

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 1899 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, January 1, 1899

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11. Long article gives history of building of Missouri Pacific into Wichita.

Article gives brief history of ownership of Wichita's first street railway in 1883.

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6. Report of annual meeting of Wichita Hospital yesterday. Says in February 1898 the old Hospital association was reorganized. The association accepted the gift of the Martinson building. Details and financial reports given.

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5. Yesterday the new women's club met at the City building and adopted the name for the organization. The name selected was the Twentieth Century club.

The new dining room and kitchen of the Masonic Home was occupied yesterday. The bed rooms on the upper floor of the new addition have not yet come into use.

In the settlement of the difficulties between the city and county consummated in the district court yesterday, the city comes in possession of Griswold park. The three parks will be merged into one, and Griswold loses its name. The bridge connecting Griswold and old Riverside will soon be completed.

Sunday, January 8, 1899

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11. Another chronicle of Wichita history, regarding 1885 and the organization of the Board of Trade.

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6. Article says the Jett and Wood wholesale grocery house building is to be erected starting next month just opposite and north of the Wichita Wholesale grocery at William and 5th. It will be 160 by 130 feet and one story high.

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6. The plat has been completed for the proposed new street railway, for which H. B. Church and company has the franchise. The routes shown are: ¶ Douglas avenue line, double tracked from Douglas avenue bridge to 5th avenue, and single tracked from there to terminus, 1575 feet east of Park avenue ¶ Same line, single tracked, from Douglas avenue bridge west to Seneca, south to Maple, west to Hiram, and south to terminus at University avenue ¶ North Main street line, double tracked to 12th street, then single tracked west on 12th to Market, then north to 13th street, then west to Fairview, north to Carey avenue, east to Market, north to 21st street and east to terminus at 21st and Lawrence. ¶ South Main street line, double tracked to William, then single tracked to a point 5250 feet south of Lincoln street, then west 500 feet to terminus at Fairgrounds. ¶ North Topeka avenue line, single tracked from Douglas and Topeka north to 13th street. ¶ South Topeka avenue line, double tracked to English street, then single tracked south to Lincoln street, then west to Lincoln to a junction with the South Main street line. ¶ Oak street line from Main and Douglas north to Oak street, then east to Pratt avenue, north to Frisco avenue, east to Hillside, north to 13th street, then east 1,000 feet and north about 2,500 feet to terminus. ¶ Belt line connecting Topeka avenue and North Main street lines on 13th street, west on 13th to Wichita, south to 11th street, west to Carlos avenue, then south through the park to James and Central, then east on Central to Main street

Friday, January 20, 1899**page**

6. Article reports the organization yesterday of the Hockaday Wholesale Hardware company. Details. They expect to open their doors on February 7.

Saturday, January 21, 1899**page**

5. Article lists planned major building projects in Wichita, totaling over \$300,000.

Sunday, January 22, 1899**page**

5. Article says the Wichita and Western Railroad is from this day known as the Wichita branch of the Santa Fe.

11. Another chronicle of Wichita history: "How the Burton Car Works was Secured."

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5. The Masonic home additions were completed yesterday.

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4. Excavating for the new Union Mills plant started early this week. To be on the south side of Douglas near the east end of the Douglas avenue bridge, with capacity of 200 barrels per day. To cost about \$50,000 and be completed by May 1st and ready to start grinding by July 1st.

11. Beginning February 1st the Jacob Dold Packing company will sound a prolonged blast from their big whistle at 9 o'clock each night. While not exactly a curfew plan, its effect will be the same. This jumbo whistle was blown for 30 minutes when Congress declared war last April and again after Cervera's fleet was crushed at Santiago bay.

Wednesday, February 1, 1899**page**

6. Article reports the repairs to Burton Car Works buildings are progressing steadily, but no announcement made yet of any future use. Details.

Thursday, February 2, 1899**page**

5. Article about a fire Tuesday night which destroyed 45 stalls at the State Fair grounds. The fair grounds are owned by the Keene Syndicate of New Hampshire and are under lease to the State Fair association.

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5. Messrs. Nick Steffan and W. H. Bretch have associated themselves under the name of the Citizens Co-operative Ice company and plan to build a new ice manufacturing plant this spring with a capacity of 20 tons per day. Building is to be erected at 1st street and 5th avenue, the main part 100 by 140 feet with awing 28 by 36 feet. This is a continuation of the Citizens Ice company which was organized last summer.

