TIHEN NOTES FROM 1912 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Monday, January 1, 1912
page
9. A. M. Patten, manager of the Topeka and Wichita street car systems, denies that the Wichita company has any interest in purchasing the Billy Sunday tabernacle for a street car barn. It was not built for that purpose and installing a sprinkler system to make it insurable would cost $10,000.

10. The street car company carried 1,386,000 passengers during the six weeks of the Billy Sunday meetings.

12. Advertisement for Arkansas Valley Interurban bonds.

Wednesday, January 3, 1912
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3. The Orient Railroad plans to extend its southern branch 95 miles to Alpine, Texas by this July. Details.

8. Report of some changes made in the city limits and some ward boundaries. Details.

Saturday, January 6, 1912
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10. Photographs of several West Wichita buildings, including International Order of Odd Fellows building, J. C. Fisher residence on South Seneca, Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, B. F. McLean residence, West Side Presbyterian church (Dodge and Texas), Seventh Day Adventist Church at Burton and Dodge. Also advertisement for H. B. Damon post cards, 711 South Seneca.

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6. City commission has let contract to Johns-Manville company of New York City to improve the acoustics of the Forum.
Tuesday, January 9, 1912
page 2. Midland Valley Railroad timetable advertisement.

13. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement giving some changes in routing and colored light designations of routes.

Wednesday, January 10, 1912
page 4. Razing of buildings between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks was commenced yesterday, starting with the two story Rock Island building which was erected two years ago by W. O. Bretch. The other brick building to be razed is the old Santa Fe hotel building, 50 by 120 feet, which was erected in the 1880s and was at one time a pretentious hotel.

6. Article reports eighteen and a half miles of street pavement laid in Wichita in 1911 and gives details of amount of each of six types of paving used.

Friday, January 12, 1912
page 9. Article about controversy over lease of buildings at 224, 26, 28 East Douglas, now occupied by the Redfern Cloak company and the Golden Eagle Clothing company. S. H. Kress and company says it has a lease to take possession of the Redfern building, owned by Mr. Draper, in February 1914, but Redfern manager claims he has option for a five year extension of the lease (F. J. Seymour is manager). ¶ The Golden Eagle building is owned by Mrs. J. J. McNamara and leased to I. Gross and company, who have been its tenants for 21 years. It is two stories and runs back 130 feet to the alley. The Draper building has a two story front and is one story in the rear. Details.

11. Complaint by C. R. Lewis, superintendent of transportation, about people spitting on floor of street cars and leaving them filthy. Details.

Saturday, January 13, 1912
page 6. Wichita Railroad and Light advertisement regarding keeping street cars clean.

Monday, January 15, 1912
page 7. The Pueblo Class A baseball franchise has been purchased and will be transferred back to Wichita. Details.

Tuesday, January 16, 1912
page 2. Another Arkansas Valley Interurban bond advertisement.
Thursday, January 18, 1912
page 8. Article about plans for new union station. Active work should start in March. Details.

Saturday, January 20, 1912
page 6. Photograph of the temporary frame building used by the Fairview Church of Christ, at 15th and Market. Campaign to start next week for funds to build new church.

Thursday, January 24, 1912
page 3. Advertisement offering old club house of the Wichita Country Club for sale for $10,000. Photograph. Grounds include three and six-tenths acres. Details.

Saturday, January 26, 1912

Tuesday, January 29, 1912
page 5. The Pollard-Campbell Dredging Company started work today with its monster dredging machine on the extension of the drainage canal from Zimmerly street to the Arkansas river.

Thursday, February 1, 1912
page 5. Hereafter when the city firemen have to lay a line of hose across the street track there will be no need to stop traffic on that car line as has been the case in the past in Wichita. The street car company has received some "hose bridges" which can be placed on the rails and which have apertures in them through which the hose can be passed. The bridges are high enough so the cars can pass over the line of hose without injuring it. These hose bridges have been turned over to the fire department for use whenever needed.

Friday, February 2, 1912
page 12. The days of the Manhattan hotel at Douglas and Topeka are probably numbered. E. J. Ohmer, the present lessee’s, lease expires at the end of this year and he will probably not renew it. The ground floor will probably be converted into store rooms and the upper floors will become a rooming house. ¶ The hotel building belongs to the Black estate and is under the control of Edward Mancourt, of Detroit.

Monday, February 5, 1912
page 13. Article about “Professor Samuels,” who has been a practitioner in Wichita and by mail for many years and who is leaving Wichita and moving to Detroit. Has been arrested five times. Details.
Wednesday, February 7, 1912
7. Contract for building the grandstand for the downtown baseball park on Ackerman island was let yesterday to the H. I. Ellis Construction company. Work is to start at once and it is to be completed in 30 days. Details.

11. Photograph of buildings (Santa Fe Hotel and Bretch building) being razed between Santa Fe and Rock Island depots on East Douglas.

15. Photograph of buildings on Beacon Lane.

Thursday, February 8, 1912
4. Wichita “Railway” and Light company advertisement.

10. The Billy Sunday Tabernacle has been sold to the United Sash and Door Company for $1700. It will be used for the last time next Sunday and then is to be torn down within the next 30 days.

Saturday, February 10, 1912
17. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, February 14, 1912
6. The new Bitting Avenue bridge across the Little Arkansas river was completed today. It will not be possible to use it for several weeks, however, owing to the lack of an approach from the north. The north bank of the river is very low at this point and a fill of eight feet will be required at the end of the bridge. The fill will extend about 200 feet north from the bridge, gradually diminishing in depth. Two sand boats are being moved up the river to make the fill for the approach.

12. Article says A. E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, is having difficulty selling ten million dollars worth of bonds for making improvements on the railroad. Accompanying Mr. Stilwell’s prospectus offering the bonds for sale is a bitter attack on “the money trust.” Comment by A. C. Jobes, formerly of Wichita, and now vice-president of First National Bank of Kansas City.

Thursday, February 15, 1912
Survived by wife and five sons and four daughters (named). Photograph.

8. The McIntire building under construction at 3rd and Main is nearing completion. The McIntire Grocery Company will occupy the north half of the ground floor.

Saturday, February 17, 1912

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

5. A freight depot for the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company is to be built at once on 1st Street near the company’s passenger station. Workmen began work on the foundation for the building this morning. It will be of brick, 20 by 40 feet, and constructed in such a manner that an addition can be built on the north when more room is needed.

