TIHEN NOTES FROM 1902 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle
Wednesday, January 1, 1902
page 5.

The new telephone company yesterday purchased two lots on North Market street adjoining Fire House Number 1 on the south and will immediately begin construction of a two story building 25 by 100 feet. A system of conduits will extend from the building in the central portion of the city. Details.

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Workmen of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company were arrested yesterday while setting some new poles on charge of violating city ordinance. The franchise of the company has expired, so it has no right to work in the streets or extend its lines presently in the city without obtaining a permit. ¶ This is the beginning of the fight to rid the city of the unsightly poles and dangerous wires which are at present forming a network over the streets. Details.

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Article about city council action to begin pressuring the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company to begin removing its poles and wires September 1 in the absence of a new franchise. Details.

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Article reports growth of the business of the street car company. In 1899 approximately 400,000 passengers were carried. In 1900 approximately 814,171 passengers were carried. In 1901 approximately 1,434,517 passengers were carried. ¶ General manager Nelson stated that the old company used eight cars. The new company started in with eight, but soon increased this to ten and then to 13, and more cars are coming. Two more cars will soon be here, and the plans indicate that they are fine ones. The seats are almost like those used in the chair cars of passenger trains. They can be turned around so everyone will face towards the center, front, back, outside, or in fact any way that any chair can be moved. ¶ The steel has been ordered to finish laying all of the old tracks this year, but the steel companies are behind in their orders, so it is not probable that the new
rails will be in place before next fall.

Saturday, January 4, 1902
page 6. Article states that the Railway Journal in its last issue has a fine cut of the new Missouri Pacific depot in Wichita.

Sunday, January 5, 1902
page 4. The Swartz Brothers are going to ship out of Wichita the sand in the channel of the Arkansas river. This week they will lay a switch track along the east bank of the Big Arkansas river from William street to Waterman, as an extension of the Missouri Pacific. They will then erect bins along the river bank similar to the railroads coal bins. With their steam sand pump they will fill the bins and then run flat cars alongside and fill them with sand. This can be done very cheaply. ¶ The Swartz sand plant will have a pumping capacity of between 45 and 60 carloads per day.

5. Article reports rumor that a syndicate has offered $65,000 for the Boston Store corner property with a view to putting up a large six story building there. Details.

7. Article about progress on the big new Dold packing house. Arrival of two big electric generators in being awaited. Details.

Tuesday, January 7, 1902
page 5. Next Thursday a meeting will be held of all the lawyers in the city to organize a Bar Association. The city has not had an organization of this kind for a number of years, although there was a Bar association here a number of years ago.

Wednesday, January 8, 1902
page 5. Article reports that Mr. Stillwell has succeeded in raising a loan of $3,000,000 in London for the construction of the Orient Railroad in Kansas. Many details.

Thursday, January 9, 1902
page 5. The members of the Plumbers’ union of the city struck yesterday for an eight hour day at a wage of $3.50. Details.

The Frisco Railroad will relay their track from Wichita to Carthage, Missouri, as soon as the rails can be obtained from the steel mills. The present rails weigh 56 pounds, but the new ones will weigh 75 pounds. The track was ballasted about a year ago. New track has already been laid from Carthage to St. Louis.

Friday, January 10, 1902
5. The south end of the new Missouri Pacific freight depot is fast nearing completion, and the clerks will be able to move in their office furniture by the first of next month. As soon as the offices are moved from the old depot it is to be torn down and the new storage house will immediately be erected in its place, so that the whole building will be ready for occupancy within two months. The new depot is built on a foundation of stone and the upper part is built of brick.

6. J. Q. Hamilton, proprietor of the Hamilton hotel, expects to open the new addition to the hotel by February 1.

Article reports the preliminary meeting of the Wichita Bar association was held yesterday and a temporary organization effected to lay plans for the permanent organization. Details.

Saturday, January 11, 1902

3. The handsome cornice of the McCormick building is now in place.

Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Railroad and Light company received notice that two of the new cars ordered by the company were shipped from St. Louis yesterday and will be here in a few days. They are larger than any now in use and will make a better appearance. It is the intention to put them on the Topeka avenue and West Side line. In case there is anything at Riverside park demanding the carrying of more passengers than usual, they will be temporarily used on that line.

6. Article lists the location of all the fire alarm boxes in the city -- a total of 55 boxes.

Sunday, January 12, 1902

5. In the past few days someone has stolen 2,000 feet of copper wire from the Wichita Railroad and Light company, by taking the wire that connects the rails on the Fairmount line and makes a return circuit to the power house, thus preventing the waste of electricity. Every wire from Central avenue north to the terminus of the line was stolen, although the wire is only worth about $25 to the thief. The loss resulted in the diminution of electric power and the dimming of the electric lights in the cars. ¶ No one will steal any of the wire on the new rails, for it is beneath the plates which hold the rails in place instead of on the outside of the plate as formerly.

13. City Regulator: I would place a flag pole on the top of the Murdock arch to Riverside park, now that the arch is finished. It is a very creditable affair.

Tuesday, January 14, 1902

5. Article about a sermon Sunday morning on infanticide. Mentions a girl from St. Marks
who killed her newborn babe.

9. Article about remodeling of interior of Kansas National bank building to be started in a few days. ¶ Says “the street car offices will be on the west as now.”

Article mentions a prospectus booklet of the Orient Railroad being in lots of several thousand and sent to the London stockholders for distribution as well as to other financial centers. It is to contain an article on Wichita illustrated with a bird’s eye view of Wichita, a typical street scene, and pictures of the proposed Orient depot and shops. Secretary M. W. Levy of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce has been asked to write the article.

Wednesday, January 15, 1902

Reverend J. H. Tihen, rector of the pro-Cathedral, went to Cherryvale yesterday to buy 100,000 brick to be used in the building of a $25,000 addition to St. Francis hospital. Architect Elbert Dumont is working on the plans, work will commence soon and it will probably be completed this spring. ¶ The new addition will have 45 rooms, giving the hospital a total of nearly 100 rooms. Six more sisters from the sisterhood of the Sorrowful Mother will be assigned to the hospital, making a total of 30 sisters there. ¶ The new addition will be built as a wing on the West side of the present hospital, 100 by 40 feet, and three stories high. On the south side and the west side will be a porch 100 feet long having four floors. The addition will be connected to the main building by a corridor 20 feet long. It will be the fourth addition to the hospital since the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother took charge of it seven years ago. At that time the hospital was but a small building with 15 rooms, but the Sisterhood has spent $22,000 in improvements and the hospital is now 150 feet long. ¶ Further details.

Friday, January 17, 1902

Dinner was served in the new dining room of the Hamilton hotel for the first time Tuesday evening. It is on the first floor of the new addition to the hotel and is 40 by 60 feet. One hundred guests can be comfortably accommodated in the large dining hall. It is lighted by electricity and the floor is nearly covered with large velvet rugs.

Saturday, January 18, 1902

City yesterday obtained a restraining order to stop the dumping of refuse or dirt into the channel of the Big Arkansas river both north and south of Douglas avenue. This fill has created additional land that is encroaching on the natural channel of the river and increase the danger of floods. Mr. Diver has made a big barnyard by dumping manure from the stables into the river. The big bridge has been reduced in length one section by this filling and the section was taken out some time ago.

Article reports the permanent organization of the Sedgwick County Bar association was perfected yesterday. Details.
Tuesday, January 21, 1902
page 5.
A franchise was presented to the city council yesterday by C. V. Ferguson for an interurban railway to connect Wichita with Winfield, Arkansas City, Wellington, Genda Springs, Belle Plaine and other towns south and east. Details.

Article reports Mr. Henry Schweiter is considering building a six story building at corner of Main and Douglas. Details.

Work is to begin the latter part of this week on the large cold storage plant of the Wichita Ice and Cold Storage company south of Douglas avenue.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday let the contract for the building of their new car barn located just across Wichita street from the power house. The new car barn will be of stone and brick and will have a metal roof. It will be 128 feet long and fifty feet wide and will have four tracks and hold 20 cars. It will be 25 feet high with 16 foot side walls. There will be four big double doors in the east end and eight large windows on either side.

Friday, January 24, 1902
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Article reports that the city purchased two lots just east of the city building on William street several years ago for the purpose of bringing the companies from Numbers 1 and 2 hose houses together and consolidating them in the same building on the new central site. But it will first be necessary to sell hose house Number 1 on North Market and Number 2 on South Topeka.

Sunday, January 26, 1902
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The city has purchased a bull elk to join the three fine elk cows in Riverside park.

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The Keene Syndicate has sold “Wichita Gardens” for $5,375. “Wichita Gardens” is the name of 107.5 acres of land east of the Burton Car works, which was platted into city lots during the days of the boom, but on which not a house has ever been built. The addition was taken out of the city last fall. The land has always been used for farming, in spite of the fact that it was platted into city lots.

11. City Regulator: Speaking of a six story building on the corner of Main and Douglas, let me predict that any man now living that is 50 years old will not live to see that building.

Friday, January 31, 1902
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W. R. Tucker and O. C. Daisy, who own the Scheetz building, built about three years ago at the southeast corner of Douglas and Market, are asking $45,000 for the building.
6. Plans for the new St. Paul’s Methodist church, to be built at 13th street and North Lawrence avenue, have been made by Albert Dumont, and within a few weeks the contract for materials will be let. The cost exclusive of furnishings will be $20,000. Details.

