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## **TIHEN NOTES FROM 1917 WICHITA EAGLE**

### **Wichita Eagle**

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2. Article reports on the formal opening yesterday of the new Wichita hospital annex.

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8. Photograph of the Watkins and McCabe Manufacturing Company, 238-244 South Wichita street. Manufacturing of a grain grader. Two stories.

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5. Doors of the Riverside club were locked yesterday. The club faces a large bonded indebtedness of \$18,000 plus other small obligations and has offered no plan for payment. There are at present 200 members. The club was organized by Ex-Governor Stanley about eight years ago. A year ago a receiver was asked for the club.

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5. The city commission this week awarded contract to C. A. Whitney, Wichita jeweler, for installing a \$1500 Seth Thomas clock in the tower of City Hall. Now the proprietor of the Coronado hotel across the street, S. J. Smalley, is seeking an injunction to prevent the clock from striking the hours during the night.

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5. Stockholders meeting Thursday elected J. C. Fisher to succeed Christian Hauser as president of Hauser-Garrison Dry Goods company. Last year was best year in firm's history. It was organized in 1910.

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1. Board of trustees of Wesley hospital has received a donation of \$50,000 towards building a new modern hospital, on condition that not less than \$75,000 more be raised in Wichita for this purpose. Donor not identified.

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2. Wesley hospital board of directors announced the purchase of a five acre site on Hillside at corner of Elm street for \$16,000 for their new hospital.

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5. S. G. Holmes and Sons, with stores in McAlester and Tulsa, Oklahoma, will open a store in Wichita in the spring and yesterday leased the two story building at 325 East Douglas for three years for \$10,000 to \$12,000. The building is now occupied by the Palace of Sweets, a confectionary, and will be remodeled.
6. Wesley hospital has installed the first baby incubator in any local hospital. It arrived Tuesday.

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5. One hundred men are working on the new Wichita Terminal elevator in the North End and using five carloads of material daily. Completion is expected by July.

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8. Although a large hole has been dug north of the court house already, construction of the new Sedgwick County jail may come to a sudden stop because the state auditor has refused to register the bond issue for \$112,000, saying the call for the bond election wasn't published long enough before the voting.

**Sunday, January 14, 1917****page**

1. Death notice of Jeremiah E. Howard, 68, commissioner, and former owner of Howard Mills.
2. According to reports, the name of the Missouri-Kansas Telephone company has been changed to the Southwestern Bell system.
14. Article about remodeling to improve acoustics in First Presbyterian church.

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9. Tolerville farm, not far from Fairmount College, was sold yesterday to F. M. Curyea, a Texas stockman, for \$38,000 by I. E. Martin, who had owned it for about ten years. It

was at one time the most famous stockfarm in the west, when owned by Colonel H. G. Toler in boom days. Many Ashland Wilks colts raised there made their marks in the trotting and pacing world.

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10. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter of Riverside has packed her household effects preparatory to moving to Collier, Kansas where her husband, Dr. O. Buckwalter, has been for several months. She had planned to make the race for commissioner of parks, buildings and health before she decided to go away, according to City Hall reports.

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1. Drawing of new nine story 300 room hotel supposedly to be built by the Wichita Hotel corporation on the O. C. Daisy site at northwest corner of Topeka and William.
12. Fifteen new street cars are being built by an eastern car works for the Wichita Railroad and Light company. They will be ready for delivery in bunches of two to four and the first cars likely will be in service before the end of February. ¶ The cars will be built as "one-man cars" after the cars now in service on the Riverside-Emporia line. These are becoming more popular year by year and those in service in Wichita have proved to the street railway company that they are for better than the large eight-wheel cars in service on the College Hill and Topeka lines. ¶ The new cars are to be operated on the College Hill line. "They are speedier, get away quicker than the heavier cars, and it does not cost so much to operate them," Superintendent Lewis said.

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2. The county commissioners voted yesterday to cancel contracts for the new jail building, as expected.
5. Palace apartment house, four stories, at 308 South Market, was sold yesterday for \$80,000. Photograph. It was completed last fall and contains 32 apartments.

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2. Article about proposed extension of College Hill street car line to East street.
5. Article says county commission is planning to establish about 90 miles of new county roads by spring. Includes one to Maize, Colwich, Andale and Mt. Hope. The roads will then be graded and maintained by the county.

Contract for another motor fire truck let yesterday to the American-Le France company of Philadelphia for \$5600. To be installed at either College Hill or West Side station.

A trust deed for \$3,000,000 for the refinancing of the Arkansas Valley Interurban was filed yesterday at the office of the register of deeds. It was made to the Continental and Commercial Savings bank of Chicago and Frank H. Jones.

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5. Dirt is flying on the site of three apartment houses to be built by George H. Siedhoff at 1st and Hillside for \$60,000. Each is to be three stories and contain six apartments. The site is 100 by 140 feet. Two of the buildings front on Hillside and one on 1st street. They will be completed some time in April.

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2. The 1917 telephone directory will be issued this week. It contains more names than ever before and also breaks the news to Wichita that the telephone company here is known as the Southwestern Bell Telephone company. *The Eagle* is publishing the directory.
5. It has been suggested that the name of the proposed Travelers hotel be changed to the Lassen hotel for Henry Lassen, a miller, who has bought stock in the company and who has been induced to put the deal over.
12. The ruins of the Masonic home are being torn down. The foundation for the temporary replacement building will be laid today.

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1. Photograph of front of W. G. Price's Automobile agency, recently built on South Topeka avenue.
5. Cecil Cox, superintendent of parks, wishes to build entrances to Riverside park this summer, saying that the present entrances are not in keeping with the surroundings. ¶ Another improvement he intends to make is at the west entrance from Nims avenue and the street car line. The barns and sheds, which are placed along the west side of the park, are an eyesore which the superintendent intends to remove. They were in the right place until Nims avenue was opened, but now they look anything but attractive. We also need an addition to the animal house, he declared.

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3. Article about "angel in the sky" photograph said to have been taken over Greensburg, Kansas November 12, 1916 by W. A. Sinkler, photographer, of Greensburg.

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5. Article reports that St. Francis hospital will establish a training school for nurses, located in quarters on the fourth floor of the Emporia avenue wing of the building. Probably will have three classes of 30 each. ¶ The completion of the new sections of the hospital has increased the capacity 100 beds, making a total of 300 beds. There are at present 52 sisters and two dozen trained nurses to take care of the patients. There are also two interns.

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6. The new hotel will have a frontage of 100 feet on Market and 140 feet on 1st street. It was announced yesterday that the name of the hotel would be changed from The Travelers to The Lassen hotel.
7. Frank Isbell yesterday signed a five year lease renewal on Island park, at \$250 more in the early rental than in the last lease.

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2. Commissioner Schell has invited the city to go skating on Little river tonight. A big bonfire will be kept burning between Woodman bridge and the bathing beach, and others will burn on the islands above the Griffenstein bridge.

The Jones Automobile company estimates that its factory will produce 2000 Jones Six automobiles during 1917. The company has increased the size of all departments and added a department for the manufacture of automobile bodies.

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2. The Cadillac hotel, 109 South Emporia, is considering addition of one story to its three story building. It now occupies one first floor room and both of the upper floors of the building.

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- B8. Photograph of Mid-Continent Tire factory under construction. Kanita Refining company building, Wichita Terminal elevator company, and Western Oil and Refining company at 21st and Washington are also under construction in the North End.

**Monday, February 5, 1917****page**

1. Fire practically demolished the Vilm mill in 300 block on West Douglas last night, with loss of over \$50,000. The mill was built by the late J. E. Howard in about 1901 when he moved from Murdock avenue and changed the name of his mill from Union to Howard. J. E. Vilm bought the mill about three years ago and moved here from Winfield.

