

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 1873 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, January 2, 1873

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2. Letter saying that much produce raised near Wichita is being hauled to Hutchinson to find a market because of the high cost of the toll bridge at Wichita, whereas the bridge at Hutchinson is free.
3. On Friday last about 100 men were busily engaged in putting up a superior quality of ice, which is about ten inches thick and clear as lake ice.

Article reports meeting held last Monday night for start of organization of a joint stock company or building association for purpose of building a three story brick business block on corner of 2nd and Main streets. Details.

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3. Choice fat humps and rounds of buffalo are selling three cents a pound upon our streets.

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1. Long article from the *Topeka Commonwealth* describing Wichita.
3. Someone has cut nearly all the timber off of the island south of the city.

The number of names registered at the Douglas Avenue House since the 7th of last June is 6540.

The stock yards at the railroad are to be enlarged.

Article reports meeting January 9th for the organizing the Hook and Ladder company. It was decided that the organization will be known as the "Frontier Hook and Ladder Company, Number 1" of Wichita. Details.

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2. Report of petition to county commissioners being circulated urging bonds be issued to build free bridges, including the following: across Chisholm creek at crossing of township line between townships 27 and 28; at crossing of county road leading east from railroad depot in Wichita; at crossing of state road leading from Wichita to Eldorado (sic); across Little river at county road on section line between sections 8 and 17, Township 26, Range 1 East; and others in the county.
3. We understand that there already has been \$20,000 subscribed to the fund for the erection of a large three story brick business house and hotel on corner of Main and 2nd streets.

A meeting was held to consider the organization of a board of trade, and committees were appointed for this purpose.

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

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3. Work has been commenced on the new hotel, which the directors hope to have completed by the 1st of July. The building is to be 100 feet front by 90 feet deep.

The Southwestern stage company have the contract for carrying the mail from this place via Wellington, Caldwell, Cheyenne Agency, Wichita Agency, and Kiowa Agency, to Ft. Sill, Indian territory, 240 miles and back, once a week, commencing March 1st.

Meeting is called for Saturday to consider organization of an agricultural society and to establish a county fair.

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3. Our grist mill is turning out a superior article of corn meal. The mill is not yet prepared to grind wheat.

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3. The wooden buildings on the new hotel site are being moved.

Mathewson's train has come in from Ft. Sill loaded with hides and furs.

Great difficulty is encountered in crossing the slough by freighters on their way south and west from Wichita.

J. C. Fraker has bought of C. F. Gilbert one square of ground just north of Honorable J. R. Mead's new residence and will build a handsome brick residence thereon.

Report of organizational meeting Tuesday to form a board of trade in Wichita. Constitution adopted. To be known as the "Board of Trade of the city of Wichita, Kansas." Details.

At meeting of board of education on February 12th a committee was appointed to procure plans and specifications for a wing to the present school house building.

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3. The piles for the bridge across Chisholm creek at Hoover's are driven and ready for the superstructure.

Our hide buyers have bought and shipped from this place since the 1st of November last over 31,000 buffalo hides.

Board of education will submit to the voters a \$3,000 school bond appropriation with which to build a new wing to the present building, increasing its capacity to six rooms. At present it has three rooms under the tuition of four teachers, with 313 scholars enrolled, averaging over 100 to each room. A generous donation of 100 feet of ground adjoining the present site by Honorable J. R. Mead will increase its size to an ample 200 feet front by 140 feet deep.

H. H. George has been elected by the city council as city engineer.

Report of election Wednesday of officers of the Wichita Board of Trade. W. J. Hobson is president, J. C. Fraker is first vice-president.

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2. Report on organizational meeting March 1st of the "Sedgwick County Agricultural, Mechanical, and Stock Association." Details.
3. The name of our new mills are (sic) Buffalo Mills.

Quite a large one story business house has been moved from Park City and placed on a lot on Douglas Avenue, near the depot.

Report of a visit to the Wichita school house on Friday. Three classes visited: the high school, taught by Professor Tucker; the intermediate department, taught by Mrs. Tucker; and the primary grade, taught by Miss Higday.

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3. Work has been commenced on Mr. Fraker's residence.

The directors of the building association have advertised for sealed bids for the building of a brick block on corner of Main and 2nd streets.

Mr. Harris commenced delivering ice on Monday last from his mammoth building, which contains 700 tons.

