

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1898 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, January 4, 1898

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5. A. C. Jobes, secretary, of the Wichita Railway, Light, and Power company, which is the new company, stated that the new company has not and does not own, control or operate the street railway in Wichita. Sale has been made of tickets issued by the new company, but this was stopped yesterday and the old ones substituted. Mr. Jobes said that the old road was owned by William F. Ellis of Boston and the new company would transact no business until the new line with new equipment was turned over by Mr. Ellis. ¶ It has been the general understanding that the new company was to rebuild and re-equip the road. Mr. Church, the general manager, described to a reporter the cars the new company had ordered and spoke of the men they expected to employ as soon as material arrived.

The matter of holding a county fair in Griswold park is now being discussed. Griswold belongs to the county.

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5. The question has been raised as to whether Wichita owns what is known as Sullivan's dam and the land adjacent. The property cost the city \$15,000 some years ago, which was paid to the Carey estate to secure the dam and water for sewer purposes. The question now is whether the city has a clear title. ¶ The city has been paying \$1,200 per year for several years for the services of a man to watch the dam. ¶ The \$15,000 paid for the property would now buy it about ten times over.

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5. Article reports rumor the old Hydraulic water mill is to be moved to Blackwell, Oklahoma Territory. The old mill was erected more than 15 years ago and at one time did a business of more than 100 barrels of flour a day, but it has now been idle for a long time.

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11. In William Mathewson's pasture, between his home and Chisholm creek, one may yet see buffalo wallows. Ten years ago everyone in Wichita knew a buffalo wallow when he saw one, but so many eastern people are in the city now that comparatively few know what one is. Article quotes J. R. Mead telling how a buffalo wallow is formed. Article also says J. R. Mead in the early days counted the number of buffalo he had killed, until he reached 2,000, when he stopped counting.

The piece of ground known as the Island, just north of Douglas avenue bridge, in 1872 was only about 50 feet wide and 100 feet long. There was a ferry boat there which plied between the Island and the east bank of the river. The river was shallow enough in its low stage to wade from the west bank to the Island, where teams took the ferry. During high water the boat plied from bank to bank until the bridge was completed, which was a cheap affair built on piles like the present 2nd street bridge.

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5. Letters received in Wichita yesterday indicating that bonds had been sold in the East for building of the new street railway here, and this stopped the rumored attachment of the ties piled up on Oak street for the new street railway.

City council yesterday appointed committee of three, one councilman and two citizens, to act as Park Commissioners to have supervision over all park matters. Messrs. George Dickson, J. P. Allen, and B. F. McLean were appointed by Mayor Ross.

Friday, January 14, 1898

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5. The Crawford Grand Opera House is to have new Brussels carpets. Article gives some history of the ups and downs of the house since it was built in 1887.
6. Ad for All Hallows Academy, with drawing.

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5. Article about plans for new Riverside park being drawn up by City Engineer Jackson in accordance with suggestions made by Mayor Ross and which have been met with approval by the city council and people. ¶ In the park there is an old race track which was erected at considerable expense. Under the proposed plan this will be made into a driveway for vehicles and wheelmen. In the center of the enclosure will be another circle with a walk ten to 15 feet wide. This enclosure will be about 40 feet in diameter, allowing for future placement of a fountain or monument. Leading to the inner circle will be four pedestrian walks from north, south, east, and west, each about 20 feet wide, and with flower beds in the center of them at prescribed distances. The segments between the four walks will be sown with blue grass. ¶ Outside of the driveway trees will be planted, taken from the forest which lines the Little River on the south side of the park. Evergreens will be planted on the outer side of the walks inside the driveway.

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4. W. Q. Church, local manager of the new street railway, returned to Wichita from Boston. ¶ He stated that 12 of the new cars ordered here have been built and are ready for finishing touches in the St. Louis shops, and the others are in course of construction.

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5. Article mentions that citizens have suggested the new Riverside park be named Ross Park, but mayor Ross says he would veto any such move.

Friday, January 21, 1898**page**

5. Lots 103 and 105 on East Douglas between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks have been brought by the Schlitz Brewing company, which will build there a 50 by 75 foot brick two story cold storage and stable building.

Sunday, January 23, 1898**page**

5. Article discussing the delays in starting construction of the new street railway and saying the city council may consider revoking the franchise, which called for the new line to be equipped and in running order by May 1. ¶ Article says the old line has never been transferred to the new company and still belongs to the Batchelor syndicate in Keene, New Hampshire, although they put it in Mr. Ellis' name, thereby letting themselves out of paying any of the paving tax. Details.

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6. City council passed resolution that Riverside and Griffenstein parks be named Riverside.

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5. Article urging the Missouri Pacific to build a new depot on Douglas avenue to replace the present one on west 2nd street. The present station of the Missouri Pacific is simply awful in hot weather.

Thursday, January 27, 1898**page**

6. Park Commissioner Dickson said yesterday the route of the new street car line in Riverside has been laid out as follows: West on Central through Griswold to the west line of the park, then turning north across the Little river on a street car company bridge to be built just west of the one to be built by the park commission. The line will proceed north adjacent to the west line of the new Riverside park to Corliss avenue, thence east on Corliss to Wichita street, and north on Wichita to 13th street, where it will connect with the Fairview line.

Sunday, January 30, 1898**page**

11. Humorous article about the noisy rattle of Wichita's present street cars.

In the valley just this side of College Hill in three backyards can be seen three little mule cars. These were used years ago, and were recently placed on the market for five dollars apiece. This was too big a bargain for some, and they grabbed at it. Giles Smith was one man who couldn't resist. So he now has a street car in his backyard which he will make into a play house for the children.

