

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1911 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, January 1, 1911

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8. The new street car line on the West Side from Seneca street west to Millwood avenue, north to Grand avenue, and west to Athenian, is completed; and the first car was run yesterday afternoon. The cars which run over this line are marked, "Mt. Carmel," but the end of the line is several blocks from Mt. Carmel academy.

14. Map of Midland Valley Railroad and connections -- showing proposed extension from Arkansas City north to Wichita and McPherson.

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1. Article with photograph regarding fire which yesterday destroyed the four story Bitting block, erected in 1888.

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1. Article about Santa Fe train wreck near Mulvane with two killed.

5. L. F. Means, commissioner of lights, has notified the Welsbach Lighting company, which has several hundred blinker lights in the city, to take down their light posts and vacate within fifteen days. Article goes on to review the city's controversy with this company.

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1. Photographs of the Santa Fe train wreck. Passenger train struck rear of freight train. Two engines on passenger train -- Nos. 1433 and 1431, both off track and wrecked.

8. W. S. Sherman, manager of the Eaton hotel, has sold his interests to S. G. Humphreys, president of the firm, and resigned as manager. He will spend the winter in San Antonio. He will be succeeded on January 15 as manager by Colonel Eaton, a cousin of Ben Eaton, owner of the hotel building. Colonel Eaton at present is manager of the Billings hotel at

Enid, Oklahoma.

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10. Enormous columns of polished granite, which have for several years lain on the ground at Cathedral square, have this past week been placed in position to form the magnificent facade on the Central avenue front of the structure. ¶ Many spectators were on hand to watch the contractors roll them to the building, and by means of derricks hoist them into position. These magnificent columns were formerly a part of the federal building at Chicago. ¶ Article goes on to describe the preparing and polishing of such works of granite.

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10. Drawing of new Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods company building at 702-706 East Douglas (shows three story building). The company has moved from former quarters on St. Francis avenue.

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5. I. W. Gill and Son, undertakers, have ordered an auto ambulance of modern type, which will be the first ambulance of that kind in the city. The ambulance is expected here next month. Mr. Gill's ambulance will be of the Cunningham make.
7. Contract has been let for tearing down the burned Biting building, and work was started yesterday. The building is to be razed in ten days.

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1. Shows panorama photograph of city taken by Whittier the Photographer from the top rim of 212 foot smoke stack of new power house. ¶ Also photograph of the new smoke stack and article about power house, which for first time yesterday ran the entire Wichita street railway system and the Arkansas Valley Interurban. Smoke stack is of steel lined with fire-brick. Interior measures fifteen feet three inches. Current equivalent of 1300 horse power required for regular daily street car service, with 500 to 600 more h.p. at rush hours.
8. Article saying Carrie Nation suffered a nervous breakdown yesterday and will be in bed for several weeks in Kansas City.
11. Effective today, the block signal system will be used in operating all trains of the Santa Fe railway on the middle division, from Newton south via Wichita to Arkansas City.

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5. Welsbach Street Lighting company has filed suit for injunction to keep city of Wichita

from tearing down its blinker lights. Article gives details of company allegations.

Thursday, January 19, 1911

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5. Article says the Forum will probably be finished by Saturday night. The asbestos curtain arrived this morning from Kansas City and will be placed in position today. It is 63 feet wide and 37 feet high, the largest in the land except for the New York Hippodrome. The stage of the Forum is 60 feet wide and 35 feet high. Curtain was built by Kansas City Scenic company, and on it is painted a reproduction of famous painting of Ben Hur's chariot race. Forum opening begins January 25.

7. Employes of street car company entertained last night at the Riverside club. Superintendent W. R. Morrison was toastmaster, and talks made by A. J. Crow, superintendent of transportation. ¶ James Lawhain, master mechanic. ¶ Charles Boulton, superintendent of trolley lines. ¶ George Behrnesmeyer, claim agent.

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10. General manager O. A. Boyle announced yesterday that Arkansas Valley Interurban has ordered two more palatial combination passenger, smoker and baggage cars and a freight car. The freight and express car will arrive within 30 days and the two passenger cars in the spring.

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5. Sluice gates of new Central avenue dam were closed yesterday morning, and this caused river bed south of dam to dry up and thereby prevented Kansas Gas and Electric from obtaining enough water to condense steam from new power plant. The city thereupon opened the sluice gates a little to allow enough water through for this purpose. ¶ By yesterday afternoon the waterbed backed up to the Woodman bridge, about a half mile north of the dam.

The big curtain for the Forum has been lost on the Santa Fe some place between Kansas City and Wichita and did not arrive on schedule Thursday.

Sunday, January 22, 1911

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1. Photograph of interior of new Forum. Article describes it. Cost \$150,000 plus about \$20,000 for furnishings, making total \$170,000. Building is 260 feet long by 160 feet wide. Height from floor of stage to dome is 80 feet. Stage opening is 60 feet wide. ¶ Forum was designed by Richards, McCarty and Bulford, architects of Columbus, Ohio, and constructed by the Dieter-Wenzel Construction company. Construction of the building was commenced last March and cornerstone laid by Mayor Davidson May 19.

17. Advertisement for opening week attractions at the Forum, beginning Wednesday night,

January 25.

Tuesday, January 24, 1911

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1. Photograph of new "Ben Hur" curtain at Forum, which was made by Kansas City Scenic company and cost \$1200. Artist took 40 days to paint the picture, reproducing the original owned by J. Pierpont Morgan.

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5. South half of Anchor Trust building is being remodeled for use by several departments of Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company.

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1. Article about dedication last night of new \$170,000 Forum. Five thousand people present for initial performance of oratorio, "The Children's Crusade," by Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and a 400 voice local chorus. ¶ Article describes Forum and gives history. Bonds were voted at spring election in 1909. Plans approved in January 1910, and contract let on March 24, 1910. Corner stone laid on May 17, 1910, and building completed on January 25, 1911.
5. Article reporting an annual report of L. F. Means, Commissioner of water and lights, describing the details of new street lighting system.

Superintendent Morrison of street car company, in arranging service for the crowds attending the Forum opening entertainments this week, "banks" the Topeka avenue and Stock Yards cars on South Main street. People returning home on all other lines will find their cars on West Douglas avenue at Water street.

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5. Granite boulder from New Hampshire for grave of Dr. Nathan J. Morrison, late president of Fairmount College, arrived yesterday on Frisco Railroad and was hauled to Maple Grove cemetery. It weights fifteen tons and measures four and a half by six and a half by eight and a half.
12. Rock Island railway will complete its facilities in northern part of the city on February 10. These consists of a six stall round-house, telegraph and yard offices, coal chutes, oil tanks, cinder pits and tracks. Approximate cost of the facilities is \$75,000. The new yards contain six tracks, each 4200 feet long, with total capacity of 600 cars.

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5. Wichita's new sand boat, "The City of Wichita," pumped sand out of the channel of the

Little Arkansas river yesterday for the first time. The boat is built in two sections so that it can be uncoupled and go under the bridges.

The Missouri Pacific railway yesterday delivered five new freight engines to the Orient railway. The engines were made by Baldwin Locomotive Works, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They are 125 ton engines equipped with eight drivers, and were placed in the new round-house in West Wichita. They will be used on the Kansas and Oklahoma divisions.

8. Work is well along on the four story \$50,000 building of the Wichita Wholesale Furniture company, and the exterior is now completed. Building is 100 by 140 feet with walls eighteen inches thick. The construction was commenced last June.

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18. Article giving annual report of H. J. Roetzel, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.
19. Article and obituary on death yesterday of Robert E. Lawrence, age 63, an early settler of Sedgwick County and prominent developer of early Wichita.

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3. For operating purposes the Rock Island Railroad has been divided into three districts. First district includes all mileage east of Missouri river and from St. Joseph to Horton, Kansas, with headquarters at Chicago. Second district -- all mileage west of Missouri river and north of Caldwell, Kansas, including St. Louis division, with headquarters at Topeka. Third district -- mileage south of Caldwell and east of Tucumcari, New Mexico, with headquarters at Fort Worth.
6. City commission yesterday granted a petition to build a new tributary drainage canal to drain northeast part of city between 16th and 21st streets and Hydraulic and Cleveland avenues. The new canal will empty into the big drainage canal through the Chisholm creek bottom. The canal will straighten the left bank of the circuitous creek.

Petition presented in City Commission yesterday asking that South Main street car line be extended south to Levy street and west to Exchange Place. The line now extends to the ball park.

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5. Blacksmith and wagon shop at northeast corner of Main and William, one of the old landmarks of Wichita, is being torn down to make way for a new three story brick apartment and store building to be built by W. H. Bretch. ¶ Thirty to 35 years ago this corner was used as a corral for broncho busters. ¶ About 28 years ago George Bloss

purchased it and built the blacksmith shop which he conducted there until latter part of January, when they vacated and moved to new shop on South Water street. ¶ The 50 by 140 feet building to be built there will cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

10. After twelve years in implement business, J. H. Butts has retired; and the J. H. Butts Implement company has been taken over by his son, J. Arch Butts. The five story Butts building, into which the business was moved last July, will now be solely owned by J. H. Butts. Their business was started in Augusta twelve years ago and moved to Wichita five years ago.

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5. Workmen plowing up West 2nd street, between Main and Water, yesterday unearthed the old ties, spikes and rails that belonged to the ancient horse car service between Main and Douglas and the old Pacific depot nearly a quarter of a century ago. The ties were found to be buried about a foot deep in the middle of the street. Old residents assert that the service, in which horse cars were used, was terminated when electric cars came into fashion.

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5. Article reporting Newton has subscribed for \$100,000 in bonds to bring Arkansas Valley Interurban to that city.
12. Article reports reduction in Pullman fares for upper berths, which were previously same as lowers but will now be 20% less. List of Pullman fares given. To Chicago is \$4.50 for lower and \$3.60 for upper. To Kansas City \$2.00 for lower and \$1.60 for upper. To New York \$9.50 for lower and \$7.60 for upper.

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9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad company is greatly in need of the finished depot, baggage rooms and freight storage rooms at Water and 1st streets. The company is awaiting the action of the Wichita Railroad and Light company to build the tracks in from Main street on 1st, when it will commence work on terminals, and when these are completed the depot will be placed in commission for freight.
20. Colonel William P. Innes, a pioneer merchant in Wichita, died yesterday at age 72. He was a cousin of Walter A. Innes, recently connected with the George Innes Dry Goods company.

Article about progress on Orient shops. A ten ton electric crane is being installed. The ten stall round house is now full of engines and the new power plant is in use. The Orient has moved about one-half of its 180 men from the shops at Fairview, Oklahoma. Formal opening of the new shops will be at a grand St. Patrick's day ball on March 17.

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5. Robert Israel has organized a company to conduct a boat house on the Little Arkansas river at Murdock avenue. The water at Murdock is a half foot higher than before the old dam was blown out. A car load of steel boats and one 25 foot gasoline launch have been bought, and by June 1st there will be 45 small boats with two to four seats.

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1. Article saying plans are being drawn for twelve story skyscraper on site recently occupied by Bitting Brothers block, destroyed by fire last January 2. The site has 48 foot front on Douglas and is 130 feet deep on Market. Drawing of first two floors on Market street side.
5. Article giving annual report of commissioner of the poor of Sedgwick County, showing the county spent \$21,180 last year in relieving persons who claimed that they were in absolute want. ¶ Average number of inmates at Poor Farm was 30 with total average cost per inmate of \$3.98 after subtracting income from the farm.

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5. Article saying railroad engineers in Chicago are preparing plans for track elevation and union station will submit them to city commission in a short time for approval. Cost will be about \$1,500,000. The union depot will be located east of Santa Fe tracks and south of Douglas avenue, and the train sheds will be on west side of depot.

George Theis, Jr. states no more fairs will be held on the grounds of the Wichita and Southwestern Fair association. He says the grounds are too small and inadequate, and the property will be disposed of. The Wichita and Southwestern Fair association was organized about six years ago and has had some successful annual displays, but the main stables were destroyed by fire last autumn.

Henry Schweiter is believed to have sold to Santa Fe railway lots 97 and 99 on corner of Douglas and Santa Fe avenues. It is reported Santa Fe will use the ground as part of site for new union depot. The two story Santa Fe hotel is located on the lots.

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7. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement says "First car leaves the Beacon Building station at 6:00 a.m. during the week, and every two hours thereafter during the day. Cars leave at 8, 10, 12 on Sundays, and every hour thereafter until 11:00 p.m."

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10. Article quoting article from *Kansas City Journal* on history of Marsh Murdock's efforts

to get railroads for Wichita.

18. Article about negotiation by Santa Fe to buy the property of Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery company at northeast corner of William and Santa Fe avenue to be used as part of union depot site.

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2. Article on election today on Midland Valley bonds with many quotes in favor of it, etc.

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1. "Midland Valley Bonds Carry to Make Wichita Greater." Two propositions: City and County voted on \$2000 per mile of company stock to be bought in the road. City vote was 3548 for and 642 against. In country precincts the vote was about 250 for and 1750 against. ¶ The second proposition was a \$30,000 bond issue by the city alone, to be used for the new railroad.
6. After six month argument, the Missouri Pacific has made a contract with the government to carry mail from Kiowa to Hardtner as a continuation of the Wichita to Kiowa service. ¶ Last June the Kiowa and Hardtner railway was put into service. This road is but ten miles long. It soon passed into the control of the Missouri Pacific railway and trains running over the Missouri Pacific between Wichita and Kiowa were extended to Hardtner.

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5. Final returns on Midland Valley bond election.
- Majority for bonds in city -- 2906 (out of 4190 votes).
- Outside of city:
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| For bonds | 334 |
| Against bonds | 1911 |
| Majority against bonds | <u>1577</u> |
| Bonds carried whole county by | 1329. |

W. A. Shuman died Tuesday, February 14, in Kansas City at age 70. He was one of the earliest settlers in Wichita, and was an uncle of Mrs. W. E. Stanley. He at one time owned the part of Wichita which is now known as Riverside. It was then a farm. His house was near where the Ninth street bridge now spans Little river.

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10. The days of the "Teapot" engines of the Frisco railway in this city are numbered. In a few days they will be replaced by the new "Battleship" type of locomotives, which will pull passengers and freight trains entering and leaving Wichita. These new engines are of the 1100 and 1200 type and it is said they resemble the big 2100 type, which pass through

Wichita on the Rock Island railway. ¶ The Frisco is finishing new concrete and steel bridges between Wichita and Neodesha, and when this work is done the new engines will be put into service on this division. The 1100 type will be used on passenger trains and the 1200 class on freight trains.

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2. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement promoting sale at lots at "Urbandale" -- "only 28 minutes from Main and Douglas on the Arkansas Valley Interurban." Thirty-four one acre tracts offered at \$300 to \$350 each.

10. Article says the Commercial club moved out of its quarters in National Bank of Commerce building and into its handsome new building at Market and 1st streets a few weeks ago.

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24. Article about Missouri Pacific schedules says "we are building seven new steel girder bridges between Wichita and Iola and these will be completed about May 15. As soon as these bridges are finished we will receive new engines."