11. Another long chronicle of Wichita history — "When the Boom Waned."

Thursday, February 9, 1899**page**

5. The boy fountain, the beautiful gift to the children of Wichita by Mayor Finlay Ross, reached the city yesterday. It was made in New York and purchased by Mr. Ross, who will present it to the children of the city. ¶ Its erection will be accomplished as soon as the weather moderates and cement can be handled. Its location has been decided upon. It will stand in the northwestern part of the park, just west of the big cannon from Philadelphia (sic), and where the road leading from the east into the park forks. ¶ Article describes the boy and boat. It will be set on a pedestal and surrounded by a 12 foot basin. ¶ Yesterday Park Commissioner George Dickson took Mr. Ross' check and receipted for the statue. Mr. Dickson said: "The fountain is a beauty. I received a book from New York with designs in it and Mayor Ross selected this one." ¶ A medallion on the basin

will say that the fountain was presented to the children of Wichita by Finlay Ross.

Friday, February 10, 1899**page**

5. The Fourth National bank yesterday purchased the four story brick and stone building at Douglas and Market for \$25,000. The bank occupied a large part of the ground floor. The three upper floors are mainly used for offices.

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5. Article reports extreme cold weather. The highest temperature yesterday was 11 below zero and the lowest 16 below. At 2:00 a.m. today it was 18 below.
11. In many instances the ground wires of the Wichita street railway system have rotted away and the return current comes ordinarily over the rails. But the recent cold has been contracting the iron until the ends of the rails no longer meet and so there is no return current through them, and this materially affects the speed of the cars. To remedy this the motorneers have been driving iron spikes down the gaps at the ends of the rails, which makes the connection.

Article says Lawrence, Emporia, and Topeka avenues were named by J. R. Mead. As a trader he knew these Kansas towns from passing through them and so recognized them in laying out that addition.

Tuesday, February 14, 1899**page**

5. The county commissioners yesterday executed the deed turning the Griswold park property over to the city.

This year with the cold weather a number of persons have been cutting and stacking ice from the Little river for storage for the summer ice trade. This is a rather rare sight in Kansas.

Wednesday, February 15, 1899**page**

5. Article reports that "Rowdy Joe," former Wichita dance-hall character, was killed in a saloon in Denver early Sunday in a quarrel with Charles Kinnel, an ex-policeman. Name was Joe Lowe. Article reviews his history in early Wichita.
6. Article about suit for damages by Mr. Sullivan regarding the Sullivan's dam. Article says the dam was built in 1878. Mr. Sullivan claims the dam floods about three acres of his land, etc. Details.

Friday, February 17, 1899**page**

5. The deed conveying Griswold park to the city of Wichita for a price of \$5,000 was filed. ¶ The property has been known as a park by many names. Its first was Shuman's park, and for a long time no other identification was known. Later it was called Riverside Park and was then the only park by that name in Wichita. Some time ago the park name was again changed by the county commissioners to Gay's Park to distinguish it from the new city park known as Riverside park. Later when it became the sole property of the county by deed and transfer, it was again re-named as Griswold Park, after a man who at one time ran the park and gave band concerts there during the summer months some five years ago. ¶ The park will now be absorbed into the park name of Riverside.

Article about the huge stack of ice cut from the Little river recently near the end of Elm street and measuring 75 by 100 feet by 12 feet high. Describes the method of raising it from the river to a high point on the bank by means of a chute. It was put up for Messrs. Campbell and Aley, who now are moving an old ice house which stood on Chisholm Creek to the new location and rebuilding it around the new pile of ice.

The Rock Island yesterday began to put in gates similar to those of the Santa Fe at Douglas avenue.

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5. Article reports street car Number 6 on West Side line struck and killed a man last night.

Wednesday, March 1, 1899

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5. Over \$1,100,000 in mortgage releases have been made in Wichita and Sedgwick county in the past ten months since April 1, 1898, indicating the improved financial condition of property owners.

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6. The new bridge between old Griswold park and old Riverside will be opened tomorrow. ¶ For years the great bend of the river on the west side of the Little river at the Oak street was inaccessible except by the "Smith Ford" which was located right back of the Woodman place and led up to a brick house, which still stands, and which was known to all the Wichita boys at one time as Kay Smith's house — a good place for truants, because it was across the river and out of sight. ¶ When Riverside came into existence, the Oak street bridge was built, connecting the town with the park, but not until Mayor Ross developed it last year was Griffenstein park connected with Riverside, and until now Griswold park has been isolated, and anyone driving in Riverside had to make a long drive to reach Griswold's.

