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 1917 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon Monday, January 1, 1917

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- 4. The first 1917 Jones Six car that is wholly a Wichita product was driven about the city today by President J. J. Jones. The one displayed at the Wheat Show was not wholly a Wichita product, but the one which made its debut today had its body manufactured in Building I, which has been converted into a complete wood working department. Advertisement with drawing.

Tuesday, January 2, 1917

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6. Report of death last night of Wichita pioneer T. W. Fuller at his residence, 304 East 1st Street, of a stroke, at age 76. Born February 5, 1840 at New Carlisle, Ohio. Came to Olathe, Kansas in the late '60s, and came to Wichita on the first train to arrive here, in 1872. Was in several businesses. Residence has been on northeast corner of 1st and Lawrence for 38 years. Was married second time in April 1902 to Miss Sadie Tregellas, who survives. Has one son, Charles I. Fuller, and one daughter, Mrs. Finlay Ross. Obituary.

Wednesday, January 3, 1917

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1. All previous records were broken at the Wichita Union Stock Yards for receipts during 1916. The total business amounted to nearly \$60,000,000. ¶ Cattle receipts of 220,122 broke the previous record of 212,971 in 1913. The record for one day was 5279 on November 27, 1916, on which day 200 cars were unloaded. A monthly record of 31,285 cattle were received in November. Total number of cars received in 1916 was a record 14,192. ¶ Hog receipts were 572,675, breaking the 1915 record of 479,469. ¶ A total of 17,146 horses were received. ¶ Sheep numbering 20,875(3?) were handled at the local yard.

Thursday, January 4, 1917 page

4. The Riverside Club has closed its doors because of financial difficulties. The directors decided last week to quit business January 1. The club has a bonded indebtedness of \$18,000. Its property on River Drive (sic) near 11th Street is valued at \$20,000. A year ago the District Court was asked to appoint a receiver for the organization, but the dissatisfied creditors were appeased. President Walter Henrion said today that the club would be reorganized and reopened within a short time.

Friday, January 5, 1917

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5. Advertisement in *Beacon* for Menter Women's Clothing, 155 North Main Street.

11. The West Side's \$4000 United Brethren Church, a frame building at 1131 Hendryx Avenue, six blocks south of Douglas, was destroyed by fire after midnight last night. Building was about 40 by 60 feet and had housed the church for ten years, with the last addition made two years ago. Details.

Saturday, January 6, 1917

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13. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

22. Ninety-two people were killed in motor car accidents in Kansas in 1916, up from 45 in 1915. There were 115,000 cars in 1916, up from 83,000 in 1915.

Tuesday, January 9, 1917

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3. A tract of five acres, known as the Wilson addition, has been purchased from George S. Wilson of 1620 Holyoke Avenue, for \$16,000, as the site for the proposed new \$250,000 Wesley Hospital. The site is on Hillside Avenue at Elm Street. Details.

Wednesday, January 10, 1917

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8. S. A. Welsh, proprietor of the Pfister Billiard Halls, has obtained a three year on the A. H. And R. C. Bolte Building at 323 East Douglas. He expects to lease the east half of the lower floor to S. G. Holmes, of McAlister, Oklahoma, who will open a mens clothing store there about May 15.

Thursday, January 11, 1917

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2. Advertisement of Wichita Automobile Company showing photograph of a bus built by them on Reo chassis for the Wichita Motor Bus Company -- one of three sold to them -- 22 passenger motor bus -- No. 102 with College Hill destination sign. Article on page 5 describes fire truck built by same company for Augusta.

8. The plat of North Wichita was filed with the register of deeds and the county surveyor yesterday by J. J. Jones, and it is now a new town. It comprises sixteen square blocks extending from 33rd to 37th Street and from Santa Fe Avenue to Lawrence Avenue.

Friday, January 12, 1917

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10. The First Methodist Episcopal board decided yesterday to build a new church at a cost of about \$75,000, immediately to the north of the present building, on North Lawrence Avenue. Details. The present building was built in 1884 for \$22,000, after its predecessor was destroyed by fire in 1883 and for months a skating rink on the site of the present Interurban depot on 1st Street was used as the first Methodist Church.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company is considering a new route over which it can enter the city from the north. The company is trying to get a route southwest from 21st Street between the rivers, and R. B. Campbell, secretary of the company, met with some of the residents in the Woodland district yesterday to discuss the plan of a line in that part of town. Reaction was generally favorable. Details.

Saturday, January 13, 1917

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 Report of death today of City Commissioner Jeremiah E. Howard at age 68, at his home, 321 North Waco. Was former proprietor of the Union Mills, later the Howard Mills. Survived by wife, one son, Clarence R., of Mt. Hope, and two daughters, Mrs. Florence Gerteis, of Argonia, and Miss Fannie Howard. Obituary. Photograph.

Tuesday, January 16, 1917

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- 6. The old Toler stock farm northeast of the city was sold yesterday to F. M. Curyea, a Texas stockman. It includes 400 acres of fine land and numerous large barns and stables. Mr. Curyea expects to raise fine stock on the farm. I. E. Martin, who sold the place, bought it several years ago from Colonel E. E. Abell.
- 7. Report of first annual meeting of stockholders of the Jones Motor Car Company in Wichita yesterday, with nearly 200 farmers and business men of the Southwest present. The 200 men here were only one-fifth of the total number of stockholders of the company. They were taken to the North Wichita factory on a special chartered Frisco train. ¶ Nearly 100 men are now on the factory pay roll. ¶ J. J. Jones was unanimously re-elected president. Directors were also elected (listed). ¶ Details.

Monday, January 22, 1917

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1. Report of plans for a new ten story hotel at corner of 1st and Market. At directors' meeting today, Henry Lassen was made president of the hotel company. Details.

F. C. Hoyt on Saturday purchased the Barnes Building at southeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas for \$250,000. Mr. Hoyt is president of the Union State Bank and of the Union Oil Company. The building is 75 by 140 feet and was erected by O. D. Barnes in 1906 for \$110,000. Details.

Tuesday, January 23, 1917

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9. C. W. Brown yesterday purchased the Princess Theater building and the 50 foot building adjoining it on the south, for \$125,000. The buildings were erected a few years ago by Arthur Paulline and recently sold by him to J. W. Metz, D. E. Dunne, Frank Trekel, and others.

Wednesday, January 24, 1917

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9. Article says many large homes to be built on College Hill this year. Details.

Friday, January 26, 1917

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6. Herbert Jones, head of the Wichita Motor Bus Company, yesterday paid the license collector \$1100, for the privilege of operating the company's five jitney buses on Douglas Avenue for the next six months, at \$220 each. The route has been extended to the end of the East Douglas pavement.