Saturday, February 1, 1902

The Wichita Railroad and Light company will improve the car service on North Topeka avenue by doubling the number of cars in use on those lines in the morning and evening rush hours. ¶ To improve the service the company will buy two more cars of the large type, which will have a seating capacity of 28. The company already has two of these cars, and when the new ones arrive the old winter cars will be taken off the Topeka avenue-West Side line except when the service is doubled or on special occasions. ¶ The new cars will also be used on the Topeka avenue line in the summer, as they are nearly as open as the regular summer cars, and then it will no longer be necessary to use the old winter cars on some of the lines during the summer. The company will also buy four more summer cars. ¶ The two new cars which are already in service are seated with chairs, but Superintendent Morrison is making an effort to have the chairs removed and replaced with double cane seats. ¶ Electric heaters are now being made at the company’s shops in this city to be placed in the new cars. They will be more satisfactory than the ones now in use on the old cars. ¶ Next summer the company will probably establish 20 minute service on the park line, as it did last summer.

Sunday, February 2, 1902

City Regulator: I asked a street car man what was the capacity of the new cars that they are keeping in the car barns. He replied that they would seat about 26 people, and about 50 could stand up in them besides.

13. Reminiscences about Wichita’s earliest pioneer fire department. The fire house was a little frame structure in the first block on North Market street. Details.

Tuesday, February 4, 1902

The south side of the new Missouri Pacific freight depot was occupied yesterday by Mr. George Mann, the agent, and his office force. ¶ The depot is not yet anywhere near complete. The old depot is still in the center of the new structure, but within a few days it will be moved away and the gap closed in. Then the depot will be one solid brick building 400 feet long and 38 feet wide, not including a covered platform 40 by 35 feet on the north end. The offices will be in the south end, while the north 340 feet of the building will be used entirely for freight storage and will be illuminated with arc electric lights. The whole building will be surrounded by about 6,960 square feet of platform five or more feet high.

City council yesterday let contract for the plumbing of the new fire house at 18th street for $218.
6. The Wichita Produce company has bought 50 feet of ground just north of their building in the first block on North Santa Fe avenue and will build a two story warehouse there for about $8,000 to double the size of their present building. It will be 110 feet deep, and of the same size and style as the present building and will be connected with it. ¶ The new building, with the addition being built by the Citizens’ Ice and Cold Storage company, will almost completely fill up the space on the west side of Santa Fe avenue in the first block north of Douglas.

Saturday, February 8, 1902

5. Frank Brown, head of the new telephone company, yesterday let the contract to W. H. Sternberg for the new telephone building on North Market street immediately south of hose house Number 1.

6. The Rock Island Railroad will build an 80 feet wooden extension to the south end of its platform at the passenger station. At present it is so short that frequently the train is longer than the platform.

Sunday, February 9, 1902

5. Editorial about the inadequacy of the Santa Fe and Frisco depots here. Gives some history of reduction in planned size when the Santa Fe depot was built. ¶ Another thing would very much please Wichita people, and that is for the Frisco to pull out that little wooden station and erect on its site a station commensurate with the importance of that road.”

Saturday, February 15, 1902

6. Article about death of James Serviss, an early Santa Fe conductor, who in more recent years was the watchman at the Douglas avenue crossing. ¶ He returned to Wichita in the day when a little cabin stood on the edge of the pavement on the north side of Douglas avenue and Mr. Serviss raised and lowered the gates with a big crank. Then four or five years ago the company built a watch tower on the north side of Douglas avenue but between the tracks so that the gatekeeper could have a better view of the street and could also see the trains approaching. Mr. Serviss was so big that the company had to make the man hole into the tower nearly double the size it was first constructed in order to give him room to get up to his levers.

Rock Island officials were here yesterday to inspect the routes for the new sidings the road will build here. ¶ Two switches will be built from the main line at Division street and run south to Kellogg street. Each track will hold 25 cars. ¶ A spur will also be built from the main line at a point between 1st and 2nd streets near the New Hope Baptist church and run south past the yards of the Monroe Brothers Iron and Stove works to the new Smyth implement building. ¶ The Rock Island will also replace its wooden turn table now in use with a steel one 52 feet long, which will be large enough to turn the large engines operated on this line.
**Wednesday, February 19, 1902**

5. Workmen yesterday began to replace the wooden turntable in the Rock Island yards with a steel one 52 feet long. It is located near the water tank, south of the depot.

6. Article on progress of construction for the new telephone company. Building to be ready for occupancy in 60 days and conduits to be ready in five months. The plant will cost about $150,000. Details.

**Thursday, February 20, 1902**

1. Article about controversy between Sampson and Schley over credit for battle of Santiago and President Roosevelt's decision about it.

6. Article describes slipping of street cars on the curves in the snow yesterday.

**Friday, February 21, 1902**

5. Mrs. S. S. Noble of Riverside yesterday received a large pipe organ from the firm of Hook and Hastings of Boston, and today workmen will begin to set it up. It weighs 4,200 pounds and is the second largest in the city, only that of the First Methodist church being larger. Mrs. Noble bought a pipe organ about 18 months ago, but after using it a while decided to buy a larger one.

**Sunday, February 23, 1902**

4. Article reports the Jacob Dold company will build a large new beef packing building here. Details.

5. The Wichita Waterworks company is putting in a big new pumping engine with a capacity of five million gallons a day in place of some of the smaller ones. It will raise the capacity of the plant to 18 million gallons in 24 hours. The company is also putting in a large reservoir at the pump house, 30 feet deep and 25 feet in diameter, from which the water will be pumped to the city.

13. Ad with drawing of new three story building of The Van Zandt Implement company at 123-125-127 North Water street, which is under construction.

**Thursday, February 27, 1902**

6. The street car company have promised to give this city some of the finest 20 foot cars made in St. Louis and the first installment will arrive here about the first of April. ¶ A letter to Superintendent Morrison from Commodore Nelson written from St. Louis last Monday stated that he had just purchased two of the finest cars made by the St. Louis car company and that they are to be shipped to Wichita within a month. They are to have
solid mahogany finish inside and be furnished with reversible cane seats. They are closed cars, but with low windows and made with the intention of being used both winter and summer. They will be the same length as the two new cars now running on Topeka avenue and the West Side, but much finer finished.

**Friday, February 28, 1902**

6. The Independent telephone company has commenced work on their exchange building just south of the fire house on North Market street. Excavation for the foundations has begun and the building is to be ready for occupancy by April 15.

**Saturday, March 1, 1902**

5. Bricks for the new wing of St. Francis hospital are arriving daily. The new addition will contain 65 rooms, making a total of nearly 200 in the hospital. The new wing without the furniture will cost between $17,000 and $20,000.


Workmen are now building an addition to the United States express building at the Rock Island depot, to be used for a mail room. The addition will be 16 by 15 feet.

**Sunday, March 2, 1902**

3. County commissioners yesterday passed a resolution fixing the salary of the county physician at $2,500 per year, but they would allow no extras such as livery, telephone, or medicine bills, so that the county physician will have to pay all of his own expenses in treating the county’s patients.

5. Edward T. King of Chicago is in Wichita at work on the pipe organ now being installed in the residence of Dr. S. S. Noble. This is a delicate and tedious task. The pipe organ weighs 4,200 pounds and is a tangle of valves, pipes, and keys. Yesterday at one time Mr. King had seven men assisting him in making adjustments.

13. Article reports on the building boom in Wichita east of Chisholm creek. ¶ “The large body of land east of the creek was platted late and during the boom of 1887 did not share largely in the building experience. Poor street car service and the contraction of Wichita in the succeeding years left interest in that section dormant. However the new street cars and rapid transit revealed the fact that this section was but eight minutes from Main and Douglas, and six or eight months ago real estate men reported a flood of inquiries for lots east of the creek on Douglas avenue, and soon these were to a great extent gobbled up.” ¶ Further details on trends of Wichita’s housing growth in the past.

Article reports on the departure of John Noble today for Paris, to continue his art studies.
19. Reminiscences by O. H. Bentley of his first visit to Wichita -- in March 1880?

Tuesday, March 4, 1902

5. Article about the mammoth new press now being constructed for the *Eagle*, which will print and fold 24,000 eight page papers per hour.

The new engine house on 18th street is now under construction and will be ready for occupancy about May 15. ¶ A new fire engine being shipped this week from the Cincinnati factory of the American Fire Engine company will be placed in the new engine house when it is completed.

6. The Wichita Paint and Color company have bought the old three story brick cracker factory building 50 by 140 feet on St. Francis between Douglas and 1st street for $6,500. It was built about 16 years ago by the Wichita Biscuit Manufacturing company. The American Biscuit company bought the factory and closed it down about 1892. Since then it has been occupied by a number of firms.

The Rock Island has resumed relaying its Oklahoma-Texas line with 80 pound rails. Last fall the steel was relaid from Topeka to Riverdale, in Sumner county, before being suspended for the winter. The rails being replaced are 60 pound rails and will be used in building of branch lines in Oklahoma.

Fire Marshall Walden has organized a volunteer fire company on Fairmount Hill, headed by Professor W. H. Isley. A wagon loaded with 500 feet of hose will be taken today to the hill, where it will be kept in a stable. The fire wagon will not be drawn by horses but by men.

Wednesday, March 5, 1902

6. Dr. C. G. Evans has leased the Wellington hotel of M. A. McClellan and is converting it into a sanitarium for the treatment of chronic diseases. ¶ The two upper floors of the building at 118-120 South Lawrence were fitted up only a short time ago by Mr. McClelland and run by him as a hotel. There are 32 rooms in the building besides the parlor and office.

Thursday, March 6, 1902

6. Workmen are now straightening the track of the Missouri Pacific from 2nd street to the new passenger depot. Formerly there was a sharp curve from 2nd to 1st streets, making it difficult for trains entering the new depot. Now the trains will enter the depot on the straight track. ¶ The center section of the new freight depot is now under way. The old frame section has been torn away and the foundation is now being constructed.

Friday, March 7, 1902
page 5. The Braeburn golf club will try the experiment of grass greens. They will pipe water to two of the present greens, put in blue grass, and try to make it flourish. The board of governors are now furnishing the club house beautifully.

