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## **TIHEN NOTES FROM 1918 WICHITA EAGLE**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, January 10, 1918**

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2. The Wichita Association of Architects was formed a few days ago and each member has made application for membership in the Kansas City chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

**Friday, January 11, 1918**

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5. Article about effects of severe weather on transportation, etc. Eight below this morning.

**Sunday, January 13, 1918**

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5. Article reporting a \$60,000 apartment building is to be built in first block on South Belmont avenue. Construction should start next week and completion due by May 1. Twelve apartments in building.

**Monday, January 14, 1918**

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5. The Colonial theater, 117 North Market, established in 1910, has been sold to a number of Wichita business men and will be entirely renovated before it reopens on February 1st.

Arkansas Valley Interurban announces it will make improvements in the road's right-of-way and about March 15 will start limited service with cars stopping only at town stations. Four cars now running as locals will be changed to the limited schedule. All the cars now run as locals and pick up passengers at any cross road.

**Tuesday, January 15, 1918**

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5. Board of education yesterday let contracts for addition to Horace Mann school and to Waco school and asked plans be completed soon for a new junior high school in the south part of the city.

**Friday, January 18, 1918****page**

5. A. E. Nuttle has brought suit against the Wichita Amusement Park company for \$40,388, claiming that the company gave him notes for \$35,000 in 1908, secured by a mortgage on Wonderland Park. The notes have not been paid and he has paid out money to keep the park from being sold for taxes.

**Saturday, January 19, 1918****page**

2. Article reporting the dedication yesterday of the new Horace Mann school.

**Tuesday, January 22, 1918****page**

5. The LeRoy hotel directly across street from YWCA building on North Topeka avenue, three stories (photograph), built two years ago by the McEwen family, was leased yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vidergott. Sixty-three rooms. Address is 147 North Topeka.

**Sunday, January 27, 1918****page**

5. The old Colonial Theater is being remodeled and will reopen as "The Regent" on February 7 under new management.
7. Photograph and article about Sedgwick County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, which received its first patient December 26, 1916 and has had 71 patients in its first year. It is located three and a half miles southeast of the city.

**Monday, January 28, 1918****page**

8. Photograph of new quarters of the Johnson Furniture company at 225-227 North Main. Three story brick building.

**Monday, February 4, 1918****page**

5. The Frisco has just received two new switch engines of the new Atlantic type, Nos. 3665 and 3666, and has installed double switching service.
8. The new Virginia Apartments at southeast corner of Topeka and 3rd have just been completed. Photograph and description.

**Tuesday, February 5, 1918****page**

2. Charles Lewis, superintendent, announced that street car service on the West Riverside line will be improved. The plan is to run a stub car service morning and evening from the

Riverside junction to the Riverside club and back, which will double the present service for that district.

**Wednesday, February 13, 1918****page**

2. City commission instructed city attorney yesterday to draw up an ordinance covering sanitation and proper repairs of street cars. Many complaints have been received about the cars.

**Thursday, February 14, 1918****page**

5. The state public utilities commission yesterday approved the application of the Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban Railroad company to issue bonds and stock to the amount of \$1,200,000.

**Friday, February 15, 1918****page**

5. The Kansas National bank yesterday leased for 99 years the building just north of the bank's building, thus assuring an adequate building site for its planned large new bank building at corner of Main and Douglas.

**Sunday, February 24, 1918****page**

12. Wichita has the prospects of some street car signs that are real signs. Two were received yesterday and at once tried out on the Stock Yards-South Main street line. They are four feet long by eleven inches high. The street railway company plans to put the signs on all cars that need signs except the College Hill cars, which are already equipped with plain signs.

**Sunday, March 3, 1918****page**

2. A man was struck yesterday under the viaduct by car (sic) No. 104 of the Wichita Bus company.

**Tuesday, March 5, 1918****page**

5. Forms are nearly complete for the third story of Hotel Lassen.

**Wednesday, March 6, 1918****page**

5. Fairmount's fund campaign has gone over the top at \$125,000.

Street car company has requested the city commission to allow a straight five cent fare until after the war, abandoning the sale of books of 24 tickets for \$1.00, and spending the increased revenue on higher wages for its men.

**Thursday, March 7, 1918****page**

5. Article about labor situation on Wichita street railway system. Nearly half of the street car operators now belong to the union and are demanding increased pay.

**Friday, March 8, 1918****page**

5. Name of the new intermediate school in south end decided on -- it's to be the Alexander Hamilton school.

Building and grounds committee of board of education is considering the old race track in old Griswold, now South Riverside park, as a desirable site for a gymnasium and athletic ground. There has been a demand for an athletic ground at the high school for some time.

Maple street bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic for about four months. It is to be inspected today to decide what to do with it.

**Saturday, March 9, 1918****page**

2. Ordinance placed on first reading yesterday requiring that street cars, buses, etc. must be kept clean.
5. Wichita Railroad and Light company yesterday announced a new wage scale for motormen and conductors giving about five cent an hour increase. To become effective March 15. Pay in first six months will be 25 cents an hour, increasing to 31 cents an hour in eighth year, with two cents per hour extra to operators of one man cars. Will mean an increase of over \$25,000 in the company payroll.

**Tuesday, March 12, 1918****page**

5. Contract awarded yesterday for new Alexander Hamilton school for \$91,000 and for new Skinner grade school in northeast part of city for \$11,500.

**Wednesday, March 13, 1918****page**

5. St. Francis hospital is negotiating for purchase of the entire south end of the block north of the hospital, with plans in view to erecting an annex to the hospital on the site.

Article about school board's search for an athletic ground for the high school. Football games are at present held in Mathewson's pasture and basketball games in the YMCA building, which is too small to accommodate the crowds wanting to attend.

