Chambers and Anderson are erecting an immense skating rink on 1st street just west of the county building covering 60 by 140 feet of ground. The roof is self-supporting, and the floor will be laid in cement.

The prospects are now that six inch ice will be housed.

Thursday, January 10, 1884

Article discusses the Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

Our street railway has been a great convenience during the late inclement weather. From 6:00 a.m. till the last train at night, very ten minutes in spite of the weather, cars have swung around the corner on time to the minute. Col. Hartzell has the thanks of the community.

The ties were laid last Friday on the bridge of the Ninnescah on the Wichita and Kingman extension.

Thursday, January 17, 1884

A large amount of piles of bridge timber has arrived on the Sunflower road for the bridge over the Arkansas River.

Thursday, January 24, 1884

Incorporation papers of “The Wichita Wholesale Grocer Co.” were filed last week.

Thursday, February 7, 1884

3. L. B. Ferrell has rented the room in his new building to a heavy dry goods firm from Toledo, Ohio.

Thursday, February 14, 1884

3. Mrs. Nereus Baldwin has been elected president of the City Library Association.

Thursday, February 21, 1884

3. Rowdy Joe, infamous in the early history of this city, was shot by a policeman in Denver the other day, since which time he fell into the rear of the long line of his victims and was marched down to his final home with his boots on.

Letter to Eagle saying “I have been a subscriber from the day you issued your first paper, in the old office opposite the then Empire House on North Main street,” and donating to the Old Settlers’ organization an old printed map of Park City where the writer formerly lived. Says Park City never reached above 40 houses, all of which have since departed. Map is described as a fine lithograph.

Bitting Brothers have entered the wholesale field to sell clothing and gents’ finishing goods. Charles will take the road this week and travel on the railroads with a large and complete line of samples, while they will start a wagon loaded with quite a clothing and notion outfit which will visit the country stores not located on the railroads west and southwest of Wichita.

Thursday, February 28, 1884

1. Long article from St. Louis Post-Dispatch describing Wichita and Sedgwick County.

2. Report of speech by J. R. Mead to the Old Settlers last Friday giving details of the ride in Spring of 1871 to intercept cattle train bound for Park City, etc.

3. Article reports runaway mule that destroyed street car on Emporia’s four block street railway, which will now be taken up and sold.

Board of Trade on February 23 voted to solicit aid from the people of Wichita for the flood victims in Ohio to repay the debt of 1874 when Wichita was aided after the locust invasion.
Thursday, March 6, 1884

2. Long letter to editor referring to uses of the $25,000 school bond funds and referring to "the present building now contracted on Emporia ave. to cost $41,500" (i.e., the high school building).

3. Ferrell’s block is under way.

The City Mills have stopped for the purpose of putting in the new roller process.

Article reports a number of men met at the Presbyterian church last week to consider the matter of the erection and maintenance of an academy (later to become Wichita academy and then Lewis academy). Details.

"The Fair is in the ring this week with a new list of things. It is simply wonderful the things you can buy at that establishment for even ten cents and for a dollar you want to take a wagon with you to haul off the goods."

Thursday, March 13, 1884

2. The stockholders of the Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad held their annual meeting last Wednesday in Ft. Scott, and from the results there is no longer any question but that the road is under the control of the Missouri Pacific or Gould system.

3. Article about the plan to decorate the special train load of commodities for the Ohio flood sufferers. Details.

The Wichita and Western extension to Cheney is a lively little piece of railway.

Thursday, March 20, 1884

3. Article says Messrs. Deffenbaugh, Lewis and Company of the hydraulic mills have just completed installation of one of the finest roller mills to be installed in the state. The mill has been shut down for three months during which the new machinery was installed. Details.

Long description of corn train to Ohio.

Thursday, March 27, 1884

2. Report of comments from other newspapers on Sedgwick County's "corn train" for Ohio valley flood sufferers.

Thursday, March 27, 1884
Thursday, April 3, 1884
The finest business house yet erected in this city has just been taken possession of by the Citizens Bank, on the corner of Main and Douglas. Building fronts 50 feet on Douglas and 115 feet on Main and cost $47,000, and was nearly ten months in course of construction. The pressed brick came from Kansas City and the stone work from Winfield. W. P. Stem was the contractor. Details.

