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## **TIHEN NOTES FROM 1913 WICHITA EAGLE**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, January 2, 1913**

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8. Shows photograph of new four story Bitting Building replacing old one destroyed by fire January 1, 1911.

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2. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter of West 10th street, who is building a rest room in North Riverside park, finds that she is in need of \$333 to finish the job. Mrs. Buckwalter thinks that the county should donate this amount, as she says the rest room will be an ornament not only to the park, but to the county at large. In a communication to the board of county commissioners she asked for a donation of \$333.

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5. Article about archway marking Murdock entrance to Riverside park. It was inspected by Fire Chief Walden, who found it to be unsafe and recommend that it be torn down. It was moved to the present location almost ten years ago, after having been built earlier by a street fair company and then given to the city. The brick coating is cracked and the structure has settled out of line. Recently the archway was damaged slightly by fire.

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5. Arthur Sullivan, 63, pioneer farmer, died yesterday at his suburban residence five miles north of Wichita. He was the last of seven Sullivan boys and came to Wichita in May 1870 from Ottawa City (sic), Canada. On his homestead, which is situated on the banks of the Little Arkansas river, he built the famous Sullivan dam, known for miles around as a big picnic grounds. He also built a canal or mill race a half mile long and 25 feet across, connecting Little river with Chisholm creek. This canal furnished power for a hydraulic mill he erected. His wife and two sons, Robert and Albert, survive.

Article about possible complaint to state public utilities commission because of refusal of

Wichita Railroad and Light company to extend South Emporia car line three blocks south of the present end of the line at Zimmerly street, as requested by petition signed by over 500 residents of the area.

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5. Drainage canal will be completed and opened probably during the present week (photograph) to its full length of six and a fourth miles from 21st street to the Arkansas river. The extension of the canal from Zimmerly street, 13,900 feet to the river, began in January 1912. Although the extension is shorter than the original canal, it is considerable wider and the yardage removed is practically the same. ¶ The old canal measures 20 feet at the base at 21st street, 25 feet at Douglas, and 30 feet at Zimmerly, while the extension measures 35 feet from Zimmerly to the Santa Fe and 45 feet from the Santa Fe to the river. The yardage excavated in the original canal was 245,519 and for the extension 241,160. The cost of the original canal was 16.95¢ per cubic yard, a total of \$42,103, while that of the extension was only 9.5¢ per cubic yard, totaling \$22,577. The old canal was completed and put into use in 1907. ¶ One of the most compact and handsome bridges in the state spans the canal at Harry street (photograph). This bridge was opened for traffic last week. It is constructed of concrete, has a span of 40 feet, a clearance of twelve feet, and a 20 foot roadway. The construction work began in September, the work being completed in four months at a total cost of \$3600. It was designed by Bert Wells, city engineer.
8. When the noon whistle blew yesterday, workmen on the North Riverside park rest room had completed this new and unique structure and turned it over to the roofers for completion. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, 1106 Larimer avenue, who solicited the funds to build it and who had the contract with the city to construct it, ordered the roofing, which is to be of clay tiling, and expects to push this part of the work so as to be able to turn it over to the mayor and city commissioners about the 1st of March in a completed condition. ¶ This is to be the prettiest villa to be found anywhere in the United States, she said yesterday. At a cost of \$3700 it has been built large enough to accommodate three picnic parties of the average number at one time. All trimmings are to be of brass and the inside will be beautifully decorated.
9. Six new coaches for the southern division of the Orient were received in Wichita Monday. They are strictly modern, steam heated, with vestibules and other improvements of standard coaches.
12. Another article about the drive to get South Emporia street car line extended three blocks south from its present ending at Zimmerly street.

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5. J. Hudson McKnight is filing suit to force the city commission to take his 120 acre farm east of the canal and south of Douglas out of the city limits. Most of the land is in alfalfa.

Article gives history of taking of the land into the city beginning June 1903.

6. Article regarding progress on building the soldiers' and sailors' monument on the court house square. The base was completed yesterday and the statues will soon be placed.
8. Board of trustees decided to go ahead with construction of new additions to Wichita hospital this spring.

Thirteen hundred sixty-six automobile licenses have been issued in Wichita.

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3. Work on excavation for the Kellogg street viaduct was begun Thursday.

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5. Street car company is installing trolley wire guards at railroad crossings, so that if trolley pole jumps the wire it will still be in contact with the V shaped netting which also carries current and will furnish power so the car will not be stalled on the railroad tracks. All twelve crossings in the city should be protected before the winter is over, says superintendent of transportation, C. R. Lewis.
12. The Statue of Liberty on Soldiers' and Sailors' monument was incorrectly installed so that it faces the court house instead of Central avenue. After discussion, the county commissioners ordered yesterday that the bolts holding the statue in place be cut and that the figure be rotated around on its retaining rod and new holes drilled in the granite so new bolts can be placed. This work may take three days and add \$100 to the contract price.

Plans for new Carnegie library reviewed and endorsed by city commissioners yesterday and will be forwarded to Andrew Carnegie for approval.

### **Tuesday, January 28, 1913**

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10. Board of education awarded contract for new Carleton school last night for \$48,900 plus \$3700 for plumbing and \$6923 for heating.
14. N. F. Niederlander home at 629 North Lawrence sold yesterday by its present owner, A. C. Houston, to J. R. Van Horn, rancher from Protection, Kansas.

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8. Old sand pit between Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads at Lincoln street is to be filled in by sand hauled from the river. The pit was excavated over 20 years ago when Wichita was much smaller than now. There was a big sand bar there and builders got their sand there instead of from the river.

9. Article telling about old brick yard built 1902 near 13th and Hillside.

### Sunday, February 2, 1913

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2. Graph showing yearly city expenditures on pavement of all kinds:
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|----------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1889 - approximately | 55,000  | 1905 - approximately | 70,000    |
| 1890 - approximately | 210,000 | 1906 - approximately | 90,000    |
| 1891 - approximately | 0       | 1907 - approximately | 115,000   |
| 1892 - approximately | 0       | 1908 - approximately | 40,000    |
| 1893 - approximately | 215,000 | 1909 - approximately | 325,000   |
| 1894 through 1902 -  | 0 (?)   | 1910 - approximately | 1,000,000 |
| 1903 - approximately | 140,000 | 1911 - approximately | 755,000   |
| 1904 - approximately | 20,000  | 1912 - approximately | 320,000.  |
- B-7. After 26 years at corner of Lawrence and Douglas, the Golden Eagle clothiers has moved to 202 East Douglas, where C. I. Fuller's grocery store was located for many years.
- B-11. Shows real estate advertisement with map of Riverside area including paved streets. North River Boulevard is shown as Riverside avenue. Woodrow still shown as Dort. ¶ Paved streets include North River Boulevard to 13th and West River Boulevard.
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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Woodrow                          | 11th to 13th              |
| Coolidge                         | 10th (Briggs) to 13th     |
| Perry                            | 11th to 13th              |
| Briggs (10th)                    | Porter to Coolidge        |
| Beal (11th)                      | River Boulevard to Amidon |
| Woodman (12th)                   | River Boulevard to Amidon |
| Eleventh street east from bridge |                           |
| None on 13th street              |                           |

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- 6. Wichita Water company has leased to city for \$1.00 the twelve acre site at lower end of Water Works island at junction of Little and Big rivers, to be used by city as location for a new city workhouse.

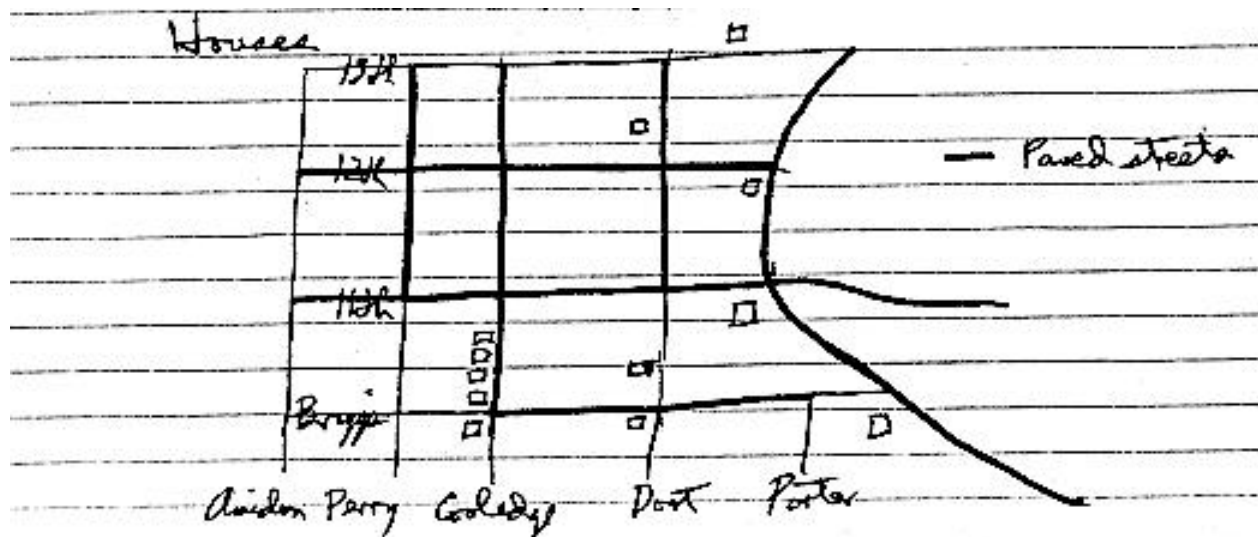
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- 6. A cross-over between the main line and one of the two house tracks of the Orient in the east yards is being put in. It will aid greatly in the switching of freight and passenger cars.

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- 5. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter filed petition yesterday as a candidate for nomination as a city commissioner.
- 8. Article -- union station building beginning to take shape. Work progressing on third story and stone columns on front of building are being put in.
- 9. Mahan hotel has been leased to Sam Carr and name has been changed to the Jefferson hotel.
- 18. The formerly brush and weed covered islands in Little Arkansas river from 11th street to Central avenue dam have been cleared off this winter and are to be made into flower gardens. There are perhaps a dozen small islands, mostly located above Griffenstein bridge, along Riverside boulevard and below Riverside club. When at times the Little river

gets bank full, the islands are inundated, or most of them, so plants will be put out that can stand a few days of ducking. Canna bulbs will be put about the rim of the islands and flowers in the enclosed circle.

**Tuesday, February 11, 1913****page**

6. Asked why the cars of Wichita street railway company are not equipped with straps, superintendent Charles R. Lewis said yesterday, "We have never had enough traffic to make strap hangers necessary as yet, although some of our cars are supplied with them."
8. Conference to be held between city and railroad officials about putting in more "wig wags" at grade crossings. There is one already installed at Murdock and Missouri Pacific tracks and this has served well, so that city wants other important crossings similarly equipped: a second already installed at 13th and Santa Fe tracks.

**Wednesday, February 12, 1913****page**

8. Missouri Pacific will soon start taking up old light 56 pound rail between Yates Center and Ft. Scott and replacing it with 75 or 85 pound new steel. Seventy-five pound steel was laid between Yates Center and Wichita several years ago.

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6. Old City Hotel on North Market street, built in 1883 and used as hotel until 1911, has recently been remodeled into four modern store rooms on first floor and rooming house on second floor. Building has 75 foot frontage.
8. The gates at Douglas avenue crossing on the Rock Island have been taken down. They have not been used for some time and there was danger of their falling and injuring some one. One was blown down several weeks ago and narrowly missed hitting several pedestrians.