**Thursday, March 14, 1918****page**

5. Article about plan to build a drive through Arthur Sim Memorial park this spring.

Article about the naming of the former Garfield university which opened in 1887 and closed in 1892. The property was then purchased by a Mr. Harding of Boston for \$65,000. There was no school there for six years until 1898, when James M. Davis bought the property and turned it over to the Friends for Friends university. ¶ The building was never completed by the original builders due to lack of funds. Since then additional parts have been completed, but there are yet rooms in the building unfinished. ¶ The president of Garfield university was Rev. W. D. Hendryx, who for years was pastor of the church which President Garfield attended in Ohio.

New telephone directory contains the names of nearly 11,000 subscribers. The directory is printed quarterly.

### **Saturday, March 16, 1918**

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2. The Plymouth Congregational church and the College Hill Congregational church have voted to re-unite the two churches, which have been separated for the past ten years. The name of the new church is to be the United Congregational Church of Wichita. The two churches will continue, the downtown one being known as the Plymouth Congregation of the United Congregational church and the one on the Hill as the College Hill Congregation. One pastor and an assistant pastor will preach interchangeably in each church.
5. Article reports street car company considering a change in North Riverside line to run a line east from Bitting and 10th street to Waco avenue, tearing out the line from Nims avenue north across Little river to 10th street.

### **Sunday, March 17, 1918**

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5. Plans are being prepared for a large heating plant and nurses home for St. Francis Hospital, to be erected on the newly acquired property across 9th street north of the hospital.
17. Long article with history of Auditorium playhouse shows from 1903. It operated yearly as a theater until the season of 1912, when it closed and Mr. Toler disposed of it. It opened briefly again from September 1, 1913 until October 25, 1913 when it closed except for a few home talent events after then. The seats were then removed and Innes and Company used it as a warehouse for some time. ¶ It is at present being wrecked.

### **Friday, March 22, 1918**

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5. The newly organized street railway men's union now is said to have more than 170 members in Wichita.

### **Saturday, March 23, 1918**

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5. Hotel Lassen is to be eleven stories instead of ten.

Ordinance granting franchise to the Jones Motor Bus Company was placed on first reading. Article gives details.

Article on organization of the local street railway employes' union. Lists names of officers of the Wichita local.

### **Sunday, March 24, 1918**

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5. Article about improvements planned by Arkansas Valley Interurban to speed up service. An early morning freight will be run from Wichita to Hutchinson and vice versa. Special milk cars are to be run, and transportation of milk on passenger cars will be largely discontinued. Date of new schedule not yet established.
6. Photograph of new Pierce Arrow car just purchased by Mrs. Billie Davidson of North Lawrence avenue. House is shown clearly behind the car in the photograph.

### **Monday, March 25, 1918**

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5. Southwestern Bell Telephone company moved its operations from the old buildings on North Market street to the new building at Lawrence avenue and 1st street Saturday night. The business offices have been located in the new building for several months. The new building was started during the summer of 1916.

### **Tuesday, March 26, 1918**

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5. Article reporting ground was broken yesterday for the new Wesley hospital, between Elm and Pine streets on Hillside avenue. To be four stories and cost approximately \$275,000.

### **Thursday, March 28, 1918**

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6. Column by Farmer Doolittle mentions Commodore Nelson, former Wichita street railway man, who is now a construction quartermaster in the war department with office in Chicago.

### **Saturday, March 30, 1918**

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5. Maple street bridge will be repaired for about \$2500 when ever the necessary lumber can be obtained.

### **Sunday, March 31, 1918**

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5. City plans to construct a municipal swimming pool in the Forum arena.

Article lists the animals at present in Riverside park zoo.

**Saturday, April 6, 1918****page**

2. A sketch by Mayor L. W. Clapp for the \$5000 entrance to Sim park was presented to the city commission Thursday.
  
5. Article reporting the city and Midland Valley Railroad are clashing over a strip of land 50 feet wide and one block long, adjoining the Big Arkansas river a block north of Douglas avenue. The city wants to open 1st street through this ground. The Midland Valley has owned it since 1911 but has never improved it. However it says it plans to build a round-house on the ground at some indefinite future date and contends that the city cannot take it.

**Sunday, April 7, 1918****page**

5. No bids received by city on the new \$130,000 Exposition building north of the Forum, so the city plans to go ahead and have the work done under direction of the city manager.

**Monday, April 8, 1918****page**

2. St. Francis hospital proposes to build a bridge over 9th street to connect the hospital with the new annex across the street. Sketch of the bridge.

**Thursday, April 11, 1918****page**

5. Arkansas Valley Interurban will inaugurate a new schedule April 14 with limited express passenger service twice daily and trains run at times of greatest need instead of at one hour twenty minute intervals as previously. Some stops at street intersections in the various towns are to be discontinued as are also a few of the street crossings in the cities of Wichita, Hutchinson, and Newton.

**Friday, April 12, 1918****page**

5. Al Derby, oil man from Independence, Kansas, yesterday purchased for \$25,000 the new brick house at 151 Roosevelt avenue, completed less than a month ago.

Article listing arguments by committee opposed to opening of "Wall street" between Douglas avenue and 1st street.

**Sunday, April 14, 1918****page**

2. Photograph of new Derby home at 151 Roosevelt avenue.
  
4. Advertisement showing new timetable of Arkansas Valley Interurban effective Sunday, April 14, 1918.

5. Wichita soon is to have a new riding club on East Central avenue one mile east of the city limits. Forty acre Kettering farm there purchased yesterday for \$15,000, to be used as site for \$10,000 stables and club house. It is three-quarters of a mile east of Belmont avenue.

### **Tuesday, April 16, 1918**

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12. Board of education yesterday re-let the contract for building the South Side Intermediate school, this time to L. W. Brown for \$74,797.

### **Wednesday, April 17, 1918**

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9. Ground was broken yesterday for the Forum annex, at corner of Water and William streets. To be 150 feet by 301 feet.
10. Patrons on the Riverside street car No. 115 during the rain Sunday found most of the seats in the car flooded with water which dripped through the roof almost as rapidly as though there had been no roof on the car.

