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

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1914 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon
Thursday, January 1, 1914
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2. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement with photograph of car 208.

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3. Four tracks have now been built over the elevation and workmen yesterday began building the other two main line tracks from Central Avenue.

Saturday, January 3, 1914
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5. Chronologic list of local events in 1913.

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5. W. H. Bretch, of Dilday and Bretch, was appointed receiver for the Aylesbury Mercantile Company by Judge Pollock. The company accepted receivership last Thursday.

The Midland Valley Railroad has agreed to continue its motor car between Wichita and Arkansas City until June 30 because of promises of increased patronage. If this does not occur, it will be discontinued at that time.
Monday, January 19, 1914

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement giving street car schedules.

4. The Kansas Gas and Electric Company today closed a five year lease on that portion of the Whitlock Block not now occupied by the company. The building is at corner of Main and English and is three stories. Details. The company already occupies all the ground floor and the north half of the second and third floors of the 50 foot building.

Wednesday, January 21, 1914

1. Report of death yesterday of A. W. Oliver, former Wichita lumberman and banker, at Decatur, Illinois of apoplexy at age 66. He has lived in St. Louis since 1896 and was a brother of Frank W. Oliver, of Wichita. He started lumber yard in Newton in 1871 and moved to Wichita in 1872. Survived by wife, and one son, Stamper Oliver. Another son, Max, died while on a visit to Wichita about two years ago. Further obituary. Photograph.

3. Contracts have been let for the new flour mill of the Wichita Flour Milling Company on 17th Street between the Rock Island and Santa Fe railways. To have capacity of 1000 barrels per day and cost about $100,000. Details.

Thursday, January 22, 1914

5. The Mexican village on the Santa Fe near Kellogg Street must be moved farther south to make way for the new railroad yards there. Details.

Friday, January 23, 1914

12. The Santa Fe Railway’s station at Derby is moving. Ever since the town was established 40 years ago the station has been several blocks away from the business section.

Monday, January 26, 1914

5. The interlocking system for the elevated tracks is progressing rapidly. The tower north of Central Avenue soon will be completed. The Frisco and Rock Island connection belts have been completed, and the interlocking system should be completed by the latter part of February.

6. Message of condolence received from M. W. Levy by Frank W. Oliver regarding death of A. W. Oliver. Includes text.

Tuesday, January 27, 1914
3. The YWCA yesterday purchased a 50 foot site at 140 North Topeka as the location for a $50,000 YWCA administration building. Cost was $9000. Property purchased from James Allison. Offices presently are at 133 North Market. Details.

Oscar Z. Smith was today appointed trustee of the bankrupt Cox-Blodgett Company. Details.

5. Orient Railroad is to be sold at a receiver’s sale in Wichita in April or May. Details. The reorganization committee is composed of English capitalists who have raised six million dollars of the fifteen million dollars necessary to take the road out of receivership.

Saturday, January 31, 1914

5. Report of death today of J. R. Van Zandt, age 77, at his home, 1327 North Topeka. Had been implement dealer for 48 years and was president of the Peru-Van Zandt Implement Company of Wichita and Hutchinson. Came to Wichita in 1876. Survived by two sons and one daughter (named). Further obituary.

Monday, February 2, 1914

3. City commission today passed resolution by Commissioner James Murry demanding that the street railway company report the operating expenses and earnings of the Wichita property for the past five years. Said the franchise of the company provides that when the city has a population of 40,000 a detailed statement of expenses and earnings shall be filed annually with the city clerk, and that the population of Wichita reached 40,000 in 1909.

E. J. Ohmer, manager of the Hamilton Hotel, has taken a lease on the Acacia Hotel, in the Daisy building at 115-117 South Topeka, and is considering addition of a fourth story to the building. He will take charge February 15 and will also continue management of the Hamilton. J. E. Owens and E. A. Owens, who have been proprietors of the Acacia, will retire to a farm.

Thursday, February 5, 1914

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, February 10, 1914

6. City commission yesterday ordered city engineer to prepare plans and estimates for a new bridge to replace the old Woodman bridge, which collapsed a year ago.

The 1914 City Directory is in the hands of the printer.

Approximately five miles of street pavement was added in Wichita in 1913, making a total of 67 miles.
Wednesday, February 11, 1914
page 5.
Report of Paderewski’s concert at Forum last night.

