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The new Missouri Pacific passenger station was formally opened to the public yesterday. The first train to enter was Number 5 from Kansas City at 7:25 a.m., pulled by engine Number 13. Details.

The new dining room in the Rock Island station is completed, but the opening date has not yet been announced.

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The three story brick Firebaugh building near 1st street on North Market was sold yesterday to C. W. Brown for $17,000. It was built ten or more years ago by Chester A. Firebaugh, now of Chicago. Has 50 feet frontage.

The joint partnership of McVeigh and Keen, which has conducted the Baltimore hotel since last November, has been dissolved, and Mr. Keen's interest has been sold to John McVeigh, who will now be the sole proprietor. Prior to last November the hotel was conducted by Col. Billings. The building is owned by Henry Stunkel, a resident of the county.

Dr. Morrison, of Fairmount College, leaves today for the east on a tour to raise the balance of the $75,000 which must be raised by July 1 in order to obtain the $25,000 endowment promised by Dr. D. M. Pearson of Chicago.

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The rehabilitating of the defunct Whittaker plant is going forward steadily, transforming it into the new, up-to-date Cudahy plant. Before long the work of killing and curing hogs will commence.

Tuesday, January 8, 1901
The three story brick Topeka Avenue Hotel, 50 by 90 feet, built in 1887, was sold yesterday to Will Ayers and Ed Kinniard for $12,000. The second and third stories contain 36 sleeping rooms.

Thursday, January 10, 1901

Garfield Hall was sold a few days ago by Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs to James R. Mead for $8,000.

The new restaurant at the Rock Island depot will be opened next Monday.

Tuesday, January 15, 1901

Article reports the Rock Island dining room was opened yesterday with 36 passengers on the north bound train patronizing the first meal.

Wednesday, January 16, 1901

Yesterday a cottage on College Hill, built two years ago by Samuel Sergeant, was sold to Mrs. James Garibaldi, who sold Monday a home to the diocese for Bishop Hennessey.

Friday, January 18, 1901

Article says some people in Wichita think the watch factory on the West Side should be saved. It was sold some time ago to the Catholics of St. Mark for $4,000 to be torn down and the stone moved to St. Mark for building of a church there. The cost of the building was $30,000. Unless some one buys it from the church at St. Mark, its destruction will begin in the spring.

Article about plans to build a bridge over Chisholm creek at 1st street. Both Douglas avenue and 2nd street already have bridges.

Sunday, January 20, 1901

The McCormick Harvester company will begin erection of their new building some time in May, and it is to be completed by September 1. To be located just east of the Santa Fe track on Douglas. It will be 75 by 140 feet, four story brick, and cost about $40,000.

Tuesday, January 22, 1901

Mrs. Carrie Nation attacked two more Douglas avenue saloons yesterday and was arrested. Details.

Mr. J. R. Mead yesterday purchased 25 feet of the Smith-Skinner block in first block on North Market from W. H. Haynes for $9,000. Mr. Mead already owns the south 25 feet
of the block and this gives him the south 50 feet. Mr. Haynes has the north 50 feet. The building is three stories, brick.

Thursday, January 24, 1901

Mrs. Carrie Nation wrecked a saloon at Enterprise, Kansas yesterday.

The Spanish cannon is which all Wichita takes pride, is to be mounted at Riverside park today. The stone has been prepared and will be taken to the park today. The cannon will be placed at the drive which goes toward the Murdock avenue bridge, and people will have a sight of the cannon as soon as they cross the bridge. This was Mayor Ross' idea.

Sunday, January 27, 1901

Bishop Hennessy Thursday bought the plot of ground 300 feet square just east of the Garibaldi property recently purchased for residential purposes, from the Children's home for $350. It is a natural basin and he intends to utilize it to build an artificial lake. Bishop Hennessy will move into his new residence as soon as the alterations are completed.

Wednesday, January 30, 1901

Wichita Country club have decided on College Hill for the new golf links and the Bird cottage for a club house.

Friday, February 1, 1901

A force of men went to work yesterday morning to move the old Second street station of the Missouri Pacific. The platform was torn out and the foundation of the building taken out. The structure will be moved east of its present location to the alley and it is stated that it will be made a store house for the company's stuff.

Saturday, February 2, 1901

Article regarding plans for addition to Hamilton hotel.

Sunday, February 3, 1901

The Missouri Pacific is about to enlarge its freight facilities and for this purpose the old depot at 12th street, formerly occupied as a headquarters for the general offices, will be moved to the First street freight house and added to that building. The old station at 2nd street will be allowed to remain near its present location and will be utilized in future as a store room for the road department. The track in the 12th street yards will be replaced with steel rails and the property of the road will be generally improved in that locality.
Tuesday, February 5, 1901
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School board adopted plans for new Ingalls school. ¶ High school pupils requested permission to raise funds to build a new gymnasium north of the high school building.

Thursday, February 7, 1901
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The old 2nd street depot has been moved from its former site near the tracks to the rear of the lot near the alley. This work has been done in a very short time. The depot building will be used as a warehouse and the place where it formerly stood will be used for tracks, etc.

Friday, February 8, 1901
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Note regarding addition to the new Imboden mills in south part of the city.

Saturday, February 9, 1901
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Orient Railroad will soon be graded this way as far as Anthony. Then will work about March 1st on securing a right-of-way in this county. No decision regarding location of shops.

Sunday, February 24, 1901
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Article on possible street car line on South Topeka.

Sunday, March 3, 1901
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The Wichita County club is almost ready to initiate its club house on College Hill, and the golf links are nearly completed. Details.

Material for the relaying of the street car tracks at the corner of Main and Douglas will arrive in the next few days. The entire plan of the tracks at this corner will be changed. The tracks will connect North Main with Douglas as they are at the present time. A curve will also be placed so that cars can run east from South Main and on the opposite side of the street so that cars can run west on Douglas from North Main. This will give two extra curves to allow a better service. ¶ With the new method South Main and Riverside cars will be operated as one line, North Main and North Topeka lines will be operated together, giving a ten minute service, and the West Side and College Hill lines will be operated together. ¶ The company also has other plans. Manager Nelson has purchased a number of lots near the power house for a new car barn. A new barn has recently been erected, but it does not afford enough room for the cars in use for the summer season and to store those of the winter cars not being used. The new barn will probably not be erected until the middle of the summer. ¶ Painters will soon arrive to paint the summer cars. Twenty cars will be arranged for use, and a number of new motors are on the way now. After they
are received, the other five cars will be equipped. ¶ The material for the new tracks is arriving. The south part of the Main street line will be rebuilt, from the pavement south to Lincoln street. ¶ Heavy rails will also replace the greater portion of the North Main street line.

