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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1909 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

#### Friday, January 1, 1909

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10. Members of the First Baptist church met for the last time in the old church at corner of 1st and Market streets last night. It has been the home of the congregation for 35 years. Following this, they held their first service in the new church at 2nd and Lawrence during the last hour of the old year.

#### Saturday, January 2, 1909

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6. The Santa Fe Railroad company has added to its grounds for new railroad yards here by the purchase of a tract of ground 272 by 150 feet at the corner of Kellogg and Fifth avenues. The ground was purchased from George Wetterhold, of the Wichita Mattress factory, for \$18,000.

Article mentions rumor that the Orient Railroad would like to obtain right of way north along Wichita street from Bayley and build a passenger station on West Douglas avenue opposite the Missouri Pacific station.

10. Four hundred houses were constructed in Wichita last year at an average cost of \$1,800.

#### Sunday, January 3, 1909

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5. Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Maple and Martinson is to be dedicated today. Photo. Details.

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5. Right-of-way has been granted the Wichita Railroad and Light company by the county commission for an extension of the line from 21st and Lawrence avenue to the Rock Island tracks on 21st street for the benefit of the Union stock yards. The wagon bridge over Chisholm creek on 21st street will be moved either north or south at a cost of about \$400 in order to make room for the street car bridge.

Architect John A. Simon is working on plans for a \$12,000 church for the negro Baptists, to be constructed at Elm and Water streets and to be known as the New Calvary Baptist church.

10. At 8:00 a.m. last Sunday, the first through Orient Railroad train from Wichita to Sweetwater, Texas left the Orient depot here. The distance is 433 miles and the trip takes 22 hours. The train consisted of two day coaches and a baggage car, besides the engine and tender. ¶ Passengers who have been over the road state that down on the newer portions there are places where the crew has to go through the train and warn the travelers to remove all baggage from the overhead racks. Usually this is unnecessary however, as very few attempt such a foolish proceeding.

### **Wednesday, January 6, 1909**

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10. Article reports Architect C. W. Terry is drawing plans for additions and improvements to the Carey Hotel which will cost \$60,000. Each room will be supplied with hot and cold water. The main office and lobby is to be lowered to the level of the street and enclosed with plate glass windows. Marble steps will lead up from the office to the dining room.

### **Thursday, January 7, 1909**

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12. City council yesterday granted right-of-way to the street railway company to construct a line on Waco avenue from 9th street to 18th street, to be in operation within 12 months.

### **Friday, January 8, 1909**

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5. Building permit taken out yesterday by C. R. Miller for a two story brick hotel 75 by 117 feet at 801 East Douglas avenue. To cost \$26,000. Upper floor to have 30 rooms. Building to be completed by August.
6. For the first time in four years there was good ice skating all day yesterday. By eight o'clock last night it was estimated that 600 persons were skating on the Little river between Pine and 10th streets. The ice there was several inches in thickness.
10. The first material for this year's extensive improvements by the Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived yesterday. Five cars of rails for the North Main street line are expected today from Chicago, and ten cars of rails for the College Hill line are expected within a week. ¶ The Wichita Railroad and Light company spent more than \$52,000 on improvements last year, and more than that is planned for this year. ¶ Prospective improvements include a double track to Hillside avenue on Douglas, extending the North Main street line to the stock yards, and a line to Mt. Carmel academy. ¶ During the past year the Cleveland avenue line was extended 3,100 feet to 11th street, and the Pattie avenue line was extended 2,100 feet. The company double tracked the North Main street line from 17th to 18th streets, and a new line was built up Hillside avenue from Douglas to Central, abandoning the Rutan avenue route. ¶ Additional switches were placed on the

stock yards, Riverside, West Side, and South Emporia lines, and the company spent \$8,000? in moving the Douglas avenue bridge. On North Topeka the company paved from 1st to 14th streets, and two-thirds of the new Topeka avenue line is equipped with new steel. ¶ The year was started with 21 cars in service. Now 26 are in operation every day. The four moonlight trailers have been added to the car equipment. More cars have been ordered, to be delivered this spring. ¶ Last year's business was the best in the history of the company here, said Mr. Morrison yesterday.

**Saturday, January 9, 1909****page**

10. At the end of the first half to the 1908-1909 school term, the total enrollment in Wichita's public schools was 6,898 compared with 6,369 one year ago. ¶ Riverside with 41 pupils has been added.

**Sunday, January 10, 1909****page**

9. Contract let yesterday by county commission for bridge across Arkansas river at Lawrence avenue to cost \$8,650.

**Thursday, January 14, 1909****page**

5. First Presbyterian church yesterday purchased 40 feet of ground on North Lawrence avenue, 80 feet from the corner of Lawrence and Elm, for \$4,000. They also have an option on the 80 feet north of this ground and expects to buy it, giving a total frontage of 120 feet at this site.

Mr. Henry Schweiter said yesterday that he had decided to put up a new building on the corner of Main and Douglas. No plans have yet been drawn.

**Saturday, January 16, 1909****page**

7. A man fell from College Hill street car Number 172 last night at Pattie and Douglas.

Purchase of lots has been made for the new Riverside Country club. The grounds consist of 21 lots west of Riverside drive and between the Campbell and Noble residences. Plans for the new club house are to be decided on in a few days.

**Sunday, January 17, 1909****page**

5. The joint passenger office of the Rock Island and Frisco Railroads created in Wichita about a year ago has been divided again, and each line will again have a separate passenger agent.

A cold storage warehouse three stories high is to be constructed by the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company three blocks from the central plant of the company in the second

block on South Rock Island avenue. It will be refrigerated by an underground pipe line and cost \$80,000 including machinery.

New assignments and badge numbers are being given to the conductors and motormen of Wichita Railroad and Light company today. The badges are numbered according to the length of service, the older employes taking the smaller numbers. ¶ Gene Crow is the oldest conductor in the service and has badge Number 101. Charles Gill is the oldest motormen, having badge Number 201.

9. Work has started on improvements to the Cudahy plant here. Details.
- 5B. The new medical institute of the United Doctors will open tomorrow on the second floor of the Sheets' building, 201 East Douglas. Details.

### **Tuesday, January 19, 1909**

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10. Contract let yesterday for remodeling the Carey hotel. To cost about \$50,000. Main floor will be lowered to street level and a balcony built about this floor, making practically another floor. The main stairway now running through the building, and around which there is much empty space, will be torn out and the space used for additional rooms. It is estimated that in the remodeling 40 extra rooms will be put in, giving the Carey a total of 200 rooms, with 22 large sample rooms with bath. ¶ In the rearrangement, two stairways will be built, one through the old portion of the building and the other through the L addition built some few years ago. ¶ The plans for the changes will be out in about six weeks and it is expected to begin work about June 1. ¶ Further details given.

### **Wednesday, January 20, 1909**

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4. Photo of new First Baptist church.
10. The Cleveland Trinidad Paving company has begun the laying of asphalt on 9th street.