### **Thursday, April 18, 1918**

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5. City awards paving contracts including:  
 Lorraine from Central to 8th with brick,  
 Waco from 15th to 18th with brick,  
 Yale from 2nd to 3rd with brick,  
 Bort (Quentin) from Douglas to 1st with brick,  
 15th street from Fairmount to Vassar with brick  
 Buffum from Franklin to Riverside Drive with asphaltic concrete.

Article about mob burning popcorn stand of German-American, at Lawrence and Douglas, they accused of being disloyal. Name is Davie Schwartzman.

### **Sunday, April 21, 1918**

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5. Article reporting that Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, widow, of Larimer avenue, went to a grocery store last week to buy a 24 pound sack of wheat flour and informed the grocer that she did not want any substitutes. The grocer insisted that the war regulations required that he sell her substitutes too. Then Mrs. Buckwalter showed an exemption signed by W. P. Innes, food administrator. It was stated at the food administration office that she secured the exemption by producing a certificate from a physician that the condition of her health is such that substitutes might work a hardship upon her.

After abandoning work on the West Side extension for about two months, the Wichita Railroad and Light company has again put its men to work and announces that construction of the car line will proceed without further interruption until the line is finished. It is estimated that the line will be ready for service early this summer. ¶ Some



of the poles and a portion of the track were put in before work was abandoned. Reasons given for stopping construction was the shortage of material and that the laborers were needed for the work on the East Douglas avenue tracks.

7. Article about hospitals in Wichita Kansas Sanitarium has 50 beds, Wichita Hospital has 114 beds and Wesley Hospital has 37 now but its new building will accommodate 125.

### **Monday, April 22, 1918**

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5. Report by Chief of Police Zickefoose on the recent mob violence and burning of Schwartzman popcorn stand.

### **Tuesday, April 23, 1918**

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2. Article giving reply of Mrs. Laura Buckwalter to the recent newspaper report (April 21) of her using an exemption certificate to buy wheat flour.

### **Wednesday, April 24, 1918**

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2. The old brick buildings on site of new Forum annex are now being wrecked. It is hoped to have the walls and roof of the new building completed in time for the fall wheat show, according to George Siedhoff, contractor.
5. The ordinance relating to sanitation of street cars and other public passenger conveyances was passed yesterday.

### **Friday, April 26, 1918**

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5. Article alleging that the street car company offered a bribe of \$1000 to influence the auditor's report on the amount owed the city so that it would show no more than \$35,000 due instead of the \$50,000 finally arrived at.

### **Sunday, April 28, 1918**

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12. The Johnson Brothers Auto Supply company, 227-229 South Lawrence avenue, has just incorporated.

### **Wednesday, May 1, 1918**

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5. City commission let contract yesterday for paving North Lawrence avenue from 21st to 25th street with brick.

City Commission yesterday granted the "Sisters of St. Joseph" (sic) permission to build a bridge over 9th street to connect two buildings of the St. Francis hospital.

**Friday, May 10, 1918****page**

2. Article reporting that the carmen of the Wichita Railroad and Light company will demand a further increase in pay.
5. Wichita High School will graduate its largest class this year -- 243, including 91 boys and 152 girls.

**Monday, May 13, 1918****page**

5. Article reports new wage scale for street car employes accepted by A. M. Patten, superintendent of the McKinley syndicate. ¶ First year employes on two man cars receive 29 cents per hour for first six months and 30 cents an hour for second six months. Second year 31½ cents, third year 32½ cents, fourth year 34 cents, fifth year and thereafter 35 cents. Men operating the one man cars receive two cents per hour extra. ¶¶ The new scale went into effect May 1st, and the men are well pleased according to C. R. Lewis, superintendent of the Wichita unit. The car men have only been organized since last March.

**Tuesday, May 14, 1918****page**

5. Railroad switching service in Wichita is to be pooled in accordance with orders from the U.S. Railroad Administration. The city is to be divided into zones for switching services (details given) in order to save on fuel, engines and crews needed.

The new White Way garage has opened at 210-212 West Douglas in building formerly occupied by the Jones Motor Car company.

**Wednesday, May 15, 1918****page**

5. A. A. Hyde has retired as president of the YMCA board after eighteen years in that position.

**Thursday, May 16, 1918****page**

2. The city is spending \$87 to replace the popcorn stand of Davy Schwartzman at the corner of Lawrence and Douglas avenues, which was burned by a mob on April 17 because they questioned his loyalty. It has since been learned that he is not a German subject nor in sympathy with the kaiser. In replacing the popcorn stand the city is complying with a state law which holds that cities are responsible for property destroyed by mobs that get beyond control.
5. City manager directed by the commission yesterday to ask the Santa Fe to place gates at the 13th street crossing, which has been termed "the most dangerous crossing in Kansas."

**Friday, May 17, 1918****page**

5. Fine new homes in College Hill district have increased assessed value of real estate from Hydraulic avenue east to city limits to \$7,359,000, an increase of \$2,118,000 since 1916 and \$1,654,000 since 1917. ¶ Article lists several prominent homes built since March 23, 1917 including Henry J. Allen home at 249 North Roosevelt worth \$40,000. Skaer home at Douglas and Volutsia worth \$30,000, A. C. Houston home at 315 Circle Drive worth \$25,000, Deering Marshall home at 2nd and Belmont worth \$45,000, and the John L. Powell home at 131 Circle Drive worth \$20,000.
  
14. Advertisement offering for sale a tract of land 232 by 285 feet with strip 30 feet wide leading to Waco and extending to bank of Little Arkansas river. Offered by P. J. Conklin -- "it is the most sightly part of the old Woodman estate and for 25 years it has been reserved by me" with expectation of building my home there, but circumstances have compelled me to give up this plan. (Appears to be the area now called Randle Manor.)

**Sunday, May 19, 1918****page**

5. Article on inauguration of a new system of issuing building permits after applications have been studied by a committee.

**Monday, May 20, 1918****page**

5. Plan to build swimming pool in area of the Forum has been abandoned because of expense and war necessities.  
  
Article urging action to prevent the federal government from discarding the Orient Railroad and selling the rail, etc., for junk.