Wednesday, March 6, 1901

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The Fairmounters are rejoicing in a new street car, one of improved cut, speed, and comfort. It is numbered 124 and moves off across the hills and dales like a beam of summer sunlight. It is greatly appreciated by the denizens of the elevated suburb.

Sunday, March 10, 1901

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Article reports opening yesterday of the new Greenfield Brothers' Clothing and Furnishing Goods store at 112 East Douglas.

Friday, March 22, 1901

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Article reports L. S. Naftzger is heading a movement to obtain a Carnegie library for Wichita.

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The large order for new street rail placed recently by the Wichita Street Railway company will arrive here probably tomorrow. There will be 400 tons of rail, requiring 10 flat cars to carry it. It is to be laid on north and South Main and on East Douglas avenue.

Sunday, March 24, 1901

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Drawing of the Scottish Rite Temple in Wichita.

Tuesday, March 26, 1901

5.

Street car Number 124 yesterday ran into a lumber wagon at Douglas and Mathewson.

Twelve cars of steel rails for the Wichita Street Railway company arrived here Saturday. A carload of motors also arrived in the city and will be placed on cars now in the barn ("12th street barn" the article says). When re-fitting of the cars with the new motors is completed, the company will have 20 cars in operation.

The Santa Fe and Rock Island jointly are letting a contract for construction of an interlocking plant at the point where the Rock Island crosses the main line of the Santa Fe. Will cost about $3,000.

Friday, March 29, 1901

5.

Report of death of Eli P. Waterman, Wichita pioneer, on March 22 at Craig, Arizona
territory, at age 87. ¶ He took his claim here in 1868 on a farm extending from Waco to Lawrence avenue and from Central to Douglas. He filed on the land in Humboldt, where the land office was then. The land was Osage Indian land, and the settlers had to pay $1.25 per acre for it, so he paid $200 for his 160 acres. ¶ The quarter section north of Watermen's, taken for town site purposes, was held by Dr. Munger. East of Mr. Waterman was the quarter section taken by J. R. Mead, from Lawrence to Washington and from Douglas to Central. South of Mr. Mead was N. A. English on a quarter section. ¶ Mr. Waterman was the first man to prove up and make it possible to give deeds. For this reason, William Griffenstein purchased the east 80 of Waterman to lay out a town. ¶ The Watermans moved away from Wichita in 1876. ¶ While here he built the first brick house in Wichita, which is still standing at the southwest corner of Central and Waco.

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The foundation of the new Watson mill will probably be completed within the next ten days.

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Article reports death yesterday of Nereus Baldwin, pioneer Wichita photographer.

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Twenty-five thousand dollar school bond issue carried in election yesterday—to build new Ingalls school and other additions.

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Street car Number 106 on Riverside line yesterday broke the spring on the trolley pole, and a man had to ride on the roof and hold the pole up to return it to the repair shops.

Friday, April 5, 1901
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Jacob Bissantz yesterday bought the property at 610 East Douglas known as the old Valley house hotel, built in 1873, for $4,000.

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Article reports inauguration of Mayor B. F. McLean last night, succeeding Finlay Ross. ¶ Mayor Ross' annual report tells of purchase of the Griffenstein property on South Water street, 300 by 320 feet, for a wagon market, at cost of $6,000. ¶ City also obtained for a park the ground between the city building and the Hamilton hotel. ¶ City also obtained a tract of ground for a park 300 by 300 feet between Lawrence and Topeka south of
Lincoln street for only $280. ¶ The Frisco, Missouri Pacific, and Santa Fe railways have donated 56 cars of crushed rock for the walks and driveways of the parks, and the Rock Island has promised 20 cars.

6. Building of an addition to the Hamilton hotel will start within a month.

Friday, April 12, 1901

5. Orient Railroad people preparing for commencement of road out of Wichita and want ground here for their shops.

6. Chisholm creek is out of its banks and the whole district up around the Burton Car Works and northeast of the packing houses is flooded.

Saturday, April 13, 1901

5. Yesterday David M. Dale, judge of the district court, heard and granted a petition filed by the attorney's for the Orient road for appraisers to condemn a right of way, and appointed Thomas G. Fitch, Theodore Osweiler, and H. W. Ruble.

6. Little Arkansas river is out of its banks in several places.

Sunday, April 14, 1901

5. Article -- Jacob Dold Packing company giving $3,000 for the purpose of paving Lawrence avenue with asphalt from Douglas avenue to 21st street. ¶ Right now the whole street is in very bad shape, and north of the Missouri Pacific crossing all but impossible. The heavy rains have softened up the road bed, and the heavy traffic over it has cut it up so that there are lakes and sloughs and swamps and wallows until it is worse than a country stock corral.

Tuesday, April 16, 1901

6. Judge Dale of the district court handed down an important decision yesterday. It was extra judicial and was rendered in an imaginary case in which he was the plaintiff and the city of Wichita the defendant. ¶ The decision was to the effect that the Central avenue dam in the Little Arkansas river must be lowered at least one foot. He says the recent high water ran over his fish pond, and a large number of choice fish which he had raised run out into the river, and they are lost to him. He says if the dam had been 12 inches lower this would not have happened. ¶ When asked if the same results could not be reached by raising the levy (sic) around his fish pond 12 inches, the learned judge said he had not thought of that.

Thursday, April 18, 1901
6. The street car company was putting in the new curves yesterday on 13th and Main and on 13th and Fairview. The new rails will be laid on Main from 9th street to 17th this week. After the work is completed a switch will be put in on Topeka avenue and between Elm and Central, and new rails will be laid on the same street from 13th to 14th. Superintendent Williams said this morning that they would put on five summer cars next Saturday.

Friday, April 19, 1901

5. Article -- "Building is Brisk" in Wichita. Some details.

6. Frisco to make Wichita a division point. All passenger crews will lay over at Wichita instead of going on to Burton (sic), and the Ellsworth crew will be run in here.

The Wichita and Southwestern Railroad has been sold to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe at a price that would seem to indicate that railroads are cheap "out there in Kansas." ¶ The deed was placed on record in the register of deeds office in this city yesterday. The property is described as a railroad running from Newton to Wichita and to Mulvane with a branch running from the latter place to Arkansas City and another running to Wellington. The price named in the deed is $15,030, but in addition to this sum the Santa Fe assumes the payment of mortgages on the property amounting to $1,670,000. ¶ It is further stated in the deed that the shares of stock in the said road except 3006 shares have been purchased by the Santa Fe and that the $15,030 is to pay for these extra shares at the rate of five dollars per share.