Saturday, January 27, 1917

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- Contract was signed this week by city officials and members of the Wichita Rotary Club for the new clock for the tower of the City Building. It is being purchased through Cleon A. Whitney, jeweler, of 222 East Douglas and it is hoped to have it here by April 1. Cost will be \$1590. There will be a 1000 pound bell. Details. Drawing.
- 7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, January 30, 1917

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1. Board of trustees today decided to advertise for bids on the new Wesley Hospital building within the next 30 days. Details.

Wednesday, January 31, 1917

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1. Contract signed with Henry Lassen, president of the new hotel company at 1st and Market, today, by John Rigby, and O. M. McClintock, of Madison, Wisconsin, who agreed to lease the new hotel for 25 years. Building is to be ten stories and front 100 feet on Market and 140 feet on 1st Street. It will contain 250 rooms. Mr. Rigby stated he will ask the directors to change the name of the hotel from the Travelers to the Hotel Lassen. Details.

- 3. The new issue of Arkansas Valley Interurban bonds is said to be selling quite well.
- 7. One hundred new beds have been placed in the new wing of the St. Francis Hospital during the past two weeks. Cost of the new wing and equipment was \$75,000. The hospital now has 309 beds. Details.

Monday, February 5, 1917

page

- 2. Report of fire late Sunday night which badly damaged the Vilm Flouring Mill at Douglas and Waco. Details.
- 3. Drawing of the proposed new Horace Mann Intermediate School. Frontage of 148 feet and depth of 102 feet. Lorentz Schmidt is architect. Details.

Tuesday, February 6, 1917

page

9. The trustees of First Methodist Episcopal Church have purchased property at the corner of Central and Hydraulic as the site for erection of a small church for East Side Methodists, to be called Asbury Chapel. The property fronts 50 feet on Hydraulic and 140 feet on Central and was purchased from W. B. Bailey.

Thursday, February 8, 1917

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8. Report that Coler L. Sim is offering to donate 157 acres of land in the bend of the Big River between Central Avenue and 13th Street as a memorial to his recently slain son, Arthur B. Sim. Land to be used as a park and site for a municipal golf course. Details.

W. R. Morrison, of Champaign, Illinois, former superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, will arrive here tomorrow for few days visit.

A new marble front is to be built at once on the Wichita State Bank, 215 East Douglas. Details.

Wednesday, February 14, 1917

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2. Contracts for the new Horace Mann intermediate school were let yesterday to the H. I. Ellis Construction Company. Total is \$70,918.

Thursday, February 15, 1917

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6. Advertisement for sale of stock of the National Tractor Company, 421-23 North Water, in Wichita. Details.

Friday, February 16, 1917 page 10. C. V. Cessna, Wichita aviator, is in New York City attending the National Aviation Congress. He expects to build two machines at his factory in North Wichita this year.

Saturday, February 17, 1917

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- 6. A tractor that was designed and is being manufactured in Wichita is being built by the Royer Fuselage Harvester Company, 315-317 West Waterman, at their factory where they also make the Royer Fuselage Harvester. Details.
- 16. Drawing of the proposed Hotel Lassen.

Monday, February 19, 1917

page

- 1. The Martin and Adams Music Company today leased the Michigan Building, 206 East Douglas, for fifteen years. They will occupy the entire six story building. Details.
- 8. C. V. Cessna, aviator, has returned from the East, where he has been buying material for a two passenger monoplane which will be constructed this month and during March at his factory in North Wichita. He will start work today on his new machine with a crew of three men. He has installed some machinery in his plant, which is located in Building I of the Jones Motor Car Company's factory.

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2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

- 3. Photograph of the Michigan Building, 206 East Douglas.
- 11. Advertisement with photograph of the Royer Tractor, made in Wichita.
- 12. Advertisement with photograph of tractor made by National Tractor Company in Wichita.

Thursday, February 22, 1917

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- 5. Dr. J. G. Dorsey yesterday purchased from Mrs. W. A. Polk, 1133 North Lawrence Avenue, the old E. A. Dorsey Building at 201 North Main for \$35,000 cash. Building fronts 25 feet on Main Street and 140 feet on 1st Street. The two story building was built by City Commissioner E. A. Dorsey 30 years ago.
- 9. A visitor to the city this week will be the Rev. H. C. Herring, of Burlington, Wisconsin, whom the College Hill Congregational people hope to persuade to become their new pastor.

Friday, February 23, 1917 page

- 6. Article about confiscation of liquor at Andale yesterday. Details.
- 10. Report of a banquet given last night at the Riverside Club in honor of newly appointed Postmaster Joseph Riddle.

Saturday, February 24, 1917

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- 4. The only break in the river bank boulevard in the park district -- that between Spaulding and Buffum -- is now being closed, to make two and a half miles of continuous drive from Central Avenue to 13th Street along the west side of the Little River. Across from the old bathing beach the street force is deepening the river channel, and the dirt coming out of the river is being used for the two blocks of new boulevard. The drive now ends near the new bathhouse at Spaulding.
- 15. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

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3. Report that the Orthodox Jews of Wichita have bought a lot on northeast corner of Murdock and St. Francis, 50 by 72 feet, from Samuel and Esther Kamenesky, and propose to build a temple there before September 1, to cost at least \$6000. Fifty orthodox Jews are members of the Wichita congregation.

Thursday, March 1, 1917

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Contract let today by T. B. Richardson for a three story garage and apartment house at 214 North Lawrence, to be 62 by 140 feet, with enamel brick front, and cost \$35,000. S. G. Bond is architect and contractor.

Saturday, March 3, 1917

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6. W. S. Brown today purchased the Gandolfo Building at southeast corner of 1st and Main from J. H. Moore, of Kansas City for \$40,000. It is three stories, 25 by 140 feet, and was formerly owned by the late Dr. Oldham, who purchased it a few years ago from Arthur Paulline.

Article about possible extension of Arkansas Valley Interurban to Salina. Details.

8. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Monday, March 5, 1917 page

5. Meeting of department heads of Jones Motor Car Company at Wichita Club Saturday evening was told that contracts have been let for material for approximately 2500 cars during next twelve months and it is hoped to produce no less than 2000 and possibly 3000 for the next twelve months. There are 125 employes at the factory. Those present at the dinner are listed.

Wonderland Amusement Park is giving to the city the two bridges 375 by 175 feet long connecting Wonderland Park with the mainland. Details.

- 6. Real estate sales. K. Kara Joseph to R. L. Keller, 2/26/17, lots 74 and 76, Dort Avenue, Riverside addition, \$300.
- 8. Editorial about the money said owing to the city by the Street Railway Company. Details.