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2. Board of education yesterday re-elected L. W. Mayberry, superintendent of schools, for two years, with salary increased from \$3250 to \$3800 a year. John Lofty also re-elected principal of the high school for another year at salary of \$2800, an increase of \$175. The new terms start August 1, 1917.
  
5. J. Hudson McKnight has added codicil to his will providing \$1000 to be spent on prosecution of the motorist for manslaughter, if he is run down and killed by motorist.  
  
A committee of Walnut Grove citizens yesterday requested the county commission to surface three and a half miles of Arkansas avenue with gravel. The road has already been graded, and it is estimated \$500 would cover the cost of the graveling.
  
12. Photographs of the burned out Vilm Milling company. The remainder of the buildings is to be razed.

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5. Building permit issued yesterday for a \$30,000 apartment house at 706 North Lawrence avenue, to contain six suites of five rooms each.

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1. It became known yesterday that Coler L. Sim, 1303 North Lawrence and owner of considerable Wichita property, has a desire to deed to the city for park purposes the 157 acre tract located west of Riverside club in the bend of the Big Arkansas river between 13th street and Central avenue. ¶ Mr. Sim's gift to the city would be a memorial to his son, Arthur B. Sim, who lost his life in a tragic way the middle of December in Kansas City. ¶ Mr. Sim came into possession of the land when the Keene Syndicate, of which is the local representative, took over the holdings of the J. O. Davidson company more than 20 years ago.

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8. Workmen started yesterday laying a concrete platform in place of the wooden platform from the north to the south end of the union depot.

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2. The Forum hotel, 116-118 North Water, formerly the Planters hotel, was sold yesterday for \$16,000.

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5. Standard Oil company will build a filling station at southeast corner of Main and Murdock.

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5. Contracts for the new intermediate school were let yesterday for \$64,944, including general construction \$52,684, heating \$8594, plumbing \$4940, wiring \$2350, galvanized iron work \$2350. The board decided on a rough brick for the surface of the building.

A gymnasium is to be erected in the fifth block on North Water by the YMCA for negro boys in Wichita. Ground for the building will be donated by A. A. Hyde.

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5. The National Tractor company is opening its offices and manufacturing plant at 421-23 North Water to build light farm tractors. First tractor to be put on the market in March. Company is capitalized at \$250,000. Stockholders listed.

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5. Twenty acres of land comprising the old Harry Hill homestead on South Hillside avenue sold yesterday to Guy Paul, wealthy Augusta farmer and oil man, for \$12,000.

First dirt for the new Horace Mann school will be thrown this morning.

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15. The county surveyor has recently surveyed the Arkansas river south of Wichita where it makes a bend between South Lawrence avenue and South Hydraulic avenue. The measurements indicate the river has narrowed considerably in the past 50 years and has made land on both sides, so that the bend has become more acute. At the angle of the bend it was 1300 feet wide in 1867; now it is about 500 feet across. Where the Rock Island tracks cross just east of the Lawrence avenue bridge, the north bank has filled up some 700 feet and the south bank has encroached on the government land.

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1. First of the federal land banks has been organized in Wichita and the board of directors held its first meeting yesterday.
5. The Martin and Adams Music company, now at 218 East Douglas, yesterday signed a fifteen year lease for the entire six floors of the Michigan building, 208 East Douglas, reportedly for over \$75,000. ¶ This may permit the proposal enlargement of the Star theater, adjoining the present location of the music company on the east.

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2. Dr. J. G. Dorsey has bought the two story building at 201 North Main from Mrs. W. A. Polk for \$35,000.
  
14. Masonic board agreed last night on plans for buildings to replace the Masonic home destroyed by fire December 22.

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2. Three new cars will be placed in operation on the Arkansas Valley Interurban this month. A new freight car built by the American Car works of St. Louis will be placed in operation Friday, and two passenger cars now being built will be installed next month.

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5. The Wichita Wholesale Furniture company, 217 North Water, is establishing a furniture factory at 416 North Wichita, to be known as the Monarch Furniture Manufacturing company. Operators will start within two or three months.

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2. Breakdown at Kansas Gas and Electric yesterday caused most of city to be without electric power and all street cars to shut down from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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5. Kansas Gas and Electric is going to spend \$250,000 in doubling the size and capacity of its electric power plant. An addition 70 by 150 feet will be built on the east side of the plant. When the present plant was erected, the east wall was so constructed that it could be removed to make way for an addition of this kind. The present plant, which is about 150 feet square, has a capacity of 8750 kilowatts or 11,000 h.p. The addition will increase the capacity by 10,000 kilowatts or 13,000 h.p., making a total capacity of 24,000 h.p.

Jones Motor Car company this week closed a contract with dealer in Henryetta, Oklahoma for sale of nearly 500 Wichita made automobiles in next ten months. The production of the Jones company calls for nearly 3000 cars this year.

Operations to start today at the new plant of the Western Oil Refining company on 21st street. Has capacity of 500 barrels per day.

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2. Patrons of Riverside school have filed a petition with the board of education asking that eight vacant lots in the rear of the school building be purchased to provide additional playgrounds for the children of the school.

5. Special election to be held today in Wichita on the question of adopting the city manager form of government.

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1. Wichita voters yesterday voted to adopt the city manager form of government by vote of 5908 in favor to 3570 opposed.

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12. The main contract has been let for the enlargement of the Kansas Gas and Electric power plant in Wichita.

Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, of Riverside, yesterday secured nomination blanks, and it is believed she is going to make the race for city commissioner. She made the race for commissioner of parks and buildings several years ago.

14. A fifteen acre tract of park land along the east side of Little River, north of 11th street, was presented to the city of Wichita by Charles H. Smyth, Charles G. Cohn, C. H. Brooks, and L. W. Clapp. On the land are fine oak trees. Commissioner James Murry suggested to Mr. Clapp that he make it possible for the city to buy the remainder of Oak Park addition on which are also fine oak trees, in order to preserve them.

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10. "One hundred cars for March" is the slogan of the 130 factory employes of the Jones Motor Car company. In the past three months several carloads of modern machinery have been installed in the six buildings of the plant. The 130 men are employed at wages of \$2.00 to \$12 per day.

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5. Article says Wichita's hotel rooms nearly all taken last night. Lists hotels with capacities as follows: Eaton 140 rooms, Hamilton 65, Manhattan 70, Coronado 60, Jefferson 50, Pacific 40, Penn 40.

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2. Edward L. Tilton of New York City has been commissioned as architect for the new Masonic Home. Drawing of general layout of buildings.

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2. The Maple street bridge will be repaired before the high water in June.

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1. New \$75,000 "Wichita" theater is to be built at 308-310 East Douglas. Drawing.
5. Acacia Hotel building, 115-117 South Topeka, sold yesterday to Bisagno brothers by O. C. Daisy for \$80,000.
8. New switch boards for new telephone company building will handle 15,000 phones. At present the Market exchange has 8500 phones and the Douglas exchange has 3000. ¶ The busy time of the telephone exchanges is 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., during which time 125 women handle the service.
9. Home building is active in Merriman Park place, eight blocks bounded on north by Douglas, west by Fountain, south by Kellogg, and east by East street. ¶ This is part of the land originally owned by George E. Merriman, who rode into Wichita on horseback 45 years ago and bought a quarter section for \$1600. With A. A. Hyde he organized the Merriman Park Development company and laid out the land in tracts of two or three acres with boulevards and rounded artistic curves, but the post-boom days caused the project to "blow up." After that Mr. Merriman would never sell any of the land during his lifetime. The homes of Fred Stanley, Republican national committeeman, and H. W. Darling, lumber dealer, are on a part of the original Merriman land which was sold in the development company's days. ¶ When Mr. Merriman died fifteen years ago, his widow continued loyal to his policy of refusing to sell any of the land, but after her death the heirs arranged to sell the land in tracts.

