Wichita Beacon
Wednesday, January 1, 1913
page 4. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement with photograph of street car No. 208.

Thursday, January 2, 1913
page 5. Report of death at midnight Wednesday of Herman C. Wey, age 70, wealthy hardware merchant, at his home at 1751 Park Place. Came to Wichita nine years ago (?) from Kirwin, Kansas. Came to Kansas in 1859. Came to U.S. from Germany at age seven. Survived by wife, six sons, and three daughters (named). Details.

Friday, January 3, 1913
page 4. W. J. Stevens, senior member of the Stevens-Scott Grain Company, bought four lots Thursday two blocks west of the old Campbell home at 11th Street in Riverside, and plans to build a $4500 brick and stucco residence there.

Saturday, January 4, 1913
page 5. Article about money being spent on the Orient Railroad receivership. Includes $1000 per month for J. O. Davidson, receiver and same amount for other receivers, M. L. Turner and Edward Dickinson, plus $400 per month for Chester I. Long, attorney.

8. Article says the Frisco and Rock Island are considering purchase of the old Burton Car Works property from the American Warehouse Company as a location for their railroad yards.

Monday, January 6, 1913
page 9. Legal description of the boundaries of the wards and precincts of Wichita.

Luncheon given today by Miss Oakley Davidson at her home, 935 North Lawrence.
Friday, January 10, 1913

Saturday, January 11, 1913
Page 3. Article by Park S. Warren giving history of the “West Side Boulevard,” along big Arkansas river from Harry street to Seneca. Details.


Tuesday, January 14, 1913
Page 5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Friday, January 17, 1913
Page 12. Drawing (map) of proposed Riverside Club ground improvement, which is to start in the spring.

Saturday, January 18, 1913


Monday, January 20, 1913
Page 3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway will build two miles of new track early this year if the voters of Newton amend the franchise in that town. It is proposed to build a trolley line from Newton to Bethel College, a distance of two miles. A special election will be held in Newton January 23 to enable the voters to amend the franchise.

Friday, January 24, 1913
Page 6. S. H. Kress Company is arranging to let contracts next week for the complete reconstruction of the Golden Eagle building and the building adjoining it at Douglas and Lawrence. The present buildings will be razed and a modern two story brick building, 73 by 130 feet, built at cost of about $30,000. The Kress Company has leased the proposed building for fifteen years. Mrs. J. J. McNamara, 1146 North Emporia, is owner of the Golden Eagle building.

Saturday, January 25, 1913
Page
5. The C. W. Brown Building, on southwest corner of Douglas and Lawrence avenues, occupied for eleven years by the Means Brothers Drug Store, is to be reconstructed at a cost of up to $20,000. The corner will be dressed up in plate glass with a twelve inch marble base around the exterior, and plate glass along the Douglas avenue front and Lawrence avenue side. Prism glass will top off the plate glass. Details.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

6. Contracts are already let for three miles of street paving this year, including:

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Total street paving in recent years:

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Tuesday, January 28, 1913

4. The Santa Fe Saturday filed a deed for 13.79 acres of land east of Lawrence avenue, north of Amwaco, for which it paid Samuel and A. H. Goldstein, formerly of Wichita but now of Joplin, Missouri, $1250 an acre. The road secured a quit claim deed to 34 acres from Mr. Goldstein, and it is expected that construction of a round house and new yards will be started in the spring.

5. The main contract for the new Carleton school building was let yesterday to H. I. Ellis Construction Company for $48,900. Details.

Wednesday, January 29, 1913


Thursday, January 30, 1913

4. Work is progressing rapidly on the Park Villa being built in North Riverside Park. It will be ready for public use early in March. The Kansas Gas and Electric Company installed 250 feet of gas pipe today for the stove that will be placed in the locker room. This will make it possible for picnickers to have hot suppers. A car load of tiling arrived Wednesday over the Missouri Pacific from St. Louis. The roof of the villa will be of red tile.
9. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter filed her petition today with the city clerk as candidate for city commissioner.


Friday, January 31, 1913

1. Report of a rumor that the Wichita-Ft. Scott division of the Missouri Pacific will be enlarged to include Missouri Pacific lines from Coffeyville to Larned, the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic division, and from Coffeyville to Osawatomis through Yates Center. No definite confirmation.

Saturday, February 1, 1913

9. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, February 4, 1913

3. Report that Orient Railroad is planning to add a second story to its freight depot on East Douglas and move its division headquarters there. The latter at present are located in rented quarters at 813 East Douglas.

The Kansas Steam Laundry Company, located for many years at William and Market, is planning a large new building at corner of 2nd and Emporia on lot 103 by 130 feet purchased by them four years ago.

