from the South Main street loop to the ball park and its car storage track on Levy Street from Main to Wichita Street.
5. Photograph of Forum by T. Livingston.
6. Photographs of interior of Forum.
10. More reader suggestions regarding street cars.

Thursday, January 26, 1911**page**

1. Report of grand opening of the Forum last night. Details.
4. The Orient shops will be in operation by the middle of February. Machinery is now being moved to Wichita from the Fairview, Oklahoma shops.

Real estate transfer: Keene Syndicate to Fannie A. Howard, lots 33, 35, 37, 39, Dort avenue, Riverside addition, \$1300.
6. Formal opening of the new Commercial Club building will be held Thursday night, February 2.

Saturday, January 28, 1911**page**

1. Report of death today of Wichita pioneer, Robert E. Lawrence, age 63, at his residence, 1011 North Topeka. Had had a stroke of paralysis four years ago and again last Thanksgiving time. Born at Litchfield, Connecticut December 17, 1847. Grew up in

Massachusetts. Came to Wichita in 1870 and preempted a claim which he called Maplewood. In 1896 this farm house was sold to the Masonic lodge and became the Masonic Home. Since 1896 he has lived at 1011 North Lawrence. ¶ Survived by wife, Laura, two sons, Charles S. and Harry A., and two daughters, Hattie A. and Ruth L. Lawrence, both living with their parents.

4. The new Orient round house in Wichita is receiving its first tenants, ten new engines ordered about a year ago from the Baldwin Locomotive Works for about \$200,000. Each weighs 125 tons and has eight driving wheels. They have been arriving all this week on the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific, and the last one came yesterday.

The sand boat "City of Wichita" started on its cruise up the Little Arkansas river yesterday and is working well. It was built by Bert Wells, city engineer.

7. Photographs of the new \$25,000 Central avenue dam.
13. Grading for the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension from Sedgwick to Newton will start Monday, with a dozen teams and 20 men at work.

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5. Photograph of large crowd at Forum yesterday, taken by L. G. Whittier.
6. City commission has granted petition for paving of East Douglas from Roosevelt to Bluff with brick.
10. More reader comments on street cars. One letter defending the street car company.

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3. Article gives annual report of park superintendent, listing improvements, especially at the zoo. Details. Total cost \$14,150.

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6. Seating plan of the Forum.

Arthur E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway, has written a book titled "Universal Peace; War Is Mesmerism," claiming that bankers cause wars, etc. Details.

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6. Work has started on remodeling of the Elks lodge at 115-117 North Topeka. The entire front of the building is being replaced with brick with heavy plate glass windows.

Friday, February 3, 1911**page**

1. The Santa Fe Railroad is negotiating for purchase of the entire block bounded by Douglas Avenue, Santa Fe tracks, William Street, and Rock Island depot, as site for new union station. The south half of the block is owned by the Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery Company. Facing Douglas Avenue there are three pieces of property. One, owned by Henry Schweiter, is the Santa Fe Hotel, abutting on the Santa Fe tracks, with 50 foot frontage on Douglas. The next 50 feet east is owned by W. H. Bretch and occupied by the Rock Island building, which contains a restaurant, cigar parlor, and barber shop, and rooming house on the second floor. The third 50 feet is owned by a brewing company in Milwaukee. Half of this is vacant and the other half occupied by a low two story building leased by the Wichita Mineral Water company.
3. Second street is being excavated between Main and Wichita streets preparatory to paving with brick. In plowing this street today, the workmen found several old partly rotted ties once a part of a mule car line that was operated on Second street from Main street to the Missouri Pacific depot at Second and Wichita.
10. Report of formal opening of Commercial club's new building at 1st and Market last night. Details.

Saturday, February 4, 1911**page**

1. Article says Santa Fe has now purchased all the Douglas avenue property needed for the new union station, paying \$37,500 for the Schlitz Brewing Company 52 feet on the east, \$50,000 for the W. H. Bretch 66 by 140 foot property in the middle, occupied by a new two story building, and \$42,000 for the 52 by 140 foot Henry Schweiter property just east of the Santa Fe tracks, occupied by the Santa Fe hotel. ¶ The Lehmann-Higginson property to the south of these may have to be condemned and is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and 100,000, making a total of nearly \$225,000 for the whole block. Details.
5. Mr. O. H. Bentley's *History of Sedgwick County*, which has been in the course of preparation for the past two years, is off the press and was received this week from the publishers, C. F. Cooper and Company, of Chicago.
8. Report of formal opening today of the Redfern Cloak Company, 224 East Douglas. This company is succeeding the old Toggery in its old location. Officers listed. Details.
16. Editorial with summary list of sixteen suggestions from recent letters from patrons for improvement of the Wichita street car service.

Monday, February 6, 1911**page**

3. Report of death Saturday of Colonel William P. Innes at his home, 327 North Topeka. Born in Southerlandshire, Scotland, in 1838. Came in infancy to Buffalo, New York, and

later Chicago. After serving in Civil War, he and his brother lost their business and home in the Chicago fire of 1871. Then came to Kansas and arrived in Wichita in 1876. Was in partnership with Mr. Ross in the Innes and Ross store, where the Nolley Furniture Company is now located. Survived by wife, Sue, and a daughter, Mrs. William H. (Bessie) Golland, of Chicago. A son, George A., born in 1889, died at age three. Survived also by his cousin George Innes, of the George Innes Dry Goods Company, and a second cousin, Walter Innes. Photograph and details.

5. Total cost of the Orient Shops was \$361,616 (itemized).

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12. Editorial favoring building of Midland Valley Railroad to Wichita.

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4. Report that there is article on the Riverside sanitary sewer in January 21 issue of *Engineering Record*, of New York.

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4. The brick paving on 11th Street between Waco and the Little River was completed yesterday.

As soon as new transfers arrive from the printers, the use of the words "West Side" on street cars will be a thing of the past, since there are now two West Wichita car lines. The previous "West Side" line will be renamed the "University" line. The new transfers will also contain the name of the Mt. Carmel line.

9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company have arranged for use of the northwest corner room of the Beacon building for a waiting room. This will be more convenient, as the cars can be seen. For some time a room pretty well back in the building has been used as a waiting room, but one could not see the cars from it, and it was occasionally locked up as it was also used for other purposes.

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7. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.

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3. Article gives history of Midland Valley Railroad. Proposition to issue bonds for extension to Wichita to be voted on tomorrow. Details.

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1. City of Wichita voted strongly in favor of bonds in aid of Midland Valley Railroad in election yesterday, and the railroad has responded by purchasing the old fair grounds today for about \$50,000. It is a tract of about 32 acres, and the improvements are to be removed within 60 days by Mr. Theis, who owned most of the stock of the Southwestern Fair Association. Details.
5. Report of ball held last night to open the new Orient shops. Details.
6. Report of death yesterday of W. A. Shuman, early Wichita resident, in Kansas City, Missouri, at age 70. He was an uncle of Mrs. W. E. Stanley, of Wichita, and about 30 years ago he owned the farm since laid out as South Riverside park. He was married 35 years ago to Miss Margaret DuBoise, a sister of Mrs. H. J. Hills and an aunt of Mrs. W. E. Stanley. One child died in infancy. Survived by wife. To be buried in Highland cemetery. Has lived in Kansas City a number of years.

Main street is to be resurfaced with asphalt from Murdock to English.

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9. Article about plans for building the 50 mile extension of Midland Valley to Wichita. Details. Expect to do it in next six months.

Before many weeks pass, the Arkansas Valley Interurban will be running into its own terminal station at 1st and Water. This will be accomplished when the special track work for West 1st street switch connections arrives. For the present the company plans to have one track extending across its terminal property. As the system grows more tracks will be built. With the use of its station on First street, passenger business will be handled largely by tickets instead of by cash fares on the cars as at the present time.

Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement for sale of tracts in Urbandale.

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7. Map of Urbandale one acre tracts. Thirty-four tracts to be sold for \$300 to \$350 each.

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5. The Rock Island railway has established a new town about three miles north of the Wichita passenger station, named Cline in honor of Right-of-Way Agent Cline, who purchased the ground for the new Rock Island freight yards extending from 25th street to 30th street. The station of Cline was opened for business a few days ago and the majority of trains passing through Wichita stop there.

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1. Report of destruction by fire beginning 1:00 a.m. today of the three story brick building at 118-120 North Main owned by John Noble, Sr., and occupied by the Nolley Furniture company. Loss estimated at over \$60,000. Details.

Article about the decline of the Jay Gould's railroad empire, which the oldest son, George Gould, has not been able to hold together. Details.

6. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, today purchased from E. Wilcox his lots in eighth block on North Lawrence fronting 155 feet on Lawrence avenue for \$11,000 as a site for their new church.