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7. The new bridge from Griswold to Riverside is of a Venetian design and is a great relief

from the straight, flat floor bridges common to this part of the country.

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5. Article says Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is spending \$22,000 in improvements to its facilities here. Office is in Bitting block. The circuit connecting Newton and Emporia is nearing completion, and this will provide an unbroken line between Wichita and New York.

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7. Since the breaking of Sullivan's dam last summer, Chisholm creek has stagnant, scum covered, and very odorous. The new dam being constructed by the city is now nearly finished and has raised the water in the creek so that it is now much less offensive.

11. Article describes the new addition to St. Francis hospital, recently finished at a cost of \$8,500. It is of brick, four stories, with a Mansard roof and finely arched doors and windows. It has 16 rooms, giving the entire hospital a capacity for 65 patients. There is one large ward for men, with eight beds, and numerous other rooms with a single bed in each. Details.

The old street car barn on North Main street was torn down this week. Its material will be used in new structures.

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5. Article reports a charter obtained in past few days by a body of citizens planning to establish a children's home for colored children. The name of the institution is the Helen Gould Home of Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, March 22, 1899**page**

6. Workmen began yesterday to lay the foundation for the new fountain in Riverside Park. It will take some eight or ten days to complete the fountain.

Saturday, March 25, 1899**page**

5. Article reports work is to start soon on a three story brick building 25 by 116 feet being built at 110 West Douglas by Mr. J. E. Petrie.

Sunday, March 26, 1899**page**

13. From the power house for the street railway line the electricity comes down to the corner of Main and Douglas on a single line. It is then distributed to the different branches by a switch located at that point.

Tuesday, March 28, 1899**page**

6. Annual report of board of health given to city council yesterday. Details.

The new Sullivan's dam has been completed.

Wednesday, March 29, 1899**page**

6. A gang of 50 men started work yesterday on the extension of the Missouri Pacific tracks south on Waco and across Douglas avenue to the new Union Mills.

Sunday, April 2, 1899**page**

5. The city council yesterday declared the \$10,000 cash bond put up for the second contract with the street railway company to be forfeited and will bring suit to collect the \$10,000 forfeit bond given with the first contract. ¶ Mr. W. Q. Church had nothing to say and didn't know what the company would do. The cars will continue to run yet awhile, but it is not known how long.

Friday, April 7, 1899**page**

5. The new addition to St. Francis hospital will be dedicated Sunday, April 9, by Bishop Hennessy.

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5. Article reports rumor that money has been committed to build the new street railway line.

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- 3., 6. City engineer's annual report: ¶ Says the wooden sidewalks have almost disappeared from the streets of Wichita and are being replaced by cinder, cement, or brick walks. ¶ Three dams have been constructed in past year: ¶ New Sullivan's dam -- cost \$2,632; Across Little river at Central avenue -- cost \$675; Across Chisholm creek -- cost \$102.
5. Article gives annual reports of city officials to city council. Details.

Sunday, April 16, 1899**page**

5. Workmen yesterday throwing up a dirt embankment two and one-half feet high and three feet across the top on the river side of Griswold park to prevent the overflow into the park which always heretofore has occurred when there has been high water. ¶ The contract has been awarded to S. G. Gribi for an elegant band stand to be constructed in the open between Riverside circle and the Griffenstein bridge. It is to be octagonal in shape and will seat a band of 20 pieces. The platform will be five feet high, and from there 12 feet to the

top of the circular roof. The stand is to be built between the driveways, one of which leads from Oak street bridge around the river bank to the Griffenstein bridge, and the other going around the Riverside circle. The position is to be about 200 yards from the Griffenstein bridge. ¶ The telephone company has donated a flag pole 65 feet in height, which is to be raised opposite the Oak street entrance beyond the circle. Another pole 40 feet high is being arranged for the lot with the big cannon in old Griffenstein park.

Thursday, April 20, 1899**page**

6. The boulevard in the new park must either be sprinkled or macadamized, as the dust is unbearable when the weather gets hot.

Sunday, April 23, 1899**page**

13. Article describes Wichita's part in the opening of Oklahoma Territory in 1889.

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5. Several merchants and business men have agreed to paint the four open summer cars for use during the Trans-Mississippi congress. A coat of paint will make the summer cars presentable as they are not gone to wreck nearly so badly as the ones now on the tracks.