**Friday, February 14, 1913****page**

6. Petitions being circulated to pave Fairmount avenue with brick from 13th to 17th. If passed, the Wichita Street Railway company will pay a share of the cost. It takes about \$10,000 to pave a single track one mile, so their share will be about \$5000. There are about twenty and a half miles of street traversed by single and double street car tracks in Wichita, and at present sixteen and a half miles are paved.
8. Article urging support for "Kinsley Air Line" Railroad from Kinsley to Turon and ultimately to Wichita as a shorter route to Denver.
12. Article about plans for further installation of "wig wags" and "thank you, ma'ams" at railroad crossings.

**Saturday, February 15, 1913****page**

6. New Sedgwick Home building opened at 223 West 3rd street -- cost \$20,000 -- a charitable institution for the needy. Opened last August with only one story finished -- the two upper floors now nearing completion. ¶ (This is building later used by Institution for the blind and torn down in 1976).

**Sunday, February 16, 1913****page**

5. Kansas Steam Laundry, William and Market streets, and Independent Steam Laundry, at Eaton Hotel, merged yesterday to form Kansas Independent Laundry company. Will build new building at northeast corner of Emporia and 2nd, to cost \$35,000.

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7. With the securing of a franchise from the county commissioners of Harvey county for an extension of its rail line in that county, the Arkansas Valley Interurban company will begin work on an extension within 30 days. The company will build a two mile extension north from the Newton terminus to Bethel college. ¶ Franchises secured from Newton city and the county give the company a right-of-way in the Main street Although a definite schedule has not been made out, the general belief is that only one car will be used. It will make the round trip several times a day and will pick passengers up at all the corners and deposit them anywhere on the line, the same as a street car system.
9. Photograph -- "Wichita's union depot is climbing skyward" -- shows forms and scaffolding in place to build main part of building.

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6. Article about paving petition out to pave Fairmount from 13th to 17th with brick. Says Hillside avenue is being paved to the college.
7. Panorama photograph of new union depot and track elevation project. The west retaining wall is about finished.
8. Jones Brothers Memorial company of Emporia, which recently moved to Wichita, is erecting one story building of cement blocks at Hillside and 9th. (This is probably what later became Quiring Monument Company.)

**Thursday, February 20, 1913****page**

- 1 & 12. "Farmer Doolittle" (George H. Litzenberg), age 75, left yesterday for Washington, D.C., to see inauguration of Woodrow Wilson. ¶ Includes photograph and biographic sketch.
5. Rock Island Railroad has decided to place wig-wag signals where Rock Island crosses

following streets: 17th, 13th, 9th, Murdock, Central, Harry, and Lincoln.

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7. The soldiers memorial (on Court House lawn) having been completed and accepted by the county commissioners, the secretary of Memorial Association gives report of total cost. ¶ Building paid for by 23/100 mill levy by Sedgwick County commissioners in 1911. ¶ Design and plans for the memorial drawn by E. M. Viquesney of Americus, Georgia. ¶ Contract for monument proper awarded to low bidder, Woodbury Granite Company of Hardwick, Vermont. ¶ The four figures of soldiers were designed and cast by Frederick C. Hibbard, a rising young artist of Chicago. The figure on top, representing Peace, was furnished by W. H. Mullins of Salem, Ohio. The foundation was built under separate contract by J. W. Burton of Wichita. ¶ Total cost:

Foundation	-	\$969.11
Monument, including bronze work	-	\$20,250.00
Architect fees	-	\$1250.00
Shelves for inside cases	-	\$45.00
Miscellaneous	-	<u>\$46.78</u>
Total	-	\$22,560.89

¶Article shows photograph.

Kansas legislature today decided that the medical school of the University of Kansas is to remain on Bell's hill in Rosedale. ¶ Dr. Bell gave the land for the school and also gave money to erect one of the buildings.

### Sunday, February 23, 1913

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16. Photograph of the old Carleton school at corner of Lawrence avenue and Lincoln, which is to be razed and replaced by a new building. It was built in 1879 and later was enlarged from four rooms to eight.

### Tuesday, February 25, 1913

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7. High school principal, I. M. Allen, recommends building three junior or intermediate high schools in different districts of town to relieve crowding at the new high school, which was built for 1000 students and already has 1181. The new schools would include seventh and eighth grades and freshman high school.

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8. Superintendent Lewis of the street car company expects that the six new "near side" pay-as-you-enter cars, which have been ordered for the Wichita service for some time, will be here in about 30 days. They will be put into service on the Riverside line. The cars have no back platform, the entrance and exit being in front. The cars are now in the paint shop of the St. Louis Car company and should be turned out in about a month.



**Saturday, March 1, 1913****page**

10. YWCA board yesterday decided to take \$20,000 endowment given them by A. A. Hyde and add another \$20,000 to it and purchase the Lewis academy building on North Market, presently occupied by the Power-Myers Conservatory of Music. The building will be converted by YWCA into a dormitory and boarding house for working girls.

**Wednesday, March 5, 1913****page**

5. The big brick arch which for the past twelve years has lent a majestic appearance to the Murdock avenue entrance to Riverside park is being torn down. At the time of the fire at the boathouse about two months ago, the roof of the arch caught fire, and it was subsequently inspected and deemed unsafe. It will take about three days to remove the arch. When built in 1900 it was the gateway to one of the biggest street fairs the city ever had.

**Thursday, March 6, 1913****page**

5. About 125 large stones weighing some 2000 pounds each will be dropped in the river just below the Central avenue dam in the next ten days. This is to prevent water flowing over the dam from washing out a great hole.
12. Four hundred acres of farm land near St. Marks (sic) bought by W. H. Morgan 35 years ago for \$6000 was sold by him yesterday to John A. Simon of Andale for \$50,448.

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2. Santa Fe is building a new track from Murdock avenue to 21st street to be used for storage purposes. It is being built on a roadbed of sand being hauled from the Arkansas river.

**Sunday, March 9, 1913****page**

13. Article saying the new Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument is to be dedicated on June 14, Flag Day.
- 7B. List of all Wichita's auto owners and their tag numbers. The numbers begin at 100. Each auto owner has a number, and may use same number on additional cars if he owns more than one. List runs from No. 100 to 2202 (includes other towns in Sedgwick County). ¶ The above is from a special section of paper published for the Automobile Show -- with many car advertisements, etc.
- 13B. Article says the first auto in Wichita was a Locomobile steam auto brought here from New York in the fall of 1900 by A. S. Parks, president of United Sash and Door Company. Mr. Parks is now on his twentieth car, and every one has been a Locomobile.

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8. Photograph of new facade on two story building of new State Savings Bank at 115 East Douglas.

Photograph and advertisement soliciting support for Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, candidate for Commissioner of Parks, Public Buildings, and Health. Says she has lived in this city 24 years.

9. Paving of subway under railroad tracks on 1st street has been finished, and dirt has been taken out of subway under 2nd street so it can be opened to traffic today. For about ten days the 2nd street subway will then be closed for paving and traffic will be diverted to the 1st street subway.

**Wednesday, March 12, 1913****page**

8. Passenger agents of the Frisco, Santa Fe, and Rock Island will have offices on the second floor at the north end of the new union station.

10. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, contractor for the building of the rest room in North Riverside park, reports that three wheelbarrows have been taken from the building. These were loaned for the work by Charles Rochelle. Mrs. Buckwalter thinks that somebody has borrowed these tools and hopes they will be returned at once. ¶ The red tile roof for the building is now being laid by an expert sent here by the Mound City Tiling company, who pronounces the building the most substantial structure he ever roofed.

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5. Article saying federal court dismissed suit by Welsbach Street Lighting company to force city to pay for its blinker lights after the time the city wished to discontinue this service.

**Sunday, March 16, 1913****page**

5. Article about Kellogg street viaduct. Work to start tomorrow. Total cost to be \$104,782, of which city's share is \$34,927. To be 1830 feet long, from Emporia avenue to Washington avenue. Maximum height 36 feet above present street level. Roadway 26 feet wide with five foot sidewalk on north side. One stairway will come down to the street on South St. Francis avenue. Roadway to be paved with brick. To be built of reinforced concrete throughout, except for six steel spans to give clearance over railroad tracks. Bridge will contain 51 spans, varying from eighteen to 52 feet in length. Will require 4000 cubic yards of concrete.

10. Article about building plans for Wichita in 1913 -- probable total five million dollars.

- B-4. Article about the old paper sack first plat of Wichita drawn by William Griffenstein 43

years ago. It has been placed in glass frame for preservation.

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5. Article about plans of Wesley hospital trustees to build a new hospital in November 1915 when the lease on the old Thomas Sanitarium building expires. Plan is for 200 rooms and to cost \$200,000.

Building at 506 East Douglas owned by Mr. Bunnie Mead, son of late J. R. Mead, is being remodeled with an entire new front being put on it.

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6. Article about ground breaking yesterday for new city work house on tip of Waterworks island. Article describes the location -- and says it is planned to widen the mouth of the Little river by taking out the bank. ¶ Includes photograph showing Wonderland Park roller coaster in background.
8. Article describing new front on the building at 506 East Douglas owned by Bunnie Mead and occupied by *The Leader*. The new front cost \$3200.

### **Sunday, March 23, 1913**

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12. Photograph and advertisement for Mrs. Laura Buckwalter. Says she has donated her time since July 1911 to the North Riverside Rest Room. The roof will be completed by Saturday. Size 54 by 64 feet. Total cost when completed \$2984.31, a saving to the city of more than \$2000. Commissioner Harts stated in commission meeting "that he would rather the Rest Room would have cost the tax-payers another \$1000, than to have had a woman build it.
13. Article and drawing of new three story building to be built at 412-414 East Douglas by J. R. Mead, formerly of Wichita and now of Chicago, to cost about \$30,000 and be completed by September 1. Will be 50 feet by 130 feet. C. W. Terry of Wichita is architect. Mr. Mead is connected with the Mead Cycle company of Chicago, and is son of J. R. Mead, a founder of Wichita, who died three years ago.

### **Tuesday, March 25, 1913**

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10. Kansas Gas and Electric let contract yesterday to extend its dock on the river 100 feet east. They will complete a \$50,000 traveling grab bucket crane which will unload coal by the car loads -- by about August 1. Seven large steel columns 50 feet high will support a track on which the automatic crane will work. Coal taken out of the cars on tracks below will be put in a large traveling crusher and then fed from a large hopper into a large coal furnace below. Below the furnace will be tracks on which freight cars receive the ashes from the big grates. ¶ Kansas Gas and Electric Company is now burning oil but will

change to coal, since prices on oil have advanced since the oil-burning system was installed. The company will consume 75 tons of coal a day. Extending the river docks east will strengthen the river banks so that the seven big steel columns can be sunk.

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5. Article on Mrs. Buckwalter's defeat in the primary election for city commissioner. She received 855 votes (fifth of eight candidates). Says one of the campaign stories that came to her ears was that "Her husband cannot live with her. She is so quarrelsome; he cannot eat her cooking, is the reason he is so thin. He is threatened with nervous prostration every time the moon changes. She has Socialistic views."
6. Advertisement by Mrs. Buckwalter commenting on election defeat.