Thursday, February 3, 1898**page**

5. Article about proposed Old Settlers arch to be erected at Oak street entrance to new Riverside park. Details.

Friday, February 4, 1898**page**

5. Contract let yesterday for remodeling of Masonic temple at cost of \$5,000. Details. The present gymnasium will be the banquet room.

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5. Article reports the Garfield University building has been sold to J. M. Davis, a wealthy member of the Friends church living in Cincinnati, Ohio, for approximately, \$60,000. It is to be turned over to the Friends' church for use as a first class educational institution. ¶ Mr. Davis has been at work on the trade (including a business block in Topeka) for seven months. ¶ Only about a dozen of the rooms in the large building were fitted up while the institution was under the control of the Christian church.

Thursday, February 10, 1898**page**

5. Men are now at work on the interior of the YMCA building completely remodeling it for use as the new Scottish Rite Masonic temple. Details. ¶ The Commercial college, which now occupies the east side of the building, will move into their new quarters in the Sheetz building next Saturday.

Saturday, February 12, 1898**page**

5. Article reports bonds have been sold to fund the building of the new street railway. Twenty-seven cars are ordered and will cost about \$52,000, or nearly \$2,000 each. They are said to be built and standing in the shops at St. Louis ready for shipment. Eighteen thousand ties are on hand.

Sunday, February 13, 1898**page**

5. Article says the Sheetz block is nearly completed.
11. The cars going through Wichita now on the Santa Fe are lighted by electricity.

The Carey hotel accommodates between 15,000 and 18,000 guests a year. The Manhattan entertains about 2,500 and the Occidental between 5,000 and 6,000. Other hotels and boarding houses will have about 20,000.

Friday, February 18, 1898

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5. The grand lodge of Masons voted \$5,000 yesterday for building an addition to the Masonic home. Plans are drafted and work will begin early in the spring.

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5. The city is preparing to extend the fire alarms in the sixth ward and will build a wire for this requiring 28 poles to string it. ¶ Some time ago the street car company abandoned the line across in Riverside; in fact they took up the rails and other property which had been used, but they left the iron poles on which the wire was strung. ¶ Yesterday the city, being in need of some poles, proceeded to confiscate them. The assistant fire marshal took men over to the park and by nightfall Thursday had the poles out of the ground and ready to be hauled away. The street car company learned what was going on, and when the fire marshal went to the park yesterday he found that 18 of the poles had been taken away by the car company. He immediately sent the other ten over to Hose House Number 1. Toward evening Fire Marshal Walden and Mr. Church got together and adjusted the matter, with the city buying 30 poles at a very cheap figure.

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5. Work is progressing in the new park in the Griffenstein addition. Many teams and perhaps 200 men were at work yesterday scooping out the low sandy bank on the north side. The primary object is not to widen the river, however, but to secure earth with which to build the long circular boulevard.

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5. The aisles of the Crawford Grand Opera house have been newly carpeted with 200 yards of carpet furnished by Innes and company.

The new boulevard in Riverside park is progressing rapidly. Twenty-nine teams and over 50 men were at work yesterday. The boulevard has been graded and now needs only to be finished on the top. It extends from the 11th street bridge as far south as 9th street. The sand being used in construction of the driveway is being taken from the islands in the center of the Little river. A temporary bridge has been erected about halfway between 11th and 9th streets. ¶ The driveway is nearer to the river than the road formerly used and

is being built so as to act as a levee in case of high water.

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5. It is expected that the new Sheetz building will be ready for occupancy by the 20th of this month.
6. Work is to start today on the fence of the new ball park located on a tract 300 by 500 feet lying between Emporia and 4th avenues from a point halfway between 13th and 14th streets to the same point between 14th and 15th. Details.

Thursday, March 3, 1898

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5. A reception was held yesterday for the benefit of Wichita hospital's new home in the Martinson block.

Sunday, March 6, 1898

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5. The Jett and Wood company have purchased a tract at the northwest corner of William and 5th avenue on the Santa Fe tracks and will build a two or perhaps three story brick building 100 by 140 feet.

St. Francis hospital has in the past few weeks completed a fine substantial brick addition at a cost of \$5,000 including a chapel and new wards.

Article lists other current building projects in Wichita.

11. Long article about the extensive improvements being made in Riverside park. Details.
- There are in Wichita nine tall buildings over three stories high, not including public buildings or universities.

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5. City council yesterday opened 14th street between Emporia and 4th avenue, blocking the building of ball park there.

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5. The new ball park is being moved to grounds known as Lee's park, 500 by 300 feet, located between Main, Water, Gilbert and Morris streets.
6. The federal court yesterday ordered a decree of foreclosure of the Kansas Midland Railroad in favor of the Mercantile Trust company. The property is to be sold to satisfy a mortgage of \$1,700,000. Details.

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5. The money for the new hospital in the Martinson block has been raised, and contractors are planning to start the remodeling within the next two weeks.
6. A few days ago the Santa Fe sent a force of men to Hunnewell to commence work on the extension of their line from there to Blackwell.

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5. Article reports the nickname selected for the Wichita baseball team is the "Wichita Eagles."
11. Article comments on Wichita street names. Says Mosley avenue was named after Tom Mosley. Douglas avenue on the West Side used to be Chicago avenue, but recently has come to be known as West Douglas. Douglas avenue was named after Stephen A. Douglas by William Griffenstein, the leading Democrat of the town.