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3. Petition filed with county commission this week asking for widening of a road to 60 feet on west side of Little river from end of Riverside avenue to 13th street The road goes in a southwesterly direction.
6. Cleaning off the site of the Noble building on North Main street, destroyed by fire, was started this morning. It is planned to build a new three story building on the site.
10. The street car company being unable with the appropriations already made to double track West Douglas from Sycamore to Seneca, will instead put in a switch between Osage and Handley as soon as possible according to Superintendent W. R. Morrison.

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4. Article about distances you could travel on different Wichita street car lines. Details.
9. Photograph of north side of first block of East Douglas.

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3. President Boyle says the Arkansas Valley Interurban hopes to have cars operating to Newton by July 1. Extension north of Newton to Goessel will depend almost entirely on the support the people of Goessel are willing to give.

A large flashlight picture of the street car employees taken on the occasion of their banquet at the Riverside club recently has been framed and presented to W. R. Morrison and Abe Crow by the other employees.

5. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter of 1106 Larimer has been mentioned as a possible woman candidate for the city commission.
9. W. H. Bretch is making plans for a new four or five story building on northeast corner of

William and Main. Several weeks ago the old blacksmith building which had occupied the corner was torn down.

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3. List of church services and locations.
9. Article about changes in water flow in Arkansas river over the years. Details.
11. Work on removing the porch of the Baltimore hotel, as ordered by Fire Chief Walden, started yesterday.

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6. The Throckmorton building in first block on North Main, damaged by recent fire in adjacent Nolley Furniture company building, has been condemned and is to be torn down.

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5. City commission yesterday passed resolution to pave Beacon Lane with creosote wood blocks.
6. The street car company has made a hard struggle with the snow last night and today in its efforts to clear the tracks enough to permit any service at all. The salt cars were started soon after dark last night and kept going until 2:00 a.m. At an early hour the new track sweeper was put at work with Superintendent Morrison in charge. Details.

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3. The new Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church between Hunter and Dickson Streets on Ellis avenue will be dedicated Sunday. Details.

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10. "The Wichita and Midland Valley Railroad" is now the correct name of the new road that is seeking an entrance into this city. City commission today adopted ordinance giving right-of-way to the new railroad. Details.

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5. Officials of the Arkansas Valley Interurban announced that the new electric line will be built west from Newton to Hutchinson through important towns on that route.

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4. The city directory for 1911 will soon be issued by the Polk-McAvoy Directory company. Details.
6. Report of death today of Arthur Faulkner, well known in Wichita business circles since 1886, at age 49. He was a bachelor with no relatives in Wichita. The nearest relatives are a cousin and two nephews who live in New Hampshire. To be buried at Maple Grove cemetery. Pallbearers included life long friends Thomas Fitch and J. O. Davidson.
9. The first dirt was thrown yesterday a short distance north of Arkansas City for construction of the Wichita and Midland Valley railway. President C. E. Ingersoll witnessed it and is now in Wichita in his private car. Other officers listed.

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3. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter has filed her petition for city commissioner.

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4. This is the opening week for the Otto Weiss Alfalfa Stock Food company. The plant, now nearly completed, covers two acres at North Santa Fe and East 13th Streets. Details.

The new building at West Douglas and Seneca put up by G. T. Riley, of the Riley Drug company, and Charles Holden, will be ready for occupancy near the last of this month. It is two story, 50 by 125 avenue., and cost \$18,000.
6. Arkansas Valley Interurban this week let contract for 40,000 ties and contract for rails to cover those ties will be let within a few days. These will be sufficient to complete the line to Newton and west to Halstead. ¶ The three new cars being built for the Arkansas Valley Interurban route will be ready for delivery within a few weeks.
11. J. H. Thompson, operating engineer of the McKinley street railway syndicate, is in Wichita today on his monthly tour of the company's properties. He is taking up the matter of improvements proposed for the year, but Superintendent Morrison says there seems to be no prospect for anything big during 1911.

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4. The street railway company is getting ready for the baseball season by repairing its South Main street line from Bayley Street, the present end of the South Main Street pavement, to Levy street The line for these eight blocks has been entirely rebuilt in the past few weeks, and the storage track extending two blocks west of Main on Levy has also been rebuilt.
6. A fraternity house has been built by the Phi Lambda Epsilon fraternity in the rear of the Conklin home, 901 North Waco. In connection with the fraternity house the men also

have a boat house with a good dock.

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3. Excavation started today for paving of East Douglas from Hillside to Circle Drive with brick.

For past two months, Kansas Gas and Electric company has been removing its lighting service wires on Douglas avenue from the poles and placing them in conduits on either side of the street just over the awnings of the buildings. When this transfer is completed in about two weeks only the "White Way" wires will remain on their Douglas avenue poles, and to comply with the city ordinance it will be necessary to take these down unless some other decision is reached.

5. The Missouri Pacific railway is being re-organized in St. Louis, and George J. Gould will retire from active management.
7. Drawing of the new building of the Wichita Wholesale Furniture company, 217-225 North Water street. Moved in March 1st.

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11. Riverside Township, south of Wichita, is now fully organized and officers have been appointed. Details.

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4. The Arkansas Valley Interurban's Construction company let contract this week for \$65,000 worth of steel rails, which will build the line from Sedgwick to Newton, eleven miles. Contracts for all the grading and for the copper trolley and feed wires have also been let. Another contract to be let this week is for the \$14,000 bridge over the Santa Fe railway southwest of Newton.
5. Work was commenced this morning on the track for the Arkansas Valley Interurban on First Street from Main street to Water. There is some "special work" to be put in at the intersection of Main and First, and while some of the men are at work on this others are excavating for the track on 1st street. At a point just east of the interurban freight station a switch will be built north to the rear end of the interurban company's property, but the main track will run around the corner at 1st and Water and extend as far north on Water as the rear end of the company's property, where it will turn east and join the other track.

¶ All the work on the streets will be done by the street car company, but the track laying on the company's property will be done by men in the employ of the Interurban company.

¶ As soon as this track has been completed and the new freight car arrives from the East, the interurban freight business will be made much easier for shippers and for the employes. Instead of being compelled to meet the cars on the street and unload goods into them,

persons having freight for the interurban will soon be able to have it hauled to the freight station the same as at any of the other freight depots. It is thought that the new freight car will be here in about three weeks.

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11. An aviation meet is planned for Wichita the last week in April. Details.

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9. Advertisement for Mrs. Laura Buckwalter for city commission, with photograph. Says she has lived in Wichita 24 years.

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1. Rock Island Railroad plans to spend \$100,000 this year ballasting its line from Caldwell to Herington and \$85,000 on terminal improvements in Wichita.
13. Advertisement with photograph of cottage at 157 South Volutsia, for sale.

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- Report of city primary election results yesterday Laura Buckwalter was eighteenth out of 37 candidates for city commission and received 874 votes. Details.
4. County commission voted to advertise for bids for building a \$20,000 steel bridge across the Arkansas river at 13th street to replace the present wooden structure, which is in bad condition.
6. The Wichita Union Terminal Railway was chartered at Topeka yesterday. Capitalized for \$100,000. Directors listed. Details.
- Legal publication of Ordinance providing for track elevation and union railway station for Wichita. Details.

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10. O. A. Boyle, who is managing the coming aviation meet in Wichita, says that three noted bird men will be here for it: Eugene Ely, James J. Ward, and C. C. Wilmer.

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6. Advertisement with photograph of Reo truck of Cox Bottling Company.

8. Advertisement with photograph of house for sale at 1412 University avenue.

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6. L. S. Pearson, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, yesterday took a lease on the Hamilton hotel from the Portsmouth Savings Bank, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The building is still owned by the bank.

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4. The Wichita city directory for 1911 is being distributed today.

Wednesday, April 5, 1911**page**

1. Report of city election yesterday. John H. Graham elected mayor. Robert B. Campbell elected to city commission. Details. Photograph of John Graham on page 6, also one of R. B. Campbell.

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3. The aviation meet May 4, 5, and 6 is to be held near Sullivan's dam. The Arkansas Valley Interurban company plans to put in a switch at that point before the meet. This switch will be at the intersection of 34th and Mascot. Another switch is to be put in at 24th and Arkansas. Three carloads of rails for these two switches were hauled out today.

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1. C. W. Kouns, general manager of the Santa Fe, today accepted the ordinance adopted by city commission regarding the track elevation, etc. The city will vote on a \$70,000 bond issue to help pay for the Kellogg street viaduct at an election May 2. Details.

The four story Bretch building now under construction at Main and William is to be used for a hotel. S. G. Bond is the architect. To have 54 rooms on second, third, and fourth floors.

6. The three story building at southwest corner of 3rd and Santa Fe, occupied by the Massey Iron company, was purchased today by Professor H. Samuels from Jacob Bissantz for \$21,000 as an investment.

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1. Annual report of city officials. Details.

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6. Work started this week on paving of Wiley avenue with brick for two blocks south of the Griffenstein bridge. ¶ Work also started on paving with brick of three blocks of East English from Hillside to Circle Drive.

