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 1872 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Friday, April 12, 1872
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2. Editorial regarding initial issue of the Eagle.

Article reports results of city election on April 2nd. Dr. E. B. Allen was elected mayor.

4. We have excellent sidewalks on both sides of Main St.

It costs ten cents per mile to travel by stage in this country.

There are 320 houses in Wichita.

The bridge across Chisholm creek is a dangerous affair and ought to be repaired.

Main St. in Wichita contains 111 places of business including three wholesale establishments, two printing offices, two banks, and two hotels.

The six horse stage from Newton comes in daily loaded with home-seekers, investors, and business men seeking locations.

Noticeably prominent among the many new buildings at present being erected on Douglas Ave. is the new hotel on the corner of Douglas and Water St. It is the property of William Griffenstein (sic), Esq. It fronts 50 ft. on the avenue and 80 ft. on Water St., three stories high, and will cost $25,000 when complete and furnished.

Article about the Eagle’s advertisers, with some history of the various business establishments.

The stone business block on corner of Douglas and Main has reached the second story. It is 80 ft. by 90 ft. Messrs. Griffenstein (sic) and Hobson are proprietors. A portion of the upper story is to be occupied by county offices, and the rest will be thrown into a large public hall.
Friday, April 19, 1872

3. Our school house cost $4,000.

Brick business blocks and brick residences are all the town talk.

Buffalo were killed within 25 miles of Wichita last week.

The stock yards have been located here, and are being built, about 40 rods south and east of the end of the railroad grade, in English’s addition.

The Eagle last week printed nearly 1000 copies, which edition was entirely exhausted inside of 24 hours. Subscription is $2.00 per year in advance.

$2500 more of the bridge stock was taken this week by H. D. Sturges, of Chetopah (sic), KS. The main timbers are now being delivered upon the ground, and it will be but a short time before the superstructure will be up.

The Methodist society of Wichita have secured two lots on the corner of 3rd and Market streets and have taken initial steps toward the erection of a church.

The iron piers for the bridge across the Big Arkansas River are here and being put in place. Material for the superstructure is arriving daily by wagon. The bridge will be 1000 ft. long. Mr. W. J. Hobson is contractor.

Track-laying on the railroad has proceeded steadily, except Sunday, for ten days. The iron is being put down by 150 men at the rate of 1 1/2 mile a day. They are this side of Sedgwick.

Valley Center is the name of a new town just laid out ten miles up Little river on the railroad.

The railroad cars are now running to Sedgwick, where stages connect to bring passengers to Wichita the same evening. This started last Wednesday.

The new town of Clear Water (sic), on the Ninnescah, is now being surveyed by John Sroufe.

Advertisements for bids to be received May 18th for construction of a depot on northwest corner of Douglas and 5th Ave. for the Wichita and Southwestern RR, the depot to be of the same size and style as the depot at Emporia on the AT and SF RR.

The Little Arkansas river, which forms a junction with the Great Arkansas river, just west of Mr. Waterman’s addition, is a beautiful stream. The water is blue as the sky in appearance. For short it is called hereabouts “Little River.” Never have we known a
stream so full of fish. They are seined out by the wagon load and angled out by piscatorial amateurs by the dozen. The worst varieties retail for 3 cents, the choice 5 cents per pound. We were told that one man has cleared $2,000 during the winter in the fish traffic.

4. Article gives history of the AT and SF RR. They have been granted ten sections of land per mile of railroad constructed from Atchison via Topeka to the western line of the state. Work was begun in October 1868. August 1, 1870 the road was opened to Emporia, 62 miles. July 17, 1871 it was extended 74 miles west of Emporia to Newton. When this stretch was completed, work was started on the section between Topeka and Atchison on which grading and bridges are now completed and track laying is in progress. Contracts have been let for grading and masonry for the 115 mile section up the valley of the Ark river to Ft. Larned. In construction the railroad is first class, with track of best English 56 pound rails. Equipment consists of 15 engines, 13 coaches, 6 baggage cars, 22 box, 100 stock, 100 combination, 42 platform, 94 coal, and 4 caboose cars. During 1871 gross earnings were $454,634 with operating expense of $300,710, for operating profit of $153,924.

Friday, April 26, 1872

3. Mr. L. M. Sage’s fine new business house on Main St. is nearing completion.

The Douglas Ave. House is now entirely enclosed and the windows all in and the outside painted.