**Thursday, May 23, 1918****page**

5. The Munger log cabin, said to be the first dwelling in Wichita, which has stood in Central Riverside park for a number of years, is to be moved. It is situated near a turn in one of the park drives. Because of the congestion which often occurs at the turn on Sundays, it has been decided that the drive and the turn must be widened. The cabin is in the way and must be moved. Disposition of it has not yet been decided.

**Friday, May 24, 1918****page**

5. Lassen Hotel lessees proposed to the board of directors of the hotel company the building of a two story addition on the 50 feet of ground immediately south of the hotel, the first floor to be used for a restaurant and the second as a ballroom, with foundations permitting it to be built up to ten stories at a later date.

Remodeling of the interior of the city hall is under way. Article gives details of rearrangements of departments.

**Sunday, May 26, 1918****page**

5. Article reporting a new post office branch is to be opened at the Union station.

Article reporting J. Hudson McKnight, 206 South Hydraulic, was arrested on charge of drawing a gun when he was being solicited for a donation to the Red Cross.

**Monday, May 27, 1918****page**

5. Five thousand people in Riverside park Sunday afternoon for the open air concert by the Midian Shrine band and the dedication of the new music shell (band shell?) which has just been completed.

**Tuesday, May 28, 1918****page**

5. Riverside park alligators have been taken from the zoo house to their pit. ¶ The open air theater's site has been changed from the old location east of the log cabin to the old street car grounds opposite the bath house, and the seating capacity has been enlarged. The showing of pictures will start Wednesday.

**Saturday, June 1, 1918****page**

5. Government approval has been received to build eight additional stories on the Bitting block at Douglas and Market, making it a twelve story building. The present building cost \$140,000 and cost when completed is estimated at close to \$325,000.

Contract let for building a \$30,000 two story annex to St. Francis hospital at corner of 9th and St. Francis avenue for a nurses home. Building will be 70 by 49 feet, situated on site of Henry J. Allen's old home, and is to be completed by October 1.

**Sunday, June 2, 1918****page**

5. Eighty acres of land at 17th and Oliver has been sold to the Forest park cemetery company for \$38,500, nearly \$500 an acre. The owners had purchased it in 1916 for \$7600, or \$95 an acre.

Municipal beach at Riverside park opens today. Towels and lockers will be five cents each and bathing suit rental is fifteen cents, up from five cents last year. Time limit for swimmers is one hour at a time in order to meet the demand for lockers and suits. When the gong rings everyone must leave the water and will be given 30 minutes to dress and vacate their lockers to make room for the next bunch.

**Wednesday, June 5, 1918****page**

5. Survey committee of board of education reports on Wichita's need for school buildings during next ten years, estimated to cost \$2,135,000.

**Thursday, June 6, 1918****page**

5. Work on addition to Bitting building will start next week.

**Saturday, June 8, 1918****page**

5. The Wells Fargo and American Express companies are to be consolidated into the American Railroad Express company.

**Sunday, June 9, 1918****page**

1. Drawing of new Wesley hospital building, on which work has progressed to the ground floor. Corner stone will be laid tonight.

**Monday, June 10, 1918****page**

5. Article reporting on laying of Wesley hospital corner stone yesterday.

**Sunday, June 16, 1918****page**

5. Mayor Clapp suggests opening Waterman through with a subway under the elevated tracks would be more feasible than opening William street through to provide for relief of east-west traffic on Douglas.

**Tuesday, June 18, 1918****page**

5. Work on the new Bitting building addition commences today.

**Sunday, June 23, 1918****page**

5. The new Belmont apartments, corner of Belmont and Douglas, are completed and ready for occupancy.
20. The Harness Racing Meet will open here July 3 for four days at the West Side race track.

**Wednesday, June 26, 1918****page**

5. Charles Sims, of Kansas City, has purchased the northwest (sic) quarter of Hillside avenue and 21st street for a new cemetery to be known as the Mission Hill Burial Park (sic).

**Thursday, June 27, 1918****page**

5. A temporary bathing beach for colored people is to be established in the next few days at the bend of the Little river, just below the municipal beach.

**Saturday, June 29, 1918****page**

6. Advertisement announcing opening of a Piggly Wiggly store in Wichita today at 1005 East Douglas.

**Sunday, June 30, 1918****page**

4. Article about plans for Sim Park with drawing of the main gateway and plan of the proposed drives, etc. Article gives description of the park area. It is hoped to open one principal drive encircling the outer areas of the park this year. It is hoped the park may be opened for use this year. (Same article on better paper on page 6 on July 2, 1918.)
10. Stone for entrance of Sim park will be furnished for \$2725 by the Missouri Quarries Company of Carthage, Missouri.

**Friday, July 5, 1918****page**

5. Initial contracts let this week for the new \$78,000 Wichita theater, 308-311 East Douglas. Work to start by July 15 and be completed by October 1.

**Saturday, July 6, 1918****page**

5. W. O. Mendenhall elected new president of Friends university, succeeding Edmund Stanley who has retired after 21 years.

**Sunday, July 7, 1918****page**

6. "Twenty-three street cars all in a row;  
Twenty-three street cars and one couldn't go."  
The above happened about midnight Friday night when a North Topeka bound street car jumped the track at 1st and North Main streets. The car meant to make the turn east on 1st but didn't succeed until street car employes pushed it on to 1st street 45 minutes later. Twenty-three other cars were lined up following this car, some on their way to the car barn and the others on their last trip for the night.

**Friday, July 12, 1918****page**

5. The new \$100,000 addition to the Wichita Flour Mills company mill at the corner of 17th street and Santa Fe avenue will open August 1, giving a total capacity of 2500 barrels of

flour daily. The old mill, constructed in 1914, has a capacity of 1000 barrels per day. With the addition, it is the largest flour mill in Kansas under one roof.