Following its plan to have trains over the Midland Valley into Wichita by September 1, the Wichita, McPherson and Gulf Railway company yesterday let the contract for grading its roadbed between Wichita and Arkansas City. Work is to begin by March 1 and be completed by July 1. As soon as the roadbed is graded, the Midland Valley, which will absorb the Wichita, McPherson and Gulf as soon as it completes the line into the city, will begin track laying, and this is expected to take 50 days. ¶ Practically all of the right of way has been secured between Arkansas City and Wichita. Work on the roadbed will begin at Arkansas City: The contractor agrees to have at least 120 teams at work by the middle of next month. Maximum grades must not exceed 30 feet to the mile. ¶ From northern limits of Arkansas City the road will go northwest up the eastern bank of the Arkansas river, then will turn west over a bridge across the river to enter Geuda Springs from a point near the southwest part of that town. A short distance north of the town Slate Creek will be bridged, then the road will follow the course of the Arkansas river to the western part of Oxford. North of Oxford the Ninnescah will be bridged. From there the new road will practically parallel the Missouri Pacific into Belle Plaine. The Cowskin will be crossed north of Belle Plaine, and the line will go from there directly to Wichita, crossing the Santa Fe's Englewood branch about half way between Mulvane and Peck. The Rock Island crossing will be about a mile north of Haysville. Two new stations will be built and towns started -- between Geuda Springs and Oxford, and between Wichita and Belle Plaine east of Haysville. ¶ Seventy-five pound steel will be used on the extension between Arkansas City and Wichita.

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1. Fire nearly destroyed the three story brick building at 116-118 North Main early this

morning. Occupied by the George T. Nolley Furniture company. Loss about \$100,000.

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1. Photograph of ruins of buildings at 116-120 North Main destroyed yesterday by fire.

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2. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement including map of plat of lots offered for sale at Urbandale. Divided into acre tracts selling for \$300 to \$350. Sale of lots being held Friday, February 24, and the round trip fare (25¢) will be refunded to all who buy.

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4. The greater part of the Schweiter building will be ready to be occupied by April 1. ¶ All the elevators have been installed and some are now in use. Interior finishing work is in progress on every floor (details given).

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5. About \$2000 in improvements will be made in the lunch room for the Van Noy News and Hotel company at the Missouri Pacific depot in Wichita.
6. Materials for the Interurban wye to be built at the corner of 1st and Main streets and extending to the Interurban depot at the corner of 1st and Water streets, have been shipped out of Chicago. As soon as this equipment arrives, W. R. Morrison, superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, will commence the work of constructing the wye and tracks connecting up with the depot and freight yards of the Interurban.
8. Long letter to the editor by Fred D. Aley in defense of the several local utility companies.

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5. The new Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church on Ellis avenue, two and a half blocks south of Douglas, will be dedicated Sunday. New building is a frame structure. Church was organized in June 1908.
10. Ordinance was passed yesterday granting the Wichita and Midland Valley Railroad company right of way over certain streets in West Wichita. Article gives text of the ordinance.

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5. The new milling plant of the Otto Weiss Alfalfa Stock Food company is nearly completed at 13th and Santa Fe streets and the company is moving to it one department at a time

from its

old quarters at 221 South Santa Fe and should be completely moved to the new plant by April 1.

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6. Ground was broken yesterday at Arkansas City on the extension of the Midland Valley Railroad to Wichita. One hundred and fifty teams are expected to be at work within the next two weeks.

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5. Commodore Nelson, of Peoria, Illinois, visiting in Wichita yesterday. He bought the old Wichita railway for the McKinley Syndicate and rebuilt it and has always been a friend and admirer of Wichita. ¶ Says he bought six million dollars worth of property for the McKinley Syndicate last year, including the Topeka street railway and light plant, the Atchison street railway, and others.

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5. Advertisement with drawing of new building of Wichita Wholesale Furniture company, 217-225 North Water street -- four stories.

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10. A fire at the Waco avenue power plant of Kansas Gas and Electric yesterday afternoon left the city without electricity for 45 minutes. The Waco avenue power plant was the only one in operation in the city yesterday. The street car company closed down its power plant at 10th street ten days ago and is relying on the Kansas Gas and Electric company for power. The new power plant of Kansas Gas and Electric is out of order, owing to a mishap several weeks ago.

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6. The paving of Roosevelt avenue from South Park to Central avenue with brick has been completed.

Within the next ten days the Rock Island railway will occupy its new facilities at 25th street. These cost over \$75,000 and consists of a roundhouse, coal chutes, oil tank, water service, cinder pits and turntables. The new yards included five tracks each 4,200 feet long, with a capacity of 600 cars. All freight trains will be made up in the new yards, eliminating switching and making up of trains in the downtown yards. All engines of the Rock Island railway in this city are now cared for by the Frisco roundhouse, but when the Rock Island moves into its new quarters it will have ample facilities for handling its own

motive power.

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14. Photograph and article about Wichita Children's Home, now under construction one block east of Hillside on Highland avenue. Cost to be \$40,000.

Article with photograph on progress of construction of new Children's Home. Details of building given.

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3. Rock Island Railroad has allowed \$200,000 from its budget for 1911 for track improvements in Kansas. Includes ballasting of 50 miles of track north of Caldwell.

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5. Article on suit filed by Canton Bridge company against Sedgwick county board of commissioners over payment for the Douglas avenue bridge.

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8. To prevent danger of the \$10,000 concrete bridge over Chisholm creek on Douglas avenue from collapsing, supports of steel and concrete are being built under it by the city. The weakness of the bridge is said to be not in poor concrete work or a poor arch, but in insufficient abutments. The abutments are spreading and the center of the bridge is sagging. ¶ To remedy this, beneath the center of the arch six supports are being built. Small concrete piers are being built upon which hollow cast iron columns are erected to hold the weight of the bridge. Work on the supports was begun Tuesday and the two south concrete piers are built. ¶ The bridge was built during the summer of 1908 with plans drawn by Ralph McCalman, engineer for the Illinois lines of the street car company. These plans were furnished by the company in return for use of the bridge for their track. Bridge cost \$10,000.
12. Over sixteen miles of grading is completed on the Midland Valley railway extension from Arkansas City to Wichita. Graders are now at work north of Oxford. ¶ The Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron company has the contract for building the bridges on the extension. The big bridges that are necessary include a bridge over the Arkansas river near Geuda Springs, one across Slate creek north of Geuda Springs, one across the Ninnescah river north of the Oxford, and one across the Cowskin north of Belle Plaine.

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7. Machinery was unloaded today for paving of East Gilbert between Emporia and Washington with brick block.

10. City commission yesterday granted petitions to pave Franklin avenue from Wiley to Buffum with asphalt and also for paving of Spaulding avenue.

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for new First United Presbyterian church at 1st street and Ohio. To be a brick Romanesque structure and cost \$12,000.
9. Laura Buckwalter placed eighteenth out of 37 candidates in primary election for city commission yesterday. She received 874 votes. (Number one candidate, H. J. Roetzel, had 4649).

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3. Excavation has been started for the four story Bretch block at Main and William. To cost \$50,000.
5. A Waco avenue street car was derailed at corner of 1st and Main yesterday while passing over portion of swinging track where an excavation had been made below for six or eight inches and the rail spiked only to every second or fourth tie. ¶ Switches to connect with the Interurban station are being built at this point.

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7. An aviation meet is to be held in Wichita on May 4, 5, and 6 at Interurban Place, north of the city. There are 40 acres of land in the field where the exhibition is to be held that are almost level and will afford an excellent site.

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5. The Congregational Educational Society of Boston has offered to donate \$5,000 annually for five years to Fairmount college, provided the college will pay off all debts and raise the endowment by \$50,000, making a total of about \$80,000 to be raised.
21. The furniture and business of the Hamilton hotel were sold yesterday by the Portsmouth Savings bank of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to L. S. Pearson of Lake Charles, Louisiana, who will move here and operate it. The building is still owned by the bank, which has owned it since boom days, but it has been leased to Mr. Pearson for ten years. It was formerly known as the Metropole and for a time was vacant. ¶ The upper floors of the hotel have been renovated during the last four months, with walls re-decorated, new wood work put in, and new rugs and furniture installed. This has cost about \$15,000. The lobby will now be remodeled and the dining room redecorated.

Tuesday, April 4, 1911**page**

1. Article reports "Buffalo Bill" Mathewson is engaged to Miss Olive Johnson. Photograph of Mathewson.
10. Report on Wichita's fire prevention needs by the Kansas inspection and fire prevention office in Topeka. Details.

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9. Building permit issued yesterday to W. H. Bretch for a four story brick building 50 feet by 140 feet at corner of Main and William, containing 54 rooms, costing \$55,000, and to be completed September 1.

Stone work on the new \$150,000 cathedral was nearly completed yesterday. Above this, steel arches are now being raised for the roof of the dome. At the top of these arches is a steel ring which will serve as the foundation for the lantern and spire. The entire roof and 150 foot dome will be covered with copper. ¶ One each of the towers at the front, the frame work of the lantern, also to be covered with copper, is being built. These will extend 115 feet above the sidewalk. ¶ Inside, carpenters are at work on the frame work for the vaulted ceiling.

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5. Bids to be received this week for construction of eleven miles of sand-clay roads across the Big Slough, west of Wichita. Includes five miles on Central and five miles on Maple, and one mile on the north-south section line west of the city connecting between Maple and Central. Estimated cost nearly \$1000 a mile.
6. Rock Island Railroad advertises new electric lighted Pullmans from Wichita to Kansas City and St. Louis.
8. The Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday delivered rails at 24th street and Arkansas avenue, and at 34th street and Mascot avenue, for the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company. The rails will be used to extend the line to the site near Sullivan's dam chosen for the aviation meet May 4, 5, and 6. The aviation grounds will be two and a third miles north of the city limits at 21st street. ¶ The interurban company only has three cars in use at present and will lease from the street car company all of its double truck cars and baseball trailers for handing the crowds during the three days of the meet.

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5. Article reports Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad has accepted the terms contained in the city's ordinance covering the planned track elevation and union depot.

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5. Sixty-five percent of the Schweiter building space has been rented. Some finishing work remains to be done in some parts of the building. The first tenant to begin business in the Schweiter building was the Brown Sisters, who opened their store three weeks ago. The bulk of the tenants will move in between April 15 and May 1.
23. For the big aviation meet on May 4, 5, and 6, the Arkansas Valley Interurban is building a spur track at the grounds, and an extra siding or two for the passing cars is being put in.

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5. A man was struck by Frisco engine No. 158 yesterday at the Douglas avenue crossing.
6. Contracts let yesterday by county commission for sand-clay roads starting at first section line west of Meridian street at the end of the paving on Douglas avenue (i.e., at West street) and running north and south a half mile each way and then five miles west on Maple and Centra. Two bridges will be built along the improved road. Cost is \$11,088 and work is to be completed in 120 days.

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5. Beginning Sunday, April 30, mail carriers will no longer go to the Post Office Sunday mornings to sort their mail and make deliveries to patrons who call at the carrier windows between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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14. Double motor freight cars will be installed for service soon on the Interurban line. One of the new cars, No. 201, has been received from the St. Louis Car company, and was given a trial run yesterday. The rails are being laid at the interurban depot, corner of 1st and Water streets, but it is not known how soon the depot will be open to traffic.

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5. Commissioner Leach proposes a children's playground in Hamilton park.
8. Article reports *Eagle* begins its fortieth year of publication. Some early history given.
12. E. W. Liggett yesterday purchased the fine Pinkston home on corner of Faulkner and Harrison avenues for \$12,000.

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2. Superintendent Morrison announces plans of Wichita Railroad and Light company for the coming fiscal twelve months. Two hundred seventy five thousand dollars will be spent in

improvements, of which \$175,000 has already been approved by the McKinley syndicate. In a few months it is thought that the additional \$100,00 will be authorized to build a large car barn and repair shop on the company's property on Waco avenue between 1st and 2nd streets. ¶ Of the \$175,000 already approved, \$80,000 will be spent for new tracks, \$80,000 for new pavements, \$5000 for the interurban connection at 1st and Main and along 1st street to the interurban stations at 1st and Water, already completed, and \$10,000 for new ornamental iron trolley poles ordered in by the city. ¶ Improvements include new ties, double track and brick pavement on Main from English to Murdock and on Douglas from Wichita street to the Santa Fe tracks; a new double track on Central avenue from Main street to Riverside park; a new double track on Waco from Douglas to 2nd street; a switch at corner of West Douglas and Handley street; a new track on Cleveland from Douglas to 12th street; putting in a wye at Hillside and Douglas avenues; and rebuilding and paving the South Emporia line from William to Zimmerly. ¶ The street car company from April 1 is also increasing wages in the total amount of about \$600 monthly, which equals the monthly earnings of the new Mt. Carmel line. The company employs 225 men with a monthly payroll of about \$13,000. ¶ The new wages will increase the daily pay for motormen and conductors from 20¢ for first year men to 23¢ for fifth year men.

6. Excavation started last Monday for paving with brick of Gilbert street between Emporia and Washington. Pouring of concrete will start next Monday, and the brick are on hand for laying.
11. Advertisement for the great air show coming to Wichita May 4, 5, and 6. Site given as "Aviation Grounds, Walnut Grove Station on the Arkansas Valley Interurban."

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1. Midland Valley Railroad has purchased property in West Wichita for \$37,800 for its depot and right-of-way to the fair grounds, which it purchased last winter.
 - Purchases announced yesterday include:
 - Sixty feet (the west two-thirds) of the Longnecker barn -- \$13,000. Mr. Longnecker will keep and use the east third.
 - J. Gardner block -- \$17,500. The block will be razed and site used for passenger station.
 - Kannahan tract, 50 feet -- \$7300. This adjoins the Gardner block on the east and will also be used for the depot site.
 - ¶ Graders have pitched camp east of Peck, and the first dirt has been broken in Sedgwick county for the Midland Valley extension.
6. The new English Inn cafe occupying the entire lower floor of the Elks building on North Topeka will open April 22.
10. Henry Lassen has sold the historic William Griffenstein residence in North Riverside to W. H. Kinney, a wealthy miller. Mr. Lassen purchased it about two years ago at a public sale

of the assets of Scott E. Winne. The building is in a beautiful ten acre tract facing to the east on Jefferson avenue, North Riverside park on the west, 10th street on the north, and the Little River on the south. It originally cost Mr. Griffenstein nearly \$40,000. Mr. Lassen secured it for about \$17,000. Mr. Kinney is said to have paid about \$26,000 for the building and grounds. The house was erected in 1887, and in about 1896 was obtained by a mortgage company for \$5000. Later Scott Winne bought it from the mortgage company for \$15,000. ¶ Mr. Kinney will redecorate the interior and occupy it.

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6. Laying of the concrete base for the Wichita Central avenue paving began yesterday at Main street and will be continued west to the bridge across the Little river. The street car company has not started paving its right-of-way but expects to do so soon. A double track will be put down the entire length of the right-of-way on this avenue.

