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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1888 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Sunday, January 1, 1888**

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5. Incomplete returns indicate the passage in the election yesterday of the bond issue of \$200,000 for a new court house and jail.

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5. At board of education yesterday it was reported the Irving school would be fitted up ready for school to commence on Monday next.

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5. Article describes at length the peculiar personality of Dr. H. O. Burleigh, who died a few days ago. Details.

The Carey Grand is starting out with a large list of arrivals.

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5. Mrs. Dr. Burleigh was removed yesterday to the new home on North Fourth Avenue.

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5. Surveyors are working on the new grounds for the fair association. The track is being outlined and different buildings located. Architects are drawing plans for the buildings. It seems that the grandstand erected by the baseball association is not suitably located to be used by the fair association, and will have to be torn down, but the lumber can be used in some of the buildings that will be erected.

Stone cutters were yesterday finishing up the artistic work on the columns of the Zimmerly building front.

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5. The new Catholic school building at the corner of Second Street and Fourth Avenue is exteriorly completed. The windows and doors are all in. The interior is not yet finished.

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5. Mr. Lee Taylor returned yesterday from St. Louis, where he was looking after the interests of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line Company. He found the street car manufactory crowded with orders, and the excuse for the delay in supplying Wichita was attributed to that cause. Some of the cars ordered, however, were about finished and would be shipped in a few days. The motor some time ago ordered from Pittsburg (sic) arrived yesterday and will be on the track in a few days. It is said to be a dandy and strong enough to walk up the steep grades with four or five cars of people.

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5. All ties, rails and other material for the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line have arrived. As soon as frost is out of the ground grading and track laying will commence. The missing link is about one and one-fourth miles length and will take about ten days to construct. The rolling stock at present consist of two motors and several cars. This will be increased in a few days by another Caldron motor and one 24 foot passenger coach. Another motor was recently ordered and several more house cars and coaches, which will be on board for early spring. The business of the line has been much better than anticipated. On Sundays especially there is scarcely standing room, as the line runs near the Burton car works and other locations of important enterprises.

It is thought the Kansas Midland will be ready to operate to Ellsworth by the 15th of this month. The connections with the Union Pacific are being made.

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5. A few days ago a street car driver on the Emporia line lighted one of the lamps of the car and then dropped the still burning match into the straw bottom of the car. It ignited and caught the dress of a lady passenger, but fortunately was extinguished with a nearly bucket of water.

Hotel Gandolfo reopened last night upon the American plan.

**Sunday, January 15, 1888****page**

5. Kansas Midland railway have made a time card which will go into effect in a few days, giving a passenger train service each way daily; also a freight train north and south daily to Ellsworth, 103 miles north, where it connects with the Union Pacific. Passenger and mail north leaves Wichita daily at 7:30 a.m., arrives at Ellsworth at 12:33 p.m. Passenger

and mail leaves Ellsworth at 3:45 p.m. and arrives Wichita at 8:40 p.m. The freight and passenger business for this line will be transacted at the union freight and ticket offices of the Santa Fe and Frisco companies.

**Friday, January 20, 1888****page**

5. Article - work is rapidly progressing on the new opera house -with description.

The street railway company contemplate using some other than mule motor next spring. They are figuring on a new system of electric motor which is giving good service in several cities.

**Sunday, January 22, 1888****page**

4. Reporter from Springfield, Missouri writing about recent visit to Wichita: "She has a total of over 60 miles of street railway running 42 houses and 14 motor cars."

**Tuesday, January 24, 1888****page**

5. City council last evening: Petition received that the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company together with the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company be allowed to extend a line to William Street on Water, east on William to Topeka Avenue, giving service to the new opera house. Ordinance to this effect was passed.

Board of trustees of St. Francis hospital met yesterday and adopted by-laws and appointed medical staff: (names follow).

**Wednesday, January 25, 1888****page**

5. Frisco and Kansas Midland officials inspected and accepted the new line to Ellsworth yesterday and will commence operating the line tomorrow.

Supposed fight between Wichita street railway company and the Wichita and Suburban and Wichita and Valley Center motor line companies has been settled amicably. As a result the Wichita street railway company will in ten days commence laying track on the west of the center of South Water and extend to Lincoln Street to connect with the south town extensions in order to decrease the number of cars on South Main. Some on South Main have criticized the company for having too many cars on that line coming in from the South extensions, and the South Water Street line will give relief. The Wichita and Suburban will start to work on the opera house extension today. They will lay their track a few feet east of the center of Water Street and thus neither company will interfere with the other. The company is getting cars heated by stoves, making them comfortable no matter how fierce the blizzard.

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5. The Wichita and Suburban and Wichita and Valley Center motor line companies commenced work yesterday on the opera house extension. They expect to complete some in a few days.

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5. Article discusses prospects for a new depot.

Work has been resumed on the watch factory building and three weeks it is thought will find the north wing completed. Good weather until April 1st would find the entire building completed.

City offices being moved to new quarters in the Polk building on West Douglas Avenue.

Mayor and city attorney agreement between Wichita Street Railway company and Wichita Suburban regarding positions on South Water Street is invalid, as neither had any right to leave the center of the street. Therefore the Wichita and Suburban, having the right to commence work, changed their force to the middle of the street and proceeded to lay track. It is thought arrangements will be made for the old company to use one rail of the Wichita and Suburban and put down one rail between, which will enable them to get to William Street.

8. Wichita and Suburban ad: Cars leave the post office, corner of First and Water streets, every hour, commencing at 7:10 a.m. until 10:10 p.m. for Fairmount and points between.

**Saturday, January 28, 1888****page**

1. Ad: Special announcement: Grand opening of the Crawford Grand on February 1st and Second.

**Sunday, January 29, 1888****page**

5. The Kansas Midland will commence running trains to Ellsworth tomorrow as follows:  
Leave Wichita 7:00 a.m. Arrive Ellsworth at 1:35 p.m.  
Leave Ellsworth 2:30 p.m. Arrive Wichita at 9:00 p.m.

The Fairmount motor line has received two new cars which are better than any others on their line.

The Wichita and Suburban and Wichita and Valley Center motor line companies will run free cars to the Crawford Grand on the night of the opening.

**Wednesday, February 1, 1888****page**

1. Ad announcing the grand opening of the Crawford Grand this evening. Couried Opera company will present "The Gypsy Baron", by Johann Strauss.
2. Wichita and Suburban ad: Cars leave the corner of Douglas and Water streets every half house commencing at 6:15 a.m. until 10:15 p.m. for Fairmount and points between. Cars leave Fairmount commencing at 6:00 a.m. and run every half hour until 9:00 p.m.

Ad for Henry Schweiter's Motor Line Addition says "cars run regularly to the Southeast part of the city."

4. Small note says the population of Wichita in the census taken last March was 31,760 and that of Topeka was 29,973.
5. The magnificent Crawford-Daisy opera house on South Topeka is now practically completed and will tonight for the first time be thrown open to the public. (long article describing it). Building constructed from designs of Mr. George A. Masters, architect, of Chicago, and has a front of 61 feet on South Topeka and a north front of 145 feet on William Street. The height is 80 feet. Building has cost \$100,000. Article gives details of interior. Total seating capacity around 1,600.

J. C. Fraker, of Eureka Springs, in the city yesterday and says he shipped more than three fourths million feet of oak ties for street railroads to Wichita last year.

The plate glass and elevator for the Zimmerly building was received yesterday.

### **Thursday, February 2, 1888**

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5. Article describing opening of the new Crawford Grand opera house last night.

Workmen yesterday were fitting up the interior of the old Grandolfo restaurant for the Fourth National bank, which will soon open up in the building.

### **Friday, February 3, 1888**

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5. Excavation for the Dold packing house was commenced yesterday. The Santa Fe, too, have commenced putting in a switch from their line upon the grounds.

The street railway company commenced work yesterday on the North Topeka Avenue extension from 17th Street to the packing house, and then will go e. to the locality of the plow factory.

"A Beautiful Souvenir". Hyde and Humble are getting out a work which will give citizens of Wichita an opportunity to give distant friends a better idea of the city. An expert from New York took a series of very fine pictures of the city by a patent camera and a special process, which give a perfect perspective an dull details to minuteness. The work is being

done in Berlin, the process being unknown to any American firm. The album of pictures will contain a brief description of the city, and will be sold by single copies for 25 cents, with a discount for larger numbers. The souvenir will go readily into an ordinary letter envelope, and in the respect will have a great advantage over the board of trade's book.

Yesterday carpenters were putting the windows in the Sedgwick block and were fitting up the interior.

The work of fitting up the Burleigh building for the St. Francis hospital is about complete, and the institution will be opened in a few days.

Workmen were yesterday preparing the lower floor and part of the upper of the city building for use of the fire department.

Workmen yesterday were putting down the pavement in front of the Smith-Skinner block, while within, painters were putting on finishing touches on the lower rooms.

The street railway company commenced work yesterday on the North Topeka Avenue extension from 17th Street to the packing house and then will go east to the locality of the plow factory.

### **Saturday, February 4, 1888**

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4. Wichita has a newspaper, which appeared for the first time on Thursday morning named "The Leader." It is the organ of the prohibition party of Sedgwick county.
5. A large force of men are at work putting down the street railway on William Street. The track was last night leveled and ties laid up to Fourth Avenue.

A plat was filed yesterday for a town on the Kansas Midland to be known to fame as Bentley. It is in Eagle township, and promises to be a very thriving town in the near future.