**Friday, March 28, 1913****page**

5. Work on Kellogg street viaduct started yesterday. Cold weather delayed starting sooner.
8. The extension of the Orient Railroad from Ft. Stockton to Alpine, Texas, a distance of 63 miles, will be opened to traffic on April 10.
9. Agreement reached between city and Santa Fe for latter to give ten feet off west edge of its line to permit widening of Lawrence avenue between 21st and 25th streets from 30 to 40 feet, in return for city persuading Dold and Cudahy Companies to give ten feet off west edge of their property to the Santa Fe. The railroad will move its tracks ten feet to the east.

**Saturday, March 29, 1913****page**

7. Article on progress with union station construction. Says the tracks in the south Santa Fe yards are being moved farther west so that work on the fill of the elevated tracks can be started. The freight tracks, which are now east of the old Santa Fe station, will be moved to the west of the station so the fill can start. ¶ Bases for the four big marble columns on the front of the building are in place. The columns are expected to arrive soon.

**Tuesday, April 1, 1913****page**

1. Lyceum Theater, formerly known as the Old Crawford, destroyed by fire early this morning. Located apparently at southwest corner of Topeka and William, just north of new Crawford theater. Photograph of ruined front wall on page 1 on April 2, 1913.

**Wednesday, April 2, 1913****page**

1. Photograph of smouldering ruins of Old Crawford theater, known recently as the Lyceum, which was destroyed by fire beginning at 3:30 a.m. yesterday. It is at corner of Topeka

and William, and New Crawford theater is on Topeka just to the south.

2. Article on history of Old Crawford theater. Building collapsed while under construction in 1887 and had to be rebuilt, total cost of \$140,000. After June 1911 the theater was remodeled into the Lyceum.

### **Thursday, April 3, 1913**

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5. New club house of Wichita Country Club will be finished in about ten days.
  
12. Work on new Santa Fe roundhouse and shops at 25th street will begin in a short time. Plans call for a twelve stall roundhouse and shops large enough to handle the Wichita terminal equipment. The old shops and roundhouse near Kellogg street will be torn down when the new building is finished. ¶ The Santa Fe has purchased about 30 acres of land north of Cudahy's packing house on the east side of its tracks. The main line of the road will be moved ten feet to the east, between 21st and 25th streets. There will also be a set of storage tracks on the newly purchased land.

Report of retiring Commissioner of Public Improvements and Streets. ¶ Says prior to commission government, city had thirteen and a fourth miles of street paving. Fifty and a half miles added during his term (four years?). In 1911 Wichita was seventh city in U.S. in miles of pavement laid and third in miles of brick pavement. He favors brick pavement -- wearing period of brick 30 years compared with ten years for asphaltic pavement, and maintenance cost 20 to one in favor of brick.

### **Friday, April 4, 1913**

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5. That part of elevated track fill south of Kellogg is completed. North of Kellogg an elevated track upon trestles of the same slope and height as the elevated tracks has been built for three blocks and will be constructed to 1st street. When the fill is completed, only the deck of the trestles will be removed. The upright piling will be left in the fill. ¶ Two engines and twelve patent dump sand cars are being used in making the fill. One engine hauls the loaded cars to the "fill" and the empty ones to the sand track at the river. The other engine is used on the elevated track to haul the cars to the places where the sand is dumped.

### **Saturday, April 5, 1913**

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5. The interurban station on West 1st street is being made beautiful with a blue grass parking on the west. Workmen were busy Friday sodding the parking and ground between the station and walk.
  
6. Bids received for Kellogg viaduct -- \$17,901 for the viaduct proper and \$12,433 for the brick paving on top of the viaduct. For sidewalk, curb and gutter \$1602.

**Sunday, April 6, 1913****page**

6. New Pacific hotel on West Douglas south of Missouri Pacific station, is to open by May 1st. Contains 60 rooms. Work started about a year ago.
  
18. Grand opening of Riverside boat house about 25th of this month. Capacity of boat house and pavilion has been more than doubled. R. C. Israel, owner, has secured 90 steel rowboats costing \$40 each. A number of new launches will be seen on the river this summer. The Wichita Canoe club's boathouse adjoins that of the Riverside company.

**Tuesday, April 8, 1913****page**

6. Mayor Babb takes office. ¶ Bert C. Wells, city engineer, salary \$1800 per year. ¶ Earl Blake, city attorney, salary \$2000 per year.
  
8. Wichita street from Douglas to 1st being paved with brick.

**Wednesday, April 9, 1913****page**

5. About 400 volts passed through Conductor Pitts on the North Riverside run last evening, but he was able to keep on working. He tried to throw in the "overhead" while holding on to the controller. The shock he got tossed him halfway back through the goat car.

**Thursday, April 10, 1913****page**

12. Eaton Hotel sold by S. G. Humphreys, proprietor for past seven years, to his son, Horace G. Humphreys, of Topeka. A thorough remodeling and refurnishing is planned.

Wesley hospital on North St. Francis is full, and members of the hospital board are looking for a suitable site to build the \$200,000 hospital which the conference voted to build.

**Tuesday, April 15, 1913****page**

5. Who wants to buy a depot? One can be bought real cheap by applying to C. S. Skinner, superintendent of construction of the new union depot. He has an elephant on his hands in the shape of the Santa Fe passenger depot and all other buildings adjoining it and would be glad to have someone take them off his hands.

9. Movement started to pave Douglas avenue.

Remodeling the front of the Sedgwick building started Monday. It is expected to have the entire new front in within six weeks. Old front will be removed entirely and a new modern plate glass front with doors flush with the sidewalk will be put in.

L. W. Mayberry reappointed Superintendent of Schools at a salary of \$3000.

**Thursday, April 17, 1913****page**

6. Northbound Topeka avenue street car crashed into auto driven by H. F. Craig, a farmer of Caldwell, at 1st and Topeka last night. ¶ Mrs. Craig and small daughter Opal were thrown from auto and injured. ¶ Left side of front end of car was completely demolished. ¶ Mr. Craig stated he did not see street car in time to stop his auto. ¶ Auto was an R.C.H. *Beacon* says one window on side of street car was broken.

**Friday, April 18, 1913****page**

8. The trestle work of the elevated tracks at the south end of the new Union station has been set in place and work of filling in is being pushed, 1800 cubic yards of sand having been placed in the fill Wednesday.
12. No longer is it deemed correct to speak of the building which Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, well-known suffragette, has built in North Riverside park as the "rest room." Officially it is known as "Park Villa." The name has been carved in big letters over the four openings.

**Thursday, April 24, 1913****page**

5. Contract let for five story warehouse and office building for Rumley Product company of Chicago at 2nd street and Rock Island avenue, to cost \$125,000. Dimensions 140 feet by 108½ feet; reinforced concrete, and facing Rock Island avenue. Expected to be completed by December 1st.

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18. One hundred and thirty-eight to graduate from Wichita High School this spring.

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5. P. V. Healy and Farmer Doolittle drove to North Riverside park yesterday to inspect the new levee being built on the west bank of the Little Arkansas. ¶ They also inspected the new building now nearly finished in North Riverside park, and they were loud in their praise of it, and voted unanimously that Mrs. Buckwalter is a winner. ¶ By her persistence and determination Mrs. Buckwalter has secured a building at very little cost to the taxpayers that will be one of the most enjoyable features of the great popular park. ¶ These two critics declare that for artistic beauty this new building excels some of the magnificent country club buildings, and it is large enough to accommodate several picnic parties at the same time.
8. The first pier for the temporary elevated tracks over Douglas was erected yesterday. The temporary elevated track will be built to transport sand to fill the elevation. Concrete bases for the permanent piers on the south side of the avenue are in place.

**Saturday, May 3, 1913****page**

5. Grading for the new Santa Fe round house and switching yards in north part of town will start today. A twelve stall round house is to be built. When completed the present roundhouse and shops near Kellogg street will be torn down.
6. City commission yesterday voted three to two to accept the changed plans for the new Carnegie library which provide for a \$60,000 library building plus \$15,000 more to equip it properly.
10. The new \$50,000 Catholic church at Andale, Kansas will be dedicated tomorrow morning by Bishop John J. Hennessy.

**Sunday, May 4, 1913****page**

8. Pillars for the front of the new union station are now being hewed from big slabs of stone in Colorado quarries. Each stone will weigh several tons.
10. Lightning striking trolley wire directly over a southbound street car at Murdock and Main street last night caused 30 minute delay in service. Circuit No. 5, which supplies Main from 14th street south to a few feet south of Douglas went dead. This circuit also feeds portions of the Riverside line and the Market street loop.
18. L. W. Clapp has made plans for cleaning up and beautification of the vacant part of the block between Otis and Market and 13th and 14th streets. This ground is owned by Mr. Clapp.

**Tuesday, May 6, 1913****page**

8. Street railway company has approved plans to spend \$71,000 on new work this summer, according to A. M. Patten, general superintendent of the company, who is now in the city. The improvements are to be:
 

Paving Hillside from 9th to 13th	- \$17,031
Viaduct and elevated track expense	- \$14,500
Depressing street at Douglas avenue and building new double tracks	- \$8098
Purchase of six new cars	- \$24,600
New crossing over Missouri Pacific on Waco avenue on Wonderland park line	- \$1501
Moving houses off ground at 10th and Wichita and building storage tracks for cars	- \$3200
Paying for air heaters installed in cars last winter	- \$4299

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6. The new union station will have an occupant by August 1. The Santa Fe passenger office will be moved in by that time so the old station can be torn down to make way for the elevation. The old Santa Fe passenger station, express building, milk house and mail house are being offered for sale. Several bids have been made but none has been accepted. ¶ The sand fill is now even with the south end of the new station. A trestle is built from Douglas to 1st street, and one is now being built south from Douglas to connect with the one south of the new station.
  
10. Successful end to \$125,000 YWCA building fund drive.

**Thursday, May 8, 1913****page**

5. Article announcing plan to celebrate and hand over the completed Park Villa, probably on May 15.

**Sunday, May 11, 1913****page**

17. Hamilton park is to be dismantled this week and gotten in readiness for the new Carnegie library building. The park was deeded to the city about twelve years ago by J. Q. Hamilton, then owner of the Hamilton hotel.

**Tuesday, May 13, 1913****page**

5. Superintendent C. R. Lewis estimated between 7000 and 8000 persons rode street cars to Riverside park on Sunday.

**Wednesday, May 14, 1913****page**

12. Contract let yesterday for erection of a building for the Campbell Bread company of Des Moines, Iowa, at Emporia avenue and Elm street To be two stories except over engine and oven rooms.

**Friday, May 16, 1913****page**

5. Contracts for redecoration at Eaton hotel let, including widening of lobby, rebuffering of first story of building on outside and repainting of remaining stories. Two new elevators were recently installed at cost of \$6000, and the other improvements are expected to be at least \$10,000. When complete the lobby will be surrounded, except the entrance, by wide plate glass windows.

**Saturday, May 17, 1913****page**

5. Largest shipment of boats ever to arrive here received by R. C. Israel, including one launch, 25 row boats, and five canoes.

**Sunday, May 18, 1913****page**

Annual Booster Edition. Many photographs and articles about city. Special Booster Edition of the *Eagle* for 1913 (three sections). Many photographs including:

- A-4. Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company (drawing), Winfield Wholesale Grocery company.
- A-5. Martin Metal Manufacturing company, Mosley avenue.
- A-6. McIntire Brothers grocery on North Main.
- A-7. Municipal beach.
- A-8. Metz Lumber company.
- A-11. Jones Milling company -- East Douglas (?) just east of Frisco.
- A-12. Beacon building
- B-8. Sedgwick building; First block of North Main, east side.
- C-1. Douglas from Water east; City Market.
- C-5. Mueller Greenhouse on East 9th.
- C-11. Northern building.