Sunday, April 30, 1899**page**

4. Article about work being done in Riverside park getting ready for summer. A new flagpole was erected Friday.
13. Article describes how the appearance of the empty Burton Car works and surrounding deteriorated housing as viewed from passing trains was Wichita's worst advertisement during the post-boom depression. Details.

Friday, May 5, 1899**page**

6. Article from the *Chicago Record* describing in detail Wichita in the boom time and afterward.

Saturday, May 6, 1899**page**

2. The excavation for the Jett and Wood Wholesale house is about completed and laying of the foundation will soon begin. Mr. Gribi has the contract for the building.

Sunday, May 7, 1899**page**

4. City of Wichita yesterday filed in district court a petition for an injunction to restrain the present street railway company from operating their system upon the streets of Wichita. ¶ Article includes the petition in full and refers to previous street railway ordinances

including: Number 424 approved April 25, 1887, amended by Number 441, approved June 1, 1887 (Wichita and Suburban Railway company); Number 494 approved December 12, 1887, amended by Number 528 (Wichita Street Railway company); Number 837 approved March 25, 1890, amended by Number 852 approved April 23, 1890 (Wichita Electric Railway company); and Number 1527 approved August 29, 1898. Article describes the run down condition of the present system.

13. Article reports rumors of a possible Union depot some where on East Douglas avenue, probably between the present Rock Island and Santa Fe depots. ¶ At present the Santa Fe, Frisco, Wichita and Western, and Midland trains all arrive at one depot which is called the Union depot. The Rock Island is but a block away. ¶ There are 42 passenger trains arriving and departing from Wichita daily, mostly between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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5. Judge Dale yesterday granted the city a temporary injunction compelling removal of all street cars from the streets pending settlement of the city's suit to annul the franchise of the street railway company. The street cars will probably stop tomorrow. ¶ Thirty-six men employed by the company will be thrown out of work, including: Superintendent, two engineers and two firemen at the station, three shop men, one line man, two transfer men, one night man, one teamster, one track greaser, two trackmen, 18 regular and two extra motormen.
15. Article about the many attractions of the improved Riverside park, including the band stand between the drives approaching south end of Griffenstein bridge, the 60 foot flag pole in old Riverside, the cannon in old Griffenstein, and the Ross fountain for children in the old Griffenstein. ¶ Says L. W. Clapp has put 20 boxes in the lagoon by the boulevard, just down the boulevard from the B. H. Campbell place, and water lilies will be placed in the boxes. ¶ The old street car track will be put in shape and used as a walk through the grove where it ran.

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6. The street cars continued running yesterday, since no official notice was served on the company of the injunction against their operation granted by Judge Dale on Saturday. ¶ Already a hundred requests have come in from people on the West Side, at Fairmount, on Fairview north, and beyond Hydraulic east to let the old cars go on. It is admitted by everybody that while the cars are slackly and clumsy and slow and very uncertain they are still of very great advantage to people who live on the outside. To stop even such a service as the road is now able to give very much discommodes a great part of the population of the city.

Wednesday, May 17, 1899

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5. Article reports first public graduating exercises of the Wichita Training School for nurses,

class of 1899, were held last night at the First Methodist Episcopal church. Six diplomas were awarded. Details.

6. County commissioner yesterday agreed to pay half the cost of building a bridge across the Big river at Seneca street, not to exceed \$1,000 provided the city will then maintain the bridge. After building of this bridge it is the aim to extend Seneca street north so as to intersect Central avenue, near the water works.

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6. The street cars will not stop at this time. The city officials agreed not to give the \$2,000 bond required by Judge Dale in granting the injunction restraining the company from running its cars, so no notice will be served at present on Mr. Church to quit running the cars, since this would deprive the city of any street car service whatever this summer and work a hardship on people in the outer part of the city who depend on the street cars to get about. ¶ The hearing of the suit to annul all the street car franchises will not come up until the September term of court.

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2. Work on the stone foundation of the Jett and Wood building commenced yesterday.

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5. Lehmann-Higginson Grocery company yesterday completed purchase of ground for a new building, located between English street and Douglas avenue and between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks. Article describes the parcels of land purchased.
6. George W. Ross has completed a swimming pool on Little river at the foot of Pine street, which is now open to the public. It is arranged with floating platforms of life savers, and a supply of bathing suits has been bought.

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13. Long article boasting Wichita and complaining about discriminatory freight rates inhibiting Wichita's population growth.

