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Pouring of concrete for the base supports of the new YWCA building on North Topeka started yesterday. Building and furnishings to cost about $60,000.

B7.
Article reporting the new Palace theater will open within ten days. Finishers are placing the $10,000 pipe organ. Some details.

Photograph of State Savings Bank, on Douglas near Main.

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Arrangements being made to build two story apartment house on two lots at 309 North Market.

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Work has started on the new $11,000 building at Emporia and William for the Wichita Eagles lodge.

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Mary Ann is in disgrace. And what is more, she is liable to cost the Wichita Railroad and Light company $5000 in a suit in district court. ¶ For years and years Mary Ann, which is the work car belonging to the street car company, has wandered about the streets of Wichita without doing any serious damage. Her record was good until January 5 this year, when she hit a small boy, Victor Stout, breaking his right leg, at 3rd and Main streets. This led to the suit against the company.

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The Frisco Railroad is starting a new daily train from Wichita to Beaumont Junction and return to serve the oil fields.
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3. Article reporting that a dozen Wichita churches now have pipe organs. Includes list of Wichita organs and their approximate cost. The first was installed about 25 years ago in the First Methodist church. Two or three pipe organs are also in private homes.

4. Article giving history of “Mary Ann,” the well-known work car of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. She was purchased by the Wichita company back in the 90s and is a sister of the sand car and another car in use by the company. Until 1902 she was used as a regular passenger car, but that year was nearly destroyed in a fire which burned the car barns. Only the trucks remained. The street car company needed a work car, so it drafted the remains of Mary Ann for that service. A bed was mounted on the trucks, and since then she has been doing efficient service. When the ball park was located in the south end, Mary Ann was used to haul trailers to and from the park. Mary Ann’s most notable feature of recent years is hauling wedding parties about the city. Every time a street car employe gets married, Mary Ann is pressed into service and the newly-weds are hauled about the city on her.

11. Article reporting the Palace theater will open tomorrow. Capacity 1600. Details.

B5. Work on the new building for Missouri and Kansas Telephone company at 1st and Lawrence will start as soon as weather permits. To be four stories initially, with foundations for seven.

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2. Jitney and an auto collided yesterday at 3rd and Waco.

5. Article reports James Oakley Davidson found dead in bed in his home Sunday morning at 935 North Lawrence. Age 65. Photograph. Article lists his major accomplishments. First wife, Ida, died in 1883. They had one son, Frank O., in 1877, now living in Chicago. He remarried 1887, to Bessie, and they had one daughter, Oakley, and one son, James Ogden.

8. Article on opening of new Palace theater yesterday.

Wednesday, January 19, 1916

5. The state supreme court has denied the appeal of the Wichita jitney owners for a rehearing of the appeal from the decision of the district court that the city’s jitney ordinance is legal.

Thursday, January 20, 1916
6. Contract awarded to Seagraves company Columbus, Ohio for a combination hose and chemical motor fire truck to cost $5300. Citizens of College Hill, West Side, and South End are contesting to have it located in their section of the city.

12. Wichita horsemen last night practically decided to purchase the Dodge property at 2nd street and Missouri Pacific tracks on West Side as a site for a race track. The property is about 25 acres about one block from the Mount Carmel street car line.

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B1. The Wichita Undertaking company will move from its present location at 1238 East Douglas to its new building at Topeka and William Tuesday.

B3. Drawing of new two story Eagle Lodge to be built for $11,000 at southeast corner of William and Emporia. Most of the excavating is completed.

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2. Street car conductor was held up Sunday evening at the Topeka avenue car line loop at 17th and St. Francis.

A. M. Patten, general manager of street car company, from Topeka said yesterday that a dozen or more new street cars will likely be installed in Wichita this year, “as soon as we are assured that we will have a permanent use for the cars after we get them here.”

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8. Note mentions J. Kamenesky and Brothers junk yard on East Murdock avenue.

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5. Friends university plans campaign March 7 to 16 to raise $75,000, of which about $25,000 will be spent to build a gymnasium.

A. M. Patten, of Topeka, general manager of the company, while in Wichita last week informed the West Wichita Commercial league that the company will double track its line from the Douglas avenue bridge west to Seneca and pave the tracks. ¶ There is double track now as far as Sycamore street and two switches between that street and Seneca street.

10. Article describing the new building of the Wichita Undertaking company at southeast corner of Topeka and William. The company moved into the new building last week.

11. Mrs. William Mathewson, nee Miss Olive O. Johnson, died yesterday at age 35 after a long illness. They were married in April 1911.
Tuesday, February 1, 1916

page 5. Workmen will start the latter part of this week getting the old Burton Car Works in the North End ready for occupation by the Jones Motor Car company. The new home will be ready about the middle of March.

Wednesday, February 2, 1916

page 5. Inspection of the old high school building by fire chief Walden yesterday reveals many failures to comply with the present fire laws.

8. Article about plans for a proposed race track in West Wichita. Twenty-five acres of land have been leased on the West Side.

Friday, February 4, 1916

page 5. Since City hall put the jitneys out of business, the Wichita Railroad and Light company has had an increase in business. Part of the increase is also due to storage of autos during cold weather. ¶ C. R. Lewis, superintendent, has wired for additional cars, and two big cars are now on their way from Topeka. They are larger than anything now in service on the city trolley lines and will be used on the Stock yards line. Mr. Lewis thinks they are too large to go through the Douglas avenue subway. ¶ Every car in Wichita that is in running order is in service now. Last evening 39 cars were running, and by Saturday one more will be put in service.

8. A five foot terra cotta statue of Saint Anthony will be placed in the niche above the front doors of the new St. Anthony school at 2nd and Ohio and blessed next Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, February 6, 1916

page 2. The Arkansas Valley Interurban will start freight service between Wichita and Hutchinson within the next ten days. New freight cars have been completed in eastern car shops and are now on the road to Wichita. ¶ C. D. Bell, superintendent, said the new service will be started as soon as the company’s depots at Hutchinson are completed, which will be some time this week. ¶ The two new cars, one a motor and the other a “box” car, should arrive in Wichita the early part of the week. ¶ The motor car, which was built expressly for the Arkansas Valley Interurban, cost $8000. The “box” car cost about $4000. ¶ It is planned to operate one freight train a day both ways between the two cities at first. One is now operated between Wichita and Newton.

Article about the design adopted as a trademark by the Midcontinent Tire Manufacturing company.

4. Article about plan to improve the drainage of the Big Slough.
11. Some jitney owners are planning to pay the license of $300 a year now required to operate on streets on which street cars run. A few jitneys made their appearance on other streets yesterday but were not patronized very extensively.

B4. Drawing of a Greek-temple like building planned for the Kansas National Bank at northwest corner of Main and Douglas. To front 47 feet on Douglas and 70 feet on Main and cost $100,000.

B11. Advertisement with photograph of apartment building at 343-345 North Market, sold during past month for $25,000.

Tuesday, February 8, 1916

2. School board yesterday decided to submit proposition for a new intermediate school building to popular vote. Will require voting of bonds in amount of $100,000, of which $25,000 will be used to purchase two school sites.

5. Article about contest of will of Jacob Bissantz by one of his daughters.

Four jitney operators yesterday paid six month license fee of $162.50 each to operate on streets having a street car line. Five other operators paid $12.50 each for a license to operate on other streets.

Wednesday, February 9, 1916

2. The new $8000 electric freight carrying car of the Arkansas Valley Interurban railway arrived yesterday from St. Louis in a Santa Fe train. The new freight depot in Hutchinson should be completed this week and the company plans to operate freights to Hutchinson the latter part of the week.