Many articles about businesses, etc.

- B-7. Article says until the Rock Island roundhouse was built at 21st street in 1911, the Rock Island used the Frisco roundhouse.
- C-6. Article says the six railroads employ about 1500 in Wichita. Missouri Pacific has 800 -- 300 trainmen, 200 engine men, 150 shop men, and 150 office and station men with monthly payroll about \$65,000. Orient has 250-300. Santa Fe has about 280, monthly section men. Rock Island has about 95. Frisco has about 50. Midland Valley has between 20 and 40.

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- 5. Wichita booster train left on Missouri Pacific yesterday pulled by Missouri Pacific engines No. 2519 and 2507.
- 8. Santa Fe Railroad has recently started improving its Wichita and Western branch with laying of heavier steel and re-ballasting with rock and cinders.
- 12. Midland Valley Railroad filed two mortgages with register of deeds yesterday, one for \$15

million and another for \$5,512,500 covering an issue of bonds totaling \$20,512,500. Four million of the first mortgage and the full amount of the second will be used to pay off all indebtedness and take up the presently outstanding bonds of the company. One million will be used for betterments on the present road. The remaining ten million will remain in the treasury and be available for extension purposes. The road is said to be in excellent financial condition.

### **Wednesday, May 21, 1913**

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5. Missouri Pacific switch engine No. 9604 struck a team while crossing William street at the sand pump yesterday.
  
7. Article about progress of work on union depot. Concrete work of the station is nearly finished, and yesterday workmen started plastering of the concourse, which will take about five weeks. ¶ The steel is in position and the forms are set for the north abutment of the Douglas avenue subway, and concrete pouring will start today. With the finishing of a trestle across Douglas avenue, sand trains will soon run across the avenue and build a sand fill to the north. The street car tracks at the Douglas avenue crossing were depressed about four feet yesterday to expedite the work on the subway. ¶ Excavations are being made for the Kellogg street viaduct and concrete paving will start within a week.
  
11. Drawing of proposed hotel to be built on old Crawford opera house site (never built).

### **Thursday, May 22, 1913**

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5. Article on reorganization of management of George Innes Dry Goods company.

### **Friday, May 23, 1913**

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5. Article on plan to build new Travelers hotel at 1st and Market.
  
9. The largest engine on Orient Railroad, No. 302, bought new seven years ago and in service on the Orient out of Chihuahua, Mexico, has been brought to Wichita for overhauling. It weighs 217,000 pounds and has four pairs of drivers.

### **Saturday, May 24, 1913**

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5. The new Pacific hotel built for \$50,000 opposite the Missouri Pacific depot has been leased for ten years by K. W. Colegrove of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and will be opened July 1. The hotel was built by Albert Kunkle. Work commenced about a year ago and was completed a few weeks ago.

City commission is demanding that the Welsbach company remove its old blinker lights from the streets.

A temporary wooden trestle now spans Douglas avenue until the steel arrives for the permanent trestle. The street car tracks have been lowered eighteen inches so the cars can pass under the wooden trestle.

**Sunday, May 25, 1913****page**

8. Article about man who empties nickels from the pay-as-you-enter street cars which have been in service for the past three years.

**Tuesday, May 27, 1913****page**

5. The first engine to cross Douglas avenue on an elevated track crossed yesterday at 4:40 p.m. pushing cars of sand being used as fill to the north.

**Wednesday, May 28, 1913****page**

5. E. A. Boyer is starting a fish farm on the east bank of the Little Arkansas river south of Walnut Grove park.
10. Eleventh street bridge across Little River was closed to vehicles yesterday because it is considered to be in an unsafe condition. Foot traffic may continue to cross.

**Thursday, May 29, 1913****page**

8. Article indicates there are about 40 men employed as watchmen at railroad crossings in Wichita.

Hamilton hotel was sold yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Palm to John J. and Henry P. Yaple.

**Sunday, June 1, 1913****page**

2. The railroads have ordered 32 wig-wags to be placed at important crossings in Wichita. These added to the one the Missouri Pacific Railroad has installed at Murdock avenue will make 33 in the city. ¶ The Missouri Pacific will install fourteen -- at 13th, 12th, 11th, Market, 10th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, Seneca, Lawrence, Central, Waco, and Douglas. ¶ The Santa Fe will install seven -- at 21st, 13th, 9th, Murdock, Central, Gilbert, and Lincoln. ¶ The Frisco will install six -- at 13th, Murdock, Washington, Cleveland, Hillside, and Central. ¶ The Rock Island will install five -- at 13th, 9th, Murdock, Gilbert, and Harry.

"Riverside Villa," the rest room built at North Riverside park by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, will be formally opened to the public Monday evening. A program is to be held (details).

5. Drawing of first engine crossing Douglas avenue on elevated tracks.

**Tuesday, June 3, 1913****page**

6. Article reporting the formal opening of "Park Villa," the rest room built by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter in North Riverside park, in presence of 200 people last evening. Details. Photograph of Mrs. Buckwalter. Says the walls are of cobble stone taken from the street car tracks. U. G. Charles was architect and Mrs. Buckwalter was overseer of the work.

**Wednesday, June 4, 1913****page**

8. Steel girders for the track elevation over 1st street subway were placed in position Tuesday.

**Thursday, June 5, 1913****page**

8. The Toler auditorium, 1st street and St. Francis will be remodeled this summer for use by the Magrane Stock company next winter.

**Friday, June 6, 1913****page**

8. The first picnic was held yesterday in Mrs. Buckwalter's rest room, Park Villa, in North Riverside park by a group of Wichitans who are former residents of Valley Center.
10. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement -- buy a book of 24 street car tickets for \$1.00.

**Saturday, June 7, 1913****page**

5. Article reports the San Jose Hotel, 246-248 North Market, has been taken over by the building owner, C. E. Bright of Long Beach, California.
8. To keep passengers from loafing in the coaches, the Santa Fe officials now keep the Wichita and Western passenger coaches locked until half hour before the departure time. When they were left open all day, people formed the habit of loafing in the coaches.
12. Brick pavement on East 3rd street will be open to traffic the entire length within ten days. The brick is all laid as far as Grove street and the street is open now as far as Piatt. The street is paved in such a manner as to form a storm water sewer.

**Sunday, June 8, 1913****page**

3. Advertisement with photograph of swimming area at Walnut Grove park.
5. Contract for erection of new Santa Fe roundhouse between 25th and 29th streets has been let. Work is to begin within ten days. ¶ The roundhouse will have twelve stalls. Grading for the storage yards will be completed next week, and the laying of side and storage

tracks will begin. The main line of the railroad, which is being built ten feet east of the present main line, is about completed. Total cost of these improvements will be about \$300,000.

10. Article describes canoe trip on Little Arkansas river from Murdock avenue bridge to Walnut Grove.
- D-1. Drawing of proposed plan for a municipal playground in South Riverside park. "The location of the playground is now given over to weeds and grass which costs the city many dollars to keep down."

### **Tuesday, June 10, 1913**

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5. The Scottish Rite Consistory yesterday purchased the 50 foot W. T. Russell property at 215 North Topeka, just north of the Scottish Rite Temple, for \$7500 to hold available for future expansion.

Albert M. Patten, general superintendent of the Topeka Street Railway company, has been appointed assistant general manager of the Illinois Traction Company effective June 1. He now has charge of all the Illinois company's holdings in Kansas including the Topeka Street Railway company, the Topeka Edison company, the Wichita Railroad and Light company, and the Atchison Railway, Gas and Electric company. The Illinois company has three assistant general managers to Vice-President H. C. Chubbuck, general manager. One handles the Illinois and Missouri lines and another the ones in Ohio.

8. The Welsbach Street Lighting company has acknowledged that its contract has expired and has discontinued lighting the blinker lights. The work of removing the poles has started.

### **Wednesday, June 11, 1913**

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5. Contract let yesterday for new three story concrete building for the Wichita Produce Company to be erected in first block on North Rock Island avenue. To cost \$50,000 and be completed November 1.
6. The Sedgwick Home is henceforth to be known by its correct title, Sedgwick House.
12. Grading for the four mile extension of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad from Newton to Bethel College was started this week. The car line will pass through the principal street of Newton and the cars will give regular street car service.

### **Thursday, June 12, 1913**

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5. Contract let for re-wiring Wichita's federal building at Market and William for \$8200. The building is now lighted by a combination of gas and electric lights which were put in with

temporary wiring. Part of the gas fixtures will be left in the building to use in case the electric lights go out.

8. Campbell Bread company building is under construction at Elm and Emporia at cost of about \$25,000.

### **Friday, June 13, 1913**

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8. Contract let yesterday for building a \$100,000 mausoleum at southeast corner of Highland cemetery. To be 135 by 60 feet, faced with Carthage stone and contain 400 to 500 crypts. About a year will be taken in the construction.

Starting today, service on the Fairmount street car line will be suspended on 13th street between Hillside and Fairmount avenues so that the tracks on 13th street can be moved to the center of the street to conform with the newly laid tracks on Hillside avenue. A stub car will be provided for the Fairmount avenue end of the line. The work is expected to take about a week.

10. Contract let to remodel the front of the building at 123-125 North Main occupied by the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company so as to conform to the front of the building at 119-121 North Main, also occupied by the Rorabaugh company. Twenty new electric cash registers have also been purchased for the store and the present carrier system will be removed.

### **Saturday, June 14, 1913**

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12. Ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument to be held this morning. Details.

### **Sunday, June 15, 1913**

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5. The Welsbach Street Lighting company has filed suit against the city for \$35,560 for blinker light service and damages. Details.
6. Article reports on ceremonies at unveiling of Soldiers' and Sailors' monument yesterday.

### **Tuesday, June 17, 1913**

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5. A 40 foot section of the Woodman bridge collapsed at 5 o'clock p.m. yesterday due to rotten piling. A team and lumber wagon of the Metz Lumber company with driver and his son fell with the bridge but were supported by the wreckage and saved from drowning. Drawing of collapsed section.

### **Thursday, June 19, 1913**

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5. The Santa Fe Railroad has found a flow of soft water at 30 feet in its new well dug in its new yards near 25th street. The well is 24 feet in diameter.

The Pratt Lumber company is moving to a new location at 120 Ida. Its old office building and lumber sheds at 1st street and Lawrence avenue, built in 1886, are being razed. This corner was purchased last year by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company for future expansion.

### **Saturday, June 21, 1913**

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5. Photograph of Shrine parade on 1st street between Emporia and Topeka. Shows YMCA building and Consistory with peaked roof on corner.

### **Sunday, June 22, 1913**

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5. Residents have planted castor beans on the silt islands in the Little river up stream from Griffenstein bridge to see how high the plants will grow. Weeds as tall or even taller than a man's head have flourished on these islands in the past.

9. List of tax valuations of public service corporations in Sedgwick County.

Includes:

Arkansas Valley Interurban	\$340,798
Wichita Railroad and Light Company	\$1,350,669
Midland Valley	\$219,395
Orient, main line	\$984,417.

10. City commissioners will consider Monday the matter of filling a hole near Harry street and bringing the street up to grade so the street car company can extend its Emporia line south.

- D-1. Technically the Central avenue dam is across the Big Arkansas river rather than the Little river. According to the government survey of Waterworks Island, made in 1875, the island, then known as Island No. 6 in the Big Arkansas river, was surrounded by that river and the mouth of the Little Arkansas river was then 200 feet above the present location of the dam. Since then the channel north of the island has been filled in. ¶ The 1875 survey was made at the request of T. M. Lane, who purchased Island No. 6 from the U.S. government.