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3. Article recounting the old story of a Missouri Pacific engine that fell through the Ninescah river bridge between Clearwater and Conway Springs in a flood in fall of 1885 and has allegedly never been found. Details.
10. Israel brothers have bought a carload of steel rowboats and canoes for their boat house. Also a steam launch is located at the Murdock avenue bridge. The Wichita Canoe Club, located near the same bridge, a private organization, has 35 canoes. About 400 feet of concrete retaining wall has been built along the east side of the river by the residents just north of the Murdock avenue bridge.

Judge D. M. Dale has just purchased a new six cylinder 36 h.p. Pierce-Arrow automobile.

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3. The new Odd Fellows building built by the Queen City lodge in first block of South St. Francis, adjacent to the Eaton hotel, three stories, 50 by 140 feet, is completed and ready for occupancy. The Independent Laundry has leased the ground floor.
5. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has increased the wages of its men 20 to 23¢ per day effective April 1.
 - Rate for first year men will be 20¢
 - Rate for second year men will be 21¢
 - Rate for third year men will be 21½¢
 - Rate for fourth year men will be 22¢
 - Rate for fifth year men will be 23¢This increases the company payroll about \$600 a month or about \$7200 a year.
10. Photograph of Eugene Ely, who will fly plane in airplane meet.

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3. Drawing of residence to be erected for H. Wolkow, Wichita jeweler, in tenth block on South Market.
4. There are now 864 automobiles licensed in Wichita.
6. A receiver was appointed today for the American Paper Manufacturing company. Details.
9. Four hundred tons of steel rails have been ordered by the Wichita Railroad and Light

company from a mill in Pennsylvania to be used in building a new street car track on Main street and Douglas avenue where these streets are to be paved. The rails now in use on Main street and Douglas will be used in construction of the track on Central avenue where the traffic is not as heavy. The new rails are the standard six inch 73 pound per yard rails such as have been used in all the new track in this city recently when paving has been done. ¶ The street car company's track builders are now at work putting in a "Y" at the intersection of Bitting and River Drive, about 400 feet north of the old loop on 11th street. When this is completed early next week, the North Riverside "stub" will be discontinued, and the South Main street cars will run alternately to North and West Riverside.

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6. The Arkansas Valley Interurban station at 1st and Water will be ready for service in a few days. The platform track has been completed and the lineman are now stringing the trolley wires. They will be completed by Wednesday night and by Thursday or Friday the first car will pull up to the station. It is probable that freight car No. 1 will be put into service by the first of next week.

W. H. Kenney, a Hutchinson miller, yesterday purchased the former residence of William Griffenstein in North Riverside from Henry Lassen for \$25,000. The property was purchased for \$17,000 by Mr. Lassen at the Scott E. Winne bankruptcy sale two years ago. It had been secured by Mr. Winne for \$15,000 from a mortgage company which had obtained it in 1896 from the Griffenstein estate for \$5000.

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4. The three story 50 foot front brick building at 209-211 North Main is to be remodeled completely. Architect is U. G. Charles.
6. Arkansas Valley Interurban freight car No. 201 made its initial trip between Wichita and Valley Center today and was the first car to receive its load from the interurban station at 1st and Water, leaving with a full load of miscellaneous freight at 2:30 p.m.

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6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company is planning to tear out the short strip of single track on South Main near the city building to replace it with a double track. This is the only single track on South Main for a distance of many blocks, and since the street is about to be repaved, the company plans to replace it with a double track. A "cross over" is to be put in near the Beacon building to care for the cars which run to the baseball park and the special work for the a loop soon to be put on William and Water streets will also be put in at this time. ¶ All the old cobblestones are to be taken up and replaced with good brick pavement along the street car right-of-way.
9. The College Hill United Presbyterian congregation is to have an additional church building.

William R. Stringfield received instructions today from Rev. W. N. Leeper, pastor, to start work on the plans at once. It will cost \$6000. It will be built on the site of the present church building, which will be moved back. The old building will be specially arranged for work with boys and men and will have a gymnasium. One part of the present building will be set aside for Sunday School use. ¶ It is expected to complete the new building before fall.

Friday, April 21, 1911**page**

1. Article details repaving plans of street car company on North Main and Douglas avenue Details. Cobble stone to be removed at cost of \$80,000.
3. Article about G. C. Witmer, one of the aviators who will appear at the Wichita aviation meet. Details.
9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has completed five miles of grade north of Sedgwick towards Newton, and steel is being laid on the first mile north of Sedgwick.

Saturday, April 22, 1911**page**

5. Article reports plans to build a remodeled front on the old Crawford opera house. Details.
11. Description of the Curtiss aeroplanes to be seen at the Wichita meet. Details.
13. Full page advertisement for the aviation meet May 4, 5, and 6. Aviators scheduled to appear are Eugene Ely, James J. Ward, age 19, C. C. Witmer, and R. C. St. Henry. List of achievements of Curtiss planes.

Wednesday, April 26, 1911**page**

5. In special election yesterday the city of Newton granted a franchise to Arkansas Valley Interurban for 20 years, 695 for to 26 against.

Friday, April 28, 1911**page**

4. Article with some history of the old Crawford theater. Opened February 1, 1887. Details.
5. Street car company started this morning putting in concrete on its right of way in first block of South Main preparatory to paving with brick in place of cobblestones that have been in place since the track was first put down a good many years ago.

Saturday, April 29, 1911**page**

4. Arthur E. Stilwell's second book has just been issued and one copy received in Wichita. Title is *Universal Peace -- War Is Mesmerism*, and it is 179 but is a limited edition of 600

numbered copies and is not for sale. ¶ Stilwell's first book issued a few years ago was titled "Confidence, or National Suicide."

6. Beginning next Monday the Interurban will handle all its freight business from its station, corner of 1st and Water streets. Ever since it has been in operation it has been handling shipments of freight by loading and unloading them in front of the Beacon building. At times there were so many drays waiting to unload goods into the cars that traffic on South Main street was all but blockaded. It was also necessary for shippers to appear on the scene at the proper moment or their goods would be left behind. At the station shipments may be left on the platform at any time, just as shipments are left at the railway freight depots. ¶ For the present passenger cars will continue to load and unload at the Beacon building waiting room.
7. Photograph of second block on South Lawrence showing the Auto Supply and Tire Company, 227-229 South Lawrence.
12. Full page advertisement for aviation meet May 4, 5, and 6.

Monday, May 1, 1911

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6. Interurban cars will no longer back up on South Main street to load passengers and freight. The switch tracks into the station at Water and 1st street have been completed and this morning the depot was used for the first time. For a time the company contemplated the continuance of the waiting room for passengers in the Beacon building, but last week it was decided to terminate all service at Water and First streets.

Tuesday, May 2, 1911

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9. Photographs of aviators C. C. Witmer and R. C. St. Henry. Article on page three says Charles C. Witmer arrived in Wichita today from San Diego, California, where he has been instructing naval officers in the art of flying for the past two months. ¶ Eugene Ely's machine arrived last week and he is expected by tomorrow. He has been in San Antonio instructing army officers in the art of flying. ¶ Ward and St. Henry, who have been demonstrating the Curtiss machines in the East, will arrive tomorrow or Wednesday.
10. Wichita street car service will return to old days Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; during those three days not a double truck car will be used on any of the city lines, since the company has leased to the interurban company 24 of its largest and best cars for hauling people to the aviation grounds north of the city. Single truck cars will be run on all the lines in town. More cars will be operated than ever before in the city at one time. There will be 41 cars for use on the city lines aside from the 24 used by the Interurban. ¶ The cars on the Interurban will run in trains of two large cars and two trailers each. There will be six trains spaced so that they will reach the six passing points on the line at the proper time (the trains are scheduled to run every ten minutes beginning at noon). In addition, the regular Interurban cars will carry passengers as usual.

Wednesday, May 3, 1911**page**

5. Advertisement with information about aviation meet.
6. "Jimmy" Ward is to take his bride for her first airplane trip in Wichita this week. They were married not quite a month ago in Nashville, Tennessee. The bride is nearly 18 and he is 19. He first began to make flights in Curtiss machines and to work in their factory five years ago. Before that time he had been an automobile racer. After working the Curtiss factory for a while young Ward made an aeroplane for himself. The wings do not differ much from those of the Curtiss make but the engine is more powerful. ¶ C. C. Witmer and Eugene Ely spent the greater part of the day at the aviation grounds looking over the field.
8. At special election yesterday the \$70,000 in bonds to pay a third of cost of Kellogg street viaduct carried by 3919 to 718. Details.

Thursday, May 4, 1911**page**

1. "Wichita Is Aviation Mad Today: Big Aeroplane Meet Brings Crowds"
Article with details. Aviator R. C. St. Henry arrived last night from Canada, where he has just finished a successful tour of Western Canada. All the machines used will be 50 h.p. Curtiss biplanes. Each aviator has looked over the course and tested his machine. Henry and Ely made trial flights this morning.
7. Advertisement for Wonderland Park -- to open May 14. Advertises a swimming pool and a new miniature railway.