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9. Wonderland Park will open May 14 with several new features including a "Giant Thriller" ride of 4000 feet, costing \$10,000, and a new natatorium with a pool 48 by 110 feet and depth of one half to eight feet, located in the old theater building. The music pavilion, which will be the vaudeville theater, is to be enlarged and 600 additional opera chairs installed.
12. West Side Odd Fellows lodge to build new two story brick hall 50 by 140 feet at Walnut street and West Douglas.

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5. Douglas avenue business men have started a crusade to get rid of the cobblestones between the street car tracks on this street from Wichita street to Washington and repave same with brick or asphalt.

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3. Wickets on top of Central avenue dam opened and water lowered three feet to allow driving of piling and placing of rip-rap to prevent washing away of the banks between 11th street and 13th street.

Sunday, April 23, 1911**page**

5. Drawing of proposed new First Methodist church to be built on North Lawrence avenue immediately north of the present church property. Fund raising campaign will be conducted first. (Building was never built to this design.)

Wednesday, April 26, 1911

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5. Newton voted yesterday at a special election to give Arkansas Valley Interurban railway a 20 year franchise including the right to use certain streets for electrical railway purposes. ¶ The road has been graded to the main line of the Santa Fe running west of Newton. This is within four miles of the city. Graders have started on the approaches to a \$15,000 viaduct to be built over the Santa Fe railway south of Newton.

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8. Wichita's zoo is without a lion or lioness, the lion there having died the last part of March and the lioness yesterday of tuberculosis. The animals were in excellent health when purchased a year ago.

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8. Wichita is to have an arboretum of rare trees and plants in the city parks. Commissioner of parks, E. M. Leach, has leased an acre of ground three blocks west of Riverside park to be used for the nursery for these plants.
12. J. Q. Hamilton, former owner of the Hamilton hotel, has returned to Wichita to live after an absence of seven years. He bought the hotel about ten years ago and ran it for about three years, then sold his interests and went to California.

Sunday, April 30, 1911**page**

19. Wonderland Park will open for the season May 14 with several new attractions. Chief one will be the "giant thriller," which takes the place of the roller coaster. The track extends 6000 feet and from the base to the top is 75 feet. In order to build the thriller it was necessary to remove the east fence, materially enlarging the park. ¶ Another new attraction is the swimming pool, located in the old theater building. The old balcony has been retained and will be given over for use of spectators. ¶ A miniature railway has also been arranged for.
22. Drawing of a small section of south side of East Douglas avenue sketched from a photograph taken in 1875 -- shows Post Office located in old Eagle block.

Tuesday, May 2, 1911**page**

2. Advertisement for giant aviation meet north of city Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this week. Arkansas Valley Interurban will run four cars every ten minutes to the Aviation Grounds beginning at noon. The Santa Fe will run three special trains to a point opposite the Aviation Grounds, half mile east of Arkansas avenue, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. each day.
5. Article about plans of Wichita Country club for the season. The old club house and

grounds will be used. The new club grounds, north of Central avenue, 85 acres in all, will be developed during this season and a part of the golf course completed for playing next year. The club has one more year after this one at the present grounds before the lease expires, but some playing on the new links is expected for next year. ¶ The proposed new club house, for which plans are completed, has been deferred. The present club house and about four acres owned by the club may soon be sold, and if this is done, work will start at once on the new clubhouse, which will cost about \$35,000. The membership of the club is now about 250.

Sedgwick block is being repaired at cost of \$3500, with new floors and all electrical wiring being placed in pipes. The flagstones placed in front for a sidewalk in 1887 are being torn up and replaced with a cement walk.

6. Rock Island depot is being painted Irish green. The interior is being redecorated, with side walls painted green, the ceiling corn yellow, and the molding Indian red. The interior of the ticket office probably will be done in white enamel.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company will lease to the Interurban 24 of their large cars for use during the aviation meet, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The most of these cars will come from the Topeka avenue and Stock Yards lines, and will be replaced during these three days with the open summer cars.

10. Photograph of county court house. Metal work on cornices, etc., is to be cleaned and repainted.

Article about proposal to build a new drainage canal from point on 21st street about 470 feet west of Hydraulic avenue, south 420 feet to 20th street, thence southwesterly 1880 feet, crossing Chisholm creek bed at 19th street and emptying into the main drainage canal about 400 feet southwest of 19th street. Total cost will be about \$3700.

Contractor will today begin laying brick block pavement on Gilbert street, between Emporia and Washington avenues.

Wednesday, May 3, 1911

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1. At special election yesterday the citizens of Wichita authorized \$70,000 bond issue to pay one-third of the cost of viaduct over elevated railroad tracks at Kellogg street. This binds the Santa Fe Railway to an agreement to spend at least \$2,000,000 during the next two years in elevating railroad tracks from Central avenue to Gilbert street and to build a Union Passenger Depot.
9. All Arkansas Valley Interurban cars, both passenger and freight, are now leaving the city from the terminal depot at 1st and Water streets, and the waiting room down town has been abandoned. A large pit has been dug for the inspection of cars. Heretofore this has been difficult, as the pit of the City Railway company could not accommodate the larger

cars of the Interurban.

Contractors are pouring concrete on Douglas avenue between Roosevelt and Bluff avenues, for the base for a brick block pavement.

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- 1B. Graders yesterday started work grading Harry street west of the Harry street bridge, preliminary to constructing a work house on Elba island in the Big Arkansas river near the Harry street bridge.

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5. Photograph (by Fred Baldwin New Studio) of Little Arkansas river bank at 12th street showing no houses except R. B. Campbell residence. ¶ Plans worked out by Bert Wells, city engineer, to make the Little Arkansas river behave at the sharp bend at 12th street. ¶ At this point of the river, which years ago used to be famous among small boys as the 12th street swimming hole, the river has cut a high bank, which year after year has eroded until it completely destroyed a portion of Riverside avenue and encroached for many feet on private property. ¶ By means of piling and a stone levee, the city is undertaking to maintain a proper channel for the river and stop the erosion of the land. ¶ How great has been this erosion was described by Commissioner Robert B. Campbell, who lived for many years in the vicinity and has recently erected a fine residence at Riverside avenue and Twelfth street. He stated that there used to be a number of cottonwood trees at the old swimming hole, that as the bank was eroded these trees toppled over and small boys used to dive from them, but as the erosion went on these trees finally were completely carried away by the river. ¶ Near this bend of the river Walter Innes owns a triangular piece of land. When residents decided the city ought to put in a definite boundary for the river channel, he was prevailed upon to donate off his land enough to replace Riverside avenue to compensate for what the river had carried away. He consented with the stipulation that Porter avenue should be closed as a public street and that the city should prevent any further encroachment of the river. ¶ Some time ago the curve of the river east of this site, which in the old days was known to the boys as the Rope swimming hole, was similarly improved, with stone abutments to direct the current harmlessly.

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5. Drawing of three story building to be built on North Main street across the alley north of Schweiter building.

Wichita's Farmers' and Bankers' Life Insurance company closed its first week of business last night. In its first six days over a quarter of a million dollars business has been written.

11. During the aviation meet Thursday, Friday, and Saturday about 12,000 persons were brought to Wichita by the five railways. The Santa Fe brought in about 5000, the Missouri

Pacific about 3000, the Rock Island about 3000, the Frisco about 1000, and the Orient between 300 and 400. The railways provided special trains and extra equipment on all trains and handled the crowds in good order.

19. Effective this morning, North Riverside patrons of the street car company will be able to travel through to their homes instead of being compelled to transfer at Franklin avenue. Now they can ride through to the end of the line at 12th street. The stub car on the North Riverside line will be discontinued and each alternate car on the Riverside-South Main line will run through to the new wye at the corner of Biting avenue and Riverside drive. This arrangement will afford the West Riverside district a 20 minute service, as the cars leave the corner of Main and Douglas every ten minutes.

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5. Fifteen cars of steel arrived at Sedgwick yesterday from the mills at Gary, Indiana for track laying on the Interurban between Sedgwick and Newton. Twenty car loads of ties have arrived so far. Material for overhead equipment is arriving daily. The concrete gang is at work on the viaduct four miles south of Newton, over the Santa Fe tracks. This will be 60 feet high, with steel girders, and clear the railroad track's grade 23 feet. The approaches will be a one and a half per cent grade, requiring 6000 yards of earth work on the grading. The steel rails are 70 pounds.
6. The deed transferring the old William Griffenstein property on West 9th street from Henry Lassen and wife to William H. Kinney has been recorded. The sale price is given as \$20,000. Mr. Kinney expects to occupy the property as a permanent residence. Mr. Lassen will build a home on College Hill.
10. City commission yesterday accepted plans to extend the drainage canal from its present end near Harry street to Sewer Island, in the Big Arkansas river, a distance of about three miles. Plans were also accepted for a new drainage canal from 16th to 21st street and for the installation of ornamental electric light poles, carrying electric lights and trolley poles, on Douglas avenue from the Big Arkansas river to the Santa Fe tracks and on Main street from Murdock to English.

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5. Mrs. Cora Barwise, mother of Mrs. B. F. McLean of 313 North Seneca, died yesterday at age 69. Her husband, Osa J. Barwise, died twelve years ago.
8. Car service on the North and West Riverside car lines has been increased from a nineteen minute service to fourteen minutes.
10. C. J. Skinner, assigned to be Santa Fe resident engineer here in charge of track elevation and union depot work, arrived in the city yesterday and started to work. Preliminary surveying will be done first before commencing the construction work.

Thursday, May 11, 1911**page**

5. First band concert of the season will be given next Sunday afternoon at the pavilion in Central Riverside Park.

10. Flood gates of Central avenue dam have been open to lower water level about three feet to permit the work of riprapping the west bank of the river, between Woodman avenue and 13th street. This will be completed by Friday evening, at which time the flood gates will be closed and by Sunday the water will be deep north of the dam. A boulevard drive, 60 feet wide, will be constructed along the west bank of the river from Woodman to 13th, property owners in that portion of the city having given the land to the city for boulevard purposes.

Friday, May 12, 1911**page**

5. Article -- "Pope Pius Selects Father Tihen as Bishop of Lincoln."

12. Drawing of plan for new twelve story Bitting skyscraper. Designed by Fred G. McCune, Wichita architect. To be 48 feet by 130 feet and cost \$220,000 to \$250,000. Other examples of his architecture are the Noble block, Elks club, Stoner apartments, and Harry Cottman residence.

Saturday, May 13, 1911**page**

5. New Wichita telephone directory now being produced by *Wichita Eagle* job printing department will be changed in appearance, having two columns of type on each page instead of the former one column to a page. Another change will be the printing of the business classified list on yellow paper. It will be six by nine inches and 10,000 copies will be printed.

The new YWCA summer home five miles out on the interurban and near the river will be ready for occupancy June 1.

Sunday, May 14, 1911**page**

8. Article: three of the most responsible positions in Wichita are those of the railroad crossing watchmen on East Douglas. About 200 times a day these watchmen lower and raise the crossing gates and ring the danger bells at the points where the Santa Fe, Rock Island, and Frisco railways cross Douglas avenue. ¶ The Rock Island crossing gate is temporarily out of order and the flagman, equipped with a red flag, crosses the avenue ahead of the engine.

Tuesday, May 16, 1911**page**

5. City commission yesterday let contract for paving Spaulding from Riverside to Franklin

avenues to Cleveland-Trinidad Paving company and contract for paving Riverside from Beal to Parker avenues was let to Rackliffe-Gibson Construction company.

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9. The sandboat, "City of Wichita," is now at work deepening a boys' wading pond in the Little Arkansas river, at the foot of the Woodman bridge, in South Riverside park.

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2. Advertisement by the Wichita Eagle Press titled "The Peerless PRINTERS of the Plains."
5. Wichita High School's biggest class will be graduated Wednesday. It numbers 100, two more than last year, which was the previous record. In 1908 the class numbered 83. Girls far outnumber the boys, there being not over two dozen boys in the class.

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8. Two hundred tons of new 73 pound steel rail has been shipped from Steelton, Pennsylvania for the new street car tracks on North Main. This is about twelve carloads and is the first shipment of 500 tons to be used in relaying the tracks from Douglas avenue north to Murdock. ¶ New tracks is also being laid on Cleveland avenue. The old track is torn out from 10th to 12th streets and laying of concrete will commence Monday.

Sunday, May 21, 1911

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15. Article reporting visit of G. H. Sweet of Topeka, early Wichita resident and builder from 1870 to 1880. Says there were only a few persons here when he came here from Topeka in 1870, including D. S. Munger, William R. Watermen, William Mathewson, J. R. Mead, and William Griffenstein. ¶ Says he built the first brick house ever built in Wichita for William R. Waterman on southwest corner of Waco and Central. Says Mr. Waterman proved up on the first land on the present site of Wichita and sold 40 acres of his land to William Griffenstein for \$2000, on which he laid out the town. ¶ Says he used to haul lumber from Newton for John Davidson and Henry Schweiter, who were prominent contractors and builders. ¶ In 1873 he built the old two story brick building at corner of Main and Douglas, which has been replaced by Schweiter building. This old building was used then by Sol Kohn and others as headquarters for a bank and was about the most commodious building in town. ¶ Says "very well do I remember Mr. Munger's stockade and Mr. Griffenstein's store, over near Riverside park."
18. Article says Wichita booster train past week was pulled by Santa Fe engines No. 235 and 241.

At last Wichita will have a new and artistic steel and concrete bridge over the Arkansas river at 13th street. The county commissioners yesterday accepted the bid of Wichita

Construction company to build it for \$19,450. ¶ The dilapidated bridge for many years spanning the river at that prominent thoroughfare has been both dangerous and an eyesore. In its place will be a steel structure with concrete floor 400 feet long in the clear and 18 feet wide. ¶ The abutments must be sunk five feet below mean low watermark. The four foot steel tubes must be sunk ten feet below low water mark and in each of them there must be four piles 20 feet long. The piers will be of concrete.

Tuesday, May 23, 1911**page**

5. Contract let yesterday by county commissioners for the new bridge (above) over Arkansas river at 13th street. Work is to be completed by November 1, 1911.

Wednesday, May 24, 1911**page**

5. "Street car men are gossiping about car service, saying that it looks like Wichita would not have as good service this summer as in the past few years. They talk about several cars being taken off and the running time on many lines lengthened."
12. To comply with a state law, a fish ladder will be built on the new Central avenue dam. Article describes the ladder.

Thursday, May 25, 1911**page**

6. About 25 car loads of steel were received at Arkansas city yesterday for the Midland Valley extension to Wichita. The pile bridge across the Big Arkansas river near Geuda Springs is being rushed.

Friday, May 26, 1911**page**

6. Ad: "One of the most popular business establishments in the Schweiter building is 'The Post Card Shop,' first door north of the main entrance. Just to view their immense display of Post Cards is well worth a visit to this unique shop."

A picnic on June 1 will celebrate the opening of the summer home of the YWCA at the "Bide-A-Wee" camp on the Little Arkansas river near Urbandale. A six room cottage will be headquarters, and there will also be a number of tents.