Saturday, February 14, 1914
page 16.
Photograph of J. Earl Schaeffer, who is appearing in the high school class play next week.

Wednesday, February 18, 1914
page 5.
Article about deeds of many Wichita lots in 1889 to the Peal Investment and Improvement Company of St. Louis to raise $300,000 for Wichita improvements. Details.

Thursday, February 19, 1914
page 5.
The new Kansas state motor car tags, available after July 1, will have white enamel letters on a blue background.

The new three story $50,000 packing plant for Swift and Company at Waterman Street and Mosley is under construction and will be ready for occupancy in April.

6.
City commission has decided to repair the wooden bridges in the city: Maple Street, Seneca Street, Central Avenue, Murdock Avenue, 11th, 13th, and 18th Streets. The 11th Street bridge has been closed to traffic for more than a year.

Tuesday, February 24, 1914
page 3.
The new Dockum-Tilford drug store at 400 East Douglas is to be opened tomorrow. Article with report February 25, page 9. Details.

Saturday, February 28, 1914
page 4.
The Globe Clothing store was purchased yesterday by Robert McVicar, John H. Howard, and John Millhaubt. Located at 210-212 East Douglas. Will continue to be known as The Globe. Details.

Monday, March 2, 1914
page 1.
Article about plans for Union Station opening Friday night.

6.
Article gives history of old Oak Street union depot. Says Frisco bought it and moved it to Douglas avenue and later moved it down into their yards on south side as a storage building.

Tuesday, March 3, 1914
Photograph of new Union Station. Article about grand opening Friday night.

Announcement of resignation of Dr. Henry E. Thayer as president of Fairmount College. Will return to private life as head of Thayer Ranch Company, with a home near Mulvane. Details.

Wednesday, March 4, 1914

Trains of all four railroads will use the elevated tracks beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

Thursday, March 5, 1914

The Rock Island and Frisco tracks across Douglas Avenue will be torn up next week.

Friday, March 6, 1914

Another article about tonight’s grand opening of the Union Station.

Photograph of Douglas avenue with Union Station and train on elevated tracks.

Saturday, March 7, 1914

Report of banquet at Union Station last night. Details.

Monday, March 9, 1914

The new Union Station is now in use.

Tuesday, March 10, 1914

Article about several Wichita doctors fined in Federal Court for mail fraud, etc., including Dr. Raymond C. Clapp, F. E. Tipton, J. K. Dorsey, etc. Details.

The new City Directory will be distributed the first of next week. Details.

The Railway Age Gazette for week of March 6 has article about Wichita’s new Union Station with photographs and track plans.

Thursday, March 12, 1914

Station Master John Mahaney says the exit directly from platforms to Douglas Avenue at Union Station will not be used unless traffic is too heavy to pass through the station. Otherwise the turnstiles will be locked and both outgoing and incoming passengers will
reach Douglas Avenue through the station, eliminating the use of extra men on Douglas Avenue subway.

Friday, March 13, 1914

Superintendent Lewis of street railway objects to the closing of the street exits from the track elevation at the Union Station, saying that the street car company agreed in good faith to make provisions for the cars to stop at the streets exits and spent several hundred dollars putting in platforms, stairways, lights, etc. for this purpose.

Saturday, March 14, 1914

Board of education yesterday voted to establish an intermediate school in Wichita. Details.

Tuesday, March 17, 1914

Stakes were placed today for the palatial Carthage sandstone residence to be built for Mr. Henry Lassen at southwest corner of 3rd and Belmont at cost of about $50,000. Architect is F. E. Parker, of Kansas City. Details.

Wednesday, March 18, 1914

Several of the street cars were equipped yesterday and today with signs in the side windows similar to the end signs, indicating the line on which the cars run. All the other cars will have such signs soon, according to C. R. Lewis, superintendent.

Thursday, March 19, 1914

Local freight offices of the Rock Island have been moved to the old passenger station.

Saturday, March 21, 1914

O. A. Boyle today sold his interest in the Interurban Construction Company to George Theis, Jr., and resigned as general manager of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company. He will continue as a director of the company, but his active duties will be assumed by Mr. Theis and by Mr. Bell, the superintendent. Mr. Theis, who now owns a controlling interest in the stock of the road, intends to complete the line to Hutchinson in the near future, and also figures on building it to McPherson and then to Salina.

