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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1878 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

**Wednesday, January 2, 1878**

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5. Mr. Colby, the patentee of the artificial stone which has been extensively used in this city the past season, left for Streeter, Illinois last week.

Smith and McCoomb Brothers, saddlers and harness manufacturers, now occupy the old stand on Douglas Avenue lately vacated by C. M. Garrison.

Mr. St. Clair Gray moved his stock of oils and lamps to the building lately fitted up by Mr. W. B. Smith, on Douglas Avenue near the Tremont House.

The congregation of the German Methodist Episcopal of this city, which worships at the school house, is having a healthy growth under Rev. Mathel.

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5. Report from Mr. James Goodyear, superintendent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad stock yards, for the year ending December 31, 1877. Stock shipped, in 868 cars, included 12 mules, 470 sheep, 4161 cattle, 35 horses, and 7163 hogs; stock received, in 170 cars, included 235 mules, 430 sheep, 175 cattle, 546 horses, and 295 hogs.

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5. Hellar and Steadman bought and packed 233 head of hogs last week, making about 500 head for the season.

Mr. Barclay has completed the laying of gas pipes in Houck Brothers building. The rest of the apparatus has been shipped, and unless something unforeseen turns up, the building will be lighted by gas in about one week.

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5. The railroad companies have put in a new turn table at this place.

The Grand Pacific Hotel, on Douglas Avenue between Emporia Avenue and 4th Avenue, is kept in excellent style by the new proprietors, Messrs. Turner and Grismore.

Mr. Lewis Hays, of Haysville, this county, died last Sunday morning, at the age of about 70 years. He was buried yesterday in the Wichita Cemetery.

6. Advertisement with drawing of Houck Brothers Hardware Store.

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5. N. A. English is laying out his fourth addition to the city of Wichita, consisting of 21 acres lying east of the railroad and immediately north of the stock yards.

Trickey Brothers will close out their grocery store on Thursday. What goods are left over will be taken to their grocery store in El Paso (i.e., Derby). They expect to actively engage in farming. Thus closes for the present one of the oldest and most reliable houses in Wichita.

Houck Brothers mammoth hardware store was brilliantly illuminated with gas last Monday night for the first time. Mr. Barclay attached his small 15 light cylinder to the pipes, and with it ran 19 large jets. Details.

8. The County Board (of Commissioners) last Friday decided to locate the bridge across the North Fork of the Nennescah River on the section line one mile south of the line running directly west from Wichita. Details.

### **Wednesday, February 6, 1878**

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5. The plasterers are at work on the upper story of McPherson's new stone block on Main Street.

The stage from Wichita to Eldorado is now leaving this city on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Houck Brothers now have the large cylinder attached to their gas pipes, and it makes a great difference. They burn 60 feet of gas, costing 15 cents per hundred feet. They also use the gas in their tin shop instead of charcoal.

The new Douglas Avenue Hotel bus arrived last Thursday and was placed on the streets on Monday. It is a very handsome vehicle, made in Quincy, Illinois, and cost \$831 delivered in Wichita. Passengers will be conveyed between the hotel and the depot free of charge. For those not guests of the hotel, the charge will be 25 cents.

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5. We learn that Mr. Samuel Houck is preparing to introduce gas into his residence. Houck Brothers are highly pleased with the experiment in their store.

M. Hellar and Company have slaughtered up to last Saturday 680 hogs, which averaged 306 pounds, for which they paid an average of nine dollars a head.

Long list of names of committee members of the Old Settlers' Association.

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5. Mr. F. Barclay completed his job of piping and putting up gas fixtures in the New York Store last Saturday. The reservoir and cylinder will arrive this week and the former will be placed in the street in front of the store.

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5. Judge W. C. Little has been appointed receiver of the First National Bank of this city, replacing H. B. Cullum, who has resigned and gone to Kansas City.

The New York Store was illuminated with gas Thursday night for the first time.