Saturday, February 8, 1913

15. Advertisement with photograph of two story frame house for sale at 1709 Vassar.

Monday, February 10, 1913

11. Advertisement with photograph of house for sale to close an estate. Looks like Riverside Cottage (?).

Tuesday, February 11, 1913

8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, February 12, 1913
4. Work on the new Carleton school commenced this week.

Saturday, February 15, 1913
page
6. The finishing touches were given to the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument on the Courthouse Square today. The bronze doors were hung this week.

Monday, February 17, 1913
page
4. The February number of *Town Development*, a monthly magazine, has an article about Wichita including a four by thirteen inch photograph of West Douglas across top of two pages.

Monday, February 24, 1913
page
8. The Murdock Avenue arch across the Little River (sic) has been condemned and will be removed.

Friday, February 28, 1913
page
6. The executive board of the YWCA today voted to purchase the Lewis Academy Building in third block on North Market for $40,000. It is owned by the College of Emporia. A campaign to raise $125,000 will be commenced in April and was started off today by a gift of $20,000 from A. A. Hyde. Fifteen thousand dollars will be spent in remodeling the building, which will be used as a boarding home by the YWCA. Details. Building at present is occupied by the Power, Myers and Navas Conservatory of Music.

Wednesday, March 5, 1913
page
5. George Hayford will erect a two story brick building at 255 North Market as soon as weather conditions permit, at cost of about $12,000. The early day house on the site, erected by John E. Maddox in 1872 or ‘73, will be moved to another site.

Thursday, March 6, 1913
page
2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

5. The Pratt Lumber Company, located for many years at southeast corner of 1st and Lawrence, has selected a new location at 120 Ida Avenue, with 125 foot front on Ida and extending back to the alley. About a year ago the telephone company bought the lots on which the lumber yard stands, and this made it necessary for Mr. Pratt to seek a new location.

Friday, March 7, 1913
1. Report of death this morning of Lindley M. Cox, age 73, former mayor of Wichita from 1893 until 1896. Photograph. Came to Wichita in 1885. Survived by wife, one son, and three daughters. Obituary.

8. Building permit issued yesterday for George Hayford’s new building at corner of 2nd and Market.

Saturday, March 8, 1913

3. Articles about the eleven Methodist Episcopal churches in Wichita which are hosting the Southwest Kansas Conference of the church next week. Photograph or drawing of ten of the Methodist Episcopal churches in Wichita.

Special Section for Motor Car Show March 10-15
Many advertisements and articles.

Monday, March 10, 1913

8. Ground breaking ceremony to be held this evening for the new $13,000 English Evangelical Lutheran Church at southwest corner of 8th and Market. Details. ¶ Report in paper of March 11, page 9.

Wednesday, March 12, 1913

18. Article giving history of establishment of Wesley Hospital, which opened to the public on October 15, 1912. Details.

Friday, March 14, 1913

8. At Kingman, Kansas, Clyde Cessna, the Kingman County aviator, gave an exhibition of what his machine can do Thursday evening. He made one flight of about three miles circling over the city and was in the air about five minutes. The flight was witnessed by thousands who had never seen anything of the kind before. Mr. Cessna is a mechanical genius and constructed the machine himself. The business men of Kingman made up a purse of $200 to pay him for the exhibition.

Saturday, March 15, 1913

5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.


Monday, March 17, 1913
6. Philip K. Lewis of the Anchor Trust Company has made arrangements to build a brick building at corner of 2nd and Topeka, to be leased by the Powell-Myers Conservatory of Music. Details.

Tuesday, March 18, 1913

2. Article about refinancing and reorganization plans of the receivers of the Orient Railroad. Details.

5. Preliminary plans are being prepared by Kansas City architect Henry F. Holt for a 40 room, three story addition to St. Francis Hospital, to be built fronting on Emporia Avenue at cost of $25,000 to $40,000.

Friday, March 21, 1913

2. The Fairview Church of Christ at 16th and Fairview is to be dedicated March 30. Cost $13,000. Details.

Saturday, March 22, 1913


13. Photograph of Laura Buckwalter, candidate for city commission.

Monday, March 24, 1913

4. The recently completed College Hill United Presbyterian Church was dedicated Sunday. Located at 1st and Green. Details.

6. Wichita’s new city directory is being printed by the McCormick-Armstrong Press and will be ready for distribution in about two weeks.

Tuesday, March 25, 1913

1. Report of results of city primary election yesterday. Laura Buckwalter was sixth out of eight candidates for Commissioners of Parks. Details.

5. S. G. Humphreys, president of the Humphreys Hotel Company, which controls the Eaton Hotel, closed a deal last week for the Del Norte Hotel in El Paso, Texas, and will make his home in El Paso. He leased the Eaton Hotel seven years ago.
Thursday, March 27, 1913
page
5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Saturday, March 29, 1913
page
12. Fairview Church of Christ at 16th and Fairview is to be dedicated tomorrow. Details. Cost $12,000. Drawing.