14. Article about building boom on Spaulding avenue in Riverside. This was Wichita’s first restricted residence district. No residence may be built on Spaulding avenue at a cost of less than $4000.

Thursday, February 10, 1916

2. Article describing the new Fourth National Bank building. The bank may be in the new quarters by February 25.

Friday, February 11, 1916

2. Editorial about the unpainted look of the Wichita street cars. “We can’t have a civic beauty campaign if we have to ride to the meetings in cars last painted the year the electric street railway was invented.”
How many turns in the street car tracks at Main and Douglas was a question asked of court house employes Wednesday which many could not answer. ¶ There are six turns -- two from North Main to East Douglas, two from South Main to East Douglas, one from North Main to West Douglas, and one from South Main to West Douglas.

Jones Six cars were displayed at the Stockmen’s convention in four other colors besides the regular color, black.

**Sunday, February 13, 1916**

1. New four story building to be built by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company at corner of 1st and Lawrence for $375,000 including equipment. Foundation will support an eight story building. Drawing. Building to be 60 by 140 feet and will employ 350 persons.

2. Through freight service to Hutchinson will start Monday using the new combination 50 foot baggage and express car just received. Train No. 1 leaves Wichita at 11:50 a.m. daily and arrives Hutchinson at 5:15 p.m. Train No. 2 leaves Hutchinson at 11:50 a.m. daily and arrives Wichita at 4:45 p.m.

Wichita jitney owners are going to purchase ten of the latest model busses seating nine passengers. They will be built in an Auburn, Indiana factory and shipped here.


**Wednesday, February 16, 1916**

10. City commission yesterday authorized Robert Foulston, attorney, to file suit against the street car company for a sum between $66,000 and $75,000 as the city’s share of the company’s net profits for the years 1903 to 1915 inclusive. ¶ The franchise provides for the company to pay the city ten percent of its net earnings over and above ten percent on the company’s investment. ¶ In 1907, for instance, it is claimed that the company’s investment appears to be about $600,000 and its net earnings about $122,000. The company gets ten percent of $600,000 or the first $60,000, after which the city should get ten percent of the remaining $62,000, or $6200 for that year.

**Thursday, February 17, 1916**

2. The Midian Shrine Tuesday purchased the old Toler Auditorium property for $15,000 from the Perpetual Building and Loan association.

**Friday, February 18, 1916**

5. Death notice of Mrs. W. O. Van Arsdale. Survived by husband, two sons J. H. Van Arsdale of South Fern avenue and Leone (sic) B. Van Arsdale, just recently married, and
one daughter, Louise, age ten. Also one sister in Peoria, Illinois and two brothers, A. N. Bontz, 1134 North Emporia in Wichita, and John Bontz of Peoria, Illinois.

9. Article about “brick veneered concrete” pavement, said to cost $1.50 a yard compared with $1.80 for brick pavement or $1.30 for concrete.

Tuesday, February 22, 1916
5. City engineer, Bert Wells, proposes a system of diagonal boulevards including one from Douglas and Washington northeast to 13th and Hillside and one from Douglas and Washington southeast to Harry and Hillside.


10. Article about new Fourth National Bank building. Took seven months to build and cost about $200,000.

12. Petition to pave Nims avenue from Central to Riverside avenue with brick was presented to city commission yesterday.

Wednesday, February 23, 1916

Thursday, February 24, 1916
5. Wichita has a new street map, several dozen of which were printed yesterday by Ransom Brown, county surveyor. It includes every street, alley, church, school house, public building, depot, hotel, office building, park and railway in the city. It is said to be the most complete map of Wichita ever made, and is the first to be published since 1911. Many new streets and buildings are shown.

The Mentholatum company now is manufacturing three-fourths of its output at the Buffalo, New York, branch and only one-fourth in Wichita, owing to the better shipping rate from Buffalo. Plans are to make all the Mentholatum in Buffalo and then to ship it here in carload lots for distribution west of the Mississippi. The Wichita plant will take over all the work of making samples, and the payroll will not be decreased. The company will not move away from Wichita as has been rumored.

9. At a meeting of 100 property owners of the district at the Riverside club last night, a permanent Riverside Improvement association was organized with Frank Dunn, president.

Friday, February 25, 1916
Sum of money found in cleaning out warehouse of the old Wichita Bottling Works, corner 1st street and Waco avenue Wednesday.

Auto collided last night at corner of Market and Murdock with a jitney going east on Murdock.

Saturday, February 26, 1916

Novelty theater, 410 East Douglas, was kept open all night Thursday night to accommodate 150 thresher men here for convention and unable to find a place to sleep at overcrowded hotels and rooming houses.

Sunday, February 27, 1916

Contract let yesterday for new two story brick building at corner of 1st and Water streets to be the home of the Wichita Carriage Works, Mrs. M. A. McKenzie, owner. To be erected on the lots in the rear of the present home of the company, and will face 1st street. Will be 75 feet long and have frontage of 60 feet. Building to be completed in 60 days. The old building will continue in use as a storage house.

Busch Shoe shop, 402 East Douglas, set a new record yesterday by repairing 290 pairs of shoes, of which 125 pairs were children’s shoes. Six workmen and two delivery boys are employed.

Article reports Newton is upset with the Arkansas Valley interurban because of its spur line status since the Hutchinson extension was completed.

Article reports that a new route into the city is being considered by the Arkansas Valley Interurban company.

Wednesday, March 1, 1916

Article about controversy and suit between J. Hudson McKnight and the Wichita Water company over an old water bill.

City is to test a new plan for restricting auto parking in the central business area (details given).

Thursday, March 2, 1916

Jury trail yesterday reduced J. Hudson McKnight’s water bill from $49.50 to $9.70.

Southwest Building and Loan association organized (details).
Two story brick apartment house with 50 foot frontage to be built at 309 North Market for $12,000.

Saturday, March 4, 1916

County commissioners yesterday decided to submit the proposal for a new county jail to the voters at the August 1 primary election. A one mill levy for one year would be required to build the new jail.

Tuesday, March 7, 1916

Article about first visit of M. W. Levy to Wichita in fifteen years. Now in business on Wall street in New York.

Around the base of the fountain in North Riverside park Saturday night was a considerable number of empty Virginia Dare wine bottles.

Friday, March 10, 1916

Wichita jitney operator, L. C. Carpenter, left yesterday for Detroit where he intends to buy ten - sixteen passenger Studebaker busses and 40 - ten passenger Ford busses and ship them to Wichita. They will be of the pay-as-you-enter type and will be put into service all over Wichita. A line will be established on Murdock from Riverview to Cleveland and one on South Lawrence to the end of the pavement. The big busses will be run on the stockyards line and scheduled midway between the street car runs. Ten passenger Ford busses will be run hourly to Augusta. The Studebaker busses cost $1500 each and the Fords $750 each. Service will be started April 15.

F. G. Orr of the Orr Book and Stationary company has taken a five year lease for $18,000 on the three story building at 323 East Douglas formerly occupied by the I. W. Gill Funeral home. After remodeling, Mr. Orr will move in April 1. He will vacate his present location at 520 East Douglas, where he has been for twelve years.

Contract has been let for grading of the new horse race track on West Wichita. A dozen teams will start to work right away.