Tuesday, March 24, 1914

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
4. Superintendent L. W. Mayberry discusses his plan for intermediate schools in Wichita. Details.

**Wednesday, March 25, 1914**


Plans will be finished April 15 for the $30,000 Emporia Avenue addition to St. Francis Hospital. Architect is C. W. Terry. To be three stories, brick, and front 115 feet on Emporia and extend back 91 feet to the main building. Will have 75 rooms.

**Friday, March 27, 1914**

8. Traces of Rock Island and Frisco crossings on Douglas Avenue are being blotted out with new sidewalks and paving. Both roads will build bumping posts near Douglas Avenue on the north and south switch tracks to keep cars or engines from jumping over the street.

9. Within two or three weeks the last horses at the Central Fire Station will give way to the motor. Nine horses are being offered for sale by Chief Walden. Six horse now at Central Station will be transferred to outlying stations. Details.

**Saturday, March 28, 1914**

1. List of major buildings that will probably be built in Wichita this year -- total over $1,000,000.


8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

14. Drawing of proposed new St. Mary’s Convent on East Lincoln Avenue to replace the building that burned in September 1913. Architect is A. A. Crowell. Contract to be awarded soon. Article with details.
Dr. A. L. Crittenden, a physician and surgeon from the Cook County Hospital of Chicago, today leased suite 721 at the Beacon Building. He came to Wichita this week.

Friday, April 3, 1914


12. Advertisement says the illustrated Fred Harvey book on Wichita is sold at the Fred Harvey stand in the Union Station for 25 cents.

Saturday, April 4, 1914

1. O. W. Jones, former Sedgwick County treasurer, was arrested today for alleged shortage of over $20,000 in the accounts during his term of office. Details and photograph.

Wednesday, April 8, 1914


Thursday, April 9, 1914

3. Contract awarded today for the new $50,000 Mount St. Mary’s Convent building for the Sisters of St. Joseph to the H. I. Ellis Construction Company. To be 136 by 120 feet and completed within eight months.

Saturday, April 11, 1914

8. The assets of the bankrupt Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company will be sold at public auction April 16. Details.

Tuesday, April 14, 1914


8. The “Watch Wichita Win” sign at Douglas and St. Francis will probably be relighted at the city’s expense. This request was received by city commission today from the Business Association.

Wednesday, April 15, 1914

5. The April number of the Rock Island Employes’ Magazine carried a detailed account of the dedication and opening of Wichita’s Union Station. Article has nine pages with several photographs.
Thursday, April 16, 1914
page
3. Assets of the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company were sold at auction today to Joseph M. Schaap of New York City for $55,000. Details.

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement saying the North Riverside bridge is to be repaired and stub service from the end of the line to the bridge will be maintained for a few days.

Wednesday, April 22, 1914
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11. Advertisement offering the Howard Mills Company plant for sale. At 350 West Douglas. Capacity 265 barrels per day. Located about 150 feet east of east end of Douglas Avenue bridge. Plant is running under a lease which expires soon.

Friday, April 24, 1914
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1. Five batteries of U.S. 6th Field Artillery will pass through Wichita tomorrow morning on their way from Ft. Riley to the Mexican border.

Saturday, April 25, 1914
page
5. Central fire station is being remodeled from a stable to a garage. The last horse disappeared from the station a few days ago and there are now six motor vehicles at the station. Details.

11. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, April 28, 1914
page
8. S. B. Amidon has become owner of the equity in the building formerly used by the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company at 217-37 South Market. Details.

Wednesday, April 29, 1914
page
6. The Incandescent Light and Supply Company will be merged into the Coleman Lamp Company effective May 1. Former company organized in Wichita in 1903, three years after the Hydro-Carbon Light Company, now the Coleman Lamp Company. It has rented the Yungmeyer Building at 120-122 North Market, and the mantel making department will be moved from 125 North Market to that building at once.

Thursday, April 30, 1914
page
3. The Board of Trade rooms in the Sedgwick Block are to be remodeled at once. Details.
Friday, May 8, 1914
page 10. The automatic interlocking system at the north end of the Wichita Union Terminal Railway tracks will begin operation on Monday. The automatic electric interlocking system at the south side tower will be completed next month.