Mr. E. A. Dorsey owns the building occupied by the courthouse.

Store room for rent in the new building of Dr. Furley on south side of Douglas between Lawrence and Topeka.

The new town of Clearwater is being surveyed and platted.

Thursday, April 10, 1884
One of the street car drivers was seriously hurt Tuesday evening by the kick of a car mule.

Munson's large dry good house will open in Ferrell's block on Main street about April 18.

Thursday, April 17, 1884
The house committee (in Washington) has recommended an appropriation of $50,000 for erection of a public building in Wichita.

Pile driving for the Sunflower bridge has reached more than halfway across the river.

Finlay Ross will put the third story on his building.

The Wichita Roller Mills are now running full time.

Thursday, April 24, 1884
Notice (legal) of special election to be held May 29 in Delano township for voting of bonds to assist the Wichita, McPherson and Denver Railroad. Details.

The dead body of a nude infant was discovered on the rear of a lot near the Occidental hotel on Monday last.

Thursday, May 1, 1884
Article reports dedication last Sunday of the new enlarged Baptist church. The First Baptist Church of Wichita was organized in May 1872. The records were lost in the fire on Main street. Rev. J. O. Post came here in January 1873 and reorganized it. The school board offered use of a room in the school house (since burned) which the church accepted and at once commenced regular services. The brick building that has served until now was erected and dedicated in January 1874. It cost $3,000. Details.

The Santa Fe directors at their last meeting decided that the Kingman extension should go forward.

New steel rails and stone ballasting is being put on the road between Wichita and Newton.

A temperance rally will be held May 10 at the Wichita skating rink, one-half square west of the county building.

Thursday, May 8, 1884

Kirby Chapel, of the Methodist denomination, burned to the ground between 12 and 1:00 a.m. on May 3. The fire was thought due to incendiaries, originating from the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor laws. Details.

A movement has been at foot for some time to open Douglas Avenue east to at least the section line running south from Mr. Cooke's. Douglas avenue is now 114 feet wide taken all from the south quarter section, and as it is extended it should be made 100 feet wide, taken 50 feet from each property owner.

Tuesday, May 20, 1884

Prominent among the business buildings erected within the year is that taken possession of by the First Arkansas Valley Bank of W. C. Woodman and Son on the west side of Main street. Article gives detailed description.

The bridge across the great Arkansas, being constructed by the Sunflower Road, is nearly finished and the track almost reaches the west bank.

Editorial on the inauguration today of the Daily Eagle.

Wednesday, May 21, 1884

Ad with drawing of the Bitting Brothers Clothing House.

Sunday, May 25, 1884
2. It is expected that the Wichita and Western road will be completed to Kingman and turned over by the contractor by June 10.

3. City engineer Bayley is now engaged in making a large and comprehensive map of the city of Wichita, which, as soon as finished, will be lithographed. It will give all the blocks, streets, alleys, boundaries, etc. of Wichita.

Tuesday, May 27, 1884

4. Next Sunday afternoon a boat race will take place on the Little Arkansas, near Riverside Park.

Wednesday, May 28, 1884

4. The Ft. Scott railroad, in pulling out for Anthony, crossed the Wichita and Western one and three-quarters of a mile west of the river yesterday.

Thursday, May 29, 1884

4. Plans submitted to the Methodist Episcopal church board by architect Haskell of Topeka have been accepted and work on the new structure will commence soon. The cost of the building will be about $15,000.

Wednesday, June 4, 1884

4. The races at Carey's Park yesterday afternoon were largely attended.

Thursday, June 5, 1884

4. The Deluge Hose Company will have a drill on Saturday evening.

Friday, June 6, 1884

4. We are informed that the road to Kingman was finished and the last side track put in at that place on Wednesday. Regular passenger trains will be running through on and after Monday.