6. P. L. Brockway, assistant city engineer, is writing a history of Wichita’s street paving. Details.

The Missouri Pacific is building a new depot at Iuka to replace the one which burned last summer. Details.

Saturday, February 24, 1912

17. The roof of the Missouri Pacific depot at Mt. Hope was damaged by fire Sunday morning.

Monday, February 26, 1912

5. Heavy snow fall yesterday and last night. Although the street car company operated its electric track sweeper and two salt cars all night, the cars on some of the lines were not able to run until a late hour this morning. Several late cars last night left the tracks or were stalled, and at least five of them did not get to the barn at all. However all the lines were open and running by 9:00 a.m. today.

6. The Wolfe Stock Company, which has been playing at the Auditorium theater, will play at the Lyceum theater beginning September 1st (former Crawford Opera House). J. A. Wolfe has leased the Lyceum beginning then from Mr. L. M. Crawford. The Wolfe Stock Company will finish out the present season at the Auditorium.

Wednesday, February 28, 1912

14. Through service on the Riverside street car line was restored this morning. The line was torn up on Central Avenue about ten days ago to enable the paving contractor to complete his work, but the work was delayed by the heavy snow.

15. At present the South Main street cars run only to Skinner street, where the loop is situated. On special occasions the cars run two blocks south to the ball park. Now an
effort is being made to transfer the loop to Levy Street and thus have the extra two blocks on the regular car route. Details.

Thursday, February 29, 1912
page 10. & 11. Diary of events in Wichita by date during the past four years since last February 29. (“Diary of Wichita During the Four Years Ending Today”)

Saturday, March 2, 1912
page 5. Mr. Harry C. Trentman, real estate man in the Beacon building, has purchased the Merriman estate on College Hill from the Merriman heirs, and expects to plat the tract and open streets within the next six months and place the building lots on sale. ¶ Mrs. Merriman, owner of this tract, died recently and the sale of the property was ordered by the heirs so that a division of the estate could be made. ¶ The Merriman estate is bounded by Douglas Avenue, Kellogg, Clifton, and East 2nd (??) Street. The northwest corner is already dotted by beautiful homes and includes the beautiful Circle Drive district. The present home of the Wichita Country Club is in the center of the tract. The greater portion of the estate has been used by the County Club as its golf course.

Tuesday, March 5, 1912
page 4. The Rock Island plans to reballast its track between Marion and Wichita this summer to permit a faster schedule for The Firefly, which is pulled by engines of the 800 class which can make a speed of 75 m.p.h. hauling twelve cars. Details.

Wednesday, March 6, 1912
page 1. Report of death this morning of Isaac F. Varney, early Wichita resident, at his home on College Hill. He came here 32 years ago and past sixteen years has been in the jewelry business until selling a year ago to his partner, Henry A. Reinhard. He was 59 last January 7. Survived by wife. Has no children.

5. The club house and four acres of ground belonging to the Wichita Country Club, at Fountain and Lewis, was sold this week to O. L. Miles, secretary of the Western Biscuit Company, for $10,000. This clears the way for construction of the Country Club’s new $30,000 club house on East 8th Street, beginning in May. Mr. Miles will use the property for a residence, but the club will not move out until February next year, when its lease on the golf links expires. ¶ The present club house was built eight years ago.

Article says case is now being tried in district court to determine whether the city is the rightful owner of the tract of land just west of the Arkansas River at Harry Street. The tract was once known as Elba Island, which in an early day was surrounded by water much of the time. It has, however, now been a part of the main land for many years. The city supposedly bought it as a location for a pest house during the C. L. Davidson
administration, but this is now being disputed by a claim that the titled was faulty. Details.

Thursday, March 7, 1912
page 3.
Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Friday, March 8, 1912
page 1.
The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge Pollock in the federal court at Kansas City, Kansas, this morning. Edward Dickinson of Kansas City, vice-president and general manager of the company, J. O. Davidson, of Wichita, and M. L. Turner, of Oklahoma City, were named receivers. ¶ The receivership was applied for by a committee of English bondholders, according to Frederick Hurdle, of London, and Lord Munson, representatives of the English interests, who are in New York. Mr. Hurdle attributed the company’s troubles to difficulties in financing. Upwards of $5,000,000 of the bonds were sold to English capitalists about two years ago. It is proposed to reorganize the company. ¶ In recent statements urging federal action against the so-called “money trust,” A. E. Stilwell of New York, president of the company, told of difficulties in financing the road which is to connect Kansas City and Topolobampo, Mexico. Long article with details. Photograph of A. E. Stilwell on page 8. (“Three Are Receivers for the Orient”)

Saturday, March 9, 1912
page 1., 15.
Long article about the new Union Station planned for Wichita, with details and drawing. (“Wichita’s Big Union Station” -- pages 7 and 15.) ¶ Drawing of facade and floor plan on page 15.

17. Advertisement with photograph of Forum.

Monday, March 11, 1912
page 4.

Tuesday, March 12, 1912
page 1.
Article reports that the Pratt lumber yard corner, southeast corner of 1st and Lawrence, facing 60 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on 1st street, has been purchased by the Bell Telephone Company for $35,000.

Thursday, March 14, 1912
page 3.
Louis R. Hurd, president of the Red Star Mill company, has leased for three years the
house at 1215 North Emporia built originally by the sons of John G. Carlisle, who was secretary of the treasury during Cleveland’s last administration. The property belongs to Mrs. David B. Walker and was the home of her father, the late W. W. Johnston, who founded the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company.

**Friday, March 15, 1912**

A jury today decided in favor of A. C. Means in his suit against L. A. Carpenter for possession of Elba Island. The island is a tract just west of the Arkansas river in the vicinity of Harry street. At one time the river ran on both sides of the tract, hence its name of Elba Island or Island No. 2. It was separated originally by a channel of the river from another island, called Malta Island, or Island No. 1, but this channel has also long since grown over with grass and trees. The land originally belonged to Franklin Yike, who died about ten years ago, leaving it to his wife, who is now dead also. Carpenter claimed to own it by virtue of a deed from Mrs. Yike, his sister, but the deed was never placed on record and Carpenter says it was lost. About two years ago A. C. Means bought the tract from the heirs of the Yike estate. Means intended to keep the part of the tract north of Harry street and sold to the city of Wichita the part south of Harry street for $2000 as a site for a detention hospital, but until now the clouded title has kept him from making a deed to the city of this portion.