Saturday, May 9, 1914
page 4. Article about preparations for the summer season at Riverside park. Details.

Thursday, May 14, 1914
page 1. The east (corner) 50 feet of the Manhattan Hotel building was purchased today by M. Cliff Naftzger for $96,500 from Edward Mancourt, of Detroit, Michigan, trustee for the heirs of the Robert M. Black estate, which owned a share in the hotel. John P. Johnson and Mason S. Nevins, of this city, each own one-half of the west 50 feet of the building. Details.

Tuesday, May 19, 1914
page 9. List of the Wichita schools with number of rooms and valuation of land, buildings, and personal property.

11. Maple Grove Cemetery’s $50,000 mausoleum will be started June 1. To be 40 by 105 feet. Details.

Thursday, May 21, 1914
page 3. Excavation for the St. Francis Hospital’s $70,000 Emporia Avenue addition will be finished this week and erection of the building will be started. It is to be ready for occupancy by November 1.

11. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

16. The Union State Bank has taken a long term lease on the corner room in the Barnes Building now occupied by M. O. Stanley’s jewelry store. After remodeling, the Union State will move to its new home the first of next November. The bank was organized in 1906 as the Gold Savings State Bank and in 1912 the name was changed to the Union State. It at present occupies temporary quarters in the Sedgwick Block, at 1st and Market.

Saturday, May 23, 1914
page 5. The new maternity addition to the Wesley Hospital, consisting of eight rooms, will be dedicated next Tuesday afternoon.
Wednesday, May 27, 1914

6. City attorney filed application for writ of mandamus in district court today to compel the Wichita Railroad and Light Company to report to the city a statement of its operating expenses and earnings for the years 1910 through 1913. Details.

Thursday, May 28, 1914

3. Six new street cars are soon to make their appearance on the lines in this city. Using the steel frames of half a dozen cars that have become worn, the company is rebuilding the cars after the pattern of the new Riverside cars now in use. C. R. Lewis, local superintendent, and A. M. Patten, general manager, had a conference Tuesday and decided that the cars could be rebuilt in the company’s shops here in Wichita. An order has been sent out for material, and when it arrives the cars will be dismantled and rebuilt at once. The cars to be rebuilt are of the series numbering 142 to 152 and will be used on the Cleveland Avenue line.

6. M. Cliff Naftzger today deeded his Manhattan Hotel property to his father, L. S. Naftzger, and filed it for record with the register of deeds. Price was $96,500.

7. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.

Tuesday, June 2, 1914

4. Excavation will be started at once for Maple Grove Cemetery’s new mausoleum.

Harvest Section

4. Photograph of sand boat on Arkansas river.

5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Friday, June 5, 1914

4. The cornerstone of St. Paul’s African Methodist Episcopal church at Water and Elm is to be laid next Sunday. The basement and foundation have been completed and now the congregation is preparing to erect the superstructure. Details. Report June 8, page 8.

Friday, June 12, 1914

9. Report of death yesterday of John Noble, Sr., at his home at 1029 North Market at age 72. Wife Elizabeth survives. Came to Wichita 42 years ago. Owns several store buildings (listed) and residences. Was the father of John Noble, Jr., the artist, who is in Paris. Has one other son, Arthur, of Wichita, and two daughters, Mrs. L. B. McCausland, of Wichita, and Mrs. C. P. Fullington, of New Orleans.
Saturday, June 13, 1914

4. F. C. Hoyt, of Cestos (sic), Oklahoma, has purchased a controlling interest in the Union State Bank from J. S. Corley, and has also purchased the Corley College Hill residence. Cost was $50,000. Mr. Hoyt will move to Wichita next fall. Details.

Tuesday, June 16, 1914

6. Article with details of John Noble’s will. Estate worth at least $100,000. Wife, Elizabeth, is executrix.

9. The city engineering department started work this morning on rebuilding the 11th Street bridge over the Little Arkansas River. The bridge has not been used for about two years. It will take about two weeks to complete the repairs, which will cost approximately $1500.

Wednesday, June 17, 1914

4. The Wichita and Western branch of the Santa Fe will be shortened by “cuts” this year that will eliminate several curves. Twenty thousand dollars is to be spent on this branch, and the ditcher was sent to Goddard this week for the first cut.