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5. Article says fence will be up this evening at the new Wichita base ball park, and work will start on the grand stand and bleachers, each seating 1,000.
6. Park commissioner designated April 12 as Arbor day, for the planting of trees in the circle at Riverside park.

On Monday, March 6, the city council passed an ordinance opening a street from Central avenue, north to Riverside park along the east line of what is known as Griswold or Shuman's park, but county commissioner says Griswold park belongs to the county and is seeking injunction to prevent opening of this street.

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5. Workmen were engaged all last night in moving Cash Henderson's stock of goods across the street to the new place, the big white three story brick building formerly occupied by Finlay Ross.
11. "It is estimated that the average Wichita street car travels 135 miles in a day's work and makes 240 stops. The trolley runs off from 20 to 40 times in the day and the car gets off the track two or three times."

The Garfield university after April 1 will be Garfield no more. It will be the Friends' National university, Mr. Davis having selected that name.

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5. Work on the grand stand at the baseball park will commence immediately. It will be 120 feet long with ten tiers of seats, giving seating capacity of at least 1,000. The first game is April 8 between the Wichita Eagles and the Kansas City Blues.

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11. Long article summarizing the history of the Tremont hotel. In the early 70s it stood on North Main street near 3rd street and was known as the Empire House. Later it was removed to the northeast corner of Emporia and Douglas. During the boom the frame building was moved again to the second block of South Fourth avenue and a three story brick addition was joined to the frame part. In the summer of 1892 it was headquarters for the Populist state and congressional conventions, but then closed its doors after this convention. The frame portion was torn down in the early spring of 1896. Soon after the brick part was condemned, and it has stood empty — two weeks ago it was bought by Bracken company, a second hand dealer, who then commenced to tear it down for the old brick. It is down to the first floor now and soon will disappear completely. Details.

Article gives statistics of the Friends university building.

The biggest stationery engine in Wichita is the one at the street car power hose, which is 400 horsepower.

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5. There is no money left in the park fund to build the dam in the Little river. Mayor Ross says it will take only about \$300 to do the work and has urged citizens to make private donations. The value of Riverside park will be much greater with the water standing full in the banks of the Little river.

Thursday, March 31, 1898**page**

5. The transfer of deed of Garfield University building from Mr. Edgar Harding, of Boston, owner for a number of years to Mr. James M. Davis, of St. Louis, will be recorded today in the register of deeds office. Long article gives history of Garfield university and the building.

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2. Ad with drawings of four styles of buggies.
5. Order for changing the numbers of all engines on the Santa Fe system went into effect yesterday. The change is to be completed by April 20.

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11. Out on Wabash avenue between 1st and 3rd streets there are symmetrical layers of round white stones cropping out above the dirt in the middle of what was once a profitable street car line. It started at 1st and Main and zigzagged through the northeast streets, up Wabash to 3rd, and thence out toward the hill. The company discontinued it shortly after the boom, but an enterprising boy was given the right to make what he could out of it, and for a long time he and a spavined gray mule made occasional trips. He would back his one car up at 1st and Main, where the Fourth National bank then stood, and wait for passengers. When he accumulated enough to make the trip pay the wear and tear on the discouraged mule, he would prod him up and start east. When the last passenger got off, the power for the car was transferred to the other end, and the affair started back to town. However, when pavement was laid between Main and Market, the tracks were torn up and the franchise given up, leaving only the occasionally stretches of bleak stones as a reminder.

Article mentions the many uses of the old Turner Hall at 1st and Market, with lettering of 1879 on the 1st street side and the letters G. H. — said to have meant “German Hall.” ¶ In faded letters over the front windows can still be seen “Ladies Waiting Room, Wichita and Suburban Railway.” This was George Strong and Lee Taylor's famous steam dummy line running to Fairmount, Burton car works, Union stock yards, and Valley Center.

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5. Contracts let for remodeling of the Martinson block for the new Wichita Hospital at cost of about \$6,000. The rebuilding is 100 by 80 feet, three stories, at northwest corner of Douglas and Seneca, and originally built at cost of \$22,000. It is a clear donation to the hospital board. When completed it will accommodate 50 to 75 charity patients and 30 to 40 pay patients. Details.

Initial baseball game to be today at Athletic park between the Eagles and the Kansas City Blues. The grand stand is not finished but is far enough along to seat all. The street car company has promised to put six extra cars on the South Main street line, giving a six minute service.

Saturday, April 9, 1898**page**

5. Article reports on first baseball game at Athletic park yesterday. Kansas City Blues beat Wichita Eagles 12 to two. One thousand fans present.

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11. The Sheetz building, at Market and Douglas, will soon be finished and will be occupied immediately, stocks already being put in.

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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday gives annual reports of some city officials. ¶ Thirty-seven miles of condemned wooden walks were removed in past year. Permanent sidewalks constructed during the fiscal year totaled 17.46 miles, including 7.73 of cement, 1.69 of brick, and 8.04 of cinder. ¶ Wichita's area is 17½ square miles.

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3. The Scheetz building corner at Market and Douglas after five long years as an eyesore is now clear again of building material and rubbish of any kind and the building is occupied.

