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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1907 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Tuesday, January 1, 1907**

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5. Paving of Rock Island avenue from 3rd street to Douglas is progressing rapidly, with two blocks of the work already completed.

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5. The new school on North Waco avenue will be opened next Monday.
6. The board of county commissioners put in full time yesterday in its work of condemning the right-of-way for the Orient Railroad's entrance into Wichita. ¶ Residents in the vicinity of Bailey (sic) street are protesting the intended laying of its tracks along Bailey street. ¶ Work on construction of a grade for the Orient Railroad through the city on the West Side is being pushed actively. From the terminus of the old grade about one half mile south of Friends university, it is being extended east towards the river. Dirt has been thrown up as far east as Martinson avenue.

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5. An engine inspector for Missouri Pacific Railroad was killed on the roundhouse tracks yesterday by either engine Number 806 or Number 8503.

Contract let yesterday by Miss Eva Minick for two story brick building at Lawrence and William, with ground floor to be occupied by Domestic Laundry. Frontage of 50 feet on Lawrence and 140 feet on William. To cost about \$14,000.

County commissioners have completed appraisal of the Orient Railroad right-of-way into the city. The road will strike Bailey (sic) street near Seneca and follow it as far as Emporia avenue. Thence it will circle around until it strikes the Frisco tracks.

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6. After having been lost for four years a cannon ball that once was in the pile resting near the old gun taken from Fortress Monroe and stationed in North Riverside park was yesterday dug up from the bottom of the Little Arkansas river by a fisherman who located it in the bottom of the river above the cannon and the Finlay Ross "boot" fountain. It was taken from its watery grave and once more rests with the other cannon balls in the park. ¶ When it was missed four years ago a reward of \$25 was offered by the park commissioners for its return and the detection of the person who removed it.

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6. The city council Friday will visit the drainage canal now under construction in the northern part of the city and will watch the big dredge boat at work.

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5. State supreme court upheld the action of Sedgwick county district court in throwing out of court the suit for \$15,000 damages for libel filed by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, against Reverend C. W. E. Gassow, then pastor of the Universalist church, and others.

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6. The first train made up in the new yards of the Missouri Pacific Railroad went out yesterday. The tracks in the new yards have been completed, and the concrete foundation for the round house is completed to 5 feet above the ground. Work on the main part of the round house will be commenced now.

Four new engines have been received here by the Missouri Pacific for use on this division of the road. They are not new from the works, but new from the shops. Number 813 is from the shops in Omaha, and Numbers 3657, 3668, and 7660 are from the shops in Joplin.

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5. The county commissioners yesterday inspected and accepted the first concrete bridge ever built in this county. It is a 60 foot one over Cowskin creek, seven miles south of the city on the Meridian. Cost \$2,200.
6. The steam shovel ditching machine digging the drainage canal is now below 20th street.

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4. W. F. Moriarty and Charles Phillips, who were given a franchise last November to construct and operate a refrigerating and cold storage plant in the city, have organized a company known as the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company. Plans made for a building on Wichita street south of Douglas. Details.

6. Ten car loads of brick have arrived for use by the Santa Fe in laying a pavement between the Santa Fe tracks and in the driveway to the freight depot. The pavement will extend to the south end of the freight house platform.

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6. Workmen yesterday started stringing ties along the Missouri Pacific track on the West Side from the junction near Elizabeth avenue to the Arkansas river for a second main line track. Soon after the West Side double track is completed, a double track will be built from the end of the depot tracks north to the new round house north of the city. A new bridge across the Arkansas river is also planned. ¶ The concrete foundation for the round house has been completed and work is progressing on the frame of the building.

Article gives annual financial report of Wichita hospital.

Three car loads of piling arrived here yesterday to be used by the Orient Railroad in constructing their bridge across the Arkansas river. The Orient grade through the city is now being constructed west of the river and should be completed there by the end of the week.

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6. Article lists legal rates of fare for hacks in the city. Includes: twenty-five cents for each passenger from point to point in the city, not over one mile. Fifty cents for each passenger from point to point in the city, over one mile. Twenty-five cents for each passenger from any hotel to any railroad depot. Twenty-five cents for each passenger from any railroad depot to any hotel. ¶ Double rates after midnight until daylight. ¶ For exclusive use of vehicle by the hour, not exceeding four passengers: \$1.50 first hour, than one dollar each additional hour.

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5. The motor of street car Number 146 on College Hill line burned out yesterday.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolte are occupying their new cottage at the corner of 11th street and Carlos avenue.

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3. The Scheetz building at corner of Market and Douglas will be remodeled and a new front put in, and hereafter it will be known as the Pfister building.
14. Article reports the new Salvation Army building at 116-124 North Topeka is nearly completed and will be dedicated next Sunday, January 27. Drawing.

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6. Article reports impending sale of the Turner building, at corner of 1st and Market, with 56 foot frontage on Market. ¶ Says the building is one of the old ones in the city. After it was first built it was used as an opera house. This use was abandoned when the Crawford theater was built in 1886. It was then converted into a market house, and later was occupied by the old Market street car lines with offices and waiting rooms. About this time it was bought by Hiram Imboden and Charles Smyth, who owned it until its sale to C. A. Reed of Chicago three years ago.

**Friday, January 25, 1907****page**

5. Work started yesterday on the foundation for the new fire station at 2nd and Hillside.

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7. Missouri Pacific engine Number 503 is back in Wichita after receiving treatment at the Ft. Scott shops.

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5. Article reports dedication of the new Salvation Army hall at 120-124 North Topeka is to be held today. Details.

The building at 125-129 North Emporia built two years ago by W. A. Vincent and occupied since then by Western Lithograph company was sold by him yesterday to Willett S. Brown for \$15,000. It is two story brick with frontage of 50 feet on Emporia.

7. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway company has purchased eight more locomotives which will shortly be delivered for service on their Kansas-Oklahoma division. The engines are all of a heavy type, and at least two are especially for passenger service. As the line will shortly be extended south beyond Clinton, the addition to the equipment has become necessary.

Missouri Pacific Number 877 resumed service yesterday after treatment in the shops.

Fairmount college has raised the \$40,000 necessary to receive a matching amount from Andrew Carnegie for the new library.

Colonel Thomas Dugan Fouts died yesterday at his home at 330 Circle Drive at age 82.

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5. Article reports on dedication of Salvation Army's new citadel on Sunday. Details. Architect was U. G. Charles.

7. Excavation was started yesterday for a new two or three story brick building to be erected at 217-219 North Main by W. W. Day.

Nicholas Steffen is going to build a two story brick building at corner of Douglas and Rock Island.

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5. H. J. Hagny yesterday sold the *Wichita Daily Beacon* to Henry Allen of Ottawa, Kansas for \$90,000. Mr. Hagny has owned the *Beacon* since November 1893.
6. Testing of the natural gas mains to Wichita was completed yesterday. The entire city east of the Arkansas river is now piped for the gas and men are now working on the West Side to complete the system.
7. Missouri Pacific passenger engine Number 8812 returned yesterday from the shops at Conway Springs and was put on the run between here and Geneseo.

### **Thursday, January 31, 1907**

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5. Article reports a flame of natural gas was lighted at the mains reaching the city east of Fairmount college for the first time last night. ¶ The United Gas company already has 1,200 houses connected to their distribution pipes in the city and will be ready when the Wichita Natural Gas company is ready to turn the gas into the city mains.
7. Missouri Pacific engine Number 2608 is back from the shops at Ft. Scott and is on the run between here and Osawatomie.

### **Sunday, February 3, 1907**

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4. Article reviews the street car franchise ordinance Number 1671 of December 22, 1889 and the amended franchise adopted April 29, 1903.

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5. Ordinance passed yesterday by city council declaring it necessary to pave Lawrence avenue from 1st street north to 13th street. Asphalt to be used.

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5. Natural gas was turned into the Big mains through the city yesterday with pressure of 41 pounds. No leaks were reported. It probably will be ready for use by Saturday.

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5. The North End International Order of Odd Fellows lodge, Number 583, organized 11 months ago, has secured an option on two lots at corner of 18th street and Lawrence avenue and is preparing to erect a two story brick building there.

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4. Article reports plans for C. H. Smyth and Fred Smyth to build a six story building at northeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas for lease by Innes and Company. Demolishing of old buildings on the site will start March 1 and work on the new building will start April 1 to be completed next September. To have frontage of 75 feet on Douglas and 138½ feet on Lawrence and will cost \$125,000.

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5. Bills were passed yesterday by the Kansas legislature allowing Sedgwick county to build a bridge across the Arkansas river on Douglas avenue and allowing the city of Wichita to issue bonds for a new high school building.

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5. Article reports that 1,000 persons watched a natural gas flame burn for one hour on Douglas avenue last evening. ¶ Six hundred citizens who have equipped their homes for natural gas will be using it today. The company now has 1,500 contracts signed and this number will be using natural gas as soon as the connections can be put in.

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5. Excavation is under way for the foundation of the two story building being erected by Nicholas Steffen at corner of Douglas and Rock Island at cost of \$15,000. The building will be 50 feet by 120 feet and is to be completed by May 1. ¶ The Wichita State bank, which opened last August at the corner of Douglas and Washington, will occupy the corner room of the new building.
6. Workmen are busy at the sale pavilion at the fair grounds adding 500 more seats to the amphitheater.

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5. Carey hotel changed hands last night, S. G. Humphrey, the senior partner, purchasing W. E. Bayfield's stock in the Danielson Hotel company. The hotel has been entirely refurnished and decorated in the past few months and new ice and electric plants put in at cost of nearly \$7,000.

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17. Full page ad by Johnson and Larimer Dry Goods company with photo of their new building on East Douglas.

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5. Workmen are now clearing the site at William and Market streets, opposite the post office where the new home of *The Eagle* is to be erected.

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5. Petition presented to the council last night asking that the street car company extend its Cleveland avenue line north to 9th street and thence east to the cemetery.