**Wednesday, July 17, 1918****page**

2. A. M. Patten of Topeka, general manager of Illinois Traction System's street car lines in Kansas, appeared before city commission yesterday to oppose granting of a franchise to Herbert C. Jones for a motor bus line in Wichita. ¶ He reports that the jitney lines in Wichita have already reduced the earnings of the Wichita company more than \$800 a day and that the net earnings decreased 20% in 1917 over 1916.

**Sunday, July 21, 1918****page**

9. Full page advertisement for "Midco" Super Service tires -- made by the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company in Wichita.

**Wednesday, July 24, 1918****page**

5. Franchise ordinance for bus line operated by Herbert C. Jones placed on first reading. Requires him to pay four percent of his gross earnings to the city for the privilege of operating an auto-bus line on the streets of Wichita.

**Friday, July 26, 1918****page**

5. Mrs. Laura Buckwalter, of Larimer avenue, has addressed a protest to William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads. Mrs. Buckwalter has been informed that none but members of the Grand Army of the Republic or auxiliary organizations will be permitted to take advantage of the cut rates to the state of Washington to attend the national Grand Army of the Republic encampment. She is the widow of the late Oliver Buckwalter, of the Ohio Infantry during the Civil war and believes she should be entitled to the reduced state.

Article about progress with remodeling of the City hall.

**Saturday, July 27, 1918****page**

5. Mayor Clapp has issued warrant for arrest of A. M. Patten of the Illinois Traction System and manager of their Kansas street car systems if he returns to Wichita. He is tired of the delays and dilatory methods of the street car company in complying with the terms of their contract with the city agreed to last fall.

**Sunday, July 28, 1918****page**

5. North End bathing beach, on Little Arkansas river at corner of 19th street and Arkansas avenue, was opened to the public yesterday. One hundred lockers have been installed in the new bath house.

**Tuesday, July 30, 1918****page**

5. Article reporting the death of Lieutenant C. Thomas Hopkins, 1124 Bitting avenue, killed in action in France on July 21. Was in 1912 class of Wichita High School.

**Friday, August 2, 1918****page**

2. Charles R. Lewis, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company, announced the arrival from St. Louis of a new street car. It is the first of a number which have been ordered for some time. It is a one-man car, similar to those in use on the College Hill-University line, and will be put into service within a few days.

**Saturday, August 3, 1918****page**

2. Drawing of Wichita's new \$200,000 exposition building, now rapidly nearing completion.
6. Masked men attempted last night to hold up motorman on West Riverside line in front of the Riverside club house. The car was No. 225, one of the new one-man cars operating on the Riverside-Emporia line.

**Sunday, August 4, 1918****page**

5. New boilers and radiator valves are being installed at Sedgwick county court house and jail at cost of about \$75,000 (sic) (7500?).
- B5. First of series of articles giving history of Wichita's controversy with the Wichita Water company. Series continued daily through August 7.

**Monday, August 5, 1918****page**

2. Report that Orient Railroad freight and passenger trains will use the Midland Valley depot beginning August 7. ¶ At present the Orient freight depot is located east of the Rock Island depot on East Douglas avenue and the passenger depot is a temporary affair nearby.

**Saturday, August 10, 1918****page**

5. Article reporting details of the death in battle of Lieutenant Thomas Hopkins.

New course in auto repair and auto engineering is to be introduced at Wichita High School this fall.



**Thursday, August 15, 1918****page**

3. Wichita is using more water this summer than ever before -- more than seven million gallons daily according to superintendent of Wichita Water company.

**Saturday, August 17, 1918****page**

5. Article reporting headquarters of Orient Railroad for Kansas and Texas will be located in Wichita. The railroad has made a lease for the old Bell Telephone building in second block on North Market.

Article reporting City Manager Ash plans transfer of the buffalo, elk and deer at Riverside park to larger quarters at Linwood park. ¶ Deer and elk have been kept at Riverside for more than a dozen years, while buffalo have been there for more than seven years. ¶ Mr. Ash says another improvement at Riverside park will be some change in the driveways leading to the north entrance to Woodman bridge. There are four driveways approaching the bridge at the north side. This is dangerous, Mr. Ash says, and must be changed.

**Sunday, August 18, 1918****page**

5. Long article describing the new Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing company plant at 13th and Wabash. Photograph.

**Tuesday, August 20, 1918****page**

5. Driveway at Riverside park to be rearranged in order to relieve congestion of the driveway in front of the animal cages. A new thoroughfare is to be opened through the entrance to the park. It will cross the street car tracks and then run through the newly opened strip of ground west of Riverside park and connect with the Sim park boulevard. ¶ Autos now are allowed to drive both east and west alongside the duck pond. By opening up the drive to the west through the entrance, there will be but one way traffic may go.

**Thursday, August 22, 1918****page**

5. The New Masonic Home building will be ready for occupancy about December 1.

**Friday, August 23, 1918****page**

2. Photograph and report on progress of construction on new Wesley hospital, now up to second story. Work only commenced on March 28. Corner stone was laid June 9.
5. "The acquisition of Riverside club by the Shriners has been a decided improvement to Riverside." Every night pedestrians and autoists repair there and enjoy the nightly dip from their bathing beach in the river.

**Sunday, August 25, 1918****page**

2. Advertisement of the Wichita Tractor Company, 421-423 North Water street. ¶ Article on page 3 says company is turning out a complete tractor every working day.

**Thursday, August 29, 1918****page**

5. The new six room wing of Horace Mann school is completed and ready for occupancy with the opening of school September 9. The building now contains nineteen rooms. ¶ The Alexander Hamilton intermediate school is up to the second floor and should be ready for occupancy by the opening of the second semester. ¶ The new Skinner school building on East 21st, with three rooms, is ready for use and will replace the 17th street building, which has been moved to the Lowell school grounds.

**Friday, August 30, 1918****page**

5. Article reporting rumor that street car company may ask for increase in fare to six cents, as has been asked in Topeka.

**Wednesday, September 4, 1918****page**

5. Everyone knows that Wichita's street cars have their faults, but during the heavy rain Tuesday the cars, especially the summer cars, were especially faulty. One Waco avenue car the wind blew the rain in with such force that passengers were drenched despite the fact that the side curtains had been lowered.