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5. The old Scottish Rite cathedral at 1st and Market was sold yesterday to the Baptist church for \$4,000. ¶ It was the former home of the Baptist church but was mortgaged to secure some other property and when the mortgage was foreclosed during the collapse after the boom, it was purchased five or six years ago by the Masons, who used it for their lodge meetings. They have now secured the YMCA building as a larger permanent home and no longer need the old church building.
11. Article about the old Gilbert Plow Works buildings just north of the city. At one time 300 men were employed there. Then for several years the buildings stood vacant, although Joe McMahon's circus wintered there several seasons. George P. Dold then bought the old buildings for the brick in them, and they are now completely gone and the place where they once were is now a corn field.

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11. Wichita is becoming a center of gardens for one mile east of Chisholm creek the ground has been turned into truck gardens. The city gardeners could almost feed the United States Army.

Sunday, May 1, 1898**page**

4. The franchise of the Church-Ellis Street Car company, usually spoken of as the new company, expires today. A bond of forfeit for \$10,000 will be receivable by the city. Superintendent W. Q. Church informally asks for extension of the time limit and blames the war with Spain for the difficulty in raising money to build the new line.

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5. Article quotes letter requesting extension of the franchise of the new street car company for four months. Details.

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5. The First Baptist church will hold their services today in their newly purchased church at 1st and Market.

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3. Article about the Wichita hospital and fund raising so it can move into new home in Martinson block. ¶ The hospital was first known as the Women's Benevolent Home, organized in 1885. Several years later the Wheeler hospital succeeded the Home, and in 1891 the name was changed to the Wichita hospital. ¶ The training school for nurses is also a new and important feature of this institution.

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11. Long article about the new Scottish Rite temple, now receiving the finishing touches. To the original expenditure of \$75,000 by the YMCA in erecting this building in 1887-90, the Scottish Rite bodies have added about \$12,000 for interior re-arrangement and furnishings since they acquired the property last January 1. Details.

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5. Article gives tenth annual report of the work of the Children's home.

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5. Article reports the Citizens Ice company has applied for a charter. Details.

Friday, May 20, 1898**page**

5. The meeting of Friends, at Lawrence, has finally accepted the gift of the Friends' National University, given by Mr. James Davis of St. Louis, and agreed to raise an endowment of not less than \$50,000.

Sunday, May 22, 1898**page**

11. The bridges across Little river in Riverside park are being put in. The supports for the one across from the boulevard to the old Griffenstein park were driven last week. They number 38 piles, each 30 feet in length and driven 14 feet into the bed of the river. ¶ The old fashioned pile driver is being used. It weighs 1,400 pounds and is pulled up by two spans of mules. It hits only twice a minute, which is less than one-twentieth the speed of a modern steam pile driver. Driving the piles for both bridges represents the work of five men and two teams for two weeks. A steam machine would do the work in three or four days.

Thursday, May 26, 1898

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5. A class of seven young ladies graduated from the City Normal Training school last night.

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11. Article says two ladies on the West Side got on a street car Thursday in a pouring rain and had to raise their umbrellas in the car because of the water coming through the leaky roof.

Friday, June 3, 1898**page**

5. The 9th street bridge crossing the Little river and connecting Riverside and Griffenstein parks will be completed this week. It is a substantial wooden bridge and cost about \$500. ¶ Within a fortnight work will start on a wooden bridge across the Little river connecting Griswold park with Riverside. ¶ Next week work will commence on the dam which will raise the Little river about four feet. It will be several hundred feet long and cost about \$600, of which \$325 has been raised by subscription. It will be just below the bridge which connects the island on which the waterworks station is located with the foot of Central avenue

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5. Annual report of Superintendent of School's Dyer. Details. Article lists salary schedule of teachers. Grade school teachers range is \$30-\$50 per month. Grade school principals' range is \$55-\$70 per month. Head of department in high school receives \$85 per month.

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3. Article reports graduation exercises of Fairmount college yesterday with nine graduates.

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5. Article reports Messrs. Caldwell and Stevens plan to re-start the old City mills, at Douglas and 5th avenues, which was owned for years by Messrs. Oliver and Imboden and has a capacity of 800 pounds of flour per day and storage capacity of 80,000 barrels. It will take until August 1 to renovate the mill, which has been leased for one year. It will give the city three first class mills.

Tuesday, June 14, 1898**page**

5. City assessor reports a population in Wichita of 20,700, a gain of 500 since last year.

Sunday, June 19, 1898**page**

11. The street car system in Wichita has reached the point where people sigh just before embarking on one of the moving wrecks.

Wednesday, June 22, 1898**page**

5. The board of directors yesterday voted to spend \$10,000 for a new addition to the Masonic home and improvements to the present building. There will be a wide veranda surrounding the building, which will be of the same material as the present building. A corridor will connect the two buildings.

Thursday, June 23, 1898**page**

5. Article reports City Mills sold yesterday at a sheriff's sale resulting from a foreclosure suit to N. F. Frazier for \$10,005. Details.

Friday, June 24, 1898**page**

5. The county commissioners have refused to grant to the city a road way through the east end of Griswold park and are thus blocking the construction of a bridge between Griswold and Central Riverside. Details. Article is critical of the county commissioners for their refusal.

Saturday, June 25, 1898**page**

5. The telephone line between Wichita and Kingman was completed yesterday by the Missouri and Kansas system. A new switch board has been ordered for this city. Details.

Sunday, June 26, 1898**page**

5. Article reports Professor Edward Stanley of Lawrence, Kansas has been offered the presidency of the new National Friends university (sic) here. Mrs. Stanley is a sister of Mr. James Davis, who is the donor of the building.
11. From the time Wichita was founded until the present park took place, there were three swimming holes in the city, which retained their locations and names. One was "The Umbrella," right back of Woodman's house; another, "The Rope," just north of Griffenstein's park, and the other, "The Ladies," north of 13th street bridge. Since the operations on the park began these places have lost their identity.