**Saturday, March 16, 1912**

Motor Section

List of names and license numbers of owners of motor cars in Wichita. License numbers start with No. 100 and run through No. 1236, so there are 1137 autos listed.

**Monday, March 18, 1912**

Work began this morning on the new Arkansas Valley Interurban freight station on 1st Street. The foundation was put in several weeks ago, but the bad weather has prevented work on the superstructure until now. The building will be of brick, 25 by 40 feet. Cement walks are to be put in at once on the north side of the court house square; there have never been walks leading from Elm street to the court house, but such walks will now be put in. They will run on the same angle as those on the south side of the court house.

**Tuesday, March 19, 1912**

Dark photograph of the new baseball grand stand on Ackerman Island, under construction but appears completed except for part of the roof. Being built by the Ellis Construction Company at cost of about $15,000 and will be completed by next Saturday. Has total length of 264 feet in three sections, east section along first base line 48 feet long, center section 96 feet long, and west section along third base line 120 feet long. Two hundred and four boxes in front of entire length of the grand stand. Seating capacity of grand stand
will be close to 5000 and bleachers will seat 1200, making total seating capacity of 6200. Center field fence will be 400 feet from home base and right field fence 267 ft.

**Wednesday, March 20, 1912**

6. Board of education yesterday accepted plans of architect F. D. Rixse for the new school building for negro children, to be erected at 13th and Mosley.

10. The new 1912 city directory for Wichita is soon to be ready for distribution.

**Saturday, March 23, 1912**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Monday, March 25, 1912**

8. Report of eleven inch snow in Wichita on Saturday which hampered street car traffic badly until about noon on Sunday. Track sweeper and two salt cars were in use plus nearly 100 laborers clearing the tracks. The snow ruined the motors on ten cars. Snows this winter have cost the company about $4000, said superintendent C. R. Lewis. Details.

**Wednesday, March 27, 1912**

10. Article about a proposed balloon factory to be opened April 1 at 352 North Main Street by Charles Green, balloonist. Details.

11. Article about donations to the new Cathedral, with details. Drawing of the marble high altar.

14. Drawing of the new Cathedral.

**Thursday, March 28, 1912**

4. Article says the old club house of the Wichita Country Club has been sold to Oscar Miles, of the Western Biscuit Company, for $10,000, but the club has retained a lease on it for a year to give them time to complete their new building.

6. The Arkansas Valley Interurban yesterday placed an order with the St. Louis Car company for six new cars, to be built within the next 90 days, to cost $40,000. Three will be combination passenger and baggage cars similar to those now in use, two will be trailers, similar in appearance but lighter and without motors, and one will be a modern work car.

The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has prepared a large room on the second floor of the Kos Harris building for use of the car men. A reading table and games will be provided. The new room is immediately over that on the first floor used by the car men.
for the past four or five years. The former room will be used to enlarge the company’s office.

Saturday, March 30, 1912

4. Drawing of “Rest Room” to be built in North Riverside park. Building to be constructed of cobblestones, trimmed with white stone, and cost $5000 exclusive of the roof. The roof will be Royal Spanish red clay tile with copper valley and flashings and cost $852.50. To be 26 by 36 feet with a twelve foot porch extending entirely around the building. Further details.

5. Deed to the 30 acre tract purchased by the Wichita and Midland Valley Railway Company from the old fair grounds company was filed yesterday and showed that the railroad paid $60,000 for the tract.

6. Arthur E. Stilwell, promoter of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company, has resigned as president of the Union Construction Company and of the International Construction Company and a petition for appointment of receivers for these companies filed with Judge Pollock in Wichita on March 13 has been forwarded to the federal court in Topeka. The indebtedness of the companies is near three million dollars. The Union Construction Company has the contract for laying track from Kansas City, Missouri to Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, and the International Construction Company has the contract for building the road from Lone Wolf, Oklahoma to Topolobampo, Mexico.

Wednesday, April 3, 1912

1. Voters yesterday defeated bond issue propositions for a new bridge over Little Arkansas river at 11th Street and for a park at the Douglas Avenue bridge. Bridge vote was 1925 and 2311 against.

11. Island Park, the new home of the Wichita Western League baseball club, will be opened tomorrow afternoon with a game with the Chicago White Sox.

Thursday, April 4, 1912

13. Contract was signed today for completion of the Grace Methodist Church at corner of Topeka and Gilbert avenues. Details.

Friday, April 5, 1912

16. Another story will be added to the office quarters of the Missouri Pacific freight depot at 1st and Wichita streets this year to make room for the freight claim department, which will be moved from the Michigan building. The addition will cost $3000.

Saturday, April 6, 1912
Photograph of the new First Presbyterian Church, in which the first service will be held Sunday.

Drawing of the new Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, now under construction at Topeka and Gilbert. Article with details.

All the street cars in Wichita will be painted yellow, according to a recent decision of the company. As fast as the large dark green cars have to be painted, they will be given a coat of yellow paint. The upper part of the body of the cars will be orange yellow, and the portion below the windows will be canary yellow. They will all be striped with gold. One of the cars now in the shop is No. 201. In addition to its new paint it will be fitted up with Pay As You Enter compartments on both ends.

A fifteen minute service for the Mt. Carmel street car line will probably be inaugurated next week. A petition by West Wichita residents to the street car company has asked that the line be operated as a “stub” line from Douglas and Seneca instead of running through to Main and Douglas.

Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement for Urbandale lots.

The Sedgwick Block and Sedgwick Annex have been sold by the Edgar Harding estate of Boston to J. S. Barnes, of Pratt, and H. B. Hupp, who recently moved from Pratt to Wichita, for $160,000. Details. Building erected by Rouse and Blackwelder and later became the property of Edgar Harding, of Boston, by foreclosure of a mortgage, seventeen years ago. In 1906 the Sedgwick Annex was built. Photograph.

City commission today let contract for paving Seneca from University to McCormick.

Work on building Wichita’s White Way street lighting system was begun yesterday. Details.

Board of education yesterday let contract to the Wurster Construction Company for building the new negro school at 13th and Mosley, for $32,429 (not including plumbing and heating).

Article about pipe organ being built in Erie, Pennsylvania for the new First Presbyterian Church. To cost about $9500. Details.
6. Beginning tomorrow, the patrons of the Mt. Carmel street car line will be given a fifteen service instead of a 30 minute service as heretofore. Mt. Carmel cars will be operated from the corner of Seneca and Douglas, where transfers will be given to the University-College Hill line.