Thursday, June 18, 1914

6. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, June 23, 1914

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Wednesday, June 24, 1914

1. Drawing of the new YWCA building to be built at 140 North Topeka. Architect is Henry S. Conrow. Details.

Thursday, June 25, 1914

5. N. F. Vilm, of Winfield, has purchased the Howard Mills and will take charge of them August 1st. J. E. Howard, the founder, operated the mills for eighteen years. For several months past, the Howard Mills have been operated by the Wichita Milling Company, which is now completing its modern mill in the northern part of the city.

Friday, June 26, 1914
1. George Theis, Jr., president, announced today that it is definitely decided that the Arkansas Valley Interurban is to be extended west from either Newton or Halstead beginning this fall. Details.

Monday, June 29, 1914
1. Article says Rock Island plans to build a new $130,000 freight depot at Douglas and Mead and that plans have been completed. Details.

Tuesday, June 30, 1914
8. Mrs. Yvonne Navas filed suit today for divorce from Rafael Navas, alleging cruelty, non-support, and adultery. They were married in Wichita in 1908 and have one son, John, age four and a half. Details.

Friday, July 3, 1914
3. The new addition to St. Francis Hospital extending to Emporia Avenue will be finished about November 1, according to Architect C. W. Terry. The next addition to St. Francis, in two or three years, will replace the original section of the building extending from the St. Francis Avenue entrance north to Ninth Street. This is now used largely as a dormitory and the old chapel also, which has been replaced by a newer one.

Saturday, July 4, 1914
7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Monday, July 6, 1914
1. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad was sold for $6,001,000 to the reorganized Orient Company this morning from the west steps of the Sedgwick County court house. A. M. Wickwire, of New York, representing English capitalists and bondholders in the former company, made the only bid. Article with details. (“Orient Sells for $6,001,000”)

Tuesday, July 7, 1914
6. Another article about Orient Railroad reorganization. The three construction companies which built the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient and went into bankruptcy with the road were auctioned off at Kansas City today for five cents on the dollar to the same stockholders committee which bought the railroad yesterday. Bids were: Union Construction Company, $50,000, International Construction Company of Delaware, $85,000, and the International Construction Company of Texas, $10,000. Details. Application for charter for the reorganized company has been filed in Topeka.

Wednesday, July 8, 1914
George Theis, Jr., president of Arkansas Valley Interurban, held conference yesterday with Emerson Carey, president of the Hutchinson street railway system, regarding agreement for Arkansas Valley Interurban to enter Hutchinson over street railway system. Arkansas Valley Interurban plans to extend line from Halstead to Hutchinson soon. Details.

Thursday, July 9, 1914

E. Dickinson, president of the new Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company, is moving the office of general manager, which has been in Wichita since the receivership, back to Kansas City, where it was formerly when Mr. Dickinson was general manager. M. J. Kennelly has been general manager of the company under the receivership.

Advertisements of candidates for county offices, with photographs.

Monday, July 13, 1914

The 11th Street bridge across the Little Arkansas river was opened for traffic Saturday following repairs after it was closed for a number of months.

Tuesday, July 21, 1914

The South Side interlocking system for railroads entering the Union Station is completed and will be in use Wednesday.

Wednesday, July 22, 1914

The street car company is ready to make a financial report to the city for the years 1912 and 1913. Details.

Thursday, July 23, 1914

Article about taxes paid by street car company. Details.

The I. W. Gill undertaking establishment today received its first motor funeral cars. Details.

Saturday, July 25, 1914

Long article about the Anthony and Northern Railway which is being built by Hutchinson people. Company was organized in December 1912 and construction started quickly from Pratt in May 1913. Eight-one days later the first train reached Iuka, six miles north. On June 15, 1914 construction resumed, and July 22, 38 days later, the track was completed to the new town of Strickler, in northern part of Pratt County. Details.
9. The new moving picture house at 118 East Douglas, the Holland Theater, owned by John G. Holland, is having the finishing touches put on and will open on Monday, July 27. Admission will be 5 cents. John G. Holland recently moved here from Florida. Article with details. Large advertisement on page 11.