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3. Three story Shirk-McKee apartment building at 240 North Topeka is under construction. Will contain 60 apartments and cost \$130,000. Drawing.

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2. Ground to be broken this week for Cathedral apartment building at Lawrence and Central, to cost \$125,000.
8. A \$20,000 three story brick building will be built on Fairmount by the Roe Indian institute. The Roe institute was secured for Wichita two years ago and is now using Fairmount college.

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2. Results of primary election for city commission and school board. Laura Buckwalter unsuccessful -- she received 743 votes (the lowest nominee received 1403).

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2. Notice of death of Albert R. Glazier, 68, who said he was engineer on the first train into Wichita. ¶ Article quotes reminiscences of Mr. Glazier on his first night in Wichita, etc.
5. Drawing of proposed Forum annex (showing tower not built), designed by Lorentz Schmidt. Bond issue to be voted on in city election next week.

**Sunday, April 1, 1917****page**

10. According to county treasurer's records, there are now 6523 automobiles owned in Sedgwick county compared with 4754 on July 1, 1916 and 3396 on July 1, 1915.

Attorney Dempster O. Potts has bought for \$6500 the nine room frame house at 1227 Perry avenue recently built by H. Shoop, contractor.

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2. The bath and treatment rooms at 204 North Topeka changed hands this week. After having been operated for some months by the Kansas Sanitarium, they have now been turned over to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hiner, of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.
14. Article about need to pass the \$200,000 bond issue for the Forum Annex. Says attendance has increased rapidly at the International Wheat Show Wichita Fair and Exposition -- from about 90,000 in 1914 to 110,000 in 1915 and 140,000 in 1916, and more space is needed for anticipated 180,000 this year.

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5. Election results given. Bonds for Forum annex (\$200,000) won by 6702 to 2767.

Additional animals for the zoo in Riverside park were purchased in Kansas City early this week including a female axis deer, a male zebu, a male elk, and a pair of sand bill cranes.

14. Armed guards have been placed at the water works plant on Waterworks Island.

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5. New pay scale for teachers passed by board of education last night. Salary range increased from previous \$55 to \$80 per month to \$70 to 95 per month. Principals will receive \$100 for two to three rooms, \$110 for four to seven rooms, \$120 for eight to eleven rooms, and \$140 for twelve to sixteen rooms.
8. Friends university board of directors has decided to proceed with new \$35,000 gymnasium, having heard the report that the \$35,000 has been subscribed in full.

12. Photograph of ground breaking yesterday for Cathedral apartment building at Lawrence and Central. To be cost \$180,000 and contain 30 apartments of three to five rooms. Thee stories, brick. The site was once the location of the H. F. Fraker house, once the finest in Wichita. Mr. Fraker was president of the first Wichita bank at the corner of 1st and Main. House was built about 1873, about the same time as the Mead house across the street.

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9. The Kansas Supreme court yesterday affirmed that the bond election at which bonds were voted for new Sedgwick county jail was illegal. The previous contracts are thus invalidated, and it is likely that a new bond election will not be held for two years.
- B3. Photograph of new home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Naftzger, recently completed on College Hill (only two houses visible in photograph).

Automobile section

5. Photograph of "Automobile Row" in Wichita.

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5. The Firebaugh building at 154 North Market was sold yesterday to A. A. Reiff for \$55,000. It is three stories, brick, and formerly owned by Arthur Paulline.

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5. The Layle hotel, 612 East Douglas, was purchased yesterday from W. E. Ault by S. C. Adair, hotel broker in the Butts building, for \$10,000. It contains 50 rooms. ¶ The Pennsylvania hotel on West Douglas was also sold yesterday to W. B. Beverly by Mrs. L. H. Kistler for \$8000.

The new clock purchased by the city from the Seth Thomas Clock company, of Thomaston, Connecticut, for the tower of the City Hall, is being put into place under the direct supervision of Oscar Melinder. The clock was purchased through Cleon Whitney, local jeweler, and weighs a total of 5000 pounds including the big 1000 pound bell. Each of the four glass faces with its heavy iron frame weighs 500 pounds and measures seven feet in diameter. The clock will strike only during the day in order that sleeping guests in a neighboring hotel will not be disturbed. It should be ready for business within the next ten days.

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8. Because of increased freight business in Wichita, the Frisco Railroad yesterday added another switch engine, a 60 ton superheater, to its local freight handling facilities.

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1. The Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban Railway company was organized yesterday with an initial capital of one million dollars to build an electric railway linking Wichita and the Butler county oil fields.
4. Article about the route of the old "Cannon Ball" stage line from Wichita to Greensburg, which ran a little south of the present automobile road. Details.

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2. A strip of land 700 feet long extending along the east bank of the Little Arkansas river from 3rd street to Central avenue was purchased by the Kansas Gas and Electric company for \$8000 from Joseph Tack, Ella Bowen, and H. W. Miller. On it are located the old Joseph Strickland home, a two story brick house, and a house owned by H. D. Miller, custodian of the Forum. ¶ For the present it will be used to store bulk materials of the company for construction and repair work.
3. Only two horses will remain in the Wichita fire department after the arrival this month of a new combination pump and hose apparatus, to be placed at the West Side station. The chemical wagon now located there will be moved to the College Hill station. Only No. 6 station in the South End will still have horses.

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7. The Burche-Bell Dairy company will move into its new two story building, Douglas avenue and Grace street, about June 1. (Drawing.)

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2. A 40 acre addition is being made to the Maple Grove cemetery grounds. It is an irregular tract lying between the present cemetery and the Frisco Railroad right of way on the east. There will be several thousand new lots in the addition.
5. Article about death at Collyer, Kansas of Dr. O. Buckwalter, and suit by his wife against the undertaker for burying only part of his body. He died April 8, 1917 from rheumatism and a congestive chill. When she arrived there, the body had been removed to WaKeeney. He was buried at Erie. Age 78. Was married twice. First wife died in 1888, and he remarried Miss Laura Ford at Erie, Neosho County in 1890. Had two children by first marriage and one by second, all of which have died.

**Monday, April 23, 1917****page**

1. Fatal accident between fire truck and auto at Douglas and Rutan, yesterday. Photograph.

2. Article about formal dedication yesterday of new north wing of St. Francis hospital. Addition cost \$100,000 and is the third addition since 1909. At that time the chapel and addition on St. Francis avenue to south of main building were completed. In August 1915 the large Emporia avenue wing was completed at cost of \$150,000.

**Thursday, April 26, 1917****page**

1. New Union National Bank to be organized from Union State bank.

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2. Owners and contractors will hereafter be required to secure building permits before starting any construction of any building.
5. Three story brick Bissantz building at 515 East Douglas, adjoining Eaton hotel on the west, was sold yesterday for \$35,000 to Harvey Grace by the Bissantz estate. ¶ The 50 feet bought as vacant ground in 1901 from John B. Carey. Details given.
8. Plan to reduce jog at Douglas and Rutan.

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## Section B

1. Article and photographs of dangerous jogs in main streets of Wichita. Fatal accident to a fire truck occurred last Sunday at one of these at Rutan and Douglas. ¶ Says "when the early builders of Wichita added to the city they unconsciously laid the foundation for death traps by failing to survey their land to conform with the laid out streets.

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2. Article about outhouse privies still in use in Wichita despite availability of sewer connection. Photograph shows outhouses still in use behind Waco school.