Sunday, May 28, 1911**page**

18. Missouri Pacific will reduce its grades from one to two feet through the city north of 12th street and put the crossings in first class condition: this includes approaches and crossings at Main, 12th street, North Lawrence, Market, Emporia and St. Francis.

Tuesday, May 30, 1911**page**

10. West Douglas from Main to Wichita to be paved with brick.

Petition to commission asking that 2nd street bridge be repaired until such time as it can be replaced by a permanent bridge and that 2nd street be opened from Arkansas river to Osage street. ¶ The 2nd street bridge is a private structure owned by the Wichita Amusement Park company.

The beautiful residence of Mrs. Nicholas Steffen at 2nd street and Rutan has been purchased by Chester I. Long, former U.S. senator from Kansas. The property has been vacant for nearly a year, since the tragic death by accident of Nick Steffen, who had spent \$4000 remodeling the place after purchasing it for \$9000 from F. A. Frey. Mr. Long paid \$10,000 for the property and will add \$5000 in changes and additions. The ground is 140 feet by 125 feet, with an eleven room house.

Thursday, June 1, 1911**page**

6. Capacity of the plant of the Red Star Milling company has been doubled -- from 600 barrels per day to 1200 barrels per day.

Friday, June 2, 1911**page**

1. Southwest corner of five story Steinbuchel Building at 213 North Main collapsed yesterday, leaving gap 25 feet across. Photograph. Building was formerly known as the Morris block, was built about 1885 and was bought eight years ago by Louis Steinbuchel for \$10,000.

Saturday, June 3, 1911**page**

5. Article on condemnation of right-of-way for Midland Valley Railroad (Wichita and Midland Valley Railroad company) through the city south of Douglas and west of Arkansas river at cost of \$27,855. Contracts for grading the road through the city have been let, and work will begin next week.
8. Article reporting picnic held Thursday evening to open the YWCA "Bide-a-Wee" summer camp.

Sunday, June 4, 1911**page**

6. Article reporting the following traffic across Douglas avenue bridge on May 1 between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.:
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| 422 | automobiles | 785 | buggies |
| 97 | motorcycles | 1174 | wagons |
| 636 | bicycles | 427 | street cars |
| 72 | carriages | 10,675 | people. |

19. Arkansas Valley Interurban will run hourly service all day today from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. to accommodate people desiring an outing along the line from Wichita north. ¶ About June 15 there will arrive five new combination passenger and baggage cars for the company. They are to be of the same type as the handsome car No. 1, now in service, save that the new cars will all be of solid steel frame.

Tuesday, June 6, 1911

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5. Article on street car service in Wichita with some city commissioners urging trailers be used during rush hours to provide adequate seats. Says Fairmount line had 20 minute service two years ago for several months, but then it was reduced to 30 minute service. Says North Waco line stops at 18th street when it ought to go to 23rd street. ¶ Superintendent Morrison replied that trailers would not help much and would slow service down. Says they have no trailers but the base ball trailers. When they tried the 20 minute service on Fairmount, the experiment in one year cost them the operating expense of one car. The company has spent a large amount on improving the system, "For the past four years we have spend all our gross receipts in improving our lines. For pavements alone we have spent \$460,000. We have spent \$80,000 in removing the cobblestones and putting in brick on Main and Douglas. In addition to this the cost of relaying the track on Main street and Douglas avenue will be about \$82,000. We have 500 tons of steel coming which we will use in relaying our double tracks on Main street from Douglas to Murdock. This was shipped from the mills May 20 and should be here any day." ¶ Wichita has a better street railway than Topeka, as shown by the assessment of the state tax commission, which valued our properties in Wichita at \$1,291,905 and the Topeka lines \$1,204,087.

Article on activities of the Midland Valley Railroad. The right of way has all been secured including the fairgrounds property and land for depots, yards, and terminals south of Douglas avenue. Grading is completed from Arkansas City to Oxford, and most of it is done from Oxford to Belle Plaine, and it will soon start in Wichita south of Douglas avenue. An expensive overhead crossing is being built over the Santa Fe at Oxford. Plans for passenger depot and freight depot are being prepared by architect Charles. The company paid \$60,000 for the fair grounds, \$60,000 for Douglas avenue property, and about \$60,000 for right of way from Douglas to point three-quarters mile south of Harry street. Right of way between there and Arkansas City cost \$150,000.

Plans for the Riverside park stand building, which will be furnished to whoever gets the concession to sell refreshments in the park, have just been completed by W. R. Stringfield. The general style of the building is Japanese. It will have the typical Japanese Pagoda roof with gables set above the hips for ventilation. The exterior finish will be stucco. The brackets and decorations will be Japanese and at each corner will be put a Japanese lantern. The dimensions will be 20 by 30.

Wednesday, June 7, 1911

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9. Paving of concrete on North Water from 1st street to Murdock began yesterday. The

street will be paved with vitrified brick blocks.

Thursday, June 8, 1911

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12. Article about progress on Arkansas Valley Interurban on the extension from Sedgwick to Newton. Nearly 200 men are employed on the construction. The viaduct over the Santa Fe tracks near Newton is nearing completion.

Friday, June 9, 1911

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5. Article reporting that Bert Wells, city engineer, recommends building a dam across Big Arkansas river near Harry or Lincoln streets. This would back the water up as far as the waterworks island.

Tuesday, June 13, 1911

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5. Article about plans for new \$16,000 three story building for Sedgwick Home, located at 3rd and Wichita. Article describes the plans for the building.
6. The Midland Valley Railroad began clearing the ground north of Maple street yesterday.
10. Work on relaying the street car track on West Central avenue will start today. The rail to be used in relaying part of this track is rail taken off other lines. As soon as the rail is removed from Main street, it will be used on West Central avenue.

Wednesday, June 14, 1911

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1. Drawing of new passenger depot to be constructed by Midland Valley Railroad on Douglas avenue, west of Arkansas river. It will be two stores, 40 by 90 feet. U. G. Charles is architect. Interior will include a large waiting room, 40 by 50, with tiled floor. Body of the building will be built of paving brick in two shades. Roof will be of Spanish tiles. Trimming will be with Carthage stone. Cost to be \$20,000. A \$12,000 freight depot is also to be built. The yards of the company will be south of Harry street, and all trains will be made up there. ¶ Track laying commenced yesterday at Arkansas City. About 60% of the grade of the entire line is completed, and the new bridge across the Arkansas river at Geuda Springs is about three-fourths completed and should be finished about July 11.
6. Drawing of new fish ladder to be built over the new concrete dam near Central avenue this summer.

Thursday, June 15, 1911

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6. Concrete being poured for base of pavement on 9th street from Washington avenue to the canal. About 400,000 Pittsburg bricks are along the street ready to be placed.

Friday, June 16, 1911**page**

9. Notice of meeting of members of Riverside club saying "the car line is now completed up to the club house."
12. Patrons of the Riverside club are exulting over the extension of the city railway's lines to the club house. This has been accomplished within the past week, the former gap of two blocks from the terminal to the club house having been closed up.

Article about proposal to form a "Gentlemen's Driving club" if the city will give a long-time lease on South Riverside park, in which the old half-mile Griswold track, once used for racing meets, is located. The old track could be re-surfaced at small cost and put in shape for as high class racing as the track was in the fair grounds, recently sold to the Midland Valley Railroad. ¶ The park is not in use and in its present condition is more of an eyesore than an ornament.

Saturday, June 17, 1911**page**

5. The White Way lights on Main street, Douglas avenue, and 1st street will be dark for a few weeks beginning tomorrow, while the poles on which the wires are strung are removed preparatory to installation of a new White Way with new ornamental poles and wiring in conduits.

Passenger business on the railways entering Wichita is very good at present. The five railways handled about 1000 harvest hands yesterday.

6. South End Round Table civil improvement organization proposes that the city secure as a park a magnificent natural tract of wooded land on the river lying at the foot of South Main, Wichita, and Water streets.
12. Half mile of driveway in Central Riverside park is to be oiled as an experiment.

The Orient railway will at once install electric alarm bells at its crossings in the southern portion of the city.

Sunday, June 18, 1911**page**

5. Photograph of Rev. G. A. King, pastor of First Universalist church, with his criticism in article of lecture given by another minister.

From the north end of its yards in Arkansas City two miles of track have been laid by the Midland Valley railway toward Geuda Springs after only one and a half days of track laying work.

16. Long advertisement by Missouri and Kansas Telegraph company regarding telephone rates

in Wichita.

24. With completion of the new dam and remodeling and enlarging of the Riverside Boat House, Wichita now has the largest fleet of rowboats and the finest scenery and water for rowing of any city in Kansas. ¶ Yesterday the boat company received another car load of pressed steel row boats. They now have 55 boats in their fleet, ranging from fourteen to eighteen feet in length.

Tuesday, June 20, 1911

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1. City commissioners voted yesterday to condemn the Wichita Water works. Details.
10. Commissioner Leach thinks it is out of the question for the city to lease out South Riverside park for use for a race track. Says he wants to use South Riverside park for a bathing beach and playground.

Wednesday, June 21, 1911

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5. Superintendent W. R. Morrison reports to city commission that autos are cutting down the revenue of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. About a thousand families use autos for rides in evening to cool off, instead of street cars. ¶ Regarding use of trailers, he says they're too heavy to put on any line except Stock Yards and Topeka avenue, where they have the large double truck cars to handle them. The trailers were purchased in the first place for baseball business only and may be disposed of now that we have no baseball.

Thursday, June 22, 1911

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5. The drives in Central Riverside park are closed to carriages and automobiles, as they are being oiled. The circular drive in the center of Central Riverside park is being given an oil coating first.

Contracts for the Wichita and Midland Valley freight and passenger depots are to be let this month. The contract for the freight depot, costing \$12,000, is to be let first, probably the latter part of the present week. It will be south of Douglas avenue, within a half block of the passenger station and will be 34 feet wide and 180 feet long. Besides the main structure, big loading docks are to be constructed, and a new street will be opened between the freight depot and the passenger station.

10. Paving work on 9th street from Washington to College Hill has been stopped by court action with the street all torn up. Brick paving was to have started soon.

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5. The Missouri Pacific will start work next week on improvements to its tracks and right-of-way in Wichita, to cost \$60,000. This includes construction of a second track from 12th

to 25th streets and lowering of the grade between these two streets. Grades will be lowered to a maximum of two feet seven inches, this maximum being at Lawrence avenue and 15th street crossing. The dirt obtained from the lowering will be thrown on the north side of the tracks and used to make a fill for the second track. Cost of lowering the track is about \$12,000. ¶ In constructing the second track, 85 pound steel rail will be used. Installing the new track will cost about \$42,000, and when completed, the Missouri Pacific railway will have a double track extending from 3rd street to 25th street. It will take about three months to complete the work.

Contract let yesterday for the Midland Valley freight depot to the Hammond Construction company. To cost \$12,000. Work will commence next week.

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5. Photograph of Wichita Water company plant.

Corner stone to be laid today for the new Odd Fellows hall at Douglas and Walnut. Two story brick building to cost \$25,000.

New bath house at municipal beach to be finished tomorrow and opened next Tuesday or Wednesday. It is fourteen by 36 feet, painted white with green trimmings, and stands on three foot stilts like the originals at Coney Island. ¶ It is located at the west end of the bend of the river just above the dam. Five dozen bathing suits arrived recently, for rental at a small fee. ¶ The river bank will be fixed up as a regular beach with spring boards, slides, and swings, and will be free to those who own their own bathing suits. ¶ The present bath house will be used by men only, but a new one for the women will be completed by July 4.

8. Advertisement with Photograph of house for sale at 1119 Forest avenue.
15. Agreement made yesterday between the city and county for extension of the new drainage canal and construction of several concrete bridges. Each will pay half of the cost. ¶ Canal will be extended from its present end south of Linwood and will empty into the Big Arkansas river near Sewer island. The work of installing purifying and settling tanks for the sewage of the city will commence on this island, and they will be in operation during the coming year. The city purchased Sewer island last year. ¶ Concrete bridges across the canal will be built at Harry street, Francis street, and two other locations in the country district south of the city. ¶ Bids will also be received Monday for construction of a drainage canal in the northern part of the city from 21st to 18th streets to straighten the northeast bank of Chisholm creek.

Tuesday, June 27, 1911

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6. This evening the laying of new 75 pound steel on the Missouri Pacific between Wichita and Conway Springs will be completed. The work was begun last fall but then

discontinued until June 1, when it was resumed. ¶ When this is finished, the track workers will begin laying street from Anthony to Kiowa, 28 miles.

Contract awarded for two big ornamental arc lights at the south entrance of the federal building, to cost about \$300. Work started yesterday on placing the fixtures.

10. The interior of the Pro-Cathedral will be remodeled to accommodate the crowds for the consecration of Monsignor J. Henry Tihen as bishop of Lincoln on July 6. A large balcony will be erected around three sides of the auditorium to nearly double the seating capacity.

Wednesday, June 28, 1911

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5. Sanitary bubbling drinking fountains will be placed in all the city parks to replace the old pump with the unsanitary common drinking cups.

Thursday, June 29, 1911

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6. Work will start Friday or Saturday on first excavations for east retaining wall of the elevated tracks at a point 127 feet north of 1st street on the east property line of the Santa Fe railway company. ¶ The elevation will be about 60 feet wide at 2nd street, increasing to about 95 feet 127 feet north of 1st street, and 150 feet at the south side of Douglas avenue. The north wall of the union depot will be about 50 feet south of the south line of Douglas avenue and the west wall of the depot will be about 150 feet west (sic) of the west (sic) property line of the Santa Fe railway. Elevation will be about ten feet at 2nd street, twelve feet at 1st street, and fourteen feet at Douglas avenue. Seven tracks will pass the depot including five passenger mains, and two freight mains on the west. The depot platforms will be 1200 feet long and begin 100 feet north of Douglas avenue. The first and third platforms will be thirteen feet wide and the second and fourth 28 feet wide.

Friday, June 30, 1911

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8. The first Midland Valley train to reach Geuda Springs is expected to steam in today.

Saturday, July 1, 1911

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1. Article reports the new Catholic Cathedral is to be equipped with a fine pipe organ costing around \$10,000, as the gift of August Rosenberger, president of the Southwestern Broom and Warehouse company.
5. Article gives history of the bridge finances for the Douglas avenue bridge.
10. Work started yesterday on excavation for the retaining walls of the new elevated tracks. ¶ More than 300,000 cubic yards of dirt will be required for the fill and more than 10,000 cubic yards of concrete for the retaining walls. ¶ The Wichita Union Terminal Railway company has been organized to do the track elevation work and construct the

union depot. C. J. Skinner, formerly engineer at Topeka, will be the resident engineer in charge of the work (age 35).

Sunday, July 2, 1911

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1. Major fire this morning in the cold storage building of the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company.

5. Special car service will be run to the parks on July 4. Twelve extra cars will be added by the Wichita Railroad and Light company to run from Main to Douglas to the parks to provide five minute service to Riverside park and three minute service to Wonderland park. ¶ The street railway company has leased to the Arkansas Valley Interurban company twelve cars for use on July 4 between Wichita and Walnut grove. Eight of these are the large baseball trailers (sic) and four are ordinary cars. ¶ The Interurban will also have in use that day two of its new cars, which have just arrived.