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5. E. H. Nugent is about completing a residence on his lot on Emporia Avenue, near Central Avenue.

F. N. Lewis has built on South Main Street one of the handsomest private residences in the city.

Mr. George A. White has the contract for reconstructing the bridge over the Cowskin Creek at the Mead crossing.

Mr. John W. Bear will survey in a few days the town site of Germania, which will be located at the junction of the townships of Attica, Garden Plain, Sherman and Union. He is now engaged in laying off lots in English's new addition to the city of Wichita.

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5. Mr. C. W. Fisk is building a residence on his lots on Emporia Avenue opposite the public school buildings.

Hellar and Steadman, pork packers, closed their packing season last week. They have packed nearly 1000 hogs.

Mr. McCampbell sold his Main Street meat market last week to Mr. Emory, and has opened another market on Douglas Avenue, between 4th Avenue and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad depot.

City Council lately passed an ordinance to settle the difficulty in relation to the occupancy of omnibus and hack stands at the depot. Details. Criticism.

We regret that we are about to lose that genial gentleman and able lawyer, Col. George H. English, who will shortly remove to Kansas City. Col. English came here over four years ago.

Report of marriage at the residence of the bride's father on March 6th by Rev. J. P. Harsen, of M. R. Moser and Lucinda B. Massey.

Report of the public schools for the sixth month, ending March 8th, 1878. Average daily attendance 546. Details.

### **Wednesday, March 20, 1878**

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5. N. A. English is putting up a livery stable on the southwest corner of Douglas Avenue and Topeka Avenue.

Summary of the city assessor's returns on the number of businesses in Wichita: There are five clergymen, 20 lawyers, and ten physicians, 23 groceries, 16 saloons. Details.

Byers and Company, of Kansas City, have rented the old post office room in Eagle Block for a hardware store.

A. J. Cutter has sold his saloon to W. Garrett and bought back the Grand Pacific Hotel. Mr. Cutter was the original proprietor of the hotel.

O. C. Daisy returned Saturday from Topeka, where he bought two street sprinklers.

Mr. Joe Allen, of the City Drug Store, bought of William Greiffenstein last week the brick business house formerly occupied by Shlichter and Russell, and now by Fraker and Hacker, hardware merchants. The latter firm has a lease on it until the first of September, when Mr. Allen will remove his stock of drugs to his new room.

8. Proclamation of city election to be held Tuesday, April 2nd, with list of voting places.

### **Wednesday, March 27, 1878**

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5. We notice that Basley, the enterprising proprietor of the City Stables, has made a large addition to his stable in the way of a carriage room, 20 by 80 feet. He has also moved his house to Market Street, between English Street and Waterman Street.

Mr. D. A. Rudolph, from Logansport, Indiana, has located in this city and will open a law and collection office.

Report of a baptism last Sunday afternoon at Weidner's ford, on the Little Arkansas River.

Fraker and Hacker, the hardware dealers, have purchased the brick store room formerly occupied by Brown and Hannum's Auction Store, on Douglas Avenue. They have let the contract for building a 50 foot extension on the rear to Martin Hellar, the artificial stone manufacturer. This stone will be used in its construction.

Houck Brothers have let the contract for erection of a large building on Douglas Avenue on the site of the office of the Wisconsin Lumber Yard. It will be one story high, 16 feet in the clear and 50 feet wide by 100 feet long, and is to be built of artificial stone. Mr. Martin Hellar has the contract for the stone work.

We regret to see Mr. Oliver retiring from the City Council.

### **Wednesday, April 3, 1878**

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5. Report of results of city election yesterday. William Greiffenstein elected mayor. Details.

Mr. David Emmert proposes to get up a city directory. Details.

The Grand Pacific Hotel, under the management of Mr. A. J. Cutter, has been placed in an excellent condition.

7. Advertisement for the Tremont House, Deming and Baker, proprietors, at corner of Douglas Avenue and Emporia Avenue. (Formerly the Empire House; advertisement dated December 4, 1877.)