10. The Fellowship Congregational Church has voted to build a new church building adjoining the present building at Kellogg and Pattie. To cost $30,000. Details.

Saturday, April 13, 1912
page 1.
Article reports the receivers of the Orient Railroad propose to move the company’s general offices from Kansas City to Wichita. Details.

Monday, April 15, 1912
page 1.
Report that Titanic struck an iceberg.

Tuesday, April 16, 1912
page 4.
Article about the Wichita Terminal Association and its switching role in the North End.

6. Plans have been completed for an addition to the Hamilton Hotel. To be a four story wing extending to the alley. The Hamilton Hotel is owned by the Portsmouth Savings Bank of Portsmouth, New Hampshire and is leased by Mrs. Anna Pearson.

Wednesday, April 17, 1912
page 1.
More about the Titanic, with cross-section drawing of the ship.

8. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has been granted an appropriation of about $114,000 for the present year, A. M. Patten, manager, announced today. Of this amount $24,000 will be spent for six new cars, which will be ordered immediately, $8000 for additional machinery for the machine shop, and $8000 for the poles for the new street lighting system. ¶ It will take $43,824.12 to pay the company’s paving tax for work already done; $5600 to pay the first installment of the tax for paving Hillside; $700 for the first installment on the paving of Bitting avenue, and $2100 for the first installment on the North Waco avenue paving.

Thursday, April 18, 1912
page 6.
Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

13. Article by David D. Leahy telling of being aboard the Empress of Ireland several years ago when it struck an iceberg.
Friday, April 19, 1912

18. L. S. Naftzger and S. B. Amidon have purchased a half interest in the Manhattan Hotel, corner of Douglas and Topeka, for $70,000; this interest has been owned for several years by Mrs. Josephine Fullington, of Milford, Ohio, who obtained it as the heir of Mrs. Mary Black, second wife of Robert Black, who erected the building in 1884. E. H. Ohmer, present manager, has a lease on the property for a year.

Saturday, April 20, 1912

1. Report of visit of Theodore Roosevelt to Wichita last evening.

15. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, April 24, 1912

8. Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, who have been visiting in Wichita for several months, will sail from New York May 14 on the Holland-America liner, Noordam, for Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Noble will go to Brittany where Mr. Noble has a studio and will use the picturesque Brittany scenes for subjects.

Friday, April 26, 1912

4. After using oil burners for two years, the Santa Fe will resume using coal burning engines between Kansas City, Missouri and El Reno, Oklahoma because a better contract for coal was made than could be made for oil. The oil burners which are in use now on this division will be transferred to the second district, and new engines will be brought to Wichita.

Tuesday, April 30, 1912

10. Legal publication of Ordinance 4470, which takes into the city limits numerous tracts and additions which have previously been excluded from the city limits. Listed in detail.

Wednesday, May 1, 1912

6. The new telephone directory which is to be issued June 1, will be smaller and easier to handle than the one now in use. It will be six by nine inches, while the present book is seven by ten. There will be about 240 pages compared with 118 in the present directory. Details.

8. A site 100 by 140 feet in the second block on South Ellis facing Hyde Park has been purchased for the proposed new First United Brethren church. No announcement was made about disposition of the present church property on South Washington avenue, but it is believed it will be sold.
Wednesday, May 8, 1912
page
1. A party of seven surveyors started work at Halstead this morning on the Arkansas Valley Interurban line to Burrton and Hutchinson. Details.

5. In the past three months, 24 houses have been moved in Wichita, nearly all away from valuable lots to make rooms for new buildings. In 1911, 57 permits for removal of houses were issued by the fire marshal.

6. A. A. Hyde is preparing to build a $35,000 residence in the first block on North Roosevelt avenue. H. S. Cornrow is the architect.

Thursday, May 9, 1912
page
9. Men started work this week on developing the new golf course of the Wichita Country Club, and the work will be steadily pushed. The architects are now working out the plans of the new club building, and it is thought work will start on it in June.

Friday, May 10, 1912
page
12. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company is spending more than $11,000 to complete its part of the work now being done at the intersection of Main and Douglas. The street car company is putting in two new curved tracks at the intersection. One of these is at the southeast corner, where there will hereafter be two tracks instead of one, and the other is at the southwest corner, where there has never been a track. All the old track had to be torn up and the “special work” put in new. The grade at the center of the intersection is also being raised seven inches so that water will drain off after a rain instead of collecting in the slight depression that has previously been there.

Saturday, May 11, 1912
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Special Section

B-5. Photograph of Butts Building.

H. R. Schmidt and company post card advertisement.

B-10. Advertisement with photograph of the Keene Hotel, 165 North Market.

D-8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement with photograph of car 208.

E-3. Advertisement with photograph of Griffenstein Bridge.

Monday, May 13, 1912
Report of opening day of the season at Wonderland Park yesterday. Details.

Photograph of booster train leaving from the Rock Island station. Eight car train including three drawing room Pullman sleepers -- the Maricopa, Malinta, and Ben Venue.

Thursday, May 16, 1912
Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, May 22, 1912
Location of the rest room to be built in North Riverside park was decided on yesterday after considerable discussion. It is to be erected about 200 feet northwest of the lily pond. It will be 50 by 88 ft., including wide porches, and will be built of cobblestones in rustic style and have a tile roof. The cobblestones were given to the city by these street car company and much of the other material has been donated through the efforts of Mrs. Laura Buckwalter. The plans were drawn by U. G. Charles free of charge, and some of the construction work has been donated.

Saturday, May 25, 1912
Advertisement for exhibition flights at opening of Walnut Grove Park May 29 and 30 by monoplane (Bleriot type) of the Moisont International Aviators.

Wednesday, May 29, 1912
New fenders are being put on the Wichita street cars as fast as they are taken to the machinery shops for repairs. The fenders that have done service for several years are most of them broken and bent and new one will be substituted for them. These old fenders were made by a company in the East that had a patent on them, but the new fenders are made in the company’s shops in Wichita. They look a little heavier than the old fenders but they are more durable. They are all iron and have hinges that will enable the car men to fold them back when necessary. Car No. 201, which is one for the first large cars brought to Wichita, will be taken from the shop tomorrow and placed in service. It has been thoroughly rebuilt. Instead of being green, as it was originally, it is painted in the new colors as adopted by the company. This is two shades of yellow, striped with gold, and with the company monogram on the center side panels.

