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## **TIHEN NOTES FROM 1908 WICHITA EAGLE**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, January 1, 1908**

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5. Orient Railroad failed to close last four miles of track between Wichita and the Red river and thus fails to qualify for \$80,000 of Sedgwick county bonds to be issued conditional on this line being completed by December 31, 1907.

**Thursday, January 2, 1908**

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1. Article reports death this morning of Colonel M. M. Murdock.
6. Superintendent Morrison reports the Wichita Railroad and Light company plans to spend \$80,000 in improving service in Wichita during 1908. Plans include: Twenty-one thousand dollars to pave Topeka avenue. New rails will be used on this line and a double track is to be built to 13th street using paving rails. The rails taken from North Topeka will be used in extending the North Waco line from 1st street to 17th street. ¶ Extending the double track on East Douglas to a point east of the Chisholm creek bridge. ¶ Possibly a double track for West Douglas avenue.

**Saturday, January 4, 1908**

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6. Article reports death of Burton H. Campbell, age 78, yesterday morning on train south of Laredo, Texas, returning from Mexico City.

**Sunday, January 5, 1908**

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6. The street railway company is installing lights in the waiting rooms around the city recently installed by Tom Arnold of the Rock Island Lumber company and furnished by C. S. Daniels. The first of the incandescent globes was installed in the one at the corner of Main and Gilbert streets.
15. Nearly all the lumbermen of the city will have offices in the new Murdock-Caldwell building, which is almost ready for occupancy.

**Tuesday, January 7, 1908****page**

5. Miss Anna Cossett was chosen city librarian by the school board last evening to succeed Miss Anna Wiegand, who resigned. Miss Anna Leahy was appointed first assistant librarian. ¶ Miss Hortense Balderston was appointed second assistant librarian to succeed Miss Leahy. This was after a hotly contested contest against nine other young ladies. The library committee had recommended Miss Ethel Sweeney to fill this vacancy, but Edmund Stanley appealed to the board that the decision be made by all the members of the board and not just the library committee. ¶ On the first ballot all names were erased except for Misses Balderston, Sweeney, Georgia Dunn, and Mabel Crane. On the third (sic) ballot the names of Miss Crane, and Miss Dunn were removed. On the fourth ballot Miss Balderston was chosen over Miss Sweeney by a vote of seven to five.
6. Article reports funeral of B. H. Campbell yesterday at the family residence in Riverside.

**Thursday, January 9, 1908****page**

6. The Orient Railroad is spending \$2,000 in providing driveways around its new freight depot. The roadway is of brick laid on a concrete foundation. The area way is 40 feet wide and extends the entire length of the building, 150 feet. A platform 30 by 90 feet has just been completed adjoining the depot on the south.

**Friday, January 10, 1908****page**

6. Article about will of B. H. Campbell. He urges daughter, Eleanor Christie, not to go into nursing. Estate divided: Eight-twentieths to son, Robert. To lost son William, who he thinks is dead because he left home years ago and has never been heard of since, one dollar, with understanding he's to be taken care of by Robert if he ever returns. Five-twentieths to daughter, Eleanor. One-twentieth to sister, Ellen Campbell, of Randolph, New York. One-twentieth to daughter, Alice Campbell Rickey, of Joliet, Illinois.

**Saturday, January 11, 1908****page**

6. Article reports street car company is considering two routes for extension of line to stock yards -- either extending North Main street line north on Lawrence, or extending Cleveland avenue line north beyond 21st street, then west to Lawrence and south on Lawrence to the North Main street line at 21st and Lawrence.

**Sunday, January 12, 1908****page**

13. Long articles about Marshall Murdock by Dave Leahy and Kos Harris.
15. In the early days in Wichita the word "motorneer" was coined to describe the man who had charge of the new electric street cars. This expression is seldom used now. It has

been superseded by "motorman," which has gradually grown in use in Wichita until one seldom hears the word "motorneer" now.

**Friday, January 17, 1908****page**

6. Article reports first services will be held in the new Trinity Methodist church next Sunday, January 19. The building is not complete, but the basement has been finished and will be used until the auditorium is ready to use. Details.

**Thursday, January 23, 1908****page**

5. The city library will be moved to the fourth floor of city hall this Friday and Saturday.

**Friday, January 24, 1908****page**

10. Article about the brick pavement being laid in first block of North Lawrence.

**Tuesday, January 28, 1908****page**

5. Article gives report of committee investigating the proposed rate increase by the Independent Telephone company. Details.
6. Article reports appeal by J. Hudson McKnight of the amount allowed him by appraisers of \$350 for the two and one-fifth acres of his land taken for the opening of Grove street.

**Wednesday, January 29, 1908****page**

3. The paving of North Lawrence avenue from Douglas to 1st street with brick was completed Monday.
8. Article about petition from West Side citizens for extension of street car line west on Douglas to Mt. Carmel academy.

**Friday, January 31, 1908****page**

5. The city library will re-open at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in its new quarters on the fourth floor of the city building.
6. Innes ad with map of street car tracks at Main and Douglas.

**Saturday, February 1, 1908****page**

5. Contract awarded yesterday for addition to the Wichita federal building at cost of \$44,362. It will be a one story addition at the rear of the present building to give more room to the postal clerks. Construction is to be commenced early in the spring.

**Sunday, February 2, 1908****page**

5. Article reports nine conductors and one motorman were discharged by Wichita Railroad and Light company or resigned the past two days for disobeying company rules by failing to turn in money collected as fares, or carrying friends without charging.
15. About 3,000 car loads of sand are shipped out of Wichita each year. There are two firms that ship sand, the Jackson-Walker company and Schwartz Brothers. Their sand pumps are located south of Douglas avenue and north of Maple street.

Article reports considerable complaint is being made by patrons of Wichita Railroad and Light company because so many of the electric signal buttons on the street cars fail to work when passengers wish to signal the motorman to stop. ¶ "While Wichita may have an extensive street car service for a city of this size, the patrons will be almost unanimous in declaring that there is something needed in the way of better cars and better service."

20. Detailed statement of expenditures by the Wichita Board of Education for the months of October, November, and December 1907.

**Tuesday, February 4, 1908****page**

6. Word received yesterday by Superintendent W. R. Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company that Commodore S. L. Nelson has resigned his position as general manager of the company to give more time to his private business and will be succeeded by H. E. Chubbuck, of Ottawa, Illinois, who has been connected with the McKinley Syndicate since 1897. ¶ Article refers to the poor condition of the Wichita system when Commodore Nelson took charge, and improvements since then. Motormen then drew salary of six dollars per week and now draw \$14. The company now has 143 people on its pay roll.

**Wednesday, February 5, 1908****page**

5. Lawrence avenue between Douglas and 1st street was opened yesterday after being paved with Coffeyville brick.

**Thursday, February 6, 1908****page**

5. Letter from Commodore S. L. Nelson on occasion of his departure as general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company. Says he arrived here to take charge on January 2, 1900, and that service has grown and improved greatly since then. ¶ "In 1899 we operated (sometimes) eight cars and carried less than 400,000 people. In 1907 we operated regularly 21 cars and carried more than six million people (including transfers)."

**Saturday, February 8, 1908****page**

6. Article about dismissal of chief of police Bedford Woods by Mayor Graham.

**Tuesday, February 11, 1908****page**

10. Judge Everett Alexander will start this week to build a pretty two story house on Wiley avenue, facing Central Riverside park.