**Tuesday, May 1, 1917****page**

2. Article reports another new addition known as Interurban Place is being opened up the past two weeks six miles out of Wichita on the Arkansas Valley Interurban. It is being sold in five acre tracts.

**Saturday, May 5, 1917****page**

2. The splendid new four story reinforced concrete and steel building of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company at the southeast corner of 1st and Lawrence is nearing completion. The company moved its business offices into the new home on May 1. The

building cost in excess of \$200,000. Switchboards connecting 12,000 phones will be on the third floor.

Fifteen new cars will be placed on service on the Wichita street railway within 30 days. C. M. Patten, general manager of the McKinley Syndicate from Topeka, is in Wichita completing the final arrangements for a new schedule to become effective in June. It is proposed to have four minute service on the College Hill and University lines. The new cars will be used for this purpose, the old cars being shifted to other lines.

5. Article about talk at Kansas State Sunday school convention by Charles Rombold, age 16, a senior at Wichita High School saying all the older Sunday school teachers should be recalled.

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1. Article giving reported origin of many street names in Wichita.

Photograph (or drawing?) of new four story Bell Telephone company building.

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2. Fire yesterday in Benninghoff building, 605 East Douglas. Photograph.
5. Article about activities in the parks. In Riverside park the zoo has been greatly enlarged this year, with many animals recently purchased from a dealer in Kansas City. The elk pen has been moved from its old place north of the duck pond to the plot of ground along the river at the south side of the park. The old pen has been transformed into a picture ground with newly planted private hedge around the turf. The drives will be re-oiled with the first hot days. Article describes a colorful tulip bed in the shape of a star.

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2. Princess theater changes over from vaudeville to moving pictures next Monday. A six piece orchestra will play during all the performances.

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5. Arkansas Valley Interurban has steel on hand for laying new tracks into Wichita to connect with Midland Valley Railroad at 1st street, but the high cost of steel for the bridges is causing the company to postpone building of the new trackage, which would relieve the interurban from using the tracks of the Wichita Street Railway company from North Wichita to the station.

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2. Article reporting reminiscence by a passenger, Otto Weiss, on the first Santa Fe passenger train which reached Wichita just 45 years ago.
- B2. Wonderland Park to open May 27th.
17. Drawing of three story Elks Club House proposed to be built in third block on South Market for \$125,000 (at southwest corner of Market and English).  
  
Boating season on the Little River opens today. One hundred and twenty-five new canoes and 100 steel rowboats at the Israel boat house will handle the crowds. Municipal beach has been cleaned and a sandy bottom and shore prepared. Motion pictures will be shown free, each night in Central Riverside park from eight to ten o'clock. The advertisements pay for the films shown.
24. Advertisement showing map of North End (north of 25th street) with Jones Motor Car company between 33rd and 37th streets just west of Frisco Railroad.

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5. Throngs in Riverside park yesterday afternoon estimated at more than 15,000 persons. The bears were well fed with peanuts.

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2. Arkansas Valley Interurban company officials announce that a new all-steel, battleship type car has recently been purchased and will be brought to Wichita today from Valley Center to be unloaded. ¶ It is a combination passenger and baggage car and is something new in design. It is 55 feet long and will seat 54 persons. The car was made by the American Car company of St. Louis, Missouri.

**Friday, May 18, 1917****page**

12. Real estate advertisement showing photograph of houses on Fountain avenue toward "Overlook" -- between Central and Douglas.

**Sunday, May 20, 1917****page**

4. Article about establishment of a well-marked motor highway from Wichita west to Dodge City under the name of "The Cannon Ball Route" with Hockaday markings -- gives history of old "Cannon Ball" Green stage route.

## Section B

1. Article about town of Runnymede, Kansas with photographs.

**Wednesday, May 23, 1917****page**

5. Excavation for the \$175,000 Interdale apartments in ninth block on North Lawrence will start the first of next week. Will have room for 30 families. The builder is now also building the Cathedral apartments at corner of Central and Lawrence avenues.

**Friday, May 25, 1917****page**

5. Wichita High School's largest class -- 233 -- graduated at Forum last night.

**Saturday, May 26, 1917****page**

1. Article and photograph about the tornado at Andale Friday afternoon. Death toll sixteen. ¶ Missouri Pacific depot was wrecked.

**Sunday, May 27, 1917****page**

2. More photographs of Andale tornado destruction.
10. Wonderland Park is opening, but manager has been instructed by city commission that he must not charge admission on Sundays as has been done in the past.

**Monday, May 28, 1917****page**

2. Wonderland Park pool and dance pavilion will be open tonight. Two minute car service is maintained to the park from the corner of Main and Douglas.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1917****page**

2. Article about campaign by Wesley hospital board to raise \$75,000 needed to meet the conditional gift of \$50,000 made recently by Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Foster, so that the new hospital at the corner of Hillside avenue and Elm street can be built.
5. Kansas Masonic board met yesterday discussing plans for the new \$240,000 Masonic home to be erected here soon to replace the one destroyed by fire last winter.
7. Drawing of the proposed new Wesley hospital building -- basement and four stories.

**Friday, June 1, 1917****page**

2. George H. Lawrence, former owner of the Hamilton hotel, yesterday purchased the Savoy hotel lease, fixtures and equipment on North Market street from G. A. Sanderson for \$8500.

5. Unless some change is made in the order prohibiting Wonderland park from charging admission on Sunday, it will be closed on June 9, manager J. T. Nuttle announced.

**Saturday, June 2, 1917****page**

2. A new motor fire truck will arrive today and will be placed at station No. 4 on the West Side, and the apparatus now in use there will be placed at Station No. 5 on College Hill, ending the use of horses at No. 5. Only two horses will remain on the department after today -- those in use at station No. 6 in the South End.

**Sunday, June 3, 1917****page**

## Section B

1. Article reporting contemplated donation of a natural park to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Coler L. Sim, to be named Arthur B. Sim park as a memorial to their son, who lost his life in Kansas City last winter. The tract in a big bend of the Arkansas river is 156 acres. Photographs.

Sloping concrete embankment 500 feet long and ten feet high recently completed by the city at cost of \$5000 after three months work at 12th street and Forest avenue, to prevent the Little Arkansas river from eating through the boulevard dike and creating a new channel through Oak Park addition and North Riverside park. Photograph.

5. Factory building of Mid-Continent Tire company, at 13th street and Wabash avenue, will be completed by August 1. Cost approximately \$56,000 and machinery to make tires will cost about \$100,000. Photograph (this is Bemis Company building). Said to be the largest factory building under one roof in the state of Kansas.
17. Martin and Adams will start remodeling the Michigan building on East Douglas avenue at once for their new music store. They should move into the new quarters within three months.

**Tuesday, June 5, 1917****page**

5. Kansas Gas and Electric yesterday dynamited a 50 foot strip of their dam at the junction of the two Arkansas rivers in effort to save the water supply house which was in danger of being undermined by the high water. ¶ The dam was constructed early last winter by Kansas Gas and Electric to protect their siphons, which extend out into the Little river, from the back water of the Big Arkansas. When the Little river rose a few days ago the current was so strong along the east bank that it was gradually eating away the ground which supports the intake building. ¶ When the water recedes, the company expects to rebuild the dam and re-enforce the east bank with piling and rock.

**Wednesday, June 6, 1917****page**

9. Riverside street car No. 188 struck a car on Central avenue last night.

**Thursday, June 7, 1917****page**

2. Article reporting the converting of the Union State bank into the newly organized Union National bank with capital stock of \$200,000.
5. City has purchased ten carloads of special road oil. The winding roads through Central and North Riverside parks are probably the finest dirt roads in the city and have been oiled annually for the past five years.