A two story brick livery barn 50 by 120 feet, is now being constructed on the west side of the first block on South Washington. Further south, a two story brick building is being constructed for the Ornamental Iron works.

A force of men were yesterday leveling up the side track of the Midland on South Mosley Avenue.

The gas fixtures were put in position in the office and dining room of the Carey yesterday.

The firemen of No. 2 are testing horses to be used with the new hook and ladder wagon.

### **Sunday, February 5, 1888**

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4. Reprint from San Diego Daily union: We have received a copy of the Wichita Journal of Commerce, a pamphlet of 110 quarto pages, published by the board of trade of Wichita, Kansas, for the purpose of letting the world know what they are doing in the metropolis of Kansas. This pamphlet is finely illustrated with cuts of the city's elegant residences, business blocks, schools, colleges, hotels, for stock yards, packing houses, and great manufacturing establishments. Etc. The work is printed at the monster publishing house over which the *Eagle* flaps his wings and never tires of screaming aloud the greatness of Wichita and the Arkansas valley.

Article from Memphis Tribune describes at length the growth and prosperity of Wichita.

5. The Wichita and Suburban motor line company is extending their line north to the Burton car works. The extension will be completed in a few days. The company contemplate an extension to the plow works in a short time.

City Council will meet tomorrow evening at their new quarters in the Polk building on West Douglas Avenue.

The Rapid Transit company has just received another new passenger coach, which Mr. Schweiter says is the finest in the state. It is provided with heating apparatus and in every particular is nicely equipped.

**Tuesday, February 7, 1888****page**

5. Article reports school board meeting yesterday and indicates the Irving school has been constructed since last August.

The Wichita and Suburban and Valley Center commenced work yesterday on the First Street extension from Water to Main. It will probably be completed today. Mr. Strong yesterday received a message stating that two passenger coaches for his line had been shipped from St. Louis, and hence they are expected in a few days.

Mr. Bowers, superintendent of the gas works, says the demand for gas is so great the company will expand its capacity in the spring from the present 150,000 cubic feet per day to 300,000 cubic feet. In addition, at least six miles of mains will be added during the summer to the present 15 miles.

The Hyde and Humble book and stationary company was yesterday incorporated with A. A. Hyde, president, and T. I. Humble, secretary-treasurer.

The Wichita Soap Manufacturing company are turning out one ton of soap per day.

Mrs. Williams has opened the Gold Dust hotel at the stock yards just opposite the Stock Exchange.

**Wednesday, February 8, 1888****page**

5. Caswell and Buckley yesterday let the contract for their new cornice works on South Main, just across the Wichita and Western tracks. It's to be two story brick, 35 by 75 feet.

Contract has been let for the two story, 25 by 100 feet, building on corner of Second and Mosley for the mattress factory. It will probably be completed in six weeks.

It was expected that the St. Francis hospital would open yesterday, but carpenters and painters did not get done. It will probably be ready to receive patients today. Four sisters of charity arrived from Leavenworth Monday and will take charge of the hospital. The building will accommodate 60 patients.

Mr. George C. Strong, of the Fourth National bank, is making arrangements to erect 60 residences on Fairmount during the next spring and summer.

**Thursday, February 9, 1888****page**

5. The school board will inspect the new Irving School building on North Lawrence Avenue today to see if it has been erected according to contract.

Note refers to a room used for school purposes at corner of Douglas and Hillside.

**Friday, February 10, 1888****page**

5. The city engineer is making a couple of maps of the city showing the location of fire plugs for the benefit of the hose companies. There are 15 fire plugs in the city.

**Saturday, February 11, 1888****page**

4. The bishops of the Archdiocese of St. Louis met yesterday for the purpose of selecting three names from which the church headquarters in Rome will choose a bishop for the See of Wichita. The diocese of Wichita was erected August 2, 1887 and is one of three new dioceses recently established, the others being at Lincoln and Concordia: The Wichita and Concordia dioceses were erected out of the territory of the diocese of Leavenworth, which was considered too large. The bishop-elect for the Wichita diocese was the Right. Rev. James Oral, but he died July 26, 1887, before the consecration, so in reality, the diocese of Wichita has never had a bishop. In the meantime, the chief executive of the diocese has been the Rev. Michael Casey, who was appointed administrator of the diocese October 15, 1887. Details.

Some stockholders of the Wichita and Suburban took a trip over the line yesterday, leaving the city at 4:00 p.m. They went out in one of the new cars, which are quite convenient and well suited to the line.



The wholesale dry goods firm of Johnston, Larimer and Company are moving their stock to their new building on North Topeka Avenue.

**Sunday, February 12, 1888****page**

1. Article on the sixth annual report of the Burton Car Works, for the year ending January 31, 1888. Details and history of the company's expansion. Capacity of the works in Wichita is to be 16 freight cars per day, and production is expected to start about the middle of March, 1888.
  
5. Article describes the new Irving school on North Lawrence Avenue. It is 72 feet square, two stories, of Augusta stone, with eight class rooms 24 by 30 feet, and cost over \$20,000. Design was by Proudfoot and Bird.

**Tuesday, February 14, 1888****page**

5. City council met last evening for the first time in the new quarters in the Polk building on West Douglas Avenue.

**Thursday, February 16, 1888****page**

5. Work on the interior of the Fletcher block is now being rapidly pushed to completion.

Workmen were yesterday engaged on the last story of the Zimmerly block, and the interior fitting has been commenced.

25 cases are reported ready for the St. Francis hospital, which owing to an unexpected delay in getting furniture, is not completed. Six sisters have arrived from Leavenworth.

**Friday, February 17, 1888****page**

5. The Rock Island has a force of 100 men at work on a switch to the packing house, and the Missouri Pacific will commence work in a few days on a switch leading from their line to the packing house.

The timber and machinery for the gate to be erected on Douglas are at the crossing of the Santa Fe have been received, and yesterday work had been commenced at placing them in position.

**Sunday, February 19, 1888****page**

5. Article reports the Johnson and Larimer dry goods company is getting their stock in place in their new three story building, 50 by 120 ft, on North Topeka Avenue. Details.

People from the Jacob Dold and Sons packing company arrived in Wichita yesterday with

plans for the new packing plant being built here. Excavations are already under way. Details.

Article about grief in a home where the mother of six young children died two days ago after childbirth.

### **Wednesday, February 22, 1888**

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5. The Fourth National bank moved yesterday into their new quarters and will be ready to open the wickets tomorrow.

The boiler and engine for the watch factory have arrived. The former is an 80 horsepower and the latter a 60 horsepower. A force is at work on the engine house, which will be complete in a few days. Work on the main building will be resumed as soon as the weather will permit.

The Smith-Skinner building is receiving its finishing touches.

Mr. I. N. Terrill showed us yesterday a block of dressed stone found about one mile from Towanda, Butler county, which dresses easily and is of a very fine smooth texture. The color is a blue white. There is a ledge of it 40 feet thick. A company under the name of the Wichita Stone Mining company has been organized for the purpose of handling the stone, which is very superior and can be laid down in Wichita at about two thirds what it costs to deliver the Warrensburg and other fancy building stone here. The Missouri Pacific is putting in a switch to the quarry.

### **Thursday, February 23, 1888**

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5. Article reports tenth annual reunion of the old settlers association of Sedgwick county yesterday. Details.

The enrollment at the Garfield university for the year so far is nearly 500.

The last stone and brick of the Zimmerly block was put in place yesterday.

Work has been resumed on the Wichita and Valley Center motor line construction. A few more weeks will see the line completed.

A large force are at work on Mr. B. H. Campbell's residence in Riverside park. The building is being erected according to the plans of Architect Alfred Gould.

Mr. Morgan Cox of the Occidental, has sold his lease of the hotel to Messrs. Williams and Lewis, who also purchase MR. Cox's interest in the furniture. It is said Mr. A. M. Deming will run the hotel, taking charge the first of next month.

7. Article describes conditions of steerage passage of European emigrants to the United States.

**Friday, February 24, 1888****page**

5. Last evening the drug store on North Main, opposite the car stables was raided.

Article reports interview with Rev. W. B. Hendryx, former pastor of Pres. Garfield and business manager of Garfield University, about Wichita schools. Says "I was down at the Judson university building only a few days ago and was surprised at the magnitude of their improvements. They have in a foundation fully as large as the Garfield building but perhaps not quite so heavy." The people are building Wichita University are now putting on the roof.

Article reports that work on the telegraph line for the Kansas Midland Railroad will be completed in a few weeks, there being 30 miles yet to construct. The road is in good condition and mail service will be given, commencing on the 5th of next month.

**Saturday, February 25, 1888****page**

5. Pavements at being laid around the Sedgwick block, steam heating and gas fixtures are being put in, and some of the lessees have already commenced receiving and arranging their stacks of goods.

**Sunday, February 26, 1888****page**

1. Extensive article and description of Burton Car Works with drawing. Expect to start operations in April. Details.
5. Extensive article describes in detail the Wichita Soap factory, located in three story brick building 42 by 120 feet on 5th Avenue near Morris Street on West side of street. The Santa Fe is building a switch to the factory. Capacity is three tons daily. Details.

The Rock Island is putting in a switch on Levy Street to the Wichita Exposition and Inter-State Fair grounds. The new fair grounds at last being put into shape. The mile track is nearing completion and the fence is being constructed. The large amphitheater formerly used at the baseball grounds is on trucks ready to be moved to its position on the new track.