Craig Wright has built a large colonial porch on his cottage on Bitting avenue.

**Friday, February 14, 1908****page**

5. Article says the Bertillion system for the detection of criminals will soon be installed in the Wichita police department. Details.

**Sunday, February 16, 1908****page**

15. Article about the increasing picture post card fad. Says a conservative estimate is that 300 are mailed daily at the Wichita post office, or over 100,000 in the past year.

**Tuesday, February 18, 1908****page**

6. Article reports corner stone of the new Carnegie library at Fairmount college is to be laid March 10.

10. Contract let by city council yesterday for paving of 11 alleys. Not listed.

**Wednesday, February 19, 1908****page**

5. Article reports Superintendent Morrison has ordered piling for use in moving the west end of the Douglas avenue street car bridge to make room for the new concrete bridge.
6. It is thought work will start within two weeks on the addition to the rear of the federal building, to cost \$44,000. The one story addition will extend to within 14 feet of the alley.

**Thursday, February 20, 1908****page**

5. The Van Noy News company has purchased the dining room and service at the Missouri Pacific station and will take charge of its operation in a few days. They will conduct their system similar to the Fred Harvey management.

**Friday, February 21, 1908****page**

6. Article refers to the scores of chile (sic) parlors in Wichita, with chile served in every ice-cream and peanut stand, church social and restaurant, and with her wholesale chile supply houses at Douglas and Rock Island. ¶ "Dye's Chile Mixture," which comes put up in packages of all sizes, is the preparation most Wichita people use.

7. The Orient is putting in a cement truck-way between the Frisco passenger station and the Orient freight office.

**Saturday, February 22, 1908****page**

5. Article reports Orient Railroad proposes a new bond issue in Wichita with railroad to guarantee the location of its principal shops, etc. in Wichita.
7. Nine thousand white oak ties have been received by the Missouri Pacific to be used in construction of new track between Ft. Scott and Wichita.

**Sunday, February 23, 1908****page**

6. One of the finest new apartments in the city is the brick and stone building at 218 East 3rd street just being completed by Mr. O. D. Barnes.
15. Long list of names of early Wichita settlers, dates of settlement, and occupation as recalled by William F. Green, former Wichita resident now living in Kansas City.

**Tuesday, February 25, 1908****page**

5. Article report police raided the Elks' Club house yesterday and found a wagon load of high grade liquors.

**Wednesday, February 26, 1908****page**

5. The new street signs have been received and will be put up in a short time. They are enameled and have white lettering on a blue body.

**Sunday, March 1, 1908****page**

6. Street railway officials have indicated their willingness to pay 5 percent per year of the cost of a new permanent street railway bridge at Douglas avenue to the city or county for placing of their tracks on the new concrete bridge, i.e., an annual rental of \$500 (the estimated cost of new bridge being \$10,000). But it seems unlikely the county commission will accept this proposal.
7. Article reports interview with John Meagher, who came to Wichita 40 years ago with team of mules and wagon and operated a freight service between here and Emporia, then the end of the Santa Fe Railroad. ¶ The freight rate then was \$2.50 a hundred pounds. The round trip to Emporia was made sometimes in five days and sometimes it required as long as eight days. The smallest load they hauled was 3,300 pounds and the largest 4,300 pounds, the latter fetching them \$108, or about \$13-14 a day. Corn for the mules was five dollars a hundred and had to be hauled sometimes from the Verdigris river. Potatoes were \$3.50 a bushel.

24. Article about need for more railroad tracks in the stock yards area.

**Tuesday, March 3, 1908****page**

5. Bert C. Wells was appointed city engineer yesterday by Mayor Graham. He has previously been assistant engineer.
7. City council yesterday ordered special election April 7 to vote on bond issue for a new auditorium.

**Wednesday, March 4, 1908****page**

7. The Wichita Street Railway company yesterday began through service on the Fairmount line with a 30 minute service.

**Wednesday, March 11, 1908****page**

5. Article reports laying of corner stone yesterday of the new Carnegie library at Fairmount college.

**Thursday, March 12, 1908****page**

5. Article reports addition to Wichita federal building will be delayed until authorization is received to use stone, instead of the brick specified in the contract.
6. Article reports J. T. Nettle has resigned as manager of Wonderland park -- does not refer to A. E. Nuttle.

**Saturday, March 14, 1908****page**

6. Article about improvements to be made at Cudahy packing plant.

**Wednesday, March 18, 1908****page**

6. Article reports the building on North Topeka avenue recently vacated by the Innes furniture store is to be remodeled and converted into a vaudeville theater with seating capacity of 760.

A lighted match nearly set fire to North Main street car Number 174 yesterday.

**Thursday, March 19, 1908****page**

5. The Board of Education yesterday decided to submit the question of a bond issue for a new high school to the voters at the next city election.

**Sunday, March 22, 1908****page**

3. The Mentholatum building for which Mr. Hyde is now excavating will cost probably \$25,000.

Article about building projects contemplated this year in Wichita.

4. Ad lists those departments now open in Innes' new building.

**Wednesday, March 25, 1908****page**

6. Innes ad announces permanent closing of the old store at 123 to 133 North Main at 5:00 p.m. Thursday (drawing) with all departments of the new store except the basement open and ready for business Friday morning, March 27.

**Thursday, March 26, 1908****page**

8. Legal publication of ordinance covering bond issue of \$150,000 for new high school to be voted on.

Twenty pages of legal publication listing by individual subdivision and lot the assessment for the drainage canal construction.

**Friday, March 27, 1908****page**

7. Article reports the opening today of the new Innes store in the Smyth building at Lawrence and Douglas. ¶ Ten wagons and 136 employees were used in moving to the new store after the old one closed last evening. Details.

**Saturday, March 28, 1908****page**

6. Wichita's "Jonah" street car, Number 142, has passed out of existence, the result of a fire which nearly destroyed the car yesterday morning. The street railway company will consign it to the scrap pile. ¶ The fire occurred near the loop in Riverside park when the trolley wire broke, the end of the live wire wrapping around the front of the car and setting it ablaze. ¶ Number 142 is known by every street car man in Wichita as the unlucky car. One shooting affray, two or three accidents, and numerous wrecks have been attributed to this car.
7. Building permit issued yesterday to Dr. P. S. Thomas for a dwelling at 1123 St. Francis avenue, to cost \$3,500.

**Sunday, March 29, 1908****page**

5. Article reports the Winne building at 210 East Douglas was sold by its former owner, H.

M. Wait of Newton, to E. J. Street, of Kansas City.

19. Full page article describing the decorative splendor of Wichita's Scottish Rite Cathedral, the improvements of which were begun in February 1907 and will be completed about June 1st at a cost of about \$175,000. ¶ More than a million of Coffeyville brick were used in the new portion of the building, and for the Topeka avenue front of the building several hundred tons of Towanda stone were used to harmonize with the material in the original building. ¶ Architect was C. W. Terry of Wichita, with the associate architect Mr. Charles Thompson, of Little Rock, Arkansas. ¶ The great organ was built by M. P. Moller, of Hagerstown, Maryland. ¶ The old YMCA building at 1st and Topeka was purchased in January 1898.

### Wednesday, April 1, 1908

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5. Mrs. Emma Dodd will erect a three story building at 41? East Douglas, which is next to the Daniel's furniture store. Excavation will be commenced after May 1<sup>st</sup>. (Editor's note: Exact address is correctly cited in article summary for page six on April 3, 1908.)
6. The office of Richard H. Sullivan, local weather observer of the United States government, is being moved today to the top floor of the Caldwell-Murdock building on East Douglas. He has previously been in the Sedgwick block.