**Saturday, September 7, 1918****page**

5. Ordinance granting Herbert C. Jones a franchise to operate bus lines on the streets of Wichita was passed Friday. Under the revised draft he is required to pay the city \$20 a month per bus based on the maximum number of buses on the streets at an one time for regular or continuous service.

**Sunday, September 8, 1918****page**

5. Article about Tipton Cox, formerly with the bankrupt Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company here, and now living in Little Rock. Says "the Cox home, just before the failure of their business house in Wichita, was the old Oak Davidson brown stone residence on Riverside Drive facing the Little river, one of the finest homes in Wichita a few years ago."

**Saturday, September 14, 1918****page**

5. Article about progress on construction of new Forum annex. To be ready for fall wheat show opening September 30.

**Sunday, September 15, 1918****page**

5. Seventeen hundred and sixty students enrolled in the high school so far compared with 1644 last year at this time. About 600 at Horace Mann.

**Wednesday, September 18, 1918****page**

5. In memoriam of the late Quentin Roosevelt, property owners on Bort avenue have presented the city commission with a petition to have that street's name changed from Bort to Quentin avenue. The commission Tuesday complied with this request by passing an ordinance changing the name to Quentin.

Article reporting Arkansas Valley Interurban says it is unable to fulfill certain terms of its franchise granted by the city in July 1916.

**Friday, September 20, 1918****page**

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company plans to put into operation next month a "skip-stop" plan to save fuel. Details given.
7. The new Exposition building is nearly completed. It has been built in record time, as ground was only broken on April 15.

**Friday, September 27, 1918****page**

5. The sidetrack in the street car line in the thirteenth block on South Main has been done away with. Persons residing in the vicinity of this line south of Bailey (sic) street who are habitual users of the street cars are inclined to think the cars are going wild as they pass over the single track without slowing down.
7. Five room bungalow at 1108 Carlos sold for \$2650. ¶ Modern residence at 1111 Bitting sold for \$4500.

**Sunday, September 29, 1918****page**

1. Photograph of new Forum annex.
20. There is a street in Wichita named "Dort." It is on the West Side. There was an avenue named "Bort," just west of Roosevelt avenue on College Hill. The two names were confusing to mail men and others, and for some time it has been contemplated that the name of one or the other might be changed. ¶ After Quentin Roosevelt's death it occurred to two grain men, Sam Wallingford and C. M. Evans, both living on what was Bort avenue, to have the property owners petition to change the name of Bort to Quentin avenue. The city commission acceded to the request, and hereafter what was Bort avenue will be known as Quentin avenue.

Special Wheat Show section. Many photographs.

Automobile section

7. Article about dedication Friday of Carrie Nation memorial drinking fountain at Union Station.

### **Tuesday, October 8, 1918**

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5. Wichita's Red Cross flu hospital has been established in the former Wichita Manual Training Association building at 2146 North Topeka avenue.

### **Wednesday, October 9, 1918**

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1. Photograph of large outdoor war map on north side of Eagle building.
5. Crowds arrive on each train for the International Wheat Show. A Missouri Pacific train arrived from the south today with eight extra coaches, each one loaded to the platforms and over 180 persons standing in the aisles.

### **Thursday, October 10, 1918**

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1. Wichita's fall fair closed early after last night because of flu epidemic. Partial quarantine declared for city.

### **Saturday, October 12, 1918**

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5. Cement is being poured for the eleventh story of the Bitting building. Brick is now being laid for the sixth story.

### **Sunday, October 13, 1918**

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5. The "skip stop" plan for operating street cars in Wichita will go into effect Monday. Stopping places will be designated by large yellow crosses painted on poles.

### **Monday, October 14, 1918**

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5. Article about "skip stop" schedule going into effect this morning on Wichita street cars. Will cut out stops at 88 street intersections -- street cars now stop at 298 points, and this will be reduced to 210 points. Estimated to save about 1760 pounds of coal a day.

### **Tuesday, October 15, 1918**

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5. With the "skip-stop" system, street cars are no longer stopping on both sides of the Main and Douglas corner, but on the near side only.

**Wednesday, October 16, 1918****page**

5. So far everyone is enthusiastic over the Skip-Stop system which was adopted Monday by the Wichita Railroad and Light company according to C. R. Lewis, superintendent.

**Thursday, October 17, 1918****page**

5. Report of death of Milo B. Kellogg in Washington State, where he has lived for several years. Came to Wichita in late 60s as a clerk for the Durfee ranch, and was the first postmaster here about 1868 and '69. In early days he took a claim in southern part of Wichita and platted it as Kellogg's addition. In order to finance it he mortgaged it at twelve percent interest, and that interest rate resulted in loss of the property to Mr. Kellogg. Later he was in grocery business as Jocelyn and Kellogg before moving away nearly 30 years ago. One daughter survives.

**Friday, October 18, 1918****page**

5. The Red Cross Influenza hospital at 2146 North Topeka is almost filled with 145 patients now being treated.

**Sunday, October 20, 1918****page**

6. The Novelty theater at 408 East Douglas has been sold.
13. Wichita Railroad and Light company advertisement against spitting on floor of street car.

**Monday, October 21, 1918****page**

5. Widow of William Griffenstein died Sunday, age 65, at Shawnee, Oklahoma. She was Mrs. Catherine Griffenstein. They were married in 1869. Survivors include two sons, Charles of Wichita and William, of Enid, Oklahoma. Otto Weiss is a nephew.

**Wednesday, October 23, 1918****page**

5. A new auto truck was recently acquired for Fire Station No. 6 at Lawrence and Bayley, and the horses were transferred to the park department.