Saturday, June 7, 1884

4. The southwest extension of the Sunflower Road reached seven miles toward Clearwater last evening, and the grading is about completed to that place.

The Mt. Hope town was incorporated on May 12. Officers and directors are listed.
Sunday, June 8, 1884
page 4.
The Cheney train will commence on Monday to run through to Kingman, leaving Wichita at 9:00 instead of 11:00.

Thursday, June 12, 1884
page 4. Article describes in detail the Wichita City Mills, owned by Messrs. Shellabarger, Imboden, and Oliver and located at the corner of Douglas and Fifth Avenue. Elevator building has storage capacity of 50,000 bushels. The mill was built in summer of 1874 and capacity of 120 barrels per day. It was changed in 1880 to the "New Process" or "high grinding" with capacity of 250 barrels per day. April 3, 1884, it was started up after a complete remodeling on the "Roller System" with 351 to 400 barrels per day capacity. The new street gas lamps on the principal business streets have nearly all been placed.

Friday, June 13, 1884
page 4. Article gives new time table of the Wichita and Western between Wichita and Kingman, which goes into effect today.

The attention of the city council is directed to the fact that there is a strong demand for the numbering of all of the houses in the city, and also to the fact that the names of the streets ought to be put up at each corner. It is just utterly impossible for strangers to find the homes of people without being shown.

The new street lamps, lighted for the first time last night, were very bright and attractive.

The frame of the Ft. Scott and Wichita railway depot on the west side is up and will be ready for use by the time the road is finished to the next station.

Saturday, June 14, 1884
page 1.
Assessor's report shows population of Wichita within the old corporate limits of 12,199 up from 8005 last year. The seven additions and West Wichita contain an estimated 1,100 more, making a total of about 13,300. Wichita is now the fourth city of the state. Details. The county population is 30,090, up from 22,794 last year.

4. The track layers of the Ft. Scott will cross the Cowskin today.

Sunday, June 15, 1884
page 4. Architect J. J. Crist is drawing plans for Robert Black’s large three-story brick block, 100 by 100 feet, to be built on the corner of Topeka and Douglas. He is also drawing plans
Tuesday, June 17, 1884

Page 4. One of the largest and probably the most complete map ever issued of Sedgwick County will soon be turned out by Thomas A. Bayley, of this city. It will be seven feet square and finely mounted, and will show the names of all of the school districts, school houses, individual property with owners names attached, besides section and township lines. The plates are now all ready and will soon be sent east to be photo-lithographed and mounted upon canvas.

Friday, June 20, 1884

Page 4. A bridge across the big river due south from the lower end of Lawrence avenue is again being agitated.

Saturday, June 21, 1884

Page 4. There are now 85 telephone subscribers in Wichita.

Thursday, June 26, 1884

Page 4. Article describes a recently uncovered photo of Main street in June 1870 from the cattle trail looking north. There are five buildings on the west side and two on the east, six freight wagons, and two horses feeding in the street. Details. Taken by a man named Schuster.

Saturday, June 28, 1884

Page 4. The Ft. Scott road will run an extension train to Clearwater tomorrow.

Sunday, June 29, 1884

Page 4. Article says cornerstone of the new Catholic church in Wichita will be laid Sunday, July 6. Details.

Tuesday, July 1, 1884

Page 4. Ground was broken for Robert Black's new building at corner of Douglas and Topeka. (i.e., Manhattan hotel building).

The new school house being built upon the same grounds occupied by the 4th Ward building bids to be the finest yet erected in the city. The cornices will be of iron from
Bissantz house.

Friday, July 4, 1884
page 4.

Charlie Morris has let the contract for another two-story brick business house, 25 by 70 feet, to be erected on Main street next to the Guthrie building, now being built.

Sunday, July 6, 1884
page 4.

Hayes and Green have let the contract for building their new brick block at the corner of Water and Douglas for $11,000.

Tuesday, July 8, 1884
page 1.