Friday, May 5, 1911**page**

1. Report on aviation meet. James J. Ward took his bride for the first airplane ride (photograph by H. T. Harden). Flights made yesterday by Ely, Ward, and Witmer. Large crowd. Details.
4. Estimated that five railways brought 10,000 to Wichita yesterday.
8. Wonderland Park is open May 14 with new attractions. A new larger roller coaster, "The Giant Thriller," is being installed. A swimming pool has been built in the old theater building, which has been dismantled inside. Another new attraction will be the Miniature Railway which will wind its way around the grounds. Details.

Saturday, May 6, 1911**page**

1. Report of yesterday aviation meet. Flights by Ely, Ward, and Witmer. St. Henry did not fly. Ward made one flight to nearly 8000 feet. Photograph. Details.

3. Article about the aviators says Jimmy Ward and his wife eloped when he was giving exhibition at Nashville, Tennessee on the 26th, 27th, and 28th (of March or April?). Eugene Ely is a Californian.
5. In the past four days the Midland Valley has purchased ground 40 feet on south side of West Douglas lying east of Mr. Turner's hay barn, for \$6000. This gives the company a total of 200 feet fronting on south side of Douglas, which will be used for passenger terminal facilities.
8. Street car company will start work next week on rebuilding the Cleveland avenue line, ready for the pavement which is to be put down on that street. Work will commenced at 12th street. The new rails for Main street and Douglas avenue, 400 tons of them, will be here about the first of June. When the old rails are taken up, they will be used on Central avenue from Main street to the entrance of Riverside park.
13. Photograph of new Odd Fellows building of the Queen City lodge in first block on South St. Francis.

Monday, May 8, 1911**page**

5. Report of aviation meet Saturday. Only one flight made -- by Eugene Ely -- because of high winds which nearly caused him to lose control of his plane.

Article reports destinations of the Curtiss aviators. Jimmie Ward opens Tuesday for three days at Hot Springs. Charles C. Witmer went directly to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, where he and Ward will fly next Saturday and Sunday. Ely will fly at Kansas City next Saturday and Sunday, along with Willard, another Curtiss aviator. R. C. St. Henry has returned to New York. Next week Ward, Ely, and Witmer will again come together at Dallas for a big meet. From there Ely will return to the Pacific coast, while Ward and Witmer go to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Tuesday, May 9, 1911**page**

5. Fifteen car loads of 70 pound steel rails for the Newton extension of the Interurban arrived at Sedgwick yesterday. Already 20 car loads of ties have been unloaded. Work is progressing on the steel and concrete viaduct which will carry the interurban tracks over the Santa Fe right-of-way four miles southwest of Newton.

Wednesday, May 10, 1911**page**

8. Article about plans for park improvements this year. In Riverside park a refreshment stand will be built of concrete stone just east of the aquarium. Two rest rooms with sanitary closets will also be built, one for men and one for women. The main animal headquarters will be built of cement stone some time this summer located where the ostrich park is at present, and the ostriches will be moved farther east. A wide driveway connecting the one

at the zoo with Woodman bridge will be constructed at once. Details.

Thursday, May 11, 1911**page**

1. Monsignor J. Henry Tihen has been appointed a bishop and will go to Lincoln, Nebraska. Details. ("Monsignor Tihen A. Bishop")

Friday, May 12, 1911**page**

5. Photograph of Bishop-elect J. Henry Tihen.
14. Editorial congratulating Bishop Tihen.

Saturday, May 13, 1911**page**

4. Special Booster Edition -- special articles, photographs, etc.
Work started today on paving of South Hillside from Kellogg to Lincoln street, most of which distance is bordered by alfalfa fields and original prairie sod.

Work started today on paving Water street from First to Murdock.
23. Photograph of Wichita Water Company pumping station.
- B-8. Photograph of new Commercial club building -- incomplete.
- C-11. Photographs of Beacon building and Schweiter building under construction.

Monday, May 15, 1911**page**

3. Yesterday some change was made in the street car service. Instead of going around the Market street loop, the North Topeka and Stock Yards lines have been merged and all cars make the round trip from 17th and St. Francis to the Stock Yards and return. This saves one car and one crew for 18 hours and gives just as good service. ¶ The College Hill car makes the Wonderland circuit hereafter, and most of the Market street cars went to Wonderland at the opening yesterday. Several special Wonderland cars were also on, and they will be used whenever the demand justifies it.
5. The new buildings at the Riverside park zoo, of cement stone, are to be of Japanese architecture. The new concession stand at the park entrance will be of the Japanese style and also the three new cement pavilions, which are to be placed in a semicircular arrangement. Details.
8. A lady was struck and dragged several feet by Street Car No. 209 on the Topeka Avenue line at corner of Main and Douglas at 11:00 a.m. today. Details.

9. Contract for the new lodge for the West Side Odd Fellows, at northeast corner of Douglas and Walnut, has been let for \$25,000. To be two stories, 50 by 125 feet. To be completed by September 1.

Tuesday, May 16, 1911**page**

6. A year ago the old Santa Fe freight station just south of the passenger depot was abandoned when the company built its new freight station. Now it is back in use as the office and workshop for the engineers in charge of building the track elevation and union passenger station.
8. Work starts this week on a new two story brick apartment house at Murdock and Lawrence avenues, to cost \$7500.

Wednesday, May 17, 1911**page**

5. A new two story building 36 by 140 feet is to be built as an annex to the Annex Trust building on southwest corner of First and Market and will be just south of that building. To cost \$10,000. Building permit issued yesterday.
6. The Street Railway company has begun work at 12th Street to rebuild its line on Cleveland avenue in anticipation of paving of the street. The "Y" now running west will run east on 12th thus enabling the company to extend its line east if desired in the future. A heavier rail will be put down.

Friday, May 19, 1911**page**

11. The new Lowell grade school at corner of Third and Grove has been completed and will be ready for occupancy when the school year begins in September. It cost about \$30,000.

Saturday, May 20, 1911**page**

4. Real estate transfer: Riverside Investment Company to O. W. Jones, May 17, lots 209 Coolidge avenue and lots 250, 252, 254, 256 Dort avenue, Riverside addition. \$2000.

Monday, May 22, 1911**page**

3. Paving of Beacon Lane with creosote wood blocks started today.
6. County commission Saturday let contract for a steel and concrete bridge across the Arkansas river at 13th street for \$19,450. To be 400 feet long and eighteen feet wide.

Paving of Cleveland avenue from Douglas to 12th street started today.
7. Wichita Western League franchise was transferred to Pueblo Saturday. Details.

Tuesday, May 23, 1911**page**

1. Assessor's census in March 1911 showed Wichita population of 55,583, up 3133 from federal census of 52,450 in April 1910.
9. Park Commissioner Leach is planning a fine bathing beach for Riverside park to be located at the west bend of the Little river in South Riverside park, about a quarter mile above the Central avenue dam. The river will be dredged at that point and a sloping sand bottom and beach provided. The summer house in South Riverside park will be moved to this point and made into a men's bath house, and a new bathhouse will be built for women bathers. A wading pool is now being prepared for children in South Riverside park, being converted from the old duck pond at the south end of Woodman bridge.

Wednesday, May 24, 1911**page**

3. An empty passenger train of 37 cars passed through Wichita on the Rock Island this morning. The cars came from Little Rock where the confederate veterans encampment was held last week.
6. High school commencement exercises to be held at the Forum tonight. Details.

Thursday, May 25, 1911**page**

6. Steel posts for the building of fences in Riverside park have arrived at the Santa Fe freight station. They are a gift from the American Steel Wire company of Chicago.
9. Plans received today for remodeling the front of the old Crawford theater when it closes the present season June 13. The old theater is to be renamed "The Lyceum Theater" when it opens on Labor Day for the next season.

Friday, May 26, 1911**page**

3. The Noble building, now under construction at 118-120 North Main, has been leased to the new Gilbert and Scott Furniture company. Details.
10. Anecdote regarding street car allocation in 1890s.

A fountain seventeen feet high will be placed at Mt. Carmel Academy this summer on the lawn in front of the main entrance to the building.

The Riverside club decided today to build a platform for bathers near the club house.
11. P. J. Conklin has given his home at 901 North Waco to the city on the condition that it is moved by the fifteenth of next month. Park Commissioner Leach is proposing that it be placed on a lot in North Riverside park near the Griffenstein bridge and used as a chapter

house for the Eunice Sterling chapter of the Daughters of the American Republic. Details.

Saturday, May 27, 1911

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4. Article reports complaint of residents of Valley Center and Sedgwick that the Arkansas Valley Interurban has not built any depot at those places.