Monday, March 31, 1913
page
1. Article saying Wichita is “wide open” and a joint is operating at 230 North Market in the old fire barn No. 1 owned by the city. Details.

Tuesday, April 1, 1913
page
1. Report of fire about 3:30 a.m. today that destroyed the Lyceum Theater at William and Topeka, known previously for many years as the Crawford Theater. Details. Photograph.

Wednesday, April 2, 1913
page

Saturday, April 5, 1913
page
5. Contracts let today by city for building the east and west approaches to the Kellogg Street viaduct for $36,233. Details.

The 1st Street subway pavement was completed today. It extends two feet below the natural level of 1st Street at that point.

Wednesday, April 9, 1913
page
3. The newly completed Pacific Hotel, built by Albert Kunkle on West Douglas south of the Missouri Pacific Station, will be opened May 1. It is four stories and has 60 rooms. William Mampe, Beacon Building, is architect.

Thursday, April 10, 1913
page
1. Some history of city’s contract for legal printing. Eagle had it for number of years prior to October 1912 when it was given to the Beacon. Details.

Thursday, April 17, 1913
7. The Western League baseball season will open tomorrow afternoon at Island Park. Details.

Friday, April 18, 1913

5. H. J. Hagny has let contract for a $10,000 residence to be built at 3rd and Belmont. Details.

Saturday, April 19, 1913

16. The Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, at corner of 22nd and Jackson Streets, is to be re-dedicated tomorrow. It was first dedicated March 27, 1910 but has recently been enlarged to double the original size. Details. Photograph.

Monday, April 21, 1913

9. YWCA is ready to launch a $125,000 building fund campaign. Details.

10. The McCormick-Armstrong Press, now occupying the second floor of the Cone-Cornell Building at Lawrence and William, has leased the south 50 feet on the ground floor of the Kansas Steam Laundry Building at Market and William and will move to its new quarters next fall when the laundry occupies its new quarters on North Emporia. The McCormick-Armstrong Press has occupied the second floor of the Cone-Cornell Building for five or six years. Details.

Tuesday, April 22, 1913

6. Advertisement with map showing approximate prices of homesite lots in Wichita.

Thursday, April 24, 1913

5. Bunny Mead, of Chicago, is in Wichita working on plans for a new three story building at 412-414 East Douglas, to cost $35,000. C. W. Terry is architect.

Residents of South Emporia area are asking the street car company to extend the South Emporia street car line at least as far as Francis Street.

City commission yesterday ordered closing of the bridges across Little Arkansas River at Central Avenue and 11th Street because they are in a dangerous condition. Both will be repaired at once.

Saturday, April 26, 1913
The United States and Mexican Trust Company, capitalized at $2,000,000 and formed by A. E. Stilwell to finance the building of the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railroad, is to be dissolved, it was announced today from the company offices in Kansas City. The trust company is no longer needed since its assets have been separated from those of the Orient Railroad. Shortly after the Orient Railway went into the hands of receivers, A. E. Stilwell resigned as head of the trust company and was succeeded by E. Quincey Smith.

Drawing of five story warehouse building to be constructed at southwest corner of Rock Island and 2nd for $125,000. To be leased to the Rumely Company for 20 years.

Friday, May 2, 1913

City commission today passed resolution to accept the terms of the Carnegie Association in the building of the new library.

Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.

Saturday, May 3, 1913

Orders for demolition of the old John B. Carey homestead (at southeast corner English and Lawrence), ten room brick house and landmark for 35 years, were given today. Mrs. M. S. Dowden, Carey’s daughter, has lived there for years and will move. Site was sold last month to W. S. Brown, who will erect three story brick building.

Tuesday, May 6, 1913

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

The YWCA fund campaign reached its goal of $125,000 today.

Thursday, May 8, 1913

The sand fill for the elevated tracks has reached the south end of the Union Station. Trestles are being constructed on Douglas Avenue so that the sand trains can begin work on the fill north of Douglas avenue. The sand pumps are working night and day.

Saturday, May 10, 1913

Article about Wichita Congregational churches, which are hosts to Kansas Congregational Annual Conference May 13-16. Photographs of three churches. (“All Sessions in Plymouth Church”)

Wonderland Park to open May 18.
14. Commissioner Leach plans to build artistic stone arch entrances at the street car entrance to Central Riverside park, near the zoo, this summer. The first stone entrance is now under construction.

Tuesday, May 13, 1913

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

5. Ten street cars were blocked this morning when a hay wagon overturned and its load of hay blocked both tracks at Topeka and Douglas for at least fifteen minutes.

Wednesday, May 14, 1913

3. Park Commissioner Leach plans a rearrangement of the zoo in Central Riverside Park, with the buffalo corral, deer paddock, and other cages being moved nearly a quarter mile south of their present location. Persons living close to the park on the north have complained about the zoo, and these changes should reduce the complaints.