Saturday, April 20, 1901

3. George Murphy has bought the Orient hotel and has taken charge of the place. The old Douglas Avenue hotel is the oldest hotel building in the city. It used to be headquarters for the Texas cattle men. Captain Heath opened the building sometime ago. He finished it up and changed the name to Orient.

5. Location for Orient shops not yet decided. Rumors included West Side, Burton Car Works, near McKnight place (southeast), and near the Fair grounds in south part of the city.

Sunday, April 21, 1901

4. New addition to Dold plant under way.

City regulator: The last high water in Little river demonstrates that the present levee in the park is not quite high enough and that the bank east from the Griswold bridge should be leveled.

Tuesday, April 23, 1901
City council meeting last night. Salaries set:

Mayor $2,000
City Attorney 1,200
Chief of Police 1,200
Fire Marshall 1,200
Police Judge 720
Special Detectives 840
Patrolmen 720

Central avenue dam in the Little Arkansas sprung a leak Saturday night. The large body of water ran out and yesterday morning the water had reached its normal in the days when Wichita had no Riverside park and no dam in the little river.

Thursday, April 25, 1901

Yesterday track layers began on the new track which is being put down on East Douglas. The work was started at Linwood avenue and completed as far as Chisholm creek bridge. The laying of the 60 foot rails goes on very rapidly. The dirt is scraped away from the ties, the old rails taken up and the new ones put down without interrupting the regularity of the cars. ¶ The new rails have been laid from 9th street on Main to 17th on Fairview, and the whole stock yards line is now in splendid condition and the cars run as smoothly as a billiard ball on a cushion. When the track is laid to Chautauqua avenue the force of men will come back and lay new rails from Linwood to the end of the pavement on Douglas avenue, after which the force will commence work on South Main street.

Friday, April 26, 1901

Article -- more rumors about location of Orient depot and shops.

Tuesday, April 30, 1901

Article -- Missouri Pacific reports big increase in business here since opening of their new depot.

Article. Steam sand pump installed in Big Arkansas river at foot of 2nd street bridge.

Thursday, May 2, 1901

New church at Colwich to be dedicated today by Bishop Hennessy.
6. Today the track layers will finish up a long stretch of track on East Douglas avenue. The new rails were first put down from Lynnwood avenue to Volutsia street, three-fourths of a mile east. For the last three days the men have been putting the rails in from Lynnwood west to the end of the pavement. This work will be completed today. The old rail taken out and cast aside are a bad lot, but they have seen valiant service. They were originally part of the Valley Center motor line; were afterward put down on East Douglas and later relaid. They have, at this stage, electrolysis of the heart bad.

Friday, May 3, 1901

5. Article saying street railway company does not now contemplate building a line on South Topeka avenue. ¶ Commodore Nelson (of street car company) has his eye on Waco avenue now. He actually wants to build car line on Waco. ¶ The Missouri Pacific will only give him the right of way on its grounds from 12th on Main to Market on condition that he abandon the 12th street crossing, but he is attached to Fairview and refuses to desert her, which the abandonment of the 12th street crossing would necessitate. He would be willing to give up the 12th street crossing if he could build a line on Waco to connect with the Fairview line. In case the Waco line is built, it will probably run on the Central avenue line to Waco.

6. City will replace the recently washed out Central ave dam.

Sunday, May 5, 1901

4. The Rock Island has taken out a permit to build a $6,000 addition to it freight depot, and the Missouri Pacific is moving its large 12th street building down to 2nd street for an addition to its freight depot.

Long article about the dam on Little Arkansas river and proposals to replace it. Says that the dam was located south of the Central avenue bridge.

Commodore Nelson, manager of Wichita's new street car line, has sold his residence in Springfield, Ohio and is moving here. ¶ Mr. Nelson says the switches on the West Side are not as good as they ought to be, and new ones will have to be put in.

Tuesday, May 7, 1901

5. Palace barn on North Lawrence near Douglas purchased yesterday by Jacob Bissantz for $12,000. The block is 75 feet wide, two stories high, ten (sic) feet deep and built of brick. It was erected about 12 years ago by Hewey Brothers and was then, and probably is now, the finest livery stable building in Kansas.

Wednesday, May 8, 1901

5. Frederick Bissantz, the baker, yesterday bought the lot and two story brick building at 306
East Douglas for $13,500. Building is 25 feet wide by 130 feet deep and is occupied on ground floor by Fred Bissantz bakery and candy kitchen and the upper story is in use by offices of Carnahan and Rogers Land company. Building was built in 1886 by William Tusch and was known as the Tusch building. It is the first door east of Smythe's Implement house.

The new city park south of the city building is beginning to assume an aspect of importance.

Thursday, May 9, 1901

The last of what was for years the Wichita post office is disappearing. This is the back part of the building on North Main now occupied by Charles Tanner. This building, which belongs to the Woodmen (sic) estate served for the post office of Wichita for many years and during the exciting real estate boom when the line of men at the general delivery windows extended out on the street and down on the side walk. The rear of the building is being entirely remodeled by being enlarged and the last remnant of the old place is gone. This remnant, sole remaining, was the wall paper, an ancient and familiar design.

Friday, May 10, 1901

Wichita has today 33 incoming and outgoing daily passenger trains. ¶ Santa Fe—seven on main line; two on Eaglewood branch; four mixed passenger and freight on Wichita and Western branch; Rock Island -- six through passenger; two mixed; Missouri Pacific -- four on Fort Scott, Kiowa branch; four on Geneseo branch; Frisco -- four.

Fence in front of park on Central avenue being torn away and the boundary of Riverside park at that point will hereafter be marked by low posts and a band of galvanized iron such as is used for that purpose in other parts of the park. The old fence always did look more like a corral (sic) than a park fence and the change makes a wonderful improvement in the appearance of the park.

Sunday, May 12, 1901

Article -- more rumors on location of Orient shops.

Tuesday, May 14, 1901

City council last night ordered building of a bridge over Chisholm creek on 2nd street.

Tuesday, May 21, 1901

Street car company is getting ready to do its own repairing of electric machinery and car repairing. At the present time the company is obliged to send its electrical machinery to down town shops to be repaired and this is found to be expensive as well as inconvenient.
Thursday, May 23, 1901

5. Fifty-eight graduated from the high school last night.

Friday, May 24, 1901

8. Griswold park race track has been put in shape by the city street force.

Wednesday, May 29, 1901

6. City buys four acres for $1,200 adjacent to Little river from Mr. Steinbuchel, representing the Stackman heirs -- see comment from Mr. Steinbushel on May 30, 1901, page 5.