### Thursday, April 2, 1908

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7. Article reports the death in Kansas City of Dr. D. B. (sic) Allen, Wichita's first mayor, following a stroke two months ago. Funeral was in Wichita yesterday with burial in Maple Grove cemetery. Age 72. Had been associated with Dr. Fabrique in practice.

### Friday, April 3, 1908

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6. Mrs. Emma Dodd on May 1st will commence the erection of a three story brick building, to contain a new theater 130 feet long and the full width of 415 and 417 East Douglas, for Mr. W. H. Marple. Seating capacity will be 650. The Douglas avenue facade will be lighted with 200 electric lights. ¶ The building will be directly west of C. S. Daniel's furniture house.

### Saturday, April 4, 1908

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5. Suit filed in district court yesterday against the Land Credit Trust company, Winne Mortgage company, Scott E. Winne, etc., asking judgment for \$200,000. Details.

### Tuesday, April 7, 1908

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6. Ordinance passed by city council yesterday giving the street car company the authority to move their line from Douglas to Central on Rutan avenue to Hillside avenue, provided

they operate the line to Fairmount as a through service from Main and Douglas without transfer. Details.

**Wednesday, April 8, 1908****page**

5. Proposition for voting \$150,000 of bonds for new high school building passed in election yesterday by 4,317 to 1,934. ¶ The proposal to issue \$75,000 of bonds for a new auditorium was defeated by 3,047 to 2,776.

**Friday, April 10, 1908****page**

Special Section -- "Along the Orient Railway" -- describing towns and country along route of Orient Railroad.

6. Ad with drawings of 12 different models of autos for sale by Wichita Automobile Company.
8. Article about improvements to be built at the Wichita Union Stock Yards. Details.

**Saturday, April 11, 1908****page**

6. Ad with photo of the Wilson Automobile Company, 118-120 South Lawrence avenue. Three stories.
10. Legal publication: Ordinance Number 2938, the new street car ordinance, approved April 10, 1908.

**Sunday, April 12, 1908****page**

19. Article describes real estate schemes in Wichita during the boom days.

**Tuesday, April 14, 1908****page**

10. Contract has been let by Mrs. E. M. Dodd for her new three story brick building on East Douglas next to the Daniel's Furniture Store.

**Wednesday, April 15, 1908****page**

7. East Side citizens are circulating a petition asking that plans for the new bridge over the drainage canal on East Douglas be reconsidered and that the bridge be made 80 feet wide, the same as the street, instead of 66 feet as specified in the plans.

**Thursday, April 16, 1908****page**

5. Article reports Friends university plans to sell the remaining lots it holds in the city and use the proceeds mainly in completing and equipping the rooms of the university building. ¶

When the building and grounds now occupied by Friends university came into the possession of the Friends church, some 600 lots situated in different parts of the city were included as part of the property in the transfer. A portion of these have been sold, but many are still owned by the university. ¶ When Friends university was established about ten years ago less than half of the main building was completed inside. Many rooms have been completed since then, but there is still about a third of the building unoccupied.

6. It is expected to have the coffer dam around the first pier of the new Douglas avenue bridge completed within a week so that the cement work can be begun. Only the piles have been driven for the pier so far after about a month's work.

### **Friday, April 17, 1908**

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5. Workmen yesterday began laying the steel rails on the Orient Railroad to fill the gap between Benjamin, Texas and the Red river. When this 67 mile gap is completed there will be a continuous line of 432 miles between Wichita and Sweetwater, Texas. Workmen are also now constructing a large bridge for the Orient across the Red river.

### **Saturday, April 18, 1908**

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9. Article says the graduating class at the high school is objecting to the board of education's plan to hold the graduating exercises in the coliseum at Wonderland park. They feel the interior of the coliseum is not fitting for the exercises.

### **Tuesday, April 21, 1908**

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6. A pair of untended Missouri Pacific switch engines, Numbers 9829 and 9609, ran up the track yesterday morning from the yards at 25th street to the main line at Tolerville. Fortunately no accident occurred.

City council instructed the Orient Railroad to stop the practice of taking water from fire plugs at Bailey (sic) and Emporia streets, which has become a nuisance to the property owners.

### **Wednesday, April 22, 1908**

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5. Article reports the city council will meet today with officials of street railway company to discuss the proposal to place the street car tracks on the new Douglas avenue bridge. Details.
6. Article gives some history and statistics on the Wichita stock yards and packing plants. Details.

### **Thursday, April 23, 1908**

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5. Article reports city council will not agree to let the street railway company cross the new Douglas avenue bridge.

Housewarming to be held at new Eagle building tonight.

### **Friday, April 24, 1908**

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5. Article reports on the open house at the new Eagle building last night. Details.
6. Early in the season the park decorators took a notion to paint the boy in the boy and boot fountain in North Riverside park in various colors and fix him up to resemble a jockey. The change did not please the park patrons and was much criticized, until the decorators were forced to reconsider. They have now repainted the boy in his old-style bronze finish.

### **Saturday, April 25, 1908**

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5. City council yesterday instructed the city engineer to devise ways and estimate cost of filling the old bed of Chisholm creek with dirt from the banks of the drainage canal.

Article gives summary of Mayor Graham's report for the year. Things accomplished included: sidewalk through Riverside park; contracts let for paving of remainder of alleys in business section, so that when finished, all alleys between 1st street and William street from Wichita street to Santa Fe avenue will be paved.

6. For a number of weeks men have been working on the Rock Island division between Herington and Chickasha strengthening the bridges, to allow larger and heavier engines to be used.

Fire chief's annual report says there are now five fire stations and a sixth one should be built in the South end. The department now has 31 men on duty at all times. ¶ The cost of the department for the year was \$33,411.67. ¶ The new College Hill station cost \$4,550.

### **Sunday, April 26, 1908**

Special section on *Wichita Eagle* including history and detailed description of the new Eagle building with photos.

### **Wednesday, April 29, 1908**

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8. Article says plans completed for a three story brick hotel building 75 by 120 feet to be located just east of the Rock Island depot and tracks.

### **Thursday, April 30, 1908**

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8. Emporia avenue street car Number 160 jumped the track yesterday at Douglas and

Emporia when the electric switch failed to work properly so that one set of wheels took the switch and the other set continued straight on Douglas.

9. J. Hudson McKnight awarded \$17,757 in damages from the city by a jury on basis of his appeal of amount awarded as damage to his property by the drainage canal. Jury found fair market value of his land prior to construction of the canal to be \$800 per acre and that this was reduced to \$720 per acre after construction of the canal.

### **Friday, May 1, 1908**

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5. Work was begun yesterday on paving of 13 alleys for which H. L. Miles was recently awarded the contract.

### **Saturday, May 2, 1908**

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6. Construction work on the new YMCA building is nearly completed, and it will probably be ready for use on June 1st.

### **Sunday, May 3, 1908**

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5. Enrollment in Wichita schools in April 1908 was 6,708, an increase of 380 over the 6,328 in April 1907. Article lists enrollment by schools. High school enrollment is 713.
6. Street car Number 130 struck a buggy last evening in second block on North Main.
15. Article gives history of an old livery stable in use about 36 years in the first block on South Market and destroyed by fire last Sunday night -- most recently known as the Root barn and stables.
16. Article gives reminiscences by Colonel William Mathewson of an old fight with Indians on site known now as Riverside park. Details.