Hundreds of aviation fans went to Walnut Grove park this afternoon to watch J. Hector Worden make the first monoplane flights ever seen in Sedgwick County. The previous impression that Aviator Worden flies in a Bleriot monoplane was corrected by his manager. Mr. Worden uses the Moisant monoplane manufactured at the Moisant factory in Winfield, Long Island. Mr. Worden learned to fly under Moisant, the great French aviator and came to America to make exhibition flights early this year.
The McCormick Press and the Armstrong Printing Company are being consolidated under the name of the McCormick-Armstrong Press. The machinery of the Armstrong Printing Company at 319-21 East Douglas will be moved this week into the building occupied by the McCormick Press at 125-27 South Lawrence.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Thursday, May 30, 1912
page 6.
Report of exhibition flight yesterday afternoon by J. Hector Worden at Walnut Grove park in his Moisant monoplane. Details.

Saturday, June 1, 1912
page 5.
Photograph of the new three story McIntyre Building at southeast cor of 3rd and Main.

Monday, June 3, 1912
page 1.
Article discusses cost of proposed railroad track elevation and union station -- total about $2,300,000 including $700,000 for land and buildings. Details.

6.
Six new pay-as-you-enter streets cars are to be ready for the fall exposition here, according to A. M. Patten, manager of the Wichita and Topeka systems, who is in Wichita today. ¶ The new cars are to be of steel, and the car floor will be nine inches lower than on any other car in Wichita, with only one step up from the pavement. ¶ The roof will be of the plain arch pattern with four siphon ventilators on each side. Heating in winter will be by hot air under forced draft.

Ground is to be broken in the court house yard this morning for the $25,000 soldiers’ and sailors’ monument. Details.

Wednesday, June 5, 1912
page 3.
Article with details of plans for track elevation, subways under tracks, etc.

Thursday, June 6, 1912
page 5.
Drawing of proposed elevated tracks at Douglas.

Friday, June 7, 1912
page 5.
The next improvement to be made by the street railway company after completion of the Main and Douglas intersection will be an extension of two blocks to the South Main street line. This will begin within two or three weeks. The end of the proposed extension will be at Levy street, where a wye will be constructed.

Saturday, June 8, 1912
6. Advertisement with list of names of 136 Cadillac owner in and around Wichita.

Tuesday, June 11, 1912
4. Riverside Club is said to be considering building a boat house at corner of Briggs avenue and Riverside boulevard, to accommodate about 20 motor boats and 50 canoes.

Thursday, June 13, 1912
8. The street railway company’s track gang is at work on West Douglas putting in a pressing switch between Oak street and Handley avenue to enable the University cars to maintain schedule.

Friday, June 14, 1912
6. The Missouri Pacific plans to spend $75,000 this year on the Wichita division ballasting and relaying tracks with heavier steel on the Geneseo and Ft. Scott branches.

8. Wichita’s automobile companies sold 276 automobiles during the month of May, valued at $421,000.

Monday, June 17, 1912
1. The new Wichita Cathedral is to be dedicated by Cardinal Gibbons on September 19. Details.

3. Word has been received by the Arkansas Valley Interurban that three of the new standard cars ordered in the spring will be shipped June 28, and the other five cars on July 10.

Tuesday, June 18, 1912
5. Enough to the receivers’ certificates issued for the Orient Railroad have been sold to pay for extending the road from Granada, Texas to Alpine, Texas, which will give a connection with the Southern Pacific at the latter point.

The old wooden awning in front of the Baltimore Hotel is being torn down today, after being condemned by the city commission to make way for the electric light posts for the new white way.

Wednesday, June 19, 1912
Contractors started this morning to lay Westrumite pavement on Bitting avenue between 10th and 11th streets.

Thursday, June 20, 1912

The Santa Fe has opened its new depot at Marion.

Wednesday, June 28, 1912

The new auto number tags being distributed now bear the name “Wichita” on them instead of the “W” of the old tags.

Thursday, June 29, 1912

Report of a trolley party last night given by the street car boys to celebrate the marriage of Lester Myers, armature winder at the company’s machine shop. The party was on the old “Mary Ann,” the company’s work car, which was rigged up for the occasion, with a big banner wearing the inscription, “We’ve Just Been Married.”

Tuesday, July 2, 1912

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Friday, July 5, 1912

W. R. Smith, conductor on the Riverside street car line, was injured yesterday when his foot slipped from the running board of one of the summer cars while he was collecting fares and he fell from the car. ¶ The street car company is remodeling the class of cars as fast as possible because of the constant danger of someone falling from the running board. The long seats in the cars are being cut in two and an aisle made through the center, so neither passenger nor conductors will have to ride on the running board.

11. Report of death yesterday afternoon of Dr. P. S. Thomas when his automobile was struck by a southbound Santa Fe passenger train at the 13th street crossing. He was age 52 and had lived in Wichita for 20 years. Born in Kentucky. Was owner and director of the Thomas Sanitarium at 1103 St. Francis avenue. Survived by wife, son Whitney, age nine, and daughter Catherine, age seven. Details.

12. During the hour and a half from 9:30 until 11:00 last night, 4492 persons passed through the three turnstiles recently put in by the street car company at Wonderland park. The total number of visitors at Wonderland park yesterday was 10,000.

Tuesday, July 9, 1912
page 5. Building permit issued today to Albert Kunkel for construction of a three story, $40,000 hotel on West Douglas avenue opposite the Missouri Pacific passenger station.

Wednesday, July 10, 1912
page 4. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has already found it necessary to build an addition to the new freight depot which it has just completed. The two story addition, 28 by 28 ft., will be built on the north end of the depot recently completed. Work has already begun on the foundation for the addition.

Thursday, July 11, 1912

Friday, July 12, 1912
page 3. The Woolworth Company has decided to locate a store in Wichita. It will be located in the Noyes Building, 205-209 East Douglas, on which $8000 is to be spent for remodeling and building a new front. Work will begin after the present lease expires on September 1.

Tuesday, July 16, 1912
page 6. Professor H. Samuels, who left Wichita a few months ago for Detroit, Michigan, has returned to Wichita. He will reestablish his famous mail order prescription business at 118 South Topeka, which building he owns.

Thursday, July 18, 1912
page 3. Contract has been let for lowering the grade of the Wichita and Western Railroad through West Wichita.