15. Wichita Railroad and Light Company financial report. Details.

**Monday, July 27, 1914**

1. Dr. Walter H. Rollins, pastor of largest Congregational Church in Waterloo, Iowa, has been appointed the new president of Fairmount College effective October 1. Details and photograph.

4. An employes’ benefit association has been set up for employes of Wichita Railroad and Light Company. Employes contribute 30¢ per month and this is matched by the company. Benefit of eight dollars per week paid for fourteen weeks in case of accident or illness, and $200 in case of death of a married man or $100 in case of death of single man.

**Saturday, August 1, 1914**

18. Oscar S. Shirk has purchased from Ben Eaton a half interest in the Hotel Eaton for $100,000. The deal was completed yesterday. No change will be made in the management, which is under lease to Horace Humphrey until 1930. Article with details. Photograph.

**Wednesday, August 5, 1914**

2. Wichita Railroad timetable.

**Friday, August 7, 1914**

3. Legal notification of annual meeting of the Wichita Cemetery Company, commonly known as Highland Cemetery, will be held September 9, 1914 in treasurer’s office, 125 South Main. John Davidson, president.

9. The $15,000 bond issue for a concrete bridge to replace the Woodman Bridge carried at Tuesday’s election by 3064 for to 2190 against.

**Saturday, August 8, 1914**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Wednesday, August 12, 1914**


9. Article says city and street railway company are discussing the possibility of eliminating the old street car bridge near the Woodman Bridge and running the street car line across the new Woodman Bridge. Nims Avenue has already been ordered opened through Central Riverside Park and the new bridge will be built in line with the street. Details.

Tomorrow is the day of the Old Settlers’ Reunion at Halstead, and the Arkansas Valley Interurban is preparing to put twelve cars in service early tomorrow morning, with hour service at Wichita, half hour service between Halstead and Sedgwick, and 20 minute service between Newton and Halstead.

**Wednesday, August 19, 1914**

6. Advertisement announcing that the Union State Bank will be open for business in its new quarters in the Barnes Building, at corner of Lawrence and Douglas, Monday, August 24, 1914.

**Thursday, August 20, 1914**

5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Saturday, August 22, 1914**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

6. The annual picnic of employees of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company will be held September 1 and 2, probably at Walnut Grove.

**Monday, August 24, 1914**

3. Full page advertisement with photograph of the new Daylight Mill of the Wichita Flour Mills Company, 17th and Santa Fe.

**Tuesday, August 25, 1914**

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company will probably pay one-third the cost of building the new Woodman Bridge if the street car track is built across the bridge. The company is badly in need of a new bridge at that point. With the building of a new bridge, a new street will also come. There has long been need of a north and south road through Central Riverside Park, and the city plans to build one at the time the bridge is constructed. It will run from Central Avenue to Murdock. At Murdock it will join with Nims Street, making a continuous road from Central to Ninth Street. The building of the road will cause many trees to be pulled up. It will also necessitate the moving of the park barn and will cut off part of the goats’ feeding lot.
The new “Daylight Mill” of the Wichita Flour Mills Company was opened little more than a week ago and is now turning out its full capacity of 1000 barrels per day.

**Wednesday, August 26, 1914**

5. Article says the street car company should donate 30 or 40 feet of its property along its right-of-way in Central Riverside Park for the new public road to be built from Central Avenue to Murdock, connecting with Nims at the north side of the park.

**Friday, August 28, 1914**

9. C. R. Lewis, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, commenting about objections to the street car company joining with the city in building new Woodman Bridge, says it is of very little concern to the street car company one way or the other and that the suggestion was made originally by the city and not by the street car company.

12. Photograph of German Methodist Church on Prince Street. Article with details.

**Saturday, August 29, 1914**

4. Advertisement says next phone directory of Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company will go to press September 1st.

13. Map of proposed location of new Woodman Bridge and extension of Nims Avenue through park. Details.

**Tuesday, September 22, 1914**

3. City commission voted yesterday to purchase a $7500 combination pump, chemical engine, and hose motor track for Fire Station No. 3, 1859 North Topeka, to be delivered in 1915. It will eliminate five horses and reduce the number of men at the station.

**Thursday, September 24, 1914**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Tuesday, September 29, 1914**

6. Observance of the Jewish holy Day of Atonement will begin tonight in Wichita at the Unitarian Church, at Central and Topeka. Details.

