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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1915 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

#### Friday, January 1, 1915

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3. Photograph of Citizens' Oil and Gas Company derrick which is prospecting for oil and gas six miles east of the city on Harry street.
4. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company will go to press with their next directory January 11.
6. Sixteen Wichita street car motormen and fifteen conductors will be awarded three days additional pay for having had no accidents at all in 1914. Details. Names listed -- includes Amos Grable and A. B. Duguid, motormen, and J. J. Stamps, conductor.

#### Saturday, January 2, 1915

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16. The Orient Railroad today served notice to Ransom Stevens, superintendent of the Wichita Terminal Association, that it will discontinue using the Union Station for its passenger business January 5. It is planned to temporarily use a passenger coach which will be placed by the freight station just east of the old Frisco passenger station. The change will save the Orient about \$20,000 a year.

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1. The last Orient train into the Union Station will be No. 2 Tuesday night. The Union Terminal Association is considering whether to contest this move by the Orient. Details.
8. Spring will see a \$50,000 mausoleum started in Highland Cemetery, which will contain 500 tombs.
10. Short article reports a decline in sale of post cards.

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5. Managers of St. Francis Hospital said today they expect to occupy the new Emporia Avenue annex within the next week.
8. President George Theis, Jr. says that if the terminal bonds are voted in Hutchinson the Arkansas Valley Interurban will start construction on its extension to that city as soon as the frost is out of the ground. ¶ "We have the money now," he said, and are assured of the financing necessary to build the extension from Halstead to Hutchinson.

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10. Over 250 Jones Six motor cars have been contracted for by Kansas dealers.
11. The Jones Six manufacturing will begin January 18, Mr. J. J. Jones said today, and deliveries will commence the following day. A car of motors is on the road and will arrive in Wichita Monday.

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3. The will of Mrs. Victoria Murdock divides her estate, valued at \$250,000, equally among her three children, Victor, Marcellus, and Mrs. Pearl Eaton. The *Wichita Eagle* printing business is to be continued by the trustees and is not to be sold for 25 years unless it ceases to be profitable. Details. The home property has 300 foot frontage on St. Francis and 150 feet on Murdock.

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4. The new mausoleum at Maple Grove cemetery will be completed within four weeks. It is of Carthage stone with panels of paving brick, 40 by 110 feet. Details.

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6. Tipton Cox, of the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company, now in bankruptcy, was arrested today on a charge of embezzlement, alleged to be \$46,000. Details. Photograph.

**Saturday, January 16, 1915****page**

10. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

**Monday, January 18, 1915****page**

1. Letter from A. M. Patten to city asking that the city file suit in court to settle finally the amount owing to the city by the street railway company. Details.

**Tuesday, January 19, 1915****page**

1.	Annual estimate of Wichita population:			
	June 1, 1900	24,671	July 1, 1912	59,232
	April 15, 1910	52,450	July 1, 1913	62,097
	July 1, 1910	53,037	July 1, 1914	64,972
	July 1, 1911	55,856	April 15, 1915	67,250.

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3. The Santa Fe plans to spend \$95,000 at Kiowa, Kansas for reconstruction of its yards and building of a new brick passenger depot there. Details.

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8. The Wichita Cemetery Company, which controls the Highland Cemetery, on Tuesday passed a regulation prohibiting burials there on Sunday unless death is by contagious disease and in case of extreme emergency. Details.

The M. Rumely Company of Indianapolis has applied for appointment of a receiver.

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12. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

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3. The new Mount St. Mary's Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph is to be dedicated by Bishop Hennessy Thursday, February 11. It is 132 by 146 feet and four stories, of brick with Silverdale stone trimmings, and cost \$70,000. Architect is A. A. Crowell. Details.

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4. Because of heavy freight business the Orient will change its passenger train leaving Wichita at 8:25 a.m. from the house track to the third track after Wednesday. This will allow the freight cars to be set out on the track next to the freight warehouse. A platform is being built the entire length of the freight depot.

**Wednesday, February 3, 1915****page**

1. Kansas Supreme Court today issued a writ of mandamus ordering the Wichita Railroad and Light Company to open its books to inspection by the City of Wichita by February 23, 1915. Details.
5. A Wichita visitor yesterday mistook a taxicab for a jitney bus and ended up paying \$1.50 for a ride to Fairmount College instead of the five cents he expected.

**Friday, February 5, 1915****page**

11. J. O. Davidson was taken to a local hospital today and is to be operated on for gallstones tomorrow morning. It is a recurrence of the trouble for which he was operated on about a year ago.

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3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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4. Two carloads more of material to be used in the construction of Jones Six cars arrived in Wichita Saturday and were unloaded today. This material was principally radiators, windshields, and tire carriers. There is now at the factory 20 carloads of material. The first of this week work will begin in earnest, with 60 to 100 men engaged.
5. J. J. Jones has leased the building of Morgan Brothers at 211-213 West Douglas, 50 by 120 feet and three stories, just across the street from the Jones Automobile Factory, for additional space for his business. Details.

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8. Article says J. Hudson McKnight has offered to sell 60 acres of the McKnight tract to the city for park purposes for \$98,000. Details and map.

**Thursday, February 11, 1915****page**

6. Report of dedication today of the new Mount St. Mary's Convent at 1400 South Hillside. Details. Drawing.
8. A grand jury today indicted E. Tom Blodgett and Tipton Cox on charges of forgery and embezzlement. C. V. Cox, a son of Tipton Cox, was indicted earlier this week.
9. Jones Six No. 1001, the first car made by the Jones Manufacturing Company, is owned by Boyd Newcom (sic), 810 South Topeka, who spoke for it when J. J. Jones first returned from the East several weeks ago. This car is now receiving the finishing touches in the factory and will be on display in the window within a day or two. Mr. Newcom has kindly permitted the car to be used for display purposes until another is available for that purpose. The first Jones Six to be actually delivered from the factory will go to the United Commercial Travelers of Wichita next week, to be disposed of by the traveling men for the benefit of the association. The first car to be delivered to a dealer will go to Frank Rice, of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

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6. An apartment house is to be built at once by Mrs. J. E. Cook at 910 North Lawrence. To be 32 by 46 feet, two stories, brick, and cost \$8000. Contract has been let.

**Monday, February 15, 1915****page**

6. Long letter from A. A. Hyde urging the city to buy the 60 acres of the McKnight tract offered for park purposes as a good investment. Details. ("Mr. Hyde on Park Proposition")

**Wednesday, February 17, 1915****page**

3. N. F. Farha, dry goods merchant, will erect a two story store building at 615-617 West Douglas, 50 by 75 feet, costing \$10,000, starting in two weeks.
8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company attorney, V. Harris, went to Topeka yesterday to present to the Supreme Court the company's side of the controversy with the city in which it is refusing to let the city examine its books. Details.

**Monday, February 22, 1915****page**

10. The foundations of the new Woodman Bridge will be completed this week and the abutment concrete will be poured the first week in March.

**Tuesday, February 23, 1915****page**

8. City commission today passed resolution to put the proposed purchase of 60 acres of the 140 acre McKnight tract to a vote at the primary election March 29. Details.

**Friday, February 26, 1915****page**

10. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.
11. Article about new municipal beach location on north bank of Little Arkansas river just west of the street car bridge, to be located on land owned by the Wichita Railroad and Light Company. Details.