6. The design for the official post card for Kansas Day, January 29, 1913, has been accepted by the committee appointed for the purpose by the Kansas Development Association. The design was submitted by the H. R. Schmidt and Company postcard house, and is the work of C. A. Seward, designer for the Capper Engraving Company.
Building permit issued yesterday for a two story brick business building with 25 foot front and 106 foot depth, at 1013 East Douglas. It is being built by C. G. Lilly and is to cost $6500.

Saturday, July 20, 1912

Having completed putting in a “Y” on South Main street, where the street car line is to be extended two blocks, the company’s construction crew began work yesterday at Main and Douglas. The cobblestones were taken up and new rails and special work are to be put in at the northeast corner of the intersection. Then it will be paved with creosote wood blocks.

Wednesday, July 24, 1912

Contract for paving of the street railway company’s right-of-way on Douglas avenue from Main Street to Santa Fe tracks was let today by city commissioners to Ritchie and Son for $13,000. They will start on the job immediately.

Beginning next Saturday morning the street car company will run its South Main Street cars to Levy Street, two blocks south of the present terminus. A “Y” has been put in at that point. A ten minute schedule will be maintained, as at present.

Thursday, July 25, 1912

Contract was let yesterday to the Dieter and Wenzel Construction Company, of Wichita, for building Wichita’s new union station. To cost approximately $300,000. Details.

Friday, July 26, 1912

The Topeka avenue street car line will have better service stated superintendent C. R. Lewis today. From 6 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. an eight minute service will be given, with a ten minute service the remainder of the time.

Saturday, July 27, 1912

Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.

Monday, July 29, 1912

First shovel of earth turned this morning at site of foundation of new union station.

Thursday, August 1, 1912

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
Friday, August 2, 1912
5. Photograph of swimmers in river at Walnut Grove bathing beach.

Friday, August 9, 1912
1. A. E. Stilwell resigned yesterday as president of the United States and Mexican Trust Company. E. Quincy Smith was elected to succeed him. Poor health was given as the reason. It is said that Mr. Stilwell has not been in active charge of the business for two months.

Saturday, August 10, 1912
20. Article about Wichita telephone operators and switchboard. Wichita has 173 operators and average of 86,000 calls daily. Small photograph of switchboard with long line of operators.

Monday, August 12, 1912

6. The old wooden trolley poles on Douglas avenue, between the Arkansas River and Cleveland Avenue have already been removed the past week or two and been replaced by the new street poles for the trolley wires and new street lights.

Tuesday, August 13, 1912
5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Friday, August 16, 1912
3. The new 2500 series Mikado type engine was placed in service here Thursday on the Rock Island. It was sent from the factory in Baltimore, Maryland.

Saturday, August 17, 1912
9. Work will start Monday on the 97 mile extension of the Orient Railroad between Girvin and Alpine, Texas.

Wednesday, August 21, 1912
4. A pile driver is now driving piles for the foundation of the retaining walls of the elevated
tracks. Work started at 3rd Street on the east line of Santa Fe Avenue.

Thursday, August 22, 1912

5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement encouraging patrons to leave all Pay As You Enter cars by the front exit. At present this includes: West Side and College Hill; Topeka Avenue; and all Pay As You Enter cars operating on North and South Main Street lines.

6. Contract for the new club house of the Wichita Country Club was let yesterday. Details.

Saturday, August 24, 1912

1. The Thomas Sanitarium, 1103 St. Francis Avenue, unoccupied since the death of Dr. Thomas last month, has been leased to the Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will open a modern hospital there, to be called the Wesley Hospital. Details.

5. Photograph of Municipal Bathing Beach in Riverside Park. Photograph taken by Art Spalton, and from which H. B. Damon will have souvenir postcards made.

Monday, August 26, 1912

4. The trolley wires for the street car system are to be raised two to five feet on Douglas Avenue. Workmen are now putting in the new overhead work which will be at a uniform height of 20 feet six inches above the rails. The work will be completed within a week.

5. Wichita’s two school buildings for negro children will be completed by the opening day of school the second week of September. They are the L’Ouverture School on 12th Street and the Douglas School on Water Street.

Saturday, August 31, 1912

7. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement for Walnut Grove Park.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, September 3, 1912

4. The Arkansas Valley Interurban carried 61,508 passenger during the month of August, up from 57,501 in July, and the best month’s business in the history of the company.

Saturday, September 7, 1912

16. Report of death last night of Jonathan E. Caldwell, Wichita pioneer, at his residence, 1602

Tuesday, September 10, 1912

8. Advertisement for Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company says the October issue of the Bell Telephone Directory will go to press September 15.

11. Short note indicates sandstone for new union station will come from quarries of Turkey Creek, Colorado, near Pueblo.

Wednesday, September 11, 1912

3. Detailed article listing changes in grade school districts in Wichita.

Thursday, September 12, 1912

9. Judge J. N. Haymaker yesterday purchased the home of Harry Mead at 3754 East Douglas for $21,000 including the furnishings. The house was completed by Mr. Mead less than a year ago. Judge Haymaker will move there from the residence at 1047 North Topeka where he has lived for years.

Friday, September 13, 1912

6. Mrs. W. R. Morrison, wife of the former manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, is visiting in Wichita. Mr. Morrison is now in the electric car business in Peoria, Illinois, and he expects to come to Wichita next week.

Saturday, September 14, 1912

15. Mt. Hope news: “A good many of Mt. Hope’s young people will be absent from their homes here this winter, attending more advanced schools. Among those who are leaving this week are: Henry Tihen, Earl Rhodes, and Frank Royse, who will attend Kansas University, and Marjorie Bardshar, who will go to Manhattan.

Monday, September 16, 1912

5. Rev. J. H. Tihen, Bishop of Lincoln, arrived in Wichita this morning for the dedication ceremonies of the new Cathedral. He is very happy in his new field. His diocese covers the state of Nebraska south of the Platte and has about 45,000 Catholics.

Tuesday, September 17, 1912
Article refers to Russell Harding’s private car, “Wichita,” named for the city he lived in before he became general manager of the Missouri Pacific which will be used by James Cardinal Gibbons when he comes here tomorrow for the dedication of the Cathedral.

Wednesday, September 18, 1912

1. James Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, Maryland, arrived in Wichita today for the dedication of St. Mary’s Cathedral. Many other high church officials will be here. Details. Photographs.