Article reports the laying of corner stone for the new Catholic church the past Sunday. Gives history of Catholicism in Wichita. Fathers Murphy and Coles were first priests here and held services in homes in 1872 before there was a church building. During pastorate of the latter, the old Presbyterian church on Water street, between 1st and 2nd streets, was purchased for about $500 and moved to where it now stands. In February 1873, the first priest, Father Swiemberg, was located here and regular services date from then. The membership then was about 40. About July 1, 1874, he was succeeded by Father J. C. Schurz, who remained in charge until November 1879, when he was relieved by Father McCall, who remained until August 15, 1883, when the present pastor, Father Kelley, was assigned to this diocese. During 1873, the parochial school was established by Father Swiemberg, but it ran down badly and was discontinued during Father Schurz’s time, but was revived again by Father McCall and now has 60 pupils. The lot on which the old church stands was donated by J. R. Mead. Father Kelley has brought new life to the church, renovated the inside of the old church and moved the school building to its present location near the old church. He has taken steps towards a new church building and let contract for its foundation. To be gothic style, 96 by 54 feet. Details.

Friday, July 11, 1884
page 4.

Architect Crist has completed plans for a large addition to the City hotel on Market street, two stories, 30 by 80 feet.

Saturday, July 12, 1884
page 4.

A new town by the name of Bayne has been laid out on the western extension of the Ft. Scott and Wichita road, about 12 miles southwest from this city in Ohio township.

Sunday, July 13, 1884
page 4.

The foundation for Robert Black’s large block on Douglas avenue will be completed some
time this week.

The Ft. Scott and Wichita reached the Ninnescah yesterday.

**Tuesday, July 15, 1884**

1. Article and table give details of assessment of Sedgwick County for 1884. Population 29,829, including 12,474 in Wichita city.

   Article lists details of new brick buildings being constructed in Wichita.

4. The new high school building -- stuck by a perverse-headed school board on the back-end or side of the school grounds in defiance of a remonstrance containing hundreds of names -- is the handsomest public edifice yet erected in the city, as to general proportions and architectural details.

   The city of Wichita has four splendid brick school buildings costing from $12 to $20,000 each and each with six or eight large rooms. In addition to these there are three other frame school buildings. Twenty-six teachers and a superintendent are employed.

**Saturday, July 19, 1884**

4. The new block being erected on Market has been named Central Block.

**Sunday, July 20, 1884**

4. Men and teams are now grading and opening up Waco avenue north through Lewellen's addition. We understand that the street is to be opened to the old fair grounds.

**Tuesday, July 22, 1884**

4. There is a strong desire on the part of many to have Douglas avenue opened to the hill immediately.

**Wednesday, July 23, 1884**

4. The Ft. Scott and Wichita road completed the bridge over the Ninnescah river last week and is proceeding towards Argonia.

**Friday, July 25, 1884**

4. Excavation is progressing for Mr. L. Hays saddlery establishment, a two-story brick fronting 25 feet on Douglas and 110 feet on Water. It will have an elevator.

**Saturday, July 26, 1884**
The Santa Fe is putting in another long switch reaching from Pine street down to the elevator on 1st street.

Sunday, July 27, 1884
The stone foundation for Robert Black's brick block is nearly completed and work started yesterday on the main structure.

Saturday, August 2, 1884
Mr. Robert Black says he may arrange the upstairs floors of his new building at Douglas and Topeka for a hotel.

Ground was broken yesterday for Mr. Smyth's new brick block on Douglas avenue, one door east of Israel Brothers.

Saturday, August 9, 1884
The interior of the new Christian church at 2nd and Market will be completed the last of next week, although it will yet be some time before the exterior is entirely completed. Services have been held there for some time now, using plain chairs.

Thursday, August 14, 1884
A handsome new car, Number 5, arrived at the depot yesterday for the street railway company.

The addition of Getto's building on the corner of Douglas and Market and about completed.

J. O. Davidson's home on the corner of Oak and Lawrence is to be heated by steam.

Wednesday, August 20, 1884
The main upright walls are now being laid for Smyth's new brick one door east of Israel Brothers on Douglas avenue.