15. Owners of the five motion-picture theaters in the city -- -the Colonial, Yale, Maple, Elite, and Novelty -- are to open one of them to the public today (Sunday) as a test case.

20. Article about possible city levy to support the city library, which has previously been largely maintained by a \$3000 or \$4000 a year contribution from the school board.

The Midland Valley Railroad has been completed to Geuda Springs, but it will still be a few days before the first train arrives.

Tuesday, July 4, 1911

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5. Article discusses loss at the Arctic ice plant fire July 2 -- estimated \$83,000.

6. Article prints the original franchise granted by the city to the Water Works company -- ordinance No. 266, published November 22, 1882 after passage September 19, 1882.

10. The city may buy the Riverside club's sand boat for \$500. It is equipped with a 35 h.p. motor and is in the Little river opposite the club house of the Riverside club. The boat is needed to dredge the river north to 13th street, says city engineer Wells. "Mr. Fish has offered to give the city a strip of ground about 70 feet wide and 3000 feet long from the river and Forest avenue east and north along the bank of the river to 13th street. By dredging the river and pumping the sand we could make an excellent boulevard drive of this ground out on the bank, and there would be good boating from the dam north to 13th street."

Wednesday, July 5, 1911

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5. Birdman Jimmy Ward made four flights over Wichita yesterday from the Walnut Grove aviation field in his new Curtiss biplane. Fifteen hundred Wichitans went to the aviation

grounds to see the flying.

8. The street railway did one of the biggest days' business in its history yesterday, with all its 55 cars in use. Travel on the Riverside line was the heaviest in its history, with three minute service maintained. Last night, one minute service was in effect to Wonderland park.

Nearly 18,000 paid admissions to Wonderland park yesterday broke all past records for Wonderland.

10. Bert Wells, city engineer, reports to city commission on comparative costs of different pavements.

Brick:	<u>Concrete Base</u>	<u>Brick Specification</u>		
<u>Cost</u>				
Light traffic	5 inch	22% rattler test and 5% absorption test		\$1.65
Medium traffic	5 inch	20% rattler test and 4% absorption test		\$1.75
Heavy traffic	6 inch	18% rattler test and 3% absorption test		\$1.90
Asphalt:	<u>Base</u>	<u>Binder Course</u>	<u>Wearing Surface</u>	
Light traffic	5 inch	1 inch	1½ inch	\$1.75
Medium traffic	6 inch	1 inch	1½ inch	\$1.85
Heavy traffic	6 inch	1¼ inch	2 inch	\$2.00
Concrete:	<u>Thickness</u>			
	5 inch			\$.90-.95
	6 inch			\$1.00.

Article gives second franchise ordinance of the Wichita Water company, ordinance No. 558 granting rights to Fairmount Water company, published July 10, 1888 after passage June 29, 1888.

Thursday, July 6, 1911

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1. Photograph of Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, to be consecrated today as bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska. Details in article.
8. Total number of street railway passengers who paid fares or rode on transfers July 4 was 60,929. The Riverside line had the greatest number, with 16,626. College Hill line was second with 14,120 passengers. ¶ The number on the Riverside line was an all time record for that line.

Friday, July 7, 1911

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10. Article reporting on consecration of J. Henry Tihen as bishop yesterday.

Saturday, July 8, 1911

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5. One block of paving on West Central avenue near Little river bridge has been finished. Work was started last January but has been delayed because the street car company is preparing to put in double tracks. One side of the street from Main to Riverside park is ready for brick laying, with the concrete in place, but the other side has not been touched.
6. The excavation for the new Bitting building, at Market and Douglas, has been finished, and footings are being paved for the 40 piers which will carry the weight of the building.

Article about inadequacies of the present plant of the Wichita Water company. Details.
12. Water company plans to put down five new eight inch wells along the banks of the Little river, making a total of 37 wells scattered over about 40 acres of ground. They are about 125 feet apart. Will increase present capacity of nine to ten million gallons per day to eleven to twelve million gallons. Also building a new 1,000,000 gallon reservoir. Details. Article says Big Arkansas river is dry for half mile above the water plant.

Sunday, July 9, 1911**page**

1. Photograph of those who attended banquet for Bishop Tihen's consecration -- in front of Mt. Carmel Academy.
5. Contract for Midland Valley passenger depot let yesterday to cost \$21,000 and be completed in 90 days. Work will start next Tuesday. To be two stories and of a modified Spanish mission style of architecture. Walls to be of red vitrified paving brick and trimming of white Carthage stone. Roof will be of red Spanish tile. ¶ Architect is U. G. Charles.
15. The front of the old Crawford theater is being completely remodeled at a cost of \$10,000. Details.
16. Children of the Kansas Masonic home were taken for boat ride at the Riverside Boat company last evening on the gasoline launch "Bessie May."

Wednesday, July 12, 1911**page**

5. New town of "PATMOS" established by Midland Valley Railroad eleven and a half miles south of Wichita on the Waco road, half mile east of Hydraulic.

The city has purchased the sand boat that was built and used by the Riverside club to make a swimming area in the Little river at the club grounds. Cost \$500.

Friday, July 14, 1911**page**

6. Joint meeting of city commission and school board last evening decided about half of

books in city library will be moved to high school library, and remainder will stay in the city library and be maintained by the city.

Saturday, July 15, 1911

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5. Chief of police, Lincoln McKinlay, submits resignation at the direction of Mayor J. H. Graham, who charged incompetency.
10. C. M. Beachy has recently purchased lots at 13th street and Rock Island avenue for building a large ice plant by a planned new company, the Citizens' Ice company.

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5. Workmen digging up Central avenue yesterday preparatory to the laying of pavement uncovered solid wood a couple of feet below the surface of the street. Digging further, they uncovered a string of ties upon which once rested the rails of a street line built in Wichita a generation ago. The ties were in a remarkably good state of preservation.

Electric bells were ordered from Chicago July 11 by the Orient Railroad for installation at seven crossings in the southern portion of the city, including those at Division street, Kellogg, Emporia, Topeka, Lawrence, Main and Water streets. The total cost is \$1,100. The Orient will also maintain a watchman at Emporia avenue while the schools are in session.

14. The school board has selected 876 classic and reference books from the city library to place in the high school library and plans to sell the remaining 10,000 to 11,000 volumes to the city for the city library. Article gives some history of the library.
15. Article reports Association park is to be abandoned. Tony Weinschenk, owner of the grounds and equipment, is ending the lease of Frank Isbell, owner of the former Wichita Jobbers, this fall, and the fence, grandstands, bleachers, and club house will be torn down and the lumber sold. The ground will be subdivided into lots and sold for residences. ¶ Association park is located on South Mains street, near the old fair grounds. It was fenced and equipped for the old Wichita team of the Western association in the spring of 1905. Since then a second grandstand has been built and the park remodeled.

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10. Bishop Tihen leaves today with friends for Lincoln on two special cars chartered from Rock Island Railroad. He is taking with him a 29 year old driving horse, "Dexter", and a Great Dane, "Jim."

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10. A pile bridge may be constructed across the Little Arkansas river at the foot of Bitting

avenue. Bert Wells, city engineer, is preparing an estimate of the cost.

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5. Stopping of street cars on the near side of the street may be tried on all of the paved streets of the city according to Superintendent W. R. Morrison. "It should aid in giving quicker service and lessen the chances of danger to the public." ¶ Street cars are now stopping on the near side of 1st and Market streets, and Lawrence, Topeka, and Emporia avenues.
8. The first steel for the Midland Valley Railroad tracks was laid in Wichita yesterday. A short section was laid south of Douglas avenue.

Saturday, July 22, 1911

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6. Article about progress of the petition for recall of Mayor Graham and two commissioners. Claim 3500 signatures.
10. Forty-five thousand face brick purchased yesterday by the Midland Valley for their new depot. They are of two colors, a dark chocolate for the base, and a much lighter chocolate, almost red, for the body of the building.

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4. Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company says the one-man street car is the car of the future. In the future there will be no conductor, and the cars will have but one entrance and exit at the front end of the car. This will save 25%, as half the expense in running a car is in the employment of the motorman and conductor.
11. Article about miniature railroad at Wonderland park.
15. Article about Bishop Tihen's welcome in Lincoln, Nebraska.
20. Engines on the middle division of the Santa Fe are being equipped with oil burners. Engines on passenger trains through Wichita now burn oil.

Wednesday, July 26, 1911

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2. The Midland Valley laid its 75 pound steel rails across the double track of the street car line on Douglas avenue early this morning. The track was also built across Maple street last night. ¶ At the south side of Douglas avenue the track is about 118 feet from the west end of the Douglas avenue bridge. At the north side of Douglas it is about 150 feet from the bridge. The rails already extended from the Missouri Pacific tracks north of Douglas to the avenue. ¶ The tracks of the new road are ready for Arkansas City to Oxford.

5. It was decided yesterday to use the cobblestones being removed from between the street car tracks on Main street and recently donated to the city, to construct a new building for the animals at Riverside park.

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5. The Jackson-Walker Coal and Material company will move from its present location on Santa Fe avenue between William and Kellogg to make room for the union depot and elevated tracks.

The Missouri Pacific is now testing new heavy engines to be used on freight trains on the Wichita division from Wichita to Durand. Engine No. 170 arrived in Wichita yesterday pulling 32 cars with total of 1200 tons. The previous smaller engines have a drawing capacity of only 750 tons. ¶ The Wichita division will receive about 20 of these large class "A" locomotives soon. At present it is using 41 locomotives of various types between Wichita and Fort Scott. ¶ The class "A" engine has eight drive wheels and four truck wheels. ¶ The track from Wichita to Fort Scott has been re-laid with 85 pound rails and new steel girder bridges installed to handle the heavy engines.

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5. The North End Realty company, offers to give to the city a strip of land about 300 feet wide and 900 feet long along the bank of the Little Arkansas river north of 11th street. The land belongs to L. W. Clapp, C. G. Cohn, J. D. Houston, Charles H. Smyth, and C. H. Brooks, of the Realty company. Part of it is sandy and below the level of the river bed. It will be leveled and on it will be constructed sunken gardens and ponds for gold fish and lilies. The main expense in making a park of this land will be the cost of constructing drives.
6. Superintendent Morrison of Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday announced the opening of sub-agencies for sale of street car tickets at Allen's drug store, Hillside and Douglas, and at the Stock Yards Exchange building. Sub-agencies have previously been located at Dockum's drug store, Innes' and the Boston Store.

Tuesday, August 1, 1911**page**

10. School board last night reached agreement on sale of the library to the city. Of the approximately 12,000 volumes in the library, those suitable for the high school library, not to exceed 1200, will be placed in the high school. The remainder of the books will be transferred to the city at no charge. The fixtures, shelving, etc., will be transferred to the city for the sum of \$1000, effective August 1, 1911, and the city commissioners will assume all costs and running expenses after that date.

Wednesday, August 2, 1911**page**

6. W. R. Morrison, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company, will leave in October for Bridgetown, Barbados Islands, to supervise construction work on a new traction line for the McKinley Traction company. The change is said to be temporary. ¶ A. M. Patten, superintendent of the Topeka street car system will look after the interests of the Wichita line as superintendent.
10. Long article about the telegraph offices in Wichita with photograph of interior of Western Union office.

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5. Wichita's new market house on South Water will be completed about August 15. Excavating for the paved court started yesterday. Brick pavement will be laid in the court. There is ample room in the market house proper for 28 booths six feet square.

Cobblestones which formerly rested between the rails of the street railway on North Main street will be used in constructing a house in Central Riverside park to keep the animals warm in winter. ¶ City commission yesterday approved plans of W. R. Stringfield, secretary of the Wichita Architects association, for an animal building to be about 150 by 70 feet and cost about \$11,000. Work of building one wing of the building, 40 by 50 feet, will start at once. The wing and main building will be built at the north end of the ostrich pasture. The materials used will be reinforced concrete and cobblestones. The building will have a flat roof containing sky-lights. There will be five cages ten feet square for the larger animals and eight cages about four feet square for the smaller ones. At the outside of the building will be the same number of cages, connecting with the inner cages, so that the animals can get sunlight. The basement will contain the heating plant and storage rooms for food supplies.

6. Wichita's new \$8500 automobile engine probably will arrive today from the Webb Motor company of St. Louis. It is capable of pumping 750 gallons per minute and will be placed in the Central fire station.

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10. Article about recent sagging of section of Clifton avenue asphalt pavement between Cedar and Grant streets. Bert Wells, city engineer, says "a good many years ago an old street car fill was constructed along the middle of Clifton avenue," etc.

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3. Street car company employes yesterday gave gold watch to Superintendent W. R. Morrison, prior to his departure from Wichita in October.
5. Plans are being drawn for four room additions to McCormick, Linwood, Franklin, and Ingalls school buildings. The McCormick addition will be of stone to conform with the

present structure.

Brick for the new Biting building is arriving in Wichita. Two kinds will be used for facing: a white enamel brick from New Jersey will be used for facing the pillars which will carry the weight of the floors, and a gray brick from Pennsylvania will be used for the panels around the windows. ¶ Forms for the pillars supporting the second floor were put in place yesterday.

11. Drawing of Wichita's new \$8500 motor fire apparatus; which was given its first tryout yesterday.
15. The 225 employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light company will be divided into two shifts so that all may attend the company outing at Walnut Grove park on August 9.

Tuesday, August 8, 1911

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6. Vitrified brick from Coffeyville are arriving for the new pavement on West Douglas from Main street to Waco.
8. Professor R. F. Knight resigned yesterday as superintendent of the public schools, and George W. Kendrick of Leavenworth was appointed as his successor at the same salary, \$2500 a year.

The county commissioners yesterday voted a tax levy of 23/100 mill to raise \$25,000 for a monument in recognition of the soldiers of the Civil War. ¶ It is to be erected on the court house lawn at the south side and in it will be placed flags and souvenirs of the war. It will be surmounted by statuary representing artillery, infantry, cavalry, and navy, each figure seven feet high. Above the will be a statue of Peace, ten feet high. The entire monument will stand 50 feet high, and the building serving as a pedestal will be fourteen feet square. ¶ The monument is being designed by E. M. Viquesney of Marietta, Georgia.

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5. Commissioner H. J. Roetzel favors construction of a new concrete dam to replace the present dirt Sullivan's dam.

Advertisement -- launch ride tickets at Riverside Boat company are ten cents. Mullins safe pressed steel row boats 25 cents per hour.

6. Henry Schweiter opposes extending the drainage canal from its present terminus to the river, because he doubts the city will fill in the bed of Chisholm Creek and it will contain stagnant water with a bad stench. ¶ He supports this contention by the fact that much of the bed of the creek within the city is still unfilled, although the canal has been dug through the city for four years.

Thursday, August 10, 1911**page**

5. Article on new equipment ordered by Missouri Pacific Railroad including 50 Mikado engines to be delivered by the American Locomotive works the latter part of August.