**Friday, October 25, 1918****page**

5. The goose neck out near the packing house is being paved.

**Sunday, October 27, 1918****page**

3. Advertisement for the new College Hill Memorial Lawns burial park at 17th and Oliver. Entrance of Carthage stone.

4. The old Santa Fe line south from Wellington to Caldwell is being taken up. The yards at Caldwell are now being taken up. ¶ The old line came into Wellington from the northeast. The depot was at the north end of Washington avenue. The track ran through the west part of town about a block east of the Rock Island track. When the Santa Fe extended its lines west from Wellington the line though the west part of town was taken up and the track came into the east part of town, turning from the old established right-of-way several miles northeast of town. It was then changed again when the Santa Fe rebuilt the big yards in Wellington, and this time the right-of-way was established about a mile east of the second line, which ran close to eastern edge of Prairie Lawn cemetery.
5. The Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company has purchased a lease on the Morgan Brothers and M. R. Diver properties at the northwest corner of Douglas and Waco for the purpose of erecting a depot and shops. The tract is 300 by 400 feet and is between Waco and the Arkansas River and between Douglas avenue and the Missouri Pacific tracks. It is now occupied by two feed barns owned by Morgan Brothers and M. R. Diver. The passenger and freight depots, repair shops and company offices are now located at northeast corner of 1st and Water.
10. Advertisement with photograph of College Hill Garage.
14. State Board of Agriculture census shows Wichita population of 62,404, an increase of 4086. Kansas City was 93,121 and Topeka 40,624, down from 44,325. ¶ The largest gain was at Eldorado, from 7154 in 1917 to 16,246.

**Monday, October 28, 1918****page**

5. Notices have been posted in street cars that parents must pay full fare for children five years and over. Conductors have been prone to overlook "fudging" on the age limit, thus losing thousands of fares annually. Conductors who have worked in other cities say the street railway in Wichita is more accommodating and overlooks more in old transfer and children's fares than any system they know of.

City Manager Ash advises the people of Wichita to lay in a supply of coal for the extreme cold weather when the gas runs low.

**Wednesday, October 30, 1918****page**

5. Because enough Indians retain superstitions and will not attend a school that overlooks a cemetery, Professor Henry Roe Cloud asked the city commission yesterday to prevent the building of a new cemetery on a 40 acre tract immediately west of the Roe Institute which has been purchased by a cemetery company for that purpose.

**Thursday, October 31, 1918****page**

3. The Winne building was leased yesterday by its owners, S. B. Amidon and A. J. Christman, to the McVicar-Howard-Millhaubt Clothing company for twelve years at a rental of \$1000 per month. It was purchased four years ago by the present owners from A. J. Street, of Kansas City, Missouri, for about \$80,000. The clothing company will occupy two floors and sublet the remainder of the building.

**Friday, November 1, 1918****page**

5. Hamilton Hotel was sold yesterday by John E. Benson to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harris for about \$85,000. The building will be renovated for about \$20,000. Charles L. Way has been chief clerk at the hotel for more than sixteen (?) years during which the management has changed eight times. It contains 80 rooms and 40 private baths. Photograph.

**Sunday, November 10, 1918****page**

5. A total of 194 deaths occurred in Wichita in October, the largest number ever recorded here in a single month. Of these 109 were caused by influenza or pneumonia.

**Monday, November 11, 1918****page**

1. Armistice signed at midnight last night with hostilities to cease at 6:00 a.m. today.

**Friday, November 15, 1918****page**

5. The Mid-Continent Tire Company has been given permission to increase its production four times to its full capacity. It has been restricted by the war industries board to production of not more than 1000 tires a month, which has caused a financial loss. Details.

**Sunday, November 17, 1918****page**

3. Federal judge has given the city of Winfield authority to take over and operate the street railway lines there provided a proper rental is rendered the receiver for the Southwestern Interurban Railway company.
5. No more patients will be received at the Red Cross flu hospital after noon today. The 20 patients there will remain until cured.

**Thursday, November 21, 1918****page**

5. The "Skip-Stop" system will be abolished soon, manager C. R. Lewis of Wichita Railroad and Light company says. However there will be no more double stops at the corner of Main and Douglas, and only the near side stops now in effect will be made.

**Sunday, November 24, 1918**

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5. The city is making arrangements to lease space in the Exposition building and annex to the Forum Drive-In and Storage company for auto parking and storage. Details.
- B3. Article describes the new home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Parks on Belmont avenue. Photograph.

**Wednesday, November 27, 1918****page**

5. E. V. Johnston, president, and Earl Withrow, secretary, of the Domestic Laundry company, 1421-29 East Douglas, have bought a controlling interest in the People's Cleaning and Laundry company at 211 South Lawrence. Details.
6. Tax valuation of Sedgwick county is \$137,210,738 compared with \$123,819,218 last year.

**Tuesday, December 3, 1918****page**

5. Some people like the way the new telephone directories are compiled, while others who have been accustomed to finding their numbers in directories printed in the other form for years, can not get used to the new method.

**Wednesday, December 4, 1918****page**

5. The county has received petition for paving twelve and a half miles of South Lawrence avenue road with brick. This with the new Central avenue road, which is seven and three-eighths miles long, will make about 20 miles of paving.

**Thursday, December 5, 1918****page**

5. Street car troubles reported Tuesday included:  
Car No. 239 off the Emporia avenue Y.  
Car No. 227, breakdown on Pattie avenue  
Power off one hour on North Main street circuit.  
Line down at 3rd and Main streets and at 13th and Hillside.

**Friday, December 6, 1918****page**

5. The state fuel administrator has given the local street railway permission to do away with the skip-stop schedule.

**Saturday, December 7, 1918****page**

5. Article about the North End drainage problem and proposed remedies.



6. The first cars were run Thursday over the new West Side street car extension to the Orient shops. Difficulty in getting labor and materials delayed completion of the line. It is a little more than one mile long, running south on Osage from West Douglas, west on Dayton to Millwood, and thence to the Orient shops.

**Monday, December 9, 1918****page**

3. Article about poor condition of dirt streets in Wichita. Says Wichita has 80 miles of paved streets and approximately 300 miles of dirt roads.
5. Article about new Masonic home -- says by January 1 all of the residents should be settled in their new quarters.