Monday, May 29, 1911

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5. Arkansas Valley Interurban has completed purchase of right-of-way to Halstead. Details. Work is now in progress on a brick power house at the junction of the Newton and Halstead lines.
6. Former senator Chester I. Long has purchased the Steffen home at corner of Rutan avenue and 2nd street for \$10,000. Mr. Long will make improvements on the house and grounds. It is a ten room frame structure at present. Three or four rooms will be added and a grand stairway built in, at cost of \$5000. The lots is 125 by 140 feet. Mr. Long has previously resided and practiced law in Medicine Lodge, Kansas before being in the Senate.

Midland Valley Railroad will start work Wednesday wrecking buildings on south side of Douglas avenue in first block west of the bridge and will also put eighteen teams at work grading the right-of-way through the city.

Tuesday, May 30, 1911

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6. Photograph of the residence at northeast corner of Second and Rutan purchased by Ex-Senator Long from Mrs. N. Steffen.

Wednesday, May 31, 1911

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5. Report of marriage today of Mr. Bliss Isely and Miss Flora Duncan on fiftieth anniversary of wedding Bliss Isely's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian H. Isely (Elise). Latter's children include the late Professor W. H. Isely of Fairmount College, his twin sister M. Alice Isely, now field worker for Congregational church in Utah, F. B. Isely, teaching biology at the Tonkawa, Oklahoma preparatory school, Mrs. Lydia Wellman, living in Western Kansas and a returned missionary from Africa, Charles C. Isely, lumberman from Cimarron, Kansas, James W. Isely, lumberman in Fountain, Colorado, Bliss Isely, and youngest son, Dwight Isely, a reporter on the *Wichita Eagle*. ¶ Bliss Isely is now on the staff of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. Four years ago he was a reporter for the *Beacon*. He went from here to the *Hutchinson Gazette*, then to the *Kansas City Star*, and from there to St. Louis. His bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby P. Duncan of 1415 Holyoke. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Isely lived for 35 years in Brown County, Kansas, where their seven children were born. They came to Wichita four years ago to live at 1627 Holyoke. Photographs of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Isely.

Thursday, June 1, 1911**page**

6. The front of the Hamilton hotel is being torn out and replaced with a new plate glass front. Work started Monday.
8. The Arkansas Valley Interurban (through Interurban Construction company) has bought a construction train consisting of an engine and two flat cars. Previously a borrowed engine has been used. ¶ The company announced that six new cars are completed and will be shipped during the next few weeks. ¶ Two miles of rails have been laid north of Sedgwick and purchase of right-of-way into Halstead was completed last week.
9. The two blocks of South Main from English to Douglas are to be repaved at once. The street car company has recently put in new rails, so there will be no delay on this account.

Friday, June 2, 1911**page**

3. The new Henry Schnitzler home at corner of Lawrence and Gilbert is ready for occupancy. Cost \$20,000. Article with details. Photograph..

The U.S. weather bureau in Wichita will move to the sixth floor of the Beacon building the first of next month from the Murdock-Caldwell building, where it has been for three years. Details.
4. The southwest corner of the five story Steinbuchel building, 213 North Main, collapsed yesterday afternoon, and Fire Marshal Walden has ordered the entire rear wall of the building to be torn down, as it is unsafe. The building is an early day building built of poor brick and poor mortar. Details.
6. City commission today authorized purchase of an auto fire engine.
8. Mr. A. C. Jobes corrects in detail the erroneous report of a street car altercation reported in *Beacon* on May 26.
10. Report of Midland Valley activities in Wichita, to start next week: grading right-of-way, tearing down of old brick buildings on south side of Douglas west of the bridge, and tearing down of grand stand, sheds, and fences at the old fair grounds north of Douglas and west of Arkansas river. Details.
12. Legal publication of Ordinance 4140 opening and extending a number of streets across the right-of-way of the Missouri Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway companies to Wichita.

Saturday, June 3, 1911**page**

4. Photograph of new home of A. F. Jones at corner of Clifton and Douglas. Article with

details.

11. Large advertisement of Southwestern Broom and Warehouse Company.

Tuesday, June 6, 1911

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8. Last Sunday was one of the busiest days for the Arkansas Valley Interurban, with over 1200 passengers hauled between Wichita and Sedgwick.

Plans were completed today by U. G. Charles, architect, for the new Midland Valley depot. To be 40 by 90 feet, two stories, and cost about \$20,500. Details.

Thursday, June 8, 1911

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1. Drawing of proposed floor plan for Wichita's new union station (later changed).

Friday, June 9, 1911

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1. Photograph of new Wichita Children's Home at corner of Rutan and Highland avenues. Article with details.
5. Wichita Country Club directors stated yesterday that the sale of the present club and four acres of ground is all that is delaying building of their new club house, which will probably be completed by next season. The present club house was built about eight years ago on four acres of ground owned by the club. The remainder of the tract used as a golf course is leased by the club.

Saturday, June 10, 1911

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6. Wonderland park will be open to the public tomorrow despite threats to close it down for operating on Sundays. Details.

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3. Four alligators arrived yesterday for the Riverside park zoo. They were recently purchased by Cecil Cox, park superintendent. ¶ Another improvement now being made at South Riverside park is dredging of the channel on the east bank of the river and making a nice sand beach for swimming at that point.
5. Note reports death yesterday of John Wiley, for whom Wiley avenue in Riverside is said to have been named. John Wiley was the shortest man in Wichita, a few inches over 3 feet in height, and was a resident of Wichita when the street was platted. The street was the shortest in the city, little more than a half block long, and was named for him.

Wednesday, June 14, 1911

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1. Photograph of east side of South Main street.

The first steel on the Midland Valley extension was laid this afternoon at Arkansas City. Details.

6. First services will be held in the new Fairmount Congregational church next Sunday.

Workmen today started wrecking the row of the two story brick buildings on south side of Douglas just west of the bridge to make way for the new Midland Valley depot.

Laying of the concrete base began today for the brick pavement on Ninth Street between Washington and Hillside.

Thursday, June 15, 1911**page**

5. City commission today granted petition to pave Third Street from Hillside to the drainage canal with brick.

Saturday, June 17, 1911**page**

5. Photograph of buildings on site of Midland Valley depot being torn down. Drawing of proposed Midland Valley depot.

11. Superintendent Morrison announced he will place a dozen extra cars on the Riverside line tomorrow afternoon to haul the crowd that want to go to North Riverside park to hear John S. Dawson, the attorney general.

The corner stone of the new Odd Fellows hall at Douglas and Walnut is to be laid Sunday, June 25.

Monday, June 19, 1911**page**

5. The city commission today requested the Wichita Railroad and Light Company to issue transfers from the College Hill cars to the Fairmount and Cleveland avenue cars, which they have not previously done. Superintendent W. R. Morrison sent the commission a communication saying it was impractical for the company to comply with a recent request that trailers be used during times when the cars are crowded because the trailers were too heavy for use on most of these lines. He also stated that the company's receipts this year had been less than last year, although it was operating three more cars.

8. Drawing of the proposed new Sedgwick Home, to be erected at Third and Water. Details.

Tuesday, June 20, 1911**page**

4. Work started yesterday on the new 13th Street bridge over the Big Arkansas river. To be made of steel and concrete and cost \$20,000. It will be sixteen feet shorter than the former wood structure which served for many years.

Saturday, June 24, 1911**page**

4. Superintendent Morrison stated a few days ago that it had been definitely decided that the West Riverside car line should be extended to the Riverside club property. This statement has now been made good and the car company has completed the car line to the club house. Article gives some history of cost of the Riverside club.

Track laying is being pushed rapidly, and President Boyle says it looks as though the Arkansas Valley Interurban will be completed to Newton by August 1st.

Monday, June 26, 1911**page**

4. The city and county commissions agreed Saturday to extend the drainage canal three miles from Linwood Park to the Arkansas river, with the city and county each paying half of the cost. Total cost estimated at \$70,000. Details.

Wednesday, June 28, 1911**page**

1. The priests of the Lincoln diocese plan to give Bishop-elect J. Henry Tihen a big new motor car when he arrives there July 19. Long article with details.
4. Trolley rides are all the fashion these days. Almost any night one can see a jolly party of young people -- and old too -- having a delightful time riding over all the car lines of the city in one of those big open trailers.
6. Superintendent W. R. Morrison yesterday received word that four carloads of new rails have been shipped to Wichita for use on North Main street, which is soon to be paved.
8. If the city will build a pile bridge across the Little Arkansas river at Bitting avenue, H. A. Fisher, who owns a tract of ground lying on the north and west bank of the river, will give the city an extension of Bitting avenue two blocks to 13th street and a drive seventy feet wide along the bank of the river, a distance of nearly 3000 feet.

Friday, June 30, 1911**page**

1. The first scraperful of earth toward the construction of the elevated tracks was removed this morning. Article with details.
4. Work on resurfacing Main street and relaying the street car tracks will begin Wednesday, July 5 at the north line of Murdock street and working south from there.