The Rock Island Railroad yesterday brought in mechanics to erect two 5,500 barrel oil tanks to be used when the changing from coal to oil burning engines is made on this division. Forty-six engines are being converted into oil burners in the Kansas and Oklahoma districts.

### **Wednesday, May 6, 1908**

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6. Cornerstone of new First Baptist church at Lawrence and 2nd street is to be laid this evening.

The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company yesterday moved into their new addition built just north of and adjoining the main building.

**Thursday, May 7, 1908****page**

6. Article reports laying of corner stone of new First Baptist church yesterday. Details.
12. The first oil burner to be used on the Kansas division of the Frisco was run into Wichita yesterday. Supply tanks will be placed at Wichita, Ellsworth, Neodesha, and Monett, Missouri. It is expected the oil burners will be in use in about another month.

**Friday, May 8, 1908****page**

5. A petition is being circulated asking for the paving of Market street from Elm street to 21st street. Market street is now paved from English to Elm.

The excavation for the 13 alleys being paved in the business section of the city was completed yesterday and the laying of the concrete foundation begun.

A building permit was taken out yesterday by H. C. Way (sic) for one of the handsomest residences that has been erected in Wichita for some months. It will be at 1751 Park Place, a two story and attic building of 12 rooms, constructed of Carthage stone, and costing between \$13 and \$15,000. S. G. Bond is the contractor.

**Saturday, May 9, 1908****page**

5. Fire last night damaged the J. S. Liggett livery stable, 128 South Main, with loss of over \$2,500. ¶ Contents of the barn were 65 head of horses, six hacks, four baggage wagons, 35 buggies, 128 sets of harness, 300 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of ground corn, and 24 tons of hay.

**Sunday, May 10, 1908****page**

17. Article urging vote in favor of Orient Railroad bond issue next Tuesday.

**Wednesday, May 13, 1908****page**

5. Special Orient Railroad bond election yesterday carried. Eighty-thousand dollars of city bonds carried in the city by 3,356 to 356. Thirty-thousand dollars of county bonds carried in the city by 3,317 to 393 and lost in the county precincts by 238 for to 1,446 against, but the majority in the city vote was enough to carry these also.

**Friday, May 15, 1908****page**

5. Contract has been let to Wurster Construction company of Wichita for a new \$22,000 addition to the Masonic Home, to be built at south end of the main edifice and have a frontage of 120 feet. It will conform on the outside to the present main building. To be completed by January 1, 1909. ¶ The grand lodge paid Mr. Lawrence \$20,000 for this fine

property about 12 years ago.

6. Article lists the expenses of city government by department for fiscal 1907 and 1908.
8. Legal publication of annual city reports of mayor and of departments. Gives list of street paving in past fiscal year.

### **Saturday, May 16, 1908**

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5. The Hydro-Carbon company, now located at 313 North Main street, yesterday purchased a 50 foot frontage between 1st and 2nd streets on North St. Francis, just north of the Western Planing mill, and extending back 130 feet to the alley. Cost was \$34,000. The seven year old company proposes to build a four story building there at cost of about \$20,000. Officers of company are W. R. Dulaney, president; J. F. Shearman, vice-president; W. C. Coleman secretary-treasurer and general manager.
6. Article reports on formal opening yesterday of the new Innes company building. Details.

### **Sunday, May 17, 1908**

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5. Contract let yesterday for a \$25,000 addition to south wing of St. Francis hospital, four stories, including chapel and more hospital room, 16 by 24 feet.
6. The street railway company has ordered four new canopy top open street cars seating 52 people for use on the baseball park line.
19. Article about large cottonwood trees on Lane's island (now waterworks island) in early days of Wichita and describes location, etc. of the first sawmill in Wichita.

### **Tuesday, May 19, 1908**

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5. City council decided to build 80 foot bridge across drainage canal on East Douglas instead of 60 foot as previously planned. ¶ Ordinances adopted to pave five cross streets with brick: 3rd from Lawrence to Market; Elm from Lawrence to Market; 2nd from Lawrence to Market; Emporia from Douglas to 1st. ¶ Ordinance also passed to pave the canal in 1st street between Main and Market where a street car track was once laid.

City council extended the time for building of the Hillside avenue street car line 60 days.

6. Dr. Fabrique's wife died, age 66. Daughter is Mrs. George T. Nolley.

### **Wednesday, May 20, 1908**

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5. The Canton Bridge company is excavating on the east bank of the Arkansas river, on Douglas avenue, for the first abutment for the new bridge.

7. Article about finding of dead baby (newborn) under Maple street bridge.

**Thursday, May 21, 1908****page**

5. One story addition to be built on to rear of Post Office building.

**Sunday, May 24, 1908****page**

- ?. Long description of new YMCA building at 1st and Emporia, which is nearly completed. (Editor's note: Upon reviewing the microfilm, the article can be located on page 15. The page containing the article and the page directly prior to that are unnumbered, but page 13 is numbered.)

**Tuesday, May 26, 1908****page**

5. City council: The contract with the street railway company by which the city and county agreed to pay two-thirds of the expense for moving the street car bridge was referred to the street car company with an addition that the entire cost to the city should not exceed \$2,000. The street car company has begun work on moving its bridge north.

The new Central Fire Station will be occupied today.

**Wednesday, May 27, 1908****page**

5. The bridge across Chisholm creek on Hydraulic avenue near Division street is to be torn down and the creek bed filled in. A tile culvert will be put in to take care of the water that still flows in the old bed of the creek.

**Thursday, May 28, 1908****page**

5. Eighty-three graduates from Wichita High School.
6. The bridge across a creek on Hillside avenue has been completed. A portion of the street from Douglas to Central has been graded but it will be several days before all the work is completed. The street car company has not yet received any material for building the new line between Douglas and Hillside (sic).

**Friday, May 29, 1908****page**

10. New Kress store opened yesterday.

**Tuesday, June 2, 1908****page**

10. City council: Cost of Douglas avenue bridge over the drainage canal is to be \$10,074 without paving, bridge to be 80 feet wide. ¶ The Riverside Drive in Riverside park is to

be macadamized from the park to 11th street.

### **Wednesday, June 3, 1908**

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6. Article about new Scottish Rite Cathedral, now receiving finishing touches before dedication on June 8.
7. Contract signed yesterday for new bridge on Douglas avenue over Drainage canal. Work to start soon, and to be completed by October 1st. Built by Canton Bridge company.

### **Thursday, June 4, 1908**

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5. Bridges damaged by recent flood all repaired and now open except Douglas avenue bridge across canal, which will not be rebuilt now, since a new permanent concrete bridge is to be built. ¶ The street car company is to begin work at once building a temporary bridge across the canal near the site of the old temporary wagon bridge. A foot bridge is to be built south of the street car bridge for use while the new concrete bridge is being constructed.

### **Friday, June 5, 1908**

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5. The new Cookson drug store at 312 East Douglas will open tomorrow. Mr. J. W. Cookson has been in the wholesale and retail drug business for over 34 years. Ellis Cookson will have charge of the new soda foundation.
6. The Rorabaugh Dry Goods company has leased the Ferrell building formerly occupied by the George Innes Dry Goods company, and will occupy it while the Rorabaugh building is being extensively remodeled.