**Thursday, February 21, 1907****page**

6. Frisco Railroad has agreed to build a new steel trestle bridge across the drainage canal. The canal will intersect the Frisco right-of-way several hundred feet from the present Frisco bridge over Chisholm creek. The new bridge will be about 60 feet in length. The canal crosses the right-of-way of the road near 12th street.

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7. Article on planned improvements to the Rock Island depot. Company intend to build on the upper story at north end of depot and make it the same dimensions as ground floor. Improvements to cost approximately \$10,000.

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7. Orient Railroad yesterday received three new large engines from Baldwin of the same pattern as Number 128, which is now in use. Eight more of this type will be received here between now and next July.

**Wednesday, February 27, 1907****page**

5. Article: The stockholders of the United Gas company have purchased the plant and franchise of the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company for over \$300,000. The newly organized Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company expects to phase out use of artificial gas and use natural gas in its place.
6. Work on drainage canal has been completed from 21st street to 12th street. When the city purchased the ground for the drainage canal it purchased 100 feet of ground. The canal itself is to be 30 and 40 feet wide.

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7. Orient Railroad has a force of men at work on construction of the pile bridge over the Arkansas river. Work was commenced on Monday. The trestle is to be composed of 63 bents and will be 882 feet in length. Work will probably be completed by March 15.

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5. United Gas company announced that \$75-100,000 of new machinery will be installed in the electric light plant of the recently purchased Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company to improve the service. The new owners are well aware of the fact that the electric light service has not been acceptable. The machinery now in the old electric plant is almost entirely worn out.

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7. Offices of Orient Railroad will be moved from present quarters at 249 North Main to the new block being erected by Nicholas Steffen at corner of Douglas and Rock Island avenues. They will rent entire upper floors of the new block when it is completed around May 1st. ¶ This will bring the offices of the company near the depot at which the trains will come in. It is the plan of the Orient to bring their trains in over the Frisco tracks and use the Frisco depot for the passenger business.

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5. Plans accepted for new four story YMCA building with frontage of 140 feet on 1st street and 100 feet on Emporia. Bids to be called for.

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6. City council last night called special election April 2 to vote bonds for bridge across Little river at Griffenstein bridge to cost \$35,000 and one across "storm sewer" on Douglas avenue where present bridge crosses Chisholm creek, to cost \$12,000.
7. Grading for the Orient tracks into the Frisco station is progressing rapidly, and the grade will shortly be completed to Mosley avenue, where the curve will be built to a connection with the Frisco tracks. The grade is already completed almost to the Santa Fe tracks. ¶ At the river a high fill was necessary to meet the height of the bridge and at the river bank the grade is some 30 feet high, gradually sloping to Water street, where it commences to rise toward the street car crossing at Main street. East of Wichita street the grade is practically the same as the street. ¶ Work is also being pushed on the bridge, and the pile driver will soon be well into the river. The approach has been practically completed on the west bank of the river and the track laid to allow the pile driver to advance.

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5. Keene Syndicate of Keene, New Hampshire, yesterday sold to John Moore of 4th National



Bank 500 acres from 18th to 21st streets between Big and Little rivers, for \$20,000. This has been Keene property for past 20 years and is all in farm land, plus three houses. The old townsite of Alamo, an early day suburb, is included in the property. It will continue to be used for farming.

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5. Article about addition to Scottish Rite temple at 1st and Topeka. Says temple was dedicated May 23, 1898. Addition planned of 75 by 140 feet, giving total 100 feet on 1st and 150 feet on Topeka. Addition will be on Topeka avenue and will contain auditorium on second floor and a lofty entrance on Topeka avenue.
6. Four new summer cars for use on the Wonderland Park line of the street car company are expected to arrive June 1. The cars were ordered in December for delivery at that time and will be put into service on the line now being built to the amusement park. The cars are of a new type to this city and will accommodate 50 persons. There is no middle aisle and the seats run completely across the car. Entrance is made at the side, as in the old summer cars, but there is no way of reaching the seats from the back platforms.

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6. Article about need to vote bonds for new bridge across Arkansas river at Douglas. The present bridge is almost worn out and has been in bad condition for several years. When two of the trusses were taken out some years ago and one was taken to the 13th street bridge, the iron work was so crystallized that it was impossible to weld it. New plank flooring, 3 inches thick, is necessary every three years.

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5. The street car company's extension to Wonderland is being held up to await the arrival of bridge timbers from Louisiana. If weather is favorable the company will begin to lay rails on the new line Monday and the bridge will be put in as soon as the timbers arrive. The company expects to have the line completed by May 11, when the summer park season opens.

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6. The Orient Railroad bridge across the Arkansas is now half way across the river.
20. Article and drawing of the new Scottish Rite cathedral.

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5. Northeast corner lots on Cleveland and Douglas to be sold soon to A. A. Hyde, of the Yucca company, which will build a new building there for the manufacture of

Mentholatum.

6. City council last night let contract for paving of the Lawrence avenue with asphalt at cost of \$2.14 per square foot.

### **Friday, March 22, 1907**

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5. The bridge across Arkansas river, near 1st street, under construction by the Wichita Street Railway company, is nearing completion. The ties (sic) are all planted and the steel rails are on the ground for the track, along Waco avenue, and across the bridge to Wonderland park. The poles are also on hand. The steel which will be used for the track is of the type which is used on paved streets, and it is probable that Waco avenue will be paved in the near future.

### **Thursday, April 4, 1907**

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5. City council last night passed ordinance granting a 30 year franchise to J. O. Davidson to operate an electric lighting plant in this city.
6. John H. Graham elected mayor.

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5. Work on the Boston Store building is progressing rapidly. Occupation by the middle of the summer is the hope.
6. The first automobile delivery wagon ever seen in Wichita has just been delivered to John A. Hicks, proprietor of the new Palace Grocery. The wagon is a handsome Logan machine of 14 horsepower and carrying capacity of 1,200 pounds. It has solid tires and is capable of a speed of 15 miles per hour, in case of a hurry call for groceries.

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6. School board last night heard plans for a school building to be constructed between the two rivers. It is to contain two rooms and will be 34 by 22 feet in dimensions.

Bond proposals in election on April 2 for bridge across Little river near Riverside park and one across Chisholm creek canal on Douglas both carried by large majorities. ¶ The county bond proposal for building new bridge across Arkansas river at Douglas also passed.

### **Sunday, April 7, 1907**

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6. Man got off North Main street car at the loop on 21st street, went east to Rock Island tracks and then turned north and was struck by locomotive (loop now at Rock Island

tracks??).

Beginning this morning the Emporia avenue and South Main street car lines will have a ten minute service. The Riverside line is to be given a continuous 12 minute service. ¶ Material has been shipped from Chicago and on its arrival workmen will be able to finish the Wonderland park line.

19. Article about history of Chisholm creek.

Car Number 100, the hoodoo street car, is still in service on Pattie avenue It is a dilapidated affair and looks like a hoodoo. It has been struck by lightning more than any other car in town. It was the car which jumped off the Chisholm creek bridge several years ago with a load of passengers who were the worst scratched up lot and the least hurt of any crowd that ever participated in a wreck.

Article on Wichita population -- estimated now at over 40,000. Says Wichita was at the lowest ebb in 1895 when the population dropped to 18,400. However the hardest times the city saw was in 1896, the year after. ¶ Says the best judges think the population of Wichita during the height of the boom was something like 28,000, not the 40,000 which the enthusiasts claimed. By 1900 Wichita was on the road to recovery with national census of nearly 25,000. From 1896 to 1900 the growth was rapid, about 1,500 a year and since 1900 has averaged over 2,000 a year.

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5. Wonderland park will open for the season on May 11. Street car service on the new double track park line will be inaugurated on the opening date.
6. Wichita and Southwestern Fair association to reorganize the company. Has liabilities of \$29,000 and is in financial difficulties.

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5. A waiting room for the benefit of the patrons of the street car company is being built at the corner of Market and 13th street This is being built by Tom Arnold of the Rock Island lumber company and will stand as an advertisement for that firm. The room will be fitted up with comfortable seats for the convenience of persons waiting for the cars.

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5. Report to council by investigating committee appointed by the council in February states that there are 36 saloons in operation in the city and 34 houses of prostitution with 90 or more inmates.
19. Says the columns for the new cathedral were obtained by Bishop Hennessey from the post

office building in Chicago which has been replaced.

**Thursday, April 18, 1907****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday to F. G. Smyth and Son for a six story steel and concrete building at northeast corner of Douglas and Lawrence to cost \$100-110,000. Foundation to be 75 feet by 138 feet. To be completed by November 1st (for Innes Company).
6. Excavating for new YMCA building now nearly completed. Work will start next week on the foundation. Building to be completed by January 1, 1908.
7. New pavement is nearly completed in the driveway by the side of the Santa Fe freight house at cost of \$7,000.

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11. J. O. Davidson, manager of United Gas Company, returned yesterday from Chicago and St. Louis where he purchased \$100,000 worth of new machinery for the electric light plant at corner of 1st and Waco. It will take four months to install it.

**Wednesday, April 24, 1907****page**

5. Orient Railroad plans to secure right-of-way through Wichita on Mosley Avenue from southern city limits to northern city limits. ¶ They yesterday condemned land in the west half of the first block south of Douglas and directly opposite the Frisco passenger station and freight depot. It is thought this one-half block will be used by the Orient for its new freight station and that the Frisco passenger station will be the Wichita terminal for passenger trains. ¶ By this work yesterday the Orient now has a right-of-way chosen and condemned from the southwest limits of the city eastward to Mosley avenue and northward on Mosley avenue to Douglas.

**Friday, April 26, 1907****page**

6. Work resumed yesterday on new central fire station, near the City building, after several months delay because of non-arrival of needed timbers from Louisiana.

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19. Street car line to Wonderland park is most expensive the company has constructed in Wichita. Workmen busy on Waco avenue last week. By first of next week they will reach the proposed loop at the entrance of the park. The loop is on property of the street car company. Train sheds to protect passengers will be constructed there. ¶ Four new summer cars will arrive by June 1st and two trailers will probably be added here this summer followed by four winter cars by first of November. There are now 40 cars in use here and the new orders will increase this to 50. The new track now under construction

will cover 3,000 feet.