**Saturday, February 27, 1915****page**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
15. Articles about the new Mount St. Mary's Convent at 1400 South Hillside, built at cost of \$70,000 and recently dedicated. Drawing and details.

**Monday, March 1, 1915**

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6. The new library will be ready for books April 1.

**Tuesday, March 2, 1915****page**

5. The depot of the Orient Railroad at Viola caught fire at 11:00 a.m. today and was completely burned. Value was about \$1200. Cause of the fire is not known.

**Wednesday, March 3, 1915****page**

4. Contracts for the new Webster School will be let in about three weeks. To have ten rooms plus combination auditorium-gymnasium and will cost about \$42,000. Architect is C. C. Crowell. Details.

**Thursday, March 4, 1915****page**

6. The new city directory will be ready for distribution in about two weeks.

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9. Dockum Kodak advertisement with prices.
11. Drawing of new mausoleum at Maple Grove Cemetery, which is now completed. Architect was Mr. F. Borgolte, with assistance of Wichita architect Mr. Conrow. Details.

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8. Report of death today at his home in Chicago, of William P. Carey, age 54, brother of Charles W. Carey and Joseph G. Carey, of Wichita (sons of John B. Carey). Also had two sisters (named).

**Wednesday, March 10, 1915****page**

4. Annual meeting of stockholders of the Riverside Club was held yesterday and a good year is expected. W. S. Henrion was re-elected president. Harry Stanley was elected vice-president and Frank Dunn, treasurer. The club has now about 250 members, with a limit of 400. Details.
6. Article says Orient Railroad is considering adding a second story to its freight depot on Douglas Avenue and then using the ground floor as a passenger depot and moving the freight depot to the second floor. The old passenger coach, which at present serves the road as a passenger station, is considered a joke, and as soon as the reorganization of the road is effected, something will be done to give the Orient a better passenger station.

The furniture for the new city library is being placed in the building.

10. Report of inauguration ceremonies of Dr. Walter H. Rollins as president of Fairmount College. Details.

Article about a suit filed in the bankruptcy proceedings of the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company. Details.

#### **Thursday, March 11, 1915**

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1. Professor Henry Samuels, Wichita "healer," sentenced to one year in jail and \$5500 fine on mail fraud charges. Details.
3. Further article on inauguration of President Rollins at Fairmount.
6. Advertisement says Golden Eagle store at 202 East Douglas, next door to Fourth National Bank, must be vacated Saturday, March 13 (the Fourth National has leased the additional space).

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8. A new front is being placed in the Spines Clothing Store building on West Douglas.
11. The Moore Building, under construction at 219 South Lawrence, 25 by 120 feet, has been leased for three years by the Fiske Rubber Company. It will be ready for occupancy April 1.

#### **Tuesday, March 16, 1915**

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9. A new trailer freight car has been received by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Company. The freight business has become so heavy that it could not well be handled by the regular cars heretofore used. Hereafter two cars will be run whenever there is a heavy run of freight.

The city will start digging several small islands out of the river west of the Griffenstein Bridge to provide work for men thrown out of employment by the severe weather. Details.

#### **Saturday, March 20, 1915**

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Annual Motor Car section with articles, advertisements, etc. -- beginning on page 17.

24. Article says Wichita has 109 electric cars. Owners listed. Includes D. M. Dale, J. O. Davidson, Dr. Horn, Dr. Dorsey, etc.

#### **Monday, March 22, 1915**

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8. Report of death yesterday in Chicago of former Wichita real estate man, Chester Firebaugh. He was also a lawyer. Left Wichita in 1895 and moved to Chicago.

**Thursday, March 25, 1915****page**

4. The old cannon which has been in Highland Cemetery for sixteen years is being painted. It was obtained by the Eggleston post of the Grand Army of the Republic from Boston and is a 32 pounder which was on one of Captain Lawrence's fighting ships on the Great Lakes in 1848. An adjacent article on same page discusses the 67 foot Grand Army of the Republic flag pole in Highland Cemetery.

**Friday, March 26, 1915****page**

1. Sam Amidon yesterday sold the former Cox-Blodgett building on South Market, which he purchased last March for \$50,000, to the Southwestern Drug Company for \$65,000.

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2. Advertisement with photograph of Home Undertaking Parlors, at 415 North Waco.
10. Five Jones Six cars have left the factory the past two days. Buyers listed. The cars are being turned out at the rate of two a day.

**Monday, March 29, 1915****page**

9. The old Auditorium Theater, which has been closed for two years, has been systematically looted of probably \$2000 worth of plumbing, electric wiring, light globes, and other fittings. In addition \$500 worth of scenery has been damaged by slashing. W. H. Rauch, who is agent for the building, says he has had it nailed up at least a dozen times only to have it broken open again by the vandals.

**Tuesday, March 30, 1915****page**

1. Report of results of city primary election yesterday. Details.
6. Hutchinson yesterday voted \$30,000 bonds in aid of Arkansas Valley Interurban to extend its line from Halstead to Hutchinson. Work will start at once and the line must be completed by December 29, 1915. Estimated cost of the extension is \$240,000. Details.

**Wednesday, March 31, 1915****page**

3. The Riverside Park greenhouse has been completed. It is 20 by 80 feet and located at the street car entrance to the Zoo Garden in Central Riverside Park.



5. F. G. Orr, bookstore proprietor has in his possession a picture of Douglas Avenue looking east from Main Street, taken in 1880, which he will frame and present to the new library.
8. Stacks in the Carnegie Library will be placed by the last of this week. There will be four floors of stacks to accommodate 45,000 volumes.

**Thursday, April 1, 1915****page**

6. D. Weaver, of Mankato, took charge of the lease and fixtures of the Pacific Hotel today, having purchased it from B. E. Shutt for \$10,000. The building belongs to Arthur Paulline and rents for \$350 per month.
7. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement regarding Easter schedules.
12. Announcement of informal opening of the new Carnegie Library to the public this Saturday. Details.

**Saturday, April 3, 1915****page**

15. A contract for 55,000 railway ties was closed yesterday by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Company. To be delivered in May and June for the Hutchinson extension. In addition, half of the rails for the extension have been purchased.

**Tuesday, April 6, 1915****page**

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.  
  
The Security State Bank will move about May 1st from its present location at Douglas and Washington to the Sim Building, 500 East Douglas, which it leased yesterday for ten years beginning May 1. Building will be remodeled before the bank moves. Details.
8. Note says Arkansas Valley Interurban has asked the city for permission to build a track from Market and 21st Street west to Mascot Avenue and thence north to the city limits.

**Wednesday, April 7, 1915****page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday. O. H. Bentley elected mayor over Charles D. Fazel. Details.
3. George Theis, Jr., president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company, and Charles H. Smyth, president of the Interurban Construction Company, left this morning for Chicago to buy steel rails and supplies for the 22 mile extension of the Arkansas Valley Interurban from Halstead to Hutchinson. Nearly all the right-of-way has been procured. Charles D. Bell, superintendent, stated that 117½ tons of rails are necessary to build a mile

of track, so the total to be purchased will be 3585 tons, equal to 65 car loads, not counting spikes, plates, etc.

9. Work is progressing on the new United Brethren Church at Ellis Avenue and Hyde Park. The foundation was laid last fall and work was resumed early in February. Details. Drawing.