### **Saturday, June 6, 1908**

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5. Article reports board of education is considering resolution to frame a bill to be introduced in the legislature to change the special act under which the Wichita schools are operated and do away with the present restriction on operating separate schools for the races.
6. W. R. McKinley, president of Illinois Traction company, and H. E. Chubbuck, general manager of the McKinley enterprises, arrived in Wichita yesterday for a short visit. ¶ Says they have contracted for \$20,000 in improvements for the Wichita system so far this year and are contemplating an additional expenditure of \$64,000 this year. ¶ Contract has been let for 50 tons of 60 pound rails, which should arrive in the next few weeks. A double track will be laid between the Wichita and Western and the Orient Railroad tracks on South Main for accommodation of patrons to the ball park. Double tracks will also be constructed on the North Topeka avenue line after the paving contract for North Topeka avenue has been let by the city. ¶ Four big new double truck trailers, 40 feet long, are being purchased to be used exclusively for pleasure outings. They have open sides and

canopy tops and have 24 double seats with a seating capacity of 48 people. The canopy can be removed for moonlight rides.

### **Sunday, June 7, 1908**

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5. At a meeting of directors yesterday final arrangements were made for a consolidation of the 4th National Bank of Wichita and the National Bank of Wichita. The consolidated bank will be known as the 4th National Bank of Wichita.

The American Warehouse company, broom corn dealers, have purchased the business of Robert Findlay and Company, 213 South Santa Fe avenue. The warehouse of the Robert Findlay company has also been transferred in the deal and the American Warehouse company will continue the lease and occupy the building.

6. Contract let yesterday for the Haymaker three story building in the fifth block on East Douglas at the site of building presently occupied by the Dunn Queensware company, which will be razed starting Monday. The new building will have a frontage of 50 feet and extend 140 feet back to the alley.

A three story brick building is to be constructed at 223 North Main street by W. J. Stevens, manager of the Central Seed and Feed company. To have frontage of 25 feet on Main street and be 124 feet deep. Front of the building will be of mottled gray brick. Plans being drawn by C. W. Terry, architect. Estimated cost is \$15,000.

### **Tuesday, June 9, 1908**

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6. A baby deer was born Saturday night in Riverside park elks' home.

### **Wednesday, June 10, 1908**

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6. Wing walls are being built on all the bridges over the drainage canal to prevent the approaches from being washed out in times of high water, as occurred a week ago.

Buffalo brick is being substituted for Coffeyville brick in the paving of 13 alleys in the business district. Three of the alleys were paved with Coffeyville brick, but the remaining ten will be paved with the Buffalo brick.

7. All of the equipment at Wichita's central fire station is now housed in the new building. Company Number 1 was moved into the new building yesterday. Company Number 2 has been in the building for about ten days now. ¶ There are 18 men in the two companies. The fire fighting equipment in the new station consists of two hose wagons, one hook and ladder wagon, one chemical wagon, and one steam fire engine. The horse and buggy of the fire chief and of the chief of police will also be kept in the station.

### **Friday, June 12, 1908**

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5. Article suggests that Mr. McKinley and Mr. Chubbuck of street railway company were really in Wichita last week to secure an extension of the city's lighting contract with the company, which will expire soon. They apparently offered to build an extension of the West Side line from Seneca and Douglas to Mt. Carmel academy in return for the city's granting a five year extension of their lighting contract.

The name "Kanita," a contraction of Kansas and Wichita, was selected yesterday for the new vaudeville theater being prepared on North Topeka avenue.

7. Formal dedication of the Harry Street Methodist Episcopal church will occur next Sunday. Cost including grounds was \$10,000.
10. Article gives history of Scottish Rite masonry in Wichita.

**Saturday, June 13, 1908****page**

3. Plans will be completed this week for the 12 room residence being built on College Hill at Clifton and Maple by C. Q. Chandler.

Contract let for two story building in first block on North Market being built by L. F. Naftzger for Mueller undertaking company. Cost \$12,000.

6. The new Kanita Theater is to be opened Monday night.

**Sunday, June 14, 1908****page**

16. Article discusses the costs of the arc lights provided by the Wichita Railroad and Light company. The city now has 217 of the lights at cost of \$66 per light per year, which is thought to be a high price compared to other cities, especially since the lights burn only until 1:00 a.m. instead of all night as in most cities.

**Tuesday, June 16, 1908****page**

6. City council yesterday ordered advertising for bids on renting of the three empty fire stations. Bids are also asked on the sale or lease of the 13th street station.

**Wednesday, June 17, 1908****page**

5. Petitions are to be circulated starting today for a special election to vote on a change to the commission form of government (see editorial in yesterday's paper regarding action of the council which probably led to this).

**Friday, June 19, 1908****page**

5. The assessors' census shows a population in Wichita of 40,660, an increase of 3,762 from the 36,898 of last year.

**Saturday, June 20, 1908****page**

5. A sharp twist in the street car tracks on the stock yards line near Park Place is adding to the delights of travel in Wichita. The ties which are laid on top of the ground were given the cramps by the change from wet to dry in the weather.

**Sunday, June 21, 1908****page**

5. Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, at Maple and Martinson streets, is to be dedicated today. Corner stone was laid on September 23, 1906. Total cost will be about \$40,000. Building is constructed of red cement blocks. The main auditorium will not be completed until the Christmas holidays, and will have a seating capacity of 1,500.
24. Ad with photo of the Lennox Sanitarium, 1725 East Douglas. Looks like large two story brick home.

**Friday, June 26, 1908****page**

10. The Missouri Pacific will relay about three miles of track between Yates Center and Durand next month with 85 pound rails, replacing 56 and 52 pound steel.

**Tuesday, June 30, 1908****page**

10. Petition to be circulated asking for paving of South Main from Lewis to Lincoln streets. Paving is now in to Lewis street.

The Ferrell building, formerly occupied by the main Innes store, is being fitted up for occupancy by the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company while their present quarters are being remodeled. When this is finished, the Rorabaugh company will occupy both buildings, having a frontage on Main street of 100 feet. Both buildings are three stories. ¶ A new three story building is to be erected at 131-133 North Main, immediately north of the Ferrell building. The lots are now occupied by a two story and a one story building. These were formerly known as the Innes annex and will be razed. The new building will be occupied entirely by the Walker Dry Goods company, which now has a store room farther north.

**Wednesday, July 1, 1908****page**

5. Note about Dr. H. B. Tihen of Andale.

**Thursday, July 2, 1908****page**

5. Four large new street car trailers arrived here yesterday. They are of the open canopy style summer cars and will be attached to other cars at times when there is a special demand for extra service. ¶ They will be taken off the freight cars today and will be ready for use on the 4th for the heavy traffic on that day.

The Seneca street bridge over the Arkansas river has been closed since the first of the week for repairs. It will be opened July 4.

7. The new YMCA building is to be formally opened next Monday and Tuesday.

### **Friday, July 3, 1908**

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5. Word received from Washington, D. C. that the addition to the post office building will be faced with stone instead of brick, at added cost of \$5,500, bringing the cost of the addition up to \$48,886. The date for completion of the addition has also been extended to August 31, 1909. Work is expected to start soon.

### **Sunday, July 5, 1908**

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15. Long article about the last legal hanging at the Sedgwick county jail, on November 21, 1888. Two men were hanged for murder. Details.