Saturday, August 12, 1911**page**

8. About 6000 persons attended the official grand opening of the Municipal bathing beach on the Little Arkansas river at South Riverside last evening.

Officials of Midland Valley Railroad rode on the first train traveling over the latest completed portion of the line from Arkansas city to Oxford. The trip was made Thursday and the track and road bed inspected. The track is now laid to a point one mile north of Oxford.

Sunday, August 13, 1911**page**

6. E. H. Sawin, formerly city engineer of Wichita, has just finished getting out what is undoubtedly the most complete and accurate map of Sedgwick county ever issued. The map is corrected accurately to June, 1911. ¶ It is a wall map, mounted on heavy canvas, and is drawn to a scale of one mile to one and one tenth inch, making the entire map 33 by 39 and one tenth inches in size. All of the railroads are shown including the Midland Valley and the Interurban line.
13. Drawing of the front of the new Herman and Hess store at 223 East Douglas. Opening date has not yet been set, but probably about September 1.

Tuesday, August 15, 1911**page**

5. The Wichita water company plans to lay a 24 inch cast iron siphon line from the Little Arkansas river north of the Central avenue dam about 1500 feet in a southwesterly direction through the water works island to the Big Arkansas river. Excavating has commenced and it will take about two weeks to lay the line, at a cost of about \$6000. The line will divert water from the Little river to the Big river when the latter is dry, thus increasing the supply of water from the old wells. ¶ Company officials say that about eighteen million gallons of water daily flow over the Central avenue dam and are wasted, and that only about two million gallons daily will be diverted. ¶ Commissioner Roetzel says he will oppose the action of the water company.

Wednesday, August 16, 1911**page**

5. Advertisement of Wichita Railroad and Light Company announcing sub-ticket offices in Boston store, Innes Dry Goods company, H. B. Allen's Drug store at Hillside and Douglas, and Stock Yards Exchange building.

Friday, August 18, 1911**page**

6. Article and photograph regarding weather information kiosk to be erected in Wichita by U.S. weather bureau.

Mrs. Laura Buckwalter is soliciting material to be used in the construction of the new rest room building to be erected in North Riverside park. ¶ A conference of the city commissioners, Superintendent Morrison, and Mrs. Buckwalter was held yesterday. The commissioners advised Mrs. Buckwalter that they are willing that the city at large should pay the cost of the labor necessary to construct the building if she will see that the material is donated.

Property owners on Bitting avenue are considering petitioning for a pavement on this street. Eleventh street, which intersects Bitting, is paved with brick. It is proposed to pave 10th street and then petition for paving of Bitting from 10th to 11th.

10. Long article about petitions and plans being carried out to force recall of Mayor Graham.

Saturday, August 19, 1911**page**

12. Article about chimes to be installed in new cathedral at cost of \$2000.

Electric gongs to be placed at several crossings of Orient railroad in southern part of the city -- on Bayley, Emporia, Topeka, Lawrence, Market, Main, Water, and Wichita streets.

Sunday, August 20, 1911**page**

3. Article on which "Buffalo bill" first got the famous name, Mathewson or Cody.
5. The water company is going ahead with its water main connecting the Little and Big rivers (see August 15 article). Superintendent Fred Aley of Wichita water company says there is no reason the company cannot use water from the Little river -- says "we used to have our pumping plant on Little river south of the Murdock avenue bridge and on the east bank."

The city has made \$200 in repairs to the wooden bridge across the Little Arkansas river at Central avenue. For several months the bridge has been unsafe. ¶ This bridge was built and maintained by the Wichita Water company. The company's mains supplying the northeast portion of the city formerly rested on the bridge, but have since been removed to the bed of the river.

In order to accommodate persons at the Municipal bathing beach, two additions have been made to the bath house.

20. Motor cars are supplanting hand cars and velocipedes on the Missouri Pacific railway

system. The company has installed seven motor cars for section men on the Wichita division. They are propelled by gasoline engines. The seven cars were converted at the carpentry shops of the Missouri Pacific road in West Wichita by installing Detroit-Marine gasoline engines coupled by a belt to a pulley on the rear axle.

Thursday, August 24, 1911**page**

5. Midland Valley rails are now laid from the depot to the Wichita and Western crossing one mile south. Graders are now preparing the fair grounds north of Douglas for the Midland Valley terminals and most of the buildings and fences on the fairgrounds have been removed. The Midland Valley track has been completed from Arkansas City to Belle Plaine.

Friday, August 25, 1911**page**

5. Contract let yesterday for the foundation and basement of the new Sedgwick Home building, which is to be 50 by 98 feet and on lots adjoining the present building on the west.

Twenty-two new views of Wichita will soon be added to the assortment of cards on display at the Wichita Post Card Shop in the Schweiter building. These will be added to the 36 Wichita views now kept in stock at the shop. Nearly all of the principal buildings of the city will be represented, as well as many park and street scenes.

Saturday, August 26, 1911**page**

5. Santa Fe railway announces inauguration on December 1 of new "Santa Fe de Luxe" once a week extra fare train between Chicago and Los Angeles. Extra fare of \$25. Schedule is 63 hours between Chicago and Los Angeles, averaging 36 m.p.h. including all stops.
6. The "West Side" signs on street cars were changed yesterday morning to "University." The students of the Quaker college have been fighting for this change for months. When the Mt. Carmel line was inaugurated last winter, an editorial in "University Life," the student weekly, requested the change since there were now two West Side lines. The company agreed to the change but has been waiting until all the old transfers were used before changing the signs on the cars.

Saturday, September 2, 1911**page**

5. Sedgwick and Halstead are to have electric lighting furnished by the Kansas Gas and Electric company's plant. ¶ Manager of Kansas Gas and Electric company said "The Arkansas Valley Interurban railway has a franchise through Halstead and our company set the poles supporting the trolley wire. We recently installed a new substation seven miles north of Sedgwick. At this substation the Interurban branches, one line going to Halstead and the other to Newton. From this new substation we feed the Interurban and furnish

electric current for Sedgwick.”

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2. Although the new high school building is not yet completed, school will begin there on September 11, as scheduled.

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6. The new Fairmount Congregational church will be dedicated next Sunday. Located at 11th and Fairmount. The old building was torn down and foundation for new one laid two years ago last spring. Further construction was suspended until last spring. The new building cost \$15,000 and seats 700. The old church torn down two years ago was built in the boom days on Fairview avenue as the Fairview Congregational church. It was bought by Fairmount residents in 1897 and re-erected on Fairmount that year.

9. Article giving city attorney's opinion on the proposed recall election.

The new Herman and Hess clothing store on East Douglas, just west of Lawrence, opens today. They have been in business in Wichita 26 years, having opened September 6, 1885.

Contract awarded yesterday by city commission for extension of the drainage canal from the city limits to the Big Arkansas river, at cost of \$22,089, to Pollard-Campbell Dredging company, Omaha, Nebraska. ¶ Contract also awarded for constructing the drainage canal branch from 19th to 21st street for \$2740.

12. City commission approved petition for paving Bitting avenue from 10th to 11th street with Westrumite paving. ¶ Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, who resides on 10th street, objected to granting the petition. The point of the contention was over paving the intersection of Bitting and 10th street.

Thursday, September 7, 1911

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5. Ordinance passed by city commission yesterday for special election September 25 to vote on recall of mayor John H. Graham and of commissioners R. B. Campbell and E. M. Leach.
10. Contract awarded yesterday for construction of a reinforced concrete bridge across the drainage canal at Harry street for \$3087 to Deiter-Wenzel Construction company of Wichita. ¶ Contract also let for new main central sanitary sewer No. 20 for \$173,475.

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3. Wichita Railroad and Light company ad: ¶ Now that the new tracks are done on Cleveland avenue, we will try to give a fifteen minute service, meaning one more car per

hour than the old service. ¶ South Emporia concrete work is now completed and cars are running as far south as Dewey street. Through service will be resumed Sunday.

6. Photograph of flood water crossing deck of Douglas avenue canal bridge at noon yesterday.

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9. Lawrence avenue is paved north to 21st street. For several months a gap at the Missouri Pacific crossing remained unpaved and impassable, but this is now paved and the avenue is paved for a distance of four and three quarters miles from Kincaid avenue on the south to 21st street. ¶ The longest paved thoroughfare in the city is Douglas avenue which is paved for five and a fourth miles.

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6. The new high school opened yesterday with an enrollment of 908 students including 442 in the Freshmen class.

Article reports dedication of Fairmount Congregational church Sunday.

10. Article reports new market place to be opened within one week. Description.

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6. Midland Valley track layers are now within about three miles of Wichita and laying about a mile and a half of steel daily. ¶ The Midland Valley has purchased about 20 acres of ground near Harry street. A foundation for a big water tank is now being built on this ground. A survey was made yesterday for a "wye," and it is probable that the round house and shops will be built on this ground.
10. An eight year old boy struck and killed last night by a Wonderland park summer car, No. 127, at Douglas and Water.

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6. The Midland Valley line was completed into Wichita yesterday, the connection up from the south being made at the Orient crossing. Nine thousand feet of track were laid yesterday. ¶ The tracks are surfaced from Arkansas City to Belle Plaine, and it is expected to complete the surfacing from Belle Plaine to Wichita in less than two weeks. ¶ The freight depot is practically completed and the passenger depot will be finished in a week or ten days. Tracks are completed in the yards north at the fair grounds.

Friday, September 15, 1911

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5. The Midland Valley freight depot will be ready for business in about ten days. The passenger depot will not be completed until about October 8. Details. ¶ A watch tower will be placed on the north side of Douglas east of the tracks. The gates are already up at the crossing.

Saturday, September 16, 1911**page**

1. Cartoon showing puppet mayor (Graham) on strings being manipulated by moneyed interests.
9. Bad fire last night at Lee Hays wholesale harness and saddlery establishment at 115-117 West William street.
12. First train out of Wichita on new Midland Valley road will probably run Sunday with an engine, flat car, and caboose to inspect the property. Returning from Arkansas City Sunday evening, a passenger coach will be added.

Sunday, September 17, 1911**page**

9. Barnum and Bailey's circus comes to Wichita this morning over the Rock Island railway from Topeka in its four special trains of 85 cars. The trains will arrive at half our intervals and will unload at 2nd street.

Tuesday, September 19, 1911**page**

2. Photograph of new motor delivery truck of Jett and Wood, wholesale grocers.
5. Special Santa Fe demonstration train visited Wichita yesterday. Includes huge 1911 Mallet locomotive No. 3009, and for contrast, 1881 engine No. 084. Schools were dismissed at 10:00 a.m. so children could visit the train.
6. Contract let for construction of a concrete bridge across the drainage canal at Franklin road, south of the city, for \$2600.
9. Further discussion of the proposed paving of Bitting between 10th and 11th. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter and J. W. Hendee appeared before the city commissioners yesterday, advising them that Westrumite is not a desirable paving material.

Wednesday, September 20, 1911**page**

5. Article reports the proposed reconstruction of street car lines in Barbados has been postponed, so Superintendent W. R. Morrison will remain in Wichita for the time being.

Thursday, September 21, 1911**page**

5. Concrete work on the fourth floor of the new Bitting building will be finished by next Saturday night. The brickwork has already begun to show up on the front of the building. The building will be finished by the middle of December.

Saturday, September 23, 1911

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5. The new City Market, located in part of the Forum on Water street, opens today.

Electric crossing bells, ordered several months ago but delayed in delivery, are being installed by the Orient railway at Kellogg and Division streets, and on Bayley street at Emporia, Topeka, Lawrence, Water and Main street crossings.

Tuesday, September 26, 1911

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1. Major John H. Graham was recalled in special election yesterday and replaced as mayor by Dr. Walter W. Minick. Commissioner E. M. Leach also recalled, but Commissioner R. B. Campbell apparently re-elected by a narrow margin. ¶ History of recall:
 - June 19 -- by vote of four to one commission votes to condemn water plant, setting date of June 26 for passing ordinance.
 - June 24 -- Real Estate Dealers' association calls halt on the deal and asks 60 days in which to investigate the proposition and the law in regard to condemnation proceedings.
 - July 12 -- petitions put in circulation for recall of Graham, Leach and Campbell, active workers for the water works scheme.
5. Midland Valley officials expect to run the first regular passenger train into Wichita Wednesday, October 4.
9. Old rails from the North Main street car line between 1st street and Central were hauled to the South Emporia avenue line early Sunday. New rails were recently laid on the North Main street line, and the old rails will be used in relaying that portion of the Emporia avenue line south of the Wichita and Western Railroad tracks. ¶ The west track on North Main street is now being laid, and cars are using the east track.

Wednesday, September 27, 1911

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5. Contract let yesterday by Midland Valley railway for construction of a round house at the intersection of Harry street and the Midland Valley tracks. To contain stalls for four locomotives and cost \$12,000.

Thursday, September 28, 1911

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5. Contract for the depot platform has been let by the Midland Valley railway. The platform is to be of brick and will extend all around the depot and have a frontage on the tracks of 400 feet.

Tuesday, October 3, 1911**page**

9. Article reports on opening yesterday of New Crawford theater. Cost \$100,000. Details.

Contract let yesterday for the Soldier's Monument, which is to stand south of the court house grounds. To cost \$18,442 and to be built of the best Valle (sic) Vermont granite. To be finished by October 1, 1912. The contract does not include the foundation of the monument, which will be of concrete and cost about \$1200.

12. Article giving detailed report by National Board of Fire Underwriters on fire fighting facilities in Wichita -- giving detailed description of Wichita Water company plants and pumps.

Wednesday, October 4, 1911**page**

8. Three of the large "Class One" Missouri Pacific freight locomotives have been received for service between Wichita and Yates Center and Ft. Scott, and thirteen more will be received soon.

9. The Midland Valley's first regular passenger train into Wichita arrived at 9:15 p.m. yesterday, having started from Fort Smith, Arkansas, 273 miles away, at 7:05 a.m. The run from Arkansas City to Wichita was made in less than two hours. ¶ The train carried about 50 passengers and equipment included engine No. 35; combination mail, baggage, and express car; combination Oklahoma "Jim Crow" car, and a day coach. The engine is equipped with an electric headlight, and the combination car and day coach are new. ¶ Ticket No. 1 from Arkansas City was sold to J. H. Pearson, 1115 North St. Francis avenue. ¶ Article lists crew of train. ¶ The regular schedule in both directions is effective today. Train No. 2 leaves Wichita at 7:00 a.m. and arrives Ft. Smith at 9:55 p.m. Starting today the Midland Valley will begin receiving freight in Wichita for all points south. ¶ The passenger depot will be completed in about ten days, and until it is finished, tickets will be sold at the freight depot. ¶ The fare from Wichita to Waco is 24¢, to Belle Plaine 43¢, to Oxford 64¢, to Geuda Springs 87¢, and to Arkansas City \$1.02.

The new College Hill Congregational church at 1st and Clifton, in the extreme eastern part of the city, will be dedicated next Sunday.