Friday, May 16, 1913

8. Workmen began clearing a site north of the city near 29th Street for the $300,000 roundhouse and yards which the Santa Fe will build there.

Saturday, May 17, 1913

2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Advertisement with photograph of The Hub Men’s Store, 114 North Main.

Midland Valley Railroad advertisement.

13. Interview with Lafayette Hillis, 143 North Market, who came to Wichita on the first passenger train 41 years ago.

C-9. Article about Arkansas Valley Interurban says during one month the line carried 65,752 passengers.


D-3. Article about Wichita street cars -- says company has 35 miles of tracks, of which sixteen miles are paved. Sixty-four cars are now in use and six more are now being constructed for the company at St. Louis. Company has about 200 persons on its payroll and pays them $5500 every two weeks.
D-5. Article about Union State, with photographs of construction. Article with details. Diagram.

D-13. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement says the company is spending $71,000 for improvements and $42,000 for paving taxes in Wichita this year and has spent a million dollars for improvements and extensions in the last four years.

Many special articles and advertisements about Wichita business, etc. in this issue.

Monday, May 19, 1913
page 6.
Mortgages for more than $20,000,000 on the Midland Valley Railroad were filed in the register of deeds office today. They are held by trust companies in Pennsylvania.

Thursday, May 22, 1913
page 1.
Drawing of proposed Travelers Hotel, at southwest corner of 1st and Market. Article with details.

Monday, May 26, 1913
page 5.
Report of death at midnight Saturday of Mrs. Mary E. Allen, age 67, widow, of Joseph P. Allen, former mayor of Wichita and one of the first druggists in Wichita. He died ten years ago. Survived by two sons (?) and one daughter (named).

Tuesday, May 27, 1913
page 1.
Article says petition being filed in Federal District Court in St. Louis today for receivership of Frisco Railroad. Details.

9.
The first sand train crossed Douglas Avenue yesterday. Two thousand cubic yards of sand are being hauled and dumped daily.

Thursday, May 29, 1913
page 8.
The old John B. Carey residence, a two story brick at 302 South Lawrence, is being razed today to clear the site for a modern three story garage.


Saturday, May 31, 1913
page 4.
Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
6. Park Villa, in North Riverside Park, will be officially opened to the public Monday evening by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, who has been superintendent of its building. Details.

Tuesday, June 3, 1913
page 8.

8. The Park Villa or rest room in North Riverside Park was formally dedicated last night in the presence of 200 persons. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, builder of the Villa, turned the building over to the city. Details.

Monday, June 9, 1913
page 4.

4. Unless it is sold by the latter part of July, the old Santa Fe station will be razed and carted away like common rubbish. The Santa Fe company would like to sell the station.

Thursday, June 12, 1913
page 9.

9. Drawing of the $100,000 mausoleum which the Wichita Cemetery Company plans to build at once in the Highland Cemetery.

Saturday, June 14, 1913
page 5.

5. Drawing of proposed three story hospital building to be built by Dr. H. Philipp at 716 North Lawrence. Details. (Never built.)

The Ferrell Building at 123-25 North Main, occupied by the Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company, is to be remodeled beginning July 1. A new front similar to that at 119-121 North Main, also occupied by Rorabaugh’s, will be installed. Details.

13. Advertisement for the new Highland Cemetery mausoleum, with drawing. Wichita Cemetery Company, 125 South Main.

Tuesday, June 17, 1913
page 1.

1. Article about possible sale of the Orient Railroad at auction. Details.

4. The lobby of the Eaton Hotel is being enlarged this week to include two rooms on Douglas Avenue previously occupied by other businesses. The partitions have been torn out.

One of Wichita’s old landmarks is being torn down -- an old residence known as “The House of Seven Gables” on Market between 3rd and Central, built in 1871 by a real estate dealer named Smith; and then one of the finest in Wichita. It was bought in 1872 by Mayor James G. Hope, who lived in it for nine years. In 1883 it was bought by J. H. McKnight, of the McKnight Investment Company. It is now owned by R. A. Kyle and has been occupied by four or five years by a mattress factory.
Article about possibility of a temple being constructed by Wichita Jews. Henry Wallenstein has conducted a Sabbath school weekly for Jewish children for the last nine months, with about 50 taking part. One of the stumbling blocks is the division between the orthodox and reformed Jewish groups.

Monday, June 23, 1913


5. The collapse of the Woodman Bridge caused no end of trouble for street car employes Sunday. Hundreds of persons who could not cross the river on the Woodman Bridge did so on the street car bridge. Several cars were stopped while the carmen waited for pedestrians to cross. The crowd became so large, that C. R. Lewis, manager, gave orders for the carmen to haul the people across the bridge free of charge.