A new Santa Fe train will be placed in operation March 19 between Wichita and Independence via Winfield. Leaves Wichita at 6:50 a.m. and arrives Independence at 11:10 a.m. daily. Returning, leaves Independence at 2:05 p.m. and arrives Wichita at 6:25 p.m.
11. The Riverside Beautiful association has met and appointed committees (listed -- Mrs. Buckwalter is on the North Riverside street committee).

Saturday, March 11, 1916

page 2. W. J. Faulkner has been promoted to position of Superintendent of the Arkansas Valley Interurban after three years as assistant superintendent, replacing Fred Bell, who resigned last month to enter another business.

Sunday, March 12, 1916

page 3. Article about the poor structural condition of the 30 year old Sedgwick county jail.

4. County treasurer’s books show that county residents now own 4277 automobiles, an increase of 883 since July 1, 1915.

5. A large flat-bottomed sand boat used in sand dredging operations here for twelve years by the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material company is now being moved overland to a new location at Mulvane, since it was too wide to pass between bridge pilings on the river. It was formerly tied up north of the Wichita and Western Railroad bridge across the Arkansas river.

B12. Recently employes of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad working in the vicinity of Walnut Grove noted a mammoth deposit of sand gravel and recognized in it material for ballasting purposes. Now there are a score of workmen and a huge dredge engaged in loading twelve cars of gravel every day. ¶ The bed is located a short distance above the bathing beach of Walnut Grove. It is estimated that there are more than 1000 car loads of the gravel in the one deposit. It is composed of sand rocks each one nearly the size of a hen’s egg. The discovery was made last week and the dredge was placed in operation Tuesday. ¶ The gravel will be used to ballast the entire system of the interurban, which consists of 66 3/10 miles of track. The quality of the gravel is considered much better than that of the crushed rock used by other railroads. When the company ballasts its track, the present time between Wichita and Hutchinson will be reduced at least 20 minutes and limited cars with but five stops will be placed in service.

Automobile section -- special automobile section with information about Wichita dealers.

6. Article about early history of the Wichita public library by Ella Glenn Shields, who was the librarian in 1882, when the small collection of books was kept in the reception room of Nereus Baldwin’s photograph gallery, at the first stairway north of the Main and Douglas corner in the New York Store building.

Tuesday, March 14, 1916

page 5. City commission yesterday granted Santa Fe Railroad permission to build a switch across 10th street.
11. Cornerstone was laid Sunday at new St. Joseph’s Catholic church on West Side.

**Wednesday, March 15, 1916**

2. A new $15,000 addition 50 feet by 140 feet and two stories is to be made to the factory of the Daniel Shoe company, 415 South St. Francis avenue.

**Thursday, March 16, 1916**

5. “Dold station” is the name to be given to a new spur recently completed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad three miles west of Wichita. The track, which is 250 feet long, was laid for receiving of shipments from the Fred Dold dairy farm and the Hoover orchards.

**Friday, March 17, 1916**

3. Fire nearly destroyed a sand drying house at the Wichita Railroad and Light company’s car barn on North Wichita street early this morning. An overheated furnace caused the fire. The loss is slight.

**Tuesday, March 21, 1916**

2. When the Arkansas Valley Interurban extended its service to Hutchinson, through car service was abolished, and passengers were compelled to change cars at Van Arsdale. Many requests have since been received for a through service from Wichita to Newton, and with issuance of a new time card this week a limited car will be placed in operation between these two cities.

**Wednesday, March 22, 1916**

7. Diagram of the new half mile race track of the Wichita Horse Racing association on West Side. Track is oval with long axis north and south between 1st street and Arkansas River -- just north of Missouri Pacific Railroad, about even with Charles avenue, with path to grandstand on west side of track extending north from gate at 1st and Clarence avenue. Track to be completed the middle of this week, and after stables are completed, the grand stand will be built. First meet is scheduled July 18.

8. Death notice of William Mathewson -- died at his home, 1047 North Market, yesterday at age 86. Article gives biography. Survived by one son, William A. Mathewson, and one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Murray, both in Wichita.

**Friday, March 24, 1916**

5. Controversy is developing over a proposition to build a bridge across the Arkansas river on a north and south section line between 13th and 21st streets. ¶ Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, of Larimer avenue, owns a tract of ground between 13th and 21st streets near the big
river. The land was assessed for the 21st street road improvement, and as Mrs. Buckwalter says she cannot reach the 21st street road, she is paying for something that does her no good. ¶ On the other hand, it is claimed that if a bridge is built on the north and south road that this would cause an agitation to open the section line north of 21st street, and already opposition to this latter plan has developed.

Saturday, March 25, 1916
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2. Article about visit to Wichita yesterday by Major Fred Lewis, who built the first bridge across the Big river at Douglas avenue more than 40 years ago. “It was built so the natives could wend their way over to Rowdy Joe’s place on the West Side,” said the major. “The river was much wider then than it now is, for I remember I had 100 ten foot spans in the bridge, making it 1000 feet long.” ¶ Major Lewis also built the first bridge across the Little Arkansas river, located back of the Waterman property he thinks.

5. Enrollment at Wichita High School has reached 1609, an all-time high.

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3. Sketch of Colonel William Mathewson and article about him.

17. Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company yesterday purchased a site for its new plant on 13th street between Washington and Wabash avenues.

Tuesday, March 28, 1916
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2. Because of increased traffic, the Arkansas Valley Interurban will add several new passenger cars to the equipment. The order for the new cars likely will be placed this week.

Saturday, April 1, 1916
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5. The Missouri Pacific Railroad yesterday started project of improving its line between Wichita and Geneseo at cost of $225,000. More than 100 men were put to work placing new ballast at a cost of $75,000 on which $150,000 worth of new heavy 75 pound steel rails will be laid. For over two years local officials have been trying to obtain these needed improvements on the 86 mile line, and senior company officials last week ordered them done. Sixty-five thousand yards of cinder ballast have been contracted for.

Sunday, April 2, 1916
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11. The cache of money found recently in cleaning out the old Peter Getto Bottling works warehouse at corner of 1st and Waco is reported to have been hidden there about two decades ago by two Oklahoma outlaws, “Red” and “Black Jack,” who later died in prison before retrieving the money.
12. Workmen yesterday started redecorating the interior of the Missouri Pacific passenger depot. The walls are being repainted with a lighter and brighter shade.

Tuesday, April 4, 1916

2. Article lists salaries of all Wichita high school teachers -- generally $900 to $1200. M. Bird Weimer receives $1100.

5. March business by Wichita Terminal association set new records. Passenger receipts were $72,299, up $9658 from one year ago, and freight receipts were $166,327, up $52,313 from last year.

Wednesday, April 5, 1916

5. Park Villa, in North Riverside park, has not been frequented as much as expected when it was built by Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, of Larimer avenue. One reason was that there are no sidewalks leading to it. The city is now taking care of this handicap, and cinder walks covered with chat will be ready by picnic time.

Thursday, April 6, 1916

5. Some 250 pounds of plaster fell from the ceiling of the union station yesterday and demolished a section of the Harvey news stand. It had been loosened by rain water soaking through. No injuries.

11. Photograph of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, 50 musicians.

Tuesday, April 11, 1916

5. The first electric flag sign in the state of Kansas was placed above the front entrance of the Eagle building yesterday. About fifteen feet long by seven feet wide and operated by an electric motor throwing lights to give the effect of a flag waving in the wind.

8. Jitney owners complained to city commission yesterday about the high cost of jitney licenses. Say that before the new license fee 50 or 60 jitneys were running in Wichita and making money, and now there are only a dozen.