Article about early Wichita discusses Charles Cadera, a man who kept a saloon, killed a drunken customer, and then gave up his claim south of Douglas and east of 5th avenue to the lawyer who defended him.

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5. City council yesterday granted pet for a bridge across the Big Arkansas river at Seneca street City clerk is to advertise for bids. Estimated cost \$1,800.

Thursday, May 25, 1899**page**

5. Nineteenth annual commencement exercises of Wichita High School held at the Auditorium last night. Forty-five graduates, mostly women.

The Wichita Athletic club have secured new quarters in the building on South Topeka formerly known as the Natatorium.

6. A five pound eel was caught yesterday in the Little river near the dam.

Saturday, May 27, 1899**page**

5. The Metropole hotel building is now occupied by the Warren Chemical company.

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13. A handsome bird's-eye view of the business section of the city, taking in the packing houses, all the principal public buildings, churches, and other prominent structures, has just been made by Mr. Searle of Chicago, who has been visiting in the city for a few weeks. It is finished in five different oil colors. He will make a bird's-eye view of Riverside park and one of Linwood park before he leaves the city. Mr. Searle has been the landscape and sketch artist of the Rock Island Railroad for over twelve years.

Tuesday, June 6, 1899**page**

6. Annual report of Superintendent of Schools Dyer. Details. Total enrollment 4,520. High school enrollment 427, including 148 boys and 279 girls.

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2. Ad by the Van Zandt Implement company, jobber of vehicles, says they have sold 420 buggies in the past eight weeks, i.e., 14 carloads.
13. Long article by O. H. Bentley gives detailed history of St. John's Episcopal church. Drawing (shows tower).

Thursday, June 15, 1899**page**

6. The Santa Fe will build a new brick platform at its depot in Wichita to replace the plank one now used. It will extend from the freight house to Douglas avenue, almost a block long. South of the express office the platform will be built ten feet wider than the present one, to give ample room for the crowds. The stub track at the side of the platform will be rebuilt and placed further east.

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4. The Wichita Electric Railway and Light company is protesting to the county commission its assessed valuation of \$14,000, saying the property is not worth that amount and instead should be assessed at \$5,000.
5. Three thousand dollars will be spent on improvements to the Friends' university building this summer, including finishing up the auditorium.

Wednesday, June 21, 1899**page**

1. Fire early this morning destroyed the Wichita Mill and Elevator company at Douglas and 5th avenue, known as the old City Roller Mills. Suspected to be arson. The mill has not been in operation.

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6. One theory of reason for fire yesterday destroying the Wichita mill and elevator company is that it was reprisal against business men who signed the petition for clearing out the bawdy houses of South 4th avenue

Sunday, June 25, 1899**page**

5. Article suggests renovation of the present street railway system and states that eight-tenths of the present tracks are of T-rails and only two-tenths are of tram or flat rails.
13. Article about the City Mill and Elevator, which burned Tuesday morning. It was built and put in operation in 1874, starting on October 22 that year, by Hargis, Imboden and company. Had capacity of 100 barrels per day, increased in 1880 to 200 barrels per day. The stone burr grinding process was used until 1884, when the roller process was introduced. ¶ In early years it was the pride of the town, and visitors were immediately hauled off to see the City Mills, as they are today taken to the packing houses, parks, colleges, etc. A loud musical steam whistle sounded the working hours. ¶ In 1879 the firm was changed to Shellabarger, Imboden and Oliver, and in 1884 to Oliver-Imboden Company. The first grade flour they made was White Rose, and later on the well-known Imperial brand. ¶ Mr. Hiram Imboden began his services in charge of the mechanical department, and before retirement from the establishment became sole operator. He retired in 1897 after 23 years of unbroken relations with the company, since which time he has built and operates the Imperial mill.

Thursday, June 29, 1899**page**

5. Bryan Brothers, candy and confectionery manufacturers, will soon start construction of their three story building, 50 by 100 feet, at Douglas and 5th avenue, just east of the Santa Fe tracks.

The Jett and Wood building is about ready for its second story and the Potts Drug company building has reached the second story.

Saturday, July 1, 1899**page**

6. Corner stone for the new addition to Plymouth Congregational church, at 2nd and Lawrence, is to be laid tomorrow.

Sunday, July 2, 1899**page**

4. Article gives history of the Congregational church in Wichita, was first organized January 8, 1885 and recognized as a church on May 1, 1885. The old church building was built in 1885 and dedicated early in 1886. Corner stone of the new church building at same site, 2nd and Lawrence, is to be laid this afternoon. Drawing.