### **Wednesday, April 10, 1878**

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3. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad advertisement. Says daily stages in connection with trains run from Wichita to Augusta, Douglass, Winfield, Arkansas City, Wellington and Caldwell.

5. Houck Brothers large artificial stone block, 48 by 120 feet, is rapidly being put up. The walls are well advanced, and the building will be ready, for occupancy by the last of the month.

Mr. J. Kellar moved his place of residence last week. He now occupies the Royal property, near the Little Arkansas River.

Peter Getto has the foundation laid, on the corner of 2nd Street and Water Street, of a fine residence. He has the lumber on hand and the house will be built in a few weeks.

Report of City Council meeting last Monday evening, with text of addresses by outgoing mayor Hope and new mayor Greiffenstein. Details. New officers and committees appointed (named).

O. C. Daisy has put on the street two sprinklers which are a novelty in appearance and excellent in performance. The apparatus was made in Quincy and consist of two curved and perforated pipes each supplied by separate hose attached to the water tank, controlled by valves and lever, the latter worked by the feet of the driver. The supply can be cut off from either side at will. Daisy has his reservoir on Topeka Avenue near Douglas Avenue, on Al Packer lots.

Report of location of a new town in Harper County in Township 33, south half of Section 24 and north half of Section 25, Range 7 West, about eight miles south of Harper City. Incorporators named.

### **Wednesday, April 17, 1878**

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1. Advertisement of Richey House, with table of distances from Wichita to towns and post offices in Sedgwick, Butler, Sumner, and Cowley counties.
5. Col. George H. English and family left for Kansas City last Thursday, where they have taken up their abiding place.

Fritz Snitzler has had the front of his restaurant painted and grained. He has also rented the restaurant to Fred Ille, who will try his hand at feeding the people.

We caution the owners of horses about leaving their teams unhitched in the streets of Wichita. A city ordinance requires all teams to be hitched. Scarcely a week passes that property and life are not endangered by the mad rush of runaway horses.

The Wichita Library Association have sent on \$100 order for new books. It will add about 100 volumes to the library.

“Anthony” is the name of the lately located town site in Harper County. A meeting of the incorporators was held in this city last Wednesday night. Lumber for the town hall was sent down on Thursday. It is to be 16 by 32 feet. By next fall the town is expected to have from 50 to 75 houses. Details.

Last Monday Milo Kellogg sold 90 head of stock cattle to James G. Hope for \$1250.

### **Wednesday, April 24, 1878**

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5. Mr. Martin Hellar has moved his artificial stone yard to the McClure lots on Douglas Avenue near the bridge, he having purchased those lots.

On Thursday afternoon the County Commissioners visited the McCampbell coal shaft to inspect the work done. The shaft is now down to a depth of 400 feet and the indications hopeful. The County Board (of Commissioners) has agreed to give Mr. Thomas McCampbell three dollars a foot for the next 100 feet or until he finds coal.

A very large number of trees have been planted in the city this spring. Those planted in the past have made a luxuriant growth and Wichita is rapidly becoming one of the most beautiful cities in the state. Lacking almost entirely the picturesque, on account of the dead level of the location, yet by means of its handsome and cozy private residences and its avenues lined with shade trees, we are adding the beautiful to one of the most prosaic town sites in the state.

Report of presentation last Friday night of a beautiful ebony cane, mounted in gold and silver, to ex-mayor Hope, at his residence on Market Street, by his friends and co-workers as evidence of their warm personal regard for him as a man and as an official. Details of the occasion.

The bridge on Chisholm Creek, east from Douglas Avenue, is a very dangerous structure. A safe and substantial bridge should be built at once.

Beginning with the 1st of May, the train and station employees of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad will be required to wear a uniform when on duty. Details.

