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Saturday, January 4, 1896
page 5.

Death of ex-mayor George W. Clement yesterday. Obituary.

Sunday, January 5, 1896
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The northwest room of Fairmount college is being fitted up with shelves and tables for a reading room and library.

Tuesday, January 7, 1896
page 5.

On February 1 the wholesale grocery firm of Jett and Wood will open up in the building on north Topeka built and heretofore occupied by the Wichita Overall factory. The proprietors are W. E. Jett of Kingman and Frank C. Wood of Wichita. Details.

Judge David Dale's first act yesterday was establishing a no smoking rule in his court room.

Thursday, January 9, 1896
page 3.

The city's test well has reached 860 feet. Details.

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The Wichita Commercial club association was organized yesterday and will absorb the Coronado club. Details.

Friday, January 10, 1896
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The city's test well struck more salt water at 885 feet yesterday.

On January 1st the Occidental hotel changed hands, Mr. A. J. Sergeant having replaced Mr. Johnston as proprietor.
Sunday, January 12, 1896
page 5.  Article about St. Francis hospital says it has four floors besides the basement. There are nine sisters who serve as nurses, one of whom goes to attend private patients in the homes of the city.

Wednesday, January 15, 1896
page 5.  Long article describes an "opium joint" in Wichita within half a block of Douglas avenue on south Lawrence avenue.

Thursday, January 16, 1896
page 5.  Superintendent C. W. McDaniel of the Missouri and Kansas telephone company gives the company's views in its controversy with the city council.

6.  The city's prospecting well has reached 934 feet. Details.

Friday, January 17, 1896
page 5.  Councilman Oliver gives the city council's side of the telephone company argument.

Saturday, January 18, 1896
page 5.  Article reports organization meeting of the new Wichita Commercial club last evening. Details.

Wednesday, January 22, 1896
page 6.  Article about the removal yesterday to another location of an early Wichita building known as the "Old Iron Clad," location of an early Wichita beer garden, etc. Details.

Tuesday, January 28, 1896
page 5.  City council yesterday passed a licensing ordinance levying an occupational tax on each type of business in Wichita. Details.

Saturday, February 8, 1896
page 5.  Superintendent Sweet of the street railway company says that the eastern stockholders refuse to advance any further money at the present time and suggest that the superintendent shall begin Sunday, February 9 to keep tab on the income from each line for a certain time and that he shall discontinue all cars that fall below a certain limit. It is said that there are three or four lines that scarcely pay a sufficient sum to pay the motorneers, and all such lines will be chopped off. The record will be kept until March 9.
Tuesday, February 11, 1896

Note says satisfactory arrangements in regard to the mortgage on the YMCA building have not been accomplished so far, and the result is still uncertain.

Wednesday, February 19, 1896

The Northwest Produce company yesterday bought the old Zephyr mills property at the corner of 1st street and 5th avenue from the Hoff Produce company, which has been doing business there.

Thursday, February 27, 1896

Yesterday Sam Amidon purchased the M. L. Garver residence on north Market street.

Tuesday, March 3, 1896

Article reports sudden death yesterday of Dr. Edward A. Whitlock at age 43. Came to Wichita in 1882.

Board of education yesterday instructed committee to investigate cost of moving the four room Burton school down and annexing it to the high school, as the latter building is now overcrowded.

Wednesday, March 4, 1896

Fire starting at midnight last night destroyed the old Royal and Todd elevator on corner of 5th avenue and 1st street, presently owned by the Northwest Produce company.

Saturday, March 14, 1896

The city's prospecting well at 15th and north Lawrence struck a view of coal at 1080 feet yesterday.

Sunday, March 15, 1896

The Dold Packing company of Wichita have slaughtered 47,324 hogs between October 1 and March 1.

Wednesday, March 18, 1896

Article reports Charlie Chung's opium den on south Lawrence and Charlie Chung driven out of Wichita by Chief of Police Burt.

Thursday, March 19, 1896
Article reports the Santa Fe and Frisco Railroads are to be separated from each other. Details.

Sunday, March 22, 1896

Mr. H. G. Toler yesterday sold his famous horse, Ashland Wilkes, to J. F. Scott of Lexington, Kentucky, for $10,000.

"There will be another attempt made soon to finish the Auditorium. This time some good results are expected."

Tuesday, March 24, 1896

City council yesterday granted the Telephone company a five year franchise. Details.

Wednesday, April 1, 1896

Article reports a boy's cave and cardroom discovered on banks of Little river at Sherman street. Details.