**Friday, June 8, 1917****page**

5. The Morris Plan company has leased offices in the Elks building, 115 North Topeka, and will start business here between July 1 and 15.
7. Wesley hospital campaign to raise \$125,000 began in earnest yesterday.

**Sunday, June 10, 1917****page**

## Section B

1. Article and photograph about construction of the huge new elevator north of the packing houses, on the terminal railway tracks, for the Wichita Terminal Elevator company. Construction started last September and it will be completed about first of this September at cost of \$300,000.
3. Wonderland park swimming pool and dance pavilion will be operated beginning today by Mrs. E. Mason and Professor Hartman, respectively. Pool will be opened daily and dance pavilion open daily except Sunday.
10. Real estate advertisement with map of North End from 20th street north.

**Tuesday, June 12, 1917****page**

10. The former Union State bank was liquidated yesterday and this morning the Union National bank will open its doors.

**Wednesday, June 13, 1917****page**

8. Advertisement for new Union National bank listing officers.

**Friday, June 15, 1917****page**

5. New city manager, Louis R. Ash, arrived in the city yesterday.

**Saturday, June 16, 1917****page**

2. New West Side Presbyterian church at Martinson and University streets, cost \$30,000, is to be dedicated tomorrow.
  
5. A. H. Webb, superintendent of Wichita division of Missouri Pacific Railroad since 1894, has been promoted to position of general superintendent effective June 19 and will move to Kansas City (photograph). Age 60. The Wichita division consists of 415 miles, and the Western district, of which he will be general superintendent, has six divisions or about 2500 miles. When he came to Wichita in 1894, he succeeded Russell Harding as superintendent of this division. ¶ He will be succeeded as superintendent here by E. C. Wills, assistant to the general manager of the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis.

**Sunday, June 17, 1917****page**

5. Two story brick building at 122 North Market street, 26¾ feet by 140 feet, was purchased yesterday from Fred D. Aley by Harry Pottenger for \$28,000. Building built as investment by Mr. Aley more than ten years ago and is occupied by the Pottenger studio. Mr. Pottenger is son-in-law of John Davidson and has been in the photograph business in Wichita longer than any other photographer. He established his first studio more than 20 years ago in partnership with John Noble in the first block on East Douglas. Several years later Mr. Noble left the firm and went to Paris to study art.

## Section B

1. Article about new house facing Court House at 532 or 534 built for Charles H. Kleinheim, a Santa Fe engineer, at cost of \$5000 for only four rooms 23 foot front by 38 foot depth. Front built of selected brick with Colonial effect.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1917****page**

5. Ben L. Eaton dropped dead at the baseball park yesterday "due to apoplexy," very unexpectedly, age 56. Came to Wichita in 1890 to take charge of the Metropole hotel, now the Hamilton. Two years later he leased the Manhattan hotel and operated the two for about a year before securing control of the old Carey in 1894. He operated all three about two years, then bought the Carey, which he owned and operated until 1905, when he leased it because of failing health. A year ago he sold the Eaton (former Carey) to Oscar Shirk. His old affliction was locomotor ataxia. He bought the old J. C. Rutan home at Rutan and Douglas. One son and two daughters survive.

**Wednesday, June 20, 1917****page**

12. Full page advertisement saying that on July 1 the price of the Jones Six will increase from \$1475 to \$1675 due to increased costs of labor and materials.

**Friday, June 22, 1917**

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3. Column by "Farmer Doolittle" praising the city manager form of government here, which he had originally opposed.

**Saturday, June 23, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting that Bert C. Wells, city engineer of Wichita for past seven years, will resign to become city manager at Eldorado. Before becoming city engineer, he was a mathematics teacher at Wichita High School.

**Monday, June 25, 1917****page**

6. Fairmount street car, No. 152, collided with car on East Douglas between St. Francis and the viaduct yesterday.

**Tuesday, June 26, 1917****page**

2. Skaers will build three story apartment house at corner of English street and Lawrence avenue for \$90,000. Eighty-five feet by 150 feet and will contain 58 apartments.

**Wednesday, June 27, 1917****page**

5. Factory of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company will open August 10 with 200 employes. All the machinery is in the building, at corner of 13th street and Wabash avenue. Six hundred ninety thousand dollars worth of crude rubber has been ordered from a New York concern, according to Charles D. Dorrigrand, general manager.

**Thursday, June 28, 1917****page**

5. Work on the Wichita theater to be erected at 308-310 East Douglas will start soon. Seventy-five thousand dollar building 50 feet by 140 feet to be constructed by C. C. McCollister, of the Star theater, and J. H. Cooper.

**Friday, June 29, 1917****page**

2. C. C. Cox, superintendent of Central Riverside park, is sinking a well in the center of the big circle to provide an adequate water supply for the flowers and shrubbery.
9. Police department are in bright new uniforms. The patrolmen and traffic squad are in regulation blue. Motorcycle officers and patrol drivers' new suits are olive drab.

**Saturday, June 30, 1917****page**

5. Bids opened yesterday on new ten story Lassen hotel but were \$150,000 over the estimated cost of \$500,000.

**Sunday, July 1, 1917****page**

14. Advertisement soliciting investment in the Wichita Tractor company stock. Located at 421 North Water.

**Monday, July 2, 1917****page**

5. Missouri Pacific Railroad will lay new heavier 75 pound rails at once on the line from Wichita to Geneseo.
7. Sales manager of Jones Motor car company returned from Minneapolis, Minnesota with an order for 700 cars for the regional distributor there, the largest order which the firm has yet received.

**Tuesday, July 3, 1917****page**

2. School board decided to build another elementary school, named Skinner school. Total enrollment past year was 17,053. Teacher assignments listed -- four teachers at Riverside.

**Friday, July 6, 1917****page**

2. Clyde Cessna flew from Blackwell, Oklahoma to Wichita yesterday at record speed of 124.62 miles per hour -- 76 miles in 36 minutes 35 seconds. In monoplane type of plane.
5. Bridge over canal on 2nd street, built with the others on the canal about 1908, buckled upwards in the middle in the heat yesterday, causing it to be closed.

**Saturday, July 7, 1917****page**

10. Drawing of new South Lawrence Christian church to be built for \$25,000. Old church on site will be torn down starting Monday.

**Sunday, July 8, 1917****page**

5. Article reports Arkansas Valley Interurban considering attaching sleeping car to late evening interurban from Hutchinson to Wichita, allowing passengers to sleep in the car in the yard here until morning.
14. Superintendent C. C. Cox of Riverside park said yesterday that no more diving will be allowed from the Murdock avenue bridge. Divers have enjoyed the plunge from the bridge for years, but it will be stopped to insure greater safety both for the bathers and the boating parties.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1917****page**

5. New traffic ordinance passed by commission yesterday requiring licensing of all drivers in the city and creating reserved spaces in the congested district in which cars may stop only a limited time.

**Sunday, July 15, 1917****page**

9. Article reporting the disappearance of the old horse drawn cabs from Wichita streets, all now replaced with automobiles.
11. Photograph of Clyde Cessna standing beside his new monoplane, the eighth monoplane constructed by him at the Cessna Aeroplane works, just north of the Jones Six factory north of Wichita.

Six new oak phone booths installed at the union station. Work will start soon on mending the ceiling where plaster has fallen due to seeping through of water.

**Friday, July 20, 1917****page**

2. Seventieth birthday of John Joseph Hennessy, bishop of Wichita, celebrated yesterday with dinner at his home including as guests Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis, Archbishop Harty of Omaha, and Bishop J. Henry Tihen of Lincoln.
7. Oiling of the drives in North and Central Riverside parks started today. The principal drive in South Riverside park is the motor speedway, and this will not be oiled.