**Wednesday, February 29, 1888****page**

5. Furnishing and interior decoration of the dining room of the Carey Grand has commenced.

**Thursday, March 1, 1888****page**

5. Workmen were yesterday grading William Street along the track of the motor line.

**Friday, March 2, 1888****page**

5. A. W. Deming has leased the Occidental hotel. The house is to be immediately thoroughly repaired and painted inside and out. Modern water closets, etc., are to be added and the entire establishment thoroughly renovated.

The Rock Island company has completed a switch from their line to the Dold packing house. It is about a half mile long.

**Saturday, March 3, 1888****page**

5. Associate City Engineer says that work will be resumed on the Valley Center motor line next Monday. It is claimed that all material is on hand and it will take but a few days to make the connecting link.

**Wednesday, March 7, 1888****page**

5. Workmen were yesterday cleaning up and preparing for occupancy the large west store room of the Sedgwick block.

Workmen yesterday were tearing down the balcony of the old Crawford opera house (meaning Turner opera house) in preparation for its future use as a market house.

**Thursday, March 8, 1888****page**

5. Article reprinted from Covington, Kentucky, newspaper describing Wichita and refers to Wichita as "the winning wonder of the west."

Letter critical of council for allowing the motor line on North Market and "giving us the snorting, nervous engines, compelling people who visit us in carriages to hitch, in the alley instead of in the street like white folks."

**Friday, March 9, 1888****page**

5. It is said work will commence on the Riverside motor line in a few days and the adopted system of electricity will be ready for trial by the middle of next May.

**Saturday, March 10, 1888****page**

3. *Eagle* ad with drawing of Eagle building and of the new Scott Webb Perfecting Press.  
Price of daily *Eagle* for one year -- \$8.00.  
Price of weekly *Eagle* for one year -- \$1.00.

5. The amount of natural ice stored away for the coming demand is more than double the crop of any former year. All the companies handling it had built more houses and all are chuck full. The Crystal Ice Company is also greatly increasing its capacity, making it reasonably sure that the city will not suffer from a lack of ice next summer.

Excavation was commenced yesterday for the residence of Mr. R. E. Lawrence. It is near his present residence on the West Side and will cost about \$40,000.

### **Sunday, March 11, 1888**

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5. The sisters of mercy have at last opened the St. Francis Hospital. It has been partly furnished by the generosity of Col. B. H. Campbell.

### **Tuesday, March 13, 1888**

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5. City council meeting yesterday: The Wichita Street Railway company submitted a communication stating they would put a track on First Street from Main to Market and south on Market to Lincoln Street. It was decided that the notice did not comply with the ordinance, and it was referred back to the street railway company.

Yesterday the new chemical engine, was received in the city and taken to hose house No. 1. It came from the Fire Extinguisher Company, Chicago. It will be called and be so lettered on the front of the dash board: "Fred Schattner, Chemical No. 1."

### **Wednesday, March 14, 1888**

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5. The board of trade dedicated their new hall in the Sedgwick block last night. It is on the Second floor. 47 by 85 feet. Details.

### **Sunday, March 18, 1888**

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1. Long article gives text of addresses on occasion of opening of the new board of trade rooms last Tuesday in Sedgwick block.
5. Article reports on building activity in Wichita. The basement of the Col. B. H. Campbell home of Riverside is already going in, of massive stone. Work has been resumed on Fairmount college and the YMCA building. The Wichita university is nearing completion.

The board of education has considered the need for a school at the car works and answered in the affirmative. A teacher has been selected and a hall will be fitted up and a school opened at once.

The lady director of the Benevolent Home informs us that they are about to move the home to a large and commodious house at 725 South Market.

**Tuesday, March 20, 1888****page**

5. Letter to editor from, president of The Benevolent Home. Says it was opened two and a half years ago, primarily as a home for the friendless and needy; then the sick were brought to them and were nursed and sheltered, adding the word "Hospital" to their charter, it being the first "charity hospital" in Wichita. A larger house has now been rented, at 725 South Market, and the Benevolent Home will be continued despite the recent opening of St. Francis hospital.
  
7. Article from another paper describes use of snow plow on locomotives in northern United States. Details.

**Wednesday, March 21, 1888****page**

5. The Gilbert plow factory will soon be ready for business. The engine was started yesterday. Nearly all the machinery has been put in place and patterns are being made.

Stewart Brothers and Coney yesterday moved into their new foundry on South Washington; where they now stand prepared to manufacture all kinds of architectural iron works.

Major Powell stated yesterday that the track laying on the Wichita and Valley Center would be completed in two or three days. Two more motors are expected in a few days and in a very short time Valley Center will be but a few minutes from the city.

Architect Terry has completed plans for the ten room frame residence for Mr. C. W. Bitting to be built on the corner of Pine and Lawrence. Contract has been awarded to Mr. Sternberg.

**Thursday, March 22, 1888****page**

5. Work was resumed yesterday on the Episcopal church building at Third and Topeka by Mr. Torrence, the contractor. It will take the week to get the scaffolds, etc., in readiness, and next Monday the stone work will be commenced.

Work still goes on at the old opera house preparing the building for use as a city market house. Ten booths running along both sides of the building will be erected, and the hall in the second story of the building has been furnished for use as a meeting place for a lodge or other club or organization. (this refers to old Turner opera house at First and Market).

**Friday, March 23, 1888****page**

5. Letter by Dr. J. S. Foote stating that St. Francis hospital at corner of Fourth Avenue and 9th Street is now open to the public. It contains 40 rooms and is in charge of the "Sisters of Mercy." Details given, board of trustees and staff physicians listed, etc.

Article reports anniversary of opening of the Boston store two years ago by Messrs. Wallenstein and Cohn.

**Sunday, March 25, 1888****page**

5. Article about the completion yesterday of track laying for the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company.

Long article reports on construction activity at the Dold packing house with about 200-300 men at work on the massive foundations, etc. Details. The Wichita street railway also has a force of men at work on Topeka Avenue just west of the Dold grounds, grading and laying a new track.

**Tuesday, March 27, 1888****page**

5. The office of the street railway company will be moved today to the Kos Harris building on South Main. The company will soon receive five cars from St. Louis which will be added to the yellow line, from Hydraulic to the Union depot.

**Wednesday, March 28, 1888****page**

5. Extensive improvements and changes are being made on the Suburban Railroad. New cars have been ordered and are daily expected to arrive. Work started yesterday on the extension of the line out William Street to Fourth Avenue. Today workmen will begin laying the track from the stock yards north to the car works.

The board of trade has issued a small pamphlet of "Illustrated Wichita" which will be furnished free to any one who will mail them to parties where they will do the most good.

**Thursday, March 29, 1888****page**

4. Letter to Leavenworth Times describing Wichita in glowing terms - by a Mr. Dingley, a proprietor of the Leavenworth Times. Editorial comment on same page.

**Friday, March 30, 1888****page**

5. The Wichita Street Railway company commenced work yesterday on the South Topeka Avenue connection. Work commenced on Douglas Avenue. It will be extended to Lincoln Street, where it will join the southeast line of the company. A quarter will be double track.

"Hotel Carey" in big white letters now looms up on the west side of this magnificent hotel.

**Saturday, March 31, 1888**

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5. Article reports a disastrous fire last evening, which destroyed the Ackerman packing house on west bank of the river, built over a year ago by Joseph Ackerman at cost of about \$35,000. Details.

**Sunday, April 1, 1888****page**

2. Article describes the Stewart, Coney and Company's new foundry plant on South Washington. Details.
  
5. Article reports the Women's Benevolent Home and hospital has organized a medical staff. It was started in a small scale three years ago and recently moved into a large two story with basement and attic building at 725 South Market having 18 rooms for patients. Details.

20 freight cars were being repaired yesterday at the Burton car works. This is about the first work done at the plant. Details.

The Forest City Pressed Brick company closed a contract on Frisco with Jacob Dold for 3,000,000 brick to be delivered at the rate of 40,000 per day, the full capacity of their machinery and kilns. Brick work on some of the main Dold buildings will start tomorrow.

Article summarizes construction boom in Wichita now-about 200 houses to be constructed.

**Tuesday, April 3, 1888****page**

5. Article gives financial report of the Women's Benevolent Home and Hospital for the quarter ending March 21, 1888. Total expenses \$727.52, including rent \$170.00 and medicines \$14.94.

**Wednesday, April 4, 1888****page**

5. Article describes progress of work on new St. John's Episcopal church at Third and Topeka. Building was commenced last summer. To be 102 by 80, built of stone in early Norman gothic style, and to cost \$40,000. Tower to be 110 feet. Details.

**Thursday, April 5, 1888****page**

5. Street car No. 9 came near being run into by a train Tuesday evening at Fifth and Douglas. Gates at the crossing were not let down. Details.
  
7. Article describes duties of a chaperon in European countries.

**Friday, April 6, 1888**



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5. Article discusses the "train rail" being used by the Wichita street railway instead of the superior "T" rail. Details.

The Wichita and Suburban will have cars running to the Dold packing concern next Monday. Work is under way now on the bridge across the mill race at 23rd Street. The company will not extend their line to the car works for some weeks, owing to the difficulty in getting material.

**Saturday, April 7, 1888****page**

5. Major Powell returned yesterday from St. Louis where he bought four cars for the Wichita and Valley Center line, which will be on hand in a few days. He says the road is ballasted now within two miles of Valley Center and this part of the road will soon be finished.