Saturday, July 1, 1911**page**

4. Reception is to be held at Commercial club on July 1 for Bishop-elect Tihen. Details.
14. Miss Cornelia O'Neal resigned at 5:00 p.m. yesterday from her job at the street car company office where she started work nine years ago last June 15th. She is to be married and will live in Bay City, Michigan. She is a sister of Mrs. W. R. Morrison, wife of the superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. ¶ During her nine years she had come to be regarded as a fixture in the street car office the same as the typewriter and the electric fan and Abe Crow. When she started work the office force consisted of two girls. Now it takes two girls and four men to handle the work. Then a part of the business of the girls was to count out change and place it in small envelopes: three nickels and a dime in each to make change for the passengers. ¶ Nine years ago the street car company was running twelve small cars and employing eighteen men to operate them. Now there are 34 cars running every day and it takes 111 men to run them. Nine years ago these men received 12½ cents an hour, now they received 24 cents.

Monday, July 3, 1911**page**

1. Report of a major fire at the Arctic Ice and Refrigerator Company at 1:30 a.m. yesterday. Details.
3. Large advertisement says Jimmy Ward, aviator, will fly tomorrow at Walnut Grove Park. Admission 50¢.
8. Article about Jimmy Ward's appearance here tomorrow. Will fly a new plane -- "Shooting Star, Number 2." Says he flew over Fort Moultrie last winter, later over Morro Castle at Havana and over the Atlantic squadron at Santiago.

Tuesday, July 4, 1911**page**

5. Building permit issued Saturday for two story brick residence for C. E. Potts, president of Potts Drug company, at 1019 North Lawrence, to cost \$18,000.

The bathing beach at South Riverside park was opened for use last night.

Wednesday, July 5, 1911**page**

5. Jimmy Ward, Wichita's favorite aviator, made four beautiful flights yesterday in his new Curtiss biplane before 2000 people at Walnut Grove park. In the last flight he reached an altitude of more than 6000 feet. All four flights averaged a speed of 65 m.p.h.

The street car company track force today started tearing up the track on North Main street at Murdock avenue. The double track on North Main from Murdock to Douglas avenue is to be rebuilt with heavy steel. The old steel will be placed on Central, South Emporia,

and Cleveland, where there is not such a demand for heavy rails.

Thursday, July 6, 1911**page**

1. Report of consecration of Father Henry Tihen as bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska at pro-Cathedral today. Details. Photograph (taken by Fred Baldwin and his latest photograph).

Friday, July 7, 1911**page**

1. Article says two different plans are being studied for Wichita's new union station. Details.
4. Work started yesterday on clearing off of building from the fair grounds. The grandstand will come down Monday and the work is to be completed next week, as the Midland Valley Railway company wants possession of the grounds at once. Earlier demolition was delayed by the 4th of July automobile races.
6. Business on the Arkansas Valley Interurban has become so brisk that the company will begin tomorrow running cars to Sedgwick every hour from 6:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. instead of every two hours as heretofore.

Saturday, July 8, 1911**page**

13. Since paving the street car track on North Main has started, the stock yards and Topeka cars have quit their continuous line and both are making the loop at 1st and Market and returning over their separate lines. So a transfer is now necessary in going from Topeka avenue to the stock yards or vice versa.

Monday, July 10, 1911**page**

3. Article about donation of the old cobble stones from the North Main street street car tracks to the city by the street car company.
5. Senator Chester I. Long has just returned from Washington and will at once open law offices in the Beacon Building and with his family will occupy his new home on College Hill in September.
8. A number of cows are grazing on Mathewson's pasture this summer.
9. City commission today let contract to the Webb Fire Engine company for a new automobile fire engine, to cost \$8650. To be delivered in 30 days and have pumping capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

Tuesday, July 11, 1911**page**

3. Article says President Stilwell has been in Europe the past six months to negotiate loans

for the Orient Railroad and recently reported that he had secured five million dollars to complete the levee in Southern Texas. Details.

Wednesday, July 12, 1911**page**

5. Contract let today for paving Hillside avenue from 11th street to 300 feet north of 17th street with brick.

Thursday, July 13, 1911**page**

1. Petitions for recall of Mayor Graham and Commissioners Campbell and Leach are in circulation. Details.
6. Four car loads of steel rails for rebuilding some of the street car tracks arrived here yesterday. This makes fourteen car loads of new steel received by the company recently, and there are two more car loads en route, which will complete the order of 500 tons to be used here this summer.

Saturday, July 15, 1911**page**

4. Henry Lassen purchased a lot on College Hill yesterday from R. J. Newman for \$8000 as site for a new residence. It is 117 feet at the southwest corner of 2nd and Roosevelt.
6. The concrete base was completed yesterday for asphalt paving on Spaulding avenue in Riverside.
10. What is probably the largest shipment of post cards ever consigned to one dealer in this section of the country was received this week by the Post Card Shop in the Schweiter Building. They received a shipment of 350,000 local views of Wichita. The fact that the Post Card Shop is the only exclusive post card emporium in the state of Kansas and that they have created a demand which makes such a shipment of cards possible, speaks well for the enterprise. They retail these cards at one cent each. ("Post Cards For Everybody")

Monday, July 17, 1911**page**

5. A very good photograph of Wichita's first residence, built in 1868, has been reproduced on a post card in natural colors and one of these "unique souvenirs" will be given free with every ten cent purchase made this week at the Post Card Shop, Schweiter building. ("First House in Wichita On a Post Card")

City commission today adopted ordinance to pave Douglas avenue from Main to Wichita street, including street car company right-of-way.

City commission today ordered condemnation of land along south and west bank of Arkansas river from Harry street to Seneca street for a street, to be 100 feet or more in

width.

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5. City commission has directed Bert Wells, city engineer to prepare estimate, of the cost of constructing a pile bridge across the Little Arkansas river at Bitting avenue.
6. Work on the new bridge across the Arkansas River on 13th Street is being delayed by failure of the steel to arrive. The abutments have been completed and the old wood bridge torn down, so traffic on 13th Street has to ford the river. There is no water in the river and the pull through the sand is too much for teams pulling heavy loads.

Wednesday, July 19, 1911**page**

1. Report of royal welcome given by Lincoln, Nebraska to Bishop J. Henry Tihen on his arrival there today. Details.
8. The last six car loads of steel rails for the street car company's rebuilding of its tracks on Main and Douglas arrived yesterday from the mills at Steelton, Pennsylvania, making sixteen car loads received during the past two weeks. The rails now in use on Main and Douglas will be used in reconstructing the track on Central avenue and South Emporia, which are to be paved.

The assistant cashier at the post office bought 12,500 street car tickets for \$530 yesterday for use by the letter carriers of Wichita. These will last about six months. It takes about 79 tickets a day for the letter carriers.

Thursday, July 20, 1911**page**

4. According to Superintendent W. R. Morrison, it takes about \$480 worth of window glass a year to keep the windows of the Wichita street cars in repair.

Friday, July 21, 1911**page**

3. The first track for the Midland Valley in Wichita has been laid -- about 100 feet extending from the Missouri Pacific tracks south to Douglas avenue. ¶ The foundation is completed for the depot and the east side of the fair grounds will be totally cleared by the first of next week and grading there will begin at once.
4. The street railway company is laying six inch rails on North Main. Already they have been laid on the east track from Murdock to Central and the concrete has been laid beneath and around the ties from Murdock to the middle of the block between Pine and Elm. When the concrete is all laid and dry enough to use, the other track will be torn up and relaid.

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8. The previous plan for Wichita's new union station has been deeded to be too small, and railroad officials have recommended that its length be increased from 260 to 300 feet and its width from 100 to 125 feet Details.

Monday, July 24, 1911**page**

3. The new Souvenir History of the Wichita Fire Department is just off the press. It was compiled and written by Alva Dunlap and published by the Fireman's Relief association. The edition comprises 1500 copies and sells for one dollar.

Tuesday, July 25, 1911**page**

6. W. R. Morrison, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company for eleven years, will leave Wichita about September 1st on a years leave of absence to go to Bridgetown, Barbados, where he will replace the old mule car line with a modern electric street railway. Details.

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3. Five thousand square yards of cobblestone paving given to the city by the Wichita Street Railway company after its removal from the streets will be used in the construction of buildings in Riverside park. The stone is the best of sand stone.
5. Within three months the Frisco Railroad will rebuild with heavier 70 pound rails the 47 miles of road between Wichita and Beaumont now laid with 56 and 65 pound steel that has been in use for many years.

Thursday, July 27, 1911**page**

8. The Jackson-Walker Coal and Material company will soon move from the ground lying between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks and between William and Kellogg to make way for the new union station and elevated tracks. The main yards of the company will be moved to a location on the Santa Fe tracks near Murdock with the offices built at Murdock and Santa Fe avenue and sheds extending north to 8th street. The cement plant will be moved to the banks of the Arkansas river at the foot of Kellogg street.