Editorial note urging the planting of trees in Wichita.

Ordinance Number 89 establishes salary of \$250 per annum for the mayor of Wichita and \$25 per annum for each councilman.

Ordinance Number 90 establishes a fire limit wherein buildings are to be built only of brick or stone, on Main Street from 2nd to Douglas Avenue, and on Douglas Avenue from Lawrence to Wichita Street.

Report of County Commission meeting March 8th with resolution to submit to voters bond issue of \$18,000 for building of several bridges in the county (listed), including Little river and Chisholm creek.

Thursday, March 20, 1873**page**

1. Copy of letter to *Kansas City Journal* comparing advantages of Wichita and Ellsworth as shipping point for Texas cattle coming season. *Eagle* editorial regarding same letter is on page two.
3. Within two or three weeks several buildings have been removed from upper Main Street southward.

The Richey Brothers have leased the Mead House, near the depot, and are now prepared to entertain the traveling public.

The Wichita steam grist mill of Cather and McKee is being run to its fullest capacity. In a short time a wheat burr and bolt will be added.

Mr. J. C. Fraker's new house will be 24 by 32 feet, two stories besides basement, built of brick. It is located on the opposite side of the street from Honorable J. R. Mead and will cost in the neighborhood of \$8000.

The Arkansas Valley House, the mammoth hotel of the joint stock company, was let night before last to Millis and Stem for \$28,985. It will be the largest building in the Arkansas Valley.

Todd and Royal, grocery jobbing firm, have commenced erection of two story brick business building, 25 by 130 feet, corner Main and 1st Street.

Mr. L. W. Fecheimer (sic), Cincinnati capitalist, bought the southwest corner of Main and Douglas of Messrs. Steele and Levy for \$2600.

Article about the Wichita Brass Band.

“The shipment of buffalo hides and robes from this place is astonishing. Mr. Marsh informs us that an average of two car loads per day, or about 1000 hides per day, for the past two months, have been sent forward from Wichita. Some of these hides have been consigned to parties in Liverpool, and will be manufactured into leather. The destruction of these animals for the past winter has been fearful. A congressional law should be enacted against the wanton destruction of these monarchs of the plains.”

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3. Quite a large crowd gathered at the corner of Main and 2nd streets on Monday morning to witness the ground breaking for the \$30,000 hotel.

Through private enterprise of farmers and settlers, the slough and Cowskin, on the Medicine Lodge road, west of Wichita, have both been bridged.

William Mathewson's train, from Ft. Sill, arrived last Saturday, heavily loaded with choice buffalo robes, consigned to J. R. Mead.

Hudson George has been very busy for two weeks past with his compass and transit. From some cause or other the surveys heretofore made in the city do not hitch, and he has all kinds of trouble in locating some permanent buildings on Douglas Avenue.

M. R. Moser is making good improvements on his 40 acre lot on the rise east of town. He has just completed transplanting upon the place 1600 fruit trees, of every conceivable variety.

Article about the new brick yard of J. W. Phillips, on J. M. Steele's place, east of Chisholm creek. Details.

The great stage route from Wichita to Ft. Sill is now an established fact. The whole line is stocked with good horses, the stations averaging 12 to 15 miles apart. The time taken to make the 240 mile distance is two days and one night. The fare is \$25. Travel is greater than anticipated, so semi-weekly trips will be made after this week.

Thursday, April 3, 1873

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2. Long article booming Wichita's growth and economic progress, on completion of *Eagle's*

first year. Details.

Note saying the Santa Fe bridge is now finished over the big slough on the county road between Wichita and Cowskin Grove in Township 27, Range 1 West, between sections 10 and 15. Said bridge was built by the united efforts of a few individuals owning real estate along the line.

3. Report of city election on Tuesday, April 1st. J. G. Hope elected mayor. School house bonds and bridge bonds both defeated.

Mr. Thayer has commenced work on his theater building.

Mr. Rue, of Lawrence, has leased the yards of Mr. Weidner, on the other side of Little river, and has contracted to make 600,000 brick this season.

From Mr. Stem, of the firm of Kullak, Millis, and Stem, contractors of the Metropolitan hotel of this place, we get these figures: It is 100 feet on Main Street by 80 feet on 2nd Street, three stories high. The hotel part will contain 76 rooms. The dining room will be 38 by 40 feet. The first story will have five business rooms of 20 by 80 feet, each 14 feet in the clear, iron front, Corinthian columns. 600,000 brick will be used in construction of the building, 4000 feet of stone, and 140,000 feet of lumber. The cornice of both fronts will be ornamented with heavy brackets. Building will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and will be finished by September 1st.