**Sunday, April 8, 1888****page**

3. Ad says the first motor will leave 13th Street at 8:00 a.m. for Burton Car Works and Valley Center. The second motor will leave 13th Street at 9:25 a.m. and every hour after until 6:25 p.m. The cars will leave Douglas Avenue on even hours, as usual, commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Article reports the Burton Car Works expects to start production Tuesday and will build 24 cars per day. Details.

Letter describes the new grounds of the Wichita Exposition and Inter-State Fair Association, located two miles south of Douglas Avenue and Main Street, just outside the city limits. Description and details. Has a one mile track.

The Wichita Street Railway company will commence operating the Central Avenue line tomorrow from Fourth Avenue to Riverside Park. As is known, for some months the part of the line between Fourth Avenue and Main Street has been unused, but additional cars gives the company some to put on that line.

The street railway extensions south on Topeka and Fourth Avenue are being constructed quite rapidly and in a few weeks the company on these two extensions will add two more miles to their system. The offices of the company are nicely fitted up on the ground floor of the Kos Harris building on South Main Street General manager Dickson's office adjoins the cashier and bookkeeper in front. Mr. J. O. Davidson leaves tomorrow for Boston, to complete arrangements for placing a loan on the company's property in the city of 300,000.

**Tuesday, April 10, 1888****page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance defining the boundaries for laying of "T" rail

rather than tram rail by the Wichita street railway. Details.

**Wednesday, April 11, 1888****page**

5. Steam was raised and the machinery started at the Burton car works yesterday afternoon.

**Thursday, April 12, 1888****page**

5. Article reports visit yesterday of the city council to the water works pumping station. The building is near the center of the island, of brick, one story, 50 feet square, with smoke stack 40 feet high. West of the building are 35 wells down 35 feet and each four inch in diameter. The station has two Walker duplex pumps, with three million gal/day capacity and a Dean pump with 1,000,000 gallon capacity. One Walker pump maintains a 40 pound pressure, but for fires the second pump is turned on to give a fire pressure of 80 pounds. The company has over 22 miles of mains and the city has 151 fire plugs. Average daily pumping of water past month has been 500-600,000 gallons per day. In warm weather the city will use 1,000,000 gallons per day. Pumping capacity is being increased with two more boilers and two pumps with three million gallon capacity. Improvements during the past year have cost over \$150,000.

**Friday, April 13, 1888****page**

5. Workmen yesterday were working on the Fletcher building preparing it for occupancy.

**Saturday, April 14, 1888****page**

5. Work is progressing on the Occidental hotel improvements. Painting and recarpeting is nearly complete. The Topeka Avenue sewer main extended to the building and connected with the new closets and urinals.

**Sunday, April 15, 1888****page**

5. The St. Louis and San Francisco railway has discontinued its connections with the Santa Fe at Halstead and is now running its through trains over its new extension, the Midland, by way of Branton and Lyons to a connection with the Union Pacific at Ellsworth, its sleepers going on to the Pacific over the Union Pacific.

The market house was opened yesterday. (First and Market)

The Wichita Suburban Fairmount street railway line has a new timetable beginning today for those who wish to go to the stock yards, packing house, etc.

6. Wichita and Suburban ad: Cars leave Fourth and William every hour from 6:10 a.m. until 10:10 p.m., crossing Douglas 15 minutes after every hour. Cars for Dold Packing House leave First and Main at 5, 25, and 45 minutes after every four from 6:05 a.m. until 10:05

pm. Cars run on all lines after all plays at grand opera house. Parties of four or five can have special cars without special charge after these hours by telephoning No. 40 or calling at office 1551 North Fourth Avenue.

**Wednesday, April 18, 1888****page**

5. Workmen at Garfield University are laying bricks upon the main building. Last week the stone cutters were at work and there is now enough cut stone for some time.

The Rapid Transit Motor Line company are making arrangements for more cars and another motor to be on hand in a few weeks to increase the carrying capacity for the summer season. The picnic trade is near at hand.

Eight car loads of ties have been received for the Wichita and Valley Center Motor line.

Mr. Garver has commenced the foundation for a three story brick building 50 by 100 feet just east of Sycamore Street on Chicago Avenue.

**Friday, April 20, 1888****page**

5. Brick work has started on the second story of the Garrison block, West Side.

**Saturday, April 21, 1888****page**

5. Long article reporting on a study of proposed sewer system for Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, April 22, 1888****page**

5. Article reports that the Burton car works completed their first stock car yesterday. It is 36 feet long and will hold 18 head of large cattle. Details.

The Wichita Watch Company now have their magnificent Corliss engine set up and will start it up tomorrow.

The Wichita Street Railway company have completed their line to the Dold packing house and will commence operating the same tomorrow.

Article reports the Santa Fe will open their new line between Kansas City and Chicago on Sunday, April 29. Vestibule trains will be placed on the line and no extra charge made for the service.

There are a number of stone cutters at work on the John Bright university. The foundation is completed and work progressing nicely on the first story.

**Tuesday, April 24, 1888**

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5. The engine at the watch factory was started yesterday and everything moved off smoothly.

**Friday, April 27, 1888****page**

5. Two cars will be added in a few days to the Dold Packing House extension running down Topeka and Douglas to Main. The Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company say their new motor is a dandy. Three more cars are expected to arrive for the Wichita and Suburban in a few days. The Rapid Transit company is improving track on Broadway. Work is progressing nicely on the South Topeka Avenue. extension of the City Railway company.

The hotel registers of five of the leading hotels in the city showed 352 names of new arrivals yesterday.

**Sunday, April 29, 1888****page**

5. Contract let yesterday for building the new Sedgwick county jail at cost of \$47,250. To be two stories, 74 by 93 feet. Details.

**Tuesday, May 1, 1888****page**

4. Article refers to a circular printed for E. H. Durkey (sic) in Emporia in May 1868 advertising his trading place and setting forth that the name of the trading place is "Wichita," at or near the crossing at the junction of the Great and Little Arkansas rivers, on the Osage reservation in southwest Kansas. It is probable that the name of this city first appeared in print in that circular.

Article about eh need for new school buildings.

It was last night stated that the Wichita Bus and Transfer company had sold out their bus line to the Wichita Omnibus and Carriage company. If such be the case the struggle for supremacy of the two competing lines is at last at an end.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1888****page**

5. The Wichita Transfer company yesterday signed the contract disposing of their vehicles and stock to the Wichita Omnibus and Carriage company. The latter company thus becomes the owner of 80 head of horses, 15 hacks, seven buses and five baggage wagons, giving them the largest stock for the kind of carriers business in the state.

**Thursday, May 3, 1888****page**

5. The Fairmount Water Supply company filed its charter with the secretary of state at Topeka Tuesday. Directors are George C. Strong, A. A. Hyde, H. M. Dock, J. W.

Parsons, and Peter Getto.

**Friday, May 4, 1888****page**

5. Article describes a party last evening at the new home of H. D. Heiserman at the corner of Riverside and Clark Avenue., in Riverside. It is one of the most elegant in the city, with 11 rooms including a pool and billiard room on the third floor.

**Sunday, May 6, 1888****page**

5. Article says county commissioners yesterday employed Mr. W. R. McPherson as architect for the court house. He came here about one year ago from Indianapolis and has made court house designing a specialty. Details.

**Wednesday, May 9, 1888****page**

4. Article gives approximate wording of the circular about Wichita in Emporia for E. H. Durgee, Indian trader, in May 1868.

**Thursday, May 10, 1888****page**

5. The *Eagle's* great perfecting press, the finest printing machine west of Chicago, will be in operation this afternoon at 2:00.

**Friday, May 11, 1888****page**

5. Mr. Dowling will commence excavating today for the new jail.

**Sunday, May 13, 1888****page**

3. Contract let yesterday for three story brick business block on Market Street just north of the Beacon block, being built by Fred Israel and Charles Myers at cost of \$15,000.

**Tuesday, May 15, 1888****page**

2. Article refers to the Wichita and Valley motor line yesterday bringing in the excursionists down from Valley Center.
5. Long article about consideration of sewer system in the city council yesterday. Details.

**Sunday, May 20, 1888****page**

5. Wichita and Valley Center Motor: Our cars will leave Douglas Avenue at 8:00 a.m. and connect with motor at 8:20 for car works, and every hour there after until 6:00 p.m., and for Fisher's Grove and Valley Center at 9:00 a.m. and every two hours after till 4:00 p.m.,

the last car leaving Valley Center at 5:00 p.m. for Douglas Avenue.

**Tuesday, May 22, 1888****page**

4. Several articles quoting reports in other newspapers about recent visits to Wichita. Editor of Junction City *Union* mentions a visit to the Eagle office, noted as the "most elegant editorial room in the west, fitted up as a present to Marsh Murdock by the real estate boomers of the town at a cost of \$2,500." Article mentions nicknames of the "Peerless Princess of the Plains," the "Windy Wonder," and the "Magic Mascotte (sic) of the Meridian."

**Saturday, May 26, 1888****page**

5. Annual commencement exercises of the city high school were held last evening at the Crawford opera house. There were eight members of graduating class, two men and six women. Details.

**Sunday, May 27, 1888****page**

4. Article reports one wing of Garfield university is now up and a large force of men are at work on the other wing. 700 students are now in attendance at the university.
5. Printing on the new Wichita city directory will begin tomorrow.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1888****page**

5. City council yesterday awarded the *Eagle* Printing company the contract for printing the ordinances in book form, being allowed \$363 for 225 volumes, 25 bound in calf and 200 in cloth, supposing each volume will contain 300 pages.