Excavation has started for the foundation of the new Methodist Episcopal church building.

Thursday, August 21, 1884
In conversation with one of the street car drivers recently, a reporter learned that a new
car had been received and that an extension was projected to the residence of Judge Lauck on North Main street.

John Nan, who has opened the new Germania house on Topeka avenue, is fitting up that hotel in nice style.

Masons are now at work on the second story of the brick block on Main street, west side, between 1st and Douglas, commencing with Bloomer Brothers and running two buildings north.

Saturday, August 23, 1884

1. The Wichita street railway with all its stock has been sold by Col. J. W. Hartzell and Capt. E. R. Powell of Augusta, the consideration being $10,000 subject to a $15,000 -- -- -- . The street railway of this city is well stocked and equipped and one of the best paying roads of its kind. It has been ably managed by Mr. Hartzell. Mr. Powell intends to extend the line, as rapidly as the demands of business seem to justify. He has one new car at the Ft. Scott depot, and two more have been ordered. These will be used on the present extension of the track north on Main street one and a half. Captain Powell is a pleasant, genial gentleman, having been for years captain of a large ocean vessel.

4. The city officers are now nicely arranged in their new quarters in Fritz Smitzler's block on Market street.

The walls of the first story of Black's new block are now completed.

Sunday, August 24, 1884

4. The gentlemen owning the City Roller Mills on Douglas avenue near the railroad have incorporated as a joint stock company with capital stock of $100,000. The name of the corporation is Oliver, Imboden and Company.

Tuesday, August 26, 1884

1. Article describes the new house of Thomas B. Lynch at northwest corner of 4th and Central avenues.

City council yesterday passed a street numbering ordinance for city of Wichita. Text of the ordinance is given.

Wednesday, August 27, 1884

4. Ad: All persons holding Wichita street railway tickets not signed across the face by E. R. Powell, or "P" will please return them within ten days from this date for redemption. After
that time, the company will not honor them. Signed: E. R. Powell (successor to J. W. Hartzell.)

Friday, August 29, 1884

1. Steinway Hall is the name of the new music house of Jon Arnold and Company, 23 Main street, to be opened about September 1 succeeding the old "Temple of Music."

The Gas Company is still laying gas mains through the principal streets of the city and now have over five miles of mains laid.

4. The town lying about 30 miles southwest of here, which has heretofore been known as Northfield, has been rechristened, and will be known as Conway Springs.

Saturday, August 30, 1884

4. Long article gives details of regulations of the Wichita Gas Light Company for furnishing citizens with gas.

Wednesday, September 3, 1884

1. Article describes construction activity on Douglas avenue. In the next block east of the Black building at Topeka and Douglas are the Smyth building, Daisy building, Healy building, all up to second story.

1. Assignment of teachers to the various Wichita schools listed.

Sunday, September 7, 1884

4. The addition to the city known as College Hill was surveyed yesterday. It embraces 80 acres lying on both sides of the extension of Douglas Avenue and includes the south half of the Harvey farm and 40 acres belonging to A. C. Payne. There are about 30 lots of two and a half acres each. All but three have already been sold. The tract lies on the edge of the hill exactly two miles east of the corner of Douglas and Lawrence avenues.

Thursday, September 11, 1884

4. The high school building is completed, but the seats have not arrived and there will be no school in the building until Monday.

Where the foundation is just commenced on the northeast corner of Douglas and Water, there will be erected five blocks, two stores in height. The corner is owned by J. McCarty, the next two by A. E. Dodge, the next by N. F. Niederlander, and the east block by Mr. Balch.
Mr. M. A. McKenzie is building a wagon, carriage and blacksmith shop 100 by 40 with two stories at the corner of 1st and Market.

Friday, September 12, 1884  
page 4. Three spans of stout mules have recently been added to the street car stables’ collection.

The Santa Fe and Frisco railroads have fitted up an elegant ticket office at the corner of Main and Douglas.

Sunday, September 14, 1884  
page 4. The street car time has been shortened so that now a car will pass each way every ten minutes.