Sunday, June 2, 1901

4. First annual commencement exercises of Friends University to be held Thursday. Five graduates will receive the BA degree and nine will complete the course of the School of Pedagogy. ¶ At the end of the first year at Friends, 102 students had enrolled. This year there are 220 enrolled.

Thursday, June 6, 1901

6. The third annual commencement exercises of Fairmount college held at Plymouth church, with six graduates.

Hiram Imboden is enlarging the capacity of the Imperial flow mills to 500 barrels per day, and the elevator will have a storage capacity of 50,000 bushels.

Friday, June 7, 1901


Sunday, June 9, 1901

11. Simply from sheer force of habit, now of no possible usefulness, it is noticed that many street car patrons still pay their fares just as they leave the cars at their destination. Before the present superb system was inaugurated, no one dared to put in his nickel until he was sure of getting somewhere, for fear that after having paid, the old trundle hurdy-gurdy would leave the rails and he would be obliged to walk and be out his five cents.

Bishop Hennessy is having his beautiful home on College Hill entirely remodeled on the interior. He is also improving the grounds which surround it. Work on the lake, which it is said he will construct east of the mansion, has not yet begun.

Tuesday, June 11, 1901
There was talk of building a new dam on the Little river above the Stackman place, where the channel of the river, but the city engineer and park commissioners have decided it can be repaired at the present Central avenue site a good deal cheaper.

The street railway company have just put into use a new style of transfer which differs from the old one in size and in fact, that instead of being punched for the line and time at which it is to be used, the line from which it is to be used, the line from which it is issued and the time of arriving at corner of Main and Douglas is punched and the transfer is good on the next connecting car on any other line. The main transfer station is at Main and Douglas as stated on the transfer, and the transfers will not be accepted at any other point with the exception that Fairmount and Topeka may transfer at the corner of Topeka and Douglas, and Riverside and Main street at the corner of Central and Main.

The box in the corner stone of the old St. John's Episcopal church on North Lawrence avenue, deposited 22 years ago in 1879, was opened yesterday. Contents of the box are listed. The old church was sold to the Christian Scientists and is now being moved.

Wednesday, June 12, 1901

Article reports the German Catholic congregation is planning to build a new church at 2nd street and Ohio. Details.

Thursday, June 13, 1901

Contract let yesterday for two story brick building addition by Cone and Cornell, proprietors of the Kansas Steam Laundry on the 25 foot lot adjoining the laundry plant on South Market street. Cost is $6,000.

The old N. A. English home and property at corner of Topeka and Lewis was sold yesterday to C. L. Betholf of Valley Center for $3,500. Property has 125 feet frontage on Topeka and nine room house.

The Hacker and Jackson block, on corner of Douglas and Tremont, was sold yesterday to J. S. Nave of the East by W. A. Haynes of Chicago for $20,000.

Friday, June 14, 1901

Work will begin at once on an addition to the Santa Fe freight depot. The new addition will be 185 feet long, and when added to the present structure will make the freight depot more than a block in length. A large platform will also be built, giving a platform capacity of about 9,000 square feet.

The assessors report a population of 24,472 in the city of Wichita and a total of 49,598 in Sedgwick county.
6. Article about Walter B. Davis, who claims title to Maple Island, located in the Big Arkansas river near the Maple street bridge and at the foot of Lewis street. He squatted on the Maple Island in 1898 and has resided there and accumulated a variety of junk and refuse. On the island he has three old dismantled street cars and uses one of them for a house. Details.

Sunday, June 16, 1901

5. Article about large inspection trip yesterday through the Fred W. Dold packing plant. Details.

Tuesday, June 18, 1901

5. Article reports Superintendent L. O. Williams of the street railway company gives arguments against any ordinance compelling the company to have a two man crew on all its cars.

6. Work started yesterday on the new three story brick warehouse building at Douglas and Santa Fe being built for the McCormick Harvester Machine company for about $50,000. The three old frame house buildings are being torn down, and excavation for the new building will start next Monday.

Thursday, June 20, 1901

6. The old Hydraulic Mill is being torn down and one of the oldest landmarks of this city will soon be eradicated. This was the first mill in southwest Kansas and was built more than 25 years ago. It had a capacity of 250 barrels a day and when built, it was the largest mill in the state. It was a water power mill until about ten years ago when it was changed to steam. The building was constructed entirely of white pine, and the timbers are in fine condition and will be used for building purposes.

The street car company are putting in new curves and tracks at the corner of Main and Douglas. They have put in a double curve on the northeast corner and a single track curve will be put in on the northwest corner and the southeast corner.

Sunday, June 23, 1901

14. Article mentions that the triumphal arch at the park entrance on Murdock avenue was still standing after Friday's severe wind storm.

Friday, June 28, 1901

6. Article says 384 new houses were built in Wichita in the year ended last March 1.

Sunday, June 30, 1901
The new map of Wichita, prepared by Mr. E. W. Wiggins, is now out. All those additions which have been set out of the city are shown. All the big industries are located and every lot in the city is carefully numbered. Street car lines are newly routed and railroad lines and depots are marked. The new parks are marked carefully and all the additions are shown, old and new. Mr. Wiggins has been engaged in the work for over a year.

A new Episcopal church rectory is to be built on the rear of the church lot at 3rd and Topeka.

A phrase once common in Wichita has disappeared. This was "Fort Scott Railroad" or "Fort Scott depot." The road and station are now spoken of as "The Missouri Pacific." ¶ The name, Santa Fe has never been pronounced in just one way here, but is called both "Santa Fee" and "Santa Fay." ¶ The Wichita and Western, now part of the Santa Fe, is known still as the Western, and the St. Louis and Santa Fe line to Ellsworth is still called the Midland, while the big road itself is called the Frisco.

The big island south of the Wichita and Western tracks, the biggest island in the Arkansas river in this vicinity, is named Malta Island. Why, nobody seems to know.

The other day a man dug up a couple of railroad ties on St. Francis avenue, a reminder that there was once on that street a street railway, a mule line.

Tuesday, July 2, 1901

Article says work on the new Ingalls building and on additions to other schools is progressing.

Article says Fairmount college has succeeded in raising $75,000 in subscriptions necessary to qualify for the $25,000 donation offered by Dr. J. K. Pearsons of Chicago.

Wednesday, July 3, 1901

The street car company paid its employees $1,793 on Monday of this week, which was for two weeks service. ¶ The material and labor in the installation of the new curves at the intersection of Main and Douglas cost about $4,000.

Friday, July 5, 1901

Article about the crowds in Riverside park on the 4th. The Street Railway company did its best to handle the crowd, but people had to walk home or wait sometimes for the next and the next car. In the early morning a seven minute service was put on the Riverside line and occasionally a double-header was sent out. Superintendent L. O. Williams watched the transfer up in the city. Manager S. L. Nelson was everywhere. One time he would be up in the city giving directions and the next time he would be seen taking the place of some
motorman. All day long standing room was at a premium on the cars, and at 5:30 cars still came to town with every inch of standing room occupied and men hanging onto the steps or riding on the bumpers.