### **Thursday, January 21, 1909**

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5. The Cornell home, at the southwest corner of 9th street and North Lawrence, was sold yesterday to Henry Reinhard for \$15,000.

### **Friday, January 22, 1909**

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6. Deal to be closed today for purchase of a 50 foot lot at Douglas and Walnut avenues by the West Side lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows as a site for a new home. Price is \$6,500.

### **Sunday, January 24, 1909**

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- 12B. Last Tuesday the new library building at Fairmount college was turned over to the college by the contractors and from now on it will be in regular use by the students, although some of the furniture has not yet been received. Details.

**Tuesday, January 26, 1909****page**

5. A bill has been introduced in the legislature to require that street car motormen be provided with seats they may use while operating the cars and that the front part of the car be heated. ¶ The bill also provides for the conductors, requiring that a closed vestibule be placed at the rear of the car and that heating be provided. The rule is that conductors stay on the rear platform when not collecting fares, and on cold days the conductors suffer when not collecting fares.
7. The German Episcopal church will build a new building at southwest corner of Lulu and Prince street to cost approximately \$7,000. The present edifice, at Emporia avenue and 1st street, has been sold to Fred Bissantz.

**Friday, January 29, 1909****page**

7. The grand stand at Association park is to be extended down the third base line, increasing the capacity by 1,000 to 2,200. ¶ The bleachers will also be enlarged from the present capacity of 1,200 to a capacity of 1,500. They will be built higher and extend farther north.

**Saturday, January 30, 1909****page**

7. A bad windstorm yesterday morning destroyed more than one-half of the Santa Fe round house, including the roof and walls. The building was an old one and for some time had been considered unsafe by the employes.

**Sunday, January 31, 1909****page**

5. Editorial in favor of adoption of the commission form of government in Wichita.

**Sunday, February 7, 1909****page**

5. Special car Number 164 was run to Fairmount last night for high school basketball game and was rocked by the youths, etc.

**Tuesday, February 9, 1909****page**

10. Mrs. William Mathewson died last night after midnight. Came to Wichita in 1876 and first husband died soon afterward. Married Mr. Mathewson in 1886. Born in 1837. Three children (first marriage) -- Fred and Lucy in Wichita and Mrs. Bruce in Houston, Texas. First husband's name was Mr. Tarlton.

**Thursday, February 11, 1909****page**

5. Second passenger train on Orient Railroad between Wichita and Sweetwater, Texas started about one month ago, and passenger traffic has increased at least 40 percent.

**Sunday, February 14, 1909****page**

- 12B. Photo of new addition to Masonic Home.

**Thursday, February 18, 1909****page**

5. Street car passengers in January 1909 (cash fare and transfers) totaled 671,773 compared with 436,280 in January 1908. Records show following growth in street railway passengers:

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| 1906 | 4,560,304 | Daily average: | 12,552 |
| 1907 | 5,926,999 |                | 16,239 |
| 1908 | 7,564,316 |                | 20,695 |

¶ During the past three years the company has increased its service on every line in the city besides installing new equipment. During the last year the number of regular cars has been increased from 22 to 26.

**Sunday, February 21, 1909****page**

- 6A. Plan to build street car line to Mt. Carmel was settled yesterday when company began stringing steel along the streets in West Wichita. Route on which the rails were strung is west on Douglas from Seneca to Millwood, north one block on Millwood to Grand, west on Grand two blocks to Glenn, north on Glenn one block to Anderson or First street, and thence west to the north line of the Mt. Carmel grounds. Had previously been thought line would go west on Grand to Mt. Carmel. Hope to construct the line by 1st of April.
- 9A. Addition to be built to present building of Jett and Wood Company on Santa Fe avenue for \$16,000. In the large openings in the ground floor on the west will be placed large jackknife doors, thus allowing teams to be loaded in the driveway.
- 1C. Extensive article and several photos of the construction of the new Douglas avenue bridge.
- 2C. Photo of new concrete bridge over drainage canal on East Douglas with street car on it. Shows only single arch bridge -- original plan was for bridge 67 feet wide with span of 50 feet from abutment to abutment, but people east of canal demanded a bridge 80 feet wide, i.e., full width of the street. This was done and bridge was built between mid-June and October 8, 1908. Plan for this bridge was prepared by engineer for street railway company

in return for their right-of-way over the bridge.

- 8C. Illustration of and article about new club house for Riverside club, to be erected on west bank of Little river just north of Briggs avenue, with river frontage of 244 feet and 310 feet on Briggs avenue. Cost estimated at \$15,000.

### **Wednesday, February 24, 1909**

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7. Dort and Briggs streets leading to new Riverside Country club (sic) grounds are being graded. Sidewalks also to be put in one these streets to make the club easy of access. ¶ Another improvement is the extension of the Riverside street car line from Franklin street down Porter street to the country club grounds. The branch will be about nine blocks in length. Material has already been received for this extension.

### **Thursday, February 25, 1909**

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6. Jacob M. Balderston dies at age 67.

### **Tuesday, March 2, 1909**

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6. Proposal for voting bonds for high school and three ward school buildings to be submitted at the city election next month. Bond issue of \$210,000 to include \$150,000 for new high school, three ward school buildings at 14,000 each, and an addition of four rooms to Harry street school for 14,000. ¶ The three ward schools are to be erected on a site in Riverside addition purchased by board of education some time ago, at corner of Athenian and Anderson on West Side, and in the south part of the Sixth ward at site yet to be purchased.

### **Friday, March 5, 1909**

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7. Cars will commence to run on the extension of the Riverside line about next Wednesday. The track is all laid and was connected up with the Riverside line yesterday. The overhead wires and a Y at the end have yet to be put in, and it is thought the work will be completed by that time. ¶ The line will be known as the West Riverside line. It runs eight blocks west on Porter street from the Riverside car line to the new Country club grounds.

### **Sunday, March 7, 1909**

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- 8A. W. P. Carnahan, assistant treasurer of Western Railway and Light company, which is parent company of the Wichita Street Railway company, is visiting and reports that the ten new pay-as-you-enter cars are now being made and will be shipped here when completed.

### **Friday, March 12, 1909**

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6. Trolley car was wrecked last night in collision with stock car of Wichita and Western Railroad at South Main street crossing.

Meeting of the Emporia presbytery in Wichita yesterday decided to sell the Lewis academy property on North Market street and move the school to Emporia on the College of Emporia campus.

**Saturday, March 13, 1909****page**

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company has strung ties along 21st street from the present loop to west of the Dold switch, where the new loop will be located. The strengthening and straightening of the Chisholm creek bridge was completed last week, and is now ready for the rails.

**Sunday, March 14, 1909****page**

- 10A. Article says street car company will begin building West Wichita line to Mt. Carmel as soon as it completes extension of Stock Yards line on 21st street, and that the plan now is to build the line straight west on Douglas from Seneca to the Academy. The previous depositing of rails along street two blocks north was only a bluff of the company to allow purchase of tracts of land north of West Douglas avenue which it desires to plat and sell.