Wednesday, April 12, 1916

5. Santa Fe officials announced that work will begin immediately on the new switch track along the property of the Standard Oil company between 9th and 10th streets.

Friday, April 14, 1916


Contract let yesterday by Red Star Milling and Elevator company for ten concrete grain tanks having storage capacity of 350,000 bushels and costing $50,000. To be ready by July 1. Each tank to be 85 feet high. To be erected at warehouse A, on 18th street and Emporia avenue. A special track 800 feet long will be laid by the Santa Fe alongside the tanks.

Missouri Pacific has completed ballasting of 56 miles of its track between Wichita and Geneseo, leaving 30 miles to be finished yet. All will be completed and ready for laying new rails about July 1.

**Sunday, April 16, 1916**

Dedication of the First United Brethren church, corner of Ellis avenue and Hyde Park, will be held today. Construction started several years ago (details). Cost $35,000. Photograph.

Article reports a committee of business men and students is making plans for a campaign to raise funds for a new gymnasium for Friends university. Forty thousand dollars is needed.

**Tuesday, April 18, 1916**

Wichita’s new horse racing track is finished, and the latter part of the week will see jockeys working out their mounts. Work on the stables ended yesterday and 24 new stalls are ready. It is expected that stable capacity will be increased before the races in July.

**Wednesday, April 19, 1916**

Article reports Arkansas Valley Interurban has asked the city for right-of-way over a number of city streets (details).

**Friday, April 21, 1916**

Contract for new building of Missouri and Kansas Telephone company at 1st and Lawrence has been awarded to a St. Louis contractor, William Sutherland. Cost of building over $100,000, and equipment to be installed will cost about $282,000.

Frisco Railroad will inaugurate a new oil train known as “The Driller” on April 30 running between Wichita and Springfield, Missouri. It will replace the “Oil Special” train which now runs between Wichita and Beaumont Junction. Will be trains No. 327 and 328, leaving Wichita at 7:10 a.m. and returning at 6:45 p.m.

Option has been obtained on nearly 20 acres in the Goldstein addition north of the Cudahy Packing company’s plant, as a site for the proposed million bushel terminal elevator.
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5. For the first fifteen days of April all mail including parcel post packages leaving Wichita was weighed. In the time 49,400 parcel post packages were mailed here with postage of $3290 and total weight of 108,705 pounds, more than 54 tons, or nearly four tons a day.

Sunday, April 23, 1916
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5. Contract let for the new Standard Oil company buildings in Wichita for about $110,000. To be finished by September 15.

Tuesday, April 25, 1916
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2. Preliminary organization meeting of the Wichita Terminal Elevator company held yesterday. Henry Lassen elected president.

5. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter of Riverside, who recently requested public officials to establish a bridge across the Arkansas river at Meridian and 18th, says that an auto ran up on the bank there Sunday and nearly went over into the river. She believes that public safety demands a bridge at the place.

12. New Frisco train to St. Louis beginning April 30 will be two hours 25 minutes faster than the old one. Will be known as the “St. Louis Special” and leave Wichita at 3:35 p.m., arriving St. Louis at 7:55 a.m. Returning leaves St. Louis at 9:10 p.m. and arrives Wichita at 2:30 p.m. The present train leaves Wichita at 12:50 p.m. and arrives St. Louis at 7:35 a.m.

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12. The wooded land north of 11th street and four blocks west of the North Riverside car line is to be subdivided into expensive residence sites and sold for homes. The site will be called Oak park addition and will harmonize with Riverside park. The Savings Realty company of Indianapolis, Indiana will hold a two weeks sale of the land, beginning soon.

Saturday, April 29, 1916
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5. Edward Vail, pioneer jeweler of Wichita, will erect a huge clock nearly three feet in diameter in front of the building he is preparing to occupy at 118 East Douglas. New store will open in about three weeks.

Sunday, April 30, 1916
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9. The Jones Motor Car company will begin Monday moving its plant to the buildings formerly occupied by the Burton Car company.
Advertisement announcing the opening of Oak Park Addition on West 11th street opposite Riverside Park. There are only 90 building sites, with prices starting at $300 and ranging upward to $1500, with size varying from two building lots to five.

10. The triangular strip of ground south of Murdock avenue to the Little river, extending from Spaulding to Buffum, which in former years was allowed to grow rank in horse weeds, is being converted into a park. Commissioner Murry and C. R. Lewis of Wichita Railroad and Light company have hired teams to make the necessary fill, and the strip will be sown to blue grass.

B12. A jitney service between Bentley and Sedgwick will start operation Monday. Two trips a day will be made, connecting with interurban cars at Sedgwick.

**Tuesday, May 2, 1916**

page 2. City commission yesterday adopted resolution to pave Central avenue from Roosevelt to Bluff with brick.

**Wednesday, May 3, 1916**

page 5. Excavation started yesterday for four story brick apartment house at 308 South Market. To be 50 by 150 feet, have 32 apartments, and cost $55,000.

**Sunday, May 7, 1916**

page 3. Advertisement for sale of stock in Jones Motor Car Company with drawing of the new plant in North Wichita.

8. Frisco advertisement regarding new St. Louis Special leaving Wichita at 3:35 p.m. and arriving St. Louis 7:55 a.m. Service started April 30.

**Tuesday, May 9, 1916**


**Wednesday, May 10, 1916**


8. Article about new Domestic Laundry plant.

**Friday, May 12, 1916**

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5. Contract let yesterday for construction of a new addition to St. Francis hospital. Building is to be built on North Emporia avenue, connecting with the present structure, and will cost $50,000.

Saturday, May 13, 1916

page 8. Advertisement by City Ice Delivery encouraging use of Ice Cards placed where driver can see it clearly from the street.

Sunday, May 14, 1916

page B7. Drawing of new YWCA building on North Topeka which it is hoped to complete with aid of the coming $50,000 “follow-up” fund campaign.

C2. Article about St. Francis hospital plans now being drawn for another addition to replace the oldest part of the building. This part was built in 1889. Later it was turned into a chapel. The new addition will also contain a large chapel, and is the third addition to St. Francis in past eighteen months.

Tuesday, May 16, 1916

page 8. Article about laying of cornerstone of new YWCA building Sunday.

9. New motor fire truck received yesterday for Station No. 4 on West Side. Cost $5500. Will be necessary to remodel the station to take out the horse stalls.

Friday, May 19, 1916

page 14. Article reports death of W. W. Hays, pioneer Sedgwick county miller, for whom Haysville was named. Age 76. Biography given.

Wednesday, May 24, 1916

page 9. City commission yesterday passed some sections of the Arkansas Valley Interurban franchise ordinance giving right-of-way over some city streets (details given).

10. Map showing location of the planned new million-bushel elevator of the Wichita Terminal Elevator company. Shows it between 25th and 27th streets and between Santa Fe avenue and Mead avenue -- two blocks west of Frisco Railroad. The site was bought last week for $17,640. Construction to start within 30 days.

Thursday, May 25, 1916
5. The first Jones Six manufactured in the new plant at North Wichita was driven out yesterday. The old factory on West Douglas avenue will be retained as a display room and service station.

Friday, May 26, 1916
page
12. Map showing streets the Arkansas Valley Interurban is asking franchise on.

Saturday, May 27, 1916
page
2. Wonderland Park will open tomorrow for its tenth consecutive season.

5. The walls and debris of the old Crawford theater at William and Topeka, which burned in April 1913, are being torn down.