#### **Thursday, April 8, 1915**

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3. Article about the new building to be erected for the Fourth National Bank. Plans submitted by Weary and Alfred, bank builders, of Chicago, have been accepted. To be 50 by 140 feet and five stories. Cost approximately \$125,000. Work of tearing down the Fuller Building just east of the present bank building will begin at once. Details.
4. Details regarding plans for grading the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension. Four grading gangs will be used, each with fifteen to 20 teams and 20 to 30 men. Work is to start in fifteen days and be completed in 60 days.

#### **Friday, April 9, 1915**

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11. Miss Kathryn A. Cossett has resigned as city librarian effective April 12. Said to be result of several controversies with city officials during building of the new library. Details.

#### **Saturday, April 10, 1915**

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1. Kansas Supreme Court has upheld will of Dr. Henry Wisner, wealthy Barber County land owner. Details. Had two sons by first marriage, Henry J. and Charles.
16. A number of photographs by Rogers showing progress of the Wichita Street Railroad from 1882 (sic) to 1915.

#### **Monday, April 12, 1915**

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9. The first public use of the new library was made today, when the auditorium was used by the City Federation of Women's Clubs for their April meeting. The official opening will be held in May.

#### **Tuesday, April 13, 1915**

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5. Report of death at Monrovia, California at age 31 of Clarence B. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Powell, of tuberculosis. Born at Table Grove, Illinois December 6, 1883 and came to Kansas with his parents at age three. Obituary and photograph.

10. A new creosoted wood bridge 60 feet long over Chisholm Creek on Washington Avenue near 20th Street, will be ready for crossing tomorrow. It is being built by the city engineer's department to replace an old, unsafe bridge and will cost less than \$400.

11. Article about one of the earliest baseball games in Wichita. Details.

Nickname of Wichita Western League team this year is the Wichita Wolves.

### **Wednesday, April 14, 1915**

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4. Robert B. Campbell, who retired as city commissioner of water and lights yesterday, will become general manager of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Construction Company and assistant to George Theis, Jr. in the Arkansas Valley Company. He will take charge of construction of the Hutchinson extension. He severed his connections with the interurban company when he became a city official but has been a director of the Construction Company.

### **Thursday, April 15, 1915**

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6. A crew of men started work this morning driving piling to repair and strengthen the street car bridge across Little River between Central and North Riverside Parks.

### **Friday, April 16, 1915**

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1. City commission today passed ordinance to condemn a strip of land for a boulevard along the north bank of the Little Arkansas River from the Woodman Bridge to Buffum Avenue. This property now belongs to the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, which offered to lease it to the city for ten years, but the commissioners preferred to buy the land. It will be a strip 50 to 60 feet wide and 1300 feet long, totaling one and a fourth acres. Appraisers appointed to set a value on it.

4. Work started today on Wichita's new municipal bathing beach just west of the north end of the Woodman and street car bridges. It will be 300 feet long and 75 feet wide. A pier sixteen by 40 feet will be built in the middle and a new bath house will be built with 130 lockers and dressing rooms giving capacity for 47 women and 78 men.

### **Monday, April 19, 1915**

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11. The Arkansas Valley Interurban is negotiating for purchase of the last four miles of the 22 mile right-of-way for the new extension from Halstead to Hutchinson.

### **Tuesday, April 20, 1915**

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1. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company was placed in the hands of receivers in U.S. Court in Chicago today. Details.

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5. Long article about the late Dr. Henry Wisner, with photograph and details.

**Thursday, April 22, 1915****page**

10. The new Kansas auto license tags are starting to arrive. They are yellow with letters and figures in black.

**Friday, April 23, 1915****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Louise M. Murdock, widow of the late R. P. Murdock, at age 57, of California. Born in New York in November 1857. Came to Wichita in 1871 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell was a pioneer queensware merchant. Married Roland P. Murdock in 1877. Had two sons, one of whom survives, R. P. Murdock, Jr., of New York. Other details.

**Saturday, April 24, 1915****page**

6. Details regarding will of Mrs. R. P. Murdock. Decoration business, etc., to secretary Elizabeth Stubblefield.

**Monday, April 26, 1915****page**

6. Report of Mrs. Murdock's funeral. Buried in Highland Cemetery.
8. Article about rapid growth of Riverside in last fourteen years (the part of the city lying west of the Little River and south of 13th Street). Assessor reports present population in the area is 714 including 107 of school age. Fourteen years ago the population was about 50. There are now 175 houses in Riverside which are homes for 196 families. Fourteen years ago there were only ten houses. There are now nine new houses under construction in Riverside.

**Tuesday, April 27, 1915****page**

2. The people of Wichita and Sedgwick County are buying about 100 new motor cars a month.

**Thursday, April 29, 1915****page**

6. The first dirt was turned yesterday on the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension from Halstead to Hutchinson. Graders began working west from Halstead. All but two miles of the right of way has been purchased.

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6. Article describes a new gasoline motor car especially built for the Anthony and Northern Railway from Pratt to Byers and which made its first demonstration trip yesterday. Seating capacity of 36. Details.
13. The Fourth National Bank will occupy temporary quarters in the Scheetz Building, southeast corner of Market and Douglas, beginning about middle of May, while its new building is being constructed.

**Saturday, May 1, 1915****page**

10. C. R. Lewis, local manager of the Street Railway Company, has just returned from his wedding trip.

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9. Within the next month the old Fourth National Bank Building is to be abandoned and razed to make way for the new bank building. This building was completed in 1887 by M. M. Fechheimer, then a prominent Wichita capitalist. At one time part of the room now used by the bank was used by the Rock Island for its city ticket office. In 1889 the Fourth National Bank purchased it for \$18,000. Further details.

**Friday, May 7, 1915****page**

1. Report of sinking of the *Lusitania* today. Details.
5. The Jones Motor Car Company has received the second consignment of 250 frames for Jones Six cars out of the first 1000 ordered, from the Eastern factory where they were made.
10. The jitney car is today officially recognized in Wichita's books. It's registered as a taxicab, but it's still a jitney. Wichita has nineteen jitneys registered. Each has paid \$5.00 for a half year's license to run as "autos for hire" under the old city taxicab ordinance. Each has agreed to wear a blue-figured license number, provided by the city, on the windshield beside the indication of its route. A new jitney ordinance is being considered by the city commission. Details. A San Antonio visitor said jitneys there were taking in an average of \$12.00 in an eighteen hour day, with expenses of about \$1.10 a day for gasoline and \$1.50 for tires and depreciation on the car.
13. I. M. Allen, principal of the Wichita High School for eight years, has resigned and plans to enroll in a two year course of further education at Columbia University this summer. Details.

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5. List of Wichita grade school teachers and their salaries.

**Saturday, May 15, 1915****page**

4. Contract has been let for a two story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, at southeast corner of Topeka and William, for the Wichita Undertaking Company. To cost \$33,000.
14. Walnut Grove Park has been leased for the summer from the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company by the Wichita Vinegar and Bottling Company.
16. Article says housing construction is very active in Riverside this spring. At least 20 new bungalows are under construction or just completed there. One reason is that formerly expensive lots there have come down to reasonable prices. ¶ Article lists a number being built, mainly on Buffum, Litchfield, Carter, and Spaulding, but including two six room bungalows on Woodrow for W. M. Howall and a six room bungalow on Coolidge for Dr. F. R. Weir and a five room cottage on Coolidge near Harrison for Joseph Bowman.
18. The new city library began checking out books and opened its reading room yesterday.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1915****page**

2. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
8. Article about the building boom on College Hill. Details. Names listed.  
  