**Tuesday, March 16, 1909****page**

5. L. M. Crawford of Topeka has bought half interest from L. M. Miller in new theater now being built in first block on South Lawrence avenue. L. M. Miller will be manager of the theater and has named it the Princess theater in acknowledgment of the title "Peerless Princess" by which Wichita is commonly known.
6. Contract let by council last night for \$849,754 to Municipal Construction company of Denver for building of a new water plant.

**Sunday, March 21, 1909****page**

- 11A. The Missouri Pacific track east between Wichita and Doran is to be relaid with new heavier 85 pound steel rails, 18 cars of which were received and distributed yesterday by an extra work train.

**Friday, March 26, 1909****page**

6. New Princess theater, on South Lawrence avenue, will open on April 5. Seating capacity for 1,000 people.

**Saturday, March 27, 1909****page**

10. The new chapel at St. Francis hospital was dedicated yesterday by Bishop John J. Hennessy. This is the fourth addition to the hospital to be built. These additions have been built at a cost of \$130-140,000.



**Sunday, March 28, 1909****page**

- 11A. New Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river is to be lighted with 16 light poles equipped with Tungsten electric arc lights. The bridge will be piped for gas, but this method of lighting will not be used except in case of emergency.

**Tuesday, March 30, 1909****page**

5. Auto collided last night with street car Number 176.
6. W. H. Bowers plans addition of two stories on the Bowers hotel, corner of Douglas and Emporia. The hotel now has 45 rooms on second floor of the Lawrence building. Building owner, Robert Lawrence, recently extended Mr. Bowers' lease for five years.

**Thursday, April 1, 1909****page**

6. Missouri Pacific has completed laying 16 miles of new track east of Wichita to within one-half mile of Benton. New rails are being laid at rate of almost one mile per day and will extend to Yates Center.

**Saturday, April 3, 1909****page**

6. Work on extension of Orient Railroad between Sweetwater and San Angelo, Texas is to begin soon.

School enrollment totals 7,319 including high school 756 and Riverside 38.

**Sunday, April 4, 1909****page**

- 6A. Cornerstone of College Hill Methodist Episcopal church at 1st street and Erie laid today.
- 7A. New Princess theater will open tomorrow night "The Princess is the most beautiful and modern theater in the middle west with no exception."

**Thursday, April 8, 1909****page**

6. Wichita Union Stockyards company yesterday decided to begin work at once on the new \$50,000 exchange building to be located on 21st street, facing south.

**Saturday, April 10, 1909****page**

5. The extension of the stock yards car line from 21st street and Lawrence avenue to the Rock Island tracks at the stock yards will be finished and service will be started at six o'clock this evening. ¶ Work on the extension of the Topeka avenue line from 14th street to 17th street and St. Francis avenue is being pushed and service will begin next Saturday.

¶ One line of the double track on East Douglas avenue has been completed to Hillside avenue and work on the other track is going forward. ¶ The ten "pay-as-you-enter" cars will reach here about May 15. They will all be used on the stock yards and Topeka avenue lines. The cars cost \$5,000 each and are built by the American car company of St. Louis. The color of the cars is green and they are 50 feet six inches in length. This is the same length as the large green cars in use here now. They contain 13 cross seats and two long seats, giving a seating capacity of 34 persons. The center aisles are wider. The rear platform is one foot longer than the green cars in use at present, which increases the standing capacity, and smokers will be allowed to use both the front and rear platforms instead of only the rear as at present. ¶ The "pay-as-you-enter" arrangement is to save time and minimize the number of back end accidents. Passengers are protected from accidents in getting off and on, as the conductor will never have to leave the rear end.

**Sunday, April 11, 1909****page**

9. Article saying the Orient Railroad will build shops and roundhouse here before next January, the time specified in the bonds voted by Wichita last May.

**Sunday, April 18, 1909****page**

5. Service on the extension of the Topeka avenue street car line was started last night.
- 5A. Service on the extension for the Topeka avenue street car line was started last night. This makes complete service from 17th and St. Francis down North Topeka avenue to Douglas and Main and north to the stock yards, 21st street and the Rock Island tracks.

**Saturday, April 24, 1909****page**

5. The new 60 foot rails being laid by Wichita Railroad and Light company on East Douglas weigh 62 pounds to the yard, and 12 or 13 men are required to handle one.

**Sunday, April 25, 1909****page**

- 5A. Oscar D. Barnes will build a six story office building at 206 East Douglas, to cost about \$40,000. It will be built on the location now occupied by Puls restaurant, have 25 foot frontage, and will adjoin the five story Winne building on the west.
- 9A. Plan for new Wichita Children's home completed. Drawing. Can accommodate 100 children. About \$6,500 now on hand. Will require campaign to raise balance of the \$35,000 required to build the building.

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7. Superintendent Morrison back from trip East and saw the new "pay-as-you-enter" street cars in the paint shop at St. Louis. It requires two weeks to paint them and he expects the

ten cars to reach Wichita in three weeks.

### **Wednesday, April 28, 1909**

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5. Henry Schweiter yesterday bought for \$41,000 from John Noble the property at 106 East Douglas occupied by Edward Vail's jewelry store. It has a frontage of 23 feet and is 90 feet deep. Mr. Schweiter has for years owned the adjoining property on the west and 50 feet in the rear of the building. This now gives him a 73 foot by 140 foot site at corner of Main and Douglas on which he will build an eight or ten story building.
6. Wichita Railroad and Light company has started work on West Douglas avenue extension from Wichita Hospital to the Missouri Pacific Railroad, about five blocks. Differences with legal department of Missouri Pacific will delay building further west. "They want us to sign contracts covering the installation of flagmen and gates and providing for the future cost of changing grades and additional tracks." ¶ It will be necessary to take out one curve and rebuild the entire tracks where the turn is made south at West Douglas and Seneca. A single track will be laid west to the Missouri Pacific tracks. ¶ The company has also begun construction of the overhead work between 9th and 18th street on Waco.

### **Thursday, April 29, 1909**

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6. A switch and a third track was built across Douglas avenue on the Kiowa branch of the Missouri Pacific on the West Side last night by a gang of 30 trackmen. The work was started at 7:00 p.m. and followed the controversy between the street car company and the Missouri Pacific regarding the crossing.

### **Friday, April 30, 1909**

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5. Article explaining the Missouri Pacific view regarding the crossing on West Douglas.

### **Saturday, May 1, 1909**

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10. A judge yesterday enjoined the Wichita Railroad and Light company from building its track across the Missouri Pacific tracks on West Douglas. Hearing on the temporary injunction set for June 1. This means Mt. Carmel line cannot be built before summer.