Tuesday, June 24, 1913

4. Board of education yesterday purchased 205 feet of ground on Emporia at southeast corner of Pine Street as site for a new Webster School. Cost $17,000. The four residences on the grounds are to be removed at once, and a temporary building will be erected for the next school year. Details.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

9. Saturday night or early Sunday the Orient Railroad laid a track down the alley between Washington and Mosley from the first alley south of Douglas to Division Street. Details.

Thursday, June 26, 1913

4. Advertisement for diving exhibition by Professor Ball tonight from the new 52 foot tower at the Riverside Boat House.

9. Contract for remodeling the Lewis Academy building into a YWCA boarding home was let yesterday. To be ready for fall.

Friday, June 27, 1913

10. Report of death of Wichita pioneer Morgan Cox last night at age 78. He was called the father of Wichita Masonry. Photograph and obituary.

Saturday, June 28, 1913

13. The Arkansas River has been supplying 102 car loads of sand a day for the building of the elevated tracks. The Orient Sand and Cement Company and the Kansas Construction Company have contracted to furnish a total of 240,000 cubic yards of sand for the roadbed.
of the elevated tracks. Three sand pumps are kept busy.

16. The Kansas Steam Laundry is amending its charter and changing its name to the Kansas Independent Laundry, with capital increased from $75,000 to $100,000.

Monday, June 30, 1913

The state charter board today granted a change of name of the Hydro Carbon Company to the Coleman Lamp Company, with increase in capital stock from $25,000 to $100,000. Details.

Thursday, July 3, 1913

Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.

Friday, July 11, 1913

A. M. Patten, of Topeka, manager of the McKinley Syndicate street car systems in Kansas, is in Wichita looking after the system here. Six new cars ordered by the company more than a year ago are being finished in St. Louis for use in Wichita.

Wichita’s Union Station welcomed its first tenant today. Offices of C. J. Skinner, the resident engineer, were moved there from the old Santa Fe freight depot and are housed in the station mail room until offices on the third floor are completed. The old freight depot will be razed immediately to make room for the fill for the elevated tracks. The Wells-Fargo building and the Santa Fe passenger station will also be razed.

Advertisement for the Riverside Boat House.

Saturday, July 12, 1913

The board of education is having towers removed from school buildings because they have threatened to fall and cause injuries to students. The tower of the Park school was amputated today, and others will receive the same treatment before school opens in the fall.

Tuesday, July 15, 1913

Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement.

Thursday, July 17, 1913

Wichita’s new hotel, the Pacific, on West Douglas Avenue, was opened for business this morning. Has 50 rooms.
Friday, July 18, 1913

9. A man fainted and fell from the rear platform of West Side street car No. 206 last night at the Missouri Pacific depot.

Saturday, July 19, 1913

4. The first story of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church has been completed, and the first service will be held there tomorrow. Located at 8th and Market streets.

6. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.


Wednesday, July 23, 1913

3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban carried 45,345 passengers in June this year, an increase of over 4000 from 41,105 in June last year.

5. Directors of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company yesterday elected a new president, George Theis, Jr., replacing W. O. Van Arsdale, who has held the position for three years. Mr. Theis owns a larger block of stock than any other stockholder and has been very active in promoting the businesses. ¶ O. A. Boyle will be vice-president and general manager and A. Stone, secretary. Other directors listed -- also the officers and directors of the Interurban Construction Company.

Thursday, July 24, 1913

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Saturday, July 26, 1913

8. A new street indicator devise was tried on a Waco Avenue street car yesterday without much success. Details.

Photograph of new Pacific Hotel on West Douglas.

Tuesday, July 29, 1913

4. Several years ago a large refreshment booth 24 by 36 feet was built near the zoo in Central Riverside Park. Commissioner Leach arranged today for it to be changed into a rest room, with sanitary toilets.

6. A $27,000 motor car is being built for the Midland Valley Railroad and may be used
between Wichita and Arkansas City.

Friday, August 1, 1913

11. Three new school buildings will be ready for occupancy when school opens September 8.

- Fairmount - cost $34,000
- College Hill - cost $53,000
- Carleton - cost $64,000.

Friday, August 8, 1913

9. The Midland Valley’s motor car will make its first trip between Wichita and Arkansas City Sunday. The car will arrive in Wichita in the morning and depart in the evening.

Monday, August 11, 1913

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company employes will have their annual picnic in Walnut Grove August 19 and 20. Half the men will work will work August 19 while the other half go to the picnic, and the reverse will take place on August 20.

T. H. Barnes, superintendent of the Midland Valley, and Eugene Mock, general freight and passenger agent, came in yesterday from Muskogee, Oklahoma on the first motor car over the road.

6. Midland Valley interurban car No. 1 arrived in Wichita yesterday morning on time with 30 passengers, on its maiden voyage. It left on its return trip at 4:40 p.m. with 40 passengers. The car is equipped with a 175 h.p. engine. The crew of No. 1 on its first trip was Frank Myers, engineer, and C. F. Nelson, conductor.