Saturday, March 8, 1902
page 5. Work has commenced on the new two story brick office building 20 by 30 feet being built by the Davidson and Case lumber firm on their property at Market and William street.

19. Article on history of the first public school building in Wichita, built for $4,000 in fall of 1871 after issuing of $5,000 worth of bonds. It was two stories and had two rooms, located on the site of the present high school, and was dedicated in December 1871 but not used as a school until 1872 when the second term of the public schools began. The Presbyterian church at Wichita and 2nd streets had been used as the school room during the summer of 1871.

Sunday, March 9, 1902
page 19. The Centropolis hotel on North Main street was formerly the 1st Presbyterian church, then located at Wichita and 2nd streets. The Presbyterians sold the building to the Catholics in 1872. The Catholics removed it to the corner of 2nd and St. Francis and about 1878 they disposed of it.

Tuesday, March 11, 1902
page 5. Article reports the death yesterday of Peter Getto, an early Wichita settler who came here in 1871. He built the building at corner of Market and Douglas in 1874, now occupied by S. E. Noyes and company, and later erected the four story building at Main and 2nd streets, now known as the Getto building, although he has not owned it for a number of years. ¶ Biography gives some history of early Wichita business.

6. The new street car barn is enclosed and the tracks and curves which are to be laid in it were shipped from Chicago yesterday. The latter cost $1,150 in Chicago. The new barn will hold 20 additional cars and the company needs it as they are crowded for room. ¶ The company will move into its remodeled office in the Kansas National bank building tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 12, 1902
page 6. The Unitarian church has purchased the property at corner of Topeka and Central for $2,100 and will erect a church building there.

Saturday, March 15, 1902
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6. The old Richey hotel at 620 East Douglas, a two story building with frontage of 25 feet built in the early 70s, is soon to be torn down and replaced by a two story brick building 25 by 100 feet, costing $7,000.

Sunday, March 16, 1902
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17. Ad for typewriter with drawings of ten different models.

Wednesday, March 19, 1902
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6. The city’s new fire engine will be tested today. It has a capacity of 1,100 gallons per minute. The boiler is painted black but all of the machinery is given a heavy plating of nickel. The wheels are painted red and yellow and the machine presents a very beautiful appearance.

The big remodeled Rorabaugh store building, formerly Cash Henderson’s, will have its grand opening Thursday.

Thursday, March 20, 1902
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5. Article reports on test of new fire engine yesterday. It threw water 125 feet high, over the top of both the Sedgwick block and the Scottish Rite cathedral. Details. It weighs four and one-half tons but can be pulled easily by two horses in good weather. It will be placed in the new station at Topeka avenue and 18th street when that station is completed.

Friday, March 21, 1902
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5. Mr. Mason C. Nevins yesterday purchased a C interest in the Manhattan hotel building from Mrs. C. C. Marsh for $8,000. Mr. Nevins now owns a quarter interest in the building. ¶ The Manhattan hotel, three stories at Douglas and Topeka, was constructed by Robert Black, and at his death, his children and grandchildren each received a C interest in the building. The heirs agreed not to sell their interest until five years had elapsed, and this time expired last month. ¶ The hotel is now run by F. G. Van Duyn.

The Union Construction company that is building the Orient railway in Kansas and Oklahoma has issued a neat little booklet showing different views of the work on the line south of Anthony, Kansas and also views of towns along the line. It includes a view of shops and terminal facilities to be located in Wichita, taken from blue prints made by the company’s engineering department.

Saturday, March 22, 1902
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6. S. F. Nelson, general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company, arrived here yesterday for his regular quarterly visit. ¶ He says the company will tear out the old rails on the West Side this summer and replace them with new and larger ones, and this will be
done on every line that does not yet have new rails, that is, rails that were laid since the present company purchased the line.

Friday, March 28, 1902
page 5. Dr. Kirkwood yesterday purchased from Charles Carey the lot in the center of the block between Emporia and Tremont avenues on the south side of Douglas for $4,000. It is adjoining the trunk factory and 75 feet west of the Carey hotel. He plans to build a two story brick building there.

Article on progress in construction of new telephone company.

Sunday, March 30, 1902
page 5. Article about construction projects in the new wholesale district facing Wichita street south of Douglas. Details.

7. Plans have been completed for the new First Unitarian church (drawing) to be built at southeast corner of Topeka and Central.

Friday, April 4, 1902
page 5. Street Commissioner has increased the number of “white wings” from five to seven, the two additional men working on the Douglas avenue pavement from Topeka and Central.

6. Ground breaking held yesterday for the new First Unitarian church at southeast corner of Topeka and Central.

Sunday, April 6, 1902

7. Article reports John Kinsider and J. E. Petrie are planning to build a three story brick building at northeast corner of Douglas and Water for about $12,000.

Tuesday, April 8, 1902
page 2. Annual report of park commissioner says: ¶ Since our last report we have established a foundation for a small zoo in Riverside park, having built two corrals and secured three elk, two deer, and one antelope. ¶ We have had the arch on Murdock avenue, at the east end of the bridge, veneered with brick and put on a metal cornice, which gives the arch a very presentable appearance and makes it an attractive feature of the park.

6. Article reports the organization of a new state bank, to be located at the stock yards.

Annual report of Fire Chief Walden. Department consists of 26 men and 15 head of horses. Equipment described. ¶ The city council in July last year directed the fire marshal to put in repair and equip for fire purposes Station Number 3, located at 13th and St. Francis, and on November 1 this station was put in commission.

8. Annual report of City Engineer, H. J. Harding. Streets opened during the year included 9th street from Lawrence to Topeka.

Street commissioner’s annual report says 1st street was opened from Hydraulic east, requiring that street to be graded to Hillside avenue and some heavy fills made between Chisholm creek and Minneapolis avenue and filling in the approaches to 1st street bridge. ¶ The levee in Riverside park was raised at a cost of about $960.

Wednesday, April 9, 1902

3. Workmen yesterday started work on the new addition to the Santa Fe freight depot. It will be of frame and 180 feet long, making the total length of the depot about 330 feet. The annex will be built to the south end.

6. The Wichita vinegar works at 1st and Hydraulic was sold yesterday to L. E. Johnson of Kansas City by S. P. Lidell and H. Benschiedt for about $12,000. The factory is in a three story building 50 by 80 feet, with the vinegar and cider departments occupying the entire building. It has a capacity of 15 to 20 barrels of vinegar a day. All kinds of sweet ciders are also manufactured.

Friday, April 11, 1902

6. The four story structure 92 by 100 feet being put up by the United Sash and Door company on the south side of the main building for $20,000 is about half completed. The company will also build a one story brick building 60 by 100 feet on two lots just north of their present office building at cost of $7,000.

Sunday, April 13, 1902

4. Article says street car company has abandoned for this year its plan to obtain ground on College Hill for a park and summer theater because of its inability to obtain delivery of new cars needed to carry the traffic. They had intended to sell their 12 acres of ground west of Riverside park to buy the ground on College Hill. ¶ The car companies have all the orders for new cars they can fill this year. Plenty of good second hand cars can be had, but the company has determined that it will buy nothing but new cars for this city hereafter. An order for a number of new cars will be given to be furnished in one year.

Tuesday, April 15, 1902
The new Missouri Pacific freight depot is ready for occupancy today. It is 400 feet long and 65 feet wide with roof 19 feet above the floor or 23 feet above ground level. The foundation is of stone and the upper part of brick. On the west side is a platform extending the entire length of the depot and 6 feet wide. On it with the two tracks, 18 cars can be loaded at one time. On the east side there is no platform, as wagons with freight will drive up along the building and unload direct into the warehouse. The building has been fitted for both gas and electricity. It cost $16,000.

Wednesday, April 16, 1902

Article reports J. V. Wood will establish a brick yard at 13th street and Hillside about May 1 with capacity of 40,000 brick a day. To be located on a 40 acre tract at 13th and Hillside. The clay on the land is well suited for the burning of brick.

Article about construction progress at the new Dold plant.

Thursday, April 17, 1902

A three story addition to the Wichita Vinegar Works at 1st street and Hydraulic will be built in order to add a pickling department and to increase the capacity of the vinegar factory by 50 percent. Addition will be 100 by 50 feet, of brick, and on the south side of the present 50 by 80 feet building, also three stories high. To cost about $10,000. Addition may not be built until this fall.

Friday, April 18, 1902

The Van Zandt implement company will have the opening tomorrow of their new three story building on North Water street.

The wedding of Mr. Ike Goldsmith and Miss Rose Wallenstein will be held April 30 at the Scottish Rite temple. As the Jewish people have no synagogue here, that place was selected to hold the several hundred invited guests. The privilege was granted because of the work done in the Consistory by Henry Wallenstein, brother of the bride.

Sunday, April 20, 1902

The Christian Scientist church has laid a five foot cement walk on the north side of the church at corner of Lawrence and 2nd street.

Frisco employees believe the recent trip of company officials to this city was to consider the building of a passenger station on the site of the old Midland station, which is no longer in use. The contract of the Frisco for the use of the Santa Fe passenger station has expired and the company can use other facilities whenever it so desires.
7. The park commissioners yesterday let the contract for building the big lily pond in North Riverside park to Horsman and Man. The big pond will be located just east of the Grand Army of the Republic circle, and will cover all of the big ravine in the eastern part of the park. The land will be scraped out and covered with cement. Lilies and gold fish will be placed in it. There will be 595 square feet of surface in the pond. It will be laid out in a novel manner, following the course of the ravine, which will make it in the shape of a crescent.

8. City Regulator: I would put a new wide floor and railing on the old street railway bridge which crosses the creek at the south end of McKinley park and use the old road bed for a boulevard to the park. The way to reach McKinley park is to cross Chisholm creek at 13th street, then go north on the 1st street to the old Fairmount street car line, then west to the park.

9. The Electric Light and Power company has been busy installing a new 700 horsepower Corless engine in their plant, and it was started up yesterday.