### **Tuesday, May 4, 1909**

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5. Article reporting recent rumor that street car company would be given right-of-way over the new Douglas avenue bridge is untrue. Street car company made offer to board of county commissioners, but it was turned down three to zero. The opinion and sentiment of the general public is well known to be strongly against such a plan. The bridge will be reserved exclusively for the benefit of the public.
6. New electrical sand-boat started operating yesterday on west side of Arkansas river

opposite the opening of Dewey avenue. A six inch pipe was stuck in the sand there and began to eat its way to the Maple street bridge. An island has formed in the middle of the river south of the bridge, where Davis Island stood until it was cut out during the administration of Ben McLean. The intention is to eat up the entire island and belch it out on the bottom lands owned by Mr. Oscar Shirk. The sand is lifted 26 feet above water mark and will be carried out a distance of 900 feet by means of pipe and troughs supported by wood trestles.

**Saturday, May 8, 1909****page**

5. Assessor reports Wichita's population as 52,322, a gain of 11,662 from 40,660 last year.

Article -- Douglas avenue bridge is nearing completion. The roadway is 40 feet wide from curb to curb.

8. Photo of St. Francis hospital showing completed new addition.

**Sunday, May 9, 1909****page**

- 5A. A funeral car on the electric railway ran into one of the Innes wagons yesterday. Nobody was injured.

**Wednesday, May 12, 1909****page**

5. The West Wichita Commercial league appointed a committee to assist the street car company in their controversy with the Missouri Pacific railway company regarding the crossing of the railroad tracks on West Douglas avenue; provided, however, that the street car company will sign an agreement not to make an effort to put their tracks across the new Douglas avenue bridge.

**Saturday, May 15, 1909****page**

10. North Topeka avenue will be paved with asphalt.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1909****page**

10. County assessor reports population of Sedgwick County is 71,623, of which 19,291 are in townships outside city of Wichita, compared to 16,114 last year, a gain of 3,177. The increase in the city was 11,672 during last year, making total county increase of 14,849.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1909****page**

5. People on West Side won't stand for the street car company crossing the new bridge and threatened that if this is attempted they will tear up the tracks and pitch them into the river.

**Thursday, May 20, 1909****page**

5. Article -- work will begin on new \$15,000 Riverside club house June 1st. To be built on three and one-half acres of ground which the club owns along Riverside Drive.

**Saturday, May 22, 1909****page**

6. Article about complaints about street car company plan to double track the turn from 9th street on to Waco. ¶ Also complaints about reduced 20 minute service on North Riverside line since recent building of Wichita Riverside extension whereas North Riverside previously had ten minute service.

**Thursday, May 27, 1909****page**

5. Article about raising of \$100,000 to build an interurban. Lists names of subscribers.
12. Seventy-six graduates of Wichita High School at commencement last night.

**Friday, May 28, 1909****page**

10. Street Railway company plan to place service stripes on sleeves of motormen and conductors beginning after five years service. There are 16 men in the company who have served over five years. One or two have been connected with the street railway ever since it was installed, having previously driven mules on the old cars. ¶ Wichita had the first electric cars in the world. The invention was tried out here in 1887 and at that time was considered a failure, but in the fall of 1888 the first successful electric street cars were operated here. ¶ Beginning the 1st of June the street railway company will be compelled to provide all motormen with stools. They will be allowed to sit down while the cars are in the outskirts of the city or in other non-congested areas. This law was passed by the last session of the legislature and applies to other industries as well as the street car companies.

**Thursday, June 3, 1909****page**

6. Article about chicken stealing says the home of a Frank Green "is in the old Eagle building which was moved to near the old Missouri Pacific round-house."

**Saturday, June 5, 1909****page**

12. Article about meeting of property owners last night on question "shall Waco avenue be paved or not paved."

**Sunday, June 6, 1909****page**

- 6A. Article discussing booming business district in the north end centered at 18th and North

Lawrence avenue. "The people of the north end are determined to have Lawrence avenue paved from 14th to 21st streets. They have been traveling through mud and dust long enough."

- 8A. Article about the origins of St. Francis hospital, promoted by Dr. Fabrique.
- 7B. Article about suit against Wichita street car company by property owner just west of new Douglas avenue bridge. The county compelled street car company to move its bridge 19 feet north from the previous location, and suit complains that this causes street car company to occupy the street too close to his property at west end of bridge and is seeking restraining injunction against them.

Wichita Country Club stockholders decided yesterday to buy 80 acres of land on and near Frisco Heights for their new club house and 18 hole golf course. Cost of land and new quarters estimated at \$45,000. ¶ The present quarters comprising the club house and four acres of land on College Hill will be sold when the present lease on the adjoining land expires in about four years. The present site and club house are valued at \$10,000 or more.

## **Tuesday, June 8, 1909**

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5. Article saying the street car company has contract with the city which protects company's access to their bridge at west end of Douglas avenue bridge and that city will have to resolve the injunction suit.

Sunday was a record breaker for the street car company and the baseball park. The street car company operated 26 cars from the corner of Main and Douglas to the ball park, an even dozen of which were big, double-truck cars. The company delivered 36 carloads of people to the ball park and brought back 32 carloads. About four carloads walked back or secured other conveyance. ¶ The company on Sunday operated 55 cars, which was 13 more than was ever before operated by the system. Counting transfers, 40,000 passengers were handled, without a single accident. Nearly all the passengers took transfers, but it was estimated that about 20,000 cash fares were collected.

6. A red touring car was struck last evening at corner of Douglas and Market by Pattie avenue car Number 132.
10. At meeting of school board last night, a location for the new Riverside school building was decided upon. The site is the northwest corner of Harrison and Porter streets. It consists of eight lots, with a value of \$400 a lot. ¶ Motion passed to paint the city high school building a light buff color.

## **Wednesday, June 9, 1909**

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6. Work on the Riverside club is to be started at once. Total cost including grounds will be

about \$35,000. The city will dredge a channel on west bank of the river from six to eight feet deep and 50 by 300 feet in dimensions. The sand pumped will be used to construct a beach 300 feet long and 150 feet wide and in strengthening of dikes in the park. A boat house with a capacity of 40 to 50 canoes will be built, plus dressing rooms for bathers, springing boards and floating platforms.

**Friday, June 11, 1909****page**

5. Article: "Street Car company holding employes' training school."

**Saturday, June 12, 1909****page**

5. Another article on injunction against street car operation at west end of Douglas avenue bridge. Suggests that street car company may operate a stub service on West Side which they think would inconvenience West Side people enough that they would withdraw objections to the use of new Douglas avenue bridge for the street car tracks.

**Sunday, June 13, 1909****page**

- 5A. President William McKinley of street car company says the company will not cross over the new bridge on Douglas for at least five years unless the people of West Side request them to do so. "By having our own bridge we reduce the chance of accidents." ¶ In order to relieve the congestion of cars at the corner of Main and Douglas, a loop is to be built around the block bounded by Main, Douglas, William and Market. This will be used by all cars coming from the east. Instead of backing up and switching at the corner of Main and Douglas the cars will run around the loop. ¶ A similar loop will be built around the block bounded by Main, Douglas, William and Water streets. Cars from the Waco line, North Main line, and Riverside line will go around this loop when running as stub trains. ¶ Another improvement is the extension of the line to Mt. Carmel. This would be built before the Mt. Carmel students return in the fall. The delay has been caused by the Missouri Pacific objection to the street railway line crossing its tracks, but this matter will soon be adjusted.
- 6A. Property owners met last night at the power house, corner of Hillside avenue and 2nd street, to discuss the paving of Hillside from Douglas to 9th street.