**Tuesday, July 24, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting that general offices of the Orient Railroad will be moved from Kansas City to Wichita.
9. Paving of Fairmount avenue with brick from 12th to 17th streets is soon to be done.

**Thursday, July 26, 1917****page**

5. Karl Mosbacher, manager of the Hudson Sales company, has taken a lease on a new three story building now being constructed in the second block on North Lawrence avenue.

Contract awarded yesterday for the new Lassen hotel to John M. Denny of Wichita. To be ten story brick and reinforced concrete building, 100 feet by 140 feet. To be completed by October 1, 1918 at cost of \$700,000.

**Saturday, July 28, 1917****page**

5. Opening of new plant of Mid-Continent Tire company here is being delayed at least until September 1 because of strike that has tied up the building trades here for more than three weeks.

**Sunday, July 29, 1917****page**

5. Royce hotel at 116 North Water will open under a new management on Monday.
17. Cathedral apartments, Lawrence and Central avenues, are nearly completed and will be opened to inspection today.

**Tuesday, July 31, 1917****page**

2. Article about proposed move of general office of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad company from Kansas City to Wichita if they can secure office space here at a reasonable figure. About 60 men in their offices with payroll of \$10,000 per month. ¶ The payroll at the Wichita shops is now between \$15,000 and \$20,000 monthly.

**Wednesday, August 1, 1917****page**

5. Morris Plan company opens its office today in the Elks building, 115 North Topeka.
12. The deed to 157 acre tract presented to the city this spring by Coler L. Sim has just recently been accepted and approved by the city and work on the Arthur B. Sim Memorial park will start soon. One of the conditions of the deed is that the memorial entrance be erected by July 1, 1918. The land is presently rented to a farmer as pasture ground, and the city will not be able to take formal possession until this fall.

**Friday, August 3, 1917****page**

2. The contract for Friends university's new \$35,000 gymnasium will probably be let today.

**Sunday, August 5, 1917****page**

9. Advertisement with photograph of Wichita Wholesale Furniture company, four story building at 217-225 North Water.

**Monday, August 6, 1917****page**

6. Article about peculiar trolley car accident last night in seventh block on West Central. A North Riverside car of the open summer kind was westbound when a sudden rain commenced. The canvas curtain on the south side of the car had been lowered, but the heavy wooden pole at the bottom of the curtain was not fastened down. Just as an east bound car was about to pass the west bound one, the big canvas curtain flapped out in a gust of wind and the pole struck a closed glass window of the approaching car squarely

in the center. The pole crashed through the motorman's platform and on through the open door into the main part of the car back as far as the sixth window on the opposite side. Fortunately no one was hurt except slight scratches.

**Thursday, August 9, 1917****page**

2. September 10 is the date now set for the opening of the Mid-Continent tire factory.

**Friday, August 10, 1917****page**

5. The Daniel Shoe company, 417 South St. Francis, received a government contract yesterday for 30,000 pairs of army marching shoes at \$4.75 a pair, 10,000 pairs of which are to be delivered to St. Louis by October 15. Payroll will be increased from 35 to 75. The capacity of the factory is 700 pairs a day.

**Monday, August 13, 1917****page**

2. City intends to proceed with building of a workhouse on Elba island.

Buildings on Lassen hotel site are being vacated preparatory to tearing them down.

6. Eleven new bungalows have just been completed by the Sedgwick county tuberculosis sanitarium, making a total of 21 cottages. The sanitarium was started a year ago and was opened December 16, 1916. Treatment is given free to any one who applies. A medical staff is appointed by the Wichita Medical association. The doctors give their services free.

**Wednesday, August 15, 1917****page**

5. City commission decided yesterday to issue \$10,000 in bonds authorized by vote of people on November 8, 1910, to build a new workhouse on Elba island for Wichita prisoners.

**Saturday, August 18, 1917****page**

5. Hole in the ground at north end of court house, where it was intended to build a new jail to replace the antiquated and thoroughly inadequate building that is standing on the northeast corner of the court house property, is being filled back in and the ground will be seeded to lawn.

**Monday, August 20, 1917****page**

2. Many tourists have made use of South Riverside park this summer for camping purposes. This is the only park the city permits campers to use.

**Sunday, August 26, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting work will start Monday on tearing down buildings at 1st and Market preparatory to excavation for the Hotel Lassen. Dirt will be removed to a depth of seventeen feet.

**Thursday, August 30, 1917****page**

5. An old three story frame building covered with sheet iron, which fronts the Rock Island tracks just off of Douglas on Mead street, is being torn down this week. It has not been in use for ten years except occasionally for storage by the Wichita Vinegar and Bottling company. Before that it was used by the Busch Brewing company as a cold storage plant for keg beer, until a strict enforcement of the prohibition law in 1907 stopped this. It was built for this purpose by the Busch company in 1889 and placed just back of a brick building which had been built for a hotel during "boom times" in 1886. The hotel was called the Lindell.
12. Article reporting on annual report of the Kansas sanitarium. Had 481 patients during the year.

**Saturday, September 1, 1917****page**

5. City commission conferring on the city's claim of \$138,000 due it from the street car company. The city brought suit against the company four years ago for \$100,000, which amount with interest now reaches \$138,000.

**Sunday, September 2, 1917****page**

5. The city's proposal to the street car company for a settlement as presented to H. E. Chubbuck of Peoria, Illinois, vice-president of the company, provides that the street railway company overhaul their cars in use at the present time, purchase several new ones, repair their tracks all over the city and lay new ones where necessary, made the needed extensions to the Orient shops and of either the Pattie avenue or Emporia avenue line, and also make a payment to the city of approximately \$50,000. If no agreement is reached, the city will probably proceed with its suit in U.S. District court.
9. The M. E. Garrison home at 3420 East Douglas, built two years ago, was sold this week to J. W. Pierpoint of Oil Hill, Eldorado for \$15,000. Photograph.

**Wednesday, September 5, 1917****page**

2. Board of education yesterday voted to proceed with plans for the second intermediate school at a cost not to exceed \$125,000, to be ready by the beginning of the school year in 1918, and for a new Emerson grade school to be ready at the same time.

**Thursday, September 6, 1917****page**

5. A charter was issued yesterday at Topeka to the Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban Railway company with a capital stock of two million dollars.

**Monday, September 10, 1917****page**

2. Arkansas Valley Interurban reports the largest business in its history for both freight and passengers in August, with 73,904 passengers carried. The largest previous month was last October with 70,160 passengers carried.

**Tuesday, September 11, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting on facts reported at a hearing in the city's suit against the street car company.

**Wednesday, September 12, 1917****page**

5. Wichita school enrollment reported as 9614, an increase of 587 over last year. Riverside has 171.

**Friday, September 14, 1917****page**

5. Machinery will start turning for the first time today at the Mid-Continent Tire factory, although it will probably not be possible to start the manufacture of tires for two weeks.

**Sunday, September 16, 1917****page**

5. Hiram Imboden has retired and yesterday sold his mill and elevator -- the Imperial -- at 611 South Santa Fe to the Stevens-Scott Grain company for \$35,000. ¶ He was the first man to start a mill in Sedgwick county. His first mill at the corner of Santa Fe and Douglas opened 43 years ago. It burned in 1905 and he then rebuilt at the location to the south.
7. Article reporting on the razing of historic Turner Hall, also known as Turners Opera House, to make way for the Lassen hotel. It was built in 1879. ¶ Long article giving history of the hall.