Wichita has another brick yard. It is situated about a mile west of town, across Little river, and is being run by Mr. Widner (sic).

The foundation of the Wichita depot is being put in. The building is to be 104 ft. by 48 ft. The south end sets square up to Douglas Ave. The contract has been awarded to Hugo Hullak (sic), of Topeka, a well-known contractor. Completion is due by May 8th.

The big stone block of Hobson and Griffenstein (sic), on the corner of Main and Douglas, is progressing. The joists of the second floor have been placed in position and the walls of the second story are up several ft.

All section lines in Sedgwick County are per statutory provision declared public highways. Fences and hedges are to be set back 30 ft. from the line.

Friday, May 3, 1872

3. The end of the track and the construction train can be seen from the top of the Empire House. The distance is about 12 miles.

The city council on Wednesday passed an ordinance providing for the culverting of Main St. and Douglas Ave.
The second span of the bridge across the Big Ark is being put down this week.

Men and teams are engaged on the grading of Douglas Ave. from the depot through to the river bridge.

Advertisement for the Southern Hotel. Rate is $2.00 per day. Single meals 50 cents and lodging 50 cents.

Friday, May 10, 1872

81 new houses have been built in Wichita since the first of March.

There will be a meeting of the newly elected school board at the school house next Wednesday, the 15th.

The county commissioners have furnished the county clerk new quarters near corner of Douglas Ave. and Main St., with Martin, Phillip, and Co.

The grading of Douglas Ave. is progressing satisfactorily. It is purely a private enterprise, the necessary funds being supplied by property owners on the avenue.

The large ice house near the depot was put up for the use of the railroad.

The end of the track this Friday morning is within a mile and a half of town and will be at the depot tomorrow night. From one to two miles have been laid each day for the past week. Details.

One of the largest individual enterprises yet undertaken in Wichita is the Douglas Ave. House, by William Griffenstein (sic). 80,000 ft. of lumber was used in its construction. It contains 56 rooms and 80 windows, which are four-light of 14 inch by 36 inch glass. In addition a verandah will be built on the north and east fronts. The new hotel is now receiving the plastering and will be ready for occupancy in a very few weeks.

J. R. Mead has laid off and platted another addition to Wichita lying east of the railroad tracks and subdivided into large lots intended for residences.

Four brick yards are just booming hereabouts. Article mentions a brick yard of C. Weidner, across the Little river.

Henry Vigus is building a suburban residence on his 20 acre reserve north of town. The house is 20 x 34 ft.

Friday, May 17, 1872
2. "This is a fact. Regular through trains reached our depot yesterday. The bosom of our valley 'heaved and sot' with ecstatic emotion. All is joy, and many, very many, are 'too full for utterance.' We are exhausted, bewildered, and can say no more. It is enough."

3. 44 passengers arrived on the first train to Wichita, last Saturday night. From 50 to 70 a day is the average here since the railroad reached us.

   The stock yards are nearly completed.

   One can now take the railroad cars at Wichita one morning and be in St. Louis the next morning and in Chicago the evening following. We are now within the bounds of civilization.

   Since the advent of the railroad cars here the stage has ceased to run between Wichita and Newton, and the stage force withdrawn has been put on other routes between here and the towns south and west of us.

   The last span of the long bridge across the Arkansas at this point will be put down next week.

   Note about the sluices and mud on Main St. after a hard rain.

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Friday, May 24, 1872

3. A sidewalk from the depot up to Main St. is badly needed.

   There will be Baptist preaching next Sunday at the school house and all of that denomination are requested to be present, as it is proposed to organize a Baptist church after the preaching.

   The district court is still dragging along. The court room is a reconstructed livery stable.

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Friday, May 31, 1872

2. Letter from a resident of West Wichita encouraging businesses to locate there. The town site has been surveyed more completely of late, and lots are given away to any one who will improve by building.

3. Laborers have been engaged this week in putting in a turn-table and building a switch to it from the depot.

   The freight depot is to be enlarged at once.

   Work on the flouring mill was commenced Wednesday last. It is located near the switch,
south and west of the depot, and should be grinding by the middle of July.

T. J. Peter bought 12 acres last Saturday of the southeast corner of N. A. English’s addition, where the cattle yards are being permanently built. The entire 12 acres are to be enclosed immediately.

Editorial about the need for a bridge across the Little river near Wichita. Says it could be built at or near the upper ford on Weidner’s place, or at the ford by Munger’s.