Saturday, April 4, 1896

City's prospecting well has reached 1410 feet. Details.

Sunday, April 5, 1896

Several changes were recently made in the charter of Fairmount and the name was formally changed to Fairmount college. Details.

Saturday, April 11, 1896

Obituary notice of Thomas Murdock, father of M. M. Murdock.

Article about a benefit to be held to raise funds to install a gallery in the Auditorium. Details.

Sam Amidon became the sole owner of the M. L. Garver residence and property on north Market yesterday.

Tuesday, April 14, 1896

Article gives annual reports to city council yesterday on city expenses, etc. Also gives Fire Marshal's report. Expenses of department past year were $16,198, reduced from $18,417 in the year ended March 31, 1895. Eighteen men in department. Details.
Saturday, April 18, 1896
page
5. Alva Wilson had his steam buggy on the streets yesterday. For some cause the water of
the engine boiled over and the trip was stopped. He will be out again today.

The Bond Brothers’ circus held a performance yesterday on the Methodist camp meeting
grounds on the corner of 13th and Topeka.

Sunday, April 28, 1896
page
2. Workmen have about completed the rebuilding of the Missouri Pacific bridge over the
Arkansas river where they have been at work for the past month. The bridge is now in
first class condition.

5. Yesterday was the tenth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Father J. Henry
Tihen. Details of celebration.

Tuesday, April 30, 1896
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5. Preparations being made for prompt re-opening of hose houses Number 3 and 4 as ordered
by city council Monday.

Saturday, May 2, 1896
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5. Infant boy found in Arkansas river at Missouri Pacific bridge yesterday with cords around
his body attached to nine pound iron weight.

Tuesday, May 5, 1896
page
6. The street railway track on the Hill has been repaired and every patron is rejoiced to see
the cars again come up to Fairmount avenue.

Friday, May 8, 1896
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5. A new four million gallon engine is being installed at the water works. Superintendent
Aley says it will be used principally to increase the power during fires.

Wednesday, May 13, 1896
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3. The city’s prospecting well has reached 1,605 feet.

Friday, May 15, 1896
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5. The Wichita Driving association and Wichita Wheelman have combined to obtain the use
of the half mile track in Griswold park. ¶ It is well known that the property fell among the
assets of the Wichita National bank when that institution passed into the hands of Receiver Ewing. ¶ The track at the fair grounds is a good mile track, but the horsemen wanted to train their horses on the shorter half mile track at Griswold.

Sunday, May 17, 1896
page 5.
Article says yesterday, May 16, was the 19th anniversary of Wichita's big flood, which occurred on Saturday, May 16, 1877. Details.

Wednesday, May 20, 1896
page 8.
Ad says: "The Wichita Electric Railway and Light company will received bids for building an addition to their 3rd street power station, and moving the railway machinery, engines, boilers, and generators from 10th street to 3rd street and setting them up in 3rd street station. Bids to be in by Tuesday, May 26."

Thursday, May 21, 1896
page 5.
Report of high school commencement yesterday at the Auditorium. Forty-five graduates.

Monday, May 27, 1896
page 5.
Large camp meeting of the States Holiness association will open tomorrow in Riverside park where a large canvas tabernacle seating 3,000 persons is being erected.

Thursday, May 30, 1896
page 6.
Article reports the new Bank of Commerce, A. C. Jobes, president and Charles W. Carey, cashier, will open June 15 where the State National bank formerly was, southwest corner of Main and Douglas. Details.

Tuesday, June 2, 1896
page 5.
Board of education meeting yesterday gives annual report of Superintendent Dyer.

Tuesday, June 16, 1896
page 5.
Letter from Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C. to Garfield Post in Wichita says "The Honorable Chester I. Long has requested this bureau to issue to your post a condemned cannon and four pyramids of cannon balls. ¶ A list of those available is herewith enclosed, and you are requested to indicate the particular kind you desire."

Wednesday, June 17, 1896
page 5.
Board of education yesterday discussed possibility of moving the Burton school building
down and place it behind the high school to give more room for the latter.

**Saturday, June 20, 1896**

5. The 2nd Regiment band will give an open air concert at Riverside park tomorrow afternoon, the first of a series to be given during the summer.

**Tuesday, June 25, 1896**

5. Article about the new Masonic Home in Wichita.

**Wednesday, June 26, 1896**

3. C. W. Bitting reports he has now collected $900 of the $1,000 necessary to complete the Auditorium.

**Friday, June 28, 1896**

3. The Street Railway company have engaged the 2nd Regiment band to give concerts every Sunday afternoon in Riverside park.