The big shovel which is digging Chisholm creek into a straight line has reached the Frisco tracks and should be at Douglas avenue within two weeks. Right north of Douglas avenue there are several branches of the little stream. These will all be done away with and fully ten acres of land reclaimed.

### **Tuesday, April 30, 1907**

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6. New two story brick building 24 by 80 feet being completed at the stock yards loop of the street car line at 21st and Lawrence. Lower floor to be a restaurant. Cost approximately \$2,000.
7. Article about remodeling at Rock Island depot.

### **Wednesday, May 1, 1907**

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7. Orient Railroad offices being moved today into new quarters in the Steffan block recently built opposite the Frisco passenger station. ¶ Officials report the bridge across Arkansas river in Wichita has been held up by delay of shipment of piling in Indian Territory, but should be completed in ten days.

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11. Four large business blocks now under construction:
 

Eagle building	Contract completion date July 1
Boston store	August 1
Caldwell-Murdock building	September 1
Smyth block (for Innes Company)	November 1
19. Southeast of Wichita a few miles is a large body of land known as the "California section." All about it is cultivated fields. This area is pasture and has never been anything else, although it would raise corn and wheat. It is said that it is named California section because it is owned by people who live in California.

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6. Article on redecoration of Rock Island depot.

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6. The double track bridge for new street car line to Wonderland park will not be completed by opening day (May 11) as expected. The cap timbers and bridge stringers for the bridge ordered early last fall did not come with the piles, which have been here for several weeks. Delay is on railroads in Arkansas. Material will probably arrive middle of next week.

Work of laying the track within the park will probably be completed today. If no further delays the line will probably open by Saturday, May 18.

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6. The bridge stringers and cap timbers arrived and work on completion of bridge started immediately. Street cars should run into Wonderland park by Thursday evening this week.
8. Wonderland park opened yesterday with 5,683 persons passing through the turnstile. Last season 225,000 people visited the park, and double that number are expected this season.
11. Drawing of new Eagle building.
19. In another five years the Wichita County club will be up against the proposition of finding new golf grounds. Several houses have already invaded the links and more are to follow.

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5. George W. Rouse died last week in Cleveland -- age 66 -- he together with George H. Blackwelder built the Sedgwick block in 1886. He was a director and vice-president of the old mule car line, which operated 41 miles of rail in this city. He lost heavily during the depression which followed the boom days. The Sedgwick block passed into the hands of receivers, and likewise the street car line, in 1892. George M. Dickson was a partner with Mr. Rouse in the street car line. They gave E. R. Powell \$100,000 for his interests in the line in 1887, and could have sold the line for \$400,000 in 1889, but did not do so and lost out on the proposition soon after.

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5. Mrs. B. H. Campbell died at her palatial home on the banks of the Little river, last night.

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6. Obituary of Mrs. Burton H. (Ellen) Campbell. Born November 26, 1847 in New York City. Married June 13, 1867. To Wichita in 1881. Son -- Robert Bruce. Daughter -- Eleanor C.
10. The street car company is laying a reverse curve at the crossing with the Missouri Pacific railway tracks on Waco to enable its cars to cross into Wonderland Park, and so the trains on the Missouri Pacific will not be delayed. It will probably be completed today.

**Saturday, May 18, 1907****page**

7. Street car service to Wonderland Park is to start this evening. Yesterday the electric current was turned on in the trolley wire for the first time and a cinder car taken over the

bridge for a test. The loop on the island will be completed today. The bridge was finished Thursday.

**Sunday, May 19, 1907****page**

6. The new double-track street car line into Wonderland Park was opened to the public last night. The new line is double-tracked the entire distance, including a double-track bridge over the Arkansas river. A waiting room will be built at the loop near the park entrance. The line cost the street car company nearly \$20,000. ¶ Beginning tonight a new car schedule will be established. College Hill cars will run into the park, around the loop, and back to College Hill. Stock yards and Topeka avenue cars will also be run into the park and back over their respective lines. This schedule begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening. During the day cars will run on their present schedules. The West Side cars will be operated on the Emporia avenue line, and Riverside cars will be run on the South Main line.

**Friday, May 24, 1907****page**

6. In Wichita 32 and sometimes as many as 50 street cars are run daily.
- First electric street railway switch is being installed at Topeka and Douglas. Thirty-three cars pass over this switch every hour in the day. The switch is worked by the motormen without stopping the car. Power left on to operate switch for making the turn. To keep a straight track the car coasts over the switch with power off. If proved satisfactory, four more will be installed at other points.
7. Orient Railroad bridge across Arkansas river will be finished in a few days. Then laying of only one mile of track remains to connect the Orient with the Frisco.

**Sunday, May 26, 1907****page**

4. Representative of Solid Axle Automobile company yesterday purchased the old Burton car works for \$12,500. Buildings recently occupied by a broom corn company. The old car works was purchased about a year ago by the American Warehouse company.

J. W. Metz has purchased the old power station on 3rd street for \$8,000 -- at northeast corner of 3rd and Wichita streets. This was formerly occupied by the street railway company as power house and was owned by the Keene Syndicate with Coler L. Sim as agent. Recently it has been occupied by John C. Comley as a wagon warehouse.

Commodore Nelson, manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company, in town for few days. Says street car service is going to be improved right along. "Of course we are running some of the old small cars and the same thing is being done in other cities. We are not running a very good car on Fairmount, but a portion of that track is yet to be rebuilt and until it is, it is the best we can do."

5. Man struck by stock yards street car Number 164.
19. Article about location of some early Wichita businesses.

Wichita now has 140 autos owned by private individuals.

Article about a lunch cloth embroidered by Mrs. B. H. Campbell with signatures of prominent persons.

Greatest change made by straightening of Chisholm creek will be in Hydraulic avenue between 1st and 2nd street. At this point the creek bends to the west and follows Hydraulic avenue on its east side, residences facing the street only from the west side. The canal now being dug passes 300 feet east of the present bed of the creek, which will be filled in and occupied by residences.

Article about town pumps.

Place in tower of Federal building here for a clock is empty and opening is closed up with common lumber.

### **Tuesday, May 28, 1907**

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5. Work of paving North Lawrence from 1st to 13th streets started yesterday. To be asphalt pavement, this decided only after a very hotly contested controversy between brick, bitulithic, and asphalt advocates.

### **Wednesday, May 29, 1907**

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6. The Natural Gas company now has connections with nearly every house in Wichita.

### **Saturday, June 1, 1907**

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6. Article saying Orient still negotiating with Frisco for joint use of their passenger depot.

### **Sunday, June 2, 1907**

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5. Dredge boat on canal nearing Douglas avenue and in a few days it will be necessary to take out the bridge on Douglas across Chisholm creek. The street car company will maroon three cars east of the creek to accommodate passengers for College Hill. A foot bridge will be erected for pedestrians.
6. Foundation for new school house on 16th street between the river's has been laid, and it will be ready for opening of school this fall.
19. Article regarding interview with William Mathewson discussing the early days and how



he got named "Buffalo Bill."

Article about effort to get Wichita into Western Association in 1904-05.

Article about interview with Joe Tack, one of the oldest engineers in employ of Missouri Pacific.

Article about history of Turner opera house, built 1879.

Interview with oldest mail carrier in Wichita.

### **Tuesday, June 4, 1907**

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6. Population of Wichita reported by City Assessor, J. M. Balderston, as 36,898, increase of 1,357 over last years 35,541, but he thinks last year's figures were padded.

### **Saturday, June 8, 1907**

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6. Street car schedule revised because Douglas avenue bridge is out while drainage canal dredge crosses this street. Four cars are marooned on east side of the creek, and stub cars are running from Main street to the bridge. West Side cars are now operated down South Emporia and Riverside cars down the South Main line.

### **Sunday, June 9, 1907**

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5. Orient Railroad has purchased another lot on East Douglas adjoining those purchased previously, which are just across the tracks from Frisco depot. The new lot lies east of the ones already owned. They now have 65 feet on Douglas by 120 feet deep, and entire amount of land owned is 540 feet by 142 feet.

Late street car service to be improved beginning tomorrow. First car will leave for stock yards at 5:48, for College Hill at 5:36, for West Side at 5:48, South Emporia at 5:48, South Main at 6:00, and Riverside at 6:10. On all of the lines a 12 o'clock midnight car will be operated.

11. Article about history and digging of drainage canal.

### **Tuesday, June 11, 1907**

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5. Men at work yesterday on East Douglas tearing up the pavement to double track the street car line between the Santa Fe and Frisco stations. When done, the double track will extend from the river to Hydraulic avenue.

### **Wednesday, June 12, 1907**

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5. More lots on East Douglas bought yesterday by Orient Railroad for \$32,500, bringing total cost of property bought in this vicinity to over \$50,000. This gives the company practically all the property facing Douglas on south side between Mosley and Washington avenues. This will enable them to build a modern freight depot and later on a first class passenger station.

**Friday, June 14, 1907****page**

5. The temporary bridge over the drainage canal has been completed and through service established from College Hill to Wonderland Park.

**Saturday, June 15, 1907****page**

5. Conductors of Street Cars Number 118 and Number 119 both have inflammatory rheumatism.

**Wednesday, June 19, 1907****page**

5. Special bond election yesterday for new high school was defeated.

**Thursday, June 20, 1907****page**

5. Eleven year old boy struck by Street Car Number 152 on Stock Yards-Topeka avenue line.

Work on reinforced concrete and steel bridge across drainage canal on 17th and 14th streets has started.

**Wednesday, June 26, 1907****page**

6. The *Eagle's* big press is now safely moved into the new building at the corner of William and Market streets.

**Thursday, June 27, 1907****page**

5. Work on the YMCA building at 1st and Emporia is being delayed by late arrival of necessary steel.

**Friday, June 28, 1907****page**

2. List of railroad timetables of all Wichita lines.
6. When work by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is completed, Wichita will have the largest underground telephone system in the state. The conduits will extend under the entire business district. The east conduit will run out 2nd street to Washington.