J. R. Mead furnishes the property owners of his addition shade trees free of charge. All he asks of them is to set them out and take good care of them.

We counted 115 teams on Douglas Avenue and Main Street at 11:15 a.m. on last Saturday.

City surveyor H. George surveyed a new race track southeast of the depot last Saturday. The new track will be graded up in good shape and judges stand, etc., be erected.

Mathews, Rue and Company commenced making brick this week; to employ about 25 men. They propose to have a kiln of 150,000 burned ready for sale by the 1st of May.

The coal dealers, of which the two principal firms are J. Exton and D. A. Mitchell, received 425 car loads of coal during the last ten months.

Thursday, April 10, 1873

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2. Article gives constitution and by-laws of the Sedgwick County Agricultural, Mechanical, and Stock Association.
3. The two new brick business houses on Douglas Avenue are being built by William

Griffenstein (sic), are progressing rapidly.

Eight car loads of stone arrived on Saturday for the new hotel.

Another article urging planting of shade trees.

Thursday, April 17, 1873

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1. Long article about loss of the White Star Liner "Atlantic" with loss of 700 lives.
2. Editorial criticizing Lawrence for not reacting violently to several rapes, etc., by colored men.

Thursday, April 24, 1873

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2. Article from *Atchison Daily Champion* describing Wichita.
3. Covered wagons loaded with women, children, pigs and chickens can be seen on our streets daily, wending their way westward and south in quest of homes.

J. R. Mead's train arrived this week from Fort Sill with about \$5000 worth of robes.

Article describes in detail the new residence of Honorable J. R. Mead, which is now nearing completion.

New timetable went into effect on Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe last Monday with new night express train leaving Wichita at 5:55 p.m., with Pullman palace car attached, and arriving at Atchison at 5:08 a.m., a distance of 212 miles in 11 hours, 25 minutes, and connecting there for morning trains for Chicago and the east.

Lots have been purchased by the Presbyterians at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and 1st Street, where they plan to erect a brick church 40 by 70 feet.

Notice of annual meeting of stockholders of Wichita and Southwestern Railroad Company, to be held May 22nd at the office of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company in Topeka.

Thursday, May 1, 1873

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1. Long article describes Wichita's business and commercial establishments.
2. Letter describes stage trip from Wichita to Fort Sill. Details.
3. Griffenstein (sic) bought a very nice deer to add to the collection of animals in the park.

Mr. Cline, who has charge of the stock yards of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, is in our city superintending the repairing and remodeling of the yards at this place.

Episcopal services every Sabbath at the old courthouse building on Main Street.

Surveyor George has just finished surveying and platting a new addition for Mr. Griffenstein (sic). It joins his old addition on the south and extends from Lawrence Avenue to Water Street.

The new hotel is progressing finely. Everything is ready for the brick work, and we understand the bricks are being burned now.

Thursday, May 8, 1873

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3. The walls of Griffenstein's (sic) new building are completed.

Mr. Phillips is burning his first kiln of brick, which contains about 110,000.

Directors of Sedgwick County Agricultural Society met Saturday and accepted Mr. R. A. Neely's proposition for a site for a fair grounds. It consists of 40 acres lying just east of Chisholm creek, opposite the stock yards.

The laying of brick has been commenced on the new hotel building. Ed Longbottom has the contract for the brick work.

Report of regular meeting of the Frontier Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1. Details.

Thursday, May 15, 1873

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3. The masons will commence the brick work of the Metropolitan hotel on Monday next.

Griffenstein's (sic) new Commercial block on Douglas Avenue is rapidly nearing completion. The brick work was completed last Monday and the roof will be finished this week.

Teachers at the Wichita Public School are: ¶ High school -- H. L. Fees; Intermediate -- Lissa W. Tucker; Primary -- Lizzie Higday; Superintendent -- John Tucker. (Editor's note: In the August 20, 1872 edition of the *Eagle*, the name Lissa is spelled "Louisa.")

Thursday, May 22, 1873

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2. Article with text of 5000 circulars printed this week by mayor and councilmen giving advantages of Wichita as cattle shipping point.
3. Our Catholic friends are remodeling their church inside as also in external appearance.