A Baptist church was organized here last Sunday with 26 members. It is planned soon to erect a house of worship.

Note indicates that Sol H. Kohn is president of the West Wichita Town Co.

“We claim only about 2,000 inhabitants.”

Friday, June 7, 1872

The brick kilns of C. Weidner were fired up on Monday last.

Mr. Morgan Cox has taken over proprietorship of the Empire house.

The Varieties Theatre will be in active operation next week. The building is finished and the scenery is being put in.

During the 13 days last month that the railroad was open for business, there was received at the depot here 4,295,381 pounds of freight, or over 2142 tons, an average of 160 tons per day.

Article about the decoration of graves of soldier dead buried in Highland Cemetery here.

The Wichita stock yards are now completed and within a week will be actively engaged in loading trains for the East. The outside dimensions are 300 x 350 ft., with 15 subdivisions, 27 gates, and 4 runways and chutes. The capacity is about 2500 head, or 125 car loads. About ten cars can be loaded each hour. A 600 ft. driving wing is attached to the yard, as is a 12 acre pen to hold cattle overnight.

Friday, June 14, 1872

The formal opening of the Arkansas river bridge here took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when at 10:00 a.m. the board of directors met at the bridge and after a thorough inspection accepted it from Mr. Hobson, of the firm of Baker and Co., of St. Joseph, the contractor. It is 1000 ft. long from bank to bank. There are eight spans supported by tubular iron piers resting on pile foundations driven 20 ft. below the bed of the river.
3. Several brick kilns have been burned here.

On Saturday the first shipment of cattle was made from this point, consisting of 18 cars. On Monday the second train of 20 left.

Mike Meagher is city marshal.

The theatre opened last Tuesday night with a pretty full house. Details. (It is the Alamo Varieties Theatre; proprietors: Samuel Reavis and Co.)

Friday, June 21, 1872

The income of the bridge up to yesterday has averaged $400 per week.

The Alamo Varieties is playing nightly to crowded houses.

Up to last Sunday, upwards of 144,000 cattle entered the state at Caldwell on the direct Wichita trail.

Article says Independence day will be celebrated with a procession formed to march to Shuman’s grove.

A couple of enterprising Teutons from Kansas City have leased two acres of Shuman’s grove for five years and engaged in under-trimming and fixing rustic tables and swings under the trees for a commodious beer garden business. A fine little clear water lake, full of fish, is in the center of the grounds, and washing the north side is the deep blue of the Little Arkansas, where they will erect bath and boat houses.

The mammoth hotel, the Douglas Ave. House, was opened to the public this week. Messrs. Blood and Cox, formerly of the Empire, are the proprietors. Details.

Ground was broken Monday for the new national bank building to be erected on the corner of Main and 1st streets. It is to be brick, three stories high, 25 x 80 ft., Mr. Campbell, designer. The brick have been bought of C. Weidner.

The brick kiln of C. Weidner has been burned, cooled, and opened at last, and the brick are first quality in every particular. The color is a deep red, and the brick are solid and well tempered and have a regular metallic ring.

Friday, June 28, 1872

Editor’s note: Dr. Tihen did not take notes from this issue.

Friday, July 5, 1872

Main St. is in a horrible condition. It stinketh to high heaven.
Mrs. J. F. Cooper has rented the Empire House and will open the same immediately.

“In violation of the ordinance, we still see men bathing in broad daylight in the Little river, some of them hanging their clothes on the fences of persons’ lots that jut on the bank. We have the frank avowal of one man who says that if the city authorities can’t stop it, he has a double-barrelled shot-gun that will. Men that have had mothers, wives, or sisters–and almost every one has had, one or the other–should at least bear enough respect to their own to hold it a shameful dishonor to shock with their immodest exposures those of others.”

Friday, July 12, 1872

The Methodists will occupy the school house the entire day next Sabbath. Hereafter the Methodist and Episcopals will alternate each Sabbath.

On Saturday last while a company of 300 or 400 Kaw Indians were encamped in the vicinity of Newton on their return from a buffalo hunt, some of their number became intoxicated, and as usual they commenced hostilities among themselves in regular Indian fashion. One of them was killed and scalped, and another was so badly wounded that he has since died.