**Tuesday, June 15, 1909****page**

5. The mayor and commissioners have required changes in specifications for the new bridge across the river at Central avenue (sic) on the site of the old Griffenstein bridge so that instead of putting the girders down and setting the bridge on the girders, they will be raised and the bridge set in the girders. This will make the bridge two and one-half feet higher. The contract was let by the old council and the steel cut, and this change was required by the new administration. Bridge being built by Missouri Valley Bridge company.

**Wednesday, June 16, 1909****page**

6. Contract with Canton Bridge company annulled yesterday by county commissioners because of delays in completing the paving. Original contract was for beginning work on the bridge October 17, 1907 and completion by October 30, 1908.

**Friday, June 18, 1909****page**

10. County commissioner rescinded above action and Canton Bridge company will go ahead with paving of bridge as originally specified.

**Saturday, June 19, 1909****page**

6. Valuation of property of street railway company is \$927,802.

**Sunday, June 20, 1909****page**

- 5A. Carey hotel to be completely remodeled at cost of \$50,000. B. L. Eaton is owner and Humphries and Humphries are lessees. The present American plan will be continued. A mezzanine floor will be inserted by lowering the present first floor to the street level. ¶ Detailed descriptions.
- 3B. Photo of five residences on West Side including James Allison at 1227 University and B. F. McLean at 313 North Seneca.
12. Article describing and quoting the petition and journal entry of the probate court when the city of Wichita was originally incorporated on July 21, 1870.

**Wednesday, June 23, 1909****page**

6. School board has decided to have plans for the four new school buildings prepared immediately -- one on West Side, one in Riverside, one south of Lincoln street in 6th ward, and four room addition to Harry street school.

**Thursday, June 24, 1909****page**

6. Oscar D. Barnes new six story building on East Douglas (just west of Winne building) will be called the "Michigan" building after Mr. Barnes' old home state. Construction will start August 1. Building to cost \$35,000 and value of the 25 foot lot is \$40,000. Building to be 130 feet in length.
12. Mayor Davidson issuing new folder about the city saying it has 34 miles of paving and 26 miles of street car track.

**Friday, June 25, 1909**



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5. Article about Central avenue dam and request to raise it 18 inches, which is opposed by nearby property owners.

**Sunday, June 27, 1909****page**

- 5A. Workmen are clearing site for new Santa Fe freight depot.
- 6A. Photo of Sedgwick House, new charitable institution which is in the old house built by William Griffenstein in 1876.

**Wednesday, June 30, 1909****page**

5. Ordinance passed yesterday by commission to permit Wichita Railroad and Light company to build a loop around the block bounded by Market, William, Douglas, and Main. Company expects to complete the work by September 1. ¶ When built, the west bound cars with terminals at Main street will turn south on Market, west on William, and north on Main to Douglas. ¶ The South Main cars will go to Douglas, then east to Market, south to William, and west to South Main. The cars from North Main street line will go east on Douglas and make the trip around the loop in the same direction as the other cars. ¶ A single-tracked loop will be built in the center of the street. The special work including switches, crossing, and track for curves has been ordered and should be delivered soon. The straight rails will be used from the stock on hand for building the Topeka avenue line and others will be ordered to replace them. ¶ Only cars with trips terminating at corner of Main and Douglas will be run around the loop. The others will be run straight through to the other end of the line. ¶ The double track on South Main street to the baseball park will be put down as soon as the contract is awarded for paving the street.
8. Contract let yesterday by commission for paving Rutan avenue from Douglas to 9th. Murdock to be paved from Lawrence to Main. Topeka to be paved from English to Lincoln.

**Saturday, July 3, 1909****page**

5. Long article about plans for driveway along east side of Little Arkansas from Central to 13th and need to straighten sharp curve in river south of 13th street to prevent rapid erosion.
- 5B. Commissioners Roetzel and City Engineer Wells are making plans for the extending of the drainage canal from the place near Linwood Park where the work was left off, to the Big Arkansas river south of the city.

**Wednesday, July 7, 1909****page**

6. July 12 is the date set for formal opening and christening of new Douglas avenue bridge.

**Friday, July 9, 1909****page**

5. Article -- "The Tracks Must Be Elevated, Says Mayor Davidson." Discussion.
6. Work started yesterday on the remodeling and improvement of the Carey hotel.

**Saturday, July 10, 1909****page**

5. Plans being made by Wichita Street Railway and Light company for building new power house, office building and car barn on the tract of land east from the Wonderland Park bridge, on West 2nd street. The company already owns the property directly east of the bridge, the lots east of the Joe Tack residence, and has an option on the Tack home. The property extends back to the river bank.
6. Next to largest crowd in its history handled by Wichita Street Railway and Light company on July 5, with a grand total of 61,761 people carried. Last year the number of people carried on July 4 was 52,497 which at that time was the record mark for a single day's traffic. The record day is now held by one of the days during the fair of last year when 72,000 passengers were carried.

**Tuesday, July 13, 1909****page**

5. Article describing the opening of the new Douglas avenue bridge last evening. ¶ Speaker of the evening was J. R. Mead. He said this was at one time a great river 800 to 1,000 feet wide, but civilization has wrought great change and the river is no longer the size it once was. ¶ The first bridge was built in 1872 by a private company. It was a wooden bridge of eight spans of 100 feet each, with stone piers and abutments and to rest on foundation of piling with heavy timbers 12 inch square used in the structure. The contract price was \$29,000. Several years later the public demanded a free bridge and the old one was bought by the county commissioners for \$6,400 and replaced by an iron bridge.

**Thursday, July 15, 1909****page**

6. On Tuesday the street car company commenced to put in a switch around the corner of 9th and Waco, but the city commission learned of it and ordered them to stop work until the controversy around this switch is settled.

**Saturday, July 17, 1909****page**

6. Commission yesterday passed a resolution calling for the street car company to remove the stones used in paving their tracks on Main street and Douglas avenue and replace them with new brick laid on a concrete base.

**Sunday, July 18, 1909****page**

5. Street car company yesterday started preliminary work on the loop line around the post-office block but was told to stop by city commissioners since there have been several objections to this plan including the fact it might interfere with fire department operations from central fire station. Commissioner Rufe Cone expressed considerable suspicion and hostility to the motives of the street car company.