Tuesday, March 6, 1917

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- 9. Report of plan of Andrew McAush, of Chicago, to build a large apartment house at corner of Central and Lawrence, to be known as The Cathedral Apartments. To front 130 feet on Central and 80 feet on Lawrence, be three stories, contain 31 apartments, and cost \$130,000.
- 12. Drawing of proposed new Fair Building to be built at William and Water Streets, at opposite end of block the Forum is on.

Thursday, March 8, 1917

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- 6. The National Tractor Company of Wichita has been reorganized under the name of the Wichita Tractor Company, and the tractor manufactured by the company will be called the Wichita tractor. President is C. W. Levis (sic). Other officers named. First shipment of engines was received yesterday and company expects to get a large number of machines in the field for the summer demand.
- 8. Full page advertisement favoring city manager plan, which is to be voted on in election tomorrow.
- 11. Letter from Charles R. Lewis, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, favoring city manager plan. Details.

Saturday, March 10, 1917

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- 1. City manager plan was adopted by Wichita voters at election yesterday by 5906 to 3580. Details.
- 4. Advertisement for sale of stock in the Wichita Tractor Company. Details.

6. A deed giving the city fifteen acres along the east side of Little River north of 11th Street, to be known as North Park, was approved yesterday by Improvements Commissioner James Murry and City Engineer Bert Wells and will be filed with the city clerk for formal acceptance at once. ¶ The gift is from L. W. Clapp, C. H. Brooks, C. G. Cohn, and C. H. Smyth, owners of Reserve A along the river and the ten acre Oak Park Addition. A plat of the river reserve will be filed at the court house and the city commission will pass on the deed, probably Monday. ¶ The commission and engineering department pressed upon Mr. Clapp, who submitted the deed, the moral claim of the city to the rest of Oak Park in order to save what is the finest Oak grove in the state. Mr. Clapp said that his associates might make the city a proposal which would enable the city to buy the grove for less than would be derived from sale of lots. He said he would take the matter up with the others.

Woodman of the World have been taken a five year lease on the second floor of the Oscar Bissantz Building, opposite the Princess Theater, and will transform it into a fraternal hall with \$5000 worth of remodeling. To be ready for occupancy April 1. The lodge will move from 125 South Main, where it has rented rooms from the Ancient Order of United Workmen for ten years.

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5. The Riverside Club, which closed several months ago because it was out of money, is to be reorganized soon and reopened for the spring and summer seasons. President Walter S. Henrion today said that plans are being perfected and the directors will take action on the matter within a week.

Friday, March 16, 1917

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- 8. A fine steel flagstaff has been put up in front of the Missouri Pacific station on West Douglas.
- 10. A new theater building known as the "Wichita" is to be erected at 312-14 East Douglas, adjoining the Innes Department Store. Details and names of several of the investors given.

Saturday, March 17, 1917

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- 1. Plans are completed for the Hotel Lassen, at corner of 1st and Market, and contract will be let soon. Architect is C. E. Richards, of Columbus, Ohio. Construction expected to begin in June. Mr. Rigby, the lessee, has obtained Mr. Richard M. Gray to be the resident manager of the hotel. Mr. Gray has for many years been manager of the Chicago Beach Hotel. Details.
- 7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Monday, March 19, 1917 page

10. The Mt. Hope High School debating team, composed of three girls, Lola Hoover, Mildred Tihen, and Marcie Tucker, won the state championship at Lawrence Friday, on the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that the U.S. government should own the telephone and telegraph companies and operate them." The brought home a big silver cup as a trophy.

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3. Two good cemeteries in Wichita may be for sale in a short time to pay taxes assessed against them. One is Highland Cemetery and the other is the cemetery owned by Eggleston Post, Grand Army of the Republic. The taxes were assessed to pay their proportion of paving Hillside Avenue. The Hillside Cemetery Association has asked the city to rebate the tax, but the city has found no way to do that. The Eggleston Post says it received its cemetery by gift twenty-two years ago. The post owns 274 feet abutting on Hillside Avenue, and the tax delinquent against it is now \$411, with total tax amounting to \$1400. The Post now has but 50 members, all 70 years old or more, and it is utterly impossible for them to pay this amount. Details.

Thursday, March 22, 1917

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- 8. The Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing plant is progressing and will be under roof in a few weeks.
- 9. The two passenger monoplane being constructed by C. V. Cessna at his plant at the Jones Motor Car factory in North Wichita is nearing completion. Details.

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10. A two story flatiron shaped brick building is to be built at 21st and Lawrence for the Stockyards State Bank. The wooden structure which has stood on the lot so long, and which has had a somewhat unsavory reputation, is being removed. E. L. Craig, present owner of the lot, will erect the bank building and another one immediately to the south of it. ¶ The bank building will be twelve feet wide at the north end and 65 feet wide at the south, with a total length of 83 feet. The other building will be 95 feet long. The two buildings will cost approximately \$15,000. ¶ Plans for the bank building were prepared by E. R. Meier, bank architect, of Kansas City.

Saturday, March 24, 1917

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Article about plans of Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway for its new entrance into Wichita. Details.

Workman are now busy tearing out the east end of the Kansas Gas and Electric Company's plant at 3rd Street preparatory to adding another unit to the plant. The new section will be 50 by 100 feet.

- 5. Two new funeral cars of the latest type were received yesterday by the I. W. Gill and Son firm. They are silver gray in color. Details.
- 20. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement. Photograph of J. J. Jones.

Monday, March 26, 1917

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5. Arkansas Valley Interurban today made application to city commission for franchise on 19th Street, which is the route for the new line west of Woodland addition.

Saturday, March 31, 1917

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- 1. Drawing of proposed new building for Kansas Masonic Home. Article with details. To cost \$260,000.
- 2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.
- 4. The new clock for the tower for the City Building has arrived and will be installed as soon as the 1000 pound bell arrives. There is a scarcity of the bell metal, which is causing some delay. The clock was made by the Seth Thomas Company of Thomaston, Connecticut. Total cost will be about \$1550.
- 7. Article about the four Cessna brothers, with details.
- 12. Members of the First Church of Christ Scientist will hold their first service in the auditorium of the church, 828 North Lawrence, Sunday morning. The congregation has worshiped in the basement while waiting for the completion of the auditorium.
- 18. Ackerman Island between the Douglas Avenue bridge and the baseball park is to be cleared of signs owing to the high cost of paint and material. The large sign 200 feet long and 20 feet high there for some years will come down along with the smaller signs surrounding it.