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5. City council voted yesterday to formally annul the franchise granted the new street car company because of non-compliance by the company with its terms.

Saturday, July 2, 1898**page**

5. At 6:00 p.m. today the new Riverside and Griffenstein parks will be completed and ready for the formal opening which will occur on Monday, July 4. The 9th street bridge will be

inspected by the mayor and council and it will be open to the public on Sunday.

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6. reports the formal opening yesterday evening of the bridge across from old Riverside last night.

11. quotes the circular first referring to Wichita in print and advertising the advantages of Gilware in the Emporia News office in 1868.

Article lists all the 52 fire alarm box locations in Wichita.

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5. Riverside park was formally opened to the public yesterday.

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5. The board of directors of the Wichita hospital announce that in a few days the hospital will be occupying its new building on the West Side.

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11. Professor Edward Stanley explained that the proper title is "Friends' University," not the "Friends' National University." The word "National" was dropped because the church nationally had not authorized its use. There are several other Friends' institutions in the United States.

Saturday, July 16, 1898**page**

5. Work has commenced on the new dam, which is to span the Little river at the lower end of Griswold park. It is estimated that it will be finished in 20 days.

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6. The YMCA will have an opening reception Friday, July 22, at their new rooms, 213-215 North Main street.

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5. Article describes in detail the new Wichita hospital building, formerly the Martinson block, at Seneca and Douglas. It is hoped to occupy it within ten days.

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2. Eight circus elephants will go swimming in the Little river at Oak street bridge tomorrow.

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5. Yesterday the Central avenue dam was completed after two weeks of steady construction work by the city engineer and a large force of men. It is just below Central avenue and is constructed of heavy timbers fastened to piles driven in the river bed. It raises the water at the dam about four feet above its usual level, which makes a rise of between two and three feet at Oak street and nearly that much at 11th street.

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5. Article reports plan to put in a bath house building in the bend of the Little river above Oak street bridge. To be 120 feet long. Details.

Patients are now being received in the new Wichita hospital building on the West Side.

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5. With the Central avenue dam completed, boating in the new park is now one of the popular nightly means of amusement for Wichita's citizens.

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11. Since the dam has been built across the Little river, a large crowd of young men can be seen every night diving off from the bridge and swimming in the deep water between the bridge and the dam. ¶ Another place where swimming is indulged in is at 12th street, where a tree extends over the river and makes it nice for those who like to dive.

Tuesday, August 2, 1898**page**

5. Reported at school board meeting that the tower of Carleton school has been lowered.

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3. From 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. tonight the street cars will run only to the Fair grounds, in order to accommodate the crowds. After 9:00 p.m. the cars will run as usual until the celebration is over, when all of them will be put on the South Main street line to bring the people home.
5. Article states that the recently announced bath house scheme on the Little river has fallen through after some objections were made.

Tuesday, August 9, 1898**page**

5. Mr. H. B. Church, of Boston, president of the new street car company claimed at city council meeting yesterday to have the money to proceed with construction of the new line. Details.

Wednesday, August 10, 1898**page**

5. City council yesterday renewed the street car franchise effective on deposit of \$10,000 guarantee money. Work is to commence within 30 days and road to be built and in operation by March 1, 1899. Details.

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2. Note reports the Griffenstein residence, with the land, some 15 or 16 acres, was purchased by the Winne and Winne Loan company.
5. Legal paper representing \$10,000 was deposited with city treasurer yesterday by H. B. Church as forfeit in case street car line is not built, but city council asked him to convert the paper to cash instead.

Saturday, August 20, 1898**page**

5. Another article about the street car franchise situation. Ten thousand dollars in cash not yet deposited with the city, and if not done so soon, the city will attempt to have the old cars and track removed from the streets as a nuisance. Details.

Sunday, August 21, 1898**page**

4. Article reports D. K. Pearsons of Chicago has offered to give Fairmount college \$50,000 if the friends of the college raise \$150,000 in cash by July 1, 1900. Details.
5. Article reports the Frisco has signed a lease agreement with the receiver of the Kansas Midland Railroad and will take charge of the lien September 1. Details.
11. Years ago when the Little Arkansas river was a good stream there was a flourishing boat club in existence here. Their house was located in Riverside park just south of the Oak street bridge, and they had a six oared shell, several two oared shells, and a number of single sculls.

Tuesday, August 23, 1898**page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance canceling the franchise granted by Ordinance 837 as amended by Ordinance 852 to the Wichita Electric Railway company, and the succeeding Ordinance 1441 granting franchise to the Wichita Railway, Light and Power

company. Details. ¶ They also said if the company deposits \$10,000 in cash with the city treasurer within two weeks, they will cancel the above.

Wednesday, August 24, 1898

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5. Article reports suit against street car company for \$3,200 damages from a fall. Suit and article describe in detail the decrepit condition of the street car system.

Saturday, August 27, 1898

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6. Article about meeting to be held in Chicago between H. B. Church, contractor, and New York bond syndicate regarding building of new street railway here. Details.

Sunday, August 28, 1898

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5. Article reports A. S. Booton, of Chickasha, Indian Territory, has leased the Occidental hotel and will take charge September 1.
7. Article lists faculty named for the new Friends' university.
11. Article describing the educational colleges in Wichita. Says All Hallows academy was established as a boarding school for girls in 1887. ¶ Wichita commercial college has been operating six years.