**Thursday, July 22, 1909****page**

6. Another article about the proposed street car loop around the post-office block -- saying the company's franchise is subject to regulations passed by the city authorities and that therefore they could block the building of this loop. Judge Helm, an attorney said "my guess is that the loop will never be built in front of the city building and the fire house." Postmaster W. C. Edwards says he is opposed to building the line in front of the post office because of the increased congestion and noise it would cause. Other people expressed support for the loop or suggested other routes, such as east to Topeka on William or west from Main to Water on William.

**Friday, July 23, 1909****page**

6. Construction of the new grade schools will start the first week in August and will be completed before the first of the year (includes Riverside).
10. Work on the new College Hill Congregational church at 1st and Clifton started yesterday. Chapel is to be built initially of cement and stucco at cost of \$10,000. Later this will serve as a lecture hall when the completed building is finished some time in the future. Chapel is 40 by 42 feet.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1909****page**

5. Superintendent of Frisco Railroad, from Springfield, Missouri, says he opposes elevation of the tracks. He says "we are going to commence work at once in the lower part of the yards and improve it in such a way that there will be no necessity for any switching being done across Douglas avenue."

**Thursday, July 29, 1909****page**

5. Contract for new building at 206 East Douglas being built by O. D. Barnes was let yesterday and work will start August 2, with completion expected by February 1. Will have frontage of 42 feet (??) by 130 feet deep.
6. Former Wichita resident, A. C. Brokaw, who lived here 1878 to 1886, is back for a visit. He built his home on northwest corner of Murdock and Lawrence avenue. The house was later occupied by J. O. Davidson. ¶ He says "a great aggregation of young men came to Wichita and made this a distributing point in spite of the railroads. The railroads wanted Kansas City and Denver as distributing points. It is my judgment that Wichita would now

be a city of 100,000 had it not been for the opposition of the railroads.”

**Friday, July 30, 1909****page**

10. Santa Fe says it will build new round house here next year on the present site, to accommodate 16 engines.

**Sunday, August 1, 1909****page**

- 5A. Ordinance introduced to city commission last Monday to prohibit the street car company from building loop around post office block. Further discussion.

**Tuesday, August 3, 1909****page**

6. School board last night rejected bids for the new Riverside school as being too high. Bids ranged from about \$14-16,000.

**Wednesday, August 4, 1909****page**

5. Contract let and work will start soon on the \$35,000 addition to Jett and Wood Wholesale Grocery company's building. An additional second story will be built on the main plant plus a two story will be built on the main plant plus a two story addition of 25 foot depth in the rear, which will bring it to the alley line. Dimensions of second story are 150 by 130 feet.

The Eaton Hotel company has been formed with capital of \$150,000 to finance the improvements of the Hotel Carey. B. L. Eaton, formerly sole owner of the Carey, has deeded the hotel property to the new Eaton Hotel company.

6. James E. Hurley, general manager of Santa Fe, here to arrange with city officials the vacation of certain cross streets on the site for the new Santa Fe freight depot on Tremont street. The depot is to be 700 feet long and it is necessary that the cross streets be vacated so that the depot may be constructed in one section.

**Friday, August 6, 1909****page**

6. New South Lawrence avenue bridge over Arkansas river was opened yesterday. It is built of steel, most of which was taken from the old Douglas avenue bridge, and has been under construction for several months.

**Sunday, August 8, 1909****page**

- 3A. The new home of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is nearing completion. Article says that the long distance toll line was completed to this city in 1900, connecting all of the Eastern cities.

- 5A. City commission will tomorrow pass an ordinance vacating English and Lewis streets from Tremont street east to the alley between Tremont and Santa Fe avenue. This is to facilitate work on the new Santa Fe freight buildings. The Santa Fe owns the entire tract from William street on the north to the Wichita and Western Railroad on the south, and from Tremont street east to the alley between Tremont and Santa Fe. The blocks are 400 feet long. The 700 foot freight depot at William and Tremont will extend nearly to Waterman which will not be vacated. Lewis, the next street, will be vacated, but Kellogg street, the furthest south, will remain open. The Santa Fe agree to pave Tremont street from William street to the Wichita and Western Railroad at their expense and they will also pave Waterman and Kellogg streets. The alley adjoining the Santa Fe property on the east is 20 feet wide. The company will deed a ten foot strip along the alley to the city if the owners of property on east side of alley will do the same, making it a 40 foot street instead of a 20 foot alley, and this also will be paved by the Santa Fe.

Fred B. Stanley has just completed a handsome \$14,000 residence on College Hill, two stories and shingled affair with a bungalow effect. Dimensions 52 by 40 feet and has eight rooms (present Buck home??).

- 6A. A man was struck by Pattie avenue car Number 130 yesterday.

## **Tuesday, August 10, 1909**

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5. Commission last night passed motion to have "Watch Wichita Win" electric sign built across Douglas avenue near Santa Fe Railroad. To have letters three feet high and be built in next 30 days.
6. Discussion between county commission and Canton Bridge company regarding payment for Douglas avenue bridge.

## **Wednesday, August 11, 1909**

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5. Man who claims to have given Wichita its name visiting the city from California.
6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company is installing special work on the street car tracks on the corner of Main and Douglas for the purpose of improving the track facilities in connection with the switching of the cars, nearly all of which pass over that portion of the track. ¶ The work has to be done when the workmen are compelled to stop on the North Topeka avenue work so that the paving company may catch up with them. ¶ The special work will probably be completed this week.
10. City commission yesterday went in a body to inspect the parks in Riverside and the site of the new Riverside club. ¶ Mayor Davidson said: "We went in the machine by way of North Main street, and after once crossing the street car company's right-of-way the board resolved that cobble-stones in Wichita must be done away with. The pavement in some places is almost impassable. ¶ As we drove through the park over the dusty macadamized

roads it was plain that something should be done to change this unpleasant condition. The matter of oiling the park drives has for some time been under consideration, and we will probably now order a car of oil and improve the roads.”

**Thursday, August 12, 1909****page**

12. Detailed article giving annual report of Superintendent of Schools.

**Friday, August 13, 1909****page**

6. Large map of southwest part of Wichita showing location of Orienta Park addition, ball park south of Kinkaid with South Main line turning one block west of Main on Levy, etc.

**Sunday, August 15, 1909****page**

- 5A. Article discussing plan for replacement of old Sullivan's dam. Plans previously submitted to old council on November 6, 1908 and approved, but no action taken since. New concrete dam proposed to replace the old wood dam and would be built about 200 feet downstream from the old dam. Would cost about \$12,000. Base to be 12 feet in diameter and total length of dam 220 feet. Dam to extend six feet below and five feet above low water mark and will raise the water level three feet higher than that in the drainage canal.
- 4B. School board has purchased tract for a four room grade school on Zimmerly between Pattie and Lulu for \$3,760. Dimensions 300 feet on Zimmerly and 200 feet north on Pattie and Lulu.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1909****page**

6. Commission last night decided to proceed with replacement of Sullivan's dam and will advertise for bids. Some suggested changing the name of the new dam.