Tuesday, July 4, 1899**page**

6. Article reports on laying of corner stone of the new building of Plymouth Congregational church on Sunday.

Saturday, July 8, 1899**page**

5. Workmen have been repairing and improving the track in Griswold Park, or South Riverside, for the past week.

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3. Letter to editor urging city ownership of new street railway system. ¶ It says "two years ago, first class single-track vestibule cars could be bought for \$800 each. Ten such cars, two more than are now in nominal use, would cost \$8,000. They may cost more now, but nothing like the usual quotation of \$3,000 each."

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6. Stone from eastern Kansas and Missouri has commenced to arrive in car load lots over the Frisco and Missouri Pacific and is being placed in the park. The first load was placed in Central Riverside near the bandstand.

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5. Article reports rumor of reason the Burton Car Works buildings have been repaired. Details.

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6. A women was hurt yesterday in a fall from street car Number 12, just as the car was switching around the curve at the corner of Central and Main streets.

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6. Article about improvements underway on the Friends' univ. building. Details.

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6. City council yesterday adopted Ordinance Number 1616 changing a number of street names including: 4th avenue to St. Francis street north of Douglas and Tremont south of Douglas; 5th avenue to Santa Fe street; Oak street, which is duplicated on the West Side, to Murdock avenue; Frisco street to 9th street; Park street to 9th street. ¶ Legal publication of above Ordinance 1616 on July 26, 1899, page 8.

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6. A Missouri Pacific switch engine ran into street car Number 29 at the 10th street crossing yesterday and damaged it considerably.

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5. Proposal received by city council yesterday from Henry C. Scott, president of the company which operates in Wichita the Wichita Gas, Electric Light, and Power company, for the construction of a street railway. Details.

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6. Article gives county assessor's figures for Wichita's population:

1896 19,872

1897 20,160

1898 20,745

1899 22,026

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6. Mayor Ross has received a letter from Governor Stanley stating that Wichita is to received one of the two captured Spanish cannons from Cuba allocated to Kansas.

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11. Ad with clear drawing of the Martha Washington home.

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6. Fred Dold has donated six car loads of cinders for improving the park boulevards.

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5. Article says the city council expects to receive several street car propositions at its meeting Monday. ¶ Article says the present system has a mileage of about 17 miles.
6. A lightning strike yesterday afternoon knocked the street railway power house out of commission. Five cars had to be taken off the line.

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5. The second dynamo at the street railway power house was knocked out by lightning Wednesday evening. No cars at all were running yesterday or today.

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6. One of the street railway dynamos was repaired yesterday and four cars resumed running.

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5. Article gives proposed street railway ordinance to be offered to Henry C. Scott.

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6. Another article about new street railway proposals.

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Tuesday, August 22, 1899**page**

6. Mr. E. Dumont, architect, has made a drawing which contains suggestions for an entrance arch to the street fair. It suggests a wood imitation of a stone gate 12 by 19 feet and two entrances for people on foot. The gate towers are 48 feet high. This structure is to be built at the head of the street where the fair is to be arranged.

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5. City council yesterday granted a new street railway franchise to J. O. Davidson. Details.

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6. Article says the east entrance with big central arch has recently been finished on the Friends university building. Details. The building had never previously been finished as far south as this main entrance.

The cornice on the Jett and Woods building was put on yesterday.

Tuesday, September 5, 1899**page**

6. The Wichita Wholesale Produce company yesterday moved into their new three story brick building 50 feet wide, on the Santa Fe.

Wednesday, September 6, 1899**page**

6. The Occidental hotel is no more. It is to be known hereafter as the Baltimore. ¶ Colonel S. Billings has purchased the lease from A. S. Booton. ¶ Article says the construction of the Occidental was a body blow to the Douglas Avenue house, until that time the monarch of hotels here.

Thursday, September 7, 1899**page**

6. The Jett and Wood building will not be completed until October 1, but there is already a car load of goods on the track in front, waiting to be put into the new building.

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5. Mayor Ross yesterday bought the three story Heller block with 50 foot frontage on North Main street for \$10,500.

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6. The newly finished assembly room at Friends university has been named Russell hall in honor of Russell Davis the young son of Mr. Davis, who died in Lawrence some time ago.