5. The city assessor reports Wichita's population at 20,803 compared with 20,700 last year. In the city there are 2,685 horses and 114 mules, 1,560 cows, and 1,586 hogs. There are 24,425 chickens. During the year 235 babies were born and there were 104 deaths. The valuation has been reduced by half a million dollars.

**Tuesday, July 7, 1896**

5. At board of education meeting last night the committee reported adversely to removing Burton school or making any additional improvement to the high school for the present.

A trolley car collided with a buggy yesterday on Maple near Elizabeth.

**Friday, July 10, 1896**

5. Glen Martin, draftsman for N. Hogan, patent attorney of this city, has just finished a pen drawing about 26 by 32 inches of the Wichita fire department with the engine on a run passing the Sedgwick block to flames leaping from the old court house building.

**Sunday, July 12, 1896**

5. Evening races will be held at 8:00 p.m. on July 16 by the Gentlemen's Driving club at their track at the Gentlemen's Driving park (formerly Griswold park). The track is lighted by ten arc lights.
Tuesday, July 23, 1896
page 5.
A visitor in Wichita yesterday from Bates County, Missouri, Mr. H. H. Nicholas, says he
with a party of hunters stayed at the junction of the Big and Little Arkansas rivers in 1857,
built a log cabin here, and spent the winter trapping beaver, otter, and white wolves, and
tanning choice buffalo robes, which they took to Westport in the spring and sold for $50
to $60 per month each for the months they were here. They returned in the fall of 1858
and found that their cabin had been burned, probably by the Indians. It was rebuilt and
they again spent another profitable winter here. He says that at that time the river was
much wider than now and had plenty of water.

Thursday, July 25, 1896
page 5.
The Missouri Pacific depot at Colwich was struck by lightning yesterday and burned to the
ground.

Wednesday, July 31, 1896
page 5.
Article describes the beauty of Linwood park and says it would be visited more except for
the lack of public conveyance (street railway) to the park.

Wednesday, August 5, 1896
page 5.
Mr. Wolff of St. Louis, the newly appointed receiver of the Kansas Midland Railroad, was
in Wichita yesterday. It is said the road is now leased by the Frisco road and it is
anticipated that the Frisco will take charge of the line from Wichita to Ellsworth at an early
date.

Sunday, August 9, 1896
page 5.
Notice issued by A. L. Wolff saying he has on July 29, 1896 by order of Judge Caldwell
of the United States Circuit Court assumed control as receiver of the Kansas Midland
Railway. ¶ Until further notice the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company will
continue to operate the Kansas Midland railway. ¶ Mr. W. P. Hornan is hereby appointed
general manager for the receiver with headquarters at Wichita. ¶ The Frisco Railroad may
build a depot of its own in Wichita or rent terminal facilities from the Rock Island, as it has
been paying the Santa Fe a monthly rental of $1,600 for depot privileges and considers this
entirely too much.

Wednesday, August 12, 1896
page 5.
Work of remodeling the new Kansas Masonic Home on the West Side began Monday and
will be finished by September 7. Details.

Sunday, August 18, 1896
Article reports progress at Fairmount college. The library now contains 33,013 volumes. Work in the basement is progressing. The floor in the southeast room and the large hall are about laid.

Monday, August 26, 1896
Article reports Receiver McEntire of the Wichita and Western Railroad has petitioned the court for permission to abandon the 40 miles of the road between Pratt and Mullinville. Says the road has lost over $1,000,000 since its construction due to operation of the portion to be abandoned and that expenses must be cut. Details.

Tuesday, September 1, 1896
Article describes the new Masonic Home at Seneca and Maple. Says it was designed by the great architectural firm of Proudfoot and Bird, who are now famous in Denver.

Thursday, September 3, 1896
Contract made by city council yesterday for completion of the city's prospecting well at 15th and north Lawrence. Details.

Sunday, September 6, 1896
Letter to Eagle by Professor N. J. Morrison detailing the progress of Fairmount college.

Thursday, September 10, 1896
Kansas Masonic home to be dedicated today. Details. Drawing.

Friday, September 11, 1896
Report on dedication of Kansas Masonic Home yesterday.

Friday, September 20, 1896
State Fair to open in Wichita tomorrow. Details.

Friday, September 27, 1896
The Wichita city directory for 1896 is finished and being delivered by the compilers, the Leader Printing and Publishing company.