The north conduit will run to Murdock on Market street, and the south conduit will run five blocks south of Douglas avenue. The west conduit will extend to the Arkansas river.

**Saturday, June 29, 1907****page**

5. Article about progress on the paving of Lawrence avenue from 1st to 13th street, with asphalt to be laid over a concrete base.

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11. Article about changes in Mathewson's pasture. This 38 acres was purchased from Colonel William Mathewson over a year ago by a syndicate of Indiana capitalists for \$75,000. The apple orchard on the block bounded by Central, Wabash, and 3rd streets has been cleared away. The hedge fence which extended on Central from Wabash to Hydraulic has been cut down. The old house still stands on Central avenue.

**Tuesday, July 2, 1907****page**

5. First block on North Main street was lighted last night by 50 two thousand candle power arc lights, making it into an attractive "Great White Way."

White way lights were tested for first time last night in first block on North Main. Composed of 50 2,000 candle power arc lights.

6. Board of education last night raised salary of Superintendent of schools R. F. Knight from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year.

A new combination hose wagon and chemical engine has been received by the fire department from American-La France Fire Engine Company of Elmira, New York. It is for use in the new fire station Number 5 on College Hill and is being stored until the new building is ready for occupancy.

**Wednesday, July 3, 1907****page**

5. Owners of property near the Wichita and Western Railroad west of the Arkansas river are trying to have the city take legal action to compel the railroad to lower its high grade on the west side.

**Thursday, July 4, 1907****page**

5. It is understood that the contract has been let for the addition which is to be built to the federal building. It will cost \$50,000.

**Friday, July 5, 1907****page**

5. Over 10,000 persons passed through the gates at Wonderland Park on the Fourth.
6. Negotiations are being carried on for Frank Isbell, second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, to purchase the Western association franchise of the Wichita Jobbers and manage the team next year.

### **Saturday, July 6, 1907**

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5. The state supreme court has ruled yesterday that Wichita cannot have separate schools for negro and white children until the state legislature passes a special act providing for this. ¶ The separate school agitation began two years ago (details).

The city council yesterday ordered the building of a levee on the east side of the Little river from Central avenue to Jama (sic) street.

6. Street car traffic on Thursday (the 4th) was the heaviest in the history of the company since 1903 (sic). Over 35,000 people were carried. ¶ Only once was a greater number of people carried by the company, that being during street fair week in 1903, when over 48,000 people were hauled in one day. ¶ This time the heaviest traffic was on the College Hill-Wonderland Park line, which carried 15,458 people. Fewer went out to Riverside than used to go, that line showing only 5,300 passengers. This is because there was not big celebration in the park. ¶ Every available car was in service, 30 of them being in use during the busy time of the day.

A report is being circulated that Commodore S. L. Nelson is soon to retire from active control of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. The report states that Mr. Nelson has become interested in a big merger of street car lines and is offered a position with the giant corporation being formed. If so, the local trolley company would be the property of a corporation representing many millions of dollars, with lines in Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana.

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6. Article gives full text of recent state supreme court decision in reference to establishment of separate schools for white and negro children in Wichita.
7. Wichita's "Great White Way" was formally opened last night. High power arc lights are in a line every 12½ feet in the first block on North Main. An estimated 20,000 persons viewed the street last night.
19. A strange sight can now be seen on the McKnight farm. The big boat house with the shovel is sailing through an open field. At this point the creek makes a long curve to the east and this throws the dredge far away from the regular stream. At night with its electric lights, its engines, its big shovel and its general nautical appearance in the midst of a farm, it presents a curious sight.

**Tuesday, July 9, 1907****page**

5. The National Warehouse company yesterday bought a site 417 by 94 feet on east 14th street on the association track, just north of the Otto Weiss Alfalfa mill, and plans to build a large one story warehouse for about \$15,000.

The asphalt mixing machine for preparing the asphalt for the Lawrence avenue pavement was received yesterday and will be ready for use in about ten days.

7. Article reports Santa Fe Railroad is creating a new division. Until now it has had two grand divisions, the eastern, and the western. The eastern division extended from Chicago to Newton and Purcell, and the Western division from Newton and Purcell to La Junta and El Paso. ¶ The new division will be the eastern, middle, and western grand divisions. The new eastern division extends from Chicago to Emporia and Missouri river terminals, including the Southern Kansas division, which passes through Chanute. The middle division extends from Emporia to Purcell and takes in the lines in Oklahoma. The western division includes all the lines west of Emporia to Denver, La Junta and El Paso. Headquarters of the eastern grand division will remain at Topeka, the new middle division at Newton, and the western division will be at La Junta.

**Wednesday, July 10, 1907****page**

7. New furniture has arrived for the ladies' waiting room of the Rock Island depot, and more will arrive in the next few days for the other rooms of the depot. The furniture for the ladies' room is of the mission type and includes several new rocking chairs. The furniture for the other rooms will be high backed oak seats of the latest design.

**Thursday, July 11, 1907****page**

6. The Chamber of Commerce last night adopted a resolution opposing the pending ordinance to annex the Packing House district into the city of Wichita.

Article describes the extensive wooden structure erected as forms to support the first and second floors of the new Smyth building at Lawrence and Douglas. It is the only building in the city built entirely of concrete, with only a network of steel wire and stirrups as reinforcement. When the cement becomes set, the wooden falsework will be torn down and moved up to build the other floors. The concrete sidewalks on the west of the building are now being laid. About 180 tons of steel reinforcing rods will be utilized in the building. ¶ The Boston store is constructed of steel with concrete floors, and is also fire proof.

7. Article reports first number of the *Rock Island Employes' Magazine* is now being distributed.

**Friday, July 12, 1907**

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6. Article discussing complaints against street car company in city council meeting last night. The council had declared it necessary for company to extend its Emporia avenue line south to Harry street, but instead they had stopped at Zimmerly street. The council therefore a week ago passed a motion forbidding the company to put in a loop north of Harry street on the line, but instead of that the company is now constructing a Y at Zimmerly street.

**Saturday, July 13, 1907****page**

5. Stone steps, which have been installed in front of the Kansas National bank, at corner of Douglas and Main, are now practically finished.

**Sunday, July 14, 1907****page**

5. Six rooms are being finished at Friends university this summer. The main floor of the building is now completed except for a small room at the rear. The audience room will not be finished this year, but work will probably be started on it next spring.
6. Mrs. Judge D. M. Dale's new Pope-Waverly Electric Surrey arrived a few days ago and is one of the handsomest cars of its kind ever seen here. Its value is \$2,000.
7. Six new locomotives are soon to be received at the Missouri Pacific round house for use on the Wichita division in hauling the wheat crop. Seven other large engines were received a short time ago on this division.
19. The new Boston store building will soon be put under roof. It has been under construction for almost 12 months.

Article lists pastors of First Methodist Episcopal church in Wichita since 1870.

**Tuesday, July 16, 1907****page**

5. City council voted yesterday not to annex the packing house district.

Plans underway to extend the "Great White Way" lighting to the second block on North Main and to the business section of Douglas avenue.

**Wednesday, July 17, 1907****page**

5. The second floor of the new Smyth building is now nearly completed.
6. A grand formal opening of the Domestic Laundry took place last night in the new building, corner of William street and Lawrence avenue.
7. A gang of men are working on the Orient track that has been laid part way into the city to

make connection with the Frisco tracks. They are leveling up the track that is already down, so it will be in shape for service when the remainder of the work is completed.

The Missouri Pacific has purchased a new gasoline (sic) motor car for use on this division in inspection of the tracks. It appears much the same as an ordinary touring car except for having iron wheels that fit the rails of the track.

10. Article printing the ordinance adopted about one month ago requiring the railroads to place watchmen at grade crossings in Wichita.

### **Thursday, July 18, 1907**

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5. The new fire station on College Hill, to be known as Number 5, should be ready for occupancy by the latter part of next week.
6. Work on the new quarters for the city library in the fourth floor of the City hall is progressing rapidly. A new steel ceiling has been placed in the old normal school room, which is the largest room on that floor and will be used as the main room for the library. The library is to occupy the entire fourth floor of the City hall. The offices of the board of education now on that floor will be moved down to the rooms on the second floor now occupied by the library. This move would have been made years ago if there had been an elevator in the City hall. Now that an elevator has been installed, the change will be made as soon as possible.

The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is to build its conduit to the North End to 10th street instead of to Pine street as originally planned, so that the company will get the wires clear out of the business district before they are bought above ground. ¶ The 2nd street conduit has been completed east to Washington avenue and is ready to receive the cables.

### **Friday, July 19, 1907**

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3. Legal publication assessing cost of paving North Lawrence avenue from north side of 1st street to south line of 13th street

Legal publication advertising for bids on brick pavement of alleys between Topeka and Emporia from alley north of Douglas to 1st street, between St. Francis and Santa Fe from Douglas to 1st street, between Main and Water from Douglas to 1st street, and between Market and Lawrence from Douglas to 1st street

Legal publication -- 4 foot sidewalks to be constructed including north side of Franklin from alley west of Gilman to Litchfield, and west side of Litchfield from Franklin avenue to Andrews avenue.

5. Carload of Carthage stone for new Eagle building has arrived and work will be pushed

rapidly. The walls have been erected up to the third floor except on the Market street front, where the stone trimmings are needed.

The foundation of the new YMCA building at Emporia and 1st street is almost completed.

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5. Steel beams arrived yesterday for the Caldwell-Murdock building being erected just east of the new Boston store. The foundation of the building is now completed, and work on the walls will soon be commenced.

**Wednesday, July 24, 1907****page**

3. The winter cars used by the street railway were run yesterday. Even the employes were roaring. The city is more poorly supplied with summer cars than any town, big or little, in the country.
6. City attorney filed suit to compel the Wichita Independent Telephone company to install phones promptly whenever applications made by customers.