Friday, October 6, 1911**page**

12. Changes in Wichita street car schedules to take effect next Sunday as some retrenchment on costs by running fewer, though larger, cars. ¶ Pay-as-you-enter cars will be put into service on College Hill and West Side lines Sunday. Starting today the Stock Yards and Topeka avenue cars will run together as before, and each line will go straight through instead of detouring. The new double track at 1st and Main streets is completed and was formally opened to traffic yesterday morning.

City commission will receive bids Monday for the 40 by 50 foot first wing of the building to be constructed to provide winter quarters for the zoo animals in Riverside park. The foundation has already been constructed for the building, so it should be completed in three or four weeks. ¶ The old hose house on North Market street, the present winter quarters for the animals, has been leased, so the need for the new building is urgent.

Repairs are being made to Woodman bridge. Two new bents of piling are being driven and one new cap is being installed. The old piling has been in use several years and is decayed. ¶ In this work, 35 foot poles formerly used by Kansas Gas and Electric company are being used.

Saturday, October 7, 1911

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8. Article giving further details of the new street car schedule effective tomorrow. ¶ Stock Yards and Topeka operate together -- eight minute service during rush hours and ten minute at other times. College Hill and West Side lines will run together on same schedule. On all of these lines, pay-as-you-enter cars will supplant the present small cars. ¶ Fairmount will operate as a stub to Hillside and Douglas only, with 30 minute service. ¶ Cleveland avenue and West Riverside will run together with fifteen minute service. A stub car will run from Franklin and Nims to North Riverside. ¶ South Main and South Emporia will run together with ten minute service. ¶ Pattie avenue and Waco cars will continue under the old arrangement. ¶ The Mt. Carmel line will run as a stub from Seneca and Douglas, going each way every ten minutes. ¶ Hereafter, cars will stop for passengers only on the near corners. Previously cars have stopped on both sides of any down town corner, and this has caused a considerable loss of time.

Sunday, October 8, 1911

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1. Photograph of Douglas avenue and downtown area looking west from Barnes building. ¶ Special articles for the Fall Festival describing Wichita businesses, etc.
15. Advertisement with photograph of Stock Yards hotel.
17. Article about first phone directory in Wichita, which was a small cardboard tacked beside each instrument with list of subscribers (article lists these), plus suggestions for the use of the instrument.

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9. Photographs of Central avenue dam, municipal beach, and boat house.

Article describing parks: Regarding Riverside park, comprising 147 acres, "This park has five miles of driveways. One follows the bank of the river and is one of the favorite drives of our citizens. In the center of the park is located the botanical garden, surrounded by a broad driveway of half a mile. This garden is patterned after the celebrated public gardens of Boston. A short distance west of the botanical garden is located the zoo."

Section E

- 3-E. Article of reminiscences of early days by former Wichita pioneer, M. W. Levy, published in the *Kansas Banker*, of Topeka, September 1911.
- 4-E. Photograph of Arkansas Valley Interurban depot with four cars visible.

Article says Arkansas Valley Interurban is carrying 30,000 people a month to and from Wichita and hauling 50 carloads of freight a month, mostly produce. ¶ The interurban is at present employing 150 men including the construction force engaged in laying the new lines of track.

Other photographs include:

- 5-E. Old Lehmann-Higginson building between Santa Fe and Rock Island depots.
Buildings at Fairmount college
- 6-E. Keene hotel, 1st and Market (southeast corner -- same building there now).
- 9-E. Butts building.
- 12-E. Schweiter building.

Tuesday, October 10, 1911**page**

8. Article says it's now definite that Superintendent W. R. Morrison will leave Wichita early in November to take charge of the work on the Bridgetown Tramway company's limited car line on the island of Barbadoes (sic) in the West Indies. He will be there about a year. ¶ A. M. Patten, superintendent of the Topeka street railway, will take charge of the street railway here during his absence.

Wednesday, October 11, 1911**page**

5. The new interurban line between Wichita and Newton was not opened to traffic yesterday as schedules, owing to unexpected delay in the completion of the sub-station above Sedgwick, which was not ready until 10 o'clock last night. ¶ Now it is planned to start the first car from Wichita this morning and to have some regularity of schedules by tomorrow. Eighteen round trips a day are schedules. The distance is 28 miles and will take about two hours. The one way fare will be 65¢, with commuters books for \$5, reducing the rate to 52¢.

Thursday, October 12, 1911**page**

5. Passenger service was established on the Interurban between Wichita and Newton yesterday and freight service will be installed today ¶ The first car leaves Wichita at 6:00 a.m. and reaches Newton at 7:30. Hourly passenger service will be maintained. ¶ The first passenger car yesterday morning left Wichita at 10:00 and arrived in Newton at 11:25, carrying officials of the company and their wives, and followed by a regular passenger car. ¶ Two daily freight cars will be operated between Wichita and Newton, leaving at 10:00 a.m. (arrives Newton 12:00) and 3:00 p.m. Freight must be at the Interurban depot, 1st

and Water, by 9:45 a.m.

8. Photograph of interior of Forum with festival booths.
12. Article lists extensive changes in Missouri Pacific time card.
14. Contractors in Wichita are experiencing a shortage of crushed rock for mixing concrete. ¶ For the first time since it has been doing business in Wichita, since 1909, the Cleveland-Trinidad Paving company yesterday was without crushed rock and had to stop the work of paving between the street car tracks on Franklin avenue.

Friday, October 13, 1911

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5. Large wooden auditorium, 160 by 220 feet, holding 8000 people, will be built for the Billy Sunday meetings in the second block on North Waco, just south of M. R. Diver's barn.

The new City Hall elevator arrived yesterday and is being installed. Built by Kimball Brothers Elevator company.

Riverside drive is to be paved from Beal avenue to 13th street, a distance of about 1200 feet, making a boulevard extending about 3000 feet from Buffum to 13th street, in the restricted residence district. The drive will be 35 feet wide and will be paved with a concrete pavement resembling Hassam, at a cost of less than \$1.00 a square yard, compared with the price of \$1.70 a square yard for Hassam pavement.

6. Street car service on the Riverside-Cleveland avenue line shows a marked improvement since the double tracks on West Central avenue have been put in service.
8. B. F. McLean plans to build a half mile horse racing track on property owned by him north of 21st street and between the Big and Little Arkansas rivers.

About 6000 persons arrived in Wichita yesterday for the festival over the railroads, including 2500 on the Santa Fe and branches, 1500 on the Rock Island, 1000 on the Frisco, 300 on the Orient, 1000 on the Missouri Pacific, and 500 on the Midland Valley.

Tuesday, October 17, 1911

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5. City commission yesterday let contract for five and a half inch thick concrete pavement to be laid on Riverside drive from Beal to Buffum avenues, a distance of about 2000 feet. To be done by Harry L. Miles at a price of 75¢ a square yard, said to be the cheapest price ever paid for a pavement in this city. The pavement will not be a smooth pavement like asphalt, but will resemble Hassam.

Clearing of the union depot site started yesterday, with removal of some buildings from the yard of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material company, corner of Santa Fe avenue

and William street, to the new yard site at Murdock and Santa Fe avenues. ¶ The Jackson-Walker property lies just south of the Lehmann-Higginson Grocer company's property, north of William street and east of Santa Fe avenue. Its new yards are south of Murdock avenue and west of the main line of the Santa Fe railway. About 3000 feet of tracks are being laid for the company by the Santa Fe.

12. Meeting yesterday between new superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company, A. M. Patten, and Fairmount residents protesting the recent cutback in Fairmount service.

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5. Wichita's newest hotel, the Coronado, opens today. In four story building at South Main and William streets, with 62 rooms.
7. Service to be tried out on Fairmount line of running through cars during rush hours from 5:45 to 9:15 a.m. and from 4:15 to 8:45 p.m, with stub service from Douglas and Hillside at other hours.
9. Photograph of Bitting building under construction.

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10. Photograph of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, at Martinson and Maple. (shows two street car tracks in Maple).

Saturday, October 21, 1911

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8. Article reports on dedication last night of new \$35,000 West International Order of Odd Fellows lodge hall at Douglas and Walnut. Photograph.

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14. Through 30 minute service will be restored on Fairmount line.

Tuesday, October 24, 1911

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1. Photograph shows Santa Fe engine No. 1031 bringing train load of 55 cars of broom corn to Wichita.
7. Bids for construction of animal house for Riverside park zoo are to be readvertised.
8. Commissioners Harts and Campbell have been appointed as a committee to cooperate with Mrs. Laura Buckwalter in looking after the construction of a rest room in Riverside park. Mrs. Buckwalter yesterday advised the commissioners that the former commission had broken its promise to help her with the rest room proposition.

9. About 200 members of the Chamber of Commerce will travel to Newton over the Arkansas Valley Interurban railway today for Newton's annual Booster Day and the formal opening of the Interurban to that city.

The Arkansas Valley Interurban railway company was given permission by the city commission yesterday to construct a shed for cars and an additional platform at its depot, corner of 1st and Water streets.

Wednesday, October 25, 1911

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6. Article describes the new 24 inch cast iron syphon (sic) line being laid between the Little and Big Arkansas rivers. Line is not yet completed.
9. Drawing of the Billy Sunday tabernacle under construction yesterday in second block on North Waco (on west side of street).

Over 50 car loads of rock have been dumped into the Little river below the Central avenue dam to keep big holes from being washed out of the river bottom below the dam.

Drawing of gas-electric 98 passenger motor cars recently purchased by Frisco Railroad. May be used here.

Work will start soon on Wichita's new river boulevard along the west bank of the Arkansas river from Harry street to Seneca.

Thursday, October 26, 1911

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12. State board of agriculture reports Wichita's population as 55,583.

Saturday, October 28, 1911

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5. One thousand seventy-nine automobiles are now licensed in Wichita.
9. Police last night raided at least 22 "rooming houses of questionable character" (addresses given) and arrested nearly a hundred women.

Tuesday, October 31, 1911

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9. First meeting of Wichita's new Rotary club held last night at the Riverside Club house with about 75 members present. President is Harry Stanley.

Wednesday, November 1, 1911

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5. Building permit issued yesterday to McIntire Brothers for a three story brick and stone building at southeast corner of Main and 3rd streets. To have business rooms on ground

floor and sixteen living apartments on upper floors. To be 52 by 140 feet and cost \$20,000.

Friday, November 3, 1911

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8. Photographic business of the Baldwin Studio was transferred to F. H. Reed on November 1. Thousands of negatives are on file in the studio representing prominent people from all over the state, many being of historic value.

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3. After spending more than a year in the old Lewis Academy building, the congregation of First Presbyterian church will hold the first service in their magnificent new church building at Lawrence and Elm next Sunday. While the main rooms of the church are not complete, the large Sunday school rooms are now practically ready and the services will be held there. It is hoped to finish the interior of the new building by January 1.
5. On November 2, the first full day of use of electric heaters on the street cars this year, there was an increase of 27.4% in the consumption of power by the Wichita Railroad and Light company. ¶ There are 36 cars equipped with electric heaters. The four pay-as-you-enter cars are furnished with hot air heaters.

Sunday, November 5, 1911

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13. The paving of Main street from English to Murdock should be completed by the end of this week. The paving company has also completed paving the right-of-way of the street railway on Main from English to Murdock, and the company has laid this stretch of the track with new rails.
21. Plans have been completed for the new bridge across the Little Arkansas river at Bitting avenue. The bridge will be 220 feet long, with a sixteen foot roadway and a five foot sidewalk on the west side. It will be constructed by the city and will cost less than \$2000. Red cedar piling will be used. ¶ By crossing the new bridge, people living north of the river will be able to board street cars, which now run to the foot of Bitting avenue.

Tuesday, November 7, 1911

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5. Residents between the fourth and twelfth blocks on South Emporia are complaining of the torn up condition of the avenue, which is to be paved. Several blocks are almost impassable. The right-of-way of the street railway has also not been paved yet. The contractor has been notified by Commission Roetzel that he must get busy on this contract.

Contract has been let to the Selgamacher Pipe Organ company of Erie, Pennsylvania for the \$9000 pipe organ for the new First Presbyterian church. To have three manuals and chimes and will have about 2400 pipes. To be in placed by Easter Sunday, 1912.

11. Board of education last night voted to put the question of separate schools for colored pupils up to the voters of the city. Details.

Contract let yesterday for paving 2nd street from Waco to Wichita with bricks at cost of 54¢ per yard for the excavating and \$1.82 for the pavement.

Wednesday, November 8, 1911

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5. Contracts for construction and equipment of the animal house in Central Riverside park were awarded yesterday. The building will cost \$1957, and the animal cages will cost \$1897.

Contract of the Sedgwick county soldiers' monument on the court house grounds will be re-awarded on November 21. It was previously awarded to the Charles G. Blake company of Chicago, which then refused to fulfill the contract, claiming that it had not understood the specifications.

Sunday, November 12, 1911

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1. Rev. Billy Sunday, evangelist, opens six week stay in Wichita at huge temporary tabernacle in second block on North Waco.
6. A James R. Mead memorial window is to be placed in the new First Presbyterian church at a cost of \$1500 by his son, J. L. Mead. It is the work of a New York artist.

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5. Missouri Pacific trains are using double tracks from 3rd to 21st streets. The double tracks were completed to 21st street yesterday and will be extended to the 25th street yards by the first of next year. This improvement will cost about \$43,000. ¶ A third track with a brick platform, extending from Douglas avenue nearly to 1st street in front of the passenger depot, has been completed at a cost of about \$2000.

Thursday, November 16, 1911

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5. The street car company has received the rails to relay the track on South Emporia avenue, and the contractor has resumed the work, which was delayed by lack of the rails.

Friday, November 17, 1911

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5. Major change in Missouri Pacific time card effective next Sunday. Details.
11. Paving of Franklin avenue from Buffum to Wiley, which started about two months ago, has been completed, after delays due to the street railway company not having the rails in position. The car company's track gangs were busy on Main street and Emporia avenue.

Saturday, November 18, 1911**page**

5. Work has started on the West Douglas avenue pavement which was laid up because the street car company had not completed rebuilding of its tracks.

Sunday, November 19, 1911**page**

9. Letter from D. R. "Cannon Ball" Green, now of Clinton, Oklahoma, giving some anecdotes of early Wichita history and claiming spelling should be "Chism" trail.
12. Photograph of four small early one story buildings North four doors from 342 North Main illustrating what early Wichita used to look like.
13. Article saying street car company objects to paying for the placing of iron poles to be placed along the "White Way." The company will pay the \$8000 cost of the poles but expects the city to pay the \$1200 cost of placing them in the ground.
18. Advertisement giving Midland Valley Railroad time table.

Wednesday, November 22, 1911**page**

14. Public dedication of the new high school building will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday with the building open for public inspection.

Saturday, November 25, 1911**page**

5. Louis Gerteis, president of Board of Education, gives the views of the board favoring the segregation of the races in the Wichita public schools.

Sunday, November 26, 1911**page**

- 8-B. A. M. Patten, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company, has worked out a new color scheme to designate the route of the cars at night. This is accomplished by various colored lights and went into effect last night as follows: Topeka-Stockyards line, red and blue; College Hill-West Side, two white lights; Pattie-Waco, green and white; Cleveland-Riverside, red and white; South Main-South Emporia, two green lights; Fairmount line, two red lights; and extra cars, red, white and blue.