Sunday, May 28, 1916
page
10. YWCA fund campaign successfully concluded -- $50,341 pledged.

Tuesday, May 30, 1916
page
5. One of the Riverside park zoo bears was poisoned by strychnine Sunday.

Contracts let yesterday by city commission for brick paving on:

- Mead - Douglas to 2nd $2.14 per square yard -- total $32,000
- Fountain - 2nd to Central $1.94½ per square yard -- total $10,000
- 18th street - Market to Lawrence $1.89 per square yard -- total $3000
- English street - ? to ? $1.94½ per square yard -- total $3500.

Friday, June 2, 1916
page
5. Residents on Nims and Wiley avenues complain about the odor from the buffalo, elk and deer pens in the city zoo in Central Riverside park on hot sultry days.

8. Workmen will today start pouring concrete for ten huge bins for the Red Star Milling company plant at 15th (sic) and Emporia avenue. They will have capacity of 350,000 bushels. Twenty-two thousand yards of concrete will be poured in twelve days.

Sunday, June 4, 1916
page
9. Walnut grove will be dark this summer -- open for picnickers only. Because of the extension of the line and business connected with it, the Arkansas Valley Interurban has been unable to devote the time necessary to make the resort a paying proposition. It is
hoped to get some eastern resort syndicate to take a lease on the grove for next summer and install up-to-date amusement features.

13. Drawing of aerial view of buildings planned for Wichita’s International Wheat Show this fall. Entrance building on Douglas avenue (just east of Pacific hotel).

C3. Wichita’s municipal beach will open next Saturday. A feature this summer will be a new band stand to be erected this week at the end of the pier.

C6. “Cannonball” Green (E. R. Green) from Canton, Oklahoma, is visiting in Wichita. He was a Wichita pioneer and operated the Cannonball Stage line when Wichita was a frontier town. He also laid out the town of Greensburg, Kansas, which was named for him.

Tuesday, June 6, 1916
page
1. Article about flood in Wichita.

Wednesday, June 7, 1916
page
1. Photograph of flood at 21st and Lawrence.

5. Flood bulletins. Embankments on both sides of Little Arkansas river thrown up following the 1904 flood have spared considerable areas.

Thursday, June 8, 1916
page
2. North Riverside around Park Villa was flooded yesterday as was the section of Central Riverside at Nims and Murdock.

Sunday, June 11, 1916
page
5. Workmen will start tomorrow erecting the grand stand for the new horse racing track on the West Side.

Sunday, June 18, 1916
page
5. Article lists assessed valuations in Sedgwick county of railroads and utilities for 1915 and 1916.

In 1916:

- Arkansas Valley Interurban -- $257,317.
- Wichita Railroad and Light company -- $1,539,484.

In 1915:

- Wichita Railroad and Light company -- $1,539,234.

C8. Photograph of new apartment recently completed at 522 South Main.
Tuesday, June 20, 1916
page 5.
George Theis, Jr., president of Arkansas Valley Interurban, left yesterday for Chicago and plans to purchase a new passenger motor car to take care of the line’s increasing business.

Saturday, June 24, 1916
page 2.
North and part of Central Riverside parks are under water from recent flooding.

Sunday, June 25, 1916
page 2.
Article reports the Jones Six auto has abandoned yearly model change.

Friday, June 30, 1916
page 5.
Jitney bus going north on Pattie avenue swerved and turned over at Lincoln street.

A jitney bus with license No. 120 struck a wagon in third block on South Main yesterday.

Saturday, July 1, 1916
page 5.
City commission has passed the franchise ordinance giving the Arkansas Valley Interurban a franchise on certain streets of the city. Will become effective in 60 days.

Wednesday, July 5, 1916
page 2.
The Wichita street railway company enjoyed good business yesterday. More than 50,000 persons used the cars according to C. R. Lewis, superintendent. The Mount Carmel line to the auto speed races and the Wonderland park line were the most remunerative. More than 6000 cash fares were paid at the park gates last night and between 4000 and 5000 going and coming to the races. Fourteen cars are kept running back and forth between Main and Douglas and Wonderland park last night, and they were doing good business all the time.

Friday, July 7, 1916
page 5.
The 21st street paving should be completed by August 1.

Sunday, July 9, 1916
page B5.
The Anthony Northern, an independent railroad building north out of Pratt, will be into Kinsley by July 21.

Wednesday, July 12, 1916
page
2. Between two and three thousand people estimated to have attended the annual opening of the Riverside boathouse, at the foot of Murdock avenue, last evening.

**Thursday, July 13, 1916**

2. Southwest Electric Company was yesterday awarded the contract of wiring for electricity all the school buildings of four rooms or more.

**Friday, July 14, 1916**

5. The Arkansas Valley Interurban is distributing interest payments to 300 Wichita people holding bonds of the company. The semi-annual payment is three percent on $1,240,000. Interest paid to bondholders by years is as follows: 1911 -- $14,960; 1912 -- $43,464; 1913 -- $47,553; 1914 -- $53,575; 1915 -- $53,691; first half of 1916 -- $37,200. During same period the company has paid Sedgwick County $40,000 in taxes.

**Saturday, July 15, 1916**

2. Contract let yesterday by Wichita Terminal Elevator company for the new elevator to be built in the north railroad yards. Cost $275,000. Total capacity `1,100,000 barrels. To be completed by February 1.

**Sunday, July 16, 1916**

13. Photograph of new St. Joseph’s Catholic church on South Millwood avenue, being dedicated today by Bishop Tihen.

20. The jail recently built in the clock tower of the Sedgwick Company court house to house juvenile offenders received its first prisoner yesterday.

**Tuesday, July 18, 1916**

2. Photograph of Bishop Tihen, here on a visit.

Hereafter street cars will leave Main and Douglas for Wonderland park on an eighteen minute schedule beginning at 9:00 a.m. instead of noon to accommodate morning bathers at the Wonderland Park pool. The cars run on a four minute schedule after 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 19, 1916**

12. Article about the Daniel Shoe Manufacturing company, 415 South St. Francis. Has capacity of 800 pairs daily with 150 workmen.

**Thursday, July 20, 1916**
5. The Wichita street car company is receiving today a new electric welding machine which welds the ends of two rails together instead of using the old clamp method and thus eliminates the bumps felt in passing over rail joints.

**Friday, July 21, 1916**

2. Article describing use of the new electric welder by Wichita Railroad and Light company.

3. Drawing of new Wichita Terminal Elevator building between 25th and 26th streets near Santa Fe street.

**Sunday, July 23, 1916**

4. Wife helps husband by driving his jitney bus running from Stock Yards south on Main to Douglas and east to Union station.

C3. Article about Sedgwick County poor farm, with 44 people being cared for on 160 acres about five miles southeast of Wichita.

**Tuesday, July 25, 1916**

2. City commission ordered a five foot sidewalk put in on West 9th street from Waco avenue to the park on south side of the street.

Concrete bridges are to be built by the Arkansas Valley Interurban railway company along its lines between Wichita, Hutchinson, and Newton to replace the wooden structures which now span the ditches and creeks. Contract let to Topeka Bridge and Iron company. The first one to be built will be across Sand creek, north of Sedgwick, and will be 140 feet long.

**Saturday, July 29, 1916**

5. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter of Larimer avenue yesterday called to the attention of Ross McCormick, county attorney, the fact that a “man and a woman, no relation to each other,” are permitted by Sheriff Sarver to stay in the same cell together in the Sedgwick Company jail.