8. Fritz Snitzler's Great Western Restaurant has been taken by Fred Ille and will continue to be, as it long has been, the headquarters for the farmers of the Walnut and Arkansas valleys. It is also the favorite resting place for the large numbers of German emigrants, who are coming to this section for homes. We predict that under this management, "Snitzville" will retain all of its popularity.

Mr. Emmert has completed an enumeration of the inhabitants of the 1st Ward which show a population of 1296 divided as follows:

White males over 21 years	360
White females over 21 years	303
Colored males over 21 years	4
Colored females over 21 years	4
White male school children	210
White female school children	205
Colored male school children	2
Colored female school children	1

White male children under 5 years	107
White female children under 5 years	99
<u>Colored female children under 5 years</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	1296

The enumeration was made for his forthcoming directory. Article gives details of the state or country of origin of the 423 heads of families and single persons supporting themselves, the number of businesses of various kinds, etc.

### **Wednesday, May 1, 1878**

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5. Editorial criticizing the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad's discrimination against Sedgwick, Sumner, and Cowley counties. Details.

Mr. Shuman across Chisholm Creek, has one of the finest gardens in the vicinity of the city. He supplies the city with fresh vegetables in the city.

John B. Carey has opened a lumber yard on Douglas Avenue, opposite the Grand Pacific Hotel. He received 25 car loads last week to start with.

Joe Allen is fitting up his brick, on Douglas Avenue, in the New York Block, for a drug store. When ready he will move his stock of drugs into it.

The library issued 169 books in March, and 160 in April.

William Mathewson started, a week ago last Sunday, on a trip to Wichita Agency, Indian Territory, with a couple of gentlemen friends from his old home, Chenango Forks, Broome County, New York.

8. Report of Mr. Emmert's census of the 2nd Ward:

White males over 21 years	215
White females over 21 years	140
Colored males over 21 years	14
Colored females over 21 years	16
White male school children	76
White female school children	100
Colored male school children	8
Colored female school children	5

White male children under 5 years	45
White female children under 5 years	37
Colored male children under 5 years	7
Colored female children under 5 years	6
Total	696 (sic)

Breakdown given of heads of families by birthplace.

### **Wednesday, May 8, 1878**

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4. W. P. Rouse left Monday morning for Kansas City, where he will engage in the milling business. Wichita thus loses one of her oldest and most enterprising citizens.
5. Land sales reported within the past week by Steele and Levy:  
Mr. C. Teeter sold his farm south of town on Chisholm Creek to Mr. Shinn for \$2,000. Mr. F. H. Bruce, lately from Illinois, bought the Raymond place two and one-half miles southeast of Wichita for \$2,000. Marcus Leis bought H. W. Kelley's farm, the northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 27, Range 2 West, for \$800.

### **Wednesday, May 15, 1878**

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5. Peter Getto's fine new residence is approaching completion.

Report of Mr. Emmert's census of the 3rd Ward:

White males over 21 years	420
White females over 21 years	258
Colored males over 21 years	7
Colored females over 21 years	5
White male school children	122
White female school children	162
Colored male school children	3
Colored female school children	2
White male children under 5 years	69
White female children under 5 years	71
Colored male children under 5 years	1

Colored female children under 5 years 3

Total 1144 (sic)

Report of meeting of the new school board on May 6th. Details.

J. P. Allen will have his brick store room on Douglas Avenue four doors east of Main Street, fitted up in handsome style by the 25th instant.

Last Sunday the Episcopal congregation of the city met for the first time in the church rooms, in the Occidental Block. Details.

### Wednesday, May 22, 1878

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5. Major Powell, of Augusta, came over yesterday. He has a big railroad scheme on hand.

The Douglas Avenue Hotel is having an awning put up.

Several articles referring to an epidemic of smallpox in the city and listing names of several people taken to the hospital. (Location not specified.) Details.