Friday, July 28, 1911**page**

3. The first floor of the new Biting block is expected to be completed by Saturday night.
4. A. E. Shober, of Kingfisher, has bought the twelve room house on Waco which belonged to the street railway company. He will move it to South Washington, remodel it and make it into two six room apartments.

8. Mrs. Roer and daughters Helen and Marie, and Mrs. Wagner and son William, were in Wichita Wednesday, the guests of Mrs. W. A. Polk and Miss McLaughlin. They are sisters of Bishop Tihen and after attending the installation ceremonies at Lincoln they went to Andale to visit their brother, Dr. Tihen, and his family. They left last night for Jefferson City.

Saturday, July 29, 1911**page**

1. The tracks of the Midland Valley reached nearly a mile this side of Oxford late today. Twenty-eight miles of track have been laid from Arkansas City. Details.
4. It costs about \$10,400 a year to keep Wichita street cars "in new clothes." Article with details, saying car No. 166 looked like a new car after painting and overhauling.

Article about Geuda Springs and stir being caused there by building of Midland Valley Railroad. Details.

Monday, July 31, 1911**page**

3. The Midland Valley freight depot is now ready for the roof and should be completed in three weeks.
4. The paving of Beacon Line with creosote wood blocks was completed Saturday.

Saturday, August 5, 1911**page**

10. The street railway company has completed building the east track on North Main from Murdock to Central and has begun on the west track at Central going north.

Monday, August 7, 1911**page**

6. The county commissioners today voted to levy 23/100 mill on Sedgwick County taxable property to pay for erection of a soldiers' monument in the court house yard. Details.
9. W. R. Morrison, superintendent of the street railway, was presented last Saturday by the employes of the company with a beautiful 21 jewel Howard watch to show their appreciation as he prepares to leave Wichita.

Tuesday, August 8, 1911**page**

3. Four hundred and eighty-three Sedgwick County corporations are in danger of losing their charters on August 20 for failure to comply with the law by filing their annual statements with the secretary of state. Listed.
4. The last concrete work on the Cleveland avenue paving will be started today, when the

base for the street car track between 3rd and Douglas will be put in.

Wednesday, August 9, 1911**page**

6. The first annual field day for the Wichita Railroad and Light Company's employes was held today at Walnut Grove. Half of the force enjoyed the forenoon, returning at 2:30, after which the other half had their turn. Wives and children were invited to go at anytime during the day. Probably 600 persons attended in all as guests of the company. Details and list of names of street railway employes. ("Field Event for Trolley Forces")

Photograph of first block of South Main -- appears to show crossover track just south of Douglas. Shows water being thrown by new fire engine.

Thursday, August 10, 1911**page**

5. Missouri Pacific is establishing a district claim agent for the Wichita and Southern Kansas divisions on August 15, in Wichita, with W. H. Mooney as agent in charge. Details.

Friday, August 11, 1911**page**

8. The steel structure for the 13th Street bridge over the Arkansas river will be commenced this week.
11. President C. E. Ingersoll says the Midland Valley is laying a mile of track a day between Oxford and Wichita. Details.

Monday, August 14, 1911**page**

4. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter of 1106 Larimer has planned a beautiful waiting room for North Riverside park and has devoted time for the past two or three weeks to soliciting contributions for the building. Her plan is to use cobblestones taken from the street car track for the walls of the building. Details. ("Waiting Room That Is Artistic")

E. H. Sawin, former city engineer of Wichita, has finished the work of getting out the most complete map of Sedgwick Company ever issued, corrected to June 1911. It is a wall map mounted on heavy canvas, on scale of one mile to one and one-tenth inch, or 33 by 39 inches. A noticeable change is the new Riverside township created last winter out of portions of Waco and Gypsum townships. Details.

9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban expects to be operating into Newton within 30 days. The viaduct over the Santa Fe tracks will be finished by September 1. Rails have been laid from Sedgwick north to the viaduct and the grade between the viaduct and Newton is practically finished. From Newton the company plans to continue building westward as far as Halstead this fall.

Tuesday, August 15, 1911**page**

4. Material for the Midland Valley depot is being unloaded at the Missouri Pacific depot onto a small flat car which is then hauled over the rails to the construction site by teams, which do away with the necessity of a switch engine or round table. Details.

Wednesday, August 16, 1911**page**

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Thursday, August 17, 1911**page**

6. Municipal sand boat No. 2, the one recently purchased by the city from the Riverside club for use on the Little Arkansas river, has been put in working order and this morning was started just below the 11th Street bridge.

A new channel is being cut in the Little Arkansas river between 17th and 19th streets by a real estate man with the consent of the city, to prevent the river from entirely cutting away Arkansas avenue in that vicinity.

Friday, August 18, 1911**page**

1. Report of fire last evening that destroyed the Swift and Company poultry warehouse at 135-137 South Rock Island. To be rebuilt. Details.

Saturday, August 19, 1911**page**

1. Article says Jimmie Ward, the young sky pilot of the Curtiss camp, has been charged in a Chicago court with having abandoned his alleged wife, Margaret Ward, and her two year old child. She is a clerk in a dry goods store. Footnote says the Jimmie Ward referred to may not be the one who flew in Wichita in May and again July 4.
10. Drawing of proposed animal and bird building for Riverside park.

Tuesday, August 22, 1911**page**

4. The Fairmount Congregational church is practically completed after having been under construction for nearly two years. The dedication will be held Sunday, September 10. It is of red brick trimmed with white stone. Total cost about \$13,000. Details.
6. Recall petition for mayor appears today to have a margin of 184 names and that for city commissioners of about 50 names. Details.

Wednesday, August 23, 1911**page**

1. The recall petition on Mayor Graham has been checked and contains 3744 names which have been accepted by the clerk, so an election will likely be called as provided by law. Details.
3. Grading for the Midland Valley terminal and yards at the old Fair Grounds on the West Side started Monday. Within a week the old fair grounds will be no more. Removal of the grand stand will start the last of this week. Other buildings and the fences have already been removed.

Thursday, August 24, 1911**page**

1. Article says the great majority of business men in Wichita are against the recall election. Details.
5. Business firms on seventh block of East Douglas, site of the new union station, have been notified to vacate their premises by October 1. Details.

Friday, August 25, 1911**page**

3. The Midland Valley completed its track to Belle Plaine Wednesday morning and the rails now extend nearly four miles on this side of that place. Details.
4. Article about status and plans for the Orient Railroad as reported by President Arthur Stilwell in a recent article in *The Financial World*.

Saturday, August 26, 1911**page**

3. Photograph of new residence of Mr. J. A. Hockett at 301 South Clifton. Details.
12. The new 13th Street bridge over Arkansas river is expected to be finished about October 1.

Monday, August 28, 1911**page**

4. Because of paving work on South Emporia, it is necessary temporarily to operate the South Emporia and University lines separately, each line turning back at Main street, instead of running them through. This will probably continue for several weeks.

Wednesday, August 30, 1911**page**

3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban graders are finishing their work on the Newton extension this week and will start west toward Halstead next Monday. Details.
4. The street car company is rebuilding its track on Emporia between William and Bayley where the street is to be paved. Details.

Friday, August 31, 1911**page**

4. Another 27 miles has been opened to traffic on the Orient Railroad west of Mertzon, Texas, giving train service for 55 miles west of San Angelo. Trains will run regularly beginning next Monday.
6. Construction men will connect up the north track on Central avenue where it connects with Main street tomorrow and the street cars can run over the north track to Riverside park. This will enable them to tear out the south track and replace it with a new one.

Friday, September 1, 1911**page**

4. Park Commissioner E. M. Leach and Architect William R. Stringfield called today for bids on the foundation of the first wing of the proposed \$17,000 zoological building at Riverside park. The foundation will be 40 by 50 feet. Excavation for the basement of the wing will start next week.

Saturday, September 2, 1911**page**

8. Track layers of the Midland Valley crossed the Englewood branch for the Santa Fe west of Mulvane yesterday. Details.
10. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement for special service to Walnut Grove tomorrow.
13. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company in addition to its general taxes, will this year pay into the county treasury \$42,334.35 for street paving. This is just one tenth of the amount which the company will have to pay for this purpose, provided that no more paving is done where the company's lines run. In other words, the street car company will during the next ten years have to pay \$423,343.50 as its share for the paving for the streets of the city.

Tuesday, September 5, 1911**page**

1. Recall election against Mayor Graham and two commissioners to be held September 25, and primary to select alternates to be held September 18. Details.

Wednesday, September 6, 1911**page**

5. City commission yesterday let contract for the drainage canal extension from Linwood park to the Arkansas river, about three miles. To average about 12 feet deep and 25 feet wide, with expenses met jointly by the city and county. Details.
6. City commission yesterday let contract for foundation of the first wing of the animal house at Riverside park.