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5. Article says Mr. Burdette has agreed to relinquish any claims on the old street car lines.
6. George Theis, Jr., for years president of the Farmers' and Stock Growers' bank of Ashland, Kansas, is moving from Ashland and contemplates locating in Wichita. He has sold his banking business to Messrs. Chandler of Medicine Lodge and Berryman of Elk City for \$36,000. He still owns nearly 4,000 head of cattle and a tract of land 20 times as large as the area of Wichita, making his income bigger than the salary of the president of the Santa Fe railway. Fourteen years ago Mr. Theis went to Ashland with less than \$3,000. He is now worth a quarter of a million dollars and has an income of nearly \$25,000 a year, and

yet is only 37 years old.

Yesterday Scott E. Winne, bought the Zimmerly block for \$40,000. It was put up in 1888 by Michael Zimmerly at an original cost of \$97,000. Money was borrowed to put up the building, a short time ago the North American Insurance company took the property to satisfy the debt. Mr. Winne represents the Union Central Life Insurance company of St. Louis.

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5. Another article about progress of street railway negotiations.
13. Article lists all the officers and councilmen of Wichita since the beginning of the town in 1871. Also other city officers. Compiled by Bruce Keenan.

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6. The Rock Island will run trains south to near the Fair grounds every 30 minutes beginning at noon next week during the races. Fare will be 15¢ round trip.

Tuesday, September 26, 1899

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5. City council yesterday gave J. O. Davidson an extension of 60 days in the matter of the street railway franchise. Details.

The Crawford theater is to have a new electric sign which will extend from the main entrance in an arch shape across the sidewalk and will contain 170 globes.

Wednesday, September 27, 1899

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5. A. S. Parks returned yesterday from New York, where he has purchased for his private use an automobile, the first to be ordered for private use from Kansas. It will not likely be delivered in less than three months.

Thursday, September 28, 1899

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6. Article reports death Tuesday evening of William Griffenstein at Burnett, Indian Territory, the town built upon the allotment secured by the rights of his wife from the Pottwatomie tribe, and where he had been engaged in the mercantile business since 1893. ¶ In 1887 he erected a handsome home at Jefferson and 10th streets. He suffered a large loss after the boom and in the fall of 1893 moved with his family to Burnett, Indian Territory. ¶ He was born in July 1829 near Parmstadt, Germany and came to the United States in 1849. ¶ Article gives further obituary and comments.

Wednesday, October 4, 1899

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5. Article urges that the main arch of the Street Fair being built on South Main at the city building be removed after the fair to the Oak street bridge at the entrance to Riverside park and named the "Griffenstein arch."

Sunday, October 15, 1899**page**

5. More rumors about the street car franchise situation.

Article describes changed street car routes to be operated during the street fair this week, announced by Superintendent Church.
15. Drawing of entrance to Wichita street fair (does not resemble the later arch at entrance to Riverside park).

Tuesday, October 17, 1899**page**

5. Article about the Street Fair, which opened yesterday. Description of booths, etc.

Tuesday, October 24, 1899**page**

5. Article reports testimony in district court yesterday in the city's suit to force removal of the present street railway tracks and cars from the streets. Details.
6. Mrs. Dr. Tihen of Andale and Master Henry Tihen and baby Irene were the guests last week of Mrs. W. H. Rauch of North Lawrence avenue.

Wednesday, October 25, 1899**page**

5. Further detailed testimony in the street railway suit. Describes decrepit condition of track and cars. ¶ Mr. Church, local manager, said that the company was running only eight cars, which could give good service on eight miles of track but not on the 17 miles they were compelled to cover.

Thursday, October 26, 1899**page**

5. Further detailed testimony in the street railway suit, describing condition of track, etc., in each of the various lines.

Friday, October 27, 1899**page**

5. Further testimony in the street railway suit.
6. The Jett and Wood Wholesale Grocery house is being fitted up with new furniture this week.

Saturday, October 28, 1899**page**

6. Article gives text of decision by Judge Dale yesterday in favor of the city's suit and ordering the street car company to remove its tracks and cars from the street within two weeks. ¶ He noted that when the company got possession of the road they had at least 16, or up to 24, cars in operation with motors to save a lesser population than now.

Tuesday, October 31, 1899**page**

5. Article reports rumor the Missouri Pacific will build a new depot at Wichita and 2nd streets.
6. The muslin vestibules are appearing on the street cars.

Thursday, November 2, 1899**page**

6. Article reports the street railway franchise granted to J. O. Davidson for 30 days and then extended for 60 days has expired and has not been renewed.