Victor and Marcellus Murdock have purchased the building at 406-408 East Douglas from L. M. Miller for \$75,000. The lower floor of the three story building is occupied by the Novelty Theater and the Hockaday Auto Supply Company.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1915****page**

5. If weather permits, the new Woodman Bridge is expected to be opened to traffic this Sunday.

**Thursday, May 20, 1915****page**

2. Julius Lucht, of Chicago, has been chosen by the Wichita library board as the new city librarian at a salary of \$1200 a year. Details.
4. In the past five days, eight more jitneys have been added in Wichita, making a total of 34. ¶ On May 1, Wichita jitney service consisted of nineteen cars. Fifteen more have paid the \$5.00 license fee to the city since then. Each new jitney has taken a route to suit its driver.

5. Seven miles of the grade on the new Arkansas Valley Interurban extension has been completed. ¶ Five new members of the board of directors of the Arkansas Valley Interurban were named yesterday (listed).

**Friday, May 21, 1915****page**

11. Contract was let yesterday for the new Webster School for \$39,302. Work is to be started June 11 and completed in six months. Architects are Crowell and Van Meter. Details.

**Saturday, May 22, 1915****page**

4. St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church at Market and Eighth Streets is to be dedicated on Sunday, June 27. Work on the interior is now being completed. Photograph.

**Thursday, May 27, 1915****page**

4. Article about sale of tract on East Douglas, just east of Rutan, that was part of the land that gave rise to the name "College Hill" in the early days. Details. ("Historical Site on College Hill Sells for \$10,000")

**Friday, May 28, 1915****page**

1. Report says the Knights of Columbus are considering purchase of the old J. O. Davidson home in Riverside for use as a club house. Details.
10. Report of commencement exercises of Wichita High School at the Forum last night. One hundred eighty-six graduates, an increase of 51 from the 135 last year, which was the previous record size class of the high school. Details.

**Monday, May 31, 1915****page**

10. Long article giving history of early surveys and building of the Santa Fe Railroad in Kansas. Taken from May issue of the *Santa Fe* magazine. ("Railroad Building In Indian Days; How the Santa Fe came to Kansas")

**Tuesday, June 1, 1915****page**

1. City commission was asked today to compel jitney bus owners to install lights inside of them for the protection of young girls who ride in them.
5. The Guarantee Title and Trust Company was opened for business today on the first floor of the Beacon Building. Details.

**Thursday, June 3, 1915****page**

2. Report on progress of Arkansas Valley Interurban extension. The Hutchinson street railway company will build its Avenue A line on eastward for half a mile from the Larabee mill east along the mill to the half section line, where it will connect with the interurban company's line.
4. Article about William Griffenstein's donation of lots on East Douglas when the Santa Fe built into Wichita in 1872. Details.

**Friday, June 4, 1915****page**

8. A. M. Patten, general manager of the street car system, in Wichita today said there are now 59 registered jitney cars being operated in this city, and they are hurting the street car business considerably.

**Saturday, June 5, 1915****page**

14. The Fourth National Bank will move to its temporary quarters in the Scheetz Building tonight and open for business there Monday morning.

Article says the first court of this county convened on June 13, 1870, with Judge W. R. Brown presiding. He presided over the Ninth Judicial District, which comprised that part of the state lying south and west of Wichita. Later the Thirteenth Judicial District was formed here. Details.

**Monday, June 7, 1915****page**

1. Long article about prostitution being tolerated in Wichita with their women simply paying a monthly fine and staying in business. Details. ("Disorderly Girls Pay By The Month Under New System")
6. O. S. Shirk purchased the second half of the Eaton Hotel Building Saturday from Ben Eaton for \$100,000. He had previously bought one-half of the building one year ago. Horace Humphreys has the hotel leased for fifteen years.
8. Advertisement with photograph of hearse of the Home Undertaking Parlor, at 415 Waco Avenue.

**Wednesday, June 9, 1915****page**

4. The Knights of Columbus will occupy the old Pro-Cathedral Building for their club house at present. Details.
10. Full page Jones Six advertisement with photograph.



11. The Paige Building, at 518 East Douglas was purchased yesterday by Fred Farmer, of West Wichita, for \$18,000. It is a two story building occupied by the Yungmeyer Hardware Store.

Annual meeting of the Arkansas Valley Interurban was held yesterday. Members and directors of the company have taken up \$100,000 worth of bonds during the past few days, with the money to be used in construction of the line from Halstead to Hutchinson. It will be necessary to sell another \$150,000 of the bonds to finish the job, but it is believed buyers will be readily found. There was no change in the directorate or officers of either the Interurban or Construction Company at the meeting. Directors and officers listed.

### **Thursday, June 10, 1915**

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6. Report of a proposal to remodel the old Toler Auditorium and use it as a social center for working people, with club rooms, reading rooms, etc. Details.

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6. The Wichita police force have received new summer weight uniforms. They are two piece suits of navy blue color. Caps will be worn this summer instead of helmets, and they are different from anything ever worn by the Wichita police. They will have white canvas tops with blue bands and black visors.

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4. Long article about the history of the Fechheimer Building at Douglas and Market, which is being torn down for the new Fourth National Bank Building. Photograph. ("Faith In Future Seen in Wreck")

Drawing of new church to be erected by the Evangelical Association at Estelle and Waterman beginning July 1st at cost of \$20,000. Basement has already been built. Details.

15. Rails and ties have been ordered by the street railway company to rebuild two and a half blocks of the East Douglas line from a point near the old Rock Island depot to the east side of Washington Street. To be a double track.

### **Monday, June 14, 1915**

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6. The new Municipal Beach quarters were opened to the public yesterday. It is directly west of the street car bridge on the north side of the Little River and provides about two-thirds more accommodations than the old location.
9. Article reports the South St. Francis (or Tremont Street) houses are all closed up at present. Details. ("Curtains Are Low On Tremont Today")

**Tuesday, June 15, 1915****page**

1. The Standard Oil Company yesterday closed a ten year lease on the southeast corner of William and Water Streets and will erect a modern filling station on the 42 by 90 foot site. Details.
  
6. Report of Bar Association meeting yesterday with speech by the first District Court Judge in Wichita, W. R. Brown, with many reminiscences of the early days. Details. ("Sedgwick County Bar Held Anniversary")

Work started this morning on erection of the new women's dormitory at Fairmount College. To be three stories and cost \$12,000 and will be known as Holyoke Hall.

9. Twenty car loads of steel rails for the Hutchinson extension of the Interurban have been shipped from the mills. They will be delivered at Burrton. Charles D. Bell, secretary of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, has just returned from Duluth, Minnesota, where he just completed the purchase of a lot of 80 pound steel for the extension. This steel was made by the Algoma Steel Company, Algoma, Canada.

**Wednesday, June 16, 1915****page**

4. Contract let today for the new home of the Domestic Laundry at Douglas and Ellis. To be 125 by 120 feet. Architect is H. S. Conrow, of the Beacon Building. Cost \$22,500. Details.
  
11. Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company had 10,341 telephones in operation in Wichita on June 1, 1915. Over 700 were installed in the first six months of this year.

**Monday, June 21, 1915****page**

3. The new yellow and black Kansas auto license tags for 1915 will be worn beginning July 1st. Approximately 60,000 automobiles and 10,000 motorcycles will have been registered in Kansas in the license year ending June 30, 1915.