Tuesday, November 28, 1911**page**

1. Announcement made yesterday of sale of the Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery company's property on South Santa Fe avenue to the Wichita Terminal association, for about \$135,000, this clearing the way for the new union depot. ¶ Lehmann-Higginson will vacate the quarters by March 15, so that the building may be razed. The company will secure a new location and build a new building. ¶ The Lehmann-Higginson property is

located on South Santa Fe avenue and faces the present Santa Fe passenger station. It extends from the Santa Fe tracks to Rock Island avenue (sic) having switching facilities on both railways. An alley, which formerly was William street, extends along the south side of the big building. The building is 150 by 166 (?) feet and two stories high. An architect recently valued it at \$51,000. ¶ The company located in Wichita in 1890, formerly on North Water street in the building now occupied by the United Electrical company. The new building was constructed about ten years ago.

2. Photograph of the new high school building, which is to be dedicated today. Article says Wichita High School was organized in 1877 with two rooms, two teachers, 45 enrollment, four in graduating class, superintendent of schools then George H. Woodward, and principal of high school was B. D. Hammond. Now has 54 rooms, 35 teachers, 988 enrollment, and 115 in graduating class.
5. Missouri Pacific Railroad will add \$5000 in improvements to its freight depot at 1st and Wichita streets early next year. A second story, 30 by 36 feet, will be added to the south end of the depot and built of red building brick corresponding with the present building.
7. Superintendent A. M. Patten on arrival here a few weeks ago found the motors on the snow sweeper car to be too light and sent to Topeka for three 40 h.p. motors, which were installed about a week ago. With yesterday's snow the sweeper car was busy all day and covered 25 miles during day light. Snow drifts at the loop on College Hill made turning the cars impossible, and several of them had to back to the city until the sweeper car cleared the loop.

A memorial window in memory of Robert E. Lawrence, an early and prominent member of the church, is being installed in the new First Presbyterian church by his widow at a cost of about \$5000.

Wednesday, November 29, 1911

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1. Photograph of library at the new high school.
9. Article reporting on dedication of Wichita's new \$200,000 high school last night. Photograph of auditorium.
12. Contributions of public utilities in Sedgwick county toward the total taxes of the county are:

			<u>in 1910</u>
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	-	\$38,342	33,331
Oklahoma branch	-	\$19,181	17,214
Wichita and Western	-	8934	7651
Augusta branch	-	2646	1964
Mulvane branch	-	7581	6502
Wichita Railroad and Light company	-	20,283	14,288
Missouri Pacific Railroad	-	17,375	16,697

Geneseo division	-	6809	
Wichita division	-	6169	
Kiowa division	-	4398	
Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railroad	-	8913	4106
Rock Island Railroad	-	15,297	13,510
Frisco Railroad	-	10,699	9942
Midland division	-	6694	
Main line	-	4006	
Arkansas Valley Interurban	-	2200	
Missouri and Kansas Telegraph company	-	8354	
Wichita Natural Gas company	-	1796	

Thursday, November 30, 1911**page**

2. Drawing of an electric truck introduced in Wichita recently, by the Kansas Gas and Electric company. Speed nine miles per hour. Runs 50 miles on one charge.
9. Advertisement by Wichita Railroad and Light company saying that effective Sunday, December 3, the cars will stop at the near crossing of all paved streets and the far crossings of all unpaved streets to receive and discharge passengers.

Friday, December 1, 1911**page**

5. Drawing of the proposed Soldiers' and Sailors' monument to be built next year on south lawn of court house. Bids to be opened next week. Details.

Sunday, December 3, 1911**page**

10. City engineer Bert Wells submits plan to build a fish ladder in the east wing wall of the new Central avenue dam. Details.
16. Article about "Farmer Doolittle" -- George Litzenberg -- with photograph.
18. Article about many residences being built on College Hill. Boom in College Hill lots was noticeable as soon as it was definitely decided that the tracks across Douglas avenue would be elevated, thus making the trip from the Hill to the main parts of the city a safe undertaking. The building of the College Hill sewer system has also had much to do with the influx of home builders in that area, and recent extensions of water mains have helped. ¶ One of the ornaments of the Hill is the palatial residence of former Senator Chester I. Long, which was just receiving the finishing touches when it was seriously damaged by fire last week. ¶ Harry Mead has just moved into his \$22,000, twelve room Colonial structure of brick and stucco at 3754 East Douglas. Other houses mentioned.

Tuesday, December 5, 1911**page**

5. Article about complaints by city commission yesterday about poor street car service in Wichita.
12. Contract let yesterday for the soldiers' monument on south lawn of court house, to the Woodbury Granite company of Hardwick, Vermont, for \$21,500. The material is to be light bronze granite. The bronze statuary will be made by Frederick C. Hibbard of Chicago.

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2. Drawing of animal house now under construction in Riverside park. Building will be about 50 by 50 feet with a big archway at the east entrance. It was designed by Commissioner Harts. The walls are to be of granite blocks given to the city by the street railway company. Steels cages will be built on either side. ¶ Contracts are as follows:

For iron work	\$1890.50
“Carpenter”	<u>1937.00</u>
Total	\$3827.50.

Replying to Mayor Minick's complaints, superintendent of transportation, C. R. Lewis, states that six men will start work at once cleaning the street cars and the company will maintain better running time.

Friday, December 8, 1911

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7. Article about possibility of obtaining a Western league ball team for Wichita again next season. Mentions that there is ample room for a ball park south of Wonderland Park, on the island. A site could also probably be obtained at Payne's park, just west of the river.
9. Cleveland avenue street car No. 182 collided with a Frisco passenger coach at Douglas avenue crossing yesterday.

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5. Frisco is reconstructing its line from Wichita to Beaumont, 27 miles. Nineteen miles of track have been relaid westward from Beaumont with 70 pound rails and ballasted with Joplin chatts (sic).
13. Photograph of a five and a half foot wide brick building built at 132 North Market to fill gap between new brick building at 134 North Market just completed by H. J. Hagney (sic) and the old City hotel building at 130 North Market, a two story building built in 1884 and operated as the City hotel until October 1904. This was said to be the first brick building on North Market street.

Tuesday, December 12, 1911

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1. Photograph of crowds leaving Billy Sunday meeting. Shows wooden tabernacle building and tops of four street cars.
6. Contract let yesterday for paving 9th street from New York to Estelle avenues with brick for \$1.72½ a yard, and also for paving Gilman avenue from Franklin to Riverside avenue with asphalt for \$1.79 a yard.
12. Interurban cars will be running to Halstead by December 20. Steel is being laid and poles and trolley wires are being installed between the junction and Halstead. ¶ The Arkansas Valley Interurban company has purchased a depot site at Halstead and work will commence on the depot in a few days. ¶ The depot at Sedgwick is finished and in use. ¶ A new car barn and repair shop, 40 feet wide and 60 feet long, and located just north of the Interurban depot at corner of 1st and Water streets, has been completed. The barn accommodates two cars.

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3. Work on the new Sedgwick home was started yesterday by the Wurster Construction company. The basement and foundation have been finished for several weeks.
8. At special election yesterday the city voted bonds for a new \$1,000,000 waterworks and for \$60,000 to build two new separate schools for colored students. ¶ Bonds for a \$200,000 electric light plant were defeated.

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9. Contract let for two new Smythe Brothers warehouses to replace the ones between Santa Fe avenue and the Rock Island tracks recently destroyed by fire. To be built on the old foundations and cost \$40,000. Two story. Drawing.

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5. Description of the "rattler test" for paving brick.
7. Officers of Wichita Country Club took steps yesterday to dispose of the old club house preparatory to planning and building a new one. Old club house and grounds on College Hill offered for sale at \$10,000 to encourage a quick sale.

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5. Work will start tomorrow on digging the extension of the drainage canal from 21st to 18th street. It is expected it will be completed in six weeks.
- 9-B. Brick buildings on south side of Douglas between Santa Fe and Rock Island depots are being vacated prior to being torn down. These are at 701-703 East Douglas and 715-717

East Douglas. ¶ Work on construction of the depot will start after the terminal company gets possession of the Lehmann-Higginson building at Santa Fe and William streets about March 15. ¶ Work will start on the depot first, followed by starting on the retaining wall and grading soon afterwards. The side is to construct two tracks on the elevation, running past the depot, before the present Santa Fe depot is torn down.

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5. The Reserve State bank opened its doors yesterday, making the fourteenth general banking institution in the city. Located in the new Odd Fellows building at Douglas and Walnut on the West Side. Article lists directors and stockholders.

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5. Effective this morning passengers and freight service is being inaugurated between Halstead and Wichita by the Arkansas Valley Interurban railway. The distance from Halstead to the junction with the main line is five miles, making it only 28½ miles from Wichita to Halstead. ¶ The point at which the Halstead line connects with the main line of the Interurban is called Van Arsdale, in honor of W. O. Van Arsdale, president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company, and a new town will be started there. ¶ Hourly passenger service is being established on the Halstead line. The first car will leave Halstead at 6:30 this morning and then will connect every hour with each through cart from Wichita to Newton. The first passenger car out of Wichita leaves at 5:30 a.m. ¶ Two daily through freight cars will be operated between Wichita and Halstead, supplying both Halstead and Newton. The first leaves Wichita at 7:00 a.m. and arrives in Halstead about 9:30. The second leaves Wichita at 1:00 p.m. and arrives in Halstead about 3:30. ¶ The completion of the Halstead line was celebrated yesterday afternoon, when the first through car was operated between Wichita and Halstead. Car No. 2 left Wichita at 3:00 p.m. with Interurban officials and newspaper men and arrived at Halstead at 4:40. Albert Fowler was motorman and J. E. McCluer, conductor. On the trip the car traveled over portions of the line at from 40 to 43 miles an hour. Returning the car left at 5:00 p.m. and arrived in Wichita at 6:12, covering the 28½ miles in one hour and twelve minutes. Parts of the return trip were made at 50 to 55 mph. ¶ Officials were pleased with the condition of the new track, which is comparatively smooth. A portion of it has not yet been surfaced. The five mile stretch is practically straight and follows the county seat (sic) line. There are seven bridges along the line, one crossing East Emma creek, another over West Emma creek, and a third spanning the Little Arkansas river.
11. During the month of November the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company hauled about 30,000 passengers.
8. The old wooden awning adorning the front of the old City hotel on North Market street since it was built in 1884 has been torn down. The building has now been converted into store rooms and will be used no more as a hotel.

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5. O. S. Shirk is adding a third story to the brick building 50 feet wide now under construction at 1109-1111 East Douglas.

10. Beginning next Friday, regular service will be resumed on the South Emporia and South Main street car line and the stub service operated during laying of brick pavement on the car tracks on South Emporia will be discontinued.

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9. Beginning this morning all street cars passing Main and Douglas will again stop on both sides of the intersection. ¶ Also the Stock Yards and South Main lines will run through as one line, and South Emporia cars and Topeka cars will run around the Market street loop and be operated as separate routes. Before today, South Main and South Emporia were run together and Stock Yards and Topeka were run together.

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13. Photographs of original Munger home and of same in 1911 as revealed by alterations in the old Woodman home, purchased in recent years by P. J. Conklin. ¶ Article says Munger home erected in 1868. Later known as 901 North Waco and for a generation was the home of the late Commodore W. C. Woodman. ¶ P. J. Conklin some time ago sold to Dr. J. H. Fuller the old building, which was concealed in the Woodman home. Dr. Fuller now has workmen stripping off the Woodman house, which has been as a shell enclosing the old first dwelling, and will move the Munger house to a permanent location closer to the river banks. ¶ It will be recalled that in the spring of 1910, Mr. Conklin presented to the city of Wichita a log cabin which occupied his premises, and this cabin was removed to Central Riverside park, near the zoo. It was described by some persons as the Munger cabin, but a number of old timers called attention to the fact that this was a very grave inaccuracy relating to the early history of Wichita. An authentic history was obtained from Mr. Munger's daughter, stating that the Munger home was still concealed in what has been known to Wichita for many years as the old Woodman home. Old-timers identified the building now in Riverside park as a trading post in no way connected with the Munger home. ¶ Article gives details of construction of the Munger home. ¶ In 1873 or 74 it passed into the possession of Commodore W. C. Woodman, who set about revising the structure (details). Photographs show comparisons between the original house and the Woodman revisions.

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6. Colonel S. B. Amidon yesterday hosted 300 youngsters at a Christmas dinner at the Elks Cafe on North Topeka.

9. Last Sunday the street car company carried between 12,000 and 15,000 persons, a record

for this time. It is estimated nearly 300,000 persons have ridden on the street cars in the past six months.

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10. About 15,000 cubic yards of concrete will be required for the new union depot and related projects. Includes 3000 yards for the depot, 4,500 for the retaining walls, 3000 yards for the subways, and 4500 yards for the Kellogg street viaduct. ¶ One cubic yard of concrete contains about nine-tenths cubic yard of crushed rock, about half a cubic yard of sand, and about one and a half barrels of cement. The price of cement is now about 70¢ a barrel; sand costs about 25¢ a cubic yard; and rock costs about \$1.15 a cubic yard, delivered in Wichita.

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5. The Missouri Pacific Railroad plans to equip all its freight engines and passenger coaches with electric lights soon after the first of the year. ¶ The oil lights on the front of freight locomotives are being replaced by brilliant electric lights such as are used on passenger engines of the road. ¶ Passenger coaches which have been lighted by Pintsch gas lights will be equipped with electric lights.
7. Article reporting on meeting yesterday for purpose of securing a baseball team for Wichita again and leasing a park site and building a ball park near down-town.

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5. This month's passenger and freight business handled by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company will exceed any other month. The road has handled about 35,000 passengers, partly due to the visit of Evangelist Billy Sunday. Passengers carried in November were about 30,000.
8. Buildings being razed in the 700 block on East Douglas for the new union depot include, from west to east, the two story brick Santa Fe Hotel building, 50 by 100 feet, at 701-703 East Douglas, built by Henry Schweiter about 20 years ago, the two story frame Mahan building at 705, until recently occupied by the Wichita Mineral Water company; a small frame building and a brick structure formerly owned by the Schlitz Brewing company; and the two story brick W. H. Bretch building at 715-717-719 East Douglas. No. 715 was formerly occupied by Huffman's barber shop and pool hall; No. 717 is occupied by J. R. Snedeker, cigar and tobacco dealer, and the Rock Island restaurant was in No. 719. ¶ The group is to be cleared before March 1.

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13. Article about log house built by Colonel William Mathewson in 1869 on what is now East Central, just west of Cleveland avenue. Drawing. Torn down in early '90s.

- 4-B. Article about marked growth and development of West Wichita. ¶ Includes photographs of:
- Midland Valley depot -- exterior and interior.
 - Orient shops, with ten stall round house in foreground.
 - New Riley-Holden block.
 - New Odd Fellows hall.
 - Trinity Methodist Episcopal church.
 - Masonic home.
 - Grotto at Mt. Carmel.