Article notes that hundreds, yes, thousands of trees have been transplanted in Wichita this spring, especially on both sides of Emporia, Lawrence and Topeka avenues, in Mead's addition.

We understand that Mr. E. S. Glover, who has published views of Emporia, Topeka and Kansas City, proposes to get up a fine birds-eye view of our city. He is now preparing the sketch, and after it is completed will solicit orders for photograph copies of the same.

Dispatches of last Sunday announced that the president had appointed R. L. West postmaster at Wichita. (Editor's note: President of the United States.)

Thursday, May 29, 1873

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3. The new Varieties theater is in full blast.

The late heavy rains here damaged somewhat the brick yards and retarded work. The contractors on the Metropolitan hotel have been compelled to hold up.

We received our first postal card last Sunday. Description.

The board of education have re-submitted the proposition to vote bonds for the building of an addition to the school house.

Thursday, June 5, 1873

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1. Copy of article from *Kansas City Times* about Wichita.
3. Twenty railroad cars of freight per day is (sic) now received at the depot here.

The old keno room on the corner has now employed a brass band, which every afternoon discourses music from the balcony on Main Street.

At an election on Tuesday the proposition to issue \$3000 in bonds for building an addition to the school house was again defeated by a large majority.

Thursday, June 12, 1873

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3. The colored folks have organized a church in this place.

Our new postmaster, R. L. West, has been duly installed.

Note about new Valley House, near the depot.

Note about Cox and Daily's city gardens, one half mile south of the depot, containing 22 acres of all descriptions of vegetables.

Thursday, June 19, 1873**page**

3. Contract for the Baptist church was let on Monday to F. C. Martsolf. It is to be brick, 32 by 50 feet, with 18 foot side walls, with two side or anterooms.

Thursday, June 26, 1873**page**

3. The El Paso bridge across the Arkansas was opened on Friday.

The Metropolitan (wish the directors would change the name) hotel is growing upward every day.

J. W. Phillips has fired his third kiln, containing 175,000 brick, on Monday. The clay is taken from the hill east of town.

Thursday, July 3, 1873**page**

3. Hills and Kramer have commenced work on their new building.

The beating rain on Monday night done (sic) considerable damage to green brick walls of buildings in course of construction by softening up and washing out the mortar form between the brick laid the previous day. Some eight by 30 feet of one of the walls of the Metropolitan hotel was thus thrown down.

4th of July celebration to be held at Greenway's grove, one-half mile below town. Details.

Thursday, July 10, 1873**page**

1. Copy of letter to *Leavenworth Commercial* describing the cattle trade in and around Wichita. Many details.
2. Report of meeting July 8th of committee of Sedgwick County Agricultural Society reporting the purchase for fair grounds of 40 acres of land from J. H. Dagner, lying north of Wichita and north of Munger's. Price is \$1500 to be paid \$500 in paid-up stock, \$500 at close of the fair, and \$500 in 12 months at 12 percent per annum, secured by mortgage on land and improvements.
3. The banks of the Big river are full and fording is now impossible.

The Metropolitan hotel has reared its walls to the second floor.

Article about the trade from Wichita in supplies for the Indian country. Long trains are arriving and departing weekly from and to the various forts and Indian agencies. Messrs. Beard and Vance's train consisting of 14 wagons, with four yoke of cattle to the wagon, left here Saturday loaded with 84,000 pounds of flour for the Cheyenne and Wichita

agencies. Laflin's train of 34 prairie schooners is back again and will load this week with coffee, sugar and other annuity goods for the ravenous tribes. Mr. Laflin's contract contemplates the shipment of upwards of 600,000 pounds of freight yet this fall from this point.

Thursday, July 17, 1873

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2. Letter from Valley Center resident commenting on the decline in lawlessness in Wichita from that of the early days of the town.

3. List of business enterprises in Wichita (numbers of each type and aggregate capital).

Table of monthly receipts of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at Wichita station for first six months of 1873. Total freight receipts \$87,981, and total passenger receipts \$32,510.

The *Eagle* office employs the labor of six men.

"U-cha-og-ra" is the Indian name for our beautiful stream, the Little Arkansas.

Another flat boat came down the Ark river from Colorado this week, which had five passengers aboard.