8. Report of proceedings of City Council on May 14th. Special committee on gas recommended entering into a contract with the Excelsior Gas Light Company, of Canton, Ohio, for lighting of Main Street and Douglas Avenue, for a term of seven years, and the report was accepted. Contract for feeding city prisoners was awarded to the lowest bidder, Fred Ille, for one year for the sum of 15 cents per meal. Details.

### Wednesday, May 29, 1878

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5. The Wichita Water Mill was sold at sheriff's sale last Saturday to Noah Ellis and H. W. Lewis for \$6,670, which is more than two-thirds of the appraised value. Mr. Ellis takes two-thirds and Mr. Lewis one-third. The new owners are prepared with the necessary capital to run it up to its full capacity.

The *Beacon* has just received two new and improved job presses.

The Wisconsin Lumber Yard has moved its office back to Douglas Avenue.

Mr. A. L. Strong has purchased the lots on the southeast corner of Lawrence Avenue and 3rd Street and will put upon them a fine residence.

Mr. D. B. Emmert, who took the census, reports that the population of Wichita is 4,209, an increase since last year of but 212, but said by Mr. Emmert to be a bonafide figure. (The article hints that the number reported last year may have been exaggerated.)

The street commissioner has been working on Central Avenue for the past week, and it looks for the first time like a street instead of a wide country lane. It has been widened opposite the residence of J. R. Mead, costing the latter his row of fine cottonwood trees, which were fully 12 feet from the edge of the sidewalk. Work will begin shortly on Lawrence Avenue, grading it between Central Avenue and 2nd Street.

Long summary of statistics of the townships in Sedgwick County taken from the abstract book in the county clerk's office. Total population of the county is 15,400. Other statistics given.

<u>Township</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Net gain</u>
Wichita	654	57
Greeley	318	115
Delano	498	114
Minneha	33	27
Kechi	456	37
Union	694	90
Eagle	362	78
Sherman	282	62

- Report of proceedings of City Council on May 27th. Special committee on admitting and widening Douglas Avenue, east of the depot, recommended condemning the necessary property, and such an ordinance is to be drawn up by the City Attorney.

### **Wednesday, June 5, 1878**

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- From the *Kansan*: Dr. William Allen changed his location last Thursday from Newton to Wichita, where he will engage in practice with his nephew.
- Charley Davidson has returned home from the State University, at Lawrence.

Report of Mr. Emmert's census of the 4th Ward:

White males over 21 years	286
White females over 21 years	257
Colored males over 21 years	14
Colored females over 21 years	19
White male school children	158

White female school children	155
Colored male school children	10
Colored female school children	10
White male children under 5 years	76
White female children under 5 years	95
Colored male children under 5 years	4
Total	1084 (sic)

Total population of the city is 4,209. (Article specifies that this includes only those within the municipal limits and does not include those being adjacent, although they properly belong to the city.)

Report of the death of M. W. Mead, doing business on Fulton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and brother of Wichitan W. B. Mead, on May 29th.

Repairs have been completed on the west end of the Big Arkansas River Bridge, including driving of new piles, and replacing of worn supports and floor boards.

### **Wednesday, June 12, 1878**

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5. Peter Getto's handsome two-story residence, on the corner of 2nd Street and Water Street, is fast approaching completion.

Article says the German Methodists here may purchase the Methodist Episcopal Church edifice for \$1580, far below the original cost. Details.

At the City Council meeting Monday evening final action was taken on the curbing and guttering of Main Street on both sides from Douglas Avenue to 1st Street. Bids for the work are being advertised for.

Thomas H. Lynch has the foundation nearly completed for his new business house, next door east of the Grand Pacific Hotel on the avenue (Douglas Avenue) It will be 23 by 60 feet and two stories, arranged for handling dry goods.

The Turners are to have a picnic on the 23rd instant at Mathewson's Grove.

8. Report of the proceedings of the City Council on June 10th.

Mr. Emmert has nearly completed his outside labors in the compilation of the his city directory and will start for Kansas City this week to superintend its printing. Mr. Baldwin

has already taken one street view and will have several other ready for the book before it is bound. Mr. Ong is also preparing to take some views.