**Thursday, July 25, 1907****page**

5. Work on the new bridges across the canal is progressing slowly. The bridge on 17th street is partially completed. The frame is up and the first layer of concrete has been applied. All of the bridges will be arched affairs constructed of concrete and steel.
7. The Missouri Pacific will occupy their new roundhouse on 25th street after August 1. ¶ On and after July 25, no freight trains will stop at the 12th street depot of the Missouri Pacific.

**Friday, July 26, 1907****page**

3. Ad listing railroad time tables.
5. The dredge working on the drainage canal is now between Kellogg and Broadway.

**Saturday, July 27, 1907****page**

7. Work will start Monday on the new freight depot for the Orient Railroad. The building will face on Douglas avenue, where the offices will be located, and the side will extend south on Mosley avenue. The building will be 30 by 160 feet, with a 125 foot platform extension making a total length of 285 feet. It will be of brick and steel and cost \$10,000.

**Sunday, July 28, 1907****page**



5. Article discusses proposal to eliminate angle in West Douglas just east of Arkansas river and run the street straight west to the river and then building the new county bridge north of the present bridge and street car trestle.
6. Plans have been drawn by architect U. G. Charles for a new Odd Fellows temple at southwest corner of 18th street and Lawrence avenue. To be two stories, 130 by 50 feet, of brick, and cost \$18,000.
7. The Schwartz Lumber and Coal company is building a 2,100 foot railroad line along the east bank of the Arkansas river from Douglas avenue to a point one block south of the Maple street bridge. It will haul material to Douglas avenue from the new bridge and sand from a sand pump near Douglas avenue to a connection with other roads in the city. The road will be completed by the last of next week.
11. Article about complaints that the Maple Grove Cemetery company owns all untaken lots in the old cemetery (Highland) but is very neglectful of the old cemetery in order to enhance the value of the new one.

Asphalt paving is completed on the second and third blocks on North Lawrence, and the entire job may be completed in four weeks.

“The kickers on the local street railway say that the Wichita company is making big money but that it is all used to help extend rural lines in Illinois.”

12. Drawing of new Boston store, now nearing completion for the Wallenstein and Cohn Dry Goods Company, more generally known as the “Boston Store.” Building is 91 by 120 feet.
  19. Article listing the 230 people who are owners of the 12 banks of Wichita.
- Friends University has received a \$25,000 gift from Andrew Carnegie for their endowment fund.

### **Tuesday, July 30, 1907**

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7. The Orient Railroad has five crews laying steel between Clinton, Oklahoma and San Angelo, Texas. Steel has been laid to a point ten miles north of Altus, Oklahoma, and should be completed to Sentinel, Oklahoma by October 1.

### **Wednesday, July 31, 1907**

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6. Long letter to editor from A. A. Hyde, president of Maple Grove Cemetery company, replying to recent accusation of neglect of Highland cemetery and giving history of Maple Grove and Highland cemeteries.

**Thursday, August 1, 1907****page**

6. An ordinance is being prepared by the city to place regulations on automobilists of the city and requiring all automobiles to be licensed and to have a metal license tag.

**Friday, August 2, 1907****page**

3. The Imboden lot, the highest point on College Hill, is being broken. This is the first time the original prairie there has been ploughed.
5. Article about complaints of Missouri Pacific employes that they will not walk the distance to the new round house at 25th street.
7. Yesterday was moving day for the Missouri Pacific roundhouse in Wichita. The engines, machinery, tools, and office fixtures have all been removed from the buildings and sheds near 2nd street and are now in place in the structure on 25th street.

**Saturday, August 3, 1907****page**

5. Treasury department in Washington announced that all bids on the enlargement of federal building in Wichita have been rejected because they exceeded the amount of the appropriation.
7. Article on temporary agreement between Missouri Pacific and employees that engines will be brought down from the new 25th street roundhouse by a hostler to pick up the men at 2nd street and vice versa.

**Sunday, August 4, 1907****page**

19. Article about the boom in building on Williams (sic) street the past few years. "From a quiet byway in 1900, this avenue has become a booming thoroughfare." Details of buildings.

**Tuesday, August 6, 1907****page**

3. C. M. Beachy has plans prepared for a fine residence on College Hill. The residence will cost over \$20,000.
5. Superintendent of schools Knight gave annual report to Board of Education last night. Statistics listed.
6. Work is expected to begin at once on the brick block paving of St. Francis avenue from Douglas to 2nd.

**Wednesday, August 7, 1907**

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5. City engineer Sawin is proposing elevated railroad tracks from 13th street to Kellogg with a union station (details).

**Thursday, August 8, 1907****page**

3. The street car company is paving the street on East Douglas avenue between the railroads. The company tore out some pavement to lay a double track.
6. Councilmen Isely's attempt to have the Fairmount car line removed from Rutan avenue to Hillside avenue may yet be defeated by residents of College Hill, who are opposed to the change in spite of the improved service it will give to Fairmount. Details given.

**Friday, August 9, 1907****page**

5. The Wichita College of Music moved into its new quarters in the second block on North Lawrence avenue this week. ¶ The new Philharmony hall is the finest building devoted solely to music in the state. The spacious concrete hall with a seating capacity of 700 is perfect in acoustic qualities. It has an inclined floor, opera chairs, balcony and pipe organ.
6. Mrs. M. Lea is building a two story brick building at 1006-08 East Douglas for about \$14,000. Will be 48 by 90 feet.

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10. Article describing water treatment by Rock Island Railroad in Wichita.

**Sunday, August 11, 1907****page**

5. Editorial? Critical of Mayor Graham starts out "That ex-drayman, Mayor Graham, Wichita's pin-headed sovereign, who is boasting many of the characteristics of a rajah-landamem," etc.
19. The Toler Auditorium is being repainted in two shades of gray for \$300 and the lower floor is being raised about three feet.

The exterior work of the new Eagle building at Market and William is now nearing completion. Workmen are now on the top story. The big press and engines were moved there some weeks ago. Building cost is \$50,000.

**Tuesday, August 13, 1907****page**

5. The foundations for the new Orient freight depot at corner of Douglas and Mosley avenues, are well under way. By the time the new depot is completed, a side track and a number of switches will be built. The Orient has now crossed the Santa Fe and the Rock

Island below Kellogg street and has connected with the interlocking system of these roads.

6. Long article about citizens protest meeting last night opposing the planned removal of the street car line from Rutan avenue to Hillside avenue.

### **Wednesday, August 14, 1907**

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3. The street car company is now completing its pavement on East Douglas avenue.

A special street car for street car parties costs five dollars for a trip over all the lines.

### **Thursday, August 15, 1907**

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6. Death notice (died yesterday) of William H. Isely, dean of Fairmount college, age 42, three days after operation for appendicitis. Survivors include wife, sons Merrill, age 12, and Crawford, age nine, parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Isely of Wichita, and five brothers and two sisters (including brother Bliss Isely).

### **Saturday, August 17, 1907**

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3. Workmen are painting the cornice work of the Boston Store a deep red color.

### **Sunday, August 18, 1907**

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19. Article describing work on the new addition to the Scottish Rite temple. Extensive interior remodeling being done (details). The floor of the new auditorium is in.

### **Tuesday, August 20, 1907**

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6. The street car conductors and motormen are very much wrought up over the fact that the street car company on Sunday afternoon sent out a negro as motorman on one of their cars. ¶ The street car company officials say that on last Sunday afternoon, during the rush to the baseball game, there was a demand for another car. When the car was ready to go out, A. F. Street, a negro employe of the company, was the only competent man at hand to run the car, so he made the trip to the ball park and return. Mr. Street is the man who runs the work car, and has been in the employ of the company for several years and is thoroughly competent and reliable, so the officials of the company say.

### **Thursday, August 22, 1907**

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5. The stone work on the new central fire station on William street is practically completed. Workmen are now placing the timbers for the roof and the building will soon be entirely enclosed.
10. Legal publication of ordinance 2808 for paving with vitrified paving block of alley between

Main and Market from William to first alley north of William; alley between Lawrence and Topeka from William to first alley north of William; alley between Topeka and Emporia from William to first alley north of William; alley between Emporia and Tremont from William to first alley north of William; alley between Tremont and Santa Fe from William to Douglas; alley between Douglas and William from Tremont to Santa Fe; alley between Lawrence and Topeka from first alley north of Douglas to 1st street.

### **Saturday, August 24, 1907**

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5. The new College Hill Methodist Episcopal church was organized at a meeting last evening. The congregation plans to build a new church somewhere on College Hill.
7. The Missouri Pacific railway company is relaying a part of the track on Water street. It is expected that the company will lay a double track from the yards down town to the round house at 25th street.

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13. Report of speech by Father Tihen on poverty and hunger as incentives to socialism.
14. Article on Innes Company and its new building under construction.

### **Tuesday, August 27, 1907**

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6. Article reporting a man was arrested yesterday for photographing a nude young woman posing as a mermaid in the lily pond in Riverside Park.

The 13th street bridge over the new canal has been finished for some time, but the approaches are in an impossible state.

One of the engines of the Edison Electric Light and Power company plant broke down yesterday. As a result a number of a factories using electric power had to shut down, and stores and offices were unable to use their electric fans. Repairs should be completed by today or tomorrow.

### **Wednesday, August 28, 1907**

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5. Petition was filed in court yesterday by College Hill residents seeking an injunction to prevent the street car company from removing the Fairmount car line one block west from Rutan to Hillside. ¶ The people on Fairmount have wanted through service instead of being compelled to transfer at Rutan and Douglas, as is now the case. The company stated that this would be provided if an ordinance was passed giving them permission to remove the line from Rutan to Hillside, and the ordinance was introduced in the council by the late Professor Isely and was carried. ¶ A temporary restraining order was issued by the court, pending a hearing on September 7.