### **Tuesday, June 24, 1913**

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5. Site at southeast corner of Emporia and Pine street selected last night by school board for the new Webster school building. Two hundred five feet on Emporia to be purchased for \$17,000. A new school costing \$45,000 will be built. A temporary building will be erected for use during 1913-14. The old Webster building is now being partly used for overflow from the high school.



Ordinance passed by city commission yesterday for an issue of bonds in the amount of \$3851 to pay the expenses of building the "Rest Room" in Riverside park. The building was constructed by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter. Considerable part of the cost was paid by subscriptions, and the balance by the city at large -- hence the bond issue.

**Wednesday, June 25, 1913****page**

5. The Orient Railroad last Saturday and Sunday built a side track in the alley between Washington and Mosley avenues from Douglas to Division street. It was built rapidly, partly at night, to forestall the Santa Fe and Rock Island from building a track in the same alley.

**Thursday, June 26, 1913****page**

5. Wig-wags to be installed by the Santa Fe Railroad have arrived in Wichita.
8. Photograph of swimming pool at Wonderland Park.

**Friday, June 27, 1913****page**

10. A new pavilion and refreshment stand has been completed at Walnut Grove park and moving pictures will be shown. A special car runs at hour intervals from the park to the main line of the interurban.  
  
Topeka avenue street car No. 213 last night had the rear trucks continue east on Douglas after the front trucks had turned off on the curve north to Topeka.
12. Photograph of stand with "Giant Thriller" sign at Wonderland Park.

**Wednesday, July 2, 1913****page**

5. Pacific Hotel sold by Albert Kunkel to Mr. Arthur Paulline for \$55,000. The hotel has been leased to F. W. Colegrove for ten years at \$5400 yearly.

The old Santa Fe freight depot, south of the passenger depot, will be torn down next week to make room for the elevated tracks fill. The building is one of the oldest in Wichita, of brick and wood, and the brick will be used to wall the fresh water well in the new 25th street yards. The building is now occupied by the Santa Fe telegraph office and offices of the engineers of the union station and elevated track. These offices will be transferred to the express buildings in the new station until the work is completed. ¶ When the union station is completed far enough for the Santa Fe offices to be moved into it, the old passenger station will be torn down. It is for sale, but as yet no buyer has been found.

10. County commissioners have designated the route of the county highway from west city limits to the Kingman county line (map). At west end of Douglas and city limits the road

turns south half a mile to Maple, then west ten miles, then south one mile to northeast corner of Goddard, then west eleven and a half miles (on the Harry street section line) to a point two and a half miles north of Cheney, then south to section line half a mile south of Cheney, then west one and a half miles to Kingman county line.

Eighteenth street bridge over Little river closed today to all but foot traffic because of unsafe condition. The old bridge across Big River at Maple street is also in unsafe condition and was closed a few days ago. This structure was built during boom days and has been shortened several times when the river bed has been filled in. ¶ The 11th street and Woodman bridges are also closed. Bridges still open are at Harry, Second, Seneca, 17th, 21st, Central and Bitting, and two of these are privately owned.

### **Thursday, July 3, 1913**

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5. Woodman's bridge over the Little Arkansas, which recently fell to pieces, is to be replaced with an old fashioned ferry boat, at least for the 4th of July.
8. Article about a fire on second floor of Rock Island depot.
12. Article about Mayor Babb's ideas on replacement of defective bridges by repairs or cheap piling bridges. Says "The 11th street bridge, which has been closed for some time, can not be repaired but no action on it is necessary at present."

### **Saturday, July 5, 1913**

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2. Every available street car in Wichita was pressed into service yesterday by Wichita Railroad and Light Company. Travel was as great as on any previous day in the history of the company. Most of the 50 cars in service yesterday were operated on the Wonderland park, Riverside, and Waco lines. In the evening more than 5000 persons passed through the turnstiles in leaving Wonderland park. Cars on that line were run in strings, one after another.
5. Three thousand people spent yesterday at Walnut Grove. It was the greatest day's business the interurban ever had.

### **Sunday, July 6, 1913**

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2. Superintendent Lewis estimates that 15,000 cash fares and 1000 tickets were rung up on street cars on 4th of July, a three percent increase over July 4, 1912, and the biggest day's receipts so far this year.
9. Wichita's old fashioned Arkansas ferry across the Little Arkansas river at Woodman bridge is likely to become a permanent fixture. It was such a success Friday that Reuben S. Israel, its originator, said last night that he would keep it in operation. Scores crossed on it the 4th, while at times many stood on the banks of the stream waiting for the

opportunity to do so.

20. Laying of the permanent main line track for the elevated tracks was commenced last week and several blocks have been completed. This permanent track is laid with heavy steel on creosoted ties. Much of the sand fill is completed. On top of the sand will be a layer of crushed stone eighteen inches thick. The track will be upon this crushed stone.

### **Tuesday, July 8, 1913**

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5. Contract let yesterday for paving East Douglas from Main street to St. Francis at cost of \$1.25 per square yard for asphalt surface, \$5 a ton for asphalt binder, and \$4.50 per cubic yard for concrete.

### **Thursday, July 10, 1913**

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5. The old Carleton school at Lewis and Lawrence is being torn down. A temporary school will be built from the timbers and bricks removed from the old building.

### **Friday, July 11, 1913**

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5. Workmen will start tearing down the old Santa Fe freight depot today. The bricks will be hauled to the new 25th street yards where they will be used in walling the fresh water well. The new 25th street yards are almost ready for use.
8. Fire starting in trash in an adjoining public dump yesterday destroyed the 10th street bridge across old Chisholm creek. The creek bed is dry and the bridge is not needed there if the city will fill it in.

### **Saturday, July 12, 1913**

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3. Joseph Kamensky, of the wholesale junk firm of J. Kamensky and Brother, of 925 North Santa Fe avenue, is enlarging his holdings of real estate in the vicinity of Murdock and street Francis avenues. He yesterday purchased a lot 100 by 176 feet on Murdock, close to the Santa Fe tracks on north side of the street. Most of it will be used as a junk yard, but a wooden structure will be built on the south end for office purposes.

### **Sunday, July 13, 1913**

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- B1. Photograph of new Carleton school under construction while old Carleton school being torn down. The old Carleton school was second oldest school in Wichita, built 1879, after the Webster. Now the oldest remaining will be the Emerson school. The old Webster was constructed in the fall of 1871.

### **Tuesday, July 15, 1913**

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2. Ferrell building at 123-125 North Main is being given a new front to match the adjacent building at 119-121 North Main. Both buildings are occupied by the Rorabaugh Dry Goods company.

**Thursday, July 17, 1913****page**

5. Article saying there is a movement to call special election to vote on returning to the council form of government. Most of the commissioners oppose this.

Work has started on the five story \$80,000 building for the Emerson-Brantingham Implement company at Wichita and English streets.

New Pacific hotel on West Douglas avenue was opened this morning.

8. To allow the Santa Fe Railroad to build its double tracks across 21st street, the street car company today will run cars only to the tracks and then turn them back. This service will be maintained for two or three hours.

**Friday, July 18, 1913****page**

8. A man fainted and fell off West Side street car No. 206 last night.

The north wall of the Douglas avenue subway is half completed and excavations are being started for the south wall.

**Saturday, July 19, 1913****page**

5. Wichita Water Company is diverting water from Little Arkansas river above the dam through a 24 inch syphon to the Arkansas river above a sand dam thrown across the dry stream above Seneca street in order to increase the flow of water from its wells during the present dry spell. The Arkansas river was dry above Seneca street the first of the week and now has a lake in the river bed from bank to bank about 400 yards long. This has lowered the water level in the Little Arkansas about six inches, and city officials are upset.

Plans for an addition to St. Francis hospital of at least 100 rooms have been approved by the officials in Rome. The addition will reach to Emporia avenue and have an entrance on that street.

6. Article about waiting platforms and stairways to be built under elevated tracks for street car passengers.

**Sunday, July 20, 1913****page**

16. Mahan building at 627-629 East Douglas sold yesterday by J. P. Mahan to Albert Kunkel. It is three stories, with frontage of 50 feet and extending to the alley between Douglas and

William. It was finished in 1905, and is occupied by the 50 room Jefferson hotel on the two upper floors and part of the first floor, and by Oscar Camps barber shop and Whitlock's cigar store on the first floor.

20. Publicity motion pictures of Wichita to be made beginning today for the publicity bureau of the Wichita Business association.

## **Tuesday, July 22, 1913**

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2. Work started yesterday on Maple street just west of city limits for grading of the new county road west from Wichita to Kingman.

City commission seeking an injunction suit to stop the Wichita Water company from taking water from the Little Arkansas river near the Central avenue dam. The city claims it owns both banks of the Little river above the dam. ¶ The Water company contends that the city has no title to any land where the company is getting water and that the company owns the water to the center of the river, assuming that the intake of the water pipe is on the banks of the Little Arkansas river. ¶ However the Water Company also contends that the government survey shows that the pipe is some distance below the mouth of the Little Arkansas. The pipe and the Central avenue dam are actually on the Big Arkansas river they contend. From the mouth of the Little river just south of Pine street, the water runs through the north channel of the Big Arkansas river, which extends between Stackman's farm and Water Works Island. The north channel has been dry for a number of years, but nevertheless it is the channel of the Big Arkansas river. The Big river is a government stream and the city has no authority over it they say.

5. "I and my husband have given more of our time and attention to Park Villa, the rest room in Riverside park, than is right for anyone to give," stated Mrs. Laura Buckwalter in a communication which was read at the city commission meeting yesterday. She asked that a woman be appointed to take charge of the Villa, with police authority. ¶ The park superintendent will look after the institution hereafter, and see that people making use of it conduct themselves in a proper manner, according to action taken by the commission. Mrs. Buckwalter has been notified to return the key to the possession of the city, Commissioner Leach stated.
10. Another article about publicity movies being taken in the city.

## **Wednesday, July 23, 1913**

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5. George J. Theis, Jr., local financier and stock broker, was elected president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company at the annual meeting of stockholders yesterday. W. O. Van Arsdale, who has held the presidency since the road was built in 1910, stated that he would not accept the office for another year. He stated that since Mr. Theis owned a majority of the stock, it was right that he should hold the presidency. ¶ Article lists the officers and directors of the two companies involved. The Arkansas Valley

Interurban Railway company and the Interurban Construction company.

6. Principal I. M. Allen of the high school recommends establishment of junior high schools for seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students to relieve overcrowding of the new high school. Although only opened last September, the high school was forced to obtain relief from crowding by using the first floor of the old high school building, and this fall they will have to use the entire building.

Moving machinery of the Independent Steam Laundry on South St. Francis avenue to the new building of the Kansas Independent Laundry company at 2nd and Emporia will start tomorrow. When this is finished in about a week, the machinery of the Kansas Steam Laundry on South Market street, which was also merged into the new company, will be moved. About \$40,000 worth of new machinery will be put in the new building in addition to that moved from the two previous laundries.

### **Thursday, July 24, 1913**

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5. Although opened for business last week, the formal opening of the new 60 room Pacific hotel will be held tomorrow evening.
12. City obtains temporary injunction against Wichita Water company taking water from Little river. Says the siphon is located on the west shore of the river a hundred yards or so below the municipal bathing beach and just opposite the beach now being constructed by the city for its colored population.