Monday, July 8, 1901
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Work will commence today on rebuilding the washed out part of the Central avenue dam on the Little river.

Tuesday, July 9, 1901
page 6.

Another article about rebuilding of the washed out parts of the Central avenue dam. New dam to be built of stone and thicker and stronger than the old one. Details.

Wednesday, July 10, 1901
page 5.

Excavators started work yesterday on the new three story McCormick warehouse at Douglas and Santa Fe yesterday. To cost about $45,000.

A man fell from street car Number 115 yesterday, near corner of 18th (sic) and Fairview when he got off while it was still moving.

Thursday, July 11, 1901
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The big Hockaday building in the wholesale district is going up at the rate of a story a week. The firm expects to be in the structure before the 1st of September.

Sunday, July 14, 1901
page 4.

Article about a horse race at South Riverside park Friday.

5.

The Wells-Fargo Express company will erect a new two story brick building just south of the Santa Fe depot.

The Riverside park drives and Murdock avenue will be sprinkled today. The dust has been bad for several days. Sanford's band will play in the North Riverside park this afternoon.

Tuesday, July 16, 1901
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N. F. Niederlander, formerly of Wichita and now of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday.

6.

Judge W. C. Little and Frank Reed are going to build a three story brick building adjoining the Sheetz building on the south side of Douglas between Market and Lawrence. To have 50 feet frontage.
Dold packing company will break ground today for a new smoke house 49 by 36 feet and four stories high. Details.

**Wednesday, July 17, 1901**

1. Article about greatest fire in the history of Wichita yesterday which burned the Dold Packing house to the ground. Details.

**Thursday, July 18, 1901**

5. Contract let yesterday for the pile bridge over Chisholm creek at 1st street for $485. To be 60 feet long and 25 feet wide, with 5 feet footpath on south side. To be finished by September 1.

6. There were eight sections containing over 80 coaches of the south bound Rock Island due here at 6:35 a.m. yesterday, bound for El Reno. All the coaches were filled to capacity.

**Sunday, July 21, 1901**

4. Article says business men are objecting to the number of telephone and light poles being put on the business streets. A count showed 113 poles on Main street between Douglas and Elm.

**Wednesday, July 24, 1901**

5. The contract was signed Friday for construction of the new McCormick Warehouse at Douglas and Santa Fe. Excavation was completed last week. To be three stories and cost $22,000.

6. The city prisoners were put to work yesterday fixing up Hamilton park. A broken rock path is being laid from the sidewalk to the band stand.

    The new additions being built to Franklin school, Park school, and the high school, will not be finished by the opening of school.

**Thursday, July 25, 1901**

6. Article offers for sale "Dilday's Pictorial Souvenir of Wichita, Oklahoma and Indian Territory" -- 64 pages, for 15 cents each at the Eagle office.

**Friday, July 26, 1901**

5. Four large electric circle fans were put into the Carey hotel dining room.

**Sunday, July 28, 1901**
Wichita is to have a new ball park. Theo. Paul and Henry Young have leased a tract of land in Riverside near where the gun club has their grounds. They will fence it and within two weeks Wichita will have ball games between semi-professional teams. A grand stand will be erected. The teams of Wichita and Arkansas City will play a game this afternoon in the old league grounds at 18th street and Waco avenue.

A three story brick building 50 by 120 feet is to be erected at 205 and 207 East Douglas by W. C. Little and Miss Reed. Contracts will probably be let next week.

On Monday and Tuesday there will be contests between members of the Braeburn links and the Country club. The game on Monday will be played at Braeburn links and on Tuesday at the Country club links.

Thursday, August 1, 1901

Article says the Orient Railroad is now graded for 50 or 60 miles southwest of Anthony, and condemnation proceedings were started July 20 in Harper county for the Orient line north of Anthony and toward Wichita.

Friday, August 2, 1901

Article says the big Watson mill and the Nerling elevator will be operating by September 10. Both are located on the joint railroad tracks between 17th and 18th streets. The mill is 56 by 74 feet and 60 feet high. On the outside of the building are three large bins for the storage of wheat. The building is nearly completed. The big Nerling elevator is only a short distance from the mill.

Saturday, August 3, 1901

Article reports A. A. Hyde sued the Wichita Railroad and Light company for the cost of rebuilding the summer waiting room at the terminus of the College Hill street car line. Mr. Hyde had built it about 13 years ago, but when the new line was built the company found that the house stood in the way of the loop they wanted in. Mr. Hyde agreed for them to move the waiting room, provided they would pay for needed repairs. This they have failed to do, so Mr. Hyde had it rebuilt and is entering suit to recover the cost. The value of the house is about $150.

Sunday, August 4, 1901

Starting tomorrow, the street car company will began an experimental 12 minute service on the West Side and Topeka avenue lines in place of the 15 minute service in operation for some time.

Wednesday, August 7, 1901
Work is progressing on the rebuilding of the Central avenue dam on the Little river, and it will be closed in a day or two. Details.

Article about a fight Saturday on a Stockyards street car waiting at the switch near 17th street.

**Thursday, August 8, 1901**

Father Schemiehausen of St. Marks was in Wichita yesterday conferring with architect Ed Dumont who is going to make up the plans and specification for the new church at St. Marks. Work of moving the stone of the old watch factory will be commenced in September. People are volunteering and there will be a great string of teams when the moving is commenced.

**Saturday, August 10, 1901**

The Hockaday Wholesale Hardware company will erect a two story brick store room 50 by 110 feet on the property north of the building they are building on South Rock Island avenue. Work on the new building will be completed this fall. It will be 40 feet north of the new building now begin erected, which is four stories and 100 by 110 feet.

A lady fell in getting off street car Number 117 yesterday.

Contracts were let yesterday for the new addition to the Hamilton hotel. Addition to be on the southeast corner 30 by 40 feet, and four stores high. The foundation was laid last spring, and the addition will be completed this fall.

**Sunday, August 11, 1901**

Plans announced yesterday for the rebuilding of the Dold plant. Details.

**Tuesday, August 13, 1901**

A. F. Girard, of Waco, Texas, plans to build a two story brick building at 622 East Douglas. Cost about $4,000.

The repairs to the Central avenue dam allowed the dam to be closed yesterday, and the water behind it has started rising.

Article says the capacity of the John Cudahy plant here is to be doubled. Details.