### **Tuesday, July 7, 1908**

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5. Saturday, July 4, was the busiest day in the history of the street car company here. Including transfers, 50,000 passengers were hauled during the entire day. Three thousand were hauled to the races in the afternoon and 6,000 to Wonderland park in the evening. Twenty extra cars were in service.
6. City council passed resolution yesterday calling for paving of East Douglas avenue from Hydraulic avenue to the top of College Hill at Roosevelt avenue. At present the pavement extends to Hydraulic avenue.

### **Wednesday, July 8, 1908**

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5. City officials were entertained by the Wichita Railroad and Light company in a trolley party last night. They were taken in one of the new open trailers, drawn by one of the large double truck cars.
6. The street car company has men working on the double track being laid on South Main street. Most of the grading has been done and some of the steel has been laid.

### **Tuesday, July 14, 1908**

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5. Campaign being launched to raise the \$30,000 deficit covering furnishing and equipment

for the new YMCA building.

This morning work will be started on the new Fairmount line on Hillside avenue from Douglas to Central. The stretch of double track line on South Main has been completed, and men will be transferred from there to the Hillside section.

10. Street car Number 162 on West Side line struck and killed an elderly Masonic Home resident yesterday at Maple and Martinson streets.

### **Wednesday, July 15, 1908**

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5. *Eagle* employees all entertained on a trolley excursion and then trip to Wonderland park. ¶ "The large green cars and the new trailers were used to carry the force of newspaper workers."

Construction will start soon on one story addition to north side of post office building, to extend 50 feet north and 94 feet east to west. Will be built of Bedford stone and the same in architecture as the rest of the building. Will require about six months to complete.

### **Thursday, July 16, 1908**

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5. Wichita and Southwestern Fair association fairgrounds is located just west of Arkansas river to west of Wonderland park (operated by Wichita Amusement Park company).
9. Article about fenders on street cars.

### **Friday, July 17, 1908**

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5. Board of education last night voted to reconsider its previous action in voting for a two room school in Riverside. It was then decided to build a four room school house in Riverside district.

### **Wednesday, July 22, 1908**

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8. Photo of new YMCA building -- cost \$100,000.
11. Orient Railroad expect to have trains in operation between Wichita and Sweetwater, Texas by November 1st. At present trains run from Wichita to Elmer. Distance west to Sweetwater is 430 miles.

### **Thursday, July 23, 1908**

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5. Street car company has finished the track laying on the new Hillside line to Fairmount. All that remains to be done is to string the trolley wire. Track work was completed yesterday. The wire will be put up today. Then cars will be run through from Fairmount to Main and

Douglas on Hillside instead of around by way of Rutan avenue. The company will be able to cut about five minutes off the through schedule.

An attempt is being made to improve the appearance of the Santa Fe passenger depot by painting the woodwork of the building. It will doubtless take away a portion of the dingy appearance of the place.

Letter to editor demanding street car company use trailers during rush hours to prevent crowding.

### **Friday, July 24, 1908**

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5. A "boyless passenger elevator" is the latest innovation in office building appointments to be installed in the city. The Northern building, formerly known as the Fletcher building, is the innovator in this instance. The bells of the Northern building are being completely remodeled.

Some residents on Rutan avenue are now talking of paving that street from Douglas to Central since the street car track has been torn up.

### **Saturday, July 25, 1908**

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8. The newest picture-post card out is the Riverside Park Mermaid girl. Professor Todd has them and they look as if they might have come from Paris.

### **Wednesday, July 29, 1908**

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5. J. Hudson McKnight trying to block the proposed paving of East Douglas avenue from Hydraulic to the top of College Hill.

City council meeting: The property owners on Tremont street are desirous of having the name of that street changed to one with a more savory reputation. Further discussion of proposed change.

8. City will make temporary repairs to Sullivan's dam to insure adequate flow of water through drainage canal to keep it flushed out. Plans under way for a permanent concrete dam to replace the old Sullivan's dam.

### **Friday, July 31, 1908**

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5. The work of moving the street railway bridge over the Arkansas river to make way for the new street bridge was begun yesterday morning. During the day the passengers on the West Side line were forced to walk across the street bridge. The street railway bridge has to be moved only a few feet and new piling have been driven and the track will be slipped north onto the new piling.

**Saturday, August 1, 1908****page**

5. The Carey Hotel opens today under the American plan, after some six months experience as a European house.
6. Deer herd escaped from their pens in Riverside park.

**Sunday, August 2, 1908****page**

5. Monday morning the street car company will move its bridge across the Arkansas river at Douglas avenue. The west end of the bridge is to be moved north 16 feet.

**Sunday, August 9, 1908****page**

20. New YMCA building opens Monday morning.

**Tuesday, August 11, 1908****page**

5. New three story building planned at 126 South Main opposite city building with 50 feet on Main street and 140 feet on William street -- to be built after January 1st -- cost \$35-38,000 (Coronado Hotel?).

**Thursday, August 13, 1908****page**

5. The city will repair the 38 foot break in Sullivan's dam so that the water can be forced through Chisholm creek and the drainage canal to relieve the unsanitary conditions existing in a number of places along the creek and canal.

Work is progressing rapidly on the street car bridge on West Douglas avenue and it is expected to run the cars across the river by next Thursday. The last row of piles was driven yesterday afternoon. ¶ By this evening it is expected to have the track on the stock yards line at 17th street in such shape that transferring at that point will no longer be necessary.

6. The Orient Railroad bridge across the Red river was completed a week ago yesterday and workmen are now laying steel between there and a connection with the Denver and Fort Worth Railroad at Chillicothe, Texas.

**Saturday, August 15, 1908****page**

5. Over \$500,000 will have to be raised from taxpayers this year for the city, county, and schools, an increase of over \$50,000 above the \$450,797 raised last year. The total amount for this year will be \$504,000, including:

County	3 mills	\$126,000
City	5.7 mills	239,400

Schools	3.3 mills	<u>138,600</u>
		504,000

The assessed valuation of Wichita property is approximately \$42,000,000.

6. The number of motor cars in use in Wichita has increased from 214 on January 1 this year to 322 on August 14.

### **Sunday, August 16, 1908**

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8. Mrs. Annie Carson yesterday purchased the two story brick building with 50 foot frontage at 158 North Emporia, formerly owned by Fred Bissantz, for \$16,000.

### **Tuesday, August 18, 1908**

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6. Article about redecoration of the interior of the Crawford Grand in the past two months. Details.

### **Friday, August 21, 1908**

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- 9-12. Special section on the educational institutions in Wichita -- descriptions, etc.

### **Saturday, August 22, 1908**

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6. The Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company has doubled the capacity of its plant by the completion of an addition at the corner of Mosley avenue and Division street at a cost of \$30,000. The output of the plant is now 100 tons of ice daily. ¶ The main plant is located on South Rock Island avenue and a pipe line carries the water and power from there to the Mosley avenue plant.

### **Sunday, August 23, 1908**

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5. The Santa Fe Railroad has appropriated \$12,000 for the immediate construction of switch tracks on the east bank of the Arkansas river between Douglas avenue and Orme street, connecting on the Wichita and Western track near the Jackson-Walker brick plant.

W. G. Layle has leased the three story building at 610-612 East Douglas now being constructed by J. N. Haymaker and will occupy it with an European hotel when it is completed about October 1.

8. The corner stone for the new International Order of Odd Fellows temple being erected by Betton lodge Number 583 at the corner of 18th and North Lawrence is to be laid this afternoon. The building is to be completed by November 15.