Tuesday, April 3, 1917

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- 2. Text of President Wilson's speech to Congress last night requesting a declaration of war against Germany.
- 9. Dr. J. G. Dorsey, for many years located at 105 West Douglas, will soon move to 201 North Main Street. The entire second floor of the Dorsey Building, recently purchased by him for \$35,000, will be used by the specialist, and his two assistants, Doctors E. M. Seydell and T. Walker Weaver. The new quarters are to be entirely remodeled.

Wednesday, April 4, 1917 page

- 1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Proposition to issue \$200,000 in bonds to build the Forum annex passed 6762 to 2765. Details.
- 6. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has been sued for damages 169 times since it began doing business in Wichita. In checking on a real estate title abstract this week the Guarantee Title and Trust Company was forced to look up all suits ever brought against the street railway company. It required a couple of days to trace down each action and see what became of it. A large part of the suits were won by the company.
- 10. A Fairmount street car and one of the large yellow jitney busses on East Douglas collided this morning near the drainage canal. Neither suffered much damage.

Ground was broken this morning for construction of the Cathedral Apartments at Central and Lawrence. To be 80 by 130 feet, three stories, and cost \$130,000.

Friday, April 6, 1917

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1. Formal declaration of war today by President Wilson.

Saturday, April 7, 1917

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9. Clyde V. Cessna will establish a school of aviation in Wichita within the next few weeks if the U.S. government will sanction the proposition. Details.

Tuesday, April 10, 1917

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4. Report of death today of Wichita pioneer Clark Kinkaid, at age 70. Obituary.

Wednesday, April 11, 1917

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9. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

Thursday, April 12, 1917

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5. The new commission-manager form of city government took over today, with E. T. Battin appointed as city manager. Details.

Saturday, April 14, 1917

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- 1. Drawing of proposed new First Methodist Church. Article with details.
- 4. Walter Morris was today granted a divorce from Mrs. Anna Morris. Details.
- 9. Photographs of thirteen city officials of Wichita.

12. Rev. Hubert C. Herring will assume his duties tomorrow as the new pastor of the College Hill Congregational Church, which was formed eight years ago July 1st. Article with history of church. Photograph of Herring.

Monday, April 16, 1917

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3. Report of meeting today to discuss organization of the Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban Railway Company to build a new road from Wichita to the oil fields of Eldorado and Augusta. Details with discussion of proposed routes.

A new freight car, which has been badly needed several times lately, has been received from St. Louis by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company.

8. The first regular transportation facilities between North Wichita and the downtown district were established this morning when the Jones Motor Bus Company sent one of its large buses to that district with employes of the Jones plant. ¶ The service will start at 5:30 a.m. and run once an hour throughout the day.

Tuesday, April 17, 1917

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- 3. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad has again been placed in the hands of a receiver. Details.
- 5. Superintendent Lewis says a survey has been made and material has been asked for an extension of the College Hill street car line about half a mile east from Roosevelt to East Street.

J. W. and J. H. Skaer yesterday purchased the northwest corner of Lawrence and English from Silas Brown for \$25,000 and plan to build a fine garage there soon. The site is 85 by 150 feet. Details.

10. Report of death Sunday of Mrs. M. L. Garver, one of the founders of the Children's Home, at age 70. Obituary.

Wednesday, April 18, 1917

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5. The Frisco Railroad will start a motor car service between Wichita and Augusta Sunday, April 22, making four round trips daily. Details.

Friday, April 20, 1917

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3. The new clock in the tower of the City Building was delivered to the city commissioners yesterday by Cleon A. Whitney, Wichita jeweler.

Saturday, April 21, 1917

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2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

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5. The clerical force of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company are moving into the company's new building at 1st and Lawrence.

Wednesday, April 25, 1917

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9. Clyde V. Cessna, aviator, expects to complete the two passenger airplane he is building at the Jones factory in North Wichita, within ten days.

Saturday, April 28, 1917

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2. North Wichita Land Company advertisement with map of subdivision.

3. Ground was broken this week, Wednesday afternoon, for a new building for the North Side Baptist Church, at the southwest corner of 21st and Water Streets. Details.

Wednesday, May 2, 1917

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- 6. Members of the old Riverside Club are anxious to re-open the club this summer, but possession of the property will be delayed until a suit against the directors of the club, et. al., to quiet title, is settled in the district court. The suit was filed February 17, 1917 and the date for trial is not set. ¶ It is understood that the present property must be sold after the suit is settled. Some of the men hope to re-organize after the settlement and purchase the building and grounds again.
- 8. Wonderland Park will open for the summer season on Sunday, May 27.

Saturday, May 5, 1917

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2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

Tuesday, May 15, 1917

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12. Howard L. Hammond, who is now building 20 bungalows in Riverside, has purchased from O. L. Miles the old Country Club House and grounds at the intersection of Maple and Merriman Roads in Merriman Park Addition and will build several fine houses on it at once. The tract, for which he paid \$12,500, contains something more than three acres. There is now on the place a large house, which will be worked over.

Wednesday, May 16, 1917 page 1. City commission today chose Louis R. Ash, of Kansas City, as Wichita's permanent new city manager. Details.

Thursday, May 17, 1917

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2. Advertisement for "Overlook" Addition, with photograph of large house on Belmont (?).

Friday, May 18, 1917

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8. Advertisement with photograph of homes on Fountain Avenue.

Saturday, May 19, 1917

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7. Advertisement for the Royer Tractor, made in Wichita.

Friday, May 25, 1917

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- 7. Report of tornado at Andale today. Details.
- 8. The basement and first floor of the Horace Mann Intermediate School are finished on the exterior and the second floor under way.
- 10. Article reports Street Railway Company will probably build tracks across the Douglas Avenue bridge and pay the county an annual rental of \$1500. Company wants a double track, but county commissioners want only a single track. Details.

Saturday, May 26, 1917

page

- Long report of the tornado at Andale yesterday afternoon, with photograph. ¶ Says one of the oldest landmarks of Andale, the Protestant school house, was blown into a heap of brick by the storm. The building was two stories high and had been erected in 1888. School had been dismissed for the summer only the Friday before the storm. ¶ The Missouri Pacific station was totally wrecked. ¶ Details. More photographs on page 8.
- 2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

11. Photographs of twelve Wichita business men who are directors of the International Wheat Show and Fall Fair this year.

Tuesday, May 29, 1917

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4. Drawing of the proposed new Wesley Hospital on College Hill. Article with details.

Wednesday, May 30, 1917

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5. Advertisement with photographs of newly enlarged quarters of Redfern Cloak Company, 120 North Main.