We heard yesterday that something like 1000 Osage Indians were in camp some ten miles below Oxford. It is suspicioned that these Osages have been committing depredations and stealing cattle in the name of the Kiowas. Within the past ten days some 500 head of cattle have been stolen from herds being driven through the territory. We would like to inquire what that old friend, Enoch Hoag, is doing about these times. If he can’t take better care of his wards he had better resign. Already the proposition to raise 300 or 400 men and go down and clean out these red robbers has been discussed, and if tender-hearted Hoag don’t (sic) want his pets hurt he had better come down and look after them immediately. The settlers of this country cannot afford to have much trouble with the Indians.

Friday, July 19, 1872

The Wichita Savings Bank was organized yesterday afternoon. A. M. Clark of Leavenworth is president, Sol H. Kohn, vice-president, and A. A. Hyde, cashier. Located first door south of Southern Hotel.

Both rivers are up beyond fording again.

A much needed crosswalk is being built on the corner near the Douglas Ave. House.

The fine new hotel called the Texas House, just completed, opposite the Douglas Ave. Hotel, will have a grand opening tomorrow evening.

The Southwestern Stage Co. are now running a daily line between Wichita and Wellington
and a tri-weekly line between Wellington and Caldwell.

Over 21 buildings have been put up here in the last 1 1/2 months. List.

A shooting affair occurred in the north end last Monday evening between two colored men. Details.

Friday, July 26, 1872

2. Editorial about the new Wichita Savings Bank.

3. A windmill has been put up at the water tank, near the depot.

The city council has purchased, through J. G. Hope, a complete hook and ladder apparatus which will be put on in a few days.

The Methodist Episcopal Church society of Wichita will commence immediately the erection of a church, to be 32 x 50 ft. with 16 ft. ceiling. The contract will be let tomorrow evening.

Article about the banks of Wichita with details. Says the oldest bank of the town is that of W. C. Woodman and Son, the “First Arkansas Valley Bank”.

The contract for the building of the First National Bank has been awarded to Mr. R. W. Fisk. Building will occupy northeast corner of 1st and Main and cost between $10,000 and $11,000. To be 25 x 60 ft. and two stories high and surrounded by excavated sidewalk of Florence flagging. Details.

“We have often been interrogated as to the name ‘Chisholm’ which the pretty little stream that flows along the eastern confines of our city bears. It was named after an old half-breed Cherokee trader whose ranch or post was located at the crossing of this creek where the old cattle trail of the same name intersects it. Chisholm has been dead about four years, the immediate cause of his transit to the happy hunting grounds of his fathers being an attack of cholera morbus, superinduced by an overdose of bear’s grease. True to his Indian instincts and appetites, he was taken with a ‘big hungry’ for bear’s oil, which was appeased after a two week hunt by his killing an old bruin and drinking over a quart of its oil, which gave him such a cramping belly-ache as to quench his vital spark and knock him out of time.”

Friday, August 2, 1872

2. Article about a terrific electrical storm at Wichita last Tuesday evening, with details of lightning strikes, etc.

3. The cattle chute at the west end of the bridge is finished.
The great bulk of the cattle are now crossed below the bridge.

A toll house for the bridge has been erected.

The Ark still maintains a high stage. It is now about seven weeks since the arrival of the June rise, since which time the river has not at any time been fordable.

Another large freight train was loaded at this place for Ft. Sill the other day. Each wagon was drawn by six yoke of heavy cattle and each contained about three and a half tons of supplies.

An extension of 40 or 50 ft. is being made to the depot at this place.

Editorial urging the curbing and guttering of Main St. all the way from the Empire House to Douglas Ave.

As noted last week, the city authorities have purchased a hook and ladder apparatus. The cost was $500.

**Friday, August 9, 1872**

For the month of July, tickets to the amount of $5,585 were sold at the Wichita depot.

Wichita contains 519 buildings. How is that for a two year old metropolis?

Hon. J. R. Mead made another shipment this week of 1,200 buffalo robes--Comanche soft-tan.

W. J. Hobson last Monday sold one half his interest in the block at Main and Douglas to the Wichita Savings Bank for $6,000. The bank will immediately erect a vault in the corner front room and take possession of the same soon thereafter. A large fine room, 55 x 24 ft., with skylight, is being fitted up in the same block for the *Eagle* office. We shall take possession in a few days. By the way, so large and important a block of buildings should have a name. As the bird will be the first to take possession, we suggest the name of “Eagle Block”.

Drovers experience some difficulty in crossing their cattle immediately below the bridge and in passing and turning the corner at the Douglas Ave. House. We remind them that Mr. Griffenstein (sic) has left open the old trail crossing, less than 100 yards below the bridge, where the outlet on the north side of the river leads the cattle straight to the stock yards, avoiding streets and corners. The river is falling fast, and we hope an early opportunity will be offered to open up this ford.