Judge Dale appeared before the commission meeting and asked that the street car company be restricted from building a double track switch at the corner of 9th and Waco, as it would tend to blockade the street at this point. "The only reason the car company gives for wanting to thus blockade the street by placing these tracks at this place is that the passengers become restless when they are waiting on a blind switch for a car to come."

**Wednesday, August 18, 1909****page**

6. Contract let yesterday for new J. H. Butts and Son building on present site of First Presbyterian church, with frontage of 140 feet on 1st street and 100 feet on Lawrence avenue. To be five stories and cost \$70,000. Butts Implements company will occupy over half the building. Work starting today on tearing down the church building. Completion of new building expected by January 1, 1910.

**Friday, August 20, 1909****page**

8. Article on reminiscences by an Old Settler on the early days of Wichita.

**Saturday, August 21, 1909****page**

8. Commissioner Roetzel wants to build a new steel bridge to replace the unsightly, dilapidated structure on the 11th street bridge in North Riverside Park. Present bridge was constructed many years ago and is now almost beyond repair. He suggests that the new bridge be similar to the new bridge now being built to replace the old Griffenstein bridge. The cost of this new bridge is about \$18,600.
12. The street car company has connected the Topeka avenue line from 1st to Oak streets into one line while the paving company is completing the work on the double track. Since the company has been at work on the Topeka avenue line it has been necessary for patrons to transfer three times before the trip to the loop could be completed. This will no longer be necessary. Work on the street is now nearing completion.

**Thursday, August 26, 1909****page**

6. Two of the spans have been put in for the new steel Griffenstein bridge and the concrete has been put in for the other span. The bridge will not be completed for at least a month, the delay being due to rejection of inferior stone and metal by City Engineer Wells. The bridge will be paved with brick.

**Wednesday, September 1, 1909****page**

5. Article about old First Presbyterian church at 1st and Lawrence now being torn down. Corner stone was laid July 4, 1876.

**Thursday, September 2, 1909****page**

5. The Wichita United Gas and Electric company has been sold to the Electric Bond and Share company of New York. Local management will remain the same.

**Wednesday, September 8, 1909****page**

7. Photo of fair grounds grand stand and track.

**Tuesday, September 14, 1909****page**

8. Commercial Club decided yesterday to advertise for bids at once on its new club house at Market and 1st streets. Early in the year the property of the old First Baptist church, formerly the Scottish Rite cathedral, was purchased by the club as a site for its building. The old church has been demolished and the debris removed some time ago.

"Week ended September 18, 1909" -- issued Thursday, September 16, 1909. Special issue -- many pages regarding Wichita and many photos of buildings, etc. Seventy-six pages.

**Sunday, September 19, 1909****page**

- 11A. Article about name of town of Derby. It was originally incorporated under the name of El Paso, but when the Santa Fe built its extension south from Wichita and ultimately reached El Paso, Texas, they decided that an El Paso in Kansas would be confusing, and so re-christened the first station south of Wichita, Derby, and Derby it has been ever since.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1909****page**

- 5A. Article about poor condition of Central avenue dam, which is leaking badly and results in inadequate stream of water in Little river. City officials are investigating method of securing money to build a new dam.
- 4B. Contract awarded yesterday for paving 13th street from St. Francis to Hillside with brick laid on six inch concrete base for \$1.90 per square yard.

**Tuesday, September 28, 1909****page**

5. The street car company has commenced to put in the College Hill wye, situated at Roosevelt and Douglas avenues. It is expected to be completed by next Saturday.

**Thursday, September 30, 1909****page**

5. During the present season the city commissioners have awarded paving contracts for approximately 20 miles of paving at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. About 600-700 men are employed by the companies doing this work. The average wages paid is about two dollars per day.

Street railway company is in favor of elevation of East Douglas avenue railroad tracks as it would prevent bunching of cars on lines running on this street. At present there are 38 cars per hour running across the East Douglas tracks.

**Tuesday, October 5, 1909****page**

7. The street railway loop around the post office block was at least temporarily postponed yesterday when Kos Harris, attorney for the street railway company, presented to the commissioners a proposition to drop the matter for four months or until the return of Commissioner Cone from abroad.

**Thursday, October 7, 1909****page**

10. Article on formation of Sedgwick County Old Soldiers' Monument association to raise



funds and build monuments to GAR, probably on the court house square.

**Tuesday, October 12, 1909****page**

10. Street railway company would like to provide a street car waiting room as soon as the loop question can be definitely settled.

**Friday, October 15, 1909****page**

6. Contract for new \$85,000 home of Wichita Commercial club was let yesterday. Work will begin at once. To be five stories, on northeast corner of Market and 1st, where First Baptist church formerly stood. Building to be completed by September 1, 1910.

**Saturday, October 16, 1909****page**

1. Article saying Scott Winne was seen in New York City. History of his disappearance. He had disappeared on March 25, 1908 leaving his Winne Mortgage company bankrupt.

**Tuesday, October 19, 1909****page**

6. School bonds of \$181,000 have been sold including \$125,000 for the new high school, so work on the new building will now proceed.
10. Commission last night received resolution to regulate street car traffic at Main and Douglas by prohibiting the company from turning cars at this junction. Mayor C. L. Davidson said, "the street railway company has been using Main and Douglas as a switching yard about long enough. Traffic is kept tied up there all the time. It is a nuisance and endangers the safety of people crossing the streets."

**Thursday, October 21, 1909****page**

5. The new Griffenstein bridge connecting North and Central Riverside parks has been completed at a cost of \$18,600. The fills are now being made for the approaches.
7. Article about surprise banquet given by Wichita street railway employees for General Superintendent W. R. Morrison and Superintendent of Transportation, A. J. Crow, last night. Lists names of all who intended including motormen, conductors, etc.

**Sunday, October 24, 1909****page**

- 5A. Facts about Wichita for next issue of "Book About American Municipalities." Area 18.75 square miles. ¶ Has eighteen grade schools and one high school. ¶ Has 349½ miles of unimproved streets and 25½ miles of improved streets, of which 16.2 miles have been improved the past year. ¶ Has 8,000 telephones.

- 4B. Dedication of First Baptist church at corner of 2nd street and Lawrence avenue will take place today. The entire cost including \$8,000 for site (bought four years ago) was \$25,000.

**Tuesday, October 26, 1909****page**

5. Jacob Dold, Sr., is dying in Buffalo, New York, age 84. Discussion.

**Wednesday, October 27, 1909****page**

5. Jacob Dold, Sr., died last night in Buffalo, New York. Photo. Gives history of Wichita stock yards and Dold Packing company.
7. Two volume history of Wichita and Sedgwick County is now in preparation, edited by O. H. Bentley.

**Thursday, October 28, 1909****page**

5. Article describing the red light district on west side of Tremont street extending two blocks south from William street.
10. Heavy threshing outfit yesterday broke through while crossing 13th street bridge over Little river. Occurred about 100 feet from west end of the bridge and just before edge of the water was reached, and an entire section of the structure, about 30 feet in length gave way. Bridge will be closed for several days.