6. Paving bricks are being put in by the street car company on their tracks in the 9th block on East Douglas and the first block on North Topeka, replacing the unsightly and rough stones which have been used heretofore.
7. Article describing the new Missouri Pacific Railroad round house and switch yards on 25th street. Thirty to 40 engines are taken care of daily and as many trains made up. The round house has 18 stalls, a blacksmith shop and repair shop. Sixty-five men are now employed in the round house and this will be increased to 150 in a few weeks. Thirty thousand dollars worth of new machinery is being installed. ¶ The cinder pit is 100 feet long, 20 feet deep, and wide enough for two tracks that are over it.

**Thursday, August 29, 1907****page**

5. The outside of the new Boston Store building is almost completed. The cornice work was completed yesterday. Nearly all the windows are in. Building should be ready for occupancy by October 1.

**Friday, August 30, 1907****page**

5. Work on the new Baptist church on northwest corner of Lawrence and 2nd street will start immediately after Labor day. To cost \$50,000.

**Saturday, August 31, 1907****page**

5. The new Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company plant on South Rock Island street will begin making ice the first of next week. Building is 212 by 115 feet. Capacity of plant is 60 tons of ice daily.
6. The new fire station on College Hill will probably be opened the latter part of next week.
10. Advertisement of Yale Theater, 504 East Douglas, reopening with five cent moving picture show.

**Sunday, September 1, 1907****page**

19. Article reports piling being driven along river bank at corner of James and 3rd streets. ¶ An old resident working on it pointed to some fence posts driven in the bank of the river at corner of 3rd and James streets and stated that they were the remains of the first dam built by the city in the Little River. The city council decided it would be a good idea to dam the Little River so as to make boating in the park. Frank Bellew was then foreman of the city carpenter gang and was delegated to build the dam as he thought best. He got some long fence posts and drove them in the sand with a large sledge hammer. They then nailed boards on the posts and filled in above with brush and rocks ¶ The next dam was built further up the river at Central avenue. The first dam backed the water above Murdock avenue and the second one up to 13th street.

**Tuesday, September 3, 1907****page**

5. A new commercial department will be added in the high school when school opens and will teach a course in typewriting.
10. Ad with drawing of new Boston Store -- "almost completed."

**Friday, September 6, 1907****page**

5. Article reports that the Hydro-Carbon Light company was granted a charter yesterday by the state charter board and is capitalized at \$26,500. The incorporators are W. C. Coleman and others (listed). The company has been doing business in the city for several years and last year its business aggregated \$50,000. A large addition is being built to the building occupied by the company on North Main street.

**Saturday, September 7, 1907****page**

3. Legal publication -- city council declares it necessary to pave Lawrence avenue from 13th street to 14th street with asphalt.

**Sunday, September 8, 1907****page**

5. Article reports that the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company has practically completed its new plant and will commence operating the ice manufacturing department on Tuesday. The company will produce 60 tons of clear crystal ice per day. ¶ When completed, the company will have invested \$200,000 in Wichita.

Work will start Tuesday on the new building on Mosley avenue north of Douglas for the Lampl Produce company. To be two story brick, 50 feet by 140 feet, extending from the Frisco track to Rock Island. ¶ In the same block, the excavations for the Martin Metal Manufacturing company's building are nearly complete and the foundations will be started Monday.

6. The street railway is laying brick pavement between the rails of the car track on North Topeka avenue between Douglas and 1st street.
7. Dedication of Philharmony hall and grand opening concert will take place Sunday, September 29. Details. Building erected by the Wichita College of Music.

**Wednesday, September 11, 1907****page**

5. Contract let yesterday by county commission for new concrete bridge across Arkansas river at Douglas avenue. To be built by the Canton Bridge company at cost of \$97,000, and will replace the old iron structure which has spanned the river for more than 20 years.

Total length will be 551 feet, with seven concrete arches each 71½ feet from center to center the remaining 51 feet in the length of the bridge will be in the abutments on either side. There will be a 40 foot roadway with an eight foot sidewalk on either side. The bridge will be lighted with both gas and electric lights.

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5. Mrs. L. B. Couch, secretary of the Associate Charities, received yesterday from Mrs. Dr. Tihen of Andale a box of clothing for distribution among the poor of the city.
6. The new fire station on College Hill, at Hillside and 2nd, will be opened the latter part of this week and will be known as Hose House Number 5. It will contain one two horse combination hose wagon and chemical engine.

The high school is very crowded, with enrollment of 616, and school has been divided into two sections, with Freshmen and Juniors going to school in the morning and the Sophomores and Seniors going in the afternoon.

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for the new First Baptist church at corner of 2nd and Lawrence, to cost \$40,000 and to have frontage of 75 feet on Lawrence avenue and be 123 feet deep.

Workmen were engaged yesterday in extending the street car switch to 12th street on North Main street. The company will commence at once to double track the line from Murdock avenue to 9th street. When finished, the double track will extend from there to 12th street. ¶ Double track will also be placed on the Topeka avenue line from 2nd street and from 9th to 11th streets (sic).

Work is being delayed on the new Catholic cathedral by a number of architectural problems. The foundations for the building have been completed as far as the water table, but it is probable that erection of the walls may not be commenced until next spring.

#### **Saturday, September 14, 1907**

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5. Excavations have started for the pavement of Topeka avenue from Douglas to 1st street and of St. Francis avenue from Douglas to 2nd street. ¶ Brick has been unloaded for paving of Emporia from Douglas to William.

#### **Tuesday, September 17, 1907**

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3. The Rock Island sold 892 tickets at the Wichita station Sunday morning for the Kansas City excursion. The train pulled out of here with 18 coaches drawn by one of the big 1,900 engines. At Herington the train was divided into two sections.



5. The new fire station Number 5 at Hillside and 2nd street was opened for service Saturday.
7. The Missouri Pacific will move the depot at 25th street several rods north of its present site, as it is too far away from the roundhouse.

The Missouri Pacific railway maintains six switch engines in the new yards at 25th street

### **Wednesday, September 18, 1907**

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5. Article reports rumors of change of ownership of Wichita's street railway company.

Corner stone of the new YMCA building at 1st and Topeka will be laid today. The walls of the building are now up to the first floor.

Article about crowding in the high school, which has reached an enrollment of 656 including 97 seniors. The building has only 12 rooms, and of these two are laboratories and one occupied by the commercial department, and these are not available as recitation rooms. Therefore it has been necessary to have divided daily sessions, morning and afternoon, to accommodate the number of students.

### **Thursday, September 19, 1907**

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5. Article announces plan of Catholic church to build a new school to the east of the site where the new Cathedral is being constructed. It will replace the present Pro-Cathedral school at 2nd and St. Francis.

Article reports on laying of corner stone for the new YMCA building yesterday. Details.

7. The Santa Fe is building a platform on the north side of the freight depot. It is to be eight feet wide and 120 feet long.

### **Friday, September 20, 1907**

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6. The Wichita Wholesale Grocery company has had plans prepared for a four story addition to its building at corner of William street and Santa Fe avenue. It is to be erected on the 75 feet adjoining the grocery company on the south. The frontage will be 75 feet on the Santa Fe tracks and it will extend back 120 feet.
7. Article about improvements to be made by Missouri Pacific in the joint tracks to the stockyards and packing plants.

### **Saturday, September 21, 1907**

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6. Private car Number 200 belonging to Superintendent A. H. Dickson of the Orient arrived here yesterday from Anthony, where it had been left by President Stilwell and party on

their way to Mexico.

### **Sunday, September 22, 1907**

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5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday filed a mortgage for \$1,500,000 in the register of deeds office. It is made to the Portland Trust company of Portland, Maine, as trustee, and is for the purpose of refunding \$300,000 of outstanding bonds issued March 31, 1900 and which falls due October 1, 1919, and for the purpose of paying for necessary equipment and extensions.

Cleveland avenue street car Number 100, with Conductor John Stamp, collided with a freight train at the Frisco crossing on East Douglas last night. Car Number 100 is the one that plunged into Chisholm creek several years ago, injuring 13.

15. It is estimated that nearly 3,000 people drink every day from George Bloss' pump on William street, across from the city building.
19. The interior of the new Eagle building at Market and William is being completed, and it is probable the plant will be moved on or about October 1.

Fixtures are now being moved into the new Boston Store building.

Excavation has been started for the new First Baptist church at 2nd and Lawrence.

### **Tuesday, September 24, 1907**

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3. The street car service commencing today will start at 7:00 a.m. instead of at 6:30 a.m. as during the summer months.
6. Article reports a movement is on foot among the motormen on the street cars here to form a union.

### **Friday, September 27, 1907**

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5. The Gaar, Scott and Company yesterday broke ground for a two story brick warehouse and salesroom on corner of Wichita and English streets. To have frontage of 76 feet on Wichita street and extend back 140 feet. The Missouri Pacific has run a switch along south side of the proposed new building. Building to cost \$35,000.
7. The name of the Wichita baseball team is to be changed this winter, according to Managers Holland and Isbell. The present management dislikes the name of "Jobbers," which was adopted during the first year of the baseball association.

### **Saturday, September 28, 1907**

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6. Article reports Cudahy Packing company plans additions to its plant here.
7. Division superintendent of Rock Island announced that the company plans to increase the size of its switch yards here to double their present capacity. Plans are being prepared.

**Sunday, September 29, 1907****page**

3. General Superintendent A. E. Sweet announced yesterday that the Rock Island would enlarge its freight depot in Wichita to about double its present capacity. Work will be commenced at once. The new depot, 600 feet in length, will be constructed before the switch yards are begun. It will cost about \$10,000, and the enlarged switch yards will cost another \$25,000.
6. The street car company hauled about 200,000 passengers the past week during fair week, of which about 25 percent were on transfers. Traffic was heavy on the Wonderland park line to the fair grounds, and cars were scheduled for the park at the rate of 35 to the hour.

The new Philharmony Hall on North Lawrence avenue will be formally opened today. Description -- the auditorium seats 700. Built by the Wichita College of Music at a cost of \$20,000.