**Wednesday, May 30, 1888****page**

4. Another nickname for Wichita: "Winning Wonder of the West," and "Proud Prefect of the Prairie."
5. Article about failure of Wichita Water company to extend their mains to College Hill as promised.

**Saturday, June 2, 1888****page**

5. Article reports first commencement exercises yesterday at Lewis Academy. Says the formal opening the academy was on September 6, 1886 with 68 pupils enrolled when only the north wing of the building was completed. Total enrollment for the year 1886-87 was 102. The entire building was not occupied until the beginning of the 1887-88 school year. Value of the building and grounds is \$100,000, of which \$25,000 was donated by Col. H.

W. Lewis, of this city. There are 12 large recitation rooms. Total enrollment during the year just closed reached 348, with an average daily attendance of 198. The graduating class numbered five, all young ladies. Details.

Arrangements are being made for extending the water mains from Mr. William Griffenstein's house west to Riverside taking in the thickly settled portion between the rivers and returning to join the system at Oak Street and Waco. The extension to join the system at Oak Street and Waco. The extension calls for 5,000 feet of main.

### **Sunday, June 3, 1888**

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4. Letter to *Eagle* from a Valley Center resident says "The motor line now gives no regular service, making four trips a day."
5. Article reports that the Riverside and Suburban Electric Railway company has entered into a contract with the Thompson-Houston Electric Light company of Boston to equip two miles of the company's line with their improved and successful electric motor. For sometime the motor which was tired and proved a failure has been abandoned and the cars drawn by horse power instead: Details.

### **Wednesday, June 6, 1888**

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5. Yesterday was the opening day of the spring races at the new grounds of the Wichita Exposition and Interstate Fair association. Attendance was estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000. The street railway company brought in cars from the outside lines and had 30 cars conveying people from Douglas Avenue to the grounds. By the way, they received five new large cars last evening and they were put on the track last night and are ready for service today. The company will have today over 40 cars for use at hours when they are most needed by the crowd. While the taking of cars from outside lines for an hour or two may inconvenience one man, it may accommodate 50, and hence they conclude to accommodate the greater number. The outside service, however, will be neglected as little as possible.
6. Ad for Wichita and Valley Center Motor and Railroad Company: Motor for Valley Center will leave 13th Street at 6:20 a.m., 10:20, 2:20 and 5:20 p.m. Leave Valley Center for Wichita at 8:20 a.m., and 12:20, 3:20, and 7:20 p.m. Cars will leave Douglas Avenue for car works connecting with motor, every hour from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Extra cars for excursions at all times.

### **Thursday, June 7, 1888**

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5. The work on the front, or principal entrance, of Garfield university is now being taken up.

It is several months since it was announced that the firm of Hyde and Humble had brought an artist from New York for purpose of getting up a "letter" or "pocket" album of Wichita.

The sketches were duly made. The work which has been six months in hand, was done in Germany. The album has been received. It contains 16 exquisitely drawn pictures of Wichita, as fine and accurate as a photograph in detail. The first is a comprehensive bird's eye view of the city of Wichita. There are five street scenes, the YMCA building, Crawford opera house, Lewis academy, Garfield university, the first Methodist Episcopal church, and several residences. This little souvenir booklet sells for .25 cents.

Five new cars, each 14 feet in length and of very elegant design, were received by the Wichita Street Car company.

**Friday, June 8, 1888****page**

5. Article reports on parade yesterday in celebration of Wichita's 18th birthday. Article gives details of floats and displays of many Wichita firms.

Major Dickson dispatched 24 street cars to the fair grounds in one hour yesterday afternoon.

**Saturday, June 9, 1888****page**

5. Officers and directors of Burton car works visited here yesterday. Details.

**Sunday, June 10, 1888****page**

5. The pillars supporting the arches over the front entrance of St. John's church are up and already support the massive rock face capitals.

**Tuesday, June 12, 1888****page**

5. The contract for the brick work of R. E. Lawrence's magnificent residence on the site of his former home, on the West Side, has been awarded.

**Thursday, June 14, 1888****page**

5. Article reports meeting of the directors of the Maple Grove Cemetery company yesterday. Lists the directors. "They expect to make this new cemetery an ornament to the city." The grounds call for 70 acres of land, and the company has capital stock of \$100,000.

**Friday, June 15, 1888****page**

5. Article reports first commencement exercises of Garfield university held yesterday at the Crawford opera house. Details.

Article describes new palace horse cars being turned out by the Burton car works. Details.



**Saturday, June 16, 1888****page**

5. Note refers to a sermon to be given at Fisher's park, near Valley Center, and says "the motor line will sell round trip tickets to the park for 12 1/2 cents. Take cars at corner of Douglas and Water at 2:00 p.m."

Article describes the Wichita nail factory, being built at corner of Mosley and Zimmerly. Two story brick, with main building 300 by 40 feet. Buildings to cost over \$20,000.

**Sunday, June 17, 1888****page**

5. Article says the Zimmerly building is completed and now ready for occupancy. It's erecting was contrived by the late Mr. Zimmerly some time before his death, but was not commenced until just about a year ago. The foundation was commenced in July 1887. It has a front of 53 feet, depth or 140 feet, and is five stories in height. The front is of Bedford cut stone. The cost has reached \$85,000. Many details.

Some new cars were shipped from St. Louis for the Wichita and Suburban yesterday and will be on hand in a few days. The company will commence work on the Burton car works extension next week

**Tuesday, June 19, 1888****page**

5. Construction on the new jail is now nearing the second story.

Commissioners have been appointed to assess the costs of right-of-way for the Wichita and Suburban (Fairmount) motor line in the north part of the city along their extension to the car works. All but about one and three fourths of a mile of the track is now laid.

No less than 14 residences and business houses are under construction in the vicinity of the Burton car works.

The new Santa Fe time table which went into effect Sunday gives Wichita three first class passenger trains each way daily.

**Wednesday, June 20, 1888****page**

5. The Boat Club have improved their boat house by the addition of new bath and dressing rooms. A refreshment stand has also been erected between their boat house and Oak Street

**Thursday, June 21, 1888****page**

5. The stone work of the magnificent YMCA building now reaches the 5th story. The trusses for the roof were partially placed in position yesterday.

Judge W. W. Thomas is erecting a two story brick business building 25 by 80 feet on the west side of South Main midway between Douglas and William. The excavation is about completed.

### **Friday, June 22, 1888**

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5. Article describes the elegant new palace horse cars now being built by the Burton car works. Details.

### **Sunday, June 24, 1888**

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5. Article records Wichita's population figures:

1870	250	1876	2,800	1882	5,779
1871	1,035	1877	3,152	1883	8,005
1872	1,547	1878	4,209	1884	12,474
1873	2,138	1879	5,235	1885	16,019
1874	2,940	1880	5,482	1886	20,129
1875	2,432	1881	5,618	1887	31,760
				1888	40,000 (estimate)

### **Wednesday, June 27, 1888**

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5. Article reports publication of the new 1888 city directory. Details.

The Wichita and Suburban (Fairmount) Motor line has ordered and is now daily expecting the arrival of steel rails. When these arrive their line on First Street will be extended east to Wabash Avenue from Main Street, then north on Wabash to Third, and east on Third for some distance, making in all about one and half miles of additional line. Later an additional one and a half miles will be added, making a length of three miles and reaching the crown of the hill. The company is also pushing the Burton car works extension, which is now almost completed. Five new and elegant open cars have been built in St. Louis and were due some days ago. When they arrive better service will be given than ever before. Cars will be run in trains of three besides the motor, one for the car works, one for the packing house, and one for Fairmount. A through car from Fairmount to the car works will also be put in.

Article reports county commissioners yesterday let contract for the stone work on the foundation of the new court house. Details.

### **Friday, June 29, 1888**

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5. The Manhattan hotel, which about five weeks ago went into the hands of Robert J. McKim, formerly of the old Tremont, has had an extension added to it by Dr. Robert Black, the property owner. It is in the northwest corner, 24 by 34 feet and the full height of the main building, and fills out the full size of the hotel proper, 100 by 140 feet. These improvements cost between \$4,500 and \$5,000.

**Saturday, June 30, 1888****page**

5. The city council yesterday passed the Fairmount Water Works company franchise.

**Wednesday, July 4, 1888****page**

5. On Tuesday the excavations for the new court house foundation were staked off and a force of men began excavating.

**Thursday, July 5, 1888****page**

5. Article reports on the boat club's annual regatta on the little river yesterday. Details. During the races the Oak Street bridge was one mass of humanity. The course over which the races were rowed is on the Little Arkansas, beginning just n. of the Pine Street bridge of the Riverside motor line, and containing up stream three fourths of a mile to the turning buoy, making a regulation one and a half mile course.

**Saturday, July 8, 1888****page**

5. Article about current construction activities in Wichita. Says there are today not less than 400 houses in course of erection in Wichita.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1888****page**

2. Article reports a fire at 3:40 a.m. today in the Wichita street car company's stables. The barn contained 120 head of mules and horses, five no of which perished in the flames. No cars were lost.

**Thursday, July 12, 1888****page**

5. Another article about the burning of the North Main Street stables of eh Wichita City Railway company at 3:40 a.m. yesterday. 84 mules were in the stable when the fire broke out, of which some 40 were burned. Loss estimated at \$7-8,000. Cause of the fire is unknown.

**Friday, July 13, 1888****page**

5. Article says the actual number of mules lost in the car barn fire was 36. Some that escaped are being treated at the "Red barn" of the company on West Tenth Street. Yesterday the

company took possession of the Stock Exchange stable building on the east side of North Main, mid-way between Elm and Pine; these stables have been rented only temporarily.