Tuesday, November 7, 1899**page**

6. Article gives details of lawsuit for possession of the old City Mills property.

Friday, November 10, 1899**page**

5. The new Plymouth Congregational church building will be completed today and the dedication will be Sunday. Details.

Tuesday, November 14, 1899**page**

6. Article reports on the dedication Sunday of the new building of the Plymouth Congregational church, which has cost \$12,000. Details.

Saturday, November 18, 1899**page**

5. Article reports the street car company is preparing an appeal from the recent ruling of the district court. Details.
6. The new bridge over the Arkansas river on Seneca street is completed and the approaches made.

Tuesday, November 21, 1899**page**

5. Article reports death Sunday in San Jose, California, of John B. Carey, former Wichita mayor and builder of the Carey hotel, at age 71. He was last in Wichita in the fall of 1896.

Obituary.

Thursday, November 23, 1899**page**

5. The McCormick Harvester company yesterday purchased three lots at corner of Douglas and Santa Fe street from the Bryan Brothers for \$5,500 and will erect there a large office and ware house building. ¶ "At present the company's business is scattered over the city, the offices being in the Sedgwick block, while part of their machinery is stored in the old car house on 3rd street."

All the freight and passenger engines of the Rock Island will in a short time be equipped with the Pyle electric headlight. Several of these have been in use for the past four years on the Rock Island and have proven to be an improvement a over the old time oil lamps.

Tuesday, December 5, 1899**page**

5. Board of education yesterday discussed the proposal to make the city library a free library. It consists now of about 6,000 volumes, bought largely by the school library tax of about C mill per year. The expense is about \$550 per year, of which \$42 per month is the librarian's salary. Other expenses are light and the care of the room. Of this \$550, about \$350 is received from the membership fee of one dollar per year. The board of education appropriates money for the balance.

Friday, December 8, 1899**page**

5. Article reports deal closed yesterday between Coler Sim, representing the Batchelder syndicate of New Hampshire, owners of the old system, and W. B. McKinley of Illinois, representing a number of Portland, Maine capitalists. The new company acquires the property and interests of the old company, including the franchise privileges, power house, tracks and cars. The only obstacle remaining is the city's suit pending against the old company, and if this is withdrawn the new company will get right to work.

Saturday, December 9, 1899**page**

5. Article reports W. B. McKinley of Champaign, Illinois, and Edward Woodman and George F. Duncan of Portland, Maine, arrived in Wichita last night to see about the street railway situation.

Sunday, December 10, 1899**page**

5. Article reports informal meeting yesterday of city council members with above streetcar men, with details of probable franchise to be offered to them, similar to the one previously given to J. O. Davidson.

Tuesday, December 12, 1899

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5. City council last night passed new street railway ordinance granting franchise to Edward Woodman and associates. Text of franchise given. Ordinance 1671, approved December 22, published December 23.

Article about will of John B. Carey. Says that the Carey hotel, now under management of Mr. Ben Eaton, is willed to the eldest son, William P. Carey, of Chicago.

Tuesday, December 19, 1899**page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance giving a lighting franchise to W. B. McKinley and his associates. Calls for 179 arc lights and 40 incandescent lights to be furnished for five years at \$12,000 per year. Details.

Wednesday, December 20, 1899**page**

6. Article gives text to the lighting franchise granted to W. B. McKinley and associates.

Thursday, December 21, 1899**page**

2. The front of the George Innes and Company store building on North Main street is nearly completed. It will soon be ready for occupancy.

Sunday, December 24, 1899**page**

5. The automobile has arrived in Wichita. The vehicle ordered about two months ago by A. S. Parks, proprietor of the Western Sash and Door company, arrived yesterday. Mr. Parks' automobile will carry two and is propelled by steam. It cost \$1,700.
13. Article discusses annual passes issued by railroads. Details.

Wednesday, December 27, 1899**page**

5. The Carey hotel has been sold by the Carey heirs to Ben L. Eaton for \$70,000. Details.

Saturday, December 30, 1899**page**

5. Article reports first trip out by A. S. Parks in his new automobile yesterday. Details.

Sunday, December 31, 1899**page**

5. Article reports W. B. McKinley will be here next week to go to work on repairing and rebuilding the street car line. The abstracts of the old property have been examined and are all right. New cars have been ordered for delivery on April 1st, and second hand cars will be bought for use this winter. Details.