Tuesday, April 22, 1902

5. The basement of the addition to St. Francis hospital is about half finished. The addition will be ready for use by October.

Workmen excavating for the lily pond in North Riverside park yesterday unearthed a human skeleton. The lily pond is being built in that portion of North Riverside park where a brickyard was located 25 years ago.

The Cox brothers, of Hennessy, Oklahoma Territory, will establish another large dry goods house on North Market street in the building now occupied by the Goldstandt-Powell Hat company, a three story building. Mr. Tipton Cox has secured the leases beginning September 1.

6. City council yesterday let contract to the Bays Brothers company for furnishing the city 150 lights with iron posts, boulevard globes, and Welsbach burners for $23 per lamp per year. The lights are to be lighted 20 nights per month, of 60 candlepower, and are to be installed within 60 days.

City council yesterday passed ordinance changing the name of Chicago avenue on the West Side to Douglas avenue.

Wednesday, April 23, 1902

6. Wichita is to have a new long distance telephone line connecting this city with points in Oklahoma and Kansas. Details.

Thursday, April 24, 1902
5. The street car company has received two of the new cars from St. Louis and by the last of this week they will be running on Topeka avenue and the West Side. They are semi-convertible and the finest cars made by the St. Louis Car company. They have 20 foot bodies and are 28 feet overall, equipped with reversible rattan spring seats to accommodate 28 passengers, and have large platforms four by six feet. The second best cars will be put on the Riverside and College Hill line, rather than the stockyards and South Main line, since the packing house boys get on the latter cars with greasy clothes and dirty shoes, making it hard to keep the cars clean.

Workmen have begun the cement work on the lily pond in North Riverside park and today will start laying the one-inch pipe which will supply water for the pond from a city mains 470 feet away near the fountain.

6. Incandescent arc lights have been placed in the office of the Carey hotel.

Mrs. Osie Raymond, daughter of William Griffenstein, has filed suit claiming the property now used as Douglas avenue extending 431 feet west from the corner of Wichita street, or almost to the river. She claims that portion now used as Douglas avenue was never condemned by the city for use as a street, although it has been so used for many years.

Friday, April 25, 1902

6. A zoological garden is to be established by Mr. Charles Payne, the naturalist and dealer in living wild animals, on the west bank of the Arkansas river between Maple street and Douglas avenue.

Frame work on the addition to the Santa Fe freight depot will be completed this week and the corrugated iron work will begin Monday. The addition will be 180 feet long and when finished the freight depot will be 340 feet long. In addition to this the platform is 160 feet long and the office depot 60 feet long, making a total length of 560 feet.

The Santa Fe is placing an 80 ton track scale in the yards south of the freight depot. The present track scale has a capacity of only 60 tons.

Sunday, April 27, 1902

2. The Dold packing company intends to open its new plant on next July 16, just one year from the time the old plant was consumed by one of the greatest fires ever seen in Wichita.

7. The Sedgwick county commissioners will meet June 10 at corner of Seneca and Walker streets to start the work of condemning the right-of-way for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, including land for the shops, switches, depots, etc. of the railroad.

Wednesday, April 30, 1902
Article about plans for sidewalks and drives to be laid out on the Friends university campus.

**Thursday, May 1, 1902**

The Eagle’s large new press is in use starting today.

The Wichita and Western Railroad tracks on Orme street in South Wichita are to be lowered to street grade. They were originally built on a large elevated fill made through the low ravine formerly known as English’s pond, thus necessitating that people crossing the road climb a steep grade.

The street department is building a new bridge over Chisholm creek on Murdock street to replace the old one, which was deemed unsafe. It will be 18 feet wide, of wood.

**Friday, May 2, 1902**

The Jackson-Walker Coal and Material company was organized yesterday as successor to the L. C. Jackson Coal company. The business had its beginning back in 1880.

**Sunday, May 4, 1902**

Article says the new Stockyards State bank will open for business on May 15.

The Mahan Supply company will build a $6,000 addition to its present quarters just east of the Rock Island Railroad and a few rods south of Douglas avenue. The addition will be two story brick, 35 by 50 feet, and front on the Rock Island tracks.

**Tuesday, May 6, 1902**

The Wichita Ice and Cold Storage company is now installing the machinery in its new plant south of Douglas avenue and will begin operating it about June 1.

**Wednesday, May 7, 1902**

Contract signed yesterday by H. W. Porter for erection of two story brick building at 207-209 East Douglas. The building will have 50 feet frontage, be 120 feet deep, cost $8,000, and be completed in four months.

**Sunday, May 11, 1902**

Article reports death last evening of Major Edwin R. Powell from injuries when he was thrown from his buggy by a runaway horse. Age 71. Came to Wichita about the early 1880s and put in the first street railway Wichita ever had, the mule car system. He also
constructed the “dummy” line to Valley Center.

6. The lily pond in North Riverside park was completed yesterday, and Tuesday the water will be turned in.

13. The Wichita Railroad and Light company moved its office Friday from the basement of the Kansas National Bank building to the room at 103? West Douglas, just across the street.

**Tuesday, May 13, 1902**

3. It is now possible to go from Wichita to New York in 48 hours. The Rock Island train leaving here at 9:45 a.m. makes connection with the Lake Shore train at Englewood, a suburb of Chicago, which leaves that city at 8:30 a.m. arriving at New York at ten o’clock the second morning. Returning, a passenger can leave New York at 8:45 a.m., arriving here at 6:40 the second morning.

5. Article reporting that a one story blacksmith shop was moved yesterday to corner of Douglas and Waco, facing east. The shop, owned by H. Schenebricker, was located on a lot south of Douglas where Wichita street has been opened, and when he sold the lot for the new street it was necessary for him to find another place for his blacksmith shop. The ground was leased from the widow of Doc Black, who has a life lease on it from the holder of the deed to the property, Mrs. Estelle Holmes, of Omaha.

6. Article about funeral of Major Powell, who died following an accident last Saturday, May 10.

**Wednesday, May 14, 1902**

6. The park commissioners yesterday decided to lay a cement walk 6 feet wide, along the river front of Riverside park from the Murdock avenue bridge to the fountain in the north part of the park. This walk will wind along the river, crossing the river at Griffenstein bridge and following the stream on the right side will terminate at the newsboy fountain.

**Thursday, May 15, 1902**

6. The Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company is installing its new 300 horsepower power generator. The old generators were overloaded, but with the new one they will have a capacity of 500 horsepower for motors and frames, and with their new mammoth incandescent dynamo, now in operation and capable of furnishing 8,000 16 candlepower lights, the company is in condition to supply Wichita with light and power for some time to come.

**Friday, May 16, 1902**

6. Article about the contest over ownership of the Doc Black property west of intersection
of Waco and Douglas and just south of Divers barn. Mrs. Holmes, niece of Mrs. Black erected fence between her claim and Diver’s barn. ¶ Business men nearby said that Doc Black lived for years undisturbed on this ground and died there. He made it nearly all by filling in the channel of the river.

**Tuesday, May 20, 1902**

5. City council yesterday instructed the street commissioner to completely tear out the east end of the 2nd street bridge to keep people from getting to the island to use it for resort purposes.

City council instructed park commission yesterday to proceed with the construction of proposed 6 foot walk 1,500 feet long from the Murdock avenue bridge to the Griffenstein bridge and thence on the north side of the river to the Ross fountain.

8. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company will install an additional switchboard with a capacity of 800 phones in its local exchange in Wichita.

**Thursday, May 22, 1902**

6. Sixty-seven students were graduated last night at the 22nd annual commencement of Wichita High School. Held at the Crawford opera house.

**Saturday, May 24, 1902**

6. Article about high water in both rivers here.

**Friday, May 30, 1902**

5. The first band concert of the season will be given in North Riverside park Sunday.

**Tuesday, June 3, 1902**

8. Article reports that there is a growing colony of Assyrians in Wichita, numbering now about 50 people. The starters of the colony here are two brothers by the name of Stevens, who came to this country seven years ago and to Wichita two years ago. Details.

**Saturday, June 7, 1902**

5. The Santa Fe Railroad has presented the park commissioners with ten carloads of crushed rock and is hauling it from Oklahoma free of charge. It will be used on the park thoroughfares.

Since the Riverside line has been given a fifteen minute service, the cars pass on the switch just west of Sherman on Central avenue. The car coming east usually has to wait a few
minutes for the westbound car.

6. The Braeburn Golf club opened its club house on Fairmount hill last night. The club has 86 members.

Thursday, June 12, 1902

5. The city assessor reports a population in Wichita of 28,163, an increase of 3,691 since the national census of 1900. The population of Sedgwick County is 48,354.

Friday, June 13, 1902

6. The first wires of the new Wichita Independent Telephone company were strung yesterday. The company was chartered yesterday at Topeka with a capital stock of $200,000.

8. The new engine house at the corner of 18th and Market streets was opened yesterday and the engine house on 13th street has been abandoned.

Saturday, June 14, 1902

6. The title “Great Rock Island Route” passed out of existence yesterday and was replaced by the “Rock Island System.”

Sunday, June 15, 1902

4. The park commissioners are determined to stop the flooding of Riverside park. ¶ The first step will be the raising of the driveway along the north bank of the river from the Griffenstein bridge to 11th street by two feet. The earth necessary to raise the drive will be taken from the islands below the Griffenstein and 11th street bridges, thus removing obstructions in the channel at the same time. Six inches of crushed rock will be placed on the dirt to give it a good wearing surface. ¶ South of 13th street there is a big bend in the river and for many years the river has been cutting its way farther east until it is now nearly 200 feet farther east than it was ten years ago. The plan is to open up the old channel and throw up an embankment to prevent the river from running in the roundabout way through the new one. The location of the old channel is low land and worthless at present. ¶ The wasteway at the Central avenue dam is to be widened 20 feet and the Central avenue bridge lengthened. The water company will be asked to take its big main off the bridge and lay it on the bed of the river, as it is quite an obstruction to the bridge and has frightened a number of horses.