Article urging the people to put up their house numbers, according to the ordinance passed by the city council.

Tuesday, September 16, 1884  
page 4. The high school opened yesterday with an attendance of 34.

Wednesday, September 17, 1884  
page 4. Major Powell says the street cars are driving so fast now that they have to change teams every two and a half hours instead of every four hours as before. He has 15 teams.

Friday, September 19, 1884  
page 4. Yesterday was circus day and the street car line did immense business. They had on five cars, with them packed and people hanging out the windows.

In a recent issue we gave an account of the improvements at College Hill. Mr. J. W. Bear said yesterday that he had recently laid out another addition of 40 acres in the vicinity of Moser's farm and yesterday laid out Glazier’s addition of 57 acres on Falkenstein's farm which will be controlled by Jocelyn and Thomas.

Saturday, September 20, 1884  
page 4. Article describes tour around the city with construction projects in progress.

Wednesday, September 24, 1884  
page 2. Editorial reports Captain Jake Balderston received nomination for county attorney at
Republican convention Saturday.

4. Article reports new dry goods wholesaling company of W. W. Johnston and Company is opening up at 240 Main street.

Thursday, September 25, 1884

1. Long article gives history of Methodist Episcopal church in Wichita.

Article lists a number of Wichita’s mills and factories.

The brick block of Dr. Black is starting on the third story.

4. It is estimated that 300 buildings have been erected in Wichita since January 1 of this year, including 28 two and three story blocks.

Friday, September 26, 1884

4. Article reports laying of the corner stone in the new Methodist Episcopal church yesterday.

Sunday, September 28, 1884

4. County commission yesterday ordered submission to the voters of a proposition to vote bonds for an addition to the county building, at cost not to exceed $18,000.

Tuesday, September 30, 1884

1. The Ft. Scott and Wichita railroad will run special trains from their depot on Second street to the fairgrounds in west Wichita and back every hour from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the fair. Charge is 25 cents round trip.

4. Starting today a Pullman Palace sleeper will run overnight daily between Wichita and Kansas City without a change.

The material for the city directory being compiled by Mr. W. D. Dockson is all gathered.

Wednesday, October 1, 1884

1. Article reports on first day of the Arkansas Valley Agricultural Society fair yesterday at the new fair grounds in West Wichita. Details.

Payne's portion of the College Hill addition to the city was yesterday placed on file at the
recorder’s office.

Thursday, October 2, 1884
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Sunday, October 5, 1884
page 4
4. The bright new town of Goddard, named for the best General Freight Traffic Manager in the west, is about to be incorporated.

Tuesday, October 7, 1884
page 4
4. The Green and Hays block has started on the third story.

The rails were laid out yesterday on the new side track of the Ft. Scott railroad that extends from the passenger depot past the round house to the bridge.

Article reports the Ft. Scott railroad plans to build on to Anthony without delay and order was sent last Saturday for 200,000 tons of steel, 98,000 ties, spikes and switches, two first class and three second class depots, etc. to reach here by February 1.

Wednesday, October 8, 1884
page 4
4. A porch is being erected the full length of the Goodyear block, which is almost completed.

Friday, October 10, 1884
page 4
4. The West Wichita depot of the Ft. Scott is finished.

Work on the Methodist Episcopal church is progressing nicely.

The finishing touches are being put on the cracker factory.

Sunday, October 12, 1884
page 4
4. The cracker factory starts business in earnest tomorrow.

We counted 97 wagons at one time on Douglas avenue between Water and the bridge yesterday.

Sunday, October 19, 1884
Griffenstein's seventh and eighth additions are rapidly coming to the front as the most desirable residence lots in the city. Chris Pearce is kept busy showing this property.

Tuesday, October 21, 1884

One year ago there was not a house in Wichita south of the Wichita and Western railway. Today in the section south of this boundary there can be counted 200 houses.

Wednesday, October 22, 1884

P. V. Healy will move his real estate office into his new brick block over the Famous Clothing Store today.

A post office has been established at Oatville, Sedgwick County, on the line of the Ft. Scott road.