**Wednesday, October 7, 1914**

1. Wichita Fall Fair and Exposition opens today. Details.

**Thursday, October 8, 1914**

A special “Seeing Wichita” street car is being operated twice daily during the Fall Fair over all the company’s lines at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The car has a large “Seeing Wichita” sign on each side.

**Saturday, October 10, 1914**

The Arnold Auto Company has secured the agency for the Dodge Brothers’ car. Details.

**Saturday, October 10, 1914**

For the International Dry Farming Congress and 4th Annual Wichita Fair and Exposition:

- **B-4.** Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
- **B-6.** Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement with schedule.
- **B-7.** Photograph of City Hall and South Main Street.
- **B-8.** Photographs of three grade schools.
- **B-10.** Photograph of St. Francis Hospital.
- **C-6.** Photograph of L’Ouverture School.

**Tuesday, October 13, 1914**

Article lauding the Arkansas Valley Interurban. Details. Says fares have increased:

- 1911 - 254,000
- 1912 - 465,000
- 1913 - 478,000
- 1914 - so far, increase of 50,000 over same period last year.

**Friday, October 16, 1914**

A booklet on the history of Wichita has been published by the Eunice Sterling Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The first 1000 were received from the press today and are being sold by the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Forum. Details.

**Friday, October 23, 1914**
City commission yesterday accepted plans for the new concrete Woodman Bridge at estimated cost of $14,996 and ordered advertising for bids to be submitted by November 9.

Saturday, October 24, 1914

Long article about the Wichita Terminal Association which does the railroad switching in the North End. The predecessor Wichita Union Stock yards and Packing House Tracks Association was organized September 30, 1889. In 1909 the present Wichita Terminal Association was formed. Details. (“North Side has Free Switching”)

Monday, October 26, 1914

The new I. W. Gill Building at 245 North Emporia will be open for visitors this evening.

Tuesday, October 27, 1914

Article with some history and details regarding Union Station.

Friday, October 30, 1914

J. J. Jones announces plans to establish the Jones Motor Car Company of Wichita for manufacture of a six cylinder automobile. The first two cars are being built in Detroit as models and will be here soon. The company expects to have an output of about 1000 Jones Sixes during the next twelve months. Details.

Saturday, October 31, 1914

Political advertisement photograph of W. A. Ayres.

Tuesday, November 4, 1914

Results of election yesterday. Details.
5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.


Monday, November 9, 1914

9. J. J. Jones has purchased from Mrs. Cora E. Casey the three story, 50 foot building at 210-212 West Douglas for $30,000 as a factory for the “Jones Six” automobile. The first car will be finished about the 1st of January.

Wednesday, November 11, 1914

4. The street car company yesterday offered to pay the city $10,183.47 in gold in settlement of the city’s claim against their profits, but the city refused saying it must first see the figures on which the sum was based. Attorney Kos Harris and Superintendent Lewis could not do this, saying that the company’s books are in Illinois. Details.

5. District Court jury today affirmed the title of A. C. Means to Elba Island, in the Big Arkansas river, thus confirming the city’s ownership of the southern two-thirds or 23 acres of the property, which it bought from Mr. Means in 1911. Mr. Means had bought the island from Mrs. Mary Yike, and later L. A. Carpenter, original owner of the island, brought suit against Means, claiming that Mrs. Yike never held any title to the land. Elba Island is not an island at all, but is a strip of land containing about 30 acres along the west bank of the Arkansas River. It was once surrounded by water, but the narrow channel on the west side of that tract was long ago filled up with earth and drifting sand.

Saturday, November 14, 1914

13. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement (their first?).

Wednesday, November 18, 1914

1. Article says Orient Railroad plans to resume work on its branch line between San Angelo and Del Rio, Texas, and expects to complete it in twelve months. Details.

9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Company probably will ask the city of Hutchinson to vote at an early date on the proposition of issuing $30,000 in terminal aid bonds to be delivered when it begins operating into Hutchinson. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has already closed a contract with the Hutchinson Street Railway Company for the use of its track in entering the city, and a franchise to this effect will be asked of the Hutchinson city commission. The proposed extension from Halstead would be 22 miles long and would cost approximately $350,000. About half of the right of way has already been secured.
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5. Interview with C. R. Lewis, of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, who says the company does not wish to get into a controversy with the city. Detailed figures given regarding taxes paid by the company, etc.