**Friday, October 29, 1909****page**

6. Work on new building for Western Newspaper Union at William and Tremont is progressing rapidly. To be 50 feet by 140 feet and three stories in height.

**Saturday, October 30, 1909****page**

5. Canton Bridge company filed suit against Board of County Commissioners for \$37,809 additional payment for Douglas avenue bridge.

**Sunday, October 31, 1909****page**

- 5A. Photo of new 1st Baptist church.

**Wednesday, November 3, 1909****page**

7. Estimates approved by commission of \$20,000 for new Central avenue dam and \$35,000 for 11th street bridge. Dam to be 200 feet above present dam and 200 feet long. Eleventh street bridge to be concrete structure with four arches of 60 feet each and total length of

275 feet, with 30 foot driveway and six foot sidewalk on either side. ¶ Will proclaim special election to vote bonds.

**Friday, November 5, 1909****page**

5. Article about plan to build several decorative stone entrances to Riverside park.

**Saturday, November 6, 1909****page**

8. Street railway company has ordered \$26,000 worth of new rolling stock from the American Car company, consisting of four pay-as-you-enter cars and four trailers. They will be delivered in the spring.

**Tuesday, November 9, 1909****page**

5. Henry Schweiter awards contract for eight story building at Main and Douglas to Wurster Construction company. Building is 70 feet on Douglas and 140 feet on Main and will cost \$280-300,000.

**Sunday, November 14, 1909****page**

- 7A. Twenty-five thousand dollar residence of J. H. Butts near completion at 1215 North Lawrence.

**Tuesday, November 16, 1909****page**

5. Charter applied for for Wichita Belt Line Railroad company -- article and discussion.
6. Missouri Pacific Railroad reached agreement with Street Railway company yesterday regarding crossing on West Douglas. But street railway company intends to build the new West Side line concurrently with the paving of West Douglas avenue, which means a delay of at least another six months.
10. Humorous article about husband eating canary bird seed while wife away on vacation. Wife "noticed something was wrong with him when she tried to kiss him on returning home and he put up his bill and chirped at her. But she sought the probate court sanity commission when that night as he went to bed he tucked his head under his arm and perched on the towel rack."

**Thursday, November 18, 1909****page**

8. Preparing for paving of Tremont street with brick from William to Wichita and Western Railroad.

**Friday, November 19, 1909****page**

12. Copy of letter by A. H. Webb, division superintendent of Missouri Pacific, to the city commission regarding the controversy between Missouri Pacific and street car company over crossing on West Douglas.

**Sunday, November 21, 1909****page**

- 5A. Article -- New Owners of Gas and Edison Company to spend \$500,000. The Electric Bond and Share company of New York is financing all three of the recently acquired Wichita properties, the United Gas company, the Edison Light and Power company, and the Gas and Appliance company. Mr. L. O. Ripley is the new vice-president and general manager in Wichita. New half million dollar power plant is to be built.

**Tuesday, November 23, 1909****page**

5. Street railway company have changed their plan of building a loop around the Post Office block and are now figuring on going north of Douglas avenue, probably around the block bounded by Douglas, Main, 1st and Market streets. Mr. Morrison stated that the company's plans do not include a waiting station.

**Wednesday, November 24, 1909****page**

7. Workmen started yesterday on the work for laying of a street car line for the loop encircling the block bounded by Main, Douglas, Market and 1st streets.

**Thursday, November 25, 1909****page**

5. Work on the street car loop is being pushed, and it should be completed in three weeks. ¶ Not all cars will be run around the loop this winter. At first only the stub lines will be run around the loop, that is, College Hill, Fairmount, Cleveland, Pattie, and Waco.

**Sunday, November 28, 1909****page**

- 5A. Contract for drawing plans and specifications for new auditorium awarded yesterday by city commission to architect firm of Richards, McCarthy and Bulford of Columbus, Ohio.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1909****page**

10. Commission acts to end controversy between Missouri Pacific and Street Railway company over crossing on West Douglas. Ordinance passed requiring Street Railway company to build Mt. Carmel line within six months and another condemning the Missouri Pacific right-of-way crossing West Douglas avenue, so as to remove any possible hindrance to the completion of the street car line.

**Wednesday, December 1, 1909****page**

5. W. T. Crane and Company yesterday purchased vacant property on corner of 1st street and Santa Fe avenue for \$25,200. It is 150 feet on Santa Fe tracks and 140 feet running back to the alley, across from which is the Western Planing Mill company. Across the street to the south is the Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream company. Property bought by Crane is the site of the old Miltner and Company elevator, which was destroyed by fire about a year ago.

**Saturday, December 4, 1909****page**

5. Headline on article: "Sixteen Scared Coons Are Still Running" -- regarding 20 young negroes caught by police in a crap game in house at 8th and Wichita streets, but only four were captured and the other 16 escaped.

**Tuesday, December 7, 1909****page**

5. Article about disruption of street car service last night by sleet and snow storm. Company used six snow plows to clear the tracks, and it usually required two cars to push one plow. At a late hour it was reported that three cars were stranded on South Emporia, three on South Main, and three on the West Side.

**Friday, December 10, 1909****page**

8. Car 208 of the Main street and Topeka avenue line got stuck last night at corner of Douglas and Topeka because of a defective switch. When the car started around the curve the front trucks took the turn all right, but the rear ones continued straight on Douglas avenue.

**Tuesday, December 14, 1909****page**

10. New J. H. Butts and Company building at 1st and Lawrence will be six stories, not five, and will cost \$100,000.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1909****page**

6. J. W. Way will build two story building at 11th and Bitting with ground floor to be used for grocery store and second floor for flats. Building will be 40 by 50 feet and cost \$3,000.

**Wednesday, December 22, 1909****page**

5. Article describing offer of American Water Company to sell the Wichita Water plant to the

city for \$950,000 plus cost of improvements made since August 1, 1909.

**Thursday, December 23, 1909****page**

7. New Riverside club house is now completed. The formal opening will occur during second week of January.

**Saturday, December 25, 1909****page**

5. Wichita today has just twice the amount of paving it had January 1, 1909, as much more constructed for, and an equal amount petitioned for, with contract yet to be let. At beginning of present year Wichita had approximately ten miles of paving. This year 9.47 miles of paving has been completed at cost of \$471,000 -- a total of over 200,000 square yards, including Bitulithic 18,000 square yards, brick 48,000 square yards, and asphalt 134,000 square yards. Average cost is \$50,000 per mile of paving. This does not include the paving of alleys. ¶ During the present year 9.04 miles of work has been contracted for at \$439,500 for 190,000 square yards of paving including Bithulithic. ¶ Petitions are now before city commission for approximately ten more miles of paving.

**Sunday, December 26, 1909****page**

- 5A. The long delayed building of St. Mary's cathedral will commence soon after first of the year. The foundation was long ago completed and then work came to a temporary standstill. Will take about two years to complete and cost \$200,000.