Concrete is being put in for the foundation of the court house.

### **Saturday, July 14, 1888**

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5. A man is in the city representing the Sprague electric motor of New York City. He has submitted a proposition to the Fairmount street Railroad company to put in two miles of apparatus and equipment a number of their cars with the electric motor. If it operates successfully in the two miles, they will then extend it to their Fairmount, Burton, and proposed lines. The same man presented estimates to the Wichita street railway company and offered to equip the following lines for them: Main Street from 13th to Lincoln, Douglas Avenue from Seneca to College Hill, Topeka Avenue from 21st to Douglas, Oak from Main to Cleveland. Each car is to be equipped with a six and a half horsepower motor, will be noiseless and make a speed of 15 miles per hour. The operating expense is said to be only 40 percent of operating with horses.

Mr. Russling, of Boston, representing the Thompson Houston electric light company, has arrived in the city. He will at once proceed to put in the wires and machinery for the Riverside motor line, two miles of which will be put in immediately.

### **Wednesday, July 18, 1888**

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5. Editorial urging that all street railway lines should be permitted to come into the heart of the city.

### **Thursday, July 19, 1888**

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4. Article gives assessed valuation of property in Sedgwick county:
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| 1880 | \$ 740,828 -- 1880-1887 assessed at half of true cash value. |
| 1881 | \$ 988,187   |
| 1882 | \$ 1,165,988   |
| 1883 | \$ 1,249,751   |
| 1884 | \$ 1,659,933   |
| 1885 | \$ 2,475,452   |
| 1886 | \$ 4,114,708   |
| 1887 | \$ 8,449,093   |
| 1888 | \$10,694,475 -- assessed at a third its value.               |

5. Article gives details of personal property assessment in Sedgwick county this year. Total includes 11,627 horses, 1,679 mules and asses, 37,560 cattle, 33,761 hogs, and 374 pianofortes. Details.

**Friday, July 20, 1888****page**

5. New specifications for the new \$200,000 government building have been agreed on. The building has been enlarged from 80 by 60 feet to 80 by 116 feet and a third story added. It is expected it will be begun about the middle of August.

**Saturday, July 21, 1888****page**

5. Article lists the location of all fire alarm boxes in Wichita.

**Sunday, July 22, 1888****page**

5. Preliminary results of the assessor's census show population of 39,069 in Wichita, including 1,542 colored.

**Friday, July 27, 1888****page**

5. The timbers are being put up for the second story of the Myers and Israel building on North Market. Workmen were yesterday engaged on the brick work of the second story of the new jail. The debris of the street car barn, recently destroyed by fire, is being taken away to make room for the structure to be erected upon its site.

**Saturday, July 28, 1888****page**

5. Article reports today is William Griffenstein's 59th birthday, and this evening a party will be held at his palatial (we mean palatial) residence in this city.

**Sunday, July 29, 1888****page**

5. Article reports on the four months St. Francis hospital has been in operation, from March 19 to July 23, a total of 77 patients have been received, including 63 charity patients, and 14 paying patients. Total deaths were seven.

At a meeting yesterday of the Catholic clergy of the Wichita Diocese, of which the Rev. M. J. Casey is administrator, it was decided to open the new Catholic College in this city on September first next.

**Tuesday, July 31, 1888****page**

5. The Wichita and Suburban Motor Line people are now operating their first street line for a considerable distance east and are pushing the track laying as rapidly as possible. They

have also established a ladies' waiting room in the northeast corner of the market house.

The new three story brick Hagerman hotel building on the southwest corner of Oak Street and Fifth Avenue is nearing completion. It is not yet leased.

### **Thursday, August 2, 1888**

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5. The Wichita and Suburban motor line company are moving their round house from Frisco Heights to the corner of 15th Street and Mead Avenue. They are making improvements on the old one and will have a very creditable round house and offices. About 30 hands are at work on track construction on First Street, near Mead Avenue. It is the intention to keep at work until they have the line completed east on Central Avenue to College Hill and north to join the company's line at 15th Street

### **Friday, August 3, 1888**

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4. The Catholic News of New York has been notified of the appointment of the Rev. J. J. Hennessey, of St. John's church, St. Louis, as bishop of the diocese of Wichita, to succeed the late Dr. O'Reilly, its first bishop who died. This news will cause no little surprise and disappointment in the diocese where it was confidently expected that Rev. M. J. Casey, of this city, would received the appointment to the vacant bishopric.
5. Work is progressing rapidly on the Fairmount water works. The station will be completed in a few days. The drive wells are over 30 feet deep and give an unlimited supply of very desirable water. Water mains are being put in by a large force of men.

Work has been resumed on the Fairmount college building with a large force of stone and brick masons.

Harry Maxwell's new residence on Riverside will soon be completed.

### **Sunday, August 5, 1888**

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5. The Wichita Street Railway company are making arrangements to extend the East Douglas Avenue line to the top of College Hill which will give some service to the waiting station they have on the hill near ex-mayor B. W. Aldrich's new home.

The Wichita and Valley Center put on extra service last evening which it is said will be continued indefinitely. The last car left for Valley Center at 8:00, giving an hour or two longer int eh city.

The Gilbert Plow Works are getting their plant ready to commence work.

### **Tuesday, August 7, 1888**

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5. Report of board of education meeting yesterday. A building has been rented at the Burton Car works. Work was reported as getting along nicely on the Fairmount brick school house.

Letter to *Eagle* says the Children's Home, at Lincoln and East avenues, has been in operation for nearly three months and has received 23 children and found homes for ten.

### **Wednesday, August 8, 1888**

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5. Brick work was completed yesterday on Col. Stewart's hotel, and the inside work is next in order. It is hoped to have it finished by October 1st. He has decided to call it Hotel Metropole, the name being suggested while in Europe, as nearly every town has a good hotel of that name.

### **Thursday, August 9, 1888**

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5. Article reports on third annual meeting of the Wichita boat club. There are 160 members. The article mentions photographs of the club, now on exhibition at Cole and Jones.

### **Friday, August 10, 1888**

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5. The elevator of the Fletcher block was started yesterday.

### **Sunday, August 12, 1888**

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5. Article reports the Fletcher block is nearly completed. Built by Mr. William Fletcher opposite the Occidental hotel at Second and Main. Plans drawn by Architect Terry. Has east front of 50 feet and south front of 140 feet and is four stories. Cost is \$100,000. Many details.

### **Tuesday, August 14, 1888**

#### **page**

5. County commissioners yesterday opened bids for building the court house. Details. Contract not yet awarded.

### **Saturday, August 18, 1888**

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5. It has been decided to begin the first school year of the Wichita University in the new building on College Hill September 5. At least six of the faculty will be on hand to begin work at that time. A street railway fare will be given from any part of the city at three cents. The company will lay a track south from Douglas Avenue line to the University as soon as the work can be done. If the street cars do not run to the building by the opening day, a hack line will take students without extra cost, both from Douglas Avenue and from where the motor crosses Lincoln street.

Article says the new St. Aloysius hall and school building is nearing completion. The building has a west front of 45 feet and a south front on Second of 80 feet and is two stories with a tower 50 feet high. There are four large classrooms on the first floor, and the upper floor is occupied by the hall, which is 42 by 76 feet. Details.

**Sunday, August 19, 1888****page**

5. Article says the Wichita Children's Home was organized about three months ago and has received its charter. Located at 1058 East Avenue, corner of Lincoln. Officers listed. The directors have secured a large house of 16 rooms on Pennsylvania Avenue for permanent quarters and will move there on September 1st.

**Tuesday, August 21, 1888****page**

5. The Rock Island is ballasting their track north of the Avenue and south of Oak Street

**Wednesday, August 22, 1888****page**

5. A number of South College Hill people held a meeting yesterday to consider the scheme of extending the line of the Wichita Street Railway to the Wichita university. The meeting proved successful, as arrangements were made with that company to extend their line on Hillside from Douglas to Zimmerly, reaching Mr. Harry Hill's residence. This passes the university building a quarter mile to the west. The company will commence work on the new extension next week and rush it to completion. It is 1 1/8 miles long. It was formerly intended to put it on the hill, a quarter of a mile further east, but owing to the difficult grades encountered, it was decided to go down Hillside Avenue.

**Thursday, August 23, 1888****page**

5. The boot and shoe factory on 15th Street has reached the first story.

**Saturday, August 25, 1888****page**

5. The trustees of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church have removed their chapel from the corner of Waco and 13th Street to the corner of Lawrence Avenue and 13th Street

**Friday, August 31, 1888****page**

5. Contract for new court house was awarded yesterday to W. H. Sternberg for \$197,319 on certain conditions. After building the jail, only \$155,000 of the 200,000 bonds voted will remain, so it is thought another \$50,000 in bonds will have to be submitted to the voters in November. The contract gives two years in which to do the work.

**Saturday, September 1, 1888****page**



5. Mr. Dickson, of the street railway company, reports having taken to the fairgrounds 91 car loads Thursday and 178 yesterday. The average is 40 people to the car, or 7,120 people carried to the grounds yesterday. Despite the heavy rains, no derailment occurred. 40 cars were given to the service from Main to the grounds during the hours most needed.

**Sunday, September 2, 1888****page**

5. Yesterday was beginning day with the Gilbert Plow works. Work was commenced yesterday on 100 orders for the Gilbert plow. The works is operated by a stock company with capital stock of \$200,000, mostly owned by parties living in the city. Long article gives history of Mr. Gilbert's move here and details of the plant, etc.