**Tuesday, December 10, 1918****page**

5. New brick pavement on Lorraine avenue between Central and 8th street is now being completed.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1918****page**

3. Arkansas Valley Interurban has asked for an extension of its franchise to construct a Wichita terminal from June 28, 1919 to June 28, 1921. War time conditions have caused delays. It is hoped to start construction next spring.

**Saturday, December 14, 1918****page**

1. Photograph of Hotel Lassen, which is to open December 31. Article describes it. Two hundred and fifty rooms, 201 with connecting baths. Cost of ground \$125,000. Cost of building -- \$1,000,000. Cost of furnishings \$250,000.

**Sunday, December 15, 1918****page**

5. Changes in street car schedules on Riverside, Fairmount and Cleveland lines go into effect today. ¶ Present fifteen and 20 minute service on Riverside line is to be replaced by twelve and fifteen minute service -- every twelve minutes until 8:00 p.m. and every fifteen minutes thereafter. The North Riverside car will make connection with all the West Riverside cars. A special one man car has been constructed here to handle this service. The through cars on the Riverside lines will pass at the Riverside Park switch. ¶ On the Fairmount line there will be straight fifteen minute service throughout the day until 10:00 p.m., replacing the present fifteen and 20 minute schedule. ¶ The Cleveland and Mt. Carmel line will have twelve minute service from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m., fifteen minute from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., twelve minute from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and fifteen minute from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

During the past week workmen repairing the Plymouth Congregation of the United Congregational church have removed the old bell tower erected about 30 years ago when

the first church was built. When the present church was erected the tower was allowed to remain, but recently it has been leaking badly and it was decided to remove it.

**Tuesday, December 17, 1918****page**

5. Central avenue road to be paved with concrete for seven and three-eighths miles east at estimated cost of \$36,922 per mile; from the city limits to the Butler county line. ¶ The South Lawrence avenue brick paving is estimated to cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 per mile for the twelve and a half miles.

**Thursday, December 19, 1918****page**

3. The Steel Hardware company, 126 North Main, established in 1884, is opening a branch store at 3110 East Douglas in the east room of the Seidhoff (sic) garage. Article gives history of the Steel Hardware company.
5. The Wichita theater, the city's newest motion picture and vaudeville house, will be opened Monday, December 23. It was built by the Peerless Theater company (officers listed) at a cost of more than \$150,000.

The South Emporia street car line is to be extended two blocks from the present wye at Zimmerly street to Harry street, it was announced Tuesday by C. R. Lewis, superintendent.

**Friday, December 20, 1918****page**

5. The seven story addition to the Bitting building is ahead of schedule. Construction work commenced July 23, 1918 and it should be completed in the first week of February. All exterior work will be completed by Saturday night. The scaffolding is now being removed.

**Sunday, December 22, 1918****page**

9. Article describing new Wichita theater which is to open tomorrow tonight. Has 1400 seats. Photograph of interior.

**Monday, December 23, 1918****page**

3. Photograph of interior of Wichita theater looking toward rear.

**Tuesday, December 24, 1918****page**

3. Drawing of proposed memorial arch to span one of the principal streets, presumably the corner of Douglas and Lawrence avenues. To be temporary in nature, with estimated cost \$5000. Tag Day to be held next Saturday with appeal for donations to build it.

5. Record snow fall of 12.3 inches in 24 hours ending at midnight Monday. Previous record was March 8-9, 1909 with even twelve inches and March 23, 1912 with eleven inches. Weather bureau has been established here for 31 years. The depth of snow is established by 50 measurements taken at different points about the city. ¶ The Wichita street railway attempted to maintain some service Monday and Monday night, but by 10:00 p.m. everything was stalled. Superintendent Lewis then spent his energy trying to get the cars off the main streets. A street grader and a lot of teams were employed but the teams couldn't budge the grader through the packed snow, as he hustled out for a gasoline tractor and at midnight was at the head of gangs of workmen trying to clear the rails. Half of the street cars which bucked the snow Monday evening were unable to get to the barns before 2:00 a.m. and some were out for all night. ¶ The Missouri Pacific sent its Wichita-Kansas City passenger train out of the local terminal last evening behind two monster engines which were talking at a deafening pace as they stormed northward into the blinding snow.

Article reporting opening of Wichita theater Monday night.

### **Wednesday, December 25, 1918**

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5. Article about the heavy snow, which totaled one and eight-tenths feet, the heaviest ever registered by the local weather station. ¶ Thirteen street cars were lined up on the track between Douglas avenue and 1st street on Market Tuesday morning at seven o'clock immobilized by the snowstorm.

### **Friday, December 27, 1918**

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3. A force of men is rapidly clearing the snow from the street railway lines in hopes they will all be open by the last of this week. ¶ The College Hill and Fairmount lines were opened to the loops Thursday, and starting early Friday the Topeka line will be opened as far as the clearing force can go. ¶ The method employed in removing the snow is to use two graders each followed by large disc harrows. To each of the graders is hitched eight horses and to each of the disc harrows six horses. Following the disc a crew of men with picks clear the remaining ice from the tracks.

### **Saturday, December 28, 1918**

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5. The street railway company is removing the snow and ice from the car tracks as rapidly as possible and hopes to have all lines open and the regular schedule in operation by Sunday noon. The Topeka avenue line is now open to the loop. The South Main and Fairmount cars also run to the end of the line, while the College Hill and Stock Yards lines are open to within a few blocks of the end. Saturday morning work will begin on the clearing of the Cleveland avenue line.

### **Sunday, December 29, 1918**

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5. New \$50,000 apartment house with fifteen to eighteen apartments to be built on a 75 foot frontage at 327 North Topeka by Robert J. McKee.

Fairmount College plans to build \$40,000 gymnasium as a memorial to Fairmount boys who died in service, according to plans of the alumni association.

**Tuesday, December 31, 1918**

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8. Photograph of Lassen hotel. Advertisements announcing opening today.

**Wednesday, January 1, 1919**

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1. Article reporting on opening of Lassen hotel last night.