Thirty-one dollars worth of white paper was used for this week's issue of the *Eagle*.

The Douglas Avenue House is thronged from day to day with guests. The number of arrivals since last June is 1260.

The total number of buildings erected during the past year in Wichita is 166, at a cost of \$205,520.

Article lists business blocks under construction in Wichita.

The Avenue hotel, on Douglas Avenue, between Lawrence and Emporia avenues, was burned to the ground last Friday morning. Building was 25 by 60 feet, two stories, and had been vacated the night previous. Property belonged to N. A. English.

Thursday, July 24, 1873

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1. "Praise your wife" editorial.

2. Letter to *Eagle* on "Saying Hateful Things."

Letter from Illinois visitor describing Wichita.

Letter from Farmer Doolittle.

3. Notice of excursion tickets to Topeka on Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe to be placed on sale July 29th for \$11.10 round trip.

Assessment roll of Sedgwick County for 1873: ¶

Land -- 286,817 acres \$671,678

Town lots -- 3109 \$365,877
acres

Personal property \$321,594

Railroad \$85,800

Total \$1,448,790 (sic)

Of this \$548,000 is in Wichita city and \$92,978 in Wichita township. Next highest is Union township with \$74,955. Delano township is \$48,644. Listed by townships.

Immense clouds of grasshoppers passed over this valley last Friday, but few concluded to stop in this vicinity.

Contract let for M. R. Moser's new brick mansion on site one and one-half miles east of town purchased last spring, from which he can overlook the city and the valley for many miles.

Thursday, July 31, 1873

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2. Outraged Murdock reply to a derogatory note about Wichita in *St. Louis Democrat*. Another regarding an Illinois note on same page.

Notice by Doctor Lewellen against any occupation or use of the land known as the race track adjoining the townsite of Wichita on the north, to wit: the west half and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 27, Range 1 East.

Thursday, August 7, 1873

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3. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad will offer a special reduced rate of \$6.50 round trip to Topeka September 22nd through 26th for those visiting the state fair. This rate is very liberal, being only one third of the regular rate.

Statistics of Wichita schools from clerk of board of education.

Males 231 (white 215, colored 16)

Females 218 (white 210, colored 8)

Total 449

Thursday, August 14, 1873

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

Thursday, August 21, 1873**page**

1. Article gives rules and regulations and premium list of the first annual fair of the Sedgwick County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, to be held September 30th through October 4th, 1873.
3. Fraker's residence is fast approaching completion.

Moser has commenced building his country residence.

Two hundred took dinner at the Douglas Avenue house Sunday.

Travelers and tourists say that the fair grounds track is the best in the state. The amphitheater at the fair grounds is intended to seat 1000 persons. The fair grounds are enclosed with a tight board fence seven feet high.

The walls of the Baptist church will soon be finished.

Thursday, August 28, 1873**page**

1. Article from *Lawrence Standard* describing Wichita.
3. From 200 to 300 persons assembled at the race track on Tuesday to witness the pacing race.

The new hotel is up, cornice on, and enclosed. Its proportions are artistic and its size approaching the magnificent. It looks grand, and the enterprise that secured its erection will be a subject of remark and commendation for years to come. We believe the stockholders as yet have not fixed upon a name. With their permission we would respectfully suggest a few names for their consideration. We give them in the order in which they strike us most favorably, being prejudiced in favor of a local name: The Southwestern, Fraker House, Valley House, Two Rivers Hotel, Sedgwick House, Wichita House, Main Street House, Granger House, Ingalls House, Grand Central Hotel.

Thursday, September 4, 1873**page**

1. Article about the German Mennonites, who have selected Harvey County for a colony.

2. County commissioners, meeting on July 31st, authorized the county clerk to get a plat of the county from the U. S. land office, with date of entry marked on each tract, said plat not to exceed \$100 in value.

County commissioners, meeting on September 1st, drew up three commissioner districts (described).

Article describing the new fair grounds. The entire 40 acres have been enclosed with a strong, tight board fence. A half mile elliptic track has been graded and floral hall and judges stand have been built.

3. Four hundred and eighty-one subscribers get the *Eagle* at the post office in Wichita.

The bridge across the Big river has proved a poor investment for several months past in which time there has been only four or five weeks in which the river was not easily fordable.