Thursday, August 14, 1913

5. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement.

Friday, August 15, 1913

11. The first concrete on the Kellogg Street viaduct will be poured next week.

Tuesday, August 19, 1913

3. Workmen began tearing down the old Santa Fe freight depot today to make way for the “fill” for the elevated tracks. Next to be razed is the Wells Fargo offices and store rooms, and then the passenger station. The passenger station and express building material will be sold. Brick and stone from the freight depot are being used for track “fill” in the North yard.
4. The six new street cars ordered for Wichita more than a year ago are on the way from the car shops in St. Louis. Details.

5. The Red Star Mill and Elevator Company has leased the Nevling elevator and will use it for storage of grain. The Nevling elevator has been in the hands of a receiver for several months. It has a capacity of about 150,000 bushels of grain.

**Wednesday, August 20, 1913**

3. Three of the new street cars ordered more than a year ago arrived over the Frisco from St. Louis last night. The other three are on the way and are expected to arrive in a day or two. It will take two or three days to get them in running order.

4. Before leaving for Topeka last night, A. M. Patten gave directions to have the name of the West Side car line changed to “University” as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the signs on the cars. This is because there are now two West Side lines -- Mt. Carmel and the one to Friends University. There was some talk of this change two years ago and the transfers now in use are printed to conform to this arrangement.

**Thursday, August 21, 1913**

6. Three of the new street cars were unloaded yesterday and the other three, which arrived last night, were unloaded today. They will be ready for use in a few days on the Riverside-Emporia Avenue line. Photograph (appears to be No. 196).

The Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream Company will build a new ice plant on Central Avenue between the Rock Island and Santa Fe tracks as soon as the material arrives. To have a capacity of 100 tons of ice per day and storage capacity for 5000 tons. Details.

**Thursday, August 28, 1913**

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Special Southwest Development Number
One hundred pages tabloid size paper boosting Wichita.


59. Photographs of downtown Wichita.

62. Photograph of Kansas Gas and Electric plant.

64. Drawing of new Wichita Public Library, A. A. Crowell, architect.

67. Article about street railway company with details and photographs. (“Traction Development Means Civic Growth”) Photograph of South Main shows Car No. 216.
73. Photograph of the Coleman Lamp Company.

84. Photograph of Wesley Hospital. Article about Wichita hospitals.

85. Photograph of St. Francis Hospital with advertisement.

91. Photograph of 13th Street bridge over Arkansas River.

**Monday, September 8, 1913**

1. Report of fire at 4:00 p.m. yesterday which destroyed the Mount St. Mary’s Convent, mother house of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Details. Photograph. The building, formerly the Wichita University, was bought by Bishop Hennessy on December 8, 1899 for $5000, together with 40 acres of land. The building was repaired and on March 25, 1900 was occupied by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

**Thursday, September 11, 1913**

4. You will not be able to ride a “West Side” street car much longer. Most of the cars have been fitted with new signs. It is to be known as the University line.

**Friday, September 12, 1913**

1. The state census reports Wichita’s population as 58,399 and Sedgwick County’s as 77,771.

**Saturday, September 13, 1913**

18. Photograph of Park Villa.

**Monday, September 15, 1913**

3. City commission passed ordinance today calling for paving of Hillside from 9th to 11th with brick. The street railway will pave its right-of-way at estimated cost of $3956, and the city and property holders will pay $9398.

**Saturday, September 20, 1913**

5. October 15 is the date planned for the first railway to occupy the new Union Station. At that time the Santa Fe will abandon its present station and move to the second floor level of the new station. Two of the elevated tracks will be completed for use by then.

**Friday, September 26, 1913**
9. The formal opening of the new S. H. Kress store building was held today. The old Kress store at 123-125 East Douglas will be continued. Details.

Saturday, September 27, 1913
11. Article about street railway tracks under the elevated tracks. A double track is to be placed and platforms 140 feet long placed for loading and unloading. Total cost to company will be about $25,000. Details.

Monday, September 29, 1913
3. Statement by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter giving the detailed costs of Park Villa. Total cost was $4699.73.

Wednesday, October 1, 1913
10. The new factory of the Campbell Bread Company at Elm and Emporia will begin mixing dough by Friday or Saturday of this week. The factory is just being completed at a cost of $50,000.

Saturday, October 4, 1913
4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

14. Demolition of the old Santa Fe station will commence the middle of this month. Details.

Tuesday, October 7, 1913
2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

3. Report of death today of veteran Wichita music dealer, Thomas Shaw, age 69, at his home, 811 South Topeka. First established music store July 6, 1884 in building on site of Caldwell-Murdock building, moving in 1892 to present location at 132 North Main. Survived by wife and three daughters (named).