**Wednesday, June 23, 1915****page**

9. Steel rails and other material for the Arkansas Valley Interurban are being unloaded at Halstead and Burrton. Three sizes of steel are being purchased, some 70 pound but mostly 80 and 85 pound steel. The heaviest steel will be laid between Hutchinson and Burrton, for it is the intention to bring the trains of the Frisco, Midland Valley, and possibly the Orient Railways from Burrton to the East Hutchinson terminals by way of the interurban track.

**Thursday, June 24, 1915****page**

4. Contract was let Tuesday for the new Fourth National Bank Building to the Swenson Construction Company, of Kansas City, for \$109,072. With plumbing, wiring, heating, and fixtures, total cost is expected to be \$160,000. To be 50 by 131 feet. The old four story bank building on the site has just been wrecked to make room for it.

**Friday, June 25, 1915****page**

3. City commission yesterday received communications from the Rotary Club and the Wichita Club asking them to pass an ordinance regulating jitney buses on the streets of Wichita.

**Saturday, June 26, 1915****page**

10. Article about the first artificial stone building in Wichita, erected by James Dagner nearly 40 years ago at 115 North Main. It is now being remodeled and receiving a new front to replace the old stone front. Now it is the Mrs. Keck Building. The maker of the early day artificial stone was Martin Hellar, father of Fred Hellar. He also put up the old Russell Hall Block. Details. ("The Romance of Stone in Wichita")

Drawing of the new Domestic Laundry Building at Ellis and Douglas. Details.

12. Mrs. E. M. Dodd, of 303 Circle Drive, has refused an offer of \$50,000 for the 25 foot Marple Theater Building at 417 East Douglas.

14. Article gives details about the 1916 models of the Jones Six car. It will use Rutember motors.

Article gives details of financial problems of the Midland Valley Railroad, which is asking for a reduction in its taxable valuation in Oklahoma.

15. The St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church at 8th and Market is to be dedicated tomorrow. The congregation was organized in February 1909. In 1910 lots were purchased and in March 1913 ground was broken for the church building. The cornerstone was laid in May 1913 and the lower rooms finished and have been used by the congregation since July 20, 1913. Photograph.

**Monday, June 28, 1915****page**

1. Oliver W. Jones, former treasurer of Sedgwick County, pleaded guilty in District Court this morning to the embezzlement of approximately \$40,000 in public funds and to the falsification of county records. Details.
4. An ordinance regulating jitney buses in Wichita has been drawn up and was given its first reading before city commission today. Details.

**Tuesday, June 29, 1915****page**

11. J. C. Van Meter, owner of a jitney bus, was sued in district court today for \$2500 by A. L. Butler, because one of his employes refused to haul Mr. Butler and two other colored people in his bus. Details.

**Wednesday, June 30, 1915****page**

10. Jones Six Motor Car Company advertisement.

**Friday, July 2, 1915****page**

1. Former Sedgwick County treasurer O. W. Jones sentenced to from four to 35 years in prison this morning for his embezzlement, etc. Details.

**Saturday, July 3, 1915****page**

3. Advertisement with photograph of interior of the New Calumet Cafe at 117 West Douglas.
15. It will take 60,000 ties, or 150 carloads, for the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension from Halstead to Hutchinson. These have already been purchased and will soon be shipped from southern Missouri, where they were made. Twenty car loads of steel rails have already been unloaded at Burrton and fifteen more will be received next week. Because of wet weather, grading has been retarded and only about seven miles of grading is completed although the work was started the 1st of June.

Wichita now has 93 licensed jitneys.

The factory and business of the Western Biscuit Company was sold at a receiver's auction at the court house this morning for \$36,000 plus a mortgage of \$23,000. The stockholders purchased the assets and will reorganize the company and continue the business.

**Monday, July 5, 1915****page**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Tuesday, July 6, 1915****page**

6. City commission today removed many restrictions from the proposed new jitney regulating ordinance. Details. ("Jitney Ordinance in Friendly Hands")

**Wednesday, July 7, 1915****page**

1. Chief of Police O. K. Stewart was arrested this morning for selling liquor to bootleggers. Details and photograph.
4. Article lists school teachers by school and grade for coming year. Riverside has four teachers for eight grades, including Myrtle Craig. Martinson has four teachers and Linwood has nine.
5. Another article about proposed jitney bus ordinance. Details.
6. The Southwest Cracker Company of Wichita was granted a charter in Topeka today. Capital is \$100,000.
9. Letter to editor listing reasons for riding street cars instead of jitney buses.

**Saturday, July 10, 1915****page**

6. Report of death last night of Captain George A. Harris, Wichita pioneer, and former mayor in 1875, following a stroke. Born in England. Came to Wichita in 1871. Started the first bottling works in Wichita and was an ice dealer in the early days. Survived by two sons. Details.

**Monday, July 12, 1915****page**

4. The West Side Presbyterian Church Saturday purchased a lot at corner of University and Martinson, opposite the home of James Allison, as site for a new church. The present church is at corner of Dodge and Texas Avenues. Details.

**Thursday, July 15, 1915****page**

12. The grade for the extension of the Arkansas Valley Interurban is nearly completed from Halstead to Hutchinson.

**Thursday, July 22, 1915****page**

8. Excavation for new Fourth National Bank is progressing well.

**Saturday, July 24, 1915****page**

1. Report of capsizing of the steamer *Eastland* in the Chicago River this morning. Details.

**Monday, July 26, 1915****page**

5. Drawing of the new girls' dormitory at Fairmount College, to be ready for occupancy September 1. Cost \$15,000.

6. Article says the general offices of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material Company are to be moved to Kansas City. Details.

**Tuesday, July 27, 1915****page**

5. Report of Wichita Railroad and Light Company earnings and expense for the year ending April 1, 1915. Details.

**Thursday, July 29, 1915****page**

8. William H. Given, from Iowa, arrived yesterday in Wichita and is to be the new general manager of the Arkansas Valley Interurban. Details.

**Saturday, July 31, 1915****page**

3. "Picture" of downtown Wichita taken from top of Michigan Building looking southwest. (Actually appears to be drawing -- Bitting Building has five stories, etc.)
13. Temporary injunction obtained to keep the new jitney ordinance from going into effect August 1. Superintendent C. R. Lewis threatens reduction in street car service if injunction is made permanent. Details.

**Thursday, August 5, 1915****page**

5. The first track on the extension of the Arkansas Valley Interurban was laid on the grade west of Burrton Tuesday. About a quarter mile was laid that day. Yesterday three-fourths mile was laid. In full swing it is expected the men will lay one mile per day. Construction will go east and west from Burrton, where the material is unloaded. Four or five miles of grade remain to be finished.

**Saturday, August 7, 1915****page**

3. Drawing of new theater building under construction at 311-321 East Douglas. Cost to be about \$80,000. Name not yet selected. Details.
12. Photograph of Wichita's new police patrol wagon, called "Black Sara." Details.

**Wednesday, August 11, 1915****page**

3. News report from Kingman about Clyde Cessna. He does his joy riding in a monoplane which he and his brother built last winter. He flew it to Kingman Friday and then down to the Anthony fair before returning to his farm 24 miles from Anthony. The Cessna boys built their first monoplane in 1911 and have made a machine every year since then. The latest one will get up to a speed of 90 m.p.h. When work on the farm is slack Clyde and

his brother "follow the fairs" in Kansas and Oklahoma and pick up a little money making exhibition flights.