### **Tuesday, August 25, 1908**

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5. The tract of land in the southwest part of the city known as the old fair grounds will be transferred today by Kos Harris to William Phillips, of Iowa, for \$13,000. There are 100 acres in the tract, making the price \$130 per acre. It is to be used for farming. ¶ The fair association sold the property to a syndicate of four Wichita men three years ago when the holding of fairs was abandoned, for \$10,000. Mr. Harris held the deed for them.
10. The county commissioners yesterday ordered three new maps of Wichita for \$25 each for the offices of the county treasurer county clerk, and county assessor. They were prepared last winter and have just been put out by the Western Lithograph company.

**Wednesday, August 26, 1908****page**

5. In the next ten days carpenters will add 2,000 seats to the grandstand at the fair grounds, giving a total seating capacity of 8,000 for the fair week September 7 to 12.

**Saturday, August 29, 1908****page**

5. The formal opening of through street car service to Fairmount was celebrated last night with a trolley ride by College Hill residents. ¶ They were also celebrating the laying of an eight inch water main on Hillside connecting the city and Fairmount water systems. ¶ Article gives a summary on the long efforts of Fairmount residents to obtain better street car service.

Work on the new street car switch on Maple street on the West Side line started yesterday and should be completed by this evening. ¶ On Monday workmen will start to re-lay new steel on the North Topeka line from 14th street to 2nd street. New ties will also be laid.

Santa Fe engineers came here from Newton yesterday to lay out the ground for the new spur track to be built to the Jackson-Walker cement plant located on the Arkansas river near Lewis street Work will be commenced immediately. The spur has long been needed by the Jackson-Walker company, who are the largest shippers of building materials in Kansas.

6. Yesterday was the 22nd anniversary of the appointment, by Pope Leo XII of Rt. Reverend John J. Hennessy as bishop of the Wichita diocese. There were then 16 priests under the jurisdiction of Bishop Hennessy. Now there are 70.

**Wednesday, September 2, 1908****page**

10. State census reports Wichita's population 40,660, up 3,762 since last year.

**Friday, September 4, 1908****page**

5. Five of Wichita's street car lines will be equipped with extra switches at once, according to Superintendent Morrison. ¶ Another switch has just been completed on the West Side

line near Martinson street on Maple street Other switches are to be placed on South Main street, South Emporia avenue, College Hill, and North Main street.

**Wednesday, September 9, 1908****page**

10. Council last night let contract for paving East Douglas with coal burned brick with asphalt filler for \$1.97 per square yard plus 45 cents for excavating. ¶ Contract also let for macadamizing Riverside drive for 39¼ cents per square yard.

**Friday, September 11, 1908****page**

5. Fairmount summer car Number 127 stalled on the Frisco tracks on Hillside yesterday morning and was struck by a Frisco passenger train. Fortunately everybody had time to get off the street car before it was hit.

**Saturday, September 12, 1908****page**

6. Wichita Water company offers to sell its plant to the city for \$1,077,000.

**Sunday, September 13, 1908****page**

5. County commissioners yesterday let contract for a bridge over the Little Arkansas river on 21st street for \$698.

**Tuesday, September 15, 1908****page**

5. Wichita Railroad and Light company broke its record Saturday (during circus and fair) and collected 68,000 fares and transfers. Claude Holmes, a conductor on Cleveland avenue line, broke company record for fares collected in a single day with 1,823. Forty-eight cars were used that day. The eight new trailers were used on the line to the circus grounds. Twenty-three cars are ordinarily used.

**Saturday, September 19, 1908****page**

6. High school enrollment is 680 compared with 640 last fall.

**Tuesday, September 29, 1908****page**

5. Sunday morning while officials or others who might object were at church, the Orient Railroad tore up the sidewalk on Mosley avenue from Douglas to Hunter street and laid a house track in place of the sidewalk. The company's franchise gives it a right-of-way down Mosley avenue but not down the sidewalk.

New St. Francis hospital chapel and fourth addition to the original building is progressing rapidly and should be ready for use by January 1. Chapel is in southeast portion of the

building facing St. Francis avenue and replaces old chapel on extreme northeast end of hospital building. The tall belfry is now being completed. The new addition on St. Francis avenue contains 40 new rooms.

Ninth street from Main to Lawrence to be paved by Cleveland Trinidad Paving company.

### **Thursday, October 8, 1908**

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6. Street car company is preparing to start a ten minute service on West Side-Emporia avenue line. The West Side line has been extended one block south of Friends university. This work has just been completed. ¶ Workmen today will begin installing another switch on the South Emporia line, located just south of the Wichita and Western Railroad crossing. It is hoped to complete it by Monday.

### **Friday, October 9, 1908**

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7. Council yesterday accepted the East Douglas avenue bridge across drainage canal from Canton Bridge company, which built it. Cost was \$10,606.

### **Saturday, October 10, 1908**

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5. Personal property of Scott Winne, bankrupt, to be sold at auction next Wednesday, including his 24 room residence on Jefferson avenue, the former Griffenstein home, on which Mr. Winne has spent over \$40,000 in improvements.

### **Thursday, October 15, 1908**

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5. Entire Winne property including Winne's first and second additions, his residence, and a strip of land in Reno county sold yesterday for \$40,000 at auction to Delos P. Woods. ¶ Winne's first addition is in West Wichita with boundaries from Maple street south to Wichita and Western tracks and from Orchard street east to Arkansas river. The second addition is east of Jefferson street to Larimer and south of 9th street to Little Arkansas river. ¶ The Winne residence was built in 1887 by William Griffenstein, and about two years ago Mr. Winne improved the structure and grounds to the extent of \$20,000. It was designed and plans drawn by Mrs. William Griffenstein. A large frame barn was built 100 feet to the rear of the residence. Mr. Griffenstein built a small office to the east of the residence, which in late years has been converted into a cottage. ¶ Mr. Griffenstein left for Oklahoma in 1892, leaving his home heavily mortgaged as a result of bad investments during the boom. Cris Pierce, his brother-in-law, lived in it for several years, after which several persons occupied it. Scott Winne purchased the place at auction in 1897.

### **Sunday, October 18, 1908**

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6. Wichita and Western passenger trains on the Santa Fe Railroad have for years been leaving the station from a track far below the depot, but they will now leave from the second track

opposite the depot and there will be a sign on the track directing passengers to the Wichita and Western train. ¶ This change resulted because last August Mr. C. W. Mosher, of Wichita, a traveling salesman, was waiting at the depot for the train to Kingman. After a long wait he learned that the train had departed from a track below the depot about 300 feet. He demanded that a train be started from the station to take him to Kingman or that the money paid for his ticket be refunded. Neither was done, so he complained to the state board of railroad commissioners. Mr. Mosher is now glad to know that the coaches on the Wichita and Western will receive passengers at the platform instead of way down towards Derby, United States of America.

### **Wednesday, October 21, 1908**

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5. Wichita Street Railway company directors have approved the extension of three of its lines. Stock yards line to be extended east of the stock yards, and Pattie avenue and Cleveland lines are to be extended.

Work will start in a few days on paving of Douglas avenue from Hydraulic east to summit of College Hill.

### **Sunday, October 25, 1908**

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7. Wichita has been admitted to the Western League. Previously was in Western Association.

### **Saturday, November 7, 1908**

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5. St. Francis hospital's new addition now nearly completed at cost of about \$100,000, and the hospital is planning still another addition, four story structure, at northeast corner of hospital grounds at 9th street and St. Francis avenue, costing about \$35,000. It will be located where the present chapel stands. The Sisters will mainly occupy this new addition.