The engines, ice machines, land tanks, etc. are being placed in position at the Dold packing plant. The Smokestack, 150 feet high and the largest and tallest in the state, is completed. Details.

Work has commenced on the extension to the foundation of the government building. A portion of the present foundation is being torn out and the extension is under contract to be put in immediately, by which time the contract for the entire edifice will be let.

**Tuesday, September 4, 1888****page**

5. Article mentions Mr. Henry Schweiter's vineyard and orchard just south of his residence at 1240 South Hydraulic Avenue.

The opening exercises of Wichita university will take place Wednesday, September 5th, in the beautiful new university building on College Hill.

**Thursday, September 6, 1888****page**

5. Yesterday was a very successful opening of the Wichita university. Over 100 students were enrolled in the various departments.

The Wichita Street Railway company have commenced work on the South Hillside Avenue extension, which is from Douglas Avenue to Zimmerly, about 1 1/8 mile. The company have most of the material on hand for the extension.

**Friday, September 7, 1888****page**

5. Note says work will commence on Mr. H. Imboden's \$80,000 residence near Meridon (sic) park, on College Hill. (probably means Merriman).

**Saturday, September 8, 1888****page**

5. The Rapid Transit motor line is doing service again. The crippled motors have been

repaired.

**Tuesday, September 11, 1888****page**

5. Long article describes Wichita's present achievements and institutions.

Article summarizes Wichita's street railway facilities: The Wichita Street Railway company has 40 miles of lines and 46 cars, giving a five minute service on leading business streets. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. The Wichita Suburban and Central Avenue motor line has 12 miles of road, with 15 cars and three motors. Capital stock \$100,000. The Wichita and Valley Center line has 12 miles of road. Capital stock is \$100,000. The electric railway four miles of road. Thus the city is served by five companies and 72 miles of line.

**Friday, September 14, 1888****page**

5. Article refers to the 17th Street bridge on the Little river.

The Fairmount college building is receiving the last round of stone and it is estimated the roof will be completed in two weeks and the building completed by the last of February.

**Saturday, September 15, 1888****page**

5. The YMCA building is being roofed.

**Sunday, September 16, 1888****page**

5. The union hotel at the stock yards has been completed and will be opened at an early date.

The school building on the corner of Vassar and 15th Street was completed yesterday and school will commence there tomorrow. The building will accommodate 150 students.

**Tuesday, September 18, 1888****page**

5. The bridge across Chisholm creek at Central Avenue is said to be in a very dangerous condition.

The Fairmount water works are now ready for use and the water was turned on yesterday. The building for the station is a two story brick 32 by 42 feet with 40 feet smoke stack. Details.

**Wednesday, September 19, 1888****page**

3. Whole page in German language.

**Thursday, September 20, 1888****page**

5. Workmen are now engaged on the third story of the Richey building on East Douglas.

**Sunday, September 23, 1888****page**

5. The street railway company has added another car to the College Hill service. Arrangements have not been entirely completed for commencing work on the South Hydraulic ave street railway extension. The Suburban is getting along nicely with the Central Avenue extension, which has reached Hydraulic Avenue. A disabled engine on the Rapid Transit was repaired yesterday and is ready for service.

Article about improvements planned by the Schuyler electric light company. Details.

**Tuesday, September 25, 1888****page**

5. Note reports annual meeting past Sunday of the Congregation Emanuel. M. M. Fechheimer is president. Steps were taken towards further improvement of the Jewish cemetery.

**Wednesday, September 26, 1888****page**

5. Repairs are being made on the 13th Street bridge.

**Friday, September 28, 1888****page**

5. The exterior of the Israel building on North Market is complete and workmen are now engaged on the interior.

Three coach loads of young Republicans went up to Valley Center on the motor line last night to a rally.

**Saturday, September 29, 1888****page**

5. Article gives financial summary of the Women's Benevolent Home and Hospital since its organization in September 1885 and for past fiscal year ending September 22, 1888.

**Sunday, September 30, 1888****page**

5. There seems to be some trouble about the South College Hill street railway extension. Some want the line on Hillside Avenue. and others want it on Clifton Avenue. The forces seem to be divided, it has not been determined what to do. In the meantime cold weather is coming, and the street railway company want to construct it this fall or not until spring.

**Thursday, October 4, 1888**

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5. Article reports the official organization last evening of the Dodge Avenue Presbyterian church. Details.

The exterior work on the Ritchey building is finished. IT will be ready for occupancy about November 1st.

**Friday, October 5, 1888****page**

5. The present enrollment of the city schools is 3,335.

**Saturday, October 6, 1888****page**

5. Article reports meeting yesterday to discuss possible paving of Waco Avenue. Details.

**Sunday, October 7, 1888****page**

5. The incandescent light company for Wichita has taken out its charter under the name of "the Citizens Electric Light company of Wichita." Capital stock \$100,000. Directors listed.

**Wednesday, October 10, 1888****page**

5. The water works company yesterday commenced the extension of the mains from Seneca Street west to Garfield university. It is also the expectation to extend the main over to the Riverside park, and the work of extension will be continued until the month of December.

The shoe factory on 15th Street is expected to be ready for operation by the middle of next week.

**Thursday, October 11, 1888****page**

5. City council yesterday let contract for sewer construction for about \$300,000. Details.

350,000 brick are now on the ground for the new court house. Stone setting will commence next week. Two derricks will be put in place this week to do the stone lifting. Power will be furnished by steam or horses.

**Friday, October 12, 1888****page**

5. Article with further details about the sewer contract.

The Israel-Myers building on North Market is almost finished, and the large store rooms are already occupied.

Work on Fairmount college has been delayed by the non-arrival of pressed brick. A force of 28 hands are engaged at present on the structure. The brick works is now three feet from the roof, and about 90 feet of the tower is completed.

**Saturday, October 13, 1888****page**

5. The school building on Levy Street will be ready for use next week.

**Tuesday, October 16, 1888****page**

5. Article reports meeting of lawyers last evening for purpose of starting the development of a formal organization of a bar association in Wichita. Details.

**Wednesday, October 17, 1888****page**

5. Change of schedule for Wichita and Suburban railway company effective October 18: Cars will leave First and Main for Stockyards, Dold and Burton car works at ten minutes after the hour from 7:10 a.m. to 10:10 p.m. For Fairmount, 40 minutes after the hour from 7:40 a.m. to 9:40 p.m. These cars will run through without change; also cars leaving at 7:10 a.m. and 5:10, 6:10, 10:10 p.m. connect for Fairmount. Cars leave Fairmount for city at 45 minutes after the hour from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. through. Cars leaving at 6:00 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:15, 6:15, and 9:20 p.m. connect with cars for the city. Cars leave Burton car works for the city at 15 minutes after the hour from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.

The Fairmount Water works company have four miles of main and are now putting in the extension to the Fairmount college and to the Maple Grove cemetery.

The water company are pushing the work on the extension one Douglas Avenue. The pipe is in place to Chisholm creek. To cross Chisholm creek it will be put under the creek rather than on the bridge.

**Thursday, October 18, 1888****page**

4. Long editorial discusses the new court house and new jail and the bonds voted for same. Details. Says the new jail is up and occupied at this time and will soon be complete.

**Friday, October 19, 1888****page**

5. Article reports on ground breaking yesterday for the new sewer.

**Saturday, October 20, 1888****page**

5. Article gives details of new railroad time tables from Wichita.

**Sunday, October 21, 1888**

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5. Improvements are still going on in and around the Wichita university. The grounds are being graded, a new cistern is being put in, and sheds for horses have been put up. The furnace for the heating system are on the way.

Another week will see the new foundation of the government building completed.

**Tuesday, October 23, 1888****page**

5. Announcements that Francis Whitaker and Sons of St. Louis have signed contract to erect in Wichita the largest beef and pork packing plant in the West.

**Wednesday, October 24, 1888****page**

5. Article says Wichita City Railway company is urging the council to give permission to put down a track on Lincoln Street from Douglas to Maple. Says the Douglas Avenue and Maple Street lines are unconnected on the West Side, making it necessary for those wanting to go to Garfield university to travel to Main Street first then take the Maple Street line.

Article summarizes the packing house developments in Wichita.

**Friday, October 26, 1888****page**

5. Article about an address at the Garfield hall.

The laying of water mains on the West Side to the Garfield university was yesterday bout half way completed from Seneca Street to the university.

The wheelman have been quite industriously at work on their new track being constructed on the inside of the race course in Davidson's park. It will be a quarter mile track.

**Saturday, October 27, 1888****page**

5. Article reports visit yesterday of the city council to a test of the new Fairmount water works. Two cars left Main and First over the Suburban at 2:00 p.m. and after a ride of about half an hour stopped at the crossing of 15th and Fairmount. When the pumps were turned on, a stream of water rose from the nozzle to a height of 84 feet. The Fairmount Water company will supply all that part of the city east of Chisholm creek and north of 13th Street, and also Fairmount place, which at present is not within the city limits.

The bodies of three cars for the Davidson electric railway were received last evening.

The Wichita and Western Railroad company are at work on their round house in the southeastern part of the city and expect to double its capacity in a few days.

**Sunday, October 28, 1888****page**

5. Quote from St. Louis Globe-Democrat on return of Mr. John Whittaker yesterday from Wichita: "I went to Wichita in response to an invitation from some of its prominent citizens. I found, as soon as I arrived, that there was a good opening, and I took advantage of it."