5. Work started this morning on the new street car track on East Douglas from the Rock Island depot to Pattie Avenue. The old track will be torn out and a new one put in. It will take about two weeks to finish the job.

### **Friday, August 13, 1915**

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5. The Wichita Aero Club today signed a contract for the balloon "Wichita" with Captain H. E. Honeywell, president of the French-American Balloon Company of St. Louis. It will have capacity of 40,000 cubic feet and cost \$850. To be entered in the National Balloon Race from Wichita in October. Details.
9. Article about building boom in Wichita this year -- more are now under construction than any time since 1910. Many new homes are being built in College Hill and Riverside will have at least 30 new homes this summer.

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11. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.
14. Architects Crowell and Van Meter will complete plans for a new Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad station at Hutchinson. It will be brick, two stories and cost about \$1000 (?).

### **Monday, August 16, 1915**

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8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company today announced several changes in schedules beginning tomorrow. Fairmount will be run separately, around the loop instead of running to Mount Carmel. Mount Carmel line will be connected with the Pattie Avenue line, with a 30 minute service. The Cleveland Avenue and Waco Avenue lines will be consolidated.

### **Tuesday, August 17, 1915**

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5. Greenfield Brothers will spend \$10,000 to remodel their store, including putting in new fronts and display windows on both Douglas and Market sides. They have obtained a long time lease on the building which is owned by W. H. Throckmorton and C. L. Davidson.

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11. Note says Arkansas Valley Interurban is having difficulty getting permission to cross the Rock Island and Santa Fe tracks where their line is to enter Hutchinson. Details.

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8. Long article with some history of the Chisholm Trail and its location. ("Siringo To Mark Chisholm Trail")

**Monday, August 23, 1915****page**

3. One week of dry weather will permit completion of the grading for the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension to Hutchinson. There is less than two miles of grade to be made.

**Wednesday, August 25, 1915****page**

8. The new \$75,000 addition to St. Francis Hospital was dedicated by Bishop Hennessy this morning. Details.

**Thursday, August 26, 1915****page**

6. Article about new Wichita motor speedway which Tim Hurst proposes to build southwest of the city. To be approximately one and half miles long, forming a perfect circle on a quarter section of land, with a track 50 feet wide. Details.
9. The Santa Fe Railway will start laying a side track in a week to connect its line with the newly purchased property of the Standard Oil Company south of 10th Street and east of the Santa Fe tracks.
11. George T. Walker, a resident of Wichita for 31 years, of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material Company, is moving to Kansas City. Details and biography.

**Friday, August 27, 1915****page**

3. Drawing of proposed new Arkansas Valley Interurban station at Hutchinson. To cost \$10,000 to \$12,000.
5. Track laying on the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension has been resumed after repair of the machinery. One thousand feet of track was laid yesterday.
- Seventy-four jitney drivers are now members of the local association and protected by the injunction against enforcement of the new jitney ordinance.

**Saturday, August 28, 1915****page**

10. Article says the 25 year old electric elevator in the Rorabaugh store is going to be replaced soon by a new one. It was put in by Cash Henderson, former owner, in 1890, and the first electric passenger elevator installed in Wichita.

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5. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

**Wednesday, September 1, 1915****page**

4. Photograph of R. J. McKee apartments at 324 North Topeka which were sold yesterday to C. B. Quincy of Norwood, Ohio for \$40,000.
6. The Sisters of St. Joseph have let contract for three new rooms in the school building at Second and St. Francis to be used for the high school commercial course they will institute at the opening of the coming term of school.
11. The Jitney Association is offering \$50 reward for arrest and conviction of those guilty of strewing tacks and glass on the streets where jitney cars run. The action was taken following the scattering of myriads of tacks on Market, north of 18th Street, Saturday night, when 50 tires, on 23 motor cars were punctured. Tacks have been placed at different places over the city, including north of Murdock on Main, south of the fifth block on Pattie, and east of Hydraulic on Douglas.

**Friday, September 3, 1915****page**

8. Work on the Highland Cemetery mausoleum is progressing rapidly. It is above the foundation and should be completed by the first of the year.

**Friday, September 10, 1915****page**

11. The case testing the new jitney ordinance is before the court today. Details. ("Jitney Test Case is Before Court")

**Saturday, September 11, 1915****page**

6. Above jitney ordinance case will not be decided for about a month. Details. Written arguments to be filed by September 24. Testimony yesterday was that gross receipts of a jitney are about \$6.00 per day with expenses \$4.00, leaving average net earnings of \$2.00 per day.
11. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1915****page**

5. Superintendent C. R. Lewis of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, with 20 car men from the lines here, went to Topeka Sunday to help out the Topeka street car company, in handling the crowds at the fair this week.

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6. "Speedway Park" is the name chosen by Tim Hurst for the new Wichita automobile race course, which is now under construction and about half done.
8. There are now 82 members of the Wichita Aero Club, which is involved with the sport of ballooning. Names listed.

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5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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6. Work began today on the grandstand at the new Speedway Park. It will be 300 feet long and have seventeen tiers of seats, giving a seating capacity of 5000. In front there will be a triple row of boxes, giving a total of 100 boxes with seating capacity of 600.

**Thursday, September 23, 1915****page**

6. The big balloon for the Wichita Aero Club arrived last night from St. Louis.

**Friday, September 24, 1915****page**

4. Building permit issued yesterday for two story, eight room brick residence, 30 by 50 feet, for Dr. H. W. Horn at 339 Belmont Avenue, to cost \$12,000.

**Saturday, September 25, 1915****page**

6. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Company is considering a plan to ballast its track between Wichita and Newton. It has about decided to use gravel from the Little Arkansas River for this purpose. There is a large bed of this gravel at Walnut Grove where by the construction of a short line of track it could be pumped from the river into the cars for distribution.

**Monday, September 27, 1915****page**

4. Report of dedication yesterday of new Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at Topeka and Gilbert. Details.

**Tuesday, September 28, 1915****page**

3. Except for four miles of track yet to be laid east of Burrton, the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway is now within three miles of Hutchinson.

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3. The Wichita Eagles decided yesterday to build a permanent home on corner of William and Emporia to cost \$10,000. The lodge has owned lots at the southeast corner for several years. Details.
5. The grandstand at the new auto speedway is half completed.

**Friday, October 1, 1915****page**

11. Wichita is to have two new post office stations, to be located in the drug store of H. B. Allen at 3062 East Douglas, and in the drug store of J. D. Smith at 1901 North Lawrence. They will be known as Stations B and C. Details.

**Saturday, October 2, 1915****page**

6. Report on progress of Arkansas Valley Interurban extension. Says the company will not have to buy any new cars. It has several that are used on only rare occasions, and by purchase of two or three motors and changing some trucks, it can handle the new business.

**Monday, October 4, 1915****page**

1. The International Wheat Show and fifth Annual Wichita Fair and Exposition opens today. Details.

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- B-13. Previously published group of photographs of Wichita Street Railroad progress 1882-1915.  
  
Many auto advertisements.