**Tuesday, October 1, 1907****page**

6. The number of regular mail carriers in Wichita will be increased from 38 to 42 on October 15.

**Wednesday, October 2, 1907****page**

6. Beginning yesterday the wages of Wichita Railroad and Light company employes were increased one cent per hour. New wage rate for motormen is 19 to 21 cents per hour and for conductors is 16 to 20 cents per hour. ¶ The men have some other requests, the principal one being that they be allowed the use of stools while operating the cars.

**Thursday, October 3, 1907****page**

6. The great cement structure which is to be occupied by Innes and Company is now on its sixth story. The reinforced concrete construction is the pioneer building of its type in Kansas and has aroused much interest. The building will be completed by January 1, 1908. Details.

**Friday, October 4, 1907****page**

5. It will be several weeks before the new central fire station will be ready for occupancy.

**Sunday, October 6, 1907**

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11. College Hill has no college on it. It was so named because it was once proposed to locate the state Methodist college at the end of Douglas avenue. Winfield beat Wichita to the college and it was never built here.
16. Article about deer hunting in Wichita area in the past. Lane's island, now owned by the Wichita Water Works company, was known as a hunter's paradise, where deer were plentiful. The land once belonged to the noted Tim Lane, but for years it was a jungle of brush, trees, sand hills and grass. ¶ Deer were plentiful in the early history of Sedgwick County. They used to wander up and down the Little river and in the thickets along the parent stream. ¶ Sheriff Richard Cogdell was well known as a deer hunter and says the last deer he shot in Sedgwick county was some time in the 1880s. He says that what is now Riverside park used to be a fine place for deer. In the last half-dozen years of his hunting here he killed a number, two of which were started out of the brush east of what is now the 11th street bridge crossing.
19. Article reports Wichita has a total of 49 passenger trains arriving and departing each day.
- “Corner groceries are springing up all over the city. Ten years ago there were not more than three grocery stores outside of the business streets, but higher rents drove some of them out and they are doing well.”

**Tuesday, October 8, 1907****page**

5. Runaway Rock Island engine Number 318 struck a freight train north of the city yesterday.

**Wednesday, October 9, 1907****page**

5. Contract awarded yesterday for the new Fairmount college library, to cost \$40,000. To be of light colored pressed brick and Carthage stone. Details.

**Thursday, October 10, 1907****page**

5. Article about a meeting last night of about 100 Wichita citizens in favor of changing to commission form of government.
7. Improvements are to be made to Association park -- a grass infield added and the grandstands enlarged. The present capacity of the park is 5,000.
- Article about laying of heavier rails needed on some branch lines. ¶ “For some time the laying of heavier rails on the Wichita and Western branch of the Santa Fe has been under consideration. ¶ The Frisco is getting the road bed between Wichita and Beaumont in shape for relaying the track. Heavier and stronger bridges and culverts are being put in. ¶ The Orient builders are laying 72 pound rails on the entire line.

**Friday, October 11, 1907****page**

5. The street car company placed a new electrical switch at the junction of Main street and Central avenue yesterday. This is a great time saver and lessens the work of the motorman. One of the new switches was installed at Topeka and Douglas avenues early last spring. Three more have been ordered by the company. One will be placed at Douglas and Emporia, a second will be placed at the intersection of Main and Douglas.
11. The Missouri Pacific has gradually increased its round house and shop force here since the 25th street round house was completed. ¶ Yesterday the company moved the repair shops at 12th street to the new location on 25th street.

**Sunday, October 13, 1907****page**

5. The Edison Light and Power company of this city is making major improvements at their power plant on Waco avenue. The cost will exceed \$280,000. The entire boiler house has been rebuilt and two 500 horsepower boilers have been installed and others are being erected. Steam will be turned on today in the new 1,250 horsepower turbine which is directly connected to an alternating current dynamo.
19. Article says that 20 years ago this week the first electric car was operated in Wichita and was among the very first in the country. Details -- and quotes from the *Eagle* of 20 years ago.

**Tuesday, October 15, 1907****page**

3. It is thought the new central fire station will be ready for occupancy about December 1.  
  
Work on the Masonic Temple is progressing rapidly. The new main entrance on the east will be formed of Carthage stone.
6. The new pneumatic carrier system in the big Boston Store is in place. The tubes lead from the central station to every part of the big building.

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3. The new Gaar-Scott building on South Wichita street has one corner cut off entirely by the adjoining railroad tracks.
5. The old Dodge Avenue Methodist church, built in 1886, has been sold to the 7th Day Adventists for \$1,500.

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3. Workmen are now filling the columns of the sixth floor at the new Innes building with

concrete and are putting on the roof.

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5. Article about the opening of the new Boston Store tomorrow. Details.

The editorial department and mechanical department of the *Eagle* will move from the present quarters at 121 North Water street to the *Eagle's* new building beginning Saturday night. By Monday all the departments will be located at William and Market streets.

Work has been started on the new Harry street bridge over the Arkansas river. It will be of pile construction, 380 feet long and 16 feet wide, and cost \$1,780.

12. Ad with drawing of new Boston Store. (Wallenstein and Cohn Dry Goods company.)

### Saturday, October 19, 1907

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5. The second section of the "Great White Way" was being installed yesterday in the second block on North Main street. The lamps will be similar to those in the first block and placed 25 feet apart on each side of the street. It is planned to extend the "Great White Way" from Main and Douglas to the Santa Fe Railroad tracks.
6. New estimates have been prepared for the seven unpaved alleys between William street and 1st street, since the first estimates were so low that none of the contractors bid within the limit. It is hoped to have them paved this year. ¶ The paving of Lawrence avenue between Douglas and 1st has been delayed by building on the street, but the contractors should be off the street soon and it is hoped that the work of paving it can be completed this year.
19. Superintendent W. R. Morrison is hurrying up a shipment of heavier rails to be used in double tracking the North Main street car line from 9th street to 12th street and the Topeka avenue line to Murdock avenue. The rails to be used are the heavier kind used on streets that are paved. It is hoped to complete the work before spring.

### Sunday, October 20, 1907

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4. Article reports a recent five day count showed that about 16,000 letters and 4,000 postal cards are mailed in Wichita daily.
5. A man was struck and killed by a Missouri Pacific switch engine, Number 8812, in the north part of the city yesterday.
6. Article reports on opening of new Boston Store yesterday.
17. Article discusses treaty signed in October 1865 at junction of Big and Little Arkansas

rivers by which the Indians yielded their claims to all lands north of the Arkansas river.

### Wednesday, October 23, 1907

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6. Contract has been let by the building committee of the First Baptist church for Bedford stone to be used for the facing of the new church edifice at 2nd and Lawrence. Building will cost \$45,000. Foundations are now being put in.

### Sunday, October 27, 1907

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5. The arc lights for the extension of the "Great White Way" in the second block on North Main street were turned on last night.
19. Letter to *Eagle* from J. R. Mead discussing Jesse Chisholm and the Chisholm trail.

Short article states that the first modern street light in Wichita, a coal gas light, burned on the night of July 4, 1884 at the alley where the Winne building now stands. Along with 14 other lights it inaugurated a new era in the town. They were put in place by Andrew Curran, the first gas-fitter in town.

### Tuesday, October 29, 1907

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3. The pavement on St. Francis is being constructed.

### Wednesday, October 30, 1907

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5. An addition is to be built to the north of the Otto Weiss Alfalfa Stock Food company at 13th and Santa Fe to increase the storage capacity. The present structure is 290 feet long and the addition will be 36 feet by 90 feet.

### Thursday, October 31, 1907

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3. Work on the Harry street bridge is progressing rapidly.
5. Article reports the Crawford Grand opera house will be remodeled, with adding of another floor and lowering of the stage to the street level. This will increase seating capacity from present 1,600 to 2,000 and give a four floor opera house, with the floors termed parquet, mezzanine, balcony, and gallery. The mezzanine is the floor to be added. At present the stage is 14 feet above the sidewalk and the entrance to the lower floor is about 18 feet above the sidewalk.

The street railway company is rebuilding the track on North Main between Murdock avenue and 13th street. The old track is being taken up and a new double track is being laid. When completed the double track will extend from Douglas avenue to 12th street. ¶ Work on the double track on the Topeka avenue line will start immediately after

completion of the Main street line.

### **Saturday, November 2, 1907**

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3. Over one-half block of the new pavement in first two blocks of North St. Francis is completed.

### **Sunday, November 3, 1907**

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3. Contract let yesterday by county commission for tearing down of the old Douglas avenue bridge across the Arkansas river for \$1,000. Work will start November 18. ¶ A temporary structure is to be erected for use while the new bridge is being built.
8. Ray Baker's new home, corner of 10th and Carlos, is nearing completion.  
  
The circle cement walk along the Little river in Riverside park has been completed. It is very beautiful.
19. Article about letter to *Eagle* from J. R. Mead describing the first three white babies born in the Wichita locality.

### **Tuesday, November 5, 1907**

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5. The Abell Stock Farm, better known as the Toler Stock Farm, of Tolerville, has been sold to Mr. Ike Martin of Harper for \$22,500. It contains 300 acres, so was valued at \$75 an acre, which is perhaps the record price paid for a farm in Sedgwick county in recent years. It was purchased about five years ago by Mr. Abell from the late H. G. Toler. It is a beautiful farm five miles out on the Missouri Pacific. Colonel Toler started the Toler Stock Farm there 20 years ago and built a large barn and a half mile track.
6. Article about the first automobile registration number sold by the city clerk recently to Tom Arnold.

### **Thursday, November 7, 1907**

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7. The Rock Island recently put marble floors in the station in this city and now has purchased new upholstered oak furniture to replace the old for about \$2,000.

### **Friday, November 8, 1907**

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6. The Orient Railroad has been pushing construction of their yards in the city and the steel has been laid to Lewis street, or within 600 feet of the freight depot opposite the Frisco station, which is now being erected and should be completed this week. It is hoped that the track will be completed for use by Sunday. For the present the Orient will use the Frisco passenger depot.