**Friday, August 16, 1872**
2. Editorial with criticism of Indian agents.

3. Work has been commenced on the Methodist church.

The new engine “Wichita” is one of the finest on the AT and SF RR. It will probably run on the southwest branch.

An engine-house is being built just south of the turntable.

The proper pronunciation of our town name is as if spelled Wishetah, and not as if spelled Witchitah. Three-fourths of the strangers who visit the place pronounce the name incorrectly.

A. Wiegand and Co. have established a brewery for the manufacture of ale and beer and are ready to fill all orders.

Some of our citizens have been out this week on a buffalo hunt. The herds are about 40 miles from the city.

**Friday, August 23, 1872**

3. Another kiln of brick at the yard near the depot is enclosed ready for burning.

The masons are laying the sidewalk in front of the Eagle block with flagging from the Florence quarries.

Owing to the fact that we wish to remove the Eagle to its new cage in the Eagle block, we publish one day earlier this week.

Ruling prices in stock exchange this week: Yearlings, $6; two year olds, $10; cows, $12; three year olds, $18; and beeves, $21.

Barr and Clark, a firm from Missouri, last week purchased lot No. 92, Douglas Ave., opposite the Eagle block, upon which they propose to erect a two story brick business house immediately.

N. A. English has commenced the erection of a fine residence upon his addition to Wichita.

“Last week’s Eagle attempted to instruct the denizens in the proper pronunciation of ‘Wichita’. We have been told at least 100 times that we were wrong. J. R. Mead, who is the best of authority for any information connected with names and early settlement of this valley, assures us that it is pronounced as if spelled ‘Witchetah’. We are content, although to us ‘Wishetah’ seemed the most euphonious.

Advertisment by C. M. Garrison wanting 2000 dry buffalo hides and offering to pay for
the next 90 days $2 for buffalo bull hides, well dried, $1 for buffalo cow hides, and 50 cents for buffalo calf and yearling hides, delivered to his hide house in Wichita.

Friday, August 30, 1872

2. Article notes the suspension of the *Wichita Vidette*. Details.

3. The Wichita Savings Bank will move into its new quarters (in Eagle block) tomorrow evening and be ready for business there Monday morning.

Note thanking friends who kindly aided in moving *Eagle’s* press and material into its new rooms.

Article lists rules of the Wichita District School. Fall term commences Monday, September 1st.

Article about the Eagle block says it is 80 x 90 ft. on the ground, containing seven large rooms, the *Eagle* office, which is 55 x 24 ft., and a public hall 40 x 80 ft. The ground floor has four large business rooms, 22 x 80 ft. each.

Note says Prof. John Tucker is principal of the public school, Helen M. Fees, assistant, and Mrs. Louisa Tucker is teacher of the primary department. One other teacher will employed. (Editor’s note: In the May 15, 1873 edition of the *Eagle*, Louisa is spelled “Lissa”.)

Friday, September 6, 1872

3. The frame for the Methodist church is up and it is to be completed in 60 days.

647 car loads of cattle, amounting to about 14,000 head, were shipped from here last month.

The river is down to about its usual stage; nevertheless the mail coaches and all loaded teams cross upon the bridge. The sands are so treacherous at the bottom of the stream that teamsters with heavy loads take the bridge, thereby avoiding steep banks and all danger of sticking in three or four ft. water.

Friday, September 13, 1872

3. Minneha post office, Sedgwick County, has been changed to Midland, Butler County.

Note lists directors of the Wichita Bridge Co.: Griffenstein (sic), English, Gilbert, Mead, Fraker, Wright, Woodman, Hill, McCulloch, Hope, Smith, Steele, and Murdock. William Griffenstein (sic) is president.
The new Methodist Episcopal church is nearly enclosed. It is on Topeka Ave. near the corner of 2nd St.

**Thursday, September 19, 1872**

2. Report from West Wichita says a school district has been formed there including eight sections of land and the town site. Bonds have been voted and the building is nearly completed. It is located just south of town in a central location. School will commence about the first of October.

3. A fire department will be ordered in a few days. The apparatus for a hook and ladder company is on the road and may get here at any time.

A new township has been organized in Sedgwick County and named “Greeley”.