Wednesday, October 8, 1913
2. Harper is to have a new Orient depot replacing the one that was destroyed by fire in August. Work will begin the first of next week and it is to be completed by the middle of November. The building will be of the same style as the old one but four feet wider and eight feet longer.

Thursday, October 9, 1913
8. The students and faculty of Fairmount College want a better street car service. A petition was circulated yesterday asking the company for a fifteen minute service, a conductor to the end of the line, and better cars.

Friday, October 10, 1913
page 3. Marshall J. Williams of the Fred Harvey News Service was in Wichita today making arrangements for taking hundreds of photographs for use on postcards and in booklets descriptive of Wichita. These cards and booklets will be placed on sale at the new Union Station. Only new photographs will be used by the Harvey company.

13. The railroads plan to spend $100,000 expanding their yards south of Douglas when the Union Station is occupied. Details.

Wednesday, October 15, 1913
page 1. The Union Station will be opened informally tonight at 8:30. The first train will pass over the elevated tracks at 9:30 p.m. The lights in the old Santa Fe passenger station will be turned off at 8:30 p.m. when they are turned on in the new station. The old station will be torn down at once. The new station and elevated tracks are not finished, but one track and the west upper wing of the station are ready for use. The Santa Fe is using three rooms for ticket offices, waiting and retiring rooms. They will be used for storage when the station is completed.

6. Report of death at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, of Wichita pioneer, John Knoffloch (sic), yesterday at age 80. He was builder of house for William Griffenstein and was a carpenter. Survived by wife, four sons and one daughter (named -- three of the sons are in Wichita).

Thursday, October 16, 1913
page 10. Report the first passenger train over the elevated tracks, Santa Fe No. 118, engine No. 1433, engineer Lepper and fireman W. B. Chambers. There are two tracks in use, a main track and a work track. Details. (“Red Fire and Cheering Citizens Welcomed First Elevated Train”)

11. Photograph of plane of aviator C. V. Cessna, trying out Walnut Aviation Field, where he will make flights Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. This picture was taken Tuesday afternoon.

Friday, October 17, 1913
page 7. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement for the C. V. Cessna exhibition flights.

Saturday, October 18, 1913
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1. The Fall Fair ends tonight. Record of daily attendance this year and last. Total first eight days was 53,342 this year and 51,746 last year. Details.

Monday, October 20, 1913

8. A. J. Christman and S. B. Amidon became owners of the Winne Building Saturday for $90,000. The former owners were Emory J. and Laura D. Street, of Kansas City.

Tuesday, October 21, 1913

1. Discussion of possible extension of interurban to Hutchinson. Says it would cost about $460,000 to extend the line, but earnings of the present line indicate it would be a good investment.

Wednesday, October 22, 1913

3. Contract for paving Hillside from 9th to 11th has been let. The street car track, which now runs along the parking by the cemetery, will be placed in the center of the street, a switch being provided at the hilltop.

11. Men are in Wichita to make plans for the proposed mausoleum at Highland Cemetery. The building is to be started about April 1.

Monday, October 27, 1913

3. The Santa Fe Railway began to clear the way this morning for completion of the pavement and subway at Douglas Avenue. One surface track was removed today and by November 10 the Santa Fe expects to have all trains running over the elevation so that the remaining surface tracks may be taken up.

Wednesday, November 5, 1913

5. Building permit issued yesterday for a $50,000 poultry and egg packing plant on northeast corner of Waterman and Mosley, to be built by Charles Phillips of the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating Company and to be completed by April 1. ¶ To be three stories and 100 by 130 feet.

Thursday, November 6, 1913

8. Newton is to have a Christmas gift from the Arkansas Valley Interurban in the shape of a new depot. It will be 25 by 50 feet, one story, brick. Building to be designed by A. A. Crowell and will cost about $6000.
4. Report says Atchison is involved in a 21 million dollar merger proposed by the McKinley Syndicate and the Western Railways and Light Company, which operates utilities in many Illinois, Missouri and Kansas cities. A St. Louis dispatch states that the Illinois company has common stock outstanding of $9,990,900 and preferred of $6,820,200. The Western Company has $4,521,800 common stock and $3,169,000 preferred. ¶ The Western’s chief property is the Chicago, Ottawa, and Peoria Railway Company, which operates an electric line 107 miles long from Princeton to Joliet, Illinois, with branches. Three of the companies controlled by the Western Company are not in Illinois. These are the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, with 30 miles of track and 75 cars, the Jefferson City Light, Heat and Power Company, which supplies gas and electricity to Jefferson City and furnished current for operation of the street railway, and the Atchison Railway, Light and Power Company, which serves Atchison, Kansas. ¶ The McKinley System owns the Topeka Street Railway and Electric Light Plant. The two merging companies have virtually the same management and majority ownership.

Saturday, November 8, 1913
3. Santa Fe roundhouse and yard equipment was moved to the new $300,000 quarters near 29th Street today, which were completed this week. The new roundhouse contains twelve stalls.