### **Friday, July 25, 1913**

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14. Brick pavement for half a block west of the Santa Fe crossing on East Douglas is being taken up so the street can be depressed under the elevated tracks.

### **Sunday, July 27, 1913**

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10. Article and photographs on the grading of the new county roads east on Harry street from city limits at Linwood park to the county line, completed yesterday, and west on Maple street beginning tomorrow. The completed east road is described as "the best nine miles of dirt road in the state of Kansas."

### **Thursday, July 31, 1913**

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6. Welsbach Lighting company of Kansas City has filed suit against city for \$35,000 for service of its "blinker lights." Article gives history of the controversy.
8. New Santa Fe yards at 25th street now expected to be completed in one month. The twelve stall round house will not be completed for several months. ¶ To make way for the fill to the elevated tracks the water tower between 1st street and Douglas avenue is being

torn down. A temporary tower will be erected in the Kellogg street yards until the 25th street yards are completed. ¶ The old freight house, south of the present passenger station, is being razed. Its bricks will be used to wall the soft water well in the new yards.

**Friday, August 1, 1913****page**

8. Paving between the tracks of the street railway on West Douglas near the concrete bridge was completed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and at that hour the cars were again routed over the double track on that street.

**Saturday, August 2, 1913****page**

2. Children from the Masonic Home were taken for a launch ride last night at the Riverside Boat company in the launch "Bessie May."
5. What is declared to be the first rural electric circuit in Kansas, if not in the southwest, is now being built by the Kansas Gas and Electric company from the Van Arsdale power station on the interurban line to supply the farms of eight progressive Sedgwick County farmers with electricity. ¶ The line will be exactly two and a half miles long.

**Sunday, August 3, 1913****page**

16. Photograph of construction on west end of Kellogg viaduct.
24. Article saying the publicity movies of Wichita have arrived -- two reels, 800 feet in length, and will be shown all next week in the Empress theater by the publicity bureau of the Wichita Business association.

**Tuesday, August 5, 1913****page**

2. Review of the showing of above mentioned movies of Wichita at Empress theater on South Topeka avenue, with people lined in the street waiting for ticket office to open.
5. Touring car struck by an interurban Sunday evening on 1st street The interurban car was backing into the station on 1st street

**Thursday, August 7, 1913****page**

2. Douglas avenue paving from Main to St. Francis is expected to be completed in ten days.
5. Contract for construction of the new Carnegie library awarded by city commission yesterday to H. J. Vandenberg of Weatherford, Oklahoma, for \$50,866. Other contracts let for plumbing \$1235, heating \$1598, and electric lighting \$650. Building to be completed within eight months.

**Sunday, August 10, 1913****page**

5. Midland Valley will start gasoline motor car service today between Wichita and Arkansas City -- leaving Arkansas City at 8:00 a.m. and arriving Wichita at 10:45. Returning leaves Wichita at 4:40 p.m. and arrives Arkansas City at 6:20. Car cost \$27,000 and seats 98.
- 1B. Taxicab companies having a rate war. The regular rate for a taxi cab in Wichita for one or two persons is 50¢ a mile. By the hour the rate is \$3.00, or \$5.00 for two hours. Double that price is allowed after midnight.

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3. Recent drouth has caused shortage of water for railroads elsewhere, but supply in Wichita is adequate. In Wichita the Missouri Pacific has wells at 25th street which supply the roundhouse and water tank at that point. They get water from the city for the 1st street tank. The Santa Fe has its own wells, as has also the Rock Island. The Frisco, Orient, and Midland Valley secure water from the city.

**Thursday, August 14, 1913****page**

5. Union station will not be finished by October 1 as previously announced. Delays in securing material have put it back several weeks, and the station delays have stopped all work on the elevated fill.

**Sunday, August 17, 1913****page**

16. Article about source of Wichita's water supply in underflow of Arkansas river. Includes map showing junction of the two rivers and location of old channel of Big river.

**Tuesday, August 19, 1913****page**

6. The six new "muzzle loading" street cars will be put into service on Riverside-South Emporia line within a week according to A. M. Patton (sic), general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light Company. The first of the cars, which should have been delivered last November, will arrive here this morning, and the five others are on the Frisco between here and St. Louis. The new cars will be closer to the rails and have one less step. Entrance and exit will be in the front vestibule. While the cars have a rear door, it is to be used only in case of emergency. Each car will cost \$4750.
10. Site at 241 North Emporia is being cleared for a new \$35,000 undertaking establishment to be built there for I. W. Gill and Sons, undertakers.

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2. Only the foundation and a small part of the first story of the old Santa Fe freight depot



remains. Workmen have been busy for several weeks tearing it down.

6. Watchman at 3rd and 2nd street crossings on the Missouri Pacific Railroad have been discontinued since the automatic flagmen have been installed.
10. Maple street bridge will be opened to traffic this morning after having been repaired. New piling have been put in and the floor and bannisters have been repaired during the past week at a cost of about \$300. ¶ The pile driver will now be moved to the 18th street bridge and repair of that structure will start.

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5. Kansas Gas and Electric is installing equipment for burning coal in its power house on West 3rd street. A big cable way supported by high iron supports is being put in. On this will run a big unloading bucket for unloading of coal from cars and carrying it to big bunkers. ¶ The plant is now burning gas but will change to oil this winter. The coal equipment is a precautionary measure in case of shortage or increased price of gas or oil.

The block of East Douglas between St. Francis and the Santa Fe tracks is to be paved with brick.

#### **Friday, August 22, 1913**

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5. Excavation for the new Carnegie library was commenced yesterday.

#### **Saturday, August 23, 1913**

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2. The city commission and Business association have decided that Wichita has already won so there is no use of telling visitors to "Watch Wichita Win" by hanging up a street sign over Douglas avenue. ¶ The sign will probably come down by September 1.

#### **Sunday, August 24, 1913**

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5. Street car No. 202 on Topeka avenue line played a prank at Douglas and Topeka yesterday when the front trucks took the curve all right but the rear trucks wanted to go to the depots.
16. Photograph of new Birney car No. 192 with article saying the new cars are not in use yet because Wichita trainmen were not familiar with cars having the Westinghouse air appliances. By means of air brakes and appliances the motorman will simply have to let go of the controller when he wants to stop, and the action will stop the car, open the door and release the air. In starting he will put on the controller, the car will start and the doors close. ¶ With a week or so of instruction the Emporia and Riverside motormen should become adept with the air appliances. Several of the cars should be running by the last of this week. ¶ The new cars are Nos. 186, 188, 190, 192, 194 and 196. They will seat

about 65 people. ¶ Photograph shows approximately twelve side windows on left side and four roof ventilators.

Missouri Pacific purchased a new \$4000 snow plow for the Wichita division last September but never had a chance to use it last winter.

### **Tuesday, August 26, 1913**

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5. For the second time in nine days a bandit has held up and robbed conductors of the North Riverside street car at the wye on Bitting avenue and 12th street. ¶ The North Riverside line is the only place the city where a conductor makes a trip alone. His motorman took the regular car on the West Riverside line from Nims and Franklin.

### **Thursday, August 28, 1913**

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2. Traffic will be restored on the 18th street bridge over the Little Arkansas river today following repairs to the bridge.

Two of the six new street cars were given tryouts yesterday and the air brakes worked perfectly. They will start running Monday on the Riverside and Emporia divisions.

### **Saturday, August 30, 1913**

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6. Wrecking of the old Santa Fe freight depot was completed Friday.

### **Wednesday, September 3, 1913**

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2. Missouri Pacific today is starting to replace its 56 pound steel between Ft. Scott and Durand with new 85 pound steel. This will be completed by November 1st and is the last stretch required to complete the heavy steel line all the way from Wichita to St. Louis.

### **Thursday, September 4, 1913**

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5. Superintendent C. R. Lewis of the street railway company has received word from General Manager A. M. Patten to be prepared to take fifteen local conductors and motormen to Topeka next week to assist in handling fair crowds.
10. Ground-breaking for the new St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal church to be built at Elm and Water streets will be held Friday night.

### **Friday, September 5, 1913**

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5. Watson Mill plant at Santa Fe avenue and 17th street was purchased yesterday by the Red Star Mill and Elevator company for \$50,000. The Watson mill was built eleven years ago and has a capacity of 900 barrels of flour a day.

The new asphalt paving of East Douglas from Main to St. Francis was completed yesterday after more than a year of controversy. The work was started five weeks ago.

8. Frisco 500 class engines will be used soon on freight trains on the Wichita to Ellsworth line. The steel between Wichita and Ellsworth is only 56 pounds, but officials state that it is heavy enough to handle the few big engines needed.
12. Superintendent C. R. Lewis says the cost of special street cars furnished by Wichita Railroad and Light company for funerals and picnics is likely to be increased. It now costs \$5 for a small car used in a funeral and \$7.50 for a large one. ¶ Article says the service has been popular, but cost of operation and lost time by motormen and conductors makes the present charge uneconomic. "There is too much time lost. Seldom is a car used when ordered. The wait costs money."

### **Saturday, September 6, 1913**

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10. All six of the new Pay-As-You-Enter cars in running order yesterday afternoon and a new schedule went into effect on the South Emporia-Riverside line. Ten minute service is being maintained except for the two branches on the Riverside end. There the cars alternate between West Riverside and North Riverside branches. Stub car service to North Riverside has been abandoned. Since the two street car robberies and the shooting of Conductor Pete McGee the street car company has been anxious to abandon the stub service. Robbers will have a hard time getting at the conductor in the new cars as the doors won't open unless the conductor or motormen wants them open. Cash boxes on the cars relieve the conductors of carrying company money.

### **Sunday, September 7, 1913**

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16. Air brake failed on new street car No. 186 and it struck a Cleveland avenue car at Market and Douglas with slight damage.

### **Tuesday, September 9, 1913**

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1. Fire Sunday afternoon destroyed the Convent of Mount St. Mary's in the southeast part of Wichita. This building was erected in 1887-88 by the Reformed church and for six years was known as Wichita University. For the past thirteen years it has been the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Joseph. ¶ The building is east of Hillside and south of Kellogg in the extreme southeastern part of Wichita. It was consumed entirely except for shells of the exterior walls. ¶ Photograph and drawing.
2. The first engine belonging to any railroad entering Wichita to pass over the elevated tracks was an Orient switch engine on Monday. It ran as far 2nd street on the elevation. It was hauling material to be used in the elevated work.

### **Thursday, September 11, 1913**

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2. Street car service on the north and west branches of the Riverside line is so unsatisfactory that a petition may be circulated asking the city commission to secure a remedy. Cars run every 20 minutes. The wait on the north line at the wye is all the way from five to ten minutes which doesn't add to the coolness of passengers standing out in the hot sun watching a car that is killing time.

At the Central Riverside zoo the alligators have been provided with a new galvanized tank which is connected with the sanitary sewer. New quarters will be built for the coyotes, swifts, and wolves. The building constructed for a concession booth has been remodeled and converted into a rest room.

**Friday, September 12, 1913****page**

8. Mechanics of the street railway discovered last night that the wrecking equipment used in replacing cars that have jumped the track was not suited to the six new air brake cars. As a result it took the crew two hours to replace Car No. 192 on the track after it had jumped into the mud at Porter and Franklin avenues.

**Saturday, September 13, 1913****page**

2. Census figures by the state board of agriculture reported Wichita's population as 58,399, a gain of nearly 3000. Kansas City was 87,150 and Topeka 49,840. ¶ Wyandotte county has 105,080, Sedgwick county 77,715, and Shawnee county 70,091.