5. The new street lights for which the city has given the contract to Bays Brothers, will be installed about the 1st of July. The lights have been ordered in Chicago.

19. Article about auto headlight mistaken for approaching street car refers to the “1st switch
Tuesday, June 17, 1902

Commodore Nelson reports the street car company has 250 tons of new steel rails at Ft. Wayne which will be shipped here at once and used to replace the old rails on South Main from Lincoln to Harry, on the West Side from the Masonic Home to Friends University, and on the Fairmount line from 1st street to the cemetery. More switches will also be put in on the West Side and Topeka avenue lines, after which there will be a ten minute service on that line.

R. M. Rose and Mr. Kempel have completed their pleasure boat and made the trial trip on Little river Sunday. It is a stern wheel propelled by a gasoline engine and will make regular pleasure trips up and down the river. It is 41 feet long, 11 feet 3 in. wide, and has a draught of 8 inches. It has a canopy top and two paddle wheels and will seat 50 persons.

Wednesday, June 18, 1902

Article reports residents are opposing the proposal to build a street car line down South Emporia avenue.

Thursday, June 19, 1902

General manager Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company announced that the company has decided to build a street car line on South Emporia avenue if the people of that section so desire. Otherwise it will build a south line east of the railroad tracks.

Friday, June 20, 1902

The Wichita Ice and Cold Storage company yesterday started its new ice plant which has a capacity of 40 tons a day. The old plant with a capacity of 15 tons a day will also continue to be used.

Workmen are putting finishing touches on the Independent Telephone company building on North Market., 25 by 100 feet and two stories. The new system should be completed in August. It will not be necessary to ring the bell to have central answer. Simply removing the receiver from the hook will run on a light in front of the operator, who will then ask for the number.

Saturday, June 21, 1902

All of the passenger engines of the Missouri Pacific railway have been sent into the shops during the past month and equipped with the latest pattern of electric headlight. The dynamo is run by a steam turbine set on top of the boiler close to the cab.
Sunday, June 22, 1902

5. The Sedgwick county commission yesterday filed their appraisal of the site for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad shops and terminals. The land includes 80 acres on the West Side valued at $10,750. Almost all of this land is farming land. Details.

Tuesday, June 24, 1902

8. Work will begin today on the two story brick building 25 by 90 feet being built 75 feet west of the Carey Hotel by Dr. J. W. Kirkwood at a cost of $4,500.

Thursday, June 26, 1902

6. The street car company received the first carload of new rails for the new tracks to be built in the city over the Rock Island last night. They are 60 feet long and weigh 60 pounds to the yard. This is five pounds heavier than the new rails put down last year and 25 pounds heavier than those used by the old street car company.

Friday, June 27, 1902

5. Article about improvements and additions to Wichita’s packing plants. Details.

6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company will begin the work of relaying the Fairmount track from Central to the Frisco crossing with 60 pound rails. When this is completed, College Hill cars will run through to the cemeteries on Sunday afternoons when there is 15 minute service instead of going to the summit of the hill, and it will not be necessary to transfer at the corner of Jersey and Douglas avenues as at present. ¶ When the ties arrive, work will begin on relaying the West Side track. The company will then establish ten minute service on the Topeka avenue-West Side line by placing another car in regular service on that line. Two more sidings will be placed, one at the Masonic home and one on North Topeka avenue. ¶ A loop will be placed at Harry street and also one at Fairmount.

Sunday, June 29, 1902

7. The George Innes company last Wednesday formally opened their new annex, which adjoins their store on the north.

Tuesday, July 1, 1902

6. Another article about opposition to building of a street car line on South Emporia.

Wednesday, July 2, 1902

5. The Frisco Railway company has donated to the park commissioners ten cars of Joplin
crushed shale. This crushed rock will be used on the drive between Griffenstein bridge and the fountain in North Riverside park.

**Friday, July 4, 1902**

6. The Mahan Brothers have purchased the old city mills at the southwest corner of Douglas and Santa Fe avenues and will erect a $35,000 hotel on the site opposite the Santa Fe depot. It will have 75 feet frontage and depth of 120 feet, and be three stories. The property was purchased yesterday from N. F. Frazier of Eldorado for $21,500.

**Sunday, July 6, 1902**

4. Temporary injunction obtained by the city yesterday to prevent the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company from erecting any poles or stringing wire in the city and thus violating the city ordinance against this.

5. Article says that now that the Orient Railroad people are paying for the right-of-way in this county west of the city, people are beginning to believe that the road will definitely come here and that the shops will be built on the West Side. Missouri Pacific trainmen say that the Orient is laying steel rails from Anthony this way and that the road will soon be finished to the east line of Harper county.

7. On the 4th of July the street railway company carried 16,900 passengers, including over 6,000 people to Riverside park. The company gave seven and one-half minute service to the park and the cars ran in pairs, but despite that they were generally filled by the time they reached 2nd street and above there people had to walk.

**Tuesday, July 8, 1902**

5. The fight between the city and the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company was continued yesterday when the police on orders of Mayor McLean cut down eight new poles erected by the company near the corner of 3rd and Wabash.

**Wednesday, July 9, 1902**

5. J. W. Sanderson, of Burlington, Iowa, has bought from the J. D. McEwen estate 62 feet on East Douglas avenue immediately west of the Rock Island depot for about $6,200 and will erect there a three story building 62 by 120 feet at a cost of about $12,000. Mr. Sanderson had the contract for the erection of the Ingalls school building last summer.

8. Article includes the eulogy given by Father J. Henry Tihen at the funeral of Sister Superior Mary Leocritia, of Mount Carmel academy.
5. The new switch board of the Wichita Independent Telephone company has arrived and is being installed for use.

Sunday, July 13, 1902

3. Chisholm creek is down again to its normal condition. It has been out of its banks three times since May 1.

4. Contract has been let for construction of the Orient Railroad from Harper City to the Kingman county line. The depot at Anthony is being built and will be 80 feet by 20 feet. Material for three 50,000 gallon water tanks passed through Wichita yesterday. They will be built at Anthony, Sand Creek, and Carmen.

The park commissioners are now enlarging the zoo pens in Riverside park. There are at present three elk, two deer, and one antelope in the park. Park Commissioner Dickson stated yesterday that people look at the animals more than they do at the flower beds.

19. Article describes the new pipe organ in the home of Dr. S. S. Noble. There are nine sets of pipes, each consisting of about 60 pipes, or about 550 in all. The organ occupies the space of a good sized room. The wind is pumped by a small hydraulic engine.

Wednesday, July 16, 1902

5. City council yesterday passed ordinances granting right of way to the Orient Railroad in the city. Details. To enter the city along Bailey (sic) avenue.

9. Stockholders of Fourth National bank yesterday increased the capital from $100,000 to $200,000.

Wednesday, July 23, 1902

8. Legal publication: Ordinance 1926 regarding Kansas City, Mexico and Orient right of way.

Tuesday, July 29, 1902

5. The street railway company has completed the laying of new rails on the Fairmount line from Central to the Frisco crossing. The new rails are all 60 pounds to the yard. The bond wire will be put in the new rails by tomorrow night. ¶ The new ties will begin to arrive by the first of next week, at which time the company will start building the new track on South Main from Lincoln to Harry. The line from Harry street to the fair grounds will also be straightened up. ¶ Superintendent Morrison is pleased with the way the big crowd was hauled to the show grounds last Saturday. The company collected 20,000 fares, counting transfers. Powers, one of the conductors on the Main street line, collected over 2,000 fares on his car from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Death notice of Robert S. Cook, earlier Wichita resident, who came here in 1869 and homesteaded the farm at the corner of Hillside and Central avenues.

6. Article discusses debate between asphalt and brick supporters for proposed pavement on West Douglas avenue.

**Wednesday, July 30, 1902**

5. Article reports that the Sisters of the Precious Blood order will open a domestic science school for girls in September in the novitiate, which was formerly the residence of Bishop John J. Hennessy, and is located southwest of the city.

**Thursday, July 31, 1902**

5. Article reports grading of the Orient line between Harper and the Sedgwick county line, with one of the gangs within 13 miles of Sedgwick county. The Sedgwick county commissioners are condemning right of way from the southwest to this city.

**Sunday, August 3, 1902**

5. The Sheetz building at corner of Douglas and Market was sold yesterday to W. M. Liggett of California for $49,000 by Whitney Tucker and O. C. Daisy. Mr. Tucker and Mr. Daisy bought the building in October 1900 for $33,000. It is three stories and 50 by 120 feet. The first story was built by Mr. Sheetz, whose name the building bears. The Cherokee, Pittsburg Coal and Mining company took the building up at this point and finished it.

6. Ad with photo (dim) of house at 1230 North Waco, for sale.

8. The Santa Fe, under an agreement with the other railroads, will start next week to build switches to the Nerling elevator. There will be a track about 2,000 feet long starting from the Santa Fe track south of the Nerling elevator and connecting with the stock yards switch some distance above the Watson mill. A spur will be run from this track alongside the elevator. The Watson mill switch will be connected with this main switch some distance north of the mill.

A large addition to the Carey hotel is now being planned, to be put up on the west side of the present hotel and cost at least $40,000. Plans are for 50 feet with an L, to be started by next spring. ¶ The contract for remodeling the present hotel quarters has been let, and work will begin September 1. All the windows from the third floor up are to be made of uniform size and form. ¶ The new addition will be made to correspond in style with the old.