### **Friday, November 13, 1908**

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10. Santa Fe Railroad has purchased property on east side of Tremont street from William street south to Wichita and Western tracks. Property in these six blocks bought at cost of about \$100,000. This property will be used for a new freight depot, freight sheds and yards. The freight depot will front on William and Tremont streets. ¶ Removal of the freight house and tracks from the Santa Fe property on Santa Fe avenue will give the company room to erect the new passenger station long talked about.

### **Tuesday, November 17, 1908**

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5. Congressman McKinley, of Illinois, president of the Wichita Railroad and Light company and T. B. Macaulay of Montreal, vice-president of same company are here on visit and announced plans of the company. ¶ Said "we finished working today on Pattie avenue

This line will be continued this week as far as Zimmerly street After that we will complete Cleveland avenue from Murdock street to 11th street Our next attention will be to extending the stock yards line from 21st and Lawrence over to the stock yards. ¶ We will also start the double track on East Douglas from Hydraulic avenue across the new bridge, in connection with the pavement. All the above work will be completed this year, if possible. ¶ Next year's extensions will include a line towards Mt. Carmel from the hospital corner. Four other prospective extensions were considered and these will be announced in the near future. ¶ Other improvements authorized are the purchase of six large double-truck, open cars for summer service. These cars will be larger than the moonlight trailers used on the baseball line last summer.

**Tuesday, November 24, 1908****page**

5. Paving of first block of North Emporia with brick to start in few days.

**Tuesday, December 1, 1908****page**

5. New St. Francis hospital addition opened yesterday. The hospital now has 150 rooms and three wards.

**Wednesday, December 2, 1908****page**

5. Orient Railroad reported buying property on Wichita street north from its tracks on Bayley street to Douglas avenue It is reported that tracks will be laid there and run into the Missouri Pacific passenger station. This could be done without building another track across Douglas avenue by using the Missouri Pacific switch to the Haword Mills. It's been known for some time that the Orient is not satisfied with its arrangement with the Frisco and would like a deal with the Missouri Pacific which would again permit it to run onto the Missouri Pacific passenger depot.

**Saturday, December 5, 1908****page**

8. "The Riverside Club Association" was permanently organized last night with 160 charter members. Its home will be on Riverside Drive, on the banks of the Little river. Two acres of ground are to be purchased and a \$10,000 club house to be built. Arrangements will be made for boating and bathing. Initiation fee is \$25 and annual dues \$20.

Street car line will build new line to Mt. Carmel academy next spring. It seems probable that the route will be west from Seneca to either Millwood or Vine, then a block north to Grand avenue, and thence west to Mt. Carmel academy.

**Sunday, December 6, 1908****page**

7. Local baseball park to be reconstructed for next season at cost of \$4,000. Present grand stands are to be torn down and a new one built with a seating capacity for 2,500.

8. Article with history of Highland Cemetery -- originally platted in 1872 by the Wichita Cemetery company and purchased by stockholders of Maple Grove cemetery in 1899.

**Wednesday, December 9, 1908****page**

6. Here is good news for the people of the city who drive automobiles, go out in buggies, and use the sidewalks in the city. The city has notified all railroads entering the city that the railroad crossings must be brought up to the requirements of the city ordinances. All railroad crossings in the city have been examined by a man especially assigned to that duty from the street department. His report is that nearly 200 crossings should be repaired.

**Thursday, December 10, 1908****page**

5. The street railway company began work yesterday putting in another track on the West Side. A double track will be built from the west bank of the Arkansas to the switch at Sycamore street.

**Friday, December 11, 1908****page**

5. Cleveland avenue line was finished to 11th street yesterday, an extension of 3,100 feet. After trolley wire is installed, service will be improved from 20 to 15 minutes. ¶ Workmen now building double tracks 900 feet long on West Douglas. ¶ Work of installing a switch on the Riverside line at entrance to Riverside park will begin Monday. When installed service on Riverside and South Main lines will be ten minutes instead of 12.

Article about reasons for delays in building of cathedral. Foundation laid in 1906 and then work was stopped. Will be resumed soon.

**Saturday, December 12, 1908****page**

5. Superintendent Morrison will recommend to annual meeting of the McKinley Syndicate in January the building of a new \$15,000 car barn at Waco and 2nd street. The company has property there with frontage of 260 feet, purchased more than a year ago. The barn would accommodate 22 cars. There are at present two car barns, one built in 1902 and one in 1904. The capacity of the two barns is 18 cars. The present location of the car barns is considered inconvenient, besides not being large enough. While comparatively few of the cars are housed, there are at times many in the barn for repairs and painting.

**Sunday, December 13, 1908****page**

9. County commissioners will seek bids on new bridge across Arkansas river on South Lawrence avenue.

**Wednesday, December 16, 1908****page**

8. The street railway company is working on a new switch on Central avenue near the entrance to Riverside park. When the switch is in, an additional car will be put on the Main street- Riverside line, giving ten minute service.

**Thursday, December 17, 1908****page**

5. Patrons of the College Hill street car line are now obliged to walk from Hydraulic avenue to Chisholm creek canal, a distance of two blocks. The street car track is torn up on account of the street car company commencing to lay double track to the hill. The service to the hill is now every 20 minutes.

**Friday, December 18, 1908****page**

5. The First Presbyterian church is planning to build a new church to cost over \$75,000. The site of the old church at 1st and Lawrence, whose corner stone was laid July 4, 1876, is not suitable, and a committee has been appointed to secure a suitable site.

There has been an all-week "housewarming" this week at the new undertaking parlors of A. G. Mueller at 142-144 North Market street.

The first motor-cycle license tag was issued yesterday to J. H. Dickson. It is estimated that there are 30 motor-cycles in the city.

10. The new chapel at St. Francis hospital is almost completed, and the altar for it should reach here about January 15.

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5. Friends university directors have decided to place the 450 lots owned by the university, with estimated value of \$40,000, in the hands of the students for sale. The money raised will be used to complete and equip the college building. History of the lots given.

The new street car extension of the Cleveland avenue line from Murdock to 11th street was opened for traffic yesterday morning.

6. The brick in the first block on North Emporia has been laid and the asphalt filler is being put in. The street will be opened up before the last of next week.

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7. St. Stephen's Episcopal church at the corner of New York and 1st streets is nearing completion. The first services will be held there today and the building will soon be ready for regular services.

- C-1. Ad with drawing of Thomas sanitarium and detached cottages.

D-4. Photo of College Hill residence of W. O. Judd.

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5. City council made agreement with Cudahy Packing company yesterday (details) in return for which the company agreed to spend \$350,000 on improvements at the Wichita plant during the next year. In addition to other commitments, the city agreed to make no effort to take the packing plants into the city limits before January 1, 1924.

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5. A location for the Riverside Country club has been decided on. It is five acres of ground along the river between the residences of B. H. Campbell and S. S. Noble. Work of improving the grounds and erecting a club house will be commenced in a short time.

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5. A new theater is to be built just south of the present Crawford theater. Details.
7. A new name is wanted for the Wichita baseball team. With the entry of the city into the Western League, the name of "Jobbers," which has hung to the club since its entry into the Western association, will be discarded.

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5. On December 31 this year Sedgwick county will pay off the last of the indebtedness incurred by the erection of the court house 20 years ago.

**Wednesday, December 30, 1908**

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5. Article says J. O. Davidson plans to build new \$35,000 residence in the late spring. Site not yet acquired.