**Sunday, September 14, 1913****page**

2. Article giving some history of the former Wichita University, whose old building burned down last Sunday.
3. Photograph of two story building occupied on corner by Means Brothers' Drug Store. It also shows a light pole of the new white way.
5. An extension 60 feet in length was built across Division street last week by the Orient Railroad to a siding in the alley between Washington and Mosley avenues. Owners of property on the alley were protesting, so the track was rushed to completion in one day before the company's permission could be rescinded.
9. The Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream Company plans to build an ice plant on Central avenue between Rock Island and Santa Fe with a frontage of 155 feet and 255 feet long. The plant will have a capacity of 100 tons per day and storage capacity of 5000 tons. It will have loading docks on both the Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads. ¶ The new plant will be used only for ice to handle the shipping trade. The old plant at 1st and Santa Fe avenue will be used to manufacture ice cream and ice for use in Wichita.

**Tuesday, September 16, 1913****page**

5. City commission has ordered the gap in paving of Hillside avenue between 9th street and 13th street to be paved with brick. It is already paved from 13th street to in front of Fairmount College and south from 9th street almost to the Mount St. Mary's Convent grounds.
12. The new Kress store at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas was completed a month ago and the general opening will be on Saturday, September 27.

**Thursday, September 18, 1913****page**

5. Street car company is trying to speed up delivery on new wheels which are overdue. There are quite a few flat wheels on the new "pay-after-entering" cars on the Riverside-Emporia line. Air brakes on the new cars have fooled the motormen, who have caused the wheels to slide by setting the brakes too tightly. The result has been the flattening of a number of wheels.

Personal taxes paid by railroads in Sedgwick County this year:

Santa Fe	\$41,613
Missouri Pacific	\$18,906
Rock Island	\$16,971
Frisco	\$13,075
Wichita Railroad and Light Company	\$27,338,

but the street railway company's special tax added to this will bring its entire tax higher than that of any other public service corporation in the county.

6. The Missouri Pacific Railroad and the street car company are jointly installing a new crossing at 9th street.

**Friday, September 19, 1913****page**

5. Article on changes in Arkansas Valley Interurban timetable to take effect October 1.

**Saturday, September 20, 1913****page**

2. Winne building sold yesterday by Emery J. and Laura D. Street to Miss M. C. Roth for \$95,000 in addition to mortgage of \$55,000 assumed by the purchaser. The building is occupied by the Globe Clothing company. ¶ (This is a false report. Building sold October 18, 1913 to Colonel S. B. Amidon for \$90,000.)

**Sunday, September 21, 1913****page**

10. Article says within a month enough of the new union station to accommodate the Santa Fe passenger office will be ready and two tracks over the elevated road will be laid and

used by that road. ¶ As soon as the office is moved into the new building, workmen will start tearing down the old station and the Wells-Fargo and mail buildings so the elevated fill can be completed.

**Tuesday, September 23, 1913****page**

9. Street car service will be cut at the elevated tracks the next two nights while trestle work is being installed. Stub service will be provided east of the tracks.

**Wednesday, September 24, 1913****page**

6. Article about early history of Wichita Children's Home.

**Thursday, September 25, 1913****page**

9. New five story building being constructed for Rumley Products company at corner of Rock Island and 2nd streets is progressing rapidly. Excavation started on May 1 and occupancy is scheduled for December 1. The structure is 107 feet by 130 feet and will cost \$115,000.

**Friday, September 26, 1913****page**

8. Article about Mrs. Laura Buckwalter commenting on members of Kansas Good Citizenship League's plans to seek ouster of Mayor Babb. Says she will not support this move until she knows he is not doing right.
9. Article about open house at new Kress store this afternoon followed by opening for business tomorrow. Building is three stories in rear and two in the front part. It is equipped with electric and gas lights.

**Saturday, September 27, 1913****page**

12. Mrs. Allie Campbell Rickey of Joliet, Illinois, half-sister of Robert B. Campbell has a suit pending against him, saying he talked her into giving away her rights in their father's estate. The father, Burton H. Campbell, died January 2, 1908 and left her a two-fifteenths right in the estate, and she later signed away her rights for \$7500 on advice of the half-brother and now contends she was defrauded.

**Friday, October 3, 1913****page**

2. Paving contract let yesterday to pave Douglas from St. Francis to Santa Fe and 2nd from Waco to Sherman with brick.
8. Frisco Railroad will try its largest passenger engines, number 1100s, on this division as an experiment to see whether they can run through using coal chutes located only on the main

line. The Neodesha division, between Wichita and Monett, Missouri, has only one coal chute on the main track, and it is at Beaumont Junction. All other coal chutes are on sidetracks. It is thought the 1100 engine if coaled at Monett could run to Beaumont Junction without a fresh supply. Then after coaling at Beaumont Junction the supply will last for the trip to Wichita and then back to Beaumont Junction.

**Sunday, October 5, 1913****page**

3. Letter to editor from Mrs. Laura Buckwalter -- refers to a previous article on page 5 of September 27, 1913.
  
12. New Santa Fe roundhouse and yards, north of 25th street, built at cost of \$300,000, will be in use before November 1. Moving to them is planned for October 25 or 26. The twelve stall roundhouse is of brick and concrete, and there is a modern steel coal chute and water tower also. The yards are more than a quarter a mile long and contain about sixteen miles of track on a tract of 30 acres. After the move, the old roundhouse and yards below Douglas avenue will be abolished, leaving only a coach track and tracks to the wholesale houses.

**Tuesday, October 7, 1913****page**

3. Advertisement for the Campbell Bread company, bakers of Tip-Top bread, showing photograph of their new building at Elm street and Emporia.

**Wednesday, October 8, 1913****page**

5. Next Wednesday, October 15, the Santa Fe ticket office will be moved into the new station and Santa Fe trains will begin to run over the elevation.

**Saturday, October 11, 1913****page**

8. The use of new larger Mogul engines by the Frisco on freight trains through Wichita is cutting operating expense nearly 75% on its road west from Monett, Missouri. These engines were used on this division starting early this week, and were made possible by the recent laying of heavier rails and construction of new bridges. One went through Wichita yesterday pulling 50 loaded cars. The old style engines usually pulled no more than 30 cars. Eight hundred tons was the maximum load carried with the old type locomotives. The Mogul engines haul from 1200 to 1500 tons.

During the fair and exposition this week the crowds traveling from towns nearby have been so large that the Midland Valley has been compelled to add a trailer to the motor car recently inaugurated between Wichita and Arkansas City.

**Sunday, October 12, 1913****page**

5. The six big columns on the front of the union station should be in place by October 25. The six big granite columns 30 feet long and four feet in diameter from quarries near Pueblo are in eighteen sections. Seventeen are Completed and the eighteenth has been placed in the lathe. Shipment will start from Pueblo on Monday. One car will hold just one column -- three sections.
14. Photograph and article giving history of Wichita's first jail, built in 1871 on east side of second block on North Market street and now located near the Missouri Pacific tracks between Market and Main streets and used as a shed.
- B-9. Article describing Colonel William Mathewson's recollection of the location of the old Chisholm trail.

**Wednesday, October 15, 1913****page**

5. Resolution passed by West Wichita Commercial league demanding that the street car Company give service to the Orient shops by a branch line from Douglas avenue south on Osage street to McCormick avenue, thence west to a point near the railway shops.
11. Graders were working all last night in an attempt to get the approaches to the railroad bridge over Douglas avenue ready to accommodate a train today. The work of laying the rails was expected to commence at 3 o'clock this morning. Six hundred feet of rails must be laid after the grade is finished before a train can pass over.

**Thursday, October 16, 1913****page**

5. The first train over the Santa Fe Railroad drew into Wichita's new Union station last night. The train No. 118 from San Francisco and Los Angeles to Newton arrived at 9:35 p.m. It drew across the new railroad bridge over Douglas avenue at 9:50. Many people inspected the completed west upper wing of the station and the platform. The Santa Fe offices are on the platform landing and consist of three waiting rooms, retiring room, and ticket offices. These will be used as storage rooms when the station is finished. Only the west upper wing of the new station and one track across the viaduct are completed.

**Friday, October 17, 1913****page**

7. Wichita Railroad and Light Company is going to experiment with burning of coke in the car heaters to see if this keeps them as warm as when the heaters are supplied with Pennsylvania anthracite coal. If so, the cars will be heated all winter with coke.

**Saturday, October 18, 1913****page**

5. Article saying C. V. Cessna of Enid, Oklahoma, formerly a Kingman County farmer boy, drove the first monoplane airship over Wichita yesterday flying at a speed of 40 to 65 miles an hour and from 3000 to 4000 feet above the ground. His machine is Cessna made. The



take off and landing were at Walnut Grove park.

The first appeal for an extension of service under the Kansas public utilities act passed by the 1911 legislature was made yesterday by residents of the West Side who want the street car lines, maintained by the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, extended from Douglas avenue south and west to the Orient shops. ¶ The appeal was made to the public utilities board at Topeka.

### **Sunday, October 19, 1913**

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2. Campbell bakery company has opened its new bakery on North Emporia to produce "Tip-Top" bread. Building was built and equipped at cost of \$65,000 and has capacity of 25,000 loaves daily.
5. Article about tearing down of old Santa Fe depot. A new method was adopted yesterday by the Santa Fe Railroad for the razing of buildings when it hitched a switch engine to a steel cable tied to the south and west fronts of the old station at Santa Fe and Douglas avenue and pulled them to the ground. The south front was demolished first, and then another attempt brought the west front to the ground. Then the cable was placed around the station dome and it was brought down. No attempt was made to demolish the north and east fronts, which will stand until the present debris is cleared away on Monday. By Wednesday night no trace of the old station is expected to remain. The brick and stone are being removed to Newton.
13. Colonel S. B. Amidon purchased Winne building yesterday for \$90,000.

### **Tuesday, October 21, 1913**

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5. Contract for paving Hillside from 9th to 11th streets with brick was let yesterday.

### **Thursday, October 23, 1913**

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6. Work on the new Carnegie library building is being delayed by delay in shipping building stone from Bedford, Indiana.

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12. Except for a rummage sale on the ground floor, the old Anchor Trust company building at 1st and Market streets, formerly known to all old timers as Turner hall, was empty last night for the first time since its erection. ¶ At one time it was the finest theatre (sic) in the southwest, but a few years ago Colonel Hiram Lewis remodeled it for his bank. ¶ It is to be torn down the first of the month to permit construction of the new Traveler's hotel.

### **Tuesday, October 28, 1913**

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10. Santa Fe freight trains will start running over the elevated tracks by the first of next week. The main track across Douglas avenue was removed Monday to make way for concrete bases for the supports of the bridge over Douglas avenue and the retaining walls. Until the elevation is ready for them the freights will use one of the passing tracks. ¶ About the time the freight trains start going over the elevation, the mechanical department of the Santa Fe will move into the new roundhouse and shops at 25th street. The yards south of Douglas will then be re-arranged. ¶ Tearing up of the old asphalt pavement on Douglas between St. Francis and the Santa Fe tracks started yesterday. This block will be paved with brick.

### **Wednesday, October 29, 1913**

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2. In order not to embarrass the men and women who have enrolled for the night school, their names will not be made public. A number of the 33 students have asked for secrecy.

### **Thursday, October 30, 1913**

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12. Dockum drug store No. 2 will open January 20 at the corner of Douglas and Topeka. It will be similar to the first store at 111 East Douglas.