**Sunday, July 30, 1916**

1. Photograph of College Hill school.

2. Article gives history of Grace Methodist church, at Gilbert and Topeka.

8. Library board has asked city commission to increase its appropriation from $7500 to $10,000 for the year 1917.
Article about Wichita chapter of the American Red Cross.

Tuesday, August 1, 1916

School board voted yesterday to build four room addition on the Martinson school on Athenian avenue.

Wednesday, August 2, 1916

After occupying the same offices on the upper floor of the old Rock Island passenger depot since it was built over 25 years ago, the division freight offices of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific will be moved to the third floor of the union station the first part of next week.

On appeal of assessment of J. Hudson McKnight’s farm in Wichita east of Hydraulic and south of Douglas, the State Tax Commission reduced the valuation from $120,000 to $90,000.

Friday, August 4, 1916

Receipts in the passenger ticket office in the Union station in July this year were $135,796 compared with $112,005 in 1915. Freight receipts in July this year were $145,927 compared with $110,756 last year.

Work on ballasting the track and laying heavier steel rails on the Missouri Pacific between Wichita and Genesee was started last May, but completion is being delayed by the scarcity of labor and may take until the first of the year.

Saturday, August 5, 1916

Wichita jitney drivers are demanding that the city’s license fee of $325 be reduced.

Sunday, August 6, 1916

Canvass of the vote on school bonds for new $100,000 intermediate school showed that it carried 5341 to 2633. At the election last Tuesday the voters also voted in favor of a new $100,000 county jail on the site just north of the court house and just west of the present jail.

New $75,000 mausoleum has just been completed in Highland cemetery. Details given.

Contract let yesterday by Will G. Price for new garage building at corner of Topeka and English, to cost $18,000. To be 50 by 140 feet and two stories.

Special section on oil and gas industry.
Tuesday, August 8, 1916
page 3.
The Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday filed with the city a statement of its earnings the past year as required by its franchise. It states the company has an investment in Wichita of $1,813,566.95. The earnings, less expenses, during the last twelve months was $164,860.53.

Wednesday, August 9, 1916
page 2.
City commission is trying to find room in the budget for an appropriation for a clock to fill the empty space in the City Hall tower. Cost would be $1000. ¶ The clock space in the tower covered with boards has for years presented an unsightly appearance. Citizens have petitioned for a clock and repairs to the tower. Water runs through the openings of the tower and floods the corridors of the building when it rains hard.

Thursday, August 10, 1916
page 2.
Rock Island Railroad has obtained a temporary injunction to stop the paving of Mead avenue. from Douglas to 2nd.

So popular has the 12th street swimming hole become that the property owners along the banks of the Little River are going to ask the city commission to fix up the banks at that point so that bathers may have a beach. Every night from 60 to 100 people go in swimming there.

8.
Rev. G. A. King reports that over 1200 people used the swimming pool of the Wichita Manual Training association at 21st street and Topeka during the month of July.

Tuesday, August 15, 1916
page 2.
The interurban company yesterday asked the commission to grant it a safety zone at the corner of 1st and Main so passengers can get on and off cars there. Request was granted.

9.
The roads through Riverside park have been heavily oiled during the past few weeks.

Wednesday, August 16, 1916
page 2.
The Red Star Milling company recently purchased 35 lots east of the present site of the mill to hold available for future expansion.

8.
Brief news: That funny looking rocking swing like affair being used by the street car company is a rail grinder. It whittles down the high places on street car rails after the low joints have been built up by the electric welder which was brought to Wichita two weeks or more ago.
The division freight offices of the Rock Island Railroad will be moved Saturday to new quarters on the third floor of the union station.

**Thursday, August 17, 1916**

Business houses on Mead avenue are threatening a boycott of the Rock Island Railroad because of its injunction which is holding up the paving of this avenue. The Rock Island is opposed because the city would not allow it to occupy all of the street with its tracks. ¶ There are now five tracks on Mead avenue, two along each side of the street and the old main line track through the center. The city’s paving contract allows the Rock Island four tracks between 1st and 2nd and three tracks from Douglas to 1st. Between Douglas and 1st the city allowed a track on each side of Mead and a service track in the center. Between 1st and 2nd streets, it allowed two tracks on each side of the street. This left 27 feet of thoroughfare from Douglas to 1st and 22 feet from 1st to 2nd.

**Friday, August 18, 1916**

Article about plans of Mr. L. W. Clapp to build $50,000 home -- location not announced.

Attorneys and auditor for city of Wichita plan to go to Champaign, Illinois to examine books of the McKinley syndicate.

**Saturday, August 19, 1916**

Contract let yesterday for four room addition to Martinson school.

Retailing of the Ford autos in Wichita will be conducted in the future through three branch agencies. One is the present Universal Motor Car company, 211-213 West Douglas. Another will be operated by Will G. Price, president of the Wichita Business college. The third one has not yet been decided on.

**Sunday, August 20, 1916**

Holland theater is to install an expensive new pipe organ.

Photograph of corner of Eagle building with flags on it.

**Tuesday, August 22, 1916**

Riverside citizens have asked the city commission to protect the bathing beach on south bank of Little Arkansas river between Forest avenue and Lowell drive where 13th street would intersect Lowell if it were extended. It is said to be the best natural bathing beach in Kansas and is being ruined by sand haulers who haul sand out of the river.

**Saturday, August 26, 1916**
page 2. McKinley syndicate in Champaign, Illinois has agreed to a joint audit of company’s books by auditors selected by the city and the company. To be done after September 1.

Sunday, August 27, 1916
page 5. Article lists tracts of ground being offered for new intermediate school building and price of each.

Friday, September 1, 1916
page 2. Article about possible widening of Douglas avenue bridge to make room for street car tracks to run across it.

Sunday, September 3, 1916
page 10. Walter Morris, whose residence is at the corner of 11th and Riverside (sic) wants the city to spare the foliage which beautifies the river bank. The vegetation grows in profusion along the river banks from 11th to 13th street. Two years ago the city removed this vegetation, peeling the banks and leaving the naked earth exposed to view -- an uninspiring sight. The grass and vines have not grown again and covered the raw nakedness, and Mr. Morris asks the city to let the shrubbery remain.

C12. Article about flight of Clyde Cessna over downtown Wichita yesterday.

Wednesday, September 6, 1916
page 2. The city commission yesterday voted to hire an expert accountant, W. C. Montgomery, for $10 a day and expenses, to go to Champaign, Illinois for one week to audit the books of the McKinley syndicate regarding the Wichita street car company.

5. Owners of Wichita baseball club yesterday forfeited their franchise to the Western league. Details.

Saturday, September 9, 1916
page 5. Visitor to Wichita who was here with Company H., 5th U.S. Infantry when his company located a post here in May 1868, says he recalls no one here by name of Munger, but that shortly after they pitched camp a man by name of Lewellyn (sic) with wife and three daughters built a cabin near the east bank of Little River about a mile above the mouth. He was here until December that year and recalls that either in July or August a band of Indians attacked the camp, with on soldier wounded and a number of Indian ponies killed.

Dr. Fabrique’s eighty-first birthday is today. He retired from active practice six years ago.
Sunday, September 10, 1916

1. Article says Clyde Cessna intends to move to Wichita (from Belmont, Kansas) in October and establish an aeroplane factory and school. Details.

5. Article about the Munger cabin -- includes interview with his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Foster. Says D. S. Munger came here in March 1868, and she, then 14, followed him here from Topeka in March 1869 in a one horse buggy with Colonel Lawrence, a friend of the family. Details.