19. This year at St. Marks will be an epochal one -- it will be the year of the bumper crop and the new church. Father Schmelhausen is laying plans for possibly the finest rural Catholic church in America. The big crop will naturally aid him in his plans. He will send east for
stone dressers -- men who can do fancy work. The church will be built from the stone used in the watch factory in West Wichita. Every rock in that great building has been moved to St. Marks -- carted every foot of the way by the parishioners of St. Marks. Building will commence this fall after the farmers have their bumper crop laid away, and it will be ready for dedication in the spring.

Tuesday, August 5, 1902

A two story store front building is to be constructed in first block on South Main street just across the alley from the Kos Harris building. To be built by W. S. Brown. Will have 44 feet front and cost $10,000. The lot was bought by him last spring for $7,000.

Wednesday, August 6, 1902

By September 1, T. H. Griffith will start work on construction of a three story brick building on the site of the old Ritchey hotel, a hundred feet west of Santa Fe avenue on the north side of Douglas. To be 25 by 120 feet and cost $8,000.

Thursday, August 7, 1902

The park commission will cover the drives in Riverside park this winter with shale, after the driving season closes, so as to have them in fine condition when spring opens.

Saturday, August 9, 1902

Superintendent Morrison yesterday received notice that the street railway company has signed a contract with the St. Louis Car company for some more new cars. Manager S. L. Nelson wrote that the contract calls for three new cars, with the option of making it eight in case the new line is built on South Emporia avenue. They are all to be like the new ones recently put on the Topeka avenue line with the rattan seats. The Car company could not promise them before November 1. They will be put on Topeka avenue and West Side and a ten minute service given.

Sunday, August 10, 1902

The work of tearing down the old City Mills at Douglas and Santa Fe avenue has been going on for five days and will take about a month.

Article about the new fire station Number 3 at corner of Topeka and 18th street, now in service. It has two white and four colored firemen.

The park commission have erected a temporary band stand in North Riverside park near the band stand. The concerts have heretofore been given in the west end of North
Riverside park, but the grass there has been badly trampled down and will now be given a chance to grow.

7. A big new locomotive for the Orient Railroad has left the factory and will be delivered at Anthony by the middle of the month. Two new passenger cars passed through Wichita last week for the Orient, and will be used for the first time today for an excursion from Harper to Waldron, the present terminus of the road. ¶ The Missouri Pacific is receiving many cars of wheat at Anthony from that section of the Orient over which trains are run.

Wednesday, August 13, 1902
6. The new system of the Wichita Telephone company will be ready for operation about August 20. The switchboard is now completed, most of the major buildings have been wired, and most of the 800 phones are in place.

Friday, August 15, 1902
5. Article reports rumor that the Orient Railroad will build a depot at southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley.

Sunday, August 17, 1902
6. The steamboat will leave at 2:30 p.m. today from Baltimore avenue, one block east of South Riverside park entrances, and will run four miles up the river. The rate is fifteen cents for the round trip. It will also leave the landing at 7:00 p.m. this evening, with the rate ten cents for the round trip.

Wednesday, August 20, 1902
5. Party given last night for Mr. M. W. Levy, who leaves for New York next week.

6. Brick work on the new Unitarian church at Central and Topeka is practically completed, and the plasterers will begin work on the inside today. It is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy by October 1.

Thursday, August 21, 1902
6. The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood will open St. John’s college, a boarding school for girls, on September 1.

Saturday, August 23, 1902
5. Tearing down of the one story buildings just north of the old county court house in second block on North Main started yesterday. When this is finished, Mr. Herman Steinbuchel will erect a three story brick and stone building on the site with a frontage of 50 feet.
6. Street car Number 111 on the Fairmount line was derailed near the cemeteries yesterday.

Sunday, August 24, 1902

4. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company announced yesterday it would erect a two story brick and stone building in the second block on North Market, just above the Sedgwick building. Construction will begin at once.

5. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company filed suit yesterday in United States district court for an injunction against city of Wichita to restrain the city from injuring the property of the company or interfering with its operation. Details.

6. Society news says trolley parties are in vogue among the society people of Wichita. Three trolley parties listed.

Tuesday, August 26, 1902

5. Long article telling how the Frisco preempted the Orient Railroad from laying a track on Mosley by itself without prior announcement laying a second track on the east side of Mosley from north of 3rd street to Lewis street in one day from early Sunday morning to late Sunday night. Two trains of materials and one train with 125 men was brought to Wichita from Neodesha between 6:00 p.m. and midnight Saturday and immediately started laying the track and then worked steadily all day. Many details. This is thought to be forerunner of a new Frisco depot at Mosley and Douglas, where the present frame structure is located.

6. Article about redecorating being carried out on the interior of the Crawford opera house. Details.

Article says two cars on Riverside line derailed Sunday night at the switch just west of Sherman avenue. The cars were heavily loaded and the ground soft, and the spikes did not hold in the cedar ties used there, causing the track, to spread. The cedar ties at the switches are going to be replaced with heavy oak ties.

Wednesday, August 27, 1902

5. Workmen yesterday began laying the foundation for the new addition to the Wichita Vinegar works at 1st street and Hydraulic. The new addition is being built south of the main plant and will be 36 by 40 feet and one story high.

6. The Courter Produce company yesterday purchased a lot 25 by 148 feet on West Douglas between the Union Mills and the Arkansas river, at the southwest corner of Douglas and Waco. They plan to build a two story brick building on the property.

8. State board of agriculture reported a population in Sedgwick county in March 1902 of
47,354, a gain of 3,396 since last year.  Shawnee county had 56,863.  ¶ Wichita’s population was 28,163 a gain of 3,691.  ¶ Topeka’s population was 38,809, a gain of 742.

Saturday, August 30, 1902

6. Article lists the 19 mail carrier routes in the city.

8. The work of putting in five foot cement walks from College Hill to Hydraulic avenue is nearly completed.

Tuesday, September 2, 1902

5. Quotation from Labor Day speech by Reverend J. H. Tihen: “It seems strange to me that the laboring man should ask men like Mr. Helm, Judge Stanley and Mr. Crewson to address them on Labor day; men that have never been known to do a day’s work.”

8. The Wichita Telephone company yesterday put eight girls to work testing the lines, and now 200 phones are in working order during the day. The company now has 1,100 subscribers, and most of these phones have been installed.

Wednesday, September 3, 1902

5. The Pro-Cathedral parochial school opened for the fall term yesterday with an enrollment of 60 pupils, 20 of whom are in the high school.

6. Article about a man who fell at the Santa Fe depot says, “the Englewood trains stand on the second track from the depot.”

Thursday, September 4, 1902

5. Workmen yesterday started construction of the new laundry for St. Francis hospital, to be 26 by 47 feet, two stories and cost over $5,000 including machinery.  ¶ A new addition is about completed to the west of the south end of the main St. Francis hospital building.

Friday, September 5, 1902

6. The Frisco Railroad has bought 124 lots along Mosley avenue. The land lies along both sides of Mosley extending north from one block south of Kellogg. It includes the entire block between Mosley and Mead and between Orme and Kellogg. Further details. The land is to be used for larger and better terminal facilities. Land has also been purchased for building a Y connection from near Murdock, and across Wabash to join the line on Mosley avenue. Previously it has been necessary for trains from the east must turn north to the junction on Washington avenue before proceeding south to the depot.

8. The Rock Island Railroad has named its new California train the “Golden State Limited”
and awarded a prize of $100 to the man who suggested this name.

Saturday, September 6, 1902

5. The Wichita Board of Trade is the name of a new commercial organization formally launched in the city yesterday. Details.

6. The Orient railway is laying track south of Waldron and building bridges across the Sandy and across the Salt Fork. It is expected that the track to Byron will be finished about September 20 and that Orient trains will be run into Wichita during fair week. The Orient now has the full equipment for two passenger trains at Anthony and the cars will be run from Byron to Anthony and then transferred to the Missouri Pacific to come on into Wichita.

Sunday, September 7, 1902

7. Article reports the old deserted Burton Car Works buildings are to be sold. Much detail about the history and demise of the company. Says in the four buildings there are 2,750,000 soft brick, burned on College Hill.

Tuesday, September 9, 1902

6. The Corter (sic) Produce company is excavating for their new building at the southwest corner of Douglas and Waco.

Wednesday, September 10, 1902

6. C. A. Reed yesterday bought from Hiram Imboden the old Turner hall at corner of 1st and Market and the 40 feet, immediately south of it for $17,000. Turner hall is 56 feet by 140 feet and was erected about 1878. At present it is occupied by the Peerless Steam laundry and the Western Lithograph company.

J. R. Mead yesterday purchased for $7,700 lots 25 and 27 in first block on North Market, comprising the 50 feet between the Smith-Skinner block with frontage of 100 feet, and the building occupied by the Cox Wholesale Dry goods company with frontage of 50 feet, both of which are already owned by Mr. Mead, thus giving him a total of 200 feet frontage in this block.

Friday, September 12, 1902

5. F. G. Van Duyn yesterday sold his interest in the Manhattan hotel to J. J. La Flower of Augusta and J. D. James of Wichita, who will now operate the hotel. Mr. Van Duyn has had control of the Manhattan for the past five years. It has frontage of 100 feet on Douglas and 140 feet on Topeka and has 60 guest rooms.
Saturday, September 13, 1902

6. Plans for the new Frisco passenger depot have been given to contractors with requests for bids to be received by September 20. Specifications for the freight depot have not yet been received here. ¶ The old frame depot has not been disposed of as yet. ¶ All of the new track laid down Mosley avenue has been reduced to grade and the switches put in, and it is now being used regularly by the company. The street crossings have been put in and the track ballasted with crushed rock from the Joplin mines.

Tuesday, September 16, 1902

5. The city council yesterday granted the Frisco Railway company right of way over certain streets and alleys and vacated certain others in connection with the Friscos expansion of its yards and depots in this city. Details listed. ¶ Plans for the Frisco’s new freight depot were presented. It is to be just south of the passenger depot with a two story office building 30 by 40 feet on the north side and a warehouse one story high 120 feet long extending from this to the south and a covered platform 90 feet long extending south from the warehouse.