Thursday, September 11, 1873

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2. The mill at Wichita will be prepared to grind wheat in a few days, we are informed. The burrs and bolts have been received.
3. Immense clouds of grasshoppers passed over this country last Sabbath in a southwesterly direction.

Thirty-four thousand letters were mailed at the Wichita postoffice (sic) the last 26 days of August, or an average of 1300 letters per day.

Messrs. Hartell, Longbottom, and Wright have commenced erection of a two story brick business house on west side of Main Street, near corner of 1st Street.

Long article describing in detail Wichita's big new hotel, as yet not formally named. Interior finishing is now being carried out.

4. Long article describing the *Eagle's* printing facilities. The power press is a Fairhaven County newspaper press, manufactured at Boston, Massachusetts, and can be run by either steam or handpower, and has been in operation the past three weeks. Occupies a space of seven feet by ten feet and weighs 4200 pounds. Capacity by hand is 1000 impressions per hour.

Thursday, September 18, 1873

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3. Mathewson's train arrived Saturday from Ft. Sill.

The new superintendent of city schools is Mr. Ward.

The wagon factory of M. R. Moser last week turned out seven wagons.

Thursday, September 25, 1873

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2. Another printing of regulations and prizes for the first annual fair of Sedgwick County Agricultural and Mechanical Association. Lists various admission charges.

Note from *Hutchinson News* regarding visit to the *Eagle* says the Eagle nest on the second floor of the Eagle block is the room opposite the street staircase.

3. Contract for the floral hall at the fair grounds was let last Monday. The building is to be 25 by 100 feet The judges stand is nearly finished. It is 12 feet square and double decked.

The biggest shipment of Texas cattle ever made in one day in this state was made last Sunday from this place. 120 car loads of 20 head each, or 2400 cattle, were shipped inside of nine hours. The first train of 31 cars, or 620 head, were loaded, shipping bills made out, and the train away from the depot inside of one hour and 20 minutes. It took four engines to pull this live freight, and the value of this one day's shipment was not less than \$28,800.

Thursday, October 2, 1873

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2. Description of the fair grounds.

Articles describing the fair.

3. The Southern Hotel has recently changed proprietors and been remodeled and refurnished.

Thursday, October 9, 1873

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2. Letter urging Wichita to buy the Ark river bridge and make it free.

3. From April 1st to October 3rd, inclusive, 1439 cars of cattle have been forwarded, or 31,466 head. Forty-seven cars, 1207 head, were forwarded from here Saturday morning.

Enrollment of the Wichita public schools is 250, or about 50 scholars in each of five rooms.

Thursday, October 16, 1873

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1. List of the mail contract routes in Kansas.

3. The amount paid by the government for carrying the mail from Caldwell to Ft. Sill is \$16,945.

The average value of the daily shipment of cattle from this point for the last month was

about \$8400, or \$252,000 for the month.

The Catholic church has been finished off in good style, repainted, refurnished, and does certainly present a very neat and inviting appearance.

John Exton's new brick house, 24 by 36 feet, and one and one-half stories, is on Emporia Avenue just south of Douglas Avenue.

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3. The old theatre building was torn down last week and the stage dismantled of footlights and scenery.

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3. The old courthouse building is being taken down by Fred Martsolf and will be put up into smaller buildings for rent.

Article about a melee Monday night between the proprietors of the two dance houses in West Wichita, "Rowdy Joe" and "Red." Rowdy Joe was shot in the back of the neck and Red was wounded in the arm and hip. Details.

Thursday, November 6, 1873

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2. Letter to *Missouri State Journal*, Jefferson City, Missouri, describing Wichita.
3. Rumors are rife that the big hotel has been rented.

The second story of Wright's new business house is nearly completed.

Twelve hundred and seventy-eight railroad car loads of cattle, or 25,560 head, were shipped from Wichita in the month of October.

Editorial calling for the redivision of the city into new wards.

Article describing the new home just being finished by M. R. Moser on his place two miles east of town. It is of brick, one and one-half stories, 16 by 30 feet with an ell 16 by 17 feet. It fronts on the Augusta road, which runs north of the house, and is situated on the summit of a gentle roll of the high prairie overlooking the town. Mr. Moser has already set out 700 fruit trees on the 40 acres surrounding his home. Details.

Thursday, November 13, 1873

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2. Long editorial urging the building up of manufacturing and industrial establishments in Wichita.