Thursday, May 31, 1917

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4. Article reports on assessed valuation of railroad lines in Sedgwick County. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company's 23 miles of track in Wichita is assessed at \$53,000 per mile, Arkansas Valley Interurban is valued at \$17,000 per mile, Kansas City, Mexico and Orient at \$16,000 per mile, Midland Valley at \$9000 per mile, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe main line \$55,732 per mile, and Wichita and Western branch \$27,866 per mile. Rock Island is \$47,299 per mile. Frisco is \$32,475 per mile on the main line east, \$22,231 per mile on the Ellsworth branch.

Saturday, June 2, 1917

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9. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

Friday, June 8, 1917

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2. Brick work on the new Santa Fe depot at Halstead will be completed in seven to ten days. The new depot will replace the old frame one erected in 1888, which will be torn down when the new one is completed, probably in mid-August. To cost \$25,000.

Saturday, June 9, 1917

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- 6. Drawing of new Skaer building, to be erected at corner of English and Lawrence. To be 85 by 150 feet and cost \$70,000, with two stories. W. V. Street is architect.
- 16. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

Tuesday, June 12, 1917

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8. The Union State Bank today becomes the Union National Bank, having received its new national bank authority from Washington yesterday.

Wednesday, June 13, 1917

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4. S. H. Kress and Company has leased the Queen's Lodge Odd Fellows building at 119 South St. Francis for use for its mail order business. Details.

Friday, June 15, 1917

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- 3. Wichita's first city manager, Louis R. Ash, started his new duties this morning.
- 9. The Missouri Pacific has opened a new station, Midian, between Towanda and Eldorado, about two and a half miles east of Towanda, to serve the new oil field there.
- 13. Report of death this morning at age 80 of Mrs. Wilhelmina D. Hills, who came to Wichita in October 1871 with her husband, H. J. Hills, who died nine years ago this month. Survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Stanley, and two grandchildren, Harriett E. and Harry W. Stanley.

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- 2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.
- 4. The West Side Presbyterian Church at Martinson and University Avenues is to be dedicated tomorrow.

Monday, June 18, 1917

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9. A. H. Webb, Missouri Pacific superintendent in Wichita for many years, leaves here this week for his new position as general superintendent of the Missouri Pacific in Kansas City.

This morning's mail brought orders for 44 new Jones Six cars, including one from the company's distributor in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tuesday, June 19, 1917

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- 3. No settlement was reached in a conference Saturday between City of Wichita and Wichita Railroad and Light Company officials regarding the city's suit for \$134,000 against the street car company for alleged failure of the company to make annual payments due the city for the past fourteen years.
- 4. Report of death yesterday of Ben L. Eaton suddenly while attending baseball game, at age 57. Born in Greenfield, Indiana in 1860 and graduate from Depauw University in 1884. Came to Wellington, Kansas, then to Coldwater and Hutchinson before coming to Wichita in 1890. Operated first the Metorpole Hotel, then the Manhattan, and finally the Carey, renamed the Eaton. Sold the Eaton to Oscar Shirk a year ago. Survived by a son, James, and two daughters, Mrs. Reece Lewis and Miss Monnie Eaton.

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3. Full page Jones Motor Car Company advertisement announcing \$200 price increase effective July 1. Article about the increase on page 6.

Thursday, June 21, 1917

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5. Clyde V. Cessna has decided not to go up in his new machine this week. He will make his first ascension next week. His new machine is valued at \$5000. He will make many free exhibition flights over Wichita this summer.

Friday, June 22, 1917

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10. Drawing of Douglas avenue entrance to the International Wheat Show to be held October 1 to 14.

Saturday, June 23, 1917

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- 3. Advertisement promoting sale of stock in the Wichita Tractor Company, 431 North Water. Photograph of tractor.
- 8. Photograph of canvas and boat house by L. G. Whittier.
- 13. Report of marriage today of Miss Elizabeth Stubblefield to Mr. Rafael Navas at the Stubblefield home, 2510 East Douglas. Details. Photograph of bride and groom.

Friday, June 29, 1917

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6. Article about Clyde V. Cessna and his new plane just completed in Wichita. Photograph. He is teaching three men to fly, including Edgar B. Smith.

Monday, July 2, 1917

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1. Decision was made Saturday to go ahead with building of the Lassen Hotel despite high building costs at this time. Details. Drawing on page 8.

Tuesday, July 3, 1917

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4. Clyde V. Cessna, Wichita aviator, established a new record for speed in this vicinity this morning when he flew the 76 miles from Wichita to Blackwell in 41 minutes, an average speed of 108 m.p.h. This was the first long flight in his new machine and he attained a maximum height of 7000 feet. He left Wichita at 7:52 a.m. and arrived at Blackwell at 8:33. He will fly for ten minutes tomorrow at Blackwell.

Saturday, July 7, 1917

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- 2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.
- 10. Photograph of old frame South Lawrence Avenue Christian Church at corner of Lawrence and Lincoln, which has served for 31 years and which will be torn down beginning next

Monday. It was erected in 1886 and is to be replaced with a new building. Article with details.

The old Green Front Grocery building, which formerly stood in early days of Wichita at corner of Market and Douglas, opposite present location of Greenfield's, but which was moved to corner of 3rd and Main, was torn down yesterday after being condemned by the city. It was a one story frame, 60 by 25 feet, originally known as the W. A. (Al) Thomas building.

Monday, July 9, 1917

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4. Razing of the old South Lawrence Christian Church started today.

Wednesday, July 11, 1917

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5. Map of downtown blocks affected by new parking ordinance.

6. Judge Henry C. Sluss has been appointed master in chancery to hear the case in which City of Wichita is suing the Wichita Railroad and Light Company to recover \$134,000 which it claims should have been paid in annual installments for several years past.

Thursday, July 12, 1917

page 1.

The Rorabaugh store will soon expand into the first floor of the adjacent building at 117 North Main, which has been occupied by the Steel Hardware Company. This will give them a frontage of 125 feet. To move in about August 15.

Monday, July 16, 1917

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5. One of the yellow motor buses of the Wichita Motor Bus Company caught fire and was destroyed at 7:00 a.m. today while it was being filled with gasoline at the Standard Oil filling station at Water and William. It was car No. 102, driver R. M. Glass. Cause unknown.

Tuesday, July 17, 1917

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6. Report of death Sunday of Mrs. T. G. Parham, age 81, at her home at 304 South Market. Came to Wichita in 1876. Survived by one son and one daughter in Wichita (named).

Saturday, July 21, 1917

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- 3. Article about need and possible routing of new street car line to Orient Shops. Details.
- 5. Article about obtaining of right-of-way between Wichita and Augusta for proposed interurban line to be built by the Wichita Walnut Valley Interurban Company. Details.