**Wednesday, August 14, 1901**

Street car Number 115 struck a man yesterday at Osage and West Douglas.
The big smoke stack of the electric power house was raised yesterday using a derrick driven by a 12 horsepower threshing engine. It is 76 feet long and five feet in diameter and weighs about ten tons.

**Thursday, August 15, 1901**

5. The First Church of Christ (Scientist) has purchased property at the southwest corner of Lawrence and 2nd street and have moved thereon the former St. John's Episcopal church, which was located between 1st and 2nd streets on the west side of North Lawrence avenue. The old church has been mostly idle for some years until purchased recently by the Christian Science church, but its lumber was sound and it has been painted and improved and is now ready for service.

**Saturday, August 17, 1901**

5. The repairs of the dam in Little river below Central avenue will be completed today.

6. The state census on March 1 this year showed Sedgwick county population of 43,958, up 1241 since last year.

**Sunday, August 18, 1901**

5. Two street cars collided on South Main street near the loop at Harry street yesterday while returning from the fair grounds. The regular cars on the South Main street line only run to Harry street.

7. Wichita Country club members are urging an expansion of their golf links from nine holes to 18 holes. Details.

**Wednesday, August 21, 1901**

6. The Big Arkansas river is nearly dry being only 28 inches wide 100 feet below the Maple street bridge. This is a big change from years ago. Details.

Article about the new Watson mill and Nerling elevator, to be in operation by September 15. The Nerling elevator is 85 feet high and has 18 immense storage bins from bottom to top. Fourteen working bins are 25 feet deep above the second floor.

Yesterday the Missouri Pacific loaded over 400 cars of wheat on this division.

**Thursday, August 22, 1901**

5. Article describes the new Dold packing house, to be built here. Details.

The 2nd street bridge over the Big Arkansas river to Ackerman's island is being torn down.
Work started yesterday. It was recently condemned by the council as being dangerous. ¶ This is the second bridge that was built across the Arkansas river at Wichita and was built in 1884.

8. The state census showed population in Wichita this year of 24,472, an increase of 686. Topeka was 38,067, an increase of 1,285.

Friday, August 23, 1901

5. City council yesterday issued proclamation for special election to vote on $50,000 bond issue for purchase of a new park at 15th and Ohio streets, containing ten acres of fine land along the bank of Chisholm creek.

Saturday, August 24, 1901

5. A lady fell yesterday in getting off College Hill street car Number 101.

Sunday, August 25, 1901

5. Special election for park bond issue is to be held September 17.

Tuesday, August 27, 1901

6. Work started yesterday on the foundation of the new McCormick warehouse at Santa Fe and Douglas avenues.

Wednesday, August 28, 1901

6. Work is starting today on construction of the bridge across Chisholm creek on 1st street.

Saturday, August 31, 1901

6. Report of city council meeting yesterday says: "The Missouri Pacific Railroad wants to move the 12th street depot down to where the 2nd street depot was, and the motion was made to keep the company from this."

Excavation started yesterday for the foundation of the three story Little-Reed building to be built just east of the Sheetz building on East Douglas, to be 50 by 120 feet.

Sunday, September 1, 1901

7. Article about suit against city by Louis Shank, who resides on Ackerman's island, for tearing down the 2nd street bridge, which he claims was built in 1894 by private subscription and therefore not the city's to tear down.
11. Article lists 42 birds that may be seen from time to time in Riverside park.

Tuesday, September 3, 1901

5. The contractor says the new Ingalls school building will be ready for occupancy by September 20.

6. Two street cars collided on Riverside line yesterday.

   Commodore Nelson is in the city on his regular monthly inspection of the electric railway system. He says that by next summer the company will have several more new summer cars. The company had nine cars running on the Riverside line yesterday and they were unable to carry all the passengers. The company is contemplating building a double track on Central avenue next spring from Main street to Riverside park, and the switch in the central part of the park will be lengthened.

Wednesday, September 4, 1901

3. The sand pump in the Big Arkansas river will be moved below the Douglas avenue bridge.

5. The city council yesterday awarded contract for 300 gas lamps to the M and M Oxygen company of Kansas City. Details.

   Lots on northwest corner of Lawrence and William were sold yesterday to Cone and Cornell for $4,500. They are planning to build a three story brick building there in the near future.

6. The new wagon for the new fire house at 13th and St. Francis avenues was shipped from Chicago this morning.

Thursday, September 5, 1901

5. Property on the southeast corner of Douglas and Seneca was bought yesterday by Mr. S. S. Findley for $2,050. He intends to build a two story brick and stone building there.

Saturday, September 7, 1901

3. Legal publication: Council meeting August 19, 1901: Davidson moved that the arch on Oak street entrance to the park be disposed of. Amended and passed that park committee investigate and see if same could be made presentable and remain its present location.

Friday, September 13, 1901

6. Plans are completed for the new Wells-Fargo Express company building to be erected between the Union depot (sic) and the Santa Fe freight house to be 60 by 50 feet, two
Sunday, September 15, 1901

The new enlarged Imperial Mills, of Hiram Imboden, is now in operation. Its capacity is now 300 barrels a day and has storage capacity of 50,000 bushels of wheat. Mr. Imboden and others started the old City Mills here in 1874. He left the City Mill in 1897 to build the Imperial Mill. Details.

Tuesday, September 17, 1901

City council yesterday voted to name the park between Lawrence and Topeka avenues south of Lincoln street as Lincoln park.

Article urging vote in favor of the $50,000 in bonds to buy ground for a public park from the Jacob Dold Packing company, with the money so spent to be used in the rebuilding of a packing house to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire. ¶ Of the sum of $50,000 asked, the four railroads alone will have to pay more than $20,000.

Wednesday, September 18, 1901

The $50,000 worth of park bonds were passed by the voters yesterday by 1681 for to 464 against.

Thursday, September 19, 1901

Ad of the M and M Oxygen Lighting Machine company with drawing of their street lighting post.

Sunday, September 22, 1901

Drawing of the new Hockaday Hardware Company building, three stories, 125 by 125 feet, at 205-219 Rock Island avenue. Cost $40,000. The company was established in April 1899 at corner of 3rd and Santa Fe. Details.

Tuesday, September 24, 1901

Approaches to the 1st street bridge over Chisholm creek were being put in yesterday.

West Side street car Number 113 was derailed at the switch on Seneca.

Friday, September 27, 1901

The new 1st street bridge across Chisholm creek is finished. It crosses the stream at the south of the site of the old Hydraulic mills, now a wreck. This makes nine bridges over
the Chisholm creek in the city—at Kellogg, Hydraulic, Douglas, 1st, 2nd, Central, Murdock, 10th, and 13th streets.