**Saturday, November 9, 1907****page**

5. On completion of the new Missouri Pacific round house and shops in the north section of the city, the old machine shops and engine quarters on Water street, between 1st and 2nd streets, were torn down. In the past two weeks, workmen have been fitting up better tracks and improving that section of their yards. The ground will be used for the accommodation of coaches and Pullmans and diners while being held in this city ready for use.
9. Article reports a booklet giving the history of the Wichita Union stock yards for the last 17 years is to be issued soon.

**Sunday, November 10, 1907****page**

3. The library of the city of Wichita will be lodged in its new quarters on the fourth floor of the City hall building by the end of the week.
4. Article about the unsightly canal in the middle of 1st street between Main and Market. "Several years ago a street car line was operated from Main street east on 1st street to Washington avenue. When the line was torn out, the pavement in this one block was never repaired."
5. Article reports a major change is being made in the plans for the new Cathedral, for which the foundation has already been laid. The first plans were drawn by Architect Conradi of St. Louis, but he will not have charge of the future construction, and Architect Masqueray of St. Louis is now drawing new plans. In the meantime, work on the building has been temporarily abandoned.  
  
Work started yesterday on excavation for the foundations of the new library at Fairmount college.
8. Article about election to be held in December to vote on the commission plan of government in Wichita.

**Tuesday, November 12, 1907****page**

6. Article reports work is to start immediately on doubling of the switching capacity of the railroads at the Wichita Union stock yards and packing houses. Details.

**Friday, November 15, 1907****page**

5. Article reports a large new addition is to be constructed for St. Francis hospital. ¶  
Previous history: ¶ Founded by Wichita Business men - 1888  
Turned over to Sisters of Mercy - 1889  
Sold to Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother - 1889?

First addition (\$30,000)	-	1891
Second addition (\$30,000)	-	1895
Third addition (\$30,000), chapel	-	1899
Fourth addition (\$50,000)	-	1903

¶The planned new addition will include a front entrance on Emporia avenue and building the entire length of the block from 8th to 9th street, making the entire hospital resemble a letter "H" in shape. ¶ At present the hospital extends a block facing St. Francis avenue, with a rear addition joining in the middle and extending back to the alley line. There are 120 rooms.

Construction of a temporary bridge across the Arkansas river at Douglas will be completed Monday.

### **Saturday, November 16, 1907**

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7. Article reports common dirt ballast is being used to a considerable extent by the Orient Railroad in strengthening of its track. This is much less expensive than the heavy rock ballast. The red loam dirt is obtained from central and northern Oklahoma near El Reno and Chickasha.

Officially announced yesterday that the Orient would occupy its new tracks and freight depot opposite the Frisco station on November 20. The freight house was completed yesterday and the connection of the new tracks to the old tracks of the Frisco will be made today.

### **Sunday, November 17, 1907**

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5. Removal of the old bridge over the Arkansas river at Douglas avenue will start tomorrow. ¶ Construction of a temporary bridge will also start tomorrow and take about ten days to complete.

### **Tuesday, November 19, 1907**

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5. A citizen petitioned the council to order the street car loop moved from Roosevelt avenue about 100 feet west, in order to drain the street.

The city council let contract yesterday to the Millison Office and Supply company to put up 2,000 street signs at 30 cents each, the signs to have letters three inches high and to have three coats of enamel over the metal.

### **Thursday, November 21, 1907**

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10. The railway mail department has been notified that the Orient Railroad will use its own local track and depot connections beginning next Saturday night. Train Number 2 will arrive Saturday night and Number 1 will leave Sunday morning. The line operates to

Clinton, Oklahoma. Previously the tracks and depot on the Missouri Pacific Railroad were used.

### **Saturday, November 23, 1907**

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3. The work of paving between the street car tracks on North Main between Murdock and 9th streets is nearing completion. ¶ The street car company has received two cars of steel rails for double-tracking Topeka avenue, and the work will begin next spring.
5. Fairmount street car Number 114 struck a man at corner of Washington and Douglas yesterday.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the temporary bridge across the Arkansas river at Douglas avenue. Five spans have already been placed in position. It is thought it will be finished within three weeks.

### **Sunday, November 24, 1907**

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7. The first Orient train to run out of Wichita over the new track from the new depot was the special train carrying President A. C. Stillwell on his way south. The train left at 2:30 this morning. President Stillwell was in his private car, Number 100, and the engine was Number 11.
8. The United Gas company is taking up the old artificial gas mains in the northwest part of the city.
16. Modified plans and specifications have been received for the \$50,000 addition to the Wichita federal building. Bids are to be received January 6, 1908.
19. The question of ownership of the three cornered strip of land at the east end of the Douglas avenue bridge recalls to the early settlers the fact that 20 years ago there was no land where the old shanty now stands, but the main channel of the river rushed by there. ¶ In time the taking of water from the river for irrigation purposes narrowed the river channel and the land was made by filling in next to the river bank.

### **Saturday, November 30, 1907**

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5. Mr. Humphrey has sold part of his interest in the Carey hotel to Joseph F. Mottle, and hereafter the Carey will be operated on the European plan. Ten thousand dollars has been spent on improvements to the hotel during the past year.
7. The Boys' Athletic association of the Wichita High School has leased the third floor of the Scheetz building, at southeast corner of Market and Douglas, and will use it as a basketball court.

**Sunday, December 1, 1907****page**

5. The last two of the bridges being built over the drainage canal are under construction. These are the ones at Kellogg street and at Broadway, the latter being the longest of the bridges over the canal with a length of 60 feet.
6. Article about progress on construction of the new First Baptist church.
19. Article about five cent moving picture shows in Wichita -- the first moving pictures started here two years ago. Five cent shows at the Bijou on East Douglas, the Elite, the Yale and the Majestic.

**Tuesday, December 3, 1907****page**

5. The city council yesterday decided that Wonderland park should be placed outside the city limits, which would allow the skating rink to run on Sunday, etc.
7. Article about election to be held today to decide whether to establish commission form of government in Wichita.

**Wednesday, December 4, 1907****page**

5. At election yesterday, Wichita voters turned down the proposal to adopt commission form of government. Vote 1,226 for and 3,266 against.
6. Orient Railroad yesterday let contract for 4,000 tons of steel rails to close the 22 mile gap in the 260 mile line between Wichita and the Red river, on border of Texas and Oklahoma.
10. The Topeka bridge company states that the last of the bridge being constructed over the drainage canal, that on Broadway, will be completed by January 1.

**Thursday, December 5, 1907****page**

5. The six new street cars recently ordered by the Wichita Railroad and Light company for use in this city arrived here yesterday morning and were unloaded last evening. They are exact duplicates of the six received in Wichita last spring, which are now in use on the stockyards line. They were made by the American Car company, of St. Louis, seat 32 people, and cost \$3,000 a piece. Four of the cars will be used on the stockyards and Topeka avenue runs, one on the West Side line, and one on the College Hill line. ¶ (*Beacon* December 4, page 5 says they are numbered "74 to 84".)

The old bridge across the Arkansas river at Douglas avenue was closed at noon yesterday.

The work of laying the double track between 3rd and 12th streets on the Missouri Pacific was completed yesterday. It will be continued from 12th street to 25th street and from 1st

street to Kiowa Junction.

**Saturday, December 7, 1907****page**

5. City council yesterday decided against placing Wonderland park outside the city limits.

Article about fight between L. W. Clapp and street car conductor after Mr. Clapp pulled the bell on street car Number 142 on stock yards line Thursday night after the car had passed the corner where he wanted off.

**Tuesday, December 10, 1907****page**

6. The tearing down of the old Douglas avenue bridge will start tomorrow and should be completed within three weeks.
7. Petition filed yesterday with county commission for a public road one-quarter mile long on 21st street between sections six and seven which will permit construction of a bridge over the Little river at 21st street. A previous petition for a bridge at this point was refused because it was found there was no road on one side of the river for the bridge to connect to.

**Friday, December 13, 1907****page**

5. Article about proposed plans for new bridge across Chisholm creek on East Douglas avenue Commodore Nelson is visiting here from Peoria and says the street car company needs a double track line over the bridge and is willing to pay one-third of the cost of the new bridge.

**Saturday, December 14, 1907****page**

3. The paving gang in the first block on South Emporia has almost finished its work.

**Sunday, December 15, 1907****page**

6. Article reports Wichita Country Club desires to acquire land and erect a larger club house. The club now owns the five acres on which the club house is situated, valued at about \$10,000, but the remaining 80 acres of the golf course is leased, and the lease will expire in five years.

**Wednesday, December 18, 1907****page**

5. The brick pavement on South Emporia between Douglas and William has been completed and accepted.

Workmen started Monday tearing down the old Douglas avenue bridge over the Arkansas

river.

### **Sunday, December 22, 1907**

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15. The Missouri Pacific has commenced laying heavier 85 pound steel on the Wichita division between Wichita and Durand, 101 miles.

A shot was fired last evening at South Main street car Number 43 near the loop on Main street

19. Street cars Number 134 and 132, both on the North Topeka and stock yards lines, have had bad luck in striking pedestrians.

### **Wednesday, December 25, 1907**

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7. Two car loads of Bedford stone have been received for use in construction of the First Baptist church.

### **Saturday, December 28, 1907**

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5. Workmen are now laying the concrete base of the brick pavement on 1st street between Santa Fe avenue and Mosley avenue. When completed, 1st street will be paved for ten blocks, from Water street to Mosley.

### **Sunday, December 29, 1907**

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5. The oldest pipe organ in the city will be replaced by a new one after 21 years of hard service. It is at St. John's church. ¶ A new three manual organ costing \$4,000 has been purchased from the Pilchner company, of Louisville, Kentucky, and will be installed in time for Easter.

15. Long article about the rise and fall of the town of Runnymede, about 45 miles southwest of Wichita.

Article about the new Smyth building at Lawrence and Douglas, which will be occupied by the Innes Company March 1.

### **Tuesday, December 31, 1907**

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6. Work was started yesterday on paving of the first block of North Lawrence, between Douglas and 1st street This block was not paved last summer when the rest of North Lawrence was paved, because of obstructions where the Smyth building was being erected. ¶ This block will be of brick, while that laid further north last summer is asphalt.