**Monday, September 24, 1917****page**

5. Two buildings in second block on North Market belonging to Southwestern Bell Telephone company have been sold to John B. Hupp. One building at 223 North Market is two and a half stories and was built few years ago by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company, soon after it took over the old Home Telephone company. The other building, directly across the street at 224 North Market, with 50 foot frontage by 140 feet, was formerly the property of the old Home Telephone company. It is the central office for the Douglas exchange of the Southwestern Bell company, and the building at 223 North Market houses the Market exchange. The buildings will be vacated by the

Telephone company late this year or early next, when they move to the new building at 154-156-158 North Lawrence.

**Sunday, September 30, 1917****page**

Special issue for Southwest Fair and Exposition. Many photographs and articles about local businesses.

6. Photograph of street car company storage lot.
9. Photograph of start of construction on Lassen hotel.
10. Photograph of new tire factory, etc.
19. Photograph of prominent homes.

**Saturday, October 6, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting that William McKinley, congressman from Illinois and head of the Illinois Traction system -- McKinley syndicate -- which controls the Wichita Railroad and Light company, will be in Wichita Monday to try and reach settlement with the city in their dispute.

**Sunday, October 7, 1917****page**

14. Corner stone of the new South Lawrence Avenue Christian church will be laid this afternoon.

**Special section**

8. Hardly a day passes that some complaint is not heard about the way the Arkansas Valley Interurban company ties up traffic at 1st and Main streets. Interurban cars stop at the near side of the intersection to unload passengers. This halts southbound street cars and vehicle traffic and when the Interurban car is loaded the delay is stretched to the annoying point. ¶ More than one irate citizen has announced intentions of complaining to Manager Ash on the theory that Interurban cars could just as well back into West 1st street to unload their passengers as to delay traffic. The Interurban cars back into West 1st street anyway to reach the Interurban station, it is pointed out.

**Monday, October 8, 1917****page**

3. Article about the demise of the last remnant of the Tremont street red light district, once notorious throughout the southwest.

**Tuesday, October 9, 1917****page**

7. Kansas supreme court reversed decision of district court and has made Wichita liable for a bill of over \$30,000 for service was not used plus \$3000 damages payable to the Welsbach Street lighting company of Kansas City, which left its gas lights on the streets for three and a half years after a new contract for street lightning had been given to Kansas Gas and Electric. The Kansas City company contend its contract was good for another four years because the city did not notify it to the contrary before the first contract had expired.

**Wednesday, October 10, 1917****page**

8. Article reporting that Clyde Cessna has developed a monoplane which will carry a passenger -- on tests yesterday it carried three passengers on separate flights, the heaviest weighting 165 pounds. The plane is powered by a French motor. Mr. Cessna does his flying on the field north of Fairmount, although he still stores his machines at his factory, located at the Jones Motor Car factory.

**Thursday, October 11, 1917****page**

5. Long article reporting settlement of the city's suit against the Wichita Railroad and Light company, which had been filed in February 1916. Principal terms are:
  - (1) Street car company agrees to pay the city \$50,000 as the amount due for the past years. It may convey to the city within the next four months the twelve acre tract of ground lying immediately west of Riverside park zoo and get credit for \$15,000 towards it obligation.
  - (2) The company agrees to build before January 1 an extension of its line south from Douglas avenue to the Orient shops and to extend its Emporia avenue line to Harry street, probably by October 1, 1918.
  - (3) All the company's cars are to be repainted and repaired as needed, and equipment and tracks are to be well maintained. New signs are to be installed.
  - (4) For calculation of future payments, the assessed valuation of the company's properties is to be accepted as the amount of the investment. Settlements are to be made annually on the first of April for the calendar year preceding.

**Saturday, October 13, 1917****page**

2. Article about plans for improvements in street car service. Fairmount, Pattie and Waco lines will be improved. There is to be five minute service on College Hill line. ¶ The company has hired two extra carpenters and two extra painters to "doctor the sick cars," and three or four cars will be taken through the shops at a time. Heretofore it has been possible to take only one. At present there are two cars in the paint shop and three in the carpenter shop being worked over and put in ship shape.

**Sunday, October 14, 1917****page**

9. Chief Zickefoose hopes to add a finger-print bureau to the Wichita police department shortly after first of the year.
12. New \$20,000 Sunday school building of Grace Presbyterian church will be dedicated today.

**Wednesday, October 17, 1917****page**

5. Article about proposed plan to open a new street from Market to Emporia half way between Douglas and 1st street.

**Saturday, October 20, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting six new business buildings are now under construction in the ninth block on East Douglas.

**Sunday, October 21, 1917****page**

5. Article reports that financing of a proposed eight story addition to the four story Bitting building at Market and Douglas is underway. Addition to cost \$250,000.

New schedules to go into effect on street car lines Monday:

- (1) Fairmount and Mt. Carmel cars will run together, making through service from Fairmount to the West Side.
- (2) Waco and Pattie cars will operate together.
- (3) Cleveland cars will go around the loop -- on Main to 1st and back on Market to Douglas, and then back out on Cleveland.

¶ Fourteen new cars have been placed in service by the street car company in the past month. ¶ Service will be:

Fairmount and Mt. Carmel:

6:00 a.m.-9:30	ten minutes (formerly fifteen)
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	20 minutes (formerly 30)
3:30 p.m.-8:15-p.m.	ten minutes (formerly fifteen)
8:15 p.m.-11:40 p.m.	20 minutes (formerly 30)

Waco and Pattie:

5:44 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	eight minutes (formerly eleven and fifteen)
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	fifteen minutes (formerly fifteen)
2:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.	eight minutes (formerly eleven and fifteen)
7:15 p.m.-12:00 p.m.	fifteen minutes (formerly fifteen)

Cleveland:

6:00 a.m.-7:45 p.m.	twelve minutes
7:45 p.m.-12:00 p.m.	fifteen minutes.

**Tuesday, October 23, 1917****page**

5. Daniel Shoe company has taken lease on the Benninghoff building, three story brick building 50 feet by 140 feet at 607-611 East Douglas. Building was built in 1886 by a man named Friend, who lost it on a mortgage. Jerry Benninghoff bought the east half of the building shortly after the boom and his widow still owns it.

**Thursday, October 25, 1917****page**

5. Armstrong Music company of Oklahoma City has leased the three story Bolte building at 323-325 East Douglas, presently occupied by the Pfister cigar store and billiard rooms. The building will be remodeled, including a new front and elevator.

The Empress theater at corner of Topeka and Williams is to be remodeled and will be renamed "The Liberty." To seat 900.

**Friday, October 26, 1917****page**

7. Kansas Gas and Electric is spending half million dollars to build new addition, enlarging its power plant from about 12,000 h.p. capacity to about 14,000. The building was started last April but the war has delayed it so that it will not be ready until soon after first of the year.

**Sunday, October 28, 1917****page**

12. Article supposedly giving history of N. A. English and J. R. Mead deeding ground on Douglas avenue for a depot in return for a life time pass over the railroad. "W. B. Strong, president of the Santa Fe built jointly with the Prince (sic) Railroad a union depot at Oak street and canceled Mr. English's pass, but latter brought suit and was awarded damages by the courts for loss of the pass." All trains were stopped at Douglas with a flag and the city thus saved the location where the union station was later built.

**Thursday, November 1, 1917****page**

2. Advertisement for Charles Lawrence, Photo Goods, on fortieth anniversary. Business established November 1, 1877. Sold drugs and medicines only from 1877 to 1888, then drugs and photograph goods from 1888 to 1900, and photograph goods only since 1900. Photographs of location at 102 East Douglas 1877 to 1900, interior at 219 East Douglas 1900 to 1910, and present location at 149 North Lawrence from 1910-1917.

**Sunday, November 4, 1917****page**

5. Laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Home to be held Monday, November 19. Cost will be approximately \$500,000.