### **Saturday, November 1, 1913**

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5. Walter Morris, one of the wealthiest real estate dealers of Wichita and owner of the "Barbecue" Campbell castle at 11th street and Riverside, was married Wednesday to Mrs. Krutell. He purchased the home about four years ago from the estate of the late B. H. Campbell.

### **Tuesday, November 4, 1913**

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7. Work on the \$3000 station for the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad in Newton will start next week. It will be of brick, 44 by 22 feet and one story in height. The railroad is now using a store room for a waiting room and station.
8. Work is progressing on remodeling of Lewis Academy into a boarding home for the YWCA, and it should be ready for occupancy by Thanksgiving.

### **Wednesday, November 5, 1913**

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2. The last of the old Santa Fe buildings near Douglas avenue was razed yesterday when the tower from which the gates on both sides of the tracks were controlled was pulled down and the gates removed. This tower, which was supported on two big pilings, is about eighteen years old. Trains will be flagged over Douglas avenue until the elevation is completed.

### **Thursday, November 6, 1913**

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5. Contract is to be let immediately for new addition to Wichita hospital. To cost about \$60,000, be five stories high, 40 by 118 feet, and to be built 40 feet west of the present hospital building at Douglas and Seneca, with a passageway connecting the two buildings. Forty-two rooms will be provided, plus operating rooms on the fifth floor.

**Friday, November 7, 1913****page**

5. Santa Fe special train to Topeka set a new record of three hours and 40 minutes for the trip, average 45 m.p.h.

**Saturday, November 8, 1913****page**

10. The Santa Fe roundhouse force and equipment will be moved today from the old shops south of Douglas avenue to the new 25th street shops. Machinery to be moved includes twelve live engines and several dead ones. The new roundhouse has twelve stalls. ¶ The old roundhouse will be torn down in a short time to make way for the elevation.

**Sunday, November 9, 1913****page**

12. City commission is advertising for bids on three motor fire trucks. When they are installed in February, the fire department will do away with the ten fire horses at Central station.
21. The new automatic signal block on the Missouri Pacific between 2nd street and Kiowa Junction will be put in operation at 6:00 p.m. today.

**Wednesday, November 12, 1913****page**

5. Starting today, Santa Fe freight trains will be routed over the elevated tracks. A second permanent track on the elevation was completed yesterday and will be used for freight traffic. With this move, the last track the Santa Fe has across Douglas avenue will be removed. ¶ Excavation for the paved driveway on the east side of the station was completed yesterday.

**Thursday, November 13, 1913****page**

5. Article on suit over ownership of Elba Island.
6. The Rock Island started work yesterday on the connecting track from its main line to the elevated.
9. A delay in getting the freight track in shape caused a postponement until today of the routing of freight trains over the elevated. The Santa Fe tracks across Douglas will be cleared away by 7:00 p.m. tomorrow.

**Saturday, November 15, 1913****page**

5. The last track of the Santa Fe Railroad was removed from Douglas avenue yesterday morning.

**Thursday, November 20, 1913****page**

11. Article reports death yesterday of Jacob Bissantz, Wichita pioneer, at age 67.
12. Tracks of the interurban railroad on the new concrete bridge over Sand creek at Newton are being laid this week. About 250 feet of track will be necessary to complete the line from Newton to Bethel College.

**Friday, November 21, 1913****page**

5. The new county road west has now been graded, leveled and ditched all the way to the Kingman county line.
6. The Fairmount car line is cut in two owing to work being done on Hillside avenue between the cemeteries. A stub car runs from the cemeteries to the college and back.
9. Foundation work for the new interurban station in Newton has been completed and the bricklayers will start work today on the walls.

**Saturday, November 22, 1913****page**

5. The six large stone pillars gracing the front of the new union station are now set in position, and with the capital of one put up. The front of the big building should be completed within a fortnight.
6. The heavy steel on the Missouri Pacific from Durand to Ft. Scott will be laid by next Saturday. This will give the Wichita division a through line of heavy steel.
12. Advertisement with photograph of United Sash and Door Company building showing freight cars in front.

**Wednesday, November 26, 1913****page**

8. Furnishings are being received daily for the union station and Harvey eating room. The \$3000 soda fountain for the concourse of the station arrived yesterday.

A celebration over the opening of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad extension from Newton to Bethel College was held last night at the college. The Newton band and members of the commercial club were taken to the college in three special cars, the first to be run over the new line. ¶ The service on this extension will be every two hours. The

car which goes to Halstead will make the trip. ¶ Work on the new Newton depot is progressing rapidly. The foundation has been completed and bricklayers are now working on the walls.

**Saturday, November 29, 1913****page**

5. The "Watch Wichita Win" sign on East Douglas extends a distance of 80 feet across the street and is eight feet high. It cost \$1045.95 and is of the flasher style.

**Sunday, November 30, 1913****page**

6. Work of repaving of the street car tracks on Hillside has been completed and cars should be running over the new pavement by Monday.

**Tuesday, December 2, 1913****page**

9. The foundation is now in for the new 50 by 75 foot ice storage building under construction for the Steffen-Bretch Ice Cream company on East Central between Rock Island and Santa Fe avenues.

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2. If weather is favorable, the south driveway under the elevated tracks can be completed with a week's work. The concrete has been put in and the brick will be laid as soon as they arrive here from Buffalo, Kansas, where they were shipped yesterday.
10. Through street car service to College Hill will stop this afternoon, when workmen will start tearing up the tracks under the subway on East Douglas in preparation for paving. The street car company's right-of-way will be paved with brick from the Rock Island depot to the west edge of the Santa Fe right-of-way and double tracks will be laid. It is hoped to complete the work in ten days to two weeks. ¶ A stub service will be operated east of the Rock Island tracks.

**Friday, December 5, 1913****page**

5. Notice of death yesterday of Samuel H. Hoover, age 69, who came here in 1869. In 1882 he purchased 291 acres just south of 13th street between the Little and Big Arkansas rivers. Two years later this land was sold to the Davidson Land company, and on it are now located the Riverside Club, Walter Morris place, Tipton Cox residence, R. B. Campbell home, and other splendid residences. ¶ He then purchased the adjoining 80 acre farms of John Exton and (?) Dennis. The latter he sold during the boom, but the former, once a dreary sandy waste, he planted in what is now known as the Hoover orchards. In 1898 he transferred the management to his son, E. G. Hoover, and in 1910 he disposed of all his holdings to his son.

Advertisement with drawing of Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods company building (three stories with Santa Fe tracks adjacent).

**Sunday, December 7, 1913****page**

8. Article with a pioneer's reminiscences of early trading days with "Dutch Bill" (William Griffenstein).
9. Workmen are remodeling the old Lewis Academy building in third block on North Market into a new boarding house for the YWCA (details). The young women hope to move in before the Christmas holidays.
- B-7. Long article on road work being done in Sedgwick County.

**Tuesday, December 9, 1913****page**

9. Construction on the new building for Wichita hospital was started yesterday.

**Wednesday, December 10, 1913****page**

2. City commission has ordered paving of Kellogg from Emporia to St. Francis with brick blocks.
5. Advertisement with photograph of The Wichita Garage Company building, second block on North Lawrence.

**Thursday, December 11, 1913****page**

12. Building permit issued to Steffen-Bretch Ice and Ice Cream company for brick one story building 93 (?) by 226 feet, and a steel four story building 60 by 60 feet, north of Central between Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads, to cost \$30,000.

**Saturday, December 13, 1913****page**

5. Street car patrons have protested having to walk from Rock Island avenue west to Emporia or Topeka because of the rebuilding of the track under the Douglas avenue viaduct, so beginning in the morning Superintendent C. R. Lewis says a stub car will be put on to operate the one block from the east side of St. Francis avenue to Emporia avenue to shorten the necessary walk.

**Sunday, December 14, 1913****page**

2. Progress report on union station. The station is 95% completed. The retaining walls and subways are completed except for the toe wall along the west slope of the embankment and part of the north abutment of the Douglas avenue subway. ¶ More than 280,000 cubic

yards of sand have been hauled to make the fill for the elevated tracks. This is 90% completed. As much as 50,000 yards have been hauled, with a maximum of 3000 yards in any one day, representing 2000 wagon loads. ¶ Two through main lines and three passenger spurs are laid and ballasted, and the Santa Fe is using these tracks. The third main line is laid one-half the length of the elevation. ¶ The concrete work on the Kellogg street viaduct is completed except for the part over the Santa Fe tracks. Three of the six steel spans have been erected. ¶ To date \$1,600,000 has been spent on the work since it was started in September 1912.

12. Work on the new Carnegie library building is at a standstill awaiting the arrival of three carloads of Bedford stone from Indiana. These were delayed by the drouth of last summer, which caused a lack of water necessary to cut the stone. Shipment was finally made three weeks ago, but the cars have not yet arrived here.
13. Building at 400 East Douglas, corner of Douglas and Topeka, is being remodeled for the new Dockum and Tilford drug store.
- B-7. A petition signed by nearly 250 patrons of the Fairmount street car line has been presented to the city commission asking for better service on that line. They have asked that a conductor be furnished, that fifteen minute service be established, and that more sanitary and comfortable cars be placed on that line.

### **Friday, December 19, 1913**

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5. Receivers took charge of the Hamilton hotel Wednesday, and the employes of the hotel held up the baggage of the previous proprietors until their wage claims were settled.

Colonel S. B. Amidon will feed all the hungry boys he can find at Christmas. Twenty turkeys have been ordered. Diner is to be held at the Elks club.

Advertisement with photograph of the Jones Milling Company.

8. Concrete under the Douglas avenue viaduct is too green, and street cars will not be able to run through before next Monday.

Railway crossing at Central avenue and Gilbert street will be paved with brick block at a cost of about \$3500 each. Seven tracks cross Central avenue on Santa Fe street and ten tracks cross Gilbert street.

### **Tuesday, December 23, 1913**

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5. Article reports third successful holdup of Riverside street cars in last six months occurred last night on West Riverside line at Franklin and Porter. The two previous ones were on the North Riverside line. The new "safety" street cars with air controlled doors did not prevent last night's robbery.

9. Through street car service on the College Hill, Fairmount, Cleveland and Pattie lines was resumed yesterday afternoon after two week interruption on account of the laying of double tracks under the elevated railroad tracks on Douglas avenue.

**Friday, December 26, 1913****page**

5. Article reports on Amidon Christmas dinner yesterday at Elks club with 500 people being fed there, and after the food ran out, at nearby restaurants.

**Saturday, December 27, 1913****page**

2. Bert Wells, city engineer, received holiday present from his employees of an album with photographs of the important public improvements he has been connected with including Central avenue dam, Harry street canal bridge, and Griffenstein bridge, and 20 other improvements.
5. After six weeks delay owing to failure to arrive of four cars of terra cotta from the St. Louis Terra Cotta company, work has now been resumed on the new Carnegie library.

**Sunday, December 28, 1913****page**

2. An open house will be held New Year's Day at the new YWCA boarding house in the third block on North Market, remodeled from the former Lewis Academy building. The building has been completed for two weeks and twelve girls are now boarding there.  
  
Car No. 216 of the street railway company jumped the track at 1st and Main last evening.
5. Directors of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad met yesterday and heard reports that the road has had a good year and has made enough earnings to pay the regular six percent interest on all bond coupons after January 1.

**Wednesday, December 31, 1913****page**

5. Advertisement with photograph of the Owens Paper Box company.