Friday, October 4, 1901

All the railroads except the Rock Island are running special trains to Wichita this week for the fall street fair, and regular trains are carrying extra coaches. ¶ The Missouri Pacific has hauled 5,165 people in its special trains from Geneseo and Kiowa and 2,624 in its regular trains. ¶ The Santa Fe brought 1,150 people on September 30, 2,632 on October 1, 2,693 on October 2, and 2,874 yesterday. ¶ The Rock Island has six regular trains each way with two to four extra coaches and has brought 7,846 persons to Wichita. ¶ The Frisco carried 968 people to Wichita Tuesday on its special trains and 356 on its regular trains.

Tuesday, October 8, 1901

Andale was incorporated a city of the third class yesterday by the county commissioners.

A franchise ordinance for a second telephone company was presented to the council yesterday by Frank L. Brown. A similar ordinance was presented by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company. Details.

Contracts for the new Dold packing plant are to be let today. Details.

Thursday, October 10, 1901

Contract let yesterday for the new Missouri Pacific freight depot for $16,500. To be of brick, 397 feet long and 38 feet wide, with a 4 feet platform. To be built on the site of the old freight depot, fronting on 1st street and extending nearly to 2nd street. The side tracks will be placed along the west side, and the east side will be used for the wagons to come up to the platform. At the south end will be offices 60 by 35 feet. ¶ The contractors purchased the old depot and will sell it for old lumber.

Friday, October 11, 1901

Mr. Willet S. Brown will erect this winter a two story brick building 25 by 100 feet at 624 East Douglas. Mr. Girard, of Texas, is going to erect a building just west of Mr. Brown's of the same size and with a front of the same patterns next spring. ¶ Mr. Brown's building will be erected on the site of the old Arkansas Valley house, which was one of the early landmarks of the city and almost ready to fall down when it was torn down several months ago. It was a two story frame building built over 20 years ago and was used as a hotel up to the time it was destroyed.

Yesterday the new hose house Number 3 was opened at the corner of 13th street and St. Francis. This house has been closed for a number of years, but residents in the north end have complained for some time that they have no fire protection, so the station was re-
established. This is the only colored company in the city. The new combination hose wagon and chemical fire extinguisher arrived here Monday.

**Sunday, October 13, 1901**

16. “City Regulator”: I would name the new park McKinley park.

**Thursday, October 17, 1901**

6. The boiler at the new Watson mill was fired yesterday to make steam to test the new machinery.

**Friday, October 18, 1901**

5. F. G. Smythe and Sons are planning to erect a three story brick building 50 by 140 feet on their grounds between the Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads just north of the new McCormick building. Contract will probably be let next week.

The new Ingalls school building will be opened for school on October 28.

6. The Kansas Yearly meeting of the Society of Friends subscribed $21,505 to the endowment fund of Friends university, making a total of $28,505 of the $50,000 to be raised. When the school runs six years, over 600 lots on the West Side will be deeded to the University fund.

**Sunday, October 20, 1901**

4. Brick work at the new Dold plant will start this week. The foundations are about completed. Details.

5. The John Cudahy Packing company will build a new brick block next spring. Details.

11. The Frisco offices are having their signs reading "Frisco Line" removed and replaced with signs reading "Frisco System." The Frisco system now embraces the "Frisco Line" and the "Memphis Route."

16. "City Regulator": I would lift that embargo of spitework and allow the Missouri Pacific railway company to move that 12th street depot to their grounds between 1st and 2nd.

**Tuesday, October 22, 1901**

5. The city council yesterday granted a franchise to Frank T. Brown to construct and maintain a telephone system in this city. Details.

The Rock Island is replacing its 60 pound rails in the area with 80 and 85 pound ones.
Yesterday the force was laying the rails into Kechi. They are laying track at the rate of a mile a day and should reach Wichita next week.

6. The St. John's Episcopal church have just about completed their rectory building, located just back of the church.

**Wednesday, October 23, 1901**

6. Frank Brown yesterday accepted the franchise offered him and announced that the name of the company would be the Wichita Telephone company.

The park commissioners are fixing the arch at the Murdock avenue entrance to Riverside park. The top has been covered with shingles and now the bricklayers are laying a single course of brick around the arch proper.

**Thursday, October 24, 1901**

5. Board of directors of Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday decided to build a new brick car barn 25 by 50 feet, with room to hold 18 cars. It will be constructed on the lot recently purchased just across the street from the present power house. ¶ The company also decided to purchase eight new cars -- four summer and four winter. Two of the open cars will be trailers, something never before tried in this city. ¶ Article also discusses company's plans regarding its lighting business and extension of contract with the city. ¶ Article lists officers of the company who were here for the meeting.

**Friday, October 25, 1901**

5. Article reports Cash Henderson has sold out his big dry goods store to the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company for about $75,000. Details.

Article says the new Dold plant will be run by electric power. Details.

6. Manager Nelson yesterday stated that Fairmount would be given 30 minute service instead of 60 minute service beginning November 1. This will be a trial for 60 days and to be made permanent if receipts increase. ¶ College Hill will now receive 15 minute service. ¶ Mr. Nelson also stated the company would put 55 pound rails on all their lines outside of the paved streets that are not already equipped with these rails.

**Saturday, October 26, 1901**

5. The United Sash and Door company has recently completed a fine new building, and now is planning on building another one similar to it across the alley south of the present building, to be 110 feet square and three stories.

6. Mr. Watson tested the machinery in the big new Watson mill yesterday, and the mill should
be in regular operation by the middle of next week.

**Sunday, October 27, 1901**

4. The Orient hotel property, formerly the Douglas avenue house, with frontage of 100 feet on Douglas and 150 feet on Water street, was sold yesterday by Tim Lane to Henry Schnitzler and Whitney R. Tucker for $12,500.

5. The 130 feet piece of property on southwest corner of Douglas and Santa Fe avenues, for 20 years the site of the City Mills, was sold yesterday to the Mahan brothers for $19,000.

Article lists major building projects under construction in Wichita, totaling $857,000.

13. Mount Carmel Academy is the new name for All Hallows, Wichita's young ladies' boarding school. The name was suggested by Bishop Hennessey, who has always held that "All Hallows" was not an appropriate name for a young ladies' seminary. The famous "All Hallows" of Ireland is a boys school, and it was a priest who graduated from that institution who christened the Wichita academy in honor of his alma mater. ¶ Article describes in detail the new addition built at a cost of $40,000. The enrollment is expected to expand from the present 88 to about 200 in a year or two.