8. An unusual feature of the new Charles Kleinheim residence in fifth block on North Market will be two huge concrete lions which will decorate either side of the porch steps. They were made by the Concrete Art Stone Company, 1025 East Douglas, and weigh 1200 pounds each. Thirty-five separate pieces go to make up the mold used in modeling the lions. The mold was made by D. C. Smith, of the above company.

Tuesday, July 24, 1917

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5. The new Cathedral Apartments at Central and Lawrence will be open for inspection next Sunday.

Wednesday, July 25, 1917

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5. A. M. Patten, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, is here from Topeka and reported plans for the street car company. Rails are to be brought from Topeka to build sixteen blocks of double street car track where paving is to be done. These rails were taken to Topeka for a proposed extension in that city and were never used. They are now the only rails obtainable for the work in Wichita at this time. If the company were to buy rails now it might take a year to obtain them from the mills. ¶ Eight blocks of this double track will be built on Douglas Avenue between Washington and Hydraulic, where the street is soon to be repaved. Four blocks are to be built on Hillside and Fairmount (sic) between 13th and 17th Streets, two on 13th between Hillside and Fairmount, and two more in Riverside. In addition a siding is to be built on Douglas Avenue east of the end of the double track, and another at Maple and Hiram. These last two improvements are to make possible a three minute street car schedule on the University-College Hill line. Fifteen new one man cars for use on this line are nearing completion in the car shops in St. Louis and will be ready for use in a few weeks.

Thursday, July 26, 1917

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8. Article reports contract for Lassen Hotel has been let for \$570,000 to John Denny, of Wichita. Architect is C. E. Richards, of Columbus, Ohio. To be ten stories and have 260 rooms. Details.

Saturday, July 28, 1917

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6. Photographs of L. W. Clapp residence taken soon after it was built in 1887, and again this week by L. G. Whittier, now surrounded by trees. Article with details.

Thursday, August 2, 1917 page

- Wichita has 90 or more drivers of motor buses, auto liveries, and jitneys for which license taxes were due August 1. Small cars are charged \$25 per car, while the large buses pay \$450 per year. A. Decker paid \$590 to run three cars. Herbert Jones, of the Jones buses, will probably pay the heaviest license, \$450 a year for each of five cars.
- 8. The Jones Motor Car Company is opening a district branch in Omaha and will furnish it with 300 new cars within the next twelve months.

Friday, August 3, 1917

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 L. R. Hurd, president of the Red Star Mill and Elevator Company, today purchased the H. J. Hagny residence at northwest corner of Belmont and Broadview for \$36,000. Mr. Hagny built the home three years ago when there were few improvements in that part of the city.

Saturday, August 4, 1917

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1. Henry Wallenstein today sold his stock in the Boston store and is no longer connected with that firm. He has been part owner of the store since it was founded here 31 years ago, on March 1, 1886. Details. Photograph.

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Illness in his home has compelled John Denny to give up his contract to build the Lassen Hotel, and it has instead been given to the Selden-Breck Construction Company, of St. Louis, which built the Beacon Building. Details.

Friday, August 10, 1917

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9. Dr. J. G. Dorsey, located for many years at 105 West Douglas Avenue, has moved his office to his own building at northwest corner of 1st and Main, where he has occupied the entire second floor.

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4. Article about 1918 models of Jones Six cars, which will differ only slightly from the 1917 models. The Lewis motor will be continued in all models. Details.

Saturday, August 25, 1917 page

8. On September 1 the New York Store will become the Coombs Mercantile Company. A. J. (Bert) Coombs is the proprietor.

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9. The foundation of the Calvary Baptist Church, North Water and Elm Streets, is now under construction.

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4. M. E. Garrison has sold his College Hill home at 3420 East Douglas to Eldorado oil man, J. W. Pierpont, for \$15,000.

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10. Mr. H. E. Chubbuck, vice-president of the McKinley Syndicate, which owns the Wichita street car system, arrived in Wichita this morning for discussion of the city's suit against the street car company for approximately \$130,000.

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- 4. A proposed settlement between the city and the street car company includes a general rehabilitation of the street car system, construction of a line to the Orient Shops, extension of the company's line east and at least one line south, and payment to the city of approximately \$50,000, it is reported. Conferences are being held today.
- 6. Photograph of front of Clyde Cessna airplane with two actresses.

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5. The street car company today promised its employes a bonus of ten percent of their earnings for the year 1917, or a minimum of \$50. About 200 employes are affected. Details.

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4. Within two weeks, Clyde V. Cessna will have completed his third airplane. It will be a small dual control monoplane, capable of about 80 m.p.h. Mr. Cessna's five pupils have completed their training, which began May 1. They are Marion McHugh, Ponce Tent and Awning Company, Edgar B. Smith of the Homer Harden Studio, Ed W. True of the Jones Motor Car Company, Joseph Smithheiser, Harper, Kansas, and Ed Reckerbaugh, Lyons, Kansas.

H. E. Chubbuck left Wichita without reaching an agreement with the city commissioners concerning the claim made by the city against the street car company. It is said that he is willing to build a street car line to the Orient Shops and to extend either the Pattie Avenue or Emporia Avenue line a few blocks and the College Hill line two or three blocks, but he was unwilling to pay the amount of money demanded by the city. He also is said to have stated that the company did not wish to build its track on the Douglas Avenue bridge, but preferred to construct a separate bridge for the company's use. Details.

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1. Article says work is to start October 1 on the new Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban Railway Company line to the oil fields. The company was granted a charter today by the state charter board. Details.

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5. The Anchor Trust Building at corner of 1st and Market, formerly the old Turner Hall, is being torn down to make way for the new Lassen Hotel. Details.

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- 5. "Commodore" S. L. Nelson, of Decatur, Illinois, formerly general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, has entered the army as a captain in the quartermaster department.
- 12. Several officials of the Illinois Traction Company, which owns the Wichita street car system, arrived here yesterday on company business. Includes H. I. Green, Champaign, general attorney for the company, B. E. Bramble, Champaign, general auditor, and W. R. Morrison, Peoria, construction engineer. A. M. Patten, of Topeka, is also here.

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4. Hearing of the city's suit against the street car company before Judge Sluss was adjourned today because company's attorney had to return to Illinois. Details.

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4. Drawing of new Hotel Lassen (accurate).

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9. The street car company expects to have fifteen new cars in operation in Wichita before the International Wheat Show begins October 1. They are now being finished in the shops in St. Louis and ought to be here next week. They will be placed on the College Hill-

University line as soon as they arrive and operated on a four minute schedule. They are similar to the Riverside cars but will seat 42 persons instead of 40, as they do.