Advertisement from Lyon County man offers delivery in Wichita this fall of apple trees, two or three years old and three to five feet high, for ten cents each, or peach, apricot, or nectarine trees in bud at 12 for $1.

**Thursday, September 26, 1872**

3. There will Catholic services at the school house next Sabbath.

T. J. Holmes is enlarging the post office, or the room in which it is kept, making repairs and adding new boxes.

A shooting affray occurred over in Delano on Sunday night. Details.

*Eagle* subscription is $2 per year.

The Alamo Theatre has been re-organized. Details.

**Thursday, October 3, 1872**

3. The carpenters are at work on William Griffenstein’s (sic) residence.

The hook and ladder apparatus has arrived.

We ascended to the top of one of the highest buildings in the city this week and while there counted 21 herds of cattle within two miles of the city.

Building has commenced on Hon. J. R. Mead’s brick residence.

**Thursday, October 10, 1872**
2. At meeting of board of county commissioners on October 7th, resolution was passed to rent five rooms on second floor of Griffenstein’s (sic) store building, over the Wichita savings bank, including the use of the hall during the day while district court is in session, at the cost of $900 per annum payable on the first day of January of each year.

The palatial residence of William Griffenstein (sic) will be enclosed this week.

3. The river is lower than at any time since the middle of June. Many empty wagons and horsemen are now fording below the bridge.

The foundation for the new Catholic church is completed. It will be 36 x 62 ft. and is located north of the depot, near the school house.

The Varieties theatre, which has maintained quite a successful run during the summer, is closed, the footlights out, the actors woodbined, and the proprietor insolvent.

Another addition is being built to the engine house near the depot. When finished it will be the largest on the railroad outside of Topeka, and will hold five or six engines.

According to the new timetable, which went into effect last Monday, Wichita becomes the terminus of the first division of the AT and SF RR.

Thursday, October 17, 1872

3. Main St. in West Wichita is graded up nicely to the west end of the bridge.

They have a nice neat school house in West Wichita, in which school is now being held.

From 600 to 800 stamps are cancelled daily at the Wichita Post Office.

The members of the Frontier hook and ladder co. No. 1 will meet in the office of Martin, Phillip and Co. on Friday evening for the purpose of re-organizing. A new building is being erected for their apparatus.

Article about the gilded eagle crowning the front of the Eagle block. It is 4 1/2 ft. high and 10 ft. from tip to tip and was made in Topeka by artist George Fulton, a Russian emigre. Details.

The county officers took possession of their new rooms in the Eagle block last week.

The Methodist Episcopal church is almost completed.

Contractors are laying about three miles of sidewalks. Details.

Thursday, October 24, 1872
1. Long article from *Topeka Commonwealth* gives early history of Wichita and its early leaders.

2. Letter from John Tucker, superintendent of the Wichita schools, says the number of pupils has grown from 30 on September 2nd to 200 at the end of the eighth week of school.

   “City of Kansas” is the name and style of the third class city just incorporated, which occupies the territory lying in the bottom between Wyandotte and Kansas City, Missouri.

3. The *Wichita Daily Beacon* is the name of a new daily which made its appearance in our city last week. Its proprietors are Messrs. Millison and Sowers.

**Thursday, October 31, 1872**

3. The Empire House has printed bills of fare.

   The brick laying on the new bank building is completed.

   Another “man-trap” has just been built in West Wichita and is in full blast.

   The stately residence of William Griffenstein (sic), on Water St., is enclosed.

   Nereus Baldwin, photograph artist, has some very fine pictures of the bridge, taken from different positions.

**Thursday, November 7, 1872**

3. The Presbyterian church building is offered for sale.

   $2.25 per day is wages paid common laborers in Wichita.

   Thousands upon thousands of buffalo hides are being brought in here by hunters. In places whole acres of ground are covered with these hides spread out with the fleshy side up to dry. It is estimated there is south of the Arkansas west of Wichita from 1000 to 2000 men shooting buffalo for their hides alone. Is it any wonder that the red man sometimes protests against the wanton destruction of his cattle?

**Thursday, November 14, 1872**

3. The pond or slough on Douglas Ave., between Main St. and the depot, has been thoroughly drained.

   The Presbyterians have sold their church building to the Catholic society, and the building is being removed from the west to the east side of town.
The bell for the Methodist Episcopal church has been received.

Something over 125,000 head of Texas cattle have been shipped and driven from this point during the summer.

List of houses now being built in Wichita.