Plans for the proposed Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient shops at Wichita have reached this city. The round house includes 25 stalls, forming nearly a complete circle. The machine shop lying just north of the round house is 530 feet long and 72 feet wide. Next to the north is the car shops, 110 by 200 feet, and on the west end of this is the wood mill, 100 by 300 feet. The plan for the yards and switches shows that there are 26 parallel tracks. Details.

6. Article says work started yesterday on tearing down of the abandoned plant of the Burton Stock Car company.

Wednesday, September 17, 1902

6. Ordinance has been drawn up for the city council regulating the speed of automobiles in the city to no greater than eight miles per hour within eight blocks of Main and Douglas, 12 miles per hour elsewhere in the city, and six miles per hour in the parks.

Thursday, September 18, 1902

6. Man files suit for $300 damages against Wichita Railroad and Light company saying that last July 28 street car Number 100 struck his horse between 2nd and 3rd streets on North Main.

Friday, September 19, 1902

7. A beautiful colonial mansion costing $15,000 is to be built by A. S. Parks, president of the United Sash and Door company, in the 11th block on North Lawrence. Details.
The Wichita Telephone company now has over 400 phones in working order and new ones are going in at the rate of 50 per day. Details of equipment described.

Saturday, September 20, 1902

5. A petition is being circulated asking for paving of East Douglas avenue from the end of the present pavement at Washington avenue east to Hydraulic avenue.

8. The new Unitarian church at Central and Topeka is nearing completion and will be dedicated October 16 and 17.

Sunday, September 21, 1902

4. Dr. J. G. Dorsey plans to build a two story brick building with 25 feet front at southwest corner of Douglas and Emporia.

5. The state Grand Army of the Republic reunion begins Tuesday morning in South Riverside park. Four hundred sleeping tents will be erected there besides the big auditorium tent seating 3,000 people.

7. The Frisco Railway company will next week put in a switch and 2,000 feet of track for the Burton Stock Car company to facilitate removal of material from the dismantled plant.

Tuesday, September 23, 1902

8. Superintendent Morrison says the street car company has installed a ten minute service on Topeka and the West Side and intends to keep it up. ¶ During fair week there will be a ten minute service to the fair grounds and a seven and one-half minute service to Riverside park. ¶ The new track has been completed to the top of College Hill.

F. A. Amidon is erecting a fine frame residence at 1230 North Lawrence avenue. Architect is U. G. Charles. Work started in June and completion due by end of November. Details.

Thursday, September 25, 1902

1. Article about the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing of evidence concerning discrimination in railroad freight rates from Wichita compared to those from Kansas City. Details.

Saturday, September 27, 1902

6. The contract for new Frisco passenger station was let yesterday to G. W. Goodlander of Kansas City, the low bidder. It is understood that the railroad is hunting a purchaser to move off the old frame structure.
Sunday, September 28, 1902

7. The new National Bank of Wichita will open its doors tomorrow.

Tuesday, September 30, 1902

5. Long article discusses the need of the Orient Railroad for a suitable right of way to a suitable location for a passenger terminal in the city. Details.

Thursday, October 2, 1902

5. Men are at work putting in the new side tracks for the Nerling elevator and the Watson mills. The joint switches are being built by the Santa Fe for $5,000. One is 2,400 feet long and the other 850 feet long.

Sunday, October 5, 1902

4. Article lists new buildings planned to be put up in Wichita in the next nine months. Total of $400,000. ¶ Includes a two story addition to be built on the present Jett and Wood building.

5. City council yesterday granted the Orient Railroad a right-of-way on Wichita street north from Lincoln street to Lewis street.

14. City Regulator: I would certainly put glass in the open windows of Friends university or nail them up.

Sunday, October 12, 1902

4. Early in the spring the $20,000 addition planned by the Scottish Rite Masons will be put up. Mr. Elbert Dumont is architect. ¶ The addition will be the same number of stories and will occupy the lot to the north of the present structure at Topeka and 1st street. The east line of the addition will be a continuation of the east line of the present building. It will be finished in the same style as the original, a tower being put on the northeast corner. Details.

7. Bids will be opened on October 15 for the new Frisco freight depot. ¶ It will be on Rock Island avenue, 200 feet south of Douglas. The office will be a two story structure of gray pressed brick, 30 by 40 feet. Details of interior given. The warehouse will be 120 feet long and 40 feet wide, also of gray pressed brick. Ten doors will open on the west or team side and six on the east or track side. On the west a galvanized iron awning will extend 8 feet. On the east side a galvanized iron awning will extend over 8 feet of platform and 2 feet of track. The platform at the south end beyond the warehouse will be 100 by 48 feet and have an incline for heavy teams 16 feet long and 10 feet wide.
Tuesday, October 14, 1902

5. City council yesterday received a petition to open Riverside avenue from Buffum avenue to Carter avenue.

Yesterday a combination baggage and smoking car, newly painted, and with the words “Kansas City, Mexico and Orient” along its top, appeared on the Missouri Pacific tracks. It was the first passenger car of the Orient ever seen in this city and many people walked down to the yards to take a look at it.

Wednesday, October 15, 1902

5. Article about the wedding today at the Reformed church on South Topeka avenue, of Miss Esther Truesdell Rauch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rauch, of 1425 North Lawrence avenue, and Mr. Walter Harmon Mooney of Amarillo, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Mooney, of Eldorado. ¶ The wedding today occurs on Miss Rauch’s 19th birthday. Her husband works for the Pecos Valley Railroad in Amarillo.

Thursday, October 16, 1902

6. County clerk has reported the total assessed valuation of Wichita property, excluding the railroads, at $5,045,071 for 1902 compared with $4,437,861 for 1901. The total tax in 1902 was $519,016 compared with $487,674 in 1901. Total valuation of the entire county for 1902 was $11,164,478 compared with $10,347,534 in 1901. The lowest valuation on Sedgwick county in the last ten years was $9,860,097 in 1898. ¶ The total valuation of the nine railroads in Sedgwick county is $1,433,928 this year, bringing taxes of $54,551 into the treasury. For last year the valuation was $1,348,418 with taxes of $52,803. The Santa Fe with its branches pays the largest amount, $21,424 this year, and the Rock Island pays the next largest amount.

The new Unitarian church at Central and Topeka will be dedicated tonight.

8. The new street railway track on the West Side is completed.

Friday, October 17, 1902

5. Article reports on dedication of new First Unitarian church at Central and Topeka last night. Details.

6. Twelve large new freight locomotives for the Rock Island have arrived from the Brooks Locomotive works at Dunkirk, New York, and are being placed on the southwest division. They are monsters, weighing 174,000 pounds, with 132,000 pounds on the six 69 inch drivers.

Sunday, October 19, 1902
Work on the removal of the old passenger depot of the Frisco line at Mosley and Douglas will begin tomorrow. The building will be removed to Morris avenue, north of Kellogg, and then used as a warehouse.

City Regulator: To light the gas take an all day match, turn on the gas, then strike the all day match, and if you will be patient and persistent, the gas will finally find its way out so that it will ignite.

Wednesday, October 22, 1902

The architect, J. J. Crist, has completed the plans for the new two story brick and stone building, 25 by 100 feet, which Kos Harris will build next spring at northwest corner of Main and William at cost of about $8,000.

The grade of the Wichita and Western Railroad is nearly lowered to the level of the ground.

Thursday, October 23, 1902

The park commissioners are planning three improvements for the purpose of doing away with the overflow which occurs in the vicinity every time there is high water. ¶ (1) Lengthening the Central avenue dam 40 feet to the east, necessitating the widening of the river for a distance of about 500 feet above the dam on both sides and below the dam on the east side. Work is to start on this next month. ¶ (2) Removal of the island just east of the Griffenstein bridge. ¶ (3) Raising of the driveway in the northwest part of North Riverside park, along the river.

Ad with clear drawing of the Thomas Sanitarium at corner of 10th and St. Francis.

Saturday, October 25, 1902

The old Midland depot that has stood at the corner of Mosley and Douglas for years is being moved away. Yesterday it was blocked up, placed on rollers, and moved off the foundations. It has stood unoccupied for years. A long time ago it was a pretty good depot, as frame depots go, but it was never what a town of 20,000 people should have even when it was built. It was built by the Kansas Midland and occupied by them a few years. It was kept in pretty fair condition during that time, but when the road went into the hands of a receiver, it soon presented a very dilapidated appearance. When the road was sold to the Frisco, that company put in new windows, scrubbed the floors, and varnished the interior woodwork and made a show of using it for a few weeks. ¶ Years ago the windows were boarded up, the doors nailed shut, and the building became the home of sparrows and pigeons. The paint crumbled and fell, small boys pulled the boards off the windows and played marbles on the floors, and at night tramps made it their home. ¶ The old depot will now be moved down near the round house, where it will be used as
a store room and tool shed. Work will start Monday on the excavations for the new depot.

**Tuesday, October 28, 1902**

5. Mr. C. H. Smythe yesterday purchased the building of Jacob Bissantz known as the Palace Livery Stables, with 75 feet frontage in first block on North Lawrence, two stories, brick, for $20,000. This gives the Smythes a frontage of 250 feet on Lawrence avenue.

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**Sunday, November 2, 1902**

4. Charles B. Campbell, son of B. H. Campbell and twin brother of Robert B. Campbell, died yesterday in a train en route to Wichita following injury last Tuesday in fall from a horse on their Clark county ranch which caused severe head injuries. He was born near Aurora, Illinois on September 19, 1875, moved to Wichita at an early age, and graduated from the high school here in 1895. A sad feature was the fact that on the day of the accident the invitations were issued for his marriage to Miss Clara Bowen and the marriage of Robert B. Campbell to Miss Olive Decatur to take place in the 1st Methodist church on November 12.