10. Superintendent Lewis of Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday sent ten men to Topeka to work on the Topeka street car system next week during the fair.

Tuesday, September 12, 1916

5. First day’s school enrollment total 8006 compared with 6700 last year. Includes 1330 in the high school and 166 at Riverside.

Thursday, September 14, 1916

1. Drawing of Court House with proposed new county jail addition at north end.

5. Arkansas Valley Interurban is now building a bridge over Sand creek, north of Sedgwick, and will discuss contract for a new concrete bridge at Jester Creek, between Valley Center and Sedgwick. Concrete bridges are rapidly replacing the wooden pile bridges along the interurban system.

Friday, September 15, 1916

2. Herbert Jones will start operating a new type of jitney bus line October 1. He has had a street car type of body constructed by Reed and Vaught of 114 North St. Francis and placed upon a Smith-Ford truck. Complete it weights about 3500 pounds and has leather upholstered seats along the sides of the interior, seating about fifteen people. Two steps at the front and two at the rear make easy entrance and exit. Doors at both ends are controlled by the driver. Article gives further details. To be operated on College Hill-East Douglas line.

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Sunday, September 17, 1916
Photograph of a line of Jones six cars in front of main entrance to International Wheat Show (just east of Pacific hotel on West Douglas).

Tuesday, September 19, 1916
Dedication week for the new YWCA building at 140 North Topeka will start Sunday, September 24.

Wednesday, September 20, 1916
Contract for the new Henry J. Allen home was let yesterday by Frank Lloyd Wright of Chicago, the architect. To cost $30,000.

Friday, September 22, 1916
Sam Wallingford, a local grain dealer, recently purchased the residence of the late Governor W. E. Stanley in Riverside from Mr. Jackson of Kansas City.

Clarence H. Montgomery, special auditor for the city, returned yesterday from Champaign, Illinois, where he examined the books of the McKinley Syndicate, owner of the Wichita street car system. He will also go to Topeka to obtain information from books there.

Tuesday, September 26, 1916
Article on dedication of new YWCA building past Sunday.

Thursday, September 28, 1916
The Arkansas Valley Interurban company is to receive a new combination passenger and baggage car today. It is a 60 foot car and will seat 65 passengers. The woodwork of the interior is finished in golden oak. The new car comes from the McGuire and Cummins company of Pairs, Illinois.

During the rush at the Wichita fair next week and the week after, the Wichita Railroad and Light company will be prepared. Superintendent Lewis went to Hutchinson yesterday and made arrangements to secure trailers and some extra cars from the Hutchinson line. The cars will be run to Wichita over the interurban.

Saturday, September 30, 1916
Board of education yesterday voted to by two intermediate school sites. First is Frankenfield tract south of 12th between Market and Main for $16,650. Second is on south side of Zimmerly between Market and Lawrence and will cost $8500.
5. Fred Shuman, truck farmer of North Hydraulic avenue, bought the old Mentholatum building at 1213-15 East Douglas Thursday for $20,750. It is a three story brick structure with frontage of 50 feet, built in 1887 and occupied by Lewellen and Bissell, who operated a creamery there until 1890. After that year A. A. Hyde rented the building for his Mentholatum factory.

**Sunday, October 1, 1916**

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11. Advertisement with Arkansas Valley Interurban schedules.

   Many special articles.

12. Advertisement announces opening Monday of Thurston Garment Company at 108 North Main.

**Expo Edition -- Special edition for International Wheat Show. Photographs include:**

2. Leroy Hotel, completed during the year.

6., 7. Leading attorneys.

8. City officials.


10. Webster School.

11. West Side Presbyterian church (drawing).

13. Entrance to exposition, Fourth National Bank building (completed last spring), *View from Butts building (shows west side of first block North Market)*.


17. Water Company pumping station.
18. Central Fire Station.

19. Daniel Shoe company, 417 South St. Francis (drawing).

23. Domestic Laundry company, McKee Apartment on South Market.

Automobile section
7. Full page advertisement and drawing of Jones Six car.

Special section
2. Photograph of Livestock Exchange.

8. Photograph of Wichita Hospital new addition.

9. Full page advertisement of Wichita Railroad and Light Company, including photograph of storage lot full of street cars. (Ten tracks visible in storage lot.) ¶ Says Wichita Railroad and Light company has invested $1,600,000 in Wichita. ¶ In operation 35.14 miles of track, of which 27.17 miles are paved -- only eight miles not paved. ¶ In operation or in the barns 60 street cars. ¶ In 1907 but eight miles of street car track were paved -- now 27.17 miles, meaning in nine years about 20 miles of track has been paved at a cost of fully $12,000 a mile to tear out the old track and replace it with new and higher rails -- i.e., $250,000 has been spent here for paving. ¶ Payroll in Wichita is $12,500 per month. Average pay per employee is $67.50 per month. ¶ Employees include 140 trainmen, 25 barn and shop men, ten permanent track men, three line men, and seven office men -- total 186. With families, nearly 1000 people in Wichita are supported by Wichita Railroad and Light company. ¶ Schedules on Wichita lines:

Stock Yards and South Main - 10 minute service (six minute in rush hours)
College Hill line - 10 minute
Topeka Avenue line - 8 minute
Riverside and South Emporia - 10 minute
Cleveland and Waco - 15 minute
Pattie and Mount Carmel - 15 minute
Fairmount line - 30 minute (15 minute in rush hours).

10. Photograph of Court House.

Tuesday, October 3, 1916
page 2. Article mentions recent repainting of street car No. 206 in the company’s orange paint.

Friday, October 6, 1916
page 2. Article about proposal to extend the Wichita and Western Railroad from Pratt to Dodge City. ¶ Says years ago the Santa Fe built a line from Pratt 44 miles west to Mullinville and
operated it for nine years, but after exodus of homesteaders from that area during lean years the line was abandoned and the rails torn up.

Saturday, October 7, 1916
page 2. The Waco Avenue United Brethren church at Waco and 11th street will be dedicated tomorrow. Cost $6000.

Tuesday, October 10, 1916
page 5. Contract let yesterday for new Sunnyside school.

Sunday, October 15, 1916
page 5. Report of the audit of street car company to be submitted to city commission tomorrow. ¶ Article says the company was incorporated under laws of West Virginia on January 22, 1900 with capital of $300,000. The first officers were George F. Duncan, president; John E. Bunham, vice-president; Edward Woodman, secretary and treasurer; all of Portland, Maine; and Henry P. Cox and William B. McKinley, directors.

Tuesday, October 17, 1916
page 2. Article about fight over estate of late Colonel William Mathewson (died March 22).

Wednesday, October 18, 1916
page 5. After less than a year’s work in organizing the Mid-Continent Tire company, all the $300,000 in stock has been sold and work on the building will start in the next ten days. Henry Lassen yesterday was elected president of the new company. Plant will cost $160,000 and have a capacity of 300 casings and 500 inner tubes a day. Building to be on 13th street between Washington and Wabash, 300 by 60 feet, two stories high.

Thursday, October 19, 1916
page 5. Article reports that two women were observed yesterday strolling along North St. Francis avenue, smoking cigarets.

Friday, October 20, 1916
page 9. Photograph of new Wesley Methodist Episcopal church at 22nd and Jackson.

Saturday, October 21, 1916
page 5. Article on suit over Colonel William Mathewson’s estate.
Tuesday, October 24, 1916
5. Kansas Gas and Electric power house ran out of fuel (oil) for nearly three hours last night and the city was dark.