19. The Sisters of Mt. Carmel Academy say they will be lonesome after the watch factory disappears. For 13 years that massive stone building, with many windows, has stood between them and the city, about half a mile in front of their property. It was a familiar object, and they have seen it so much that they do not know what the pretty scene between them and the city will look like with it. ¶ The roof of the factory has been taken down, and it is only a question of a very short time till the stones, walls and tower will be separated one from another. It is said that the German farmers at St. Marks will each donate a day's labor of a man and a team to haul the rock to that place, where it will be rebuilt into a fine Catholic church.

**Wednesday, October 30, 1901**

5. The Ingalls school building did not open Monday as expected, but a definite statement was made that school would begin there next Monday.

**Thursday, October 31, 1901**

6. The Waterworks company has bought the three acres of ground north of Central avenue on Lane's island belonging to Dan Spece. This gives the company control of the entire island, which allows them to keep anything off it that might contaminate the water. ¶ They intend to improve and beautify the entire island. Central avenue on the island will be widened and a good drive made of cinders, from the Waterworks, as will be Seneca street from Central to the Big River bridge. ¶ Street Commissioner Allen is agitating the opening of a street on the west side of the Big river from Seneca to the section line north of Lane's
February 1, 1901

Article listing a number of new houses under construction in Wichita.

Sunday, November 3, 1901

The new Ingalls school will be dedicated tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 1901

The new Ingalls school building was opened yesterday.

Wednesday, November 6, 1901

The foundation is completed for the Braeburn Golf Club house on Fairmount heights. It will have an audience room 20 feet square, a gentlemen's club room 15 by 15 and a ladies' room the same size. There will be a 60 feet porch.

Thursday, November 7, 1901

Article about visit to the city yesterday of James M. Davis of New York city and his description of his purchase of the building for Friends university. Details.

Saturday, November 9, 1901

The Watson mill shipped its first carload of flour -- to New York yesterday. The big mill will soon be running full blast. It has a capacity of 500 barrels a day.

The Wichita Waterworks company will spend $50,000 on immediate improvements, including replacing of old wooden piping with iron piping.

Sunday, November 10, 1901

Article 4:00 p.m. yesterday there were exactly 51 teams on the one Douglas avenue block between Main and Market, an example of Wichita's commercial jam.

Tuesday, November 12, 1901

The city yesterday purchased property at the corner of 18th and Topeka and will build there the new fire house for the north end. It has a 45 feet front and a fire house 25 by 60 feet will be built there.

Wednesday, November 13, 1901
The city yesterday purchased from Charles Payne, the animal man on the West Side, three fine elk for Riverside park. They are all cows, and a bull elk will be added in the spring.

Sunday, November 17, 1901

Sixteen men each with a team and wagon came in yesterday and loaded some of the stone of the old watch factory and hauled it to St. Marks. The factory has been torn down to a little below the roof and the large tower at the north end has been torn down to a level with the other part of the building.

Tuesday, November 19, 1901

City council yesterday approved purchase of 42 feet of ground on south side of 18th street facing east on Topeka for $375, as site for new firehouse. Estimated cost of a new two story building 34 by 80 feet is $5,000 plus $5,500 for fire engine, $1,500 for hose, and $400 for horses and $150 for harness.

The street railway company are crowded for room in their car barn, so that they will have no room for the new cars they will get next spring. They own two lots across the street from the power house and will erect another barn there at once.

Wednesday, November 20, 1901

The Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company, purchasers of the Cash Henderson stock, will open their doors this morning for a great sale to clear the Cash Henderson stock.

W. H. Bretch yesterday purchased the lot and building under construction at 629 East Douglas, former site of the old Arkansas Valley house, from W. S. Brown. Mr. Bretch will completed the new two story brick building, for which the foundation has been laid.

The city yesterday awarded contract to the American Fire Engine company of Cincinnati, Ohio, for a new steam fire engine to cost $5,500.

Thursday, November 28, 1901

Article reports a fire yesterday damaged the old Woodman home at 901 North Waco, now owned by Mr. P. J. Conklin, who had just completed some repairs and put in a new chimney last week. ¶ It is the first house in Wichita ever used as a hotel. The south wing of the present house, where the fire was, is the original house built in 1869 by Mr. D. S. Munger. He used it as his home and then as a hotel. The first permanent post office in Wichita was located here and the upper part of the house was used by the Episcopalians as a meeting place for some little time. ¶ Further details about the house, which was finished in the spring of 1870. ¶ Article describes Mr. Munger as a very peculiar man, but thoroughly honest and well liked by everybody.
Friday, December 6, 1901
5. Article says a public meeting will be held in the council chamber of the city building tonight to organize a board of trade. Details.

The Scottish Rite consistory yesterday purchased the three lots just north of present building from W. R. Tucker for $3,750. On the rear part a $10,000 addition will be built to enlarge the auditorium and stage and the banquet hall.

Saturday, December 7, 1901
page 5. Article reports meeting last night to organize a new commercial organization for Wichita. No name was adopted. Details.

6. Article reports corner stone of the greater Dold packing house was laid yesterday. Details.

Tuesday, December 10, 1901
page 5. City council adopted plans yesterday for the new fire house at 18th and Topeka. To be two story brick, 83 feet by 28 feet, with stalls for five horses and an asphalt floor. Estimated cost $3,905.

Wednesday, December 11, 1901
page 3. The Rock Island Railroad yesterday commenced laying new 80 to 85 pound steel rails on their track in the city.

Thursday, December 12, 1901
page 5. The Moore Brothers Foundry and Stove Works will soon build an addition to their plant. Details.

The police force yesterday received their new winter helmets. They are black and of the same shape and style as those worn during the summer. Heretofore they have worn caps during the winter, but these will not be now used except in very bad weather.

Wednesday, December 18, 1901
page 5. Article reports rumor that a five story addition is to be built to the Sedgwick block.

6. Article reports visit to Wichita of M. W. Levy after an absence of seven years. He now lives in Kansas City.

Thursday, December 19, 1901
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6. The work on the addition to the Hamilton hotel has been stopped for a few days on account of the cold weather, so it will not be completed until after the first of the year. When it is completed, Mr. Hamilton will begin work on an addition north of the present building, to be 20 feet wide and 50 feet long and the full height of the building.

**Wednesday, December 25, 1901**

6. Superintendent L. O. Williams of the street car company is leaving Wichita to become superintendent of a lighting plant in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. W. R. Morrison has been appointed superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light company in his place. Announcement was made yesterday.

**Saturday, December 28, 1901**

5. M. W. Levy was selected yesterday as permanent secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Tuesday, December 31, 1901**

6. Article reports company organized here to construct a large four story cold storage warehouse 150 by 125 feet on South Rock Island avenue. Capital of $50,000. Plant will cost about $40,000. Details.