Messrs. Durkee and Stout have let the contract for erection of a grain elevator in west Wichita, south of the main track of the Ft. Scott railroad near the west Wichita depot.

Thursday, October 23, 1884

The third story of the Green and Hays block is being topped out.

Friday, October 24, 1884

A traction engine went snorting up and down the avenue yesterday scaring every horse it passed into a fit. They appear to the average mind as a great nuisance upon the thoroughfares of our city.

Saturday, October 25, 1884

The Goodyear block will be opened as a first class boarding house on November 1.

Tuesday, October 28, 1884

It is expected that the railway will reach Conway Springs this week.

Wednesday, October 29, 1884

The roof of the Methodist Episcopal church is in place.

street car travel is on the increase, as the mud and cold weather discourage pedestrians. For the next few months, the cozy horse car will be very liberally patronized.
Thursday, October 30, 1884

4. Article discusses possible locations for a new union depot to replace the present temporary one. Says the railroad companies have in the last four days purchased from N. A. English a tract of land 125 by 400 feet south of Morris street and east of the railroad yard. It is said the freight house will be erected on this land.

A number of repairs have been made on the waterworks building up near the little river. The old worn-out boilers have been replaced by two monster ones. A new smoke stack has also been raised.

Sunday, November 2, 1884

4. On the cornice of the new three story brick block at Douglas and Water, the east part of the building at the top shows "D. L. Green 1884" and the west part "L. Hays 1884".

The cornice is being raised on the “Union Block” at northeast corner of Douglas and Water. This two-story brick building is in five separate blocks, the corner one owned by Jerry McCarty, the next two by Mr. Dodge, and the east two by A. C. Niederlander and H. O. Balch. The outside work is almost completed.

Thursday, November 6, 1884

1. National election still undecided between Blaine and Cleveland.

2. A new plot of 80 acres is the "Chautauqua addition to Wichita" has been placed on sale. It is on the city side of College Hill and north of Douglas.

4. Switch engine 347 ran off the track south of the depot Tuesday.

Friday, November 7, 1884

1. Results of the presidential election yet in doubt.

Sunday, November 9, 1884

4. With favorable weather the Ft. Scott track will reach Argonia about December 1.

The Eagle’s edition today is 3000 copies including 1900 for subscribers and to fill orders outside the city.

Tuesday, November 11, 1884

4. Article describes in detail the "New Era" grader, a machine for grading streets and roads,
being exhibited in Wichita yesterday.

Thursday, November 13, 1884

4. The Durkey and Scott elevator in west Wichita on which erection has just begun, is located near the side track about halfway between the bridge and the depot.

Sunday, November 16, 1884

1. New York canvass completed and Republicans finally concede the election of Cleveland.

Article describes the carriage factory of M. A. McKenzie and Company at 1st and Water. Details.

Questions 11-20 of 100 questions and answers on early history of Wichita.

Wednesday, November 19, 1884

1. Report says the Wichita and Western will be operated as a separate line by the Santa Fe and Frisco jointly with headquarters in Wichita.

Friday, November 21, 1884

1. Article describes at length the Wichita Cracker Company at 418 East Douglas. Many details.

4. Interior work on Mr. Black’s new block on East Douglas is going forward and it is expected to be ready for occupancy within 60 days.

Saturday, November 22, 1884

4. Mr. Black says his hotel has been rented to two brothers named Roberts, from Springfield, Missouri and New York City.

Sunday, November 23, 1884

2. Questions 21-30 on early Wichita history.

Wednesday, November 26, 1884

1. Editorial discusses controversy over a small strip of land along Douglas avenue between Wichita street and the bridge which was allegedly never plotted or brought into the city.
4. Article describes proper system for ringing the fire bell: Steady ringing 30 to 40 seconds, then full three seconds pause, then single stroke at two second intervals until the number of the ward is given, then pause three full seconds and repeat the whole sequence.