Wednesday, October 25, 1916
14. Photograph of Kansas Independent Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 2nd and Emporia.

Saturday, October 28, 1916
10. The Nims avenue paving job has been tied up for weeks due to inability to get material. Enough brick for one block was received the other day and was placed between Central avenue and Woodman bridge.

Tuesday, October 31, 1916
11. Photographs of new Sedgwick county tuberculosis sanitarium under construction -- made up of an administration building and a number of small bungalows.

Wednesday, November 1, 1916
5. Roe Indian institute plans to build a three story dormitory.

Thursday, November 2, 1916
5. The Arkansas Valley Interurban company plans to build storm shelters at two mile intervals between Halstead and Hutchinson. Details of construction.

Saturday, November 4, 1916
8. Petition being circulated asking for White Way illumination of first two blocks on South Topeka.

Sunday, November 5, 1916
C2. Photograph of front of Wichita Automobile School, 119-121 North Topeka -- three stories.

Monday, November 6, 1916
6. The Kansas Sanitarium has leased the building at 204 North Topeka and opened a city branch there as well as offices for the Kansas conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

Tuesday, November 7, 1916
Friday, November 10, 1916

Contract let yesterday for resurfacing with chaf and oiling of Arkansas avenue north from the city limits.

Friday, November 10, 1916

Brick has finally arrived and Nims avenue will soon be paved. The base is all ready.

Sunday, November 12, 1916

Death notice of James Allison (died yesterday), age 78 (photograph). Was real estate man on West Side. Was appointed U.S. Commissioner at Paris exposition for six months in 1900. Survived by wife and a grand-daughter, Mabel Johnson, of Mount Hope.

Construction of Kanita Refining Company plant on Santa Fe tracks between 25th and 27th streets to start tomorrow. To cost about $500,000 and have capacity of 6000 barrels per day. Expect to start operation by February 15.

Tuesday, November 14, 1916

The county commission yesterday passed a resolution, relinquishing all rights to the Douglas avenue bridge and acknowledging it to be the property of the city of Wichita. With this, the responsibility for the upkeep also passes to the city, the commissioners said.

Wednesday, November 15, 1916

School board yesterday employed Lorentz Schmidt, architect, to draw plans for new $75,000 intermediate school at 12th and Market streets. To contain fifteen rooms.

Friday, November 17, 1916

Mayor Bentley says the county commissioners do not have the authority to give the Douglas avenue bridge to the city according to the Kansas statute of 1907, chapter 9, page 109 of the Session laws, authorizing the county commission to call a bond election for building a bridge across the Arkansas river on Douglas avenue.

Saturday, November 18, 1916

Wichita stores will no long remain open on Saturday evenings after January 1, according to agreement reached by Wichita Retailers association. Stores will lost at 6:30.

Contract recently let for a 96 foot smoke stack for the Santa Fe heating plant at St. Francis and William.

Sunday, November 19, 1916
Advertisement with map of North End streets and railroad trackage and industries 21st to 37th streets, Lawrence to Washington.

Saturday, November 25, 1916

Stock Yards State bank, presently located at 18th and Lawrence, is going to move to a new building to be constructed on southeast corner of 21st and Lawrence.

Sunday, November 26, 1916

The old Children’s home property and building between Roosevelt and Bluff south of 1st street, was sold yesterday to S. P. Wallingford for $15,000. Lots are to be resold for building.

B4. Photograph of Bishop Hennessy of Wichita.

Tuesday, November 28, 1916

“Getting early Wichita history straightened out” -- article by Kos Harris on early Wichita history.

Thursday, November 30, 1916

The new hall of Fraternal Order of Eagles, completed about 60 days ago at cost of $11,000, corner of William and Emporia, was dedicated last night.

Friday, December 1, 1916

Calvary Baptist church is to build a new building at Elm and Water, the site of the present church. Plans have been completed by Crowell and Van Meter, architects in the Murdock building. Material in the present building will be used, so the outside brick is about all the new material that will have to be bought. To cost about $8000. The church was founded in 1878 on North Wichita street as the Second Baptist. It now has a membership of 500.

Sunday, December 3, 1916

Drawing of plan for Wichita’s first intermediate school.

Thursday, December 7, 1916

Superintendent A. H. Webb of the Missouri Pacific has a new $3000 motor car purchased by the railroad for his use in trips over the division. It is enclosed and resembles an auto. Years ago Mr. Webb had a special car, but it was taken away when the road went to retrenching.
5. The Wichita Symphony orchestra has been discontinued -- a victim of the city’s Sunday closing laws.

Saturday, December 9, 1916
page
2. Notice of building permit to Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company, 13th and Wabash, for two story reinforced concrete building, 90 by 280 feet, to cost $80,000.

Sunday, December 10, 1916
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B7. Article about the developing College Hill residential district.

Tuesday, December 12, 1916
page
8. Report on bids received yesterday for new Sedgwick County jail building.

Wednesday, December 13, 1916
page
10. A paving crew is at work laying brick on the Nims avenue job.

Thursday, December 14, 1916
page
2. Arkansas Valley Interurban plans to issue new bonds and stock to refinance its present debt. Details.

Friday, December 15, 1916
page
2. Article reporting on dedication of new Webster school last night. Speakers said first school building built in 1871 at corner of Emporia and 3rd street, burned in 1879 and was rebuilt with brick in 1888 and torn down to make room for the new high school. The first high school building, still standing just south of the new high school, was put up in 1884 to accommodate students who had been working in the high school department of the grade schools.

14. Sedgwick county’s new tuberculosis sanitarium will be opened for patients tomorrow or Sunday.

Sunday, December 17, 1916
page
B2. Article about Riverside park with a few photographs including entrance to the park zoo.

B11. Article by Kos Harris on history of the old Board of Trade of Wichita.

Tuesday, December 19, 1916
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2. Article reports plan to wreck the old Sedgwick House, formerly the old Griffenstein home, just east of the present home, and replace it with an industrial building in connection with the Sedgwick House.

Frisco Railroad passenger trains will stop at the North Wichita station regularly beginning next Saturday.

**Wednesday, December 20, 1916**

5. Article reports the murder in Kansas City Monday night of Arthur B. Sim, 32, oil man and son of Coler L Sim.

**Friday, December 22, 1916**

1. Fire is burning the Kansas Masonic Home -- was a blazing mass of wood and masonry at 3:15 this morning. Temperature was six above zero. Possibly due to a defective furnace.

Foreclosure sale of Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railway system ordered today by U.S. District Court in St. Louis, with minimum price set at $16,150,000 for Missouri Pacific lines proper, $9,800,000 for the Kansas, Colorado, and Pacific, a portion of the Missouri Pacific lines in Kansas, $23,500,000 for the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, a total minimum price for the Missouri Pacific system of $49,450,000. ¶ This will clear the way for reorganization of the company.

**Saturday, December 23, 1916**

1. Photograph of burning Masonic Home and of building before fire. Five people killed.

8. Photographs of burned Masonic Home.

**Sunday, December 24, 1916**

5. Formal opening of the new Wichita hospital annex will probably be New Year’s day.

**Tuesday, December 26, 1916**

5. Twelve hundred people fed yesterday at the fifteenth annual Colonel Sam Amidon Christmas dinner, given at the Scottish Rite temple.
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5. Temporary one story building to be built to house residents of the Masonic Home.

Friday, December 29, 1916

2. Motorman-conductor of an Emporia-Riverside street car was held up last night at the loop at South Emporia and Zimmerly.