Tuesday, October 6, 1896
5. Enrollment at the high school is 331.

Thursday, October 8, 1896
5. Completion of the interior of the Auditorium is under way. Heretofore it has resembled an immense barn as much as anything else. Now all the old building paper which was tacked on the walls is being removed and it is being sealed with nicely dressed lumber. ¶ A major improvement is the addition of the gallery, which has been planned for a long time. The large pillars which support it have been in place for some time along with a few of the joists, but now they are all in and a good strong balcony has been put in. ¶ The seating capacity previously was about 1,600 with plenty of room left, but now it has risen to about 2,800. ¶ The balcony will also enhance the acoustic properties of the building which have been some trouble heretofore on account of the height of the room.

Wednesday, October 23, 1896
5. The work of remodeling the interior of the Auditorium has been almost completed. Details.

Thursday, October 24, 1896
2. During the Republican parade tonight the electric cars from College Hill and Topeka avenue will run to Market street only on Douglas avenue. The south Main cars will run north as far as William; the West Side to Water, and the Fairview, north Main and Fairmount cars will run only as far as 2nd street.

Thursday, October 31, 1896
5. Article says water is running high in both rivers. Viewed from the 2nd street bridge the different color of water of the two rivers can be clearly seen. The strong yellow water of the Big Arkansas on one side and the dark water from the Little River on the other. By the time the water gets to the Maple street bridge it has so thoroughly mingled that it is all the same color.

The office building of the Wells Fargo Express company at the Santa Fe depot is too small, so it was removed a short distance south yesterday and work will be commenced immediately on building a new larger replacement.

Tuesday, November 3, 1896
1. At midnight tonight for the benefit of those not downtown, the result of the election will be announced by rockets as follows: Result not yet obtainable: one rocket; Bryan elected: two rockets; McKinley elected: shower of rockets.

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Friday, November 15, 1896

Wells Fargo Express company is completing a handsome store house south of the Union depot.

Monday, November 18, 1896

The Wichita soap factory on south 5th ave, yesterday passed into the hands of a new stock company. Details.

Tuesday, November 19, 1896

The Little Arkansas river is very low, and advantage is being taken of this to make repairs on Sullivan's dam. Willows are tied in bundles about a foot in diameter and laid along the places needing repair and compactly pressed down, after which dirt is thrown on them. This after it settles makes it impervious to water, while the willows hold it together.

Thursday, November 21, 1896

Judge Foster of United States district court has issued an order authorizing Receiver McEntire of the Wichita and Western railway to abandon operations on that road between Pratt and Cullison. This will necessitate moving the round house and other terminal accessories from Cullison to Pratt.

Friday, November 22, 1896

Article gives financial report of the State Fair association which changed its name three years ago from the old Wichita Mechanical and Agricultural Fair association. Details.

Sunday, December 6, 1896

The Occidental hotel has again changed hands. Mr. J. Duncan of Augusta is the purchaser.

Wednesday, December 11, 1896

The Congregational church at Fairview is being moved out to Fairmount avenue and 16th street, where it will be used in the future.

The boiler is being repaired at the YMCA.
Monday, December 23, 1896

The old Missouri Pacific depot on the West Side is being removed. It was abandoned because of the small amount of business done there and has stood unoccupied for quite a long time. Some time ago it was decided to tear up the platform and remove the building, but work was not begun until the last few days. The platform being removed, the depot was moved directly northward until it stood over the track, then a flat car was pushed under it and the structure lowered upon it, ready to be moved. No information has been obtained as to where it will be moved, but the chances are it will go to Oatville to replace the one which was burned in the summer.

Friday, December 27, 1896

Reception given last evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Gill for Miss Helena Rhea Woodman, who is departing from Wichita. She will pursue a special course of study at the State University in Lawrence until June after which she expects to go on to Chicago to reside permanently.

Monday, December 30, 1896

Mr. Fred Sweet, superintendent of the electric street railway, left for Chicago yesterday on business.

Sunday, December 31, 1896

Receiver McEntire of the Wichita and Western has sold 80 miles of steel rail to the Santa Fe at $19 per ton, amounting to between $50,000 and $60,000 to help the finances of the Wichita and Western. New rails are about $26 a ton. The rails are from the 40 miles of the Wichita and Western being torn up west of Pratt. The road is being torn up at the rate of about two miles a day, and the work will be completed within two weeks. Depots, wires, bridges, and everything are being torn down also. Yesterday a 90 foot bridge was torn down. Pratt will now be the terminus of the road.