Wednesday, November 12, 1913
8. Corner stone of the $50,000 Gill Building at 243 North Emporia was laid this morning.

   The Rumely Building at 1st and Rock Island Avenue will be completed December 1 at cost of $120,000.

Thursday, November 13, 1913
1. Drawing of proposed new First Church of Christ, Scientist, to be built on North Lawrence. Article with details.

   Reorganization of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad is to be proposed in Federal court in Kansas City today. Details.

6. A certificate increasing the capital stock of the Midland Valley Railroad from ten million dollars to $21 million was filed in Ft. Smith this week.

9. Prank played by Fairmount students on “stub” car from cemeteries to college Tuesday night. Details.

Friday, November 14, 1913
4. Article about proposal for reorganization of the Orient Railroad. Details.

6. No Santa Fe track crosses Douglas Avenue at street level now. They all cross on the elevated. The last surface level Santa Fe track was torn up today.

Saturday, November 15, 1913

5. Polk-McAvoy Directory Company canvassers are taking names for the new city directory.

8. Photograph of track level of new Union Station.

Wednesday, November 19, 1913

3. Editorial on Lincoln’s Gettysburg address.

Thursday, November 20, 1913


Saturday, November 22, 1913

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, November 26, 1913


Friday, November 28, 1913

1. Charter granted at Topeka today to the Wichita Flour Mills Company, with capital of $100,000. Expects to have 1000 barrels per day flour mill ready by next summer. The company has an option on the Nevling Elevator and the ground formerly owned by the Nevling Elevator Company on the Santa Fe tracks at 17th Street. Details.

Saturday, November 29, 1913

1. Article says the new Wichita Flour Mills Company has completed the purchase of the site for its mill. The tract contains 40 lots, or about five acres between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks on 17th Street. The Nevling Elevator is part of the purchase and stands on the southwest corner of the land. The balance of the land is known as the Reiz and Strunk tract. It extends 350 feet south of 17th Street, taking in Vine Street, which has been vacated. The mill will front on 17th Street. The Red Star Mill has a lease until May 1
on the Nevling elevator. Cost is said to be $25,000 to 30,000.

**Monday, December 1, 1913**

5. Article about Bishop John J. Hennessy, who was consecrated Bishop of Wichita 25 years ago yesterday. Details and history. Photographs.

**Tuesday, December 2, 1913**


**Friday, December 5, 1913**

8. Report of death yesterday of Samuel H. Hoover, age 69, Sedgwick County pioneer and planter of Hoover’s Orchards, at his home, three and a half miles west on Central Avenue. Obituary.

**Monday, December 8, 1913**

10. Contract let Saturday to J. M. Denny, of Wichita, for Wichita Hospital’s $60,000 addition, and work started this morning. To be 40 by 118 feet, five stories, of brick, 40 feet west of the present building. Details.

**Thursday, December 11, 1913**

5. Four men arrived in Wichita this week to inspect and make whatever changes are necessary in the six new street cars recently received from St. Louis. They are M. F. Kirschke, representing the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which built the trucks of the new cars, and M. Childs, of St. Louis, and Frank Rossman and J. M. Capron, of Kansas City. The last three named represent the Westinghouse Company.

6. The rear vestibule of southbound Stock Yards street car 201 was struck by a Missouri Pacific train yesterday afternoon at the 14th Street crossing and one of the standards that sustains the roof of the rear vestibule was carried away. Twelve passengers aboard, but no one injured. Motorman was Otis Boone and conductor P. M. Binford.


**Saturday, December 13, 1913**

2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
8. The buffalo “Beacon” at Riverside Park zoo, having become cross and potentially dangerous was killed (today?) and his meat will be sold from the Dold Packing Company. Total amount was 2050 pounds and dressed weight 1102 pounds. Details.

**Monday, December 15, 1913**

5. Petition for better Fairmount street car service presented to city commission today, asking fifteen minute service instead of 30 minute, etc.

**Tuesday, December 16, 1913**


**Wednesday, December 17, 1913**

4. Article by Park S. Warren about taxes accessed against Wichita street railways. Details.

6. Article says the Midland Valley Railroad motor car between Wichita and Arkansas City has not been paying its expenses and is probably going to be taken off this run and operated between Tulsa and Muskogee.

**Saturday, December 20, 1913**

5. C. R. Lewis, superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, has returned from a visit to his old home, Marshall, Missouri.

**Tuesday, December 23, 1913**


6. Report of robbery of the motorman of a west Riverside street car at 9:15 p.m. yesterday, the third hold up of a Riverside street car in the last few months. Details. Motorman was Harry Hargett.

**Tuesday, December 30, 1913**

4. Building permits in Wichita this year total $1,083,415.

**Wednesday, December 31, 1913**

6. The second main track on the elevation has been completed.