City commission yesterday granted petition for paving of Bitting avenue north of 10th street with "Westrumite," but Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, who was successful in defeating a plan to pave 10th street about a year ago, has been one of the leaders in opposing the Bitting avenue paving and declared last night that the city would be enjoined from letting the contract.

8. City Engineer Bert C. Wells has designed a new type of reinforced concrete bridge with overhead arches to be built over the drainage canal extension. One of the bridges will be constructed at Harry street by the city and one at Franklin street by the county. Details.

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3. City commission yesterday let contract for concrete arch bridge across drainage canal at Harry street to Dieter and Wenzel Construction company for \$3087.
4. City commission gave Park Commissioner E. M. Leach authority to advertise for bids for construction of a rest house at North Riverside park. The material to be used has been procured by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter. The plans for the rest room originated with her and she had plans for the building prepared and an estimate of the labor cost made.

City commission yesterday granted petition to pave Fountain avenue from Douglas to 2nd street with Hassam pavement.

City commission yesterday directed city attorney to prepare ordinance giving the Santa Fe Railway company the right to build a switch track across 9th Street where the Jackson and Walker Coal and Material company proposes to put in new yards.

5. H. J. Hagny and J. D. Houston will build at once a one story brick building 50 by 60 feet on lots 132 and 134 North Market for \$5,000. The little old shoe shop and the small cottage on the lots for years have been removed.

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6. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement says the new tracks on Cleveland avenue are done and fifteen minute service will be given. The South Emporia concrete work is completed and the cars running as far south as Dewey Street, and through service will be resumed on Sunday.
8. Article about Dr. Fabrique's early years. He's now 76 and was a native of Vermont. After the war he started the practice of medicine in Aurora, Illinois. He left there and arrived in Topeka, Kansas 42 years ago today. The following year he joined an exploring party which went overland from Topeka to Arkansas City and thence up the Walnut river and across to Wichita, arriving here with Mrs. Fabrique and their little daughter on March 4, 1870. Lumber was brought along and they built a cottage 16 by 30 feet on plot of ground that became 503 North Lawrence. The ground that became 503 North Lawrence.

The cottage is incorporated within the present Fabrique home. The other frontier doctors of Wichita are all gone. Dr. Allen came the same time he did, and Dr. Owens, Dr. Furley and Dr. Oakley came in 1871. Photograph.

Monday, September 11, 1911**page**

3. Photographs of three Wichita grade schools (not named).

Report on reopening of schools. Details.
9. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Fairmount Congregational church. Details.

Tuesday, September 12, 1911**page**

5. Report of first day of school in new high school yesterday. Details.
11. The Arkansas Valley Interurban will formally enter Newton October 17 with a civic reception on that date. The track is expected to be ready for use by October 1.

Wednesday, September 13, 1911**page**

4. The old high school building is now known as the Emerson school and is used as a grade school.

An eight year old boy ran in front of a street car in front of Missouri Pacific depot last evening and was killed. Motorman was C. H. Stevens and conductor G. W. Butler. Details.
8. Trustees of Fairmount college yesterday named the college library in honor of late President N. J. Morrison. Details.
9. A portion of the Seneca street bridge over Arkansas river collapsed yesterday afternoon beneath the weight of a team and wagon hauling 100 sacks of cement.

Thursday, September 14, 1911**page**

6. James Ward, the aviator, after descending near Tuexedo (sic) (New York?), resumed his flight and landed at Middletown, New York, at noon today.
11. Photograph of Mr. Otto L. Fischer, concert pianist and teacher, a late addition to the faculty of the Wichita College of Music, who will be heard for the first time in Wichita at tonight's concert at Philharmony Hall.

Saturday, September 16, 1911**page**

5. Building permit issued this week for four room addition to Franklin school.
8. Report of fire yesterday evening at L. L. Hays Saddlery Company at 115-117 West William. Details.

Monday, September 18, 1911**page**

4. Article about the Arkansas Valley Interurbans new viaduct over the Santa Fe tracks southwest of Newton. Is 600 feet long and cost \$20,000. Details. ¶ Some miles this side of Newton the line branches off toward Halstead. Here a new power house is under construction to transmit the current.
7. Advertisement with photograph of Cadillac agency, 114-116 North Topeka.
10. The first construction train over the Midland Valley arrived in Wichita yesterday at 8:30 a.m. Conductor B. F. Neal, 1457 North Topeka, was in charge. It soon returned to Arkansas City after leaving the construction cars and laborers. President Ingersoll was a return passenger to Arkansas City.
11. Contract let today for concrete bridge over the drainage canal at Franklin avenue.

Last services at the old South Emporia avenue Methodist Episcopal church will be held next Sunday. Beginning Sunday, October 1 the services will be held in the basement of the new church at corner of Topeka and Gilbert.

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5. "First photograph of the new high school building."

Wednesday, September 20, 1911**page**

2. The Winfield-Arkansas City Interurban barns, at Winfield, burned last evening. One of the big interurban cars, one of the city cars, and the combination freight and baggage car were burned up in the barns.

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7. Advertisement for taxicab company.

Saturday, September 23, 1911**page**

1. Report of mass meeting at Forum last night to oppose the recall election. Details.

Monday, September 25, 1911**page**

5. The first regular passenger train on the Midland Valley will arrive Wednesday, October 4. Details.

The corner stone of the new Bitting building was laid this afternoon.

Tuesday, September 26, 1911

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1. Walter W. Minick, the recall candidate for mayor was elected yesterday over Mayor J. H. Graham by 6413 votes to 4428. Robert B. Campbell was retained as city commissioner by 36 votes, but John Harts was elected city commissioner to replace E. M. Leach. Details.
6. H. E. Chubbuck, vice-president, is in Wichita on one of his periodic inspections of the street car system and stated that the company has about a \$50,000 deficit in Wichita in the past year and will therefore probably not put any more money into the system at this time. He stated that Mr. Morrison will probably leave Wichita some time next month for the Barbados.

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4. Contract let yesterday for erecting the \$12,000 Midland Valley round house on the railway company's property on Harry street. Work is to start at once. It will have a capacity for four locomotives and a small machines shop in connection.

Monday, October 2, 1911

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5. Article about completion of Arkansas Valley Interurban line to Newton. Service to start not later than Monday, October 9. Formula opening will be October 24 at Newton. ¶ Grading work on the Halstead extension was commenced this morning.

Tuesday, October 3, 1911

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4. Article about opening of new Crawford theater last night. Cost \$100,000.
5. At 9:15 p.m. Wednesday (October 5) the first regular passenger train will whistle in to the new Midland Valley station at the west end of the Douglas avenue bridge. At 7:00 a.m. the following morning the first regular south-bound train will leave the station. ¶ The contractors who built the Midland Valley from Wichita to Arkansas City have been working much overtime during the past two weeks to complete the line by the appointed date. Indications are that everything will be ship-shape for the arrival of the first train. ¶ The first train to be operated into Wichita will be the regular through passenger train running from Ft. Smith. This train is to leave Arkansas City at 6:45 p.m. and reach Wichita at 9:15 p.m. The south-bound leaving Wichita at 7:00 a.m. will reach Arkansas City at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 4, 1911**page**

4. Article about start of grading on Halstead extension of Arkansas Valley Interurban. Hope to be in operation by January 1, 1912.
6. Photograph of Midland Valley station and passenger train. ¶ "In the foreground is the first Midland Valley train to pull out of the Wichita station. It left at 7:30 a.m. today on schedule time. It arrived at 9:15 p.m. yesterday. In the right background is the new Midland Valley passenger station and to the left is the freight depot. For the remainder of this week and through all of next week the Midland Valley will operate special trains between Wichita and Arkansas City. Trains will arrive in Wichita at 10:00 a.m. and will leave at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5, 1911**page**

9. All ready for livestock shipments on the Midland Valley. Switching connections with the Missouri Pacific were completed last night. The Missouri Pacific will handle Midland Valley shipments to and from the stock yards. The Midland Valley terminals are on the old fair grounds, just west of the Arkansas river and north of the Missouri Pacific tracks that extend through West Wichita.

Friday, October 6, 1911**page**

1. Announces court decision denying Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery company's request for injunction to prevent its property being taken for a site for union depot and elevated tracks.
5. "Many Changes in Street Car Service."
13. Next Tuesday (October 10) is the date. Regular hourly service will then be established between Wichita and Newton by the Arkansas Valley Interurban. A ground floor of a new three story building in the heart of Newton's business district has been leased for offices and station of the Interurban company. Construction work on the Halstead extension is progressing rapidly. The grading has been completed and track laying will start in a few days.

Saturday, October 7, 1911**page**

18. Dedication services for the College Hill Congregational church, at the corner of Clifton and First, will be held tomorrow. The new \$12,000 church is modeled after the old Spanish Mission of California.