**Tuesday, October 5, 1915****page**

5. Advertisement with photograph of Kansas Independent Laundry at Second and Emporia.
11. Board of education yesterday decided to build an intermediate school building for Wichita.
13. The Wichita Aero Club made a preliminary flight with its balloon from the baseball park this afternoon. Details. ("A Balloon Flight With Passengers")

**Wednesday, October 6, 1915****page**

13. Article about the National Balloon Race, which starts from Island Park tomorrow. Details.

**Thursday, October 7, 1915****page**

3. Another article about the balloon race today.

**Friday, October 8, 1915****page**

1. Further report on yesterday's balloon race.
14. Jones Six car advertisement -- new low price \$995.

**Saturday, October 9, 1915****page**

12. Article about reduction in price of the Jones Six. Details.
14. More details on the balloon race.
15. Judge Sargent today upheld Wichita's new jitney bus ordinance. Details.

**Monday, October 11, 1915****page**

3. The jitney owners association plan to appeal the above court ruling to the Supreme Court.

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11. Advertisement with diagram of Meridian Avenue motor speedway.

**Wednesday, October 13, 1915****page**

4. Financial report of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient for fiscal year ending June 15, 1915, with statistics. Details.
10. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has only about three and a half miles of track to lay between Halstead and Burrton to complete its Hutchinson extension. The station at Burrton will be enclosed in a few days and the \$10,000 station at Hutchinson is well under way. Power equipment for the Burrton sub-station is in the cars at that place ready to be installed as soon as the station is completed. ¶ The Interurban Company has purchased some ballast cars which will be here from St. Louis in a few days. Work will then begin on ballasting the track between Wichita and Newton and Halstead. It is expected to take about ten months to complete this job.
12. Article about plans for the Speedway Park motor races beginning tomorrow. Details.

**Friday, October 15, 1915****page**

1. Report of opening day at Speedway Park yesterday. Very large crowd. Exhibition plane flight by DeLloyd Thompson. Details. Photograph.

**Saturday, October 16, 1915****page**

12. Santa Fe has announced plans to replace the old 52 pound rails on the Englewood branch with heavier 75 pound steel rails.

The two new Wichita sub-post office stations, B at 3062 East Douglas, and C at 1901 North Lawrence will be opened November 16. Station A is in the Riley Drug Store in West Wichita.

**Monday, October 18, 1915****page**

6. Advertisement for City Undertaking Company, formerly Lahey and Martin, 922 East Douglas, with photograph of new ambulance.

**Tuesday, October 19, 1915****page**

4. The painting "Pont Croix" by John Noble is being donated to the city and will be hung in the auditorium of the City Library this week.

**Thursday, October 21, 1915****page**

1. Photograph of new Santa Fe depot at Kiowa.

**Saturday, October 23, 1915****page**

5. Large advertisement for sale of lots in Merriman Park Place.
13. Report that four or more stories may be added to the four story Bitting Building. Details.

**Tuesday, October 26, 1915****page**

6. The United Warehouse Company has been organized and will occupy the building now used by the Rumley Products Company at corner of Second and Rock Island, about November 15. A. F. Jones and A. S. Parks are principals in the new corporation. Details.
9. The Rumley Products Company is planning to erect a new building on Rock Island Avenue next to its present location. To be 100 by 120 feet, two stories, and cost \$20,00 to \$30,000. Details.

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7. Another nine holes will be added to the golf course at the Wichita Country Club starting in a few days. When the new course was laid out it was planned for eighteen holes but only nine holes were completed. Details.

**Thursday, October 28, 1915****page**

6. C. L. Viets and Sons, clothiers, today signed a five year lease on the three story building at 429 East Douglas owned by Dr. J. G. Dorsey. The building will be remodeled. The rear part on the Emporia side and the second and third floors will be used as a hotel. The Viets Company will move from their present location at 511 East Douglas and occupy most of the ground floor. The building has been the home of the Eberhardt-Hays Music Company for a number of years. Details.

**Friday, October 29, 1915****page**

3. There remain three miles of track to be laid west of Halstead on the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension. The station at Burrton is rapidly nearing completion.

**Saturday, October 30, 1915****page**

3. Fairmount College this week completed a cement walk leading from Hillside to the front door of the building, so that the back door will no longer be the main entrance to the college. Details.
13. Full page advertisement for eighth anniversary of the Johnson Brothers' Auto Supply and Tire Company, 227-29 South Lawrence. Photograph.

**Tuesday, November 2, 1915****page**

1. Report that a company is being organized for the manufacture of automobile tires in Wichita. Details.

**Wednesday, November 3, 1915****page**

1. Article about plans to reorganize the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, extend it to Kansas City, etc. Details.

**Friday, November 5, 1915****page**

12. Material has been received for the completion of the track of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway extension.

**Saturday, November 6, 1915****page**

3. Kansas Supreme Court ruled today that city public utilities granted franchises prior to 1907 are not obliged to allow inspection of their records by city officials if the franchises provide for the filing of an annual statement with the city. Details.

**Monday, November 8, 1915****page**

9. Drawing of home of Howard V. Wheeler at 346 Belmont, said to be the first built on that street, where now stands a cluster of fine homes.

**Tuesday, November 9, 1915****page**

5. Workmen today closed the gap in the Arkansas Valley Interurban track at Halstead, and the line is now completed from Halstead to the city limits of Hutchinson. There is still half a mile of track to be built by the interurban company within the city limits of Hutchinson to connect it with the track of the Hutchinson Street Railway.

**Wednesday, November 10, 1915****page**

9. Drawing of the beautiful home of H. J. Hagny at 401 Belmont, completed in June 1914.

**Thursday, November 11, 1915****page**

6. The old Burton Car Works, used for the past few years for warehouse purposes by the American Warehouse Company, has been purchased by the Jones Motor Car Company for \$100,000, with possession to be given on January 1, 1916. Jones Company was recently reorganized with capital of \$500,000. New plant includes 73 acres and five large brick buildings, E, F, G, H, and I. Details.
9. Drawing of the home of Henry Lassen at 345 Belmont, the third built on Belmont Avenue.

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4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Monday, November 15, 1915****page**

4. J. T. Benson, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, today purchased the Hamilton Hotel from L. O. Gurnee, for about \$15,000. Mr. Gurnee purchased the Hamilton nearly two years ago from Mrs. Palm.

**Tuesday, November 16, 1915****page**

6. Mrs. S. D. Shaw and her son, Z. C. Shaw, have purchased two lots just south of the Davidson and Case Lumber Company in second block on South Market and have let

contract for a one story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, to be erected there, designed for use as a motor car agency. Details.

10. Drawing of new residence of Dr. H. W. Horn at 341 Belmont, to be completed by January 1. Cost \$12,000.

The new theater which will be opened on East Douglas about December 15 is to be named the Palace Theater. Details.

### **Wednesday, November 17, 1915**

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11. Drawing of home of A. E. Nuttle at 132 Fountain, a street which two years ago was without houses.

### **Thursday, November 18, 1915**

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9. Drawing of home of C. M. Evans, on Belmont just south of Second Street. Cost \$10,000.
10. Long article on progress of completing the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension. Details. ("Interurban Plans To Celebrate Its Completion to Hutchinson")

### **Friday, November 19, 1915**

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14. The Bell Telephone Company has decided to build a new five story building at southeast corner of Frist and Lawrence, on site of the old Pratt Lumber Company's yards. Details.

### **Saturday, November 20, 1915**

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3. J. W. Alvies and A. T. Jackson today started a jitney car service between Wichita and Augusta, with headquarters at the Hamilton Hotel. Two cars will be used, a seven passenger Cadillac and a seven passenger Studebaker, with a two hour schedule each way. The first car will leave the Hamilton at 7:00 a.m., with departures then every two hours until 7:00 p.m. The fare will be \$1.50 one way or \$2.50 round trip.