11. Attractive post cards are being made for the Wichita Milling Company by the Western Lithograph Company showing a picture of the company’s “daylight mill.”

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5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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6. A. B. Duguid, commonly called Bert, is the oldest motorman with the Wichita Railroad and Light Company in point of service. He went to work for the company January 17, 1891. He runs about 100 miles per day in the average and works eleven hours a day and 28 days in a month. That would figure up to a total of about 806,400 miles of travel in 24 years, or 33 times around the world.

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14. Officers and members of executive committee of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway elected today at a meeting in New York. Listed. Chairman of board is Lord Monson, of London, representing the English stockholders. President remains Edward Dickinson, of Kansas City.

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2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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9. The Midland Valley Railroad’s motor driven train that has been operated southeast from Wichita is to be replaced by steam trains. The motor probably will be used in Oklahoma where the company has heavy local traffic.

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11. The street car company will distribute a ham and a pail of lard to each of its married employees for Christmas, and the wife of each employee will receive a piece of silver for her table. There are 175 married employees. Unmarried employees, of which there are only about a dozen, will receive some other suitable gift. Eight street car men have been
married during the past year. The street car boys have a pleasant way of giving one of their number who gets married a ride over town on the old work car “Mary Ann.”

Tuesday, December 8, 1914
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8. The Parrott Brothers paint and wallpaper store will move the first of the year from 153 North Main to 127 North Market to obtain more room. The latter building was recently vacated by the Fralick Barber Supply Company and is owned by J. L. Mead. The Jones-Weigand Tea and Coffee Company will move at the same time from 115 North Main to Dr. Bowers’ building at 120 North Market.

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13. The first “Jones Six” car has arrived in Wichita after shipment from Detroit where it was assembled as a standardized prototype model. The first car is expected to be turned out by the Wichita plant on January 5.

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3. The Wichita Democrat, owned formerly by Captain J. H. Shields and more recently by D. T. Armstrong, has been purchased by Park S. Warren, formerly of the Beacon. Details.

8. Mayor W. J. Babb today introduced resolution at city commission providing for an examination of the street car company’s books by an auditor to be employed by the city. The city clerk is to serve notice on the company within 30 days to produce its books for inspection.

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13. Article about dispute over ownership of the dry west channel of Arkansas River that used to form Elba Island.

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5. Photograph of Wichita’s first municipal Christmas tree, at 1st and Lawrence (on site of old Pratt Lumber Company yard).

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B-4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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Saturday, December 26, 1914

8. M. H. Rudolph plans construction of a building on South Lawrence adjoining the Brown Building, in 1915. To be 35 by 100 feet. Mr. Rudolph is from St. Louis.

Monday, December 28, 1914

1. Report that the Orient Railroad plans to withdraw from the Union Station because its passenger business does not justify the high costs of the Union Station and track elevation. Details.

Report of death of Arthur Noble Saturday afternoon from an accidental gunshot wound in the back from a shotgun while he, his brother, Miss Harriet and Miss Luella Morris, of Wichita, and Ira Syferd, a farmer of Bentley, were riding in a bobsled on the Syferd farm. Arthur was son of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Noble of 1303 River Boulevard. He was age 20. Max and Dorothy, younger than Arthur, are the other children in the family.

6. Arkansas Valley Interurban will pay regular $26,000 distribution to its bondholders on January 1 (semi-annual interest).

Wednesday, December 30, 1914

1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Victoria Murdock, widow of Colonel Marshall Murdock, at home of her son, Marcellus, 230 South Rutan, after a stroke twelve days ago. Would have been 74 on January 5. Born January 5, 1841 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Maiden name Victoria Mayberry. Married in Lawrence in 1863 and lived in Burlingame eight or nine years before coming to Wichita in 1872 with two children, Kate and Victor, in covered wagon. Survived by two sons, Victor and Marcellus, and one daughter, Mrs. Paul Eaton. Photograph and long obituary.

Thursday, December 31, 1914

8. W. J. Faulkner, former motorman, appointed assistant superintendent of Arkansas Valley Interurban.

10. New Santa Fe depot at Sylvia opens tonight.