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4. Drawing of proposed new First Methodist Church.

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3. After lying idle two years, the Imperial Mill of this city will start making flour again October 1st. It has been purchased from Hiram Imboden by the Stevens-Scott Grain Company for \$35,000. It is at 300 Commerce Street and has capacity of 350 barrels of flour a day and storage capacity of 60,000 bushels. Details.

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8. Five of the new street cars for the Wichita line were shipped from the factory at St. Louis today. ¶ Five more are to be shipped next Monday and the other five on Wednesday of next week. ¶ Superintendent Lewis hopes to have them all here to use during the International Wheat Show.

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- 4. C. R. Lewis, superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, received a telegram from the car company in St. Louis stating that two cars were shipped Sunday, three Monday, and others today.
- 8. Report of visit to Wichita by Mrs. William Griffenstein with many details of her recollections of early Wichita settlement. ("She's the Widow of City's Father")

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Automobile edition, Auto Show section

- 10. Article about Wichita Children's Home with photograph of the new hospital building which is just being completed there.
- 12. Photograph of four large homes in Wichita.
- 15. Advertisement for Jones Six car.

Special Beacon section

- 2. Photograph looking south from Butts Building.
- 3. Photographs of homes of C. Naftzger, Henry Lassen, H. V. Wheeler.

6. Photograph with Beacon Building under construction.

Special International Wheat Show and Exposition edition

- 4. Advertisement for Wichita Railroad and Light company. Says company employs 186 men including 140 trainmen, 25 shop and barn men, ten permanent track men, three linemen, seven office men, and a superintendent. Average pay is about \$80 a month. ¶ The company has in operation 35.14 miles of track, of which 29 miles are paved. Says it costs \$15,000 a mile to pave a street car track. ¶ Says the company has 60 street cars.
- 12. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement with timetable.
- 18. Photograph of site being cleared for Hotel Lassen.

Long list of new buildings in Wichita.

- 20. Photograph of elevated tracks -- no train sheds.
- 22. Advertisement of Wichita Tractor Company.

Special Wheat Show Section

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9. Eight new street cars for the College Hill-University line were received in Wichita Sunday and unloaded today. Seven others have been shipped and will arrive in a few days. They are about the size of the Riverside-Emporia cars but will seat three more persons because they have no rear vestibule. They are one-man cars with pneumatic control.

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- 4. Advertisement for Jones Motor Car Company says they want 40 or 50 second hand cars immediately, part of which are to be worked over into trucks.
- Report of death yesterday at her Riverside home of Mrs. S. S. Noble, (maiden name --Grainger), of strokes, which first occurred June 28, 1914. Born in Wapella, Illinois March 9, 1865 and came to Wichita in 1871. Married in 1889. Survived by husband, son, Max, student at University of Chicago, and daughter Dorothy, Wichita High School student, and aunt, Mrs. Hiram Imboden. Photograph.

Thursday, October 4, 1917 page 6. Advertisement for Jones Motor Car Company lists ten optional colors to be made available to purchasers of Jones Six cars during the next ten days (of International Wheat Show). Includes lavender, cream, maroon, violet, etc.

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10. Excavation for the Hotel Lassen started this morning.

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11. The Carrie National memorial drinking fountain is to be erected by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in front of the Union Station in Wichita, instead of in the State House in Topeka as originally planned.

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- 3. The Mid-Continent Tire factory expects to turn out its first tire next week. Details.
- 6. Fourteen hundred street signs have been placed on principal streets of the city this year. Markers are black with "drilled in" letters of steel color, made by a company in Columbus, Ohio. Details. In 1918 the Service Department will place blue and white enamel markers on the white way poles in the business section. Several years ago some streets were marked, but the system used was not complete and lacked uniformity.

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4. Changes in street car schedules beginning Monday announced: Fairmount and Mt. Carmel lines will run together with ten minute rush hour service and 20 minute mid-day and evening. Pattie Avenue and Waco lines will operate together with eight minute rush and fifteen minute mid day and evening service. Cleveland line will operate around the loop with twelve minute daytime and fifteen minute evening service.

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5. Construction work on the Horace Mann intermediate school at 12th and Market is nearly completed.

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3. The new hospital at the Children's Home is completed.

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7. The old Vertical Mill, at 816 North Main Street, first operated nearly 30 years ago, is being wrecked. It was an old feed mill, used only to grind corn, and was abandoned about

eight years ago. There were formerly three mills on North Main Street, the Banner Mill at 620 North Main, the Star Mill in the seventh block, and the Vertical Mill in the eighth block. They did a good business providing feed in the day of horses, but when the use of the horses was virtually discontinued in Wichita their business fell off, and the Star Mill, like the Vertical is abandoned. The Banner-Mill burned down and was replaced by a modern mill and coal yard. This is the only one of the three left.

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Mrs. Laura Buckwalter objects to the fact that 10th street between Bitting and Larimer is being narrowed from 40 feet to 30 feet now that it is being paved. Details.

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6.

The old Empress Theater, on South Topeka, now called the New Liberty Theater, will be reopened Saturday, November 3. The entire interior is being rebuilt.

Article reports raid on the Keene Hotel, 156 North Market, as an evil place. Mrs. E. S. Wycoff has been its proprietor for past three months. Details. Building owned by Coler Sim.

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2. Jones Motor Car Company advertisement.

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5. Work has begun on the superstructure for some of the new buildings for the Kansas Masonic Home.

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- 5. Wichita's eleventh state bank, the Fidelity State Bank, will be opened tomorrow morning in the Dorsey Building at 1st and Main. Details.
- 8. The street car company has fourteen of their new cars now in operation on the College Hill-University line, and with their five minute service and speedy operation they are finally giving the jitneys on East Douglas some real competition.

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1. Charles Lawrence, Photo Goods advertisement, with photographs.

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8. List of Kansas State Board of Agriculture census figures for Kansas counties and cities in 1917 (as of March 1). Wichita is 58,318, Topeka 44,325, Sedgwick County 77,758.

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5. Actual construction work on the Lassen Hotel started today with pouring of concrete piers for the building.

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8. Mrs. H. G. Norton sold her two story brick building at 236 North Main yesterday to J. O. Gilbert for \$15,000. It has been occupied by the Marshall Furniture Company for the last eleven years.

Friday, November 9, 1917

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- 1. J. C. Fisher today purchased for \$100,000 the five story building occupied by the Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods Company, at Douglas and Santa Fe, from the Terminal Building Company. The Hauser-Garrison Company has a ten year lease on the building.
- 4. The West Side United Brethren Church will be dedicated Sunday. The new church and lot, at corner of Hendryx and Seneca, cost \$9172. The church was organized in 1906 and worshiped in a small building until it was destroyed by fire on January 4. Details.