7. Mr. E. Bronson yesterday purchased from W. M. Pirtle the vacant lot at 505 East Douglas for $6,000 and will immediately begin the erection of a three story brick building to cost about $12,000. To be 25 by 120 feet.

Contract let yesterday for the new central office for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company in second block on North Market, a few feet north of the Sedgwick block. To be two stories high with large symmetrical windows and cut stone trimmings. It is 25 by 90 feet, with plans drawn by Ed Dumont of Wichita. To cost about $10,500 without the switchboard equipment. The switchboard, dynamos, etc. will add another $30,000 in cost. Switchboard will have capacity for 5,000 phones. To be ready for occupancy by March 1, 1903. Excavation for the building will begin this week.

**Tuesday, November 4, 1902**

6. Funeral services for Charles B. Campbell were held yesterday at the Campbell home. Burial in Maple Grove cemetery.

8. College Hill street car number 26 and Topeka avenue street car Number 30 collided yesterday in dense fog at Topeka and Douglas.

**Sunday, November 9, 1902**

4. Engine Number 5 of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway passed through Wichita yesterday on the way to Anthony, where it will be used on the completed section of the road between Harper and Byron, Oklahoma Territory. It is an eight wheel type passenger
locomotive, built by the Schenectady Locomotive works of Schenectady, New York. It has been used some and was overhauled and repainted at the Frisco shops in St. Louis. It is an engine of very recent date and thoroughly up to date. ¶ The company will receive ten engines, eight freight and two passenger, on the first of March, all new.

7. The motorneer on a Riverside street car experienced an attempted hold up Friday night while running through Riverside park. The track in this part of the park is a good distance from any wagon road and runs through high weeds, which line the track very closely. When nearing the switch, close by a waiting station, the trolley went off. Going back to put the trolley on, the motorneer fired his revolver at a pair of men who ran and leaped into the high weeds.

Tuesday, November 11, 1902
6. Two trolley cars collided Sunday night at the 9th street switch on the North Topeka line.

Wednesday, November 12, 1902
5. Yesterday the first stones were laid for the foundation of the new Frisco passenger depot. ¶ The contract has also now been let for the new freight depot. It will stand about 40 yards south and west of the passenger depot and will face the east.

6. Workmen yesterday started laying the foundation for the new building of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company in second block on North Market, opposite the Wichita Telephone company’s building.

Thursday, November 13, 1902
5. Jacob and Fred Bissantz yesterday purchased from the Carey estate lots 59 and 61 in the fifth block on East Douglas avenue, 25 feet west of Carey hotel, for $8,7500. Next spring they will erect a three story brick building with frontage of 50 feet and depth of 120 feet, to cost about $12,000.

6. Robert B. Campbell and Miss Olive Decatur were quietly married yesterday.

Saturday, November 15, 1902
5. Article reports the incorporation of the Steffen and Bretch Ice and Ice Cream company for $100,000.

6. Mr. C. A. Reed has left instructions for the remodeling of the old Turner opera house at 1st and Market streets which he purchased a few weeks ago. Details.
5. Drawings have been completed for the new Central Christian church, to be erected next spring at Market and 2nd streets. Details. Cost will be about $15,000.

Tuesday, November 18, 1902
5. The city council yesterday granted the Wichita Railroad and Light company a franchise over South Emporia avenue, at least one mile of said railway to be in operation by June 1, 1903.

6. Mr. E. Bronston, a clothier on East Douglas, announced yesterday that he will start work immediately on a three story brick building with 25 feet frontage on his property the third lot east of Emporia on the north side of Douglas. Cost about $10,000.

Wednesday, November 19, 1902
5. The Orient Railroad hopes to run trains into Wichita by the 1st of February, using the Missouri Pacific tracks and depot at this end.

Thursday, November 20, 1902
5. The corner stone for the German Catholic church at 2nd and Ohio is to be laid Sunday, December 7. The foundation for the new church is finished, but the building will not be erected until the spring.

Friday, November 21, 1902
6. Article reports 40 acres of ground have been secured to make a large park surrounding Mt. Carmel academy. A curving boulevard will be opened north and south on the east side of it, inclining toward the convent in the center.

8. The new brick block of the Courter Produce company on the south side of Douglas avenue near the Big River bridge is up to the second story.

Saturday, November 22, 1902
5. City will file petition in district court today asking that the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company be notified to vacate the streets and alleys of Wichita within 30 days. Details.

Sunday, November 23, 1902
7. The Cox, Johnson and Diamond Wholesale Dry Goods company was organized here yesterday with capital of $100,000. This is a reorganization of the Cox Brothers Wholesale Dry Goods company. Details.

19. Article reminisces about the first demonstration of a phonograph in Wichita, at Russell
Hall, on the Wichita side of North Main street. Details, but no date.

Wednesday, November 26, 1902
page 5.
Work started yesterday on the excavations for the new Frisco freight depot.

Thursday, November 27, 1902
page 7.
The Wichita Railroad and Light company have received the motors for the new cars which have been ordered. The motors were made by an eastern company and the cars were made in St. Louis. The new cars will be shipped the last of this week or the first of next and will be in operation within two weeks of the time they are shipped. They are of the same pattern as the large ones now in use on the Topeka avenue and West Side line.

Friday, November 28, 1902
page 6.
The Orient railway now has its grade completed as far as the Chickaskia river in Kingman county and rails are being laid north of Harper.

Saturday, November 29, 1902
page 5.
The Rock Island Railroad is repairing its bridge across the Big Arkansas river south of Wichita, which is located very close to the South Lawrence avenue wagon bridge.

Sunday, November 30, 1902
page 7.
Excitement was stirred up yesterday by the derailment of the Rock Island’s big engine, Number 1502, in the yards here. This engine is the largest locomotive that runs through Wichita and has been named the “Battleship” by Rock Island trainmen.

Tuesday, December 2, 1902
page 5.
The street car company yesterday put in a ten minute service on South Main street, and all of the cars on that line now run through between the stock yards and Harry street. Superintendent Morrison asked that people close the doors when they enter or leave a street car, saying that all of the cars are now warmed by electricity at a cost to the company of $1.20 per car per day.

Wednesday, December 3, 1902
page 6.
The Orient Railroad announced that they would accept the franchise granted them along Wichita street from Bayley north to Louis.

Thursday, December 4, 1902
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8. Number 251, a big Santa Fe engine, ran through a switch in the yards yesterday.

Friday, December 5, 1902
page 6. Building permit taken out yesterday by Henry Schnitzler for a three story brick and stone hotel building at Douglas and Water, with 50 feet frontage on Douglas and 120 feet on Water, to cost $18,000. He will begin tearing down the old Orient hotel on the site within a few days.

Saturday, December 6, 1902
page 5. Article says Missouri Pacific is looking over site near the Y on the West Side as possible location for a new 16 stall round house here.

6. The Wichita Telephone company now has 1,100 phones in working order and will install 200 more by the middle of the month.

Sunday, December 7, 1902
page 6. James R. Mead will soon start construction of a three story brick and stone building at 129 and 131 North Market for the use of the Cox, Johnson and Diamond Dry Gods company. It will be just south of the big three story building he now owns.

Wednesday, December 10, 1902
page 6. The Wichita weather office has received new instruments, connected with wires to an instrument on the roof of the Sedgwick block. Details.

Thursday, December 11, 1902
page 5. Workmen yesterday began tearing down the old Midland freight depot to make room for the new Frisco freight building. This big brick structure was erected years ago, during the boom, and was first used as a livery barn, but when the Midland road ran into this city it was converted into a freight house.

Friday, December 12, 1902
page 5. Mr. E. J. Ohmer yesterday leased the Manhattan hotel for ten years beginning January 1, 1903. Improvements will be made including putting in of an elevator. Details.

6. Officers of the McKinley syndicate arrived in Wichita yesterday, including George F. Duncan, president, Edwin Woodman, secretary and treasurer, W. B. McKinley, director, and S. L. Nelson, general manager. ¶ They said the company must build a large power house. The present one, built only two years ago, is not able to operate any more cars than the present number. ¶ Three new cars will be here in a day or two.
Sunday, December 14, 1902
page 5. Article reports that grading was started yesterday on Arkansas avenue north of 24th street for an interurban line, probably from Wichita to Valley Center.

Saturday, December 20, 1902
page 6. Miss Laura Gross, librarian of the public school library here for over seven years, has submitted her resignation.

Sunday, December 21, 1902
page 22. City Regulator: article critical of the crowded and inadequate Santa Fe depot.

Tuesday, December 23, 1902

Wednesday, December 24, 1902
page 5. School board yesterday elected Miss Anna E. Weigand as librarian to replace Miss Laura Gross, who resigned. Salary will be $55 per month.

Thursday, December 25, 1902
page 5. Article reports almost two miles of grading has been done north of the city for a planned interurban line, and that right of way between Wichita and Valley Center has all been secured. From there the line is to run through Sedgwick, Halstead, and Mound City to McPherson.

Saturday, December 27, 1902
page 5. Article reports the Watson mills will be enlarged to a capacity of 1,500 barrels of flour a day.

Sunday, December 28, 1902
page 5. The Orient Railroad announced yesterday that the grading and track will be completed to Milton, Kansas and the track connected with the Missouri Pacific at that point.

19. Article about Wichita’s dislike of Kansas City and vice versa.

Tuesday, December 30, 1902
page
5. The Winne building on East Douglas was sold yesterday to Mr. H. M. Walt, of Newton, for $75,000 by Mr. Scott E. Winne, who purchased it three years ago for $40,000.

Article reports talk that the street car company will shorten the stock yards line by moving the tracks north of 13th street from Fairview to Market.

6. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Frisco passenger depot at cost of $18,300, to be 45 by 90 feet. The foundations are now completed.