Thursday, September 19, 1912


4. Article describes details of the Cathedral. Build of Bedford, Indiana stone, with a foundation of Oklahoma red granite. One hundred sixty-nine feet long, 100 feet wide in the transepts and 80 feet wide in the body of the church. Further details (‘Description of New Cathedral’)

Friday, September 20, 1912

12. Advertisement with photograph of W. A. Silvernail Company mens and boys clothing store, at 135 North Main.

Wednesday, September 25, 1912

1. The Santa Fe Railroad has purchased a site east of the Santa Fe tracks and north of 25th Street as a site for new yards, a round house, etc., made necessary by the elevated tracks and new union station. Details.

8. Pile driving for the retaining wall of the elevated tracks from Douglas avenue to 3rd street is completed. Six hundred and ten concrete piles have been placed in the past five weeks.

Monday, September 30, 1912

9. List of school enrollments by individual schools. Riverside has 123. High school -- 1111.

Tuesday, October 1, 1912

3. Orient Railroad is laying nearly a mile a day of track in Texas and last night was just 22 miles from Ft. Stockton, which should be reached by their trains within three weeks.

Wednesday, October 2, 1912

5. The street car company will soon put in a “Y” at the end of the Mt. Carmel line, after which that line will be operated in connection with the Fairmount line. No change will be made in the schedule, but the cars on the Mt. Carmel end of the line will be better than those now in use.

Formal opening of the Great White Way will be at 7:00 p.m. today. Details. Report October 3, page 10.

Thursday, October 3, 1912
page 6. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

11. Funeral of Ralph J. Winne, age 26, held privately today at home of grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Winne, 1040 Jefferson. Burial at Maple Grove.

Wednesday, October 9, 1912
page 5. Report of death last night of Blaine D. Buckwalter, age 30, son of Dr. Oliver and Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, 1106 Larimer, when struck by switch engine while working in Missouri Pacific yards at Kansas City. He was born and educated in Wichita. Wife and one child survive.

Friday, October 11, 1912
page 8. The funeral of Blaine D. Buckwalter, son of Dr. Oliver and Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, will be held tomorrow afternoon in Emporia at the home of Mrs. Blaine Buckwalter’s parents. Burial will be in Emporia.

Saturday, October 12, 1912
page 6. The new Wesley Hospital, located temporarily at 1103 North St. Francis, is to be dedicated Tuesday. Details. Another article October 15, page 6.

Tuesday, October 15, 1912
page 4. George Hayford, 3033 East Douglas, owns 50 by 140 feet at southwest corner of 2nd and Market and plans to build a two story building on this site.

Wednesday, October 16, 1912
page 5. Report of dedication of Wesley Hospital yesterday. Details.
Friday, October 18, 1912

2. During the next three months the entire double track street car line on Douglas Avenue is to be rebuilt from Main Street to Santa Fe Avenue. During this time stub car service will be maintained on lines east of the construction area, etc. Details.

Monday, October 21, 1912

4. A company to be known as the Kansas Blue Print Company has been organized in Wichita. Details.

Friday, October 25, 1912

1. U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Paul, Minnesota has reversed the rulings of Judge John C. Pollock, of Kansas, and found L. S. Naftzger not guilty on the charge of traffic in stolen postage stamps. Details.

Tuesday, October 29, 1912


10. Fred H. Reed, photographer, 118 East Douglas, today purchased the new Fred Baldwin studio. Mr. Reed became owner of the former Baldwin Studio a year ago when Fred Baldwin went South for his health. The new studio was organized on Mr. Baldwin’s return this spring.

Wednesday, October 30, 1912


Thursday, October 31, 1912

6. The S. H. Kress and Company has contracted for $25,000 in improvements on the two buildings leased by them at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas, previously occupied for some fifteen years by the Golden Eagle and Redfern stores. The wall separating the two stores will be torn out and the entire 75 foot frontage made into one store room.

Friday, November 1, 1912

9. All the street cars in Wichita will be warmed with hot air hereafter. This plan was tried on the Topeka Avenue line last winter and it give so much better satisfaction than the electric heaters that the company decided to equip all its cars with stoves. These heaters are placed on the front vestibules of the cars and the hot air is forced by means of fans into the cars.
Saturday, November 2, 1912

Monday, November 4, 1912
page 11. Article says city engineer recently found an old plat filed with the county register’s office May 17, 1871 and recorded in the book of plats A, page 6, on January 6, 1872, indicating that West Wichita was originally named the town of Elgin, comprising three square blocks bounded by Oak Street on the east, Walnut Street on the west, Pearl Street on the north (now the Missouri Pacific tracks) and Pine Street (now Burton Avenue) on the south. ¶ An appended note reads: “Notice is hereby given that the Elgin Town Company of Sedgwick County, Kansas, did on the 13th day of March, 1871 legally change the name of said corporation and adopt the name of ‘Delano Town Company.’”

Thursday, November 7, 1912
page 5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement announcing street car arrangements during present Douglas Avenue paving.

Friday, November 8, 1912
page 3. City commission yesterday let contract to architect Anthony A. Crowell, Caldwell-Murdock Building, to draw plans for Wichita’s $75,000 Carnegie Library.

Saturday, November 9, 1912

Tuesday, November 14, 1912
page 8. Photograph of new Santa Fe Hospital at Mulvane, which will be ready for occupancy by January 1. Details.

Concrete is now being poured for the floor of the new union station. Details.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement about service on East Douglas.

Saturday, November 16, 1912
page 18. Photographs of construction progress on new union station and elevated tracks. Article with details.

Tuesday, November 19, 1912
4. Beginning Thursday morning the street cars, except those on the Riverside and Emporia line, will run through on all lines for the first time since the tracks were torn up on East Douglas several weeks ago. The Mt. Carmel and Fairmount lines will also be connected and will hereafter run as one line. Through service on the Riverside-Emporia line will be resumed next Sunday. ¶ The new Fairmount-Mt. Carmel line will be the longest line in the city, being a little more than six miles from one end to the other. It will take an hour and a half for the round trip.

5. Photograph of the new Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocer Company building at 1st and Rock Island. Stock was moved into the new building Saturday and the offices will be moved there from 140-48 North Mosley within two weeks.

8. J. O. Davidson returned home Sunday night from Chicago, where he went last week for an operation for the removal of gallstones.

9. Two years ago today the Arkansas Valley Interurban began regular service between Wichita and Valley Center. In the two years since then the interurban has hauled 751,093 passengers. The cars operated have traveled 712,782 miles. Two years ago the company operated one car. Now fifteen are required to maintain the service. In 1910 the company had eight employes, and now there are 65. From about nine miles of track completed November 19, 1910 the line has grown to 34½ miles.