**Tuesday, October 30, 1888****page**

5. Sunday morning the robbery of the safe at the office of the Suburban Railroad company, corner of Fourth Avenue and 15th Street of about \$100.00 was reported.

Preparations for the hanging to take place in this city are now going on; the rope with which the three men are to be assisted out of this world has been purchased at a grocery of this city and is spoken of as as good a piece a hemp as was ever stretched.

The work on Garfield university building is moving on grandly. By the first of December the exterior of the building will be completed.

**Wednesday, October 31, 1888****page**

5. The business building of Mr. Firebaugh on East Douglas is almost finished. Has two stories, brick, with 25 feet frontage.

About the new court house: the foundation is of yellow sandstone and the basement of dressed white manesian (sic) lime in blocks about two feet square and from four to seven feet long. The top course of the basement story, which is about 14 feet above street level, is going on at this writing.

**Thursday, November 1, 1888****page**

5. The stone work necessary for the roof of St. John's cathedral will be completed today and the cross on the west gable placed. The style of the architecture is early Norman.

**Friday, November 2, 1888****page**

5. Mr. Amsberry, superintendent of the water company, stated that he is putting mains across the Little river at Price Street for the Riverside extension. In a few days the company will be able to furnish Riverside with water. As soon as the Riverside extension is completed work will be resumed on the College Hill extension. The people in that vicinity are becoming anxious to have water facilities.

Article says some men have a large stone quarry on three quarter sections of land near Towanda, covered with finest building stone 60 feet thick. They are interested in having a railroad line built to their quarry.

Work is still going on at the Wichita and Western round house. Three new stalls are being put in.

Last Sunday was the first birthday of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church. There are over 100 members.

### **Saturday, November 3, 1888**

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4. Sarcastic *Eagle* editorial congratulating Topeka on the opening of a new tailor shop - the formal opening of Abe Sternberg's gorgeous tailor establishment. "The *Eagle* congratulates the capital city upon this new evidence of its commercial development and supremacy."

### **Sunday, November 4, 1888**

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5. Article about sugar cane growing near Conway Springs.

### **Saturday, November 10, 1888**

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5. Article reports a heavy snow storm night before last and yesterday. All business was practically suspended in the city. The wires were down and not a single telegraph message was received or sent out. Not a street car moved in any part of the city except on Main, Oak, and Douglas and on these but for a few hours. No mails had arrived before night. The Wichita and Suburban are working four or five gangs of men now and will have everything running all right this morning.

### **Tuesday, November 13, 1888**

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5. Article reports adoption of constitution and by-laws yesterday and election of first officers by the Wichita Bar association. Details.

Mr. J. O. Davidson yesterday invited directors of the board of trade, city council, and press representatives to meet at Market Street and Douglas at 10:00 a.m. today for an excursion over the electric railway. The road has been completed and is ready for use.

### **Wednesday, November 14, 1888**

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5. Article reports successful test yesterday of the new Riverside electric motor. Details.

### **Friday, November 16, 1888**

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5. The Rock Island railway built south this summer from Caldwell to Pond Creek, making the present terminus of her Wichita line less than 100 miles south of this city.

### **Saturday, November 17, 1888**



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5. Another note about the lime stone from Drall's quarry 18 miles east, near Towanda, said to be 30 feet deep over two quarter sections and not covered too thickly with dirt to keep it from being worked successfully.

**Tuesday, November 20, 1888****page**

5. Article reports laying of corner stone of new court house yesterday. Details. To cost about \$200,000.

**Thursday, November 22, 1888****page**

5. Article reports the hanging of two men yesterday at the yard of county jail.

**Friday, November 23, 1888****page**

5. Steinmetz and Sullivan yesterday put in 310 feet of brick sewer, the most they had every put in in one day.

**Saturday, November 24, 1888****page**

5. Article says the Jacob Dold Packing house is now in readiness, \$250,000 having been spent, and slaughtering will start Monday.

**Thursday, November 29, 1888****page**

5. The Wichita Street Railway company have placed in car No. 31 on Main Street a small heating apparatus which is accorded the name of a stove. Hard coal is the fuel, and it is placed under one of the seats. It was secured for test by the company from a firm in Cincinnati and is known as the "Zimmerman." The Street Railway company is figuring with the foundry to supply all their cars, nearly 50 in number, which would increase the comfort of travel greatly.

Article reports the commencement of operations in earnest yesterday at the Dold packing house. Many details. Says the seven buildings of the plant are located on a tract of 20 acres which together with the sum of \$150,000 was given as a bonus to secure the plant for Wichita.

**Friday, November 30, 1888****page**

5. Note says 436 hogs were killed at Dold's yesterday.

**Saturday, December 1, 1888****page**

5. The consecration of Right. Rev. J. J. Hennesay, new bishop of Wichita, took place

yesterday at St. John's church in St. Louis.

**Sunday, December 2, 1888****page**

5. Col. Stewart's new four story hotel on South Main Street, the Hotel Metropole, which was commenced early last spring, is now receiving the finishing touches and will be open for business about the holidays. Details. IT is to be a first class \$2.00 per day house.

The third story of the Noble block is being arranged for the accommodation of the Southwestern business college, which has outgrown its present quarters.

**Tuesday, December 4, 1888****page**

5. The boot and shoe factory at corner of 15th Street and Humboldt Street will probably be ready to start work by next Friday. It is owned by the Getto-McClung Boot and Shoe company.

Prof. Chidester reports total school enrollment of 3,650, including 151 in the high school.

**Wednesday, December 5, 1888****page**

5. Article about the consecration of Bishop Hennessy in St. Louis Friday past. He will arrive in Wichita December 12.

**Friday, December 7, 1888****page**

5. Ground was broken yesterday for the new Whittaker packing plant to be built on a 20 acres plot adjoining the Dold packing plant on the north. Details.

**Saturday, December 8, 1888****page**

5. Article describes the new Getto-McClung Boot and Shoe company located at northeast corner of Humboldt Avenue and 15th Street on the line of the Fairmount motor. Plant is two story brick, 100 by 32 feet Details.

**Sunday, December 9, 1888****page**

5. The completion of the ordinances of the city of Wichita by Moore and Douglas has been completed and the work issued from the press yesterday.

Article summarizing Wichita's progress and prospects. The Riverside electric motor has been put in successful operation. The Deffenbaugh brick vinegar factory on North Hydraulic has reached the second story. Track material has been distributed along the line for the Central Avenue Motor line. Garfield university's south, east, and west wings have been placed under roof.

**Tuesday, December 11, 1888****page**

5. Another of Wichita's motor lines is going to adopt the electric system, with a ten minute service from the car works. There is nothing slow about Wichita. The ancient mule is destined to be relegated, except on the business thoroughfares, as anybody can see by the felicitous gliding away of the Riverside electric railway cars.

**Thursday, December 13, 1888****page**

5. Article reports on the arrival yesterday of the first consecrated bishop of Wichita. Right. Rev. J. J. Hennessy. Reception held. New home of the bishop is 236 North Fourth. Details.

**Friday, December 14, 1888****page**

5. Article reports first high mass celebrated yesterday by the new bishop Hennessy at St. Aloysius church.

Yesterday about 1 o'clock a car on the electric railway ran into a coal wagon on the track at First Street The car proceeded on its way afterward at the usual speed.

**Saturday, December 15, 1888****page**

2. Contract of completion of Wichita's government building has been awarded to V. Jobst of Chicago at \$129,000.
5. Another car was added to the service of the Electric Railway yesterday. The machinery at the plant is giving better satisfaction every day.

**Sunday, December 16, 1888****page**

5. During the last month the telephone company has put in 14 boxes, making 378 now in service. The company expects to start work soon on a number of toll lines radiating from Wichita to nearby towns (listed).

1,200 hogs were killed at Dold's yesterday. On Thursday nearly 800 people visited the plant and yesterday over 250 people visited.

Water mains are being laid on Moser Avenue between Douglas and Second on College Hill.

**Tuesday, December 18, 1888****page**

5. The Rock Island switch to the Whittaker packing house will be completed by the end of

the month.

A large amount of material for the electric railway arrived yesterday and extension of the line will be commenced in a few days.

**Wednesday, December 19, 1888**

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5. The street railway company has decided to increase the service on Topeka Avenue to the Dold packing house from a 15 minute service to a ten minute service.

**Saturday, December 22, 1888**

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5. Article reports some discussion of need for Main Street paving.

The Ladies Benevolent Home and Hospital will soon move from their present house at 729 South Market to the larger building erected by Mr. Wheeler on South Fourth Avenue.

Work will be completed this morning on the College Hill extension of the water mains.

**Sunday, December 23, 1888**

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5. Note says Children's Home, 119 Pennsylvania Avenue, is requesting Christmas donations of coal or money.

**Wednesday, December 26, 1888**

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5. Such days as yesterday are hardest test to which an electric street motor line can be subjected. The Riverside motors rolled along with apparent ease all day, and with the certainty and regularity of the steam motors, while it proved a hard day for the mule and horse lines. The sleet rendered the footing of the animals very uncertain, while it seemed to clog the rails, rendering the cars a heavy drag.

**Friday, December 28, 1888**

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1. Full text of an article about Wichita from the Holiday Number of Harper's Weekly.
5. Over 5,000 copies of the Journal of Commerce have been given out to our citizens this week free of charge.

**Sunday, December 30, 1888**

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5. Miss Melissa Buckwelter died in Wichita December 14, 1888. Husband and boy survive. 1146 North Emporia.