“If the street car tracks are torn up, the howl from Fairmount, West Side, South Side, Fairview, and College Hill is going to be something terrible.”

A Wichita man traveling overland last Thursday from Deer Creek to Blackwell, Oklahoma, saw two objects which he took to be “schooner wagons.” When he came near he found that they were old discarded street cars on common wagon wheels. The paint and varnish had nearly disappeared, but he was still able to read: “Wichita Street Railway, Car Number 28” on one and the same, only Car Number 29 on the other. The windows were gone but the doors still slide and the roof gives shelter. They belonged to a threshing outfit and one was used for a dining and sleeping room, while the other was a traveling kitchen.

Wednesday, August 31, 1898

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5. Denial by Charles Guyer, proprietor of Occidental hotel, of recent article saying it had been leased to A. S. Booton.

Another article about negotiations in Chicago concerning street railway here. ¶ It will cost Wichita perhaps not less than \$900 to get rid of the tracks and cars now on the streets. There are 15 miles of track.

Saturday, September 3, 1898**page**

2. Excavation will start Monday for a new addition to St. Francis hospital. To be 40 by 60 feet and three stories high. An elevator will be put in. ¶ It has only been a few months since a chapel was built on the north side of the structure. The new addition will be on the south side.

Sunday, September 4, 1898**page**

11. Long summary of the history of the boom and bust period in Wichita -- "The Story of Wichita."

Tuesday, September 6, 1898**page**

5. Article reports the Metropole hotel will be put in shape and re-opened. ¶ It is owned by eastern capitalists and has 67 big double sleeping rooms.

Thursday, September 8, 1898**page**

5. Baseball in Wichita is over for the season and workmen yesterday started tearing down the fence and grandstand at Athletic park. When it was built a note was given B. F. McLean for \$225, the balance due on the lumber. A few days ago O. E. Keach purchased the fence and the stand in order to get rid of the park, as he resides just across the street and was opposed to Sunday games.
6. The channel of the Big Arkansas river has been changed so that it runs along the Wichita side of the swell island at the Maple street bridge, whereas the island formerly stood in the center of the channel. Details. This adds about ten acres to the long strip on the east bank owned by the Schwartz brothers. ¶ The first encroachment upon the river along the east side was caused by the throwing of manure out of the barn just north of Douglas, and this has since been filled up for 15 feet with manure. Additions then began on the Schwartz brothers' property just south of Douglas. ¶ City Engineer Jackson is now in favor of removing the east span of the Douglas avenue bridge and filling in the roadway.

Friday, September 9, 1898**page**

6. Article reports Friends' university is to open Wednesday, September 21.

Sunday, September 11, 1898**page**

5. The street car franchise expired September 3 and by ordinance, the company was given 20 days after that to get the tracks and cars off the streets. This expires September 23, about the middle of fair week, and a plan is now on foot to allow the cars to run at least until the fair has closed.

Tuesday, September 13, 1898**page**

5. The Wichita Railway, Light and Power company yesterday deposited \$10,000 in cash with the city treasurer, and the city council renewed their franchise to build a new street railway system, to be completed on or before April 1, 1899. Details.

Wednesday, September 14, 1898**page**

5. Three people killed last evening when a Rock Island passenger train struck a spring wagon loaded with 13 people at the Douglas avenue crossing. Six injured.
6. Article reporting the full wording of the new street railway and lightning franchise.

Saturday, September 17, 1898**page**

5. Drs. J. W. Shultz and S. P. Thomas yesterday purchased the Burleigh property one block north of St. Francis hospital, now occupied by the Rescue home. It is to be repaired and turned into a hospital and home for unfortunates. ¶ The building was put up some years ago by Dr. Burleigh at a cost of \$17,000 and was exactly like the St. Francis hospital before any additions were built to that structure. It has 21 large rooms. Dr. Schultz thinks it will be ready for patients by November 1. The Rescue home will be given 30 days to find new quarters.

Sunday, September 18, 1898**page**

11. Article discussing the two "Buffalo Bills" — Mathewson and Cody. Details.

Humorous article about the sequence of events in Wichita's recent street car uncertainties.

Tuesday, September 20, 1898**page**

5. The Rescue home yesterday arranged for the purchase of the old City Hospital building on South 4th avenue.

Wednesday, September 21, 1898**page**

6. Article reports Friends university is to open today.

Thursday, September 22, 1898**page**

1. Article reports opening of Friends' university yesterday. Details.

Friday, September 23, 1898**page**

5. Left front wheel of a buggy twisted off yesterday when it ran into the frog of the street car

curve from North Topeka to 13th street.

Sunday, September 25, 1898

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5. Article about the new street cars to be obtained for the new street railway. Details. To be 27 feet long compared with 20 feet for present cars.

Tuesday, September 27, 1898

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5. Two prominent new houses being built — one for J. H. McKnight on South Hydraulic, and one for A. S. Parks at 1107 North Lawrence. Details.

Wednesday, September 28, 1898

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5. Article about plan to clear out brush and put in a flower garden before spring on the small island in the Little river just below the Griffenstein or 9th street bridge.

The hospital which is being established by Drs. Schultz and Thomas will hereafter be known as the "Martha Washington Home."

6. Article about plans of the Plymouth Congregational church to build a new church building on their lot at Lawrence avenue and 2nd street, fronting on Lawrence avenue. Details. The old brick building occupies only a small portion of the church lot and will be retained and the new church building connected to it. The old building will be used for banquets and social functions.