State board of agriculture reports Wichita's population is 58,318, up 5170 since last year. Topeka is 44,325 and Kansas City is 95,228.

**Friday, November 9, 1917****page**

5. "White Way" lighting is to be extended on 1st street between Main and Water and on Water street between 1st and Douglas. A new type of light will be used, the incandescent lamp, which is rapidly supplanting the older arc light, and which is more economical to use.

**Saturday, November 10, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting Cudahy plans to spend \$500,000 to build a new beef packing house addition to plant here.

**Wednesday, November 14, 1917****page**

2. College Hill street car No. 232 collided with a car at Washington and Douglas yesterday.
5. City commission placed ordinance on first reading yesterday establishing the route of the street railway extension as follows: south from Douglas on Osage, thence west on Dayton to Millwood, thence south on Millwood to the Orient shops -- approximately 1.6 miles of additional track.

**Friday, November 16, 1917****page**

12. J. L. Kendall appointed acting superintendent of the Wichita division of the Missouri Pacific effective today. He succeeds E. C. Wills, who will be assigned to special duties in St. Louis but expects to return to Wichita when these duties are completed.

**Saturday, November 17, 1917****page**

5. Frisco Railroad has sent fifteen of its largest new engines to the Wichita round house because of the heavy freight traffic between Wichita and Springfield, Missouri. A new turntable 75 feet long is being built for them. The engines are of the 1300s type.

Contract let yesterday for construction by the Wichita Flour Mills company of the largest flour mill in Kansas, to cost \$250,000. To be built just east of "The Daylight Mill" at 18th street and Santa Fe and will be a 1500 barrel a day addition to the old mill, which has 1000 barrel a day capacity, making a total of 2500 barrels a day. To be completed by July 1918 and will employ 75 to 100 people. It is the home of Kansas Expansion flour. The first part of the mill was erected three years ago. Tracks will be laid to the south and east of the new mill.

City commission yesterday voted to pave North Lawrence avenue with brick for a half mile north of 21st street.

**Tuesday, November 20, 1917**

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2. Article reports business men are advocating extending the street car loop from 1st and Market east to Topeka avenue, thus making it include three blocks in the heart of the business district instead of one.
5. Article reporting on laying of corner stone yesterday for the new Kansas Masonic Home.

**Wednesday, November 21, 1917****page**

5. The Auditorium, long a menace to safety and an eye sore, has been condemned by the city and is to be razed. It was built many years ago by the United Commercial Travelers. Later it was bought by private interests and used to some extent as a theater. It is now owned by the local Shrine lodge, bought it is said as a building site, and is unoccupied. It is located at 1st and St. Francis.

Building at 115-121 South Main has been leased for ten years to Ernest F. Wolf and the United Millinery company. It is a three story store front structure. Half of the ground floor is occupied by Wolf's bakery, which will eventually be enlarge to occupy the entire ground floor. The part at 119-121 South Main leased to United Millinery company is two stories with frontage of 56 feet. Mr. Wolfe's part has 44 foot frontage at 115-117 South Main.

**Wednesday, November 28, 1917****page**

12. A deed to approximately fifteen acres adjoining Riverside park was received by the city yesterday as part payment promised by the McKinley Syndicate in its recent settlement of the local traction controversy. The new piece of ground is accepted in lieu of \$15,000 of the \$50,000 promised to the city. The fees of the two attorneys representing the city amount to \$7000 of the \$50,000.

**Friday, November 30, 1917****page**

5. Contract ready to present to city commission for construction of the \$140,000 addition to the Forum, to be built on the southwest corner of Water and William streets adjoining the present city market. The bond issue was for \$200,000 and the lots cost the city \$60,000, leaving \$140,000 for the building.

**Sunday, December 2, 1917****page**

13. Article reporting that the Mid-Continent Tire company has manufactured 200 automobile tires thus far and expects to be making 75 tires a day by January 1 and 100 tire casings and 500 inner tubes a day by April 1.

**Thursday, December 6, 1917****page**

2. Arkansas Valley Interurban car No. 12, bound for Hutchinson, was struck by a Frisco train near Burrton yesterday and derailed, but damage to the car was slight.

Work on the new Wichita theater will start soon after March 1, at which time the leases expire on the buildings now occupying the site.

8. Photograph of new gymnasium under construction at Friends University. It is 90 feet by 50 feet with an arched ceiling 36 feet high.

### **Friday, December 7, 1917**

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5. Work on the extension of the street car line to the Orient shops started yesterday with excavation south from Douglas on Osage. Rails and ties have been strung along the route for some time.

### **Sunday, December 9, 1917**

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2. The Armstrong Music company's new store at 323 East Douglas will open Tuesday.
6. Article on history of the Auditorium at 1st and St. Francis, recently condemned and to be razed. A campaign in the hard times winter of 1895 raised money for the \$12,000 building, designed by C. W. Terry, architect, but it did not make expenses and was mortgaged and eventually sold to Colonel H. G. Toler.
11. Frisco Railroad has spent over \$30,000 recently in repairs and improvements at the local shops and yards. Buildings in the Frisco yards on South Mosley have been reroofed and repainted and fully repaired. A new larger turntable capable of handling the big engines recently placed on this division was installed.

### **Wednesday, December 12, 1917**

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5. Benjamin J. Sibbitt yesterday bought for \$16,000 the site of the old Moore foundry works at corner of 1st street and the Santa Fe tracks and will build a large new foundry and structural iron works. The site extends 220 feet north of 1st street along the elevated tracks and 132 feet east from the tracks.

### **Saturday, December 15, 1917**

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4. Cartoon criticizing College Hill street car riders who ride Fairmount cars instead of College Hill and cause long waits by Fairmount patrons in rush hours when cars are full.
5. Fund campaign for Fairmount college closed last night after raising \$108,409 of goal of \$125,000.

### **Sunday, December 16, 1917**

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5. Article reporting Superintendent Lewis appeared before city commission yesterday to explain recent poor service and crowded street cars. During normal conditions the street cars carry about 35,000 passengers daily, but during recent cold spell many private cars were abandoned temporarily and the cars have been carrying over 40,000 passengers a day. Also slippery streets make loading and unloading slower and cause schedule delays.

**Wednesday, December 19, 1917****page**

5. The Wichita Motor Bus company announced that it will have three new buses in service on Douglas avenue by the first of the year. They will be smaller than most of those now in service on this line, as the smaller size is said to be more satisfactory. They will be mounted on a Reo chassis.

**Friday, December 21, 1917****page**

5. Article reporting contract signed yesterday by Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban company for construction of new line from Wichita to the Butler county oil fields.

Exterior work completed yesterday on the new men's building at the municipal farm. When finished about first week in January, the men will be moved to the new building and the women into the old one.

12. Article reporting most of the concrete work for the basement of the Lassen hotel has been completed.

**Wednesday, December 26, 1917****page**

2. Report on Wichita fire department by engineer of National Board of Fire Underwriters.
- Plans for six room additions to Horace Mann school for \$40,000 and to Waco school for \$35,000 submitted for bids.

**Thursday, January 3, 1918****page**

5. Formal opening of Horace Mann school will be held January 18 and the first day of school in the new building will be January 28. There will be 450 pupils in the twelve room building. An addition of six rooms is to be made by next fall.

**Friday, January 4, 1918****page**

5. Article on plans to remodel the city hall interior.

**Wednesday, January 9, 1918****page**

5. Change in street car service beginning next Monday. Fairmount cars will run around the loop on fifteen minute service from 5:45 a.m. until 8:45 a.m., 20 minute service until 1:45 p.m., then fifteen minute service until 7:45 p.m., then 20 minute until 11:45 p.m. ¶ Mt. Carmel and Cleveland will operate together.