### **Monday, November 22, 1915**

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10. Advertisement with history of the Steel Hardware Company, founded in 1885, with photographs of the founders and owners.

### **Tuesday, November 23, 1915**

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13. Work started today on C. W. Southward's new two story brick building at Douglas and Wichita, 46½ by 120 feet, to cost \$12,000. Ground floor to be leased for a garage. Architect is H. C. Conrow.



**Wednesday, November 24, 1915****page**

6. Verdict for defendant in court today in suit of R. L. Butler against jitney owner J. C. Van Meter for refusing to accept him as a jitney passenger on account of his color.

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2. More details on the jitney driver's refusal to carry colored passengers. Driver claimed it was because he was on a special call, not because they were colored. The Kansas civil rights bill provides penalties for refusal of public conveyance to carry passengers on account of their race.
3. Contract has been let for the new YWCA Building at 140 North Topeka to Swanson Construction Company, of Kansas City, for approximately \$50,000. Work will start within a few days. Details.

**Saturday, November 27, 1915****page**

8. Drawings of new residence at 3420 East Douglas for M. E. Garrison and at 3422 East Douglas for Robert K. Isenbarger.
11. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement.
14. In the Industrial Parade Monday night of the Electrical Prosperity Week, the street car company will have one of the first street cars purchased for use on the streets of Wichita, an old mule car. There will also be a new street car built in 1915 in the company's shops in Wichita. The Street Car Company now operates 36 cars every day, to say nothing of a number of cars that are kept for special occasions. The lines aggregate 33.5 miles, of which 26 miles are paved.

**Monday, November 29, 1915****page**

8. Report on progress of Arkansas Valley Interurban extension to Hutchinson. It is hoped to complete it December 15. Half mile of track is yet to be laid, but is some special work ordered for railroad crossings, which was shipped from Chicago November 17. Some wire for the trolley lines has not been received by Kansas Gas and Electric. One new (?) car has been completed, all but painting, and should arrive before the opening date. Another car will be ordered in a few days. Details.
11. The First Church of the Evangelical Association, corner of Estelle and Waterman, was dedicated Sunday. Photograph.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1915****page**

4. Report of parade last night for Electrical Prosperity Week, which included a mule car such as was used in Wichita in 1884. It was drawn by two burros secured from Riverside Park. The ancient car was secured by the Wichita Railroad and Light Company to be mounted on trucks for the parade and was lighted with a smoky lantern. It was followed by a 1915 model car "Made In Wichita." Details.

**Wednesday, December 1, 1915****page**

6. Fire this morning caused some damage to what was the first Presbyterian as wells as the first Catholic church building in Wichita, now located at 607 North Main and used as a hotel and boarding place for colored people. Details.

**Saturday, December 4, 1915****page**

3. List of 21 new stations, about a mile apart and usually at the section lines, on the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension from Halstead to Hutchinson.
6. First service is to be held tomorrow at the new St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Elm and Water. Drawing. Details.
14. The new \$60,000 Church of Christ Scientist on North Lawrence was occupied last night. Details.

Drawing of new home of W. J. Coleman, of the Hall-Baker Grain Company, just finished by the California Bungalow and Realty Company, at 1004 Litchfield.

**Monday, December 6, 1915****page**

11. Work started Saturday on the new YWCA Building at 140 North Topeka. Details.
- Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1915****page**

3. Drawing of the new Fourth National Bank Building.
16. Drawing of the new residence of H. B. Gilkeson, president of the Lumberman's Supply Company, at corner of Spaulding and Riverside Avenues.

**Thursday, December 9, 1915****page**

8. Beginning next Monday the Arkansas Valley Interurban will begin ballasting its tracks with gravel from the bed of the Little Arkansas River. A gravel dredge has been completed at Walnut Grove and the generator and pump will be installed this week. The track has been

extended to the river bank so the gravel can be pumped directly into the ballast cars. Six of these cars were recently purchased and are expected to arrive Friday or Saturday.

**Friday, December 10, 1915****page**

7. Advertisement says "Riverside lots 30 years ago started at \$200 each. They sold up in boom days to \$1200, then slumped to \$20. Now they are traveling back up again."

**Saturday, December 11, 1915****page**

1. Kansas Supreme Court ruled that a city has the right to charge operators of motor busses a heavy additional liability for the use of designated streets, upholding the recent Wichita city ordinance. Details.
13. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1915****page**

3. Railroad arrivals and departures from Wichita.

**Thursday, December 16, 1915****page**

11. Article about plans for Arkansas Valley Interurban entry into Hutchinson over street railway tracks. It is expected that a test run may be made on Saturday, with a celebration by Hutchinson of the formal opening on Monday. Details.

**Monday, December 20, 1915****page**

5. The Vail Jewelry Store is to be moved from 110-112 North Main (north ground floor rooms of the Schweiter Building) to 116 East Douglas about March 1st. It will occupy the location now occupied by the Houck Hardware Store, where it has taken a lease on the ground floor for ten years at \$300 per month for the first five years and \$350 per month for the following five years. The Houck Building is owned by Mrs. Samuel O. Naftzger, who was Miss Marie Houck.

This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. four cars loaded with Wichita business men left the Arkansas Valley Interurban station at First and Water bound for Hutchinson to attend the celebration there accompanying the opening of the Arkansas Valley Interurban extension to Hutchinson.

- B-5. The initial service on the Arkansas Valley Interurban to Hutchinson beginning tomorrow morning will have a car running every hour and 20 minutes from Wichita to Hutchinson and Newton. Details.
- B-9. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

**Tuesday, December 21, 1915****page**

5. Report of celebration of opening of Arkansas Valley Interurban in Hutchinson yesterday. Seven interurban cars carried the visitors to Hutchinson. Details.

**Wednesday, December 22, 1915****page**

3. Drawing of home of R. L. Keller at 920 Litchfield, a six room bungalow finished about three months ago.
6. Contract let yesterday for \$10,000 lodge for the Wichita Aerie of Eagles at southeast corner of Emporia and William. Architect is William Mampe, in the Beacon Building. To be completed March 1. To be two stories, 50 by 85 feet. Details.
10. City is threatening to repeal the jitney ordinance if the street car company does not allow city to inspect its books. Details.

**Friday, December 24, 1915****page**

1. Article about a plan for reorganization of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient. Details.
5. The old Comley Lumber yard, a landmark on West Douglas, is being torn down. The Comley Company recently discontinued its retail lumber business in Wichita, and the big red sheds opposite the Missouri Pacific station are being razed.

**Monday, December 27, 1915****page**

6. City commissioner James Murry is after the street railway company and today introduced an ordinance repealing the jitney ordinance. Details.
8. Long advertisement soliciting investment in the new Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Capacity of the Wichita plant is to be 300 tires and 500 inner tubes per day. Details.

**Tuesday, December 28, 1915****page**

8. Judge D. M. Dale, of Wichita, was today elected chairman of the State Bar Examining board.
9. Article about the Syrians of the West Side of Wichita. There are now 22 families of them. Details.

**Thursday, December 30, 1915****page**

1. President Theis says Arkansas Valley Interurban plan for 1916 is one of improvement -- to ballast the entire line from Wichita to Hutchinson and to rebuild the bridges and culverts along the old line. No new extensions planned.