Saturday, October 1, 1898

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5. City Engineer Jackson yesterday received the new bronze fountain which is to be erected in the Griffenstein part of Riverside park. It will be located at the junction of the loop. It is about three feet across and three and one-half feet high, has a cement bottom and will stand for years. There are three little pipes which throw out a jet of water some three or four inches high. It is one of the many improvements constantly being added to the park.
6. John Whittaker has sold his equity in the Wichita packing plant to bondholders in St. Louis. Details. ¶ Long article gives history of the Whittaker packing plant — opened August 1, 1889 and did a heavy business for five years, then reduced its output greatly from then until October 1897. Description of plant, etc.

Sunday, October 2, 1898

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4. Contract let yesterday for the new addition to St. Francis hospital, to cost \$10,000. To be at south side of present hospital and three stories high, 62 by 41 feet. To be completed by January 1. Details.

Wednesday, October 5, 1898**page**

6. On November 1 W. Q. Church will resurrect the ghost-like canvas vestibules for the street cars and put them on. He says they won't be needed long.

Thursday, October 6, 1898**page**

5. Reconstruction of the wagon and foot bridge over the Little river at 17th street is nearly completed at a cost of between \$400 and \$500. A new floor, rails and stringers have been put in. Only the old piles are left.

Friday, October 7, 1898**page**

6. Article says the city library will be moved to larger quarters on the 3rd floor of the City building. Details.

Saturday, October 8, 1898**page**

5. The walls are up to the first story on the new addition to the Masonic home.

Tuesday, October 11, 1898**page**

2. The 17th street bridge over the Little river will be opened to the public today following extensive repairs at a cost of \$400-\$500.

Thursday, October 13, 1898**page**

5. The best index of the busy period now prevailing in Wichita is Douglas avenue at the railroad crossing. The Santa Fe has six tracks right over the avenue with switching yards above and below it. The Rock Island has two tracks across the avenue and the Midland two. Probably a hundred times a day the gates are lowered and teams accumulate there in traffic jams.

Friday, October 14, 1898**page**

5. Mayor Ross yesterday received a letter from Mr. H. B. Church, of Boston, Massachusetts, formally accepting the street car franchise. This means work is to commence within 30 days.

Sunday, October 16, 1898**page**

13. Article about the last street cars of the evening leaving down town. The last Fairmount car leaves Main and Douglas at 9:20 p.m. The last College Hill car at 9:40 goes only as far as there is a passenger riding, before returning.

Article describes the scene at the depot when a train arrives.

Saturday, October 22, 1898**page**

6. Article about planned reconstruction of the telephone lines in Wichita. Details.

Sunday, October 23, 1898**page**

13. Article summarizes the various locations of the post office in early days of Wichita.

Friday, October 28, 1898**page**

5. Article says the Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Frisco and Santa Fe have each promised to furnish the city with 25 car loads of crushed rock for use on the roads and walks in the parks.

Sunday, October 30, 1898**page**

13. Article gives history of the Eagle block, now occupied by the Boston Store. Erection started in winter of 1871-72. The stone for the walls was quarried from the bluff east of the city. Details.

Article gives the history of the Wichita university and its building.

14. Article says a contractor from Jersey City is here figuring on details of the new street railway.

Tuesday, November 1, 1898**page**

6. Article describes in detail the proposed street railway lines to be built by the new street car company. ¶ It says the present Fairmount line runs east on 13th from main to 4th Avenue, north on 4th Avenue to 15th street, and thence east on 15th to the college. ¶ Work is supposed to begin by November 14.

Saturday, November 5, 1898**page**

5. The YMCA will occupy their new quarters for the first time next Sunday. They have rented the entire second floor of the Morris building, 213 North Main, and will open a new gymnasium and reading room.

Sunday, November 6, 1898**page**

13. Article on history of Scottish Rite masons in Wichita. Organized 11 years ago and met then in the Hacker and Jackson block, at Douglas and 4th avenue In January 1891 they purchased the 1st Baptist church building at 1st and Market and met there. The YMCA

building at 1st and Topeka was purchased January 1, 1898 and remodeled at cost of \$12,000 for use of their Temple.

The big cannon over in the park is exciting a great deal of wonder. It is a gun from Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania, and was cast after the civil war. There is only one hole in the cannon and that is the muzzle. A careful search has been made for the firing vent in the base of the gun, but it can not be found. Some say it has been spiked, but there is no evidence to bear out this claim. Others say that the firing place was never drilled. The cannon has been condemned and will never be fired here.

Friday, November 11, 1898

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5. Article reports Mr. Will Q. Church instructed by his brother, H. B. Church, of Boston, to start work no later than Saturday morning with 12 men and teams on new street car line. To start work at 11th and Wichita streets and build north from there.

Saturday, November 12, 1898

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5. Article announces establishment here of a wholesale hardware house on East 1st street, to be known as the Hockaday Hardware company. I. N. Hockaday, of Enid, will be the Wichita manager. Will open for business February 1. Details.

Sunday, November 13, 1898

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5. Yesterday morning ten men and teams began work on the new street railway, grading and putting track north on Wichita street from 11th street. Rails are expected to be here by the latter part of this week. Only about a hundred feet of track was laid yesterday.