**Thursday, November 21, 1872**

2. Article gives report of William C. Little, County Superintendent of Schools. Says a graded school has been established in Wichita and is thriving. Of 1,200 reported youths between ages five and 21, 400 are enrolled in school, compared with 150 enrolled of a reported 600 last year. District No. 42 embraces West Wichita and adjacent territory and the school house is located on the farm of R. E. Lawrence, which corners with the town site. One acre of land has been donated to the district and a neat school house, 20 ft. by 24 ft., erected. Miss Laura Pope has charge at wages of $30 per month, and 25 scholars are enrolled.

3. The new Methodist Episcopal church will be dedicated one week from this Sabbath.

**Wednesday, November 27, 1872**

3. The Catholics of this town and vicinity have bought the First Presbyterian church, built two years ago. Rev. A. Kuhle saw the same for sale one day, bought it the next, and had the able engineer, Mr. Kempton, move it to the third day to its present destination. They are now working inside to paper the ceiling, and will put in a temporary partition so as to prepare rooms under the same roof for a resident priest. It will be dedicated next Sunday. The building, including furniture, has been bought for $550, and $100 has been paid for moving. The Catholics consider it an advantageous bargain, as they now possess an immediate place of worship.

**Thursday, November 28, 1872**

1. Article from *Kansas City Times* describing Wichita. Details.

3. The Catholic church was dedicated last Sabbath.

The Methodist church will be dedicated next Sabbath.

Article describes the thriving business around the depot. Mentions the Henry Hotel, the Mead House, and the Eagle Hotel. Two large lumber yards are near the depot, also two coal yards. Details.

The First National Bank building, at 1st and Main, is nearly ready for occupancy. Details. The sidewalk is laid in Osage City flagging. The second story has been leased to the Odd
Fellows and Masons and is reached by a cast iron stairway from 1st St. Building cost over $11,000.

The Daily Beacon has suspended. The proprietors promise to appear in a short time with a weekly.

A flouring mill has been put up south of the depot. The machinery is being put in and it will be ready in a short time.

**Thursday, December 5, 1872**

1. Long article describing Wichita, copied from the Leavenworth Commercial.

2. The AT and SF road has informed the Atchison Champion that from August 15th to November 21st, inclusive, the AT and SF handled 4618 cars of cattle, of which 3187 came from Wichita.

3. Peter Laux has built an extensive ice house on the bank of the Little river, near Munger’s residence.

The Presbyterian society will hold regular services each Sunday at Eagle Hall.

The dedicatory services of the Methodist Episcopal church took place last Sabbath. Details.

The post office has been removed from its old location on Main St. to the Eagle block on Douglas Ave.

Note says the three bridges that span Chisholm creek east of town are very unsafe, tottery, rotten, without railing, and all ready to tumble, and should be replaced.

**Thursday, December 12, 1872**

1. Letter about the bridges across Chisholm creek says the one on the Eldorado (sic) Road was condemned four months ago. Mentions that none of the three bridges was built at county expense, but rather by private enterprise.

Editorial urges the formation of a library association.

3. The steam grist mill is now nearly ready to start.

C. M. Garrison has bought already this fall and winter over 4000 buffalo hides.

A new switch of 800 or 900 ft. in length was put in just south of the depot last week, notwithstanding the fact there was already over a mile of switches around the engine
house, the cattle yards, depot, and lumber yards.

One of the passenger coaches of the A T S F, No. 7, was destroyed by fire Saturday. The coaches run out from here are alternated every other day, which leaves two coaches and a mail car always on the side track at this place.

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2. Letter to Eagle from “Farmer Doolittle,” of El Paso. (First of his I’ve noted.)

County commissioners on December 14th voted an appropriation of $400 to build and repair the two bridges crossing Chisholm creek at Daniel Hoover’s and Samuel Hoover’s, the sum to be divided equally on the two bridges.

3. The Weekly Beacon made its appearance last week. Proprietors are Mr. Sowers and Mr. Millison.

The First National Bank took formal possession of their new building on last Saturday.

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3. Ice is frozen so thick on the Big river that teams are crossing with seeming safety.

“We warn our correspondents against too great length. Our inside space is precious. Study brevity. We seldom in an editorial occupy over half a column. The secret of successful newspaper writing is brevity.”

Note about the Boston Boot and Shoe house of J. O. Davidson.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Hook and Ladder Co. on Thursday evening, December 26th. Let every one interested in the formal organization of the company be on hand.