Saturday, November 29, 1884
page 4.
One of the rooms in the Union block at Douglas and Water was occupied yesterday by J. E. Petrie of Pueblo, Colorado, with a stock of clothing and gents furnishing goods.

Sunday, November 30, 1884
page 4.
Note about arrest of Alice Shockley, better known as "Cyclone", night before last.

Tuesday, December 2, 1884
page 4.
The track of the Sunflower Road is now laid within five miles of Argonia.

Thursday, December 4, 1884
page 4.
The new elevator in West Wichita will be ready for business in a few days.

Saturday, December 6, 1884
page 4.
The hotel runners of this city are getting so annoying on the street cars coming from the trains. That many persons prefer to walk rather than be annoyed by the howling dervishes who represent every one-horse restaurant and boarding house in town. Something ought to be done to protect people on the street cars against such a babel of shouting, solicitations, and coarse slang as is indulged in all the way from the Union to the Santa Fe Depot.

Sunday, December 7, 1884
page 4.
A new company has been organized by the name of the Wichita Stock Yard Company for the handling of stock in this city. The company has secured a long lease of the Riverside barns and the yards and sheds connected with them, situated at the front of Douglas avenue near the bridge.

Tuesday, December 9, 1884
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Article says it has been decided to build an extension of the street railway from Topeka and Douglas south on Topeka one mile to Lincoln street. Grading for the line will be commenced at once.
Wednesday, December 10, 1884

1. Note says that an orchestra has been organized in Wichita. Lists nine members.

4. Another extension of the street railway has been contracted for in addition to the one mentioned yesterday. This contract between L. Houck and the Wichita street Railway Company is for an extension of the track from Main and Central north on Main to Park, west on Park to Wichita, north on Wichita to 13th street, a total of one and a quarter miles. This will add value to the suburban property in the vicinity of the Little River bridge.

Thursday, December 11, 1884

4. The mud scraper was used on the street car track yesterday with good results.

Twenty thousand cubic feet of gas is consumed nightly by the city. To manufacture this amount, 6000 pounds of coal are used every 24 hours.

Saturday, December 13, 1884

4. The track of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita railroad was laid to Argonia yesterday.

New York capitalists in the city are in connection with the local parties perfecting arrangements to build a street railway from College Hill to west Wichita.

Thursday, December 18, 1884

4. Note about the Steinway Hall orchestra which numbers 12 members and held its regular program Monday.

Saturday, December 20, 1884

4. Night before last, engine number 150 of the Wichita and Western ran off the track at the turntable at Kingman and fell on its side.

Sunday, December 21, 1884

4. The Wichita Times was sold at auction yesterday to Emil Warner for $455.

Sunday, December 28, 1884

4. County surveyor Bear is engaged upon a Sedgwick County map and also a map of this city, both of which will be models of detail and accuracy. The map of the city will embrace all of the many additions that have been taken in by it since the issue of the last city
drawing of 1878. They will be printed from steel plates.

Enrollment in the Wichita schools was 1800 last term. The high school has an enrollment of 42 now.

There are few cities the size of Wichita which are so deficient in the way of a public library. A reporter asked about a dozen citizens before he found one who knew the location of the one in this city. It is in some little corner adjoining Rodger's picture gallery.

Tuesday, December 30, 1884

1. Report that mission work will start in Wichita early in January by the American Home Missionary Society leading to the establishment of a Congregational church in this city.

Mr. F. A. Bayley, city engineer, has just finished the draft of a map of the city which will be sent to an engraving house in St. Louis today for publication. This new map is very complete in all details and includes all the additions to the city up to the present time. It will be 60 by 60 inches. The boundaries will be defined by heavy colored lines. Each ward will be distinguished by solid district color and each separate addition will be bounded by heavy lines.

Wednesday, December 31, 1884

4. Editorial on "What Wichita Needs" calling for an honest, efficient city government. Describes the filthy condition of the city, manure pile at east end of the bridge, wretchedly inadequate sewerage, etc. The moral atmosphere of the city is also dreadfully corrupt. It appears to be useless to move for any reform while the present council holds office, etc.