Tuesday, November 15, 1898

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5. The Union Mills are going to erect a new building on the south side of the Douglas just opposite to Waco avenue, to cost \$15,000. The property is 60 by 140 and will be covered with an elevator and mill. The deed is in escrow awaiting the action of the city council so that the extension of the Missouri Pacific tracks across Douglas avenue to the mill could be built. The council last night gave the railroad company this permission.

Park Commissioner George Dickson received word yesterday from General Flagley, commander of ordnance, at Washington, that he had shipped 80 ten-inch balls for use in the parks. They will be stacked in a pyramid near the big cannon now in the park. There will probably be less chance for the Spanish cannon that were asked for from the exposition grounds at Omaha.

6. Legal publication of Ordinance Number 1557 permitting construction of one switch track along Waco south from 1st street and across Douglas avenue (to the Union Mills). Approved November 14, 1898.

Wednesday, November 16, 1898**page**

6. Article reports rumor the Missouri Pacific will move its division points and shops from Conway Springs and Eldorado to Wichita.

Sunday, November 20, 1898**page**

13. Article records the amount of pay received by the different railroads for carrying mail out of Wichita.

Thursday, November 24, 1898**page**

5. The teams of Wichita High School and Friends' university will play football this afternoon at the Fair grounds.

The street car line is progressing slowly. Despite snow and cold weather the men were at work yesterday. The line started at the corner of 11th and Wichita streets, and although 12 men have been employed, the track is only laid one block, to 12th street.

Saturday, November 26, 1898**page**

6. Article reports repair work on the Burton Car works is to start Monday. From \$8,000 to \$10,000 is to be spent in repairs and modification of the buildings, but no definite future use of them has been announced yet.

Sunday, November 27, 1898**page**

13. Long article giving history of Park City and its contest with Wichita. It was established in 1870, 14 miles northwest of Wichita and five miles directly west of Valley Center on the Big Arkansas river. After the notorious election, Park City waned and was gone by 1879.

Wednesday, November 30, 1898**page**

6. Article reports some of the excuses given for delays in construction of new street railway system.

Friday, December 2, 1898**page**

6. Rufus Cone and Mr. Cornell have bought two lots on corner of William and Market streets facing the post-office and will commence construction of a building with 50 foot front on Market for their laundry.

Tuesday, December 6, 1898**page**

5. Article about a plan to remodel the Metropole hotel. Details.

Friday, December 9, 1898**page**

5. Article reports negotiations with contractor proceeding and street railway construction should start soon.

Sunday, December 11, 1898**page**

13. Article about one of the old street cars moved some time ago to the outskirts of the city and used as a play house by neighborhood children. It was recently sold to a Douglas avenue fruit vender, who found it inhabited by a swarm of bees and containing 300 pounds of honey, worth \$45, which was double the \$22.50 he had paid for the car.

Saturday, December 17, 1898**page**

5. The 80 cannon balls ordered for the park arrived yesterday and will be placed in a pyramid out in the old Griffenstein park where the big gun was placed. The 80 balls weighed 7,040 pounds. Twenty of them make a good wagon load.
6. Article says the street car company will start work on the lighting plant and fixtures first and will probably not lay street car track before February 15 on account of the cold weather making it difficult to do this work.

Tuesday, December 20, 1898**page**

5. Article about improvements to Riverside park. ¶ "One of the latest features to be added is the big cannon shipped here from Fort Monroe (sic). The 80 cannon balls arrived Saturday and will be placed in a pyramid by the gun." ¶ But the park must have a fountain, and Mayor Ross has given the subject of its design much study. He has suggested a unique design for Riverside, consisting of two figures, a buffalo in flight and a mounted Indian in the act of thrusting a spear into the buffalo. From the spear's point issues the water. Mayor Ross found also by submitting his design to an artist in the east that life size figures in bronze would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, depending on size and material.
6. Article about repairs and remodeling to Manhattan hotel to be done in next two months at cost of \$4,000 by Fred Van Duyn, who is taking a two year lease to operate the hotel beginning January 1.

Thursday, December 22, 1898**page**

5. Article about plans for location of 150 new street lights. Details.

Friday, December 23, 1898**page**

6. A consignment of 200 poles to be used in the electric light system arrived yesterday.

Sunday, December 25, 1898**page**

11. Long article about poles and network of wires along the streets of Wichita. From Chisholm Creek bridge to Main and Douglas there are 125 poles along Douglas avenue from 30 to 50 feet high. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company has 1,200 poles scattered over the city. The Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company has 2,500 poles. Details.

Tuesday, December 27, 1898**page**

5. Article says the trustees of the Reformed Church are offering to sell the Wichita university building, which cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, to the state for \$15,000 to \$16,000 for use as a state normal school.
6. Ad for Martha Washington home saying it was formally opened to the public on November 10. Drawing.

Thursday, December 29, 1898**page**

6. The brick building on west 1st street known as Garfield Hall has been sold by the Keene Savings and Guarantee company of New Hampshire to John L. Jacobs. It has a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 50 feet.

Saturday, December 31, 1898**page**

5. Article reports the Wichita and Western Railroad was sold yesterday to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company at Kingman for \$75,000. For about three years the Wichita and Western has been in the hands of a receiver. ¶ The Santa Fe will assume control of the line on January 1. It is 80 miles long, from Wichita to Pratt. Technically it is two distinct lines, the Wichita and Western from Wichita to Kingman, and the Kingman, Pratt and Western from Kingman to Pratt. The purchase price was nominal, as the Santa Fe virtually owned the road, having secured all the bonds, and the payment yesterday was really the cancellation of the mortgage, held by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company.