Wednesday, November 20, 1912

6. Directors of the Gold Savings State Bank, at corner of 1st and Market, today voted to change the name of the institution to The Union State Bank of Wichita. Philip K. Lewis is president. The bank was organized by the late Colonel Hiram Lewis.

Thursday, November 21, 1912


Friday, November 22, 1912

11. The Santa Fe Railway yesterday completed condemnation of a tract 800 by 300 feet for its new yards in the North End. It is located in the alfalfa section on the line of the road just north of 29th Street. The tract of a little more than five acres was owned by Samuel Goldstein, formerly of Wichita, but now of Joplin, Missouri. It is necessary for the railroad to move its yards, as those now used south and immediately north of Douglas Avenue will be torn up to make way for the elevation.

Saturday, November 23, 1912
A five story building is to be constructed soon on Rock Island between 1st and 2nd for lease to the M. Rumely Products Company, of Indiana. To be 107 by 130 feet and cost $100,000. The company is a large manufacturer and distributor of farm machinery.

Monday, November 25, 1912

The American Warehouse Company has begun manufacturing alfalfa stock food in a mill which has been built near the company’s warehouses north of Wichita. Several cottages have been built near the warehouse and mill for married employes, and a small but comfortable hotel provides rooms for unmarried men.

Sunday was the last time the Fairview Church of Christ met in the old tabernacle at corner of 15th and North Market. Beginning Thursday evening, November 28, meetings will be held in the basement of the new church at corner of 16th and Fairview. The new building is still uncompleted, but the basement has been fitted up. Details.

Tuesday, November 26, 1912

Twelve cars of steel rails were unloaded today on North End Santa Fe switches as the first step in building the company’s new yards there. A partial straightening of the Santa Fe main tracks north of 18th Street so that they will cut through the center of the new yard is the introductory move. Fifteen or 20 feet have been obtained from the property of the Cudahy and Dold Packing Companies to do this. In return the railroad is buying a strip of land 10 to 20 feet wide on the west side of Lawrence Avenue to increase the width of the street to 60 feet for the benefit of the packing houses. The street has been vacated there by the city and is narrowed by the tracks.

Monday, December 2, 1912

Because the old Pro-Cathedral church on North St. Francis was not planned to be a permanent cathedral for the diocese, it was never consecrated. Therefore when the “Host” was removed to the new cathedral, there was nothing left in the structure to preclude its use for secular purposes. This has made it possible to remodel it for other than purposes of worship. The interior has been remodeled with moving of the organ from the gallery to the former sanctuary and the fore part of the sanctuary made a platform. Opera chairs will be installed. A series of lectures and a grand sacred oratorio will be given at the Cathedral Lyceum this winter.

Tuesday, December 3, 1912

President Taft today appointed W. C. Edwards as postmaster of Wichita for the second time. Details and photograph. Original appointment was in 1908.

Wednesday, December 4, 1912
Report of death this morning of Wichita pioneer, Martin Hellar, age 81, at his home, 807 South Lawrence. Came here in 1876 and was associated with various projects for development of Wichita. Survived by wife, five sons, and two daughters (named).

The Rock Island has ballasted its track between Wichita and Caldwell to permit a speed of 60 m.p.h. and is continuing the work north of Wichita to Florence. This will allow a faster speed for the Firefly, which is now one of the fastest trains in the West.

A tract of about 57 acres southwest of Wichita, known for several years as Orient Park, was purchased yesterday by William P. Carpenter, of Enid, Oklahoma, from Burford G. Mitchell, for $10,000. He plans to pull up the corner stakes, grade down the streets, and convert the 900 lots back to farming purposes.

Judge Wilson of District Court has ruled that the Wichita Railroad and Light Company must remove its wooden poles from Douglas Avenue between the Arkansas River and Seneca Street before December 27, 1912 or show reason for not doing so.

The plan of the Santa Fe Railroad to widen North Lawrence Avenue above 21st Street may be blocked by twelve maple trees on the east edge of the property belonging to David Kailer, 2403 North Lawrence, where the railroad wants a fifteen foot strip. Mr. Kailer has threatened to go to the Supreme Court before allowing his property to go into a street.

Plans are completed today by William Mampe, architect, for the proposed English Lutheran Church at 8th and Market Streets. The foundation will be laid within ten days, and the congregation, which now meets in Philharmony Hall, expects to be in the new church within four months.

Contract was let yesterday by A. H. and R. C. Bolte for a two story brick business building at 918 East Douglas, 25 by 100 feet, to cost $5000. An old building on the site formerly occupied by Lahey and Martin Furniture Company will be demolished.

Two page advertisement for the proposed new Travelers Hotel with drawing and details.

The Geuda Springs Townsite and Mineral Water Company has gone into receivership. It
was organized two years ago by Wichita men and officials of the Midland Valley Railroad.

Monday, December 16, 1912
page 9. State Board of Agriculture gives population of Wichita as 56,379, compared with 46,385 in Topeka and 86,826 in Kansas City.

Tuesday, December 17, 1912
page 5. Note about the stench from the zoo in Riverside Park.

Thursday, December 19, 1912
page 11. West Wichita is pleased with the accomplishment this year of the long awaited lowering of the grade of the Wichita and Western Railroad, done in connection with paving of Seneca from University to McCormick.

Small photograph of West Wichita Church of Christ, Douglas and Glenn.

Saturday, December 21, 1912
page 3. Of the sixteen miles of track operated by the street railway, only four miles are not paved. The car company will have to pave a mile or so more of its trackage next year.

H. I. Ellis was recently awarded the contract to build the Fairmount and College Hill school houses.

Wednesday, December 25, 1912
page 3. The Riverside Club will raise its initiation fee from $25 to $35 on January 1st. The dues remain $5 per quarter. The club here practically reached its membership limit of 400 members.

Saturday, December 28, 1912
page 6. The new Catholic church at Andale is nearing completion. Cornerstone was laid May 16. Details.

Tuesday, December 31, 1912
page 4. The Wichita post office is conducting a fifteen day trial of delivery of parcel post packages by use of a motor car. Details.

6. Forms for the abutments of the over-head bridges at 2nd Street and 1st Street were put
in yesterday. As soon as those are completed, the elevated tracks will be built across them.

8. Workmen have commenced building the Douglas avenue front of the union station.