Saturday, November 10, 1917

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- 4. Rails are on the way to Wichita and ties are on hand for construction of the extension of the street car line to the Orient Shops. The line will branch off from the main line at Osage, running south to Dayton, thence west to Millwood, and south on Millwood to the shops.
- 5. Photograph of new residence of John L. Powell on corner of Circle Drive and Oakland Avenue.
- Driving of the piling on the street car bridge loading from south to Central Riverside Park will be completed the first of next week. This work was necessary to support the bridge.
 The Fairmount car will be running to the college the first of next week if plans of the street car company do not go wrong.

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4. Article about some streets torn up for paving. Says Fairmount Avenue is being paved from 12th to 17th Street.

Thursday, November 15, 1917

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9. The new hospital at the Children's Home will be open to the public Sunday afternoon. Details.

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- 4. Hereafter the Barnes Building will be known as the Hoyt Building. F. C. Hoyt, president of the Union State Bank, bought the building last January from Mr. Barnes.
- 10. The Building Grounds Commission of the Board of Education has instructed architect Lorentz Schmidt to draw plans for a four room addition to the Waco School.

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- 4. Article about plan to open a new street between Market and Topeka about half way between Douglas and 1st Street. Details.
- 7. Cornerstone to be laid Sunday for the new Kansas Masonic Home building. Long article with history and details. Drawing. ("Lay Cornerstone Next Monday for new Kansas Masonic Home")
- 12. Report from the *Eldorado Republican* that the Santa Fe has purchased the Orient Railroad right of way north from Eldorado.

Monday, November 19, 1917

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5. Article about resolution passed Saturday by Friends University Alumni Association asking for the resignation of President Edmund Stanley because of declining enrollment, financial deficit, etc. Details.

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6. Report of laying of cornerstone for new Kansas Masonic Home yesterday. Details.

Thursday, November 22, 1917

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- 5. Ties are now being laid for the new Orient Shops street car line.
- 10. The Dunn Mercantile Company is purchasing the Smythe Brothers Grocery Company at 1215 Franklin Avenue. The new store is known as Dunn Store No. 13.

Saturday, November 24, 1917 page

- Report of death yesterday of Wichita fire chief A. G. Walden. Born in Anderson, Indiana in 1849, lived in St. Louis for some years, and came to Wichita in the middle 80s. Appointed fire chief here in 1886. Wife survives. Obituary and photograph.
- 4. Photograph of new Friends University gymnasium under construction. To be 95 by 105 feet.

Wednesday, November 28, 1917

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9. City commission yesterday passed resolution condemning the old Auditorium and giving notice to the Midian Shrine, which owns it, to tear it down at once. No public meetings have been held in the building for several years. For about a year it was used by the George Innes Dry Goods Company as a furniture storeroom, but it is not now used for any purpose. It was purchased about two years ago by the Shriners, who contemplate building a new temple on the site.

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4. Article with some history of the original meeting of the Wichita Town Company. Details.

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10. The printing plants of the Millison Office Supply Company and the Western Lithograph Company have been consolidated with moving of the Millison presses Wednesday and Thursday to the Western Lithograph Building at 125 North Emporia. The offices of the company will be in the Millison building at 146 North Market. Details.

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8. Discussion of plans for remodeling the council chamber in the City Building by removing the gallery (balcony) on fourth floor to make room for more office space on that floor. Details.

The official opening of Horace Mann Intermediate School will take place January 11.

Wednesday, December 5, 1917

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- 4. Contract has been awarded for the basement of the new First Methodist Episcopal Church to George Siedhoff Company. Details.
- 5. State charter board today gave charter to the North End State Bank, Wichita's fourteenth state bank, with capital of \$50,000. It will be located in the Odd Fellows Building at 18th and Lawrence, formerly occupied by the Stockyards State Bank. To open about February 1st.

Thursday, December 6, 1917

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- 4. Article about new homes being planned on College Hill. Details.
- 5. The second wing of the Horace Mann Intermediate School will be built at estimated cost of \$40,000 to be completed by next September. Work to be started in January. The main part and one wing of the building are completed and will be occupied January 21 for second semester.
- 8. City commission Tuesday took preliminary steps to open 2nd Street through the Midland Valley Railroad property west of the Arkansas River, formerly owned by the Fair Grounds Association. This street was closed several years ago when the property was used as a fair ground.
- 11. Report of meeting today of the stockholders of the Jones Motor Car Company, attended by more than 100 stockholders. It was voted to increase the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. Details.

Saturday, December 8, 1917

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8. Work on the Orient Shops extension of the street car lines, which started Thursday, was halted by the snow storm Friday. Material is on the ground for most of the line.

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- 4. Property at corner of Market and Kellogg was purchased yesterday by members of the Brown Memorial Reformed Church as a site for a new church building to replace the old one at corner of Lewis and Topeka erected in 1885. The church was founded in Wichita by Rev. I. G. Brown in 1883. Details.
- 10. It is planned to begin the remodeling of the City Hall about February 1st. Details.

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9. Article about the plans of the Jones Motor Car Company to build trucks. Photograph. Details. A two ton truck is expected to be on the market by March 1st. The company's goal is to build 2000 trucks in 1918.

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12. Advertisement of Redfern Cloak Company indicates it has moved from North Main Street to 217¹/₂ East Douglas, over Hunter's Market.

Monday, December 24, 1917

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- 4. The Wichita Street Railway Company will tomorrow morning have a car which will leave the farther end of each line at 4:30, with the exception of the Fairmount line. This special service is put on for the benefit of patrons who wish to attend the early Christmas church services.
- 8. The Santa Fe station at Coats, Kansas burned yesterday.

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4. The Western Refining Company has under construction a new gasoline service station at corner of Topeka and William.

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1. Summary of Wichita building permits during past year -- total was \$3,741,749. Major buildings included the Skaer Apartments at Lawrence and English, \$100,000, the Virginia Apartments on North Topeka, \$40,000, the Lassen Hotel, \$500,000, the Derby Building at 2nd and Lawrence, \$110,000, the Cathedral and Interdale Apartments on North Lawrence, \$125,000 each, and the Kansas Masonic Home, \$225,000.

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4. E. L. Stimpson, formerly of Eldorado where he was engaged in the hardware and automobile business, has moved his family to Wichita, taking apartments in the new Interdale. Mr. Stimpson is fortunate in owning a section of land within a quarter of a mile of the latest Sluss well.