3. Mr. Munger has rented the Empire House and opened the same to the traveling public.

A move is on foot to dam the Little Ark River to gain power for a grist mill and paper mill.

The Wichita bridge company declared the first dividend yesterday, amounting to 82 cents upon the share. At that rate the bridge will pay for itself in about 30 to 40 years.

Honorable J. R. Mead handed us a fine photographic view of his house and its surroundings. Mr. Baldwin was the artist.

E. T. Beard, better known as "Red," the proprietor of one of the dance houses across the river, paid the penalty of his misdeeds with his life on Tuesday morning. It will be remembered that he was shot in a row at his dance house some two weeks since. Article describes the post-mortem, which was attended by "Rowdy Joe," who is charged with shooting "Red." He was formerly from Beardstown, Illinois, which was laid out and named after his father, who was wealthy. He was well educated, had Christian training, and has three children, two daughters and a son, nearly grown, who are now attending school in the east and know nothing of their father's wild life in the west. Age about 45. Description.

Thursday, November 20, 1873

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2. Editorial on the possibility of a war with Spain.
3. L. W. Fechheimer, of Cincinnati, let a contract day before yesterday for a two story brick and stone business house 25 by 70 feet on the corner of Main Street and Douglas Avenue, on the site occupied now by Trickey Brothers and Company's grocery store.

Note about the birth of a baby daughter to the Marsh Murdocks.

Thursday, November 27, 1873

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2. Articles about the Texas cattle trade.
3. Our successful brick maker has changed his base of operations to the banks of the Little river. He has quite a large quantity of good brick on hand.

Mr. Morris Kohn has bought of William Griffenstein (sic) the northeast corner of Main and Douglas, 24 by 90 feet, for \$2000, and will immediately commence the erection of a two story brick business house, which will occupy the entire space, the main front of which will be on Douglas Avenue, with a corner front and side front on Main Street. The contract will probably be let this week.

Further biography of "Red", or Ed Beard.

A commercial college has been opened in Commercial block Wichita, in which will be taught all the commercial branches of education. Signed: A. Burns Smith.

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2. The *Beacon* yesterday announced dissolution of the partnership of B. (sic) G. Millison and Fred A. Sowers, which heretofore has published that paper. Mr. Millison takes the job department, and Mr. Sowers the sole charge of the newspaper.

Two hundred and twenty-six lives lost in sinking of S.S. Ville de Havre after collision November 23rd in Atlantic while en route from New York to Havre. Details.

3. The contract for building of the New York block was let by Mr. Kohn to Millis and Stem. To have an octagonal front on the corner and an open front at the rear of the building on Main Street. Upper story will contain six large offices or rooms, with entrance from Main Street. The brick are being delivered upon the ground by Mr. Phillips.

Article about the four firms that now occupy the four business rooms of the Grand Central Hotel building. They are Fraker and Peyton stoves, tinware, etc. in the corner room, Oak Davidson's dry goods store, W. A. Thomas and Company grocery store, and in the north room, Stanford and Howitt with clothing, boots, shoes, and gentlemen's furnishings. These stores have two column advertisement on page two.

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3. Presbyterian church in Wichita has 102 members. Expenses are \$1100 or \$1200 per annum including \$500 pay for the pastor and \$600 for hall rental and incidental expenses.

Editorial note lamenting the problems in obtaining a suitable hired girl, since these ladies have become more independent than anyone ever dreamed of.

The superintendent has been authorized by the school board to commence grading the schools. The plan provides for the division of the school into four grades, each grade consisting of two divisions, with work laid out in each division which each pupil must accomplish before he can be promoted. Details.

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3. The Grand Central hotel has been leased to Captain W. P. Rouse and will be opened on the 8th proximo.

Notice offering \$100 reward for the apprehension of one Joseph Lowe, alias "Rowdy Joe," a fugitive from justice from Sedgwick County, Kansas. He is about 28 years old, 5'9", heavy set, dark complexion, black hair and heavy black moustache, gruff manners, formerly proprietor of a dance house. Had a scar on right side of neck from a pistol ball.

Article about the trial of "Rowdy Joe" last Wednesday for the killing of "Red." Details.
On Sunday morning "Rowdy Joe" came up missing.

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1. Copy of article from *Atchison Champion* describing progress of Wichita. Details.
3. Q. A. Smith has commenced work on the New York block. He is a brick contractor.