### **Wednesday, June 19, 1878**

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4. Long report from Harper County describing the progress there, and giving some history. The first town laid out in the county was Bluff City, which existed only on paper. Cora City was laid out and located six and one-half miles from the north line of the county on April 16th, 1877, but since then was renamed Harper City. Anthony was laid out and located on April 6th, 1878, and the town site was proved up at the land office in Wichita on June 10th, 1878. Further details.

The western end of the Cottonwood Division of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad is to be changed from Newton to Nickerson, 42 miles west of Newton. This will make the division run from Emporia to Nickerson, 116 miles, and the next division from Nickerson to Dodge, 126 miles.

5. The fire department have got their new uniforms.

The elevator belonging to John Exton is being enlarged and improved.

Report of meeting of Turnverein at Turner Hall on Market Street, last Sunday, with election of officers and trustees (named).

Report of meeting held at Steele and Levy's office last Saturday for purpose of organizing a Board of Trade. Details.

8. Quarterly report of the City Treasurer. Details.

### **Wednesday, June 26, 1878**

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5. The water that surrounded the Little Arkansas River Bridge, at Weidner's Ford, for the past four days, has subsided without damage to the bridge.

Report of proceedings of the City Council on June 24th. Ordinance 202 passed, declaring it necessary to appropriate private property for use of the city in opening and widening Douglas Avenue east of the railroad track of the Wichita and Southwestern Railroad Company.

### **Wednesday, July 3, 1878**

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5. Mrs. Fritz Snitzler, her daughter, Sophie, and Mrs. Jacob Ritter and children, left yesterday for St. Louis, Missouri, and Jerseyville, Illinois, where they will spend a month visiting old friends.

John Exton has completed the remodeling and enlarging of his elevator at a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200. The capacity is from 5000 to 7000 bushels. Details.

Maddy and Woods have purchased the Sherman House, located east of the railroad which they are repairing and refurnishing. They will run a livery stable in connection with it.

A meeting of the Wichita Board of Trade will be held at Eagle Hall on Saturday night, July 6th, for the purpose of organizing the board and electing officers.

8. Proceedings of City Council on June 27th.

### **Wednesday, July 10, 1878**

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5. Mr. A. L. Strong's residence on the corner of Lawrence Avenue and 3rd Street is now in the hands of the painter and will soon be occupied.

Mr. Henry Shuman began supplying our markets with ripe tomatoes on the first of July.

A telephone is in successful operation from the *Beacon* office to Eagle Hall.

Letter from Arkansas City dated June 30th, 1878 reporting on the arrival there from Little Rock of the steam boat "Aunt Sally," that morning. Details.

Report from the Wichita Library. One hundred seventy-six books were drawn from the library last month. Miss Baldwin is the librarian. Details.

Report of meeting last Saturday at Eagle Hall to organize a Board of Trade. Not much was accomplished. Details.

### **Wednesday, July 17, 1878**

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4. Report of death Sunday, July 14th of Frederick Ille, age 26, and on Wednesday, July 10th, of Mrs. Margaret May Cook, wife of Henry J. Cook, in her 51st year.
5. The German Methodists have purchased a 50 foot lot on the corner of Emporia Avenue and 1st Street upon which they will soon erect a church.

The School Board met Monday night and elected as principal for the next year, Professor G. H. Woodard, of Mitchell, Indiana, and as assistant principal, Professor E. P. Trimbell, of Rock Island, Illinois. There were about 30 applicants for the position of principal. The salary of the principal has been cut down to \$1000 per annum, and that of the assistant raised to \$75 per month.

Report of the sudden death Sunday of Frederick Ille, the cause not definitely known. Funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church. Details.

8. Proceedings of the City Council meeting on July 8th. The fire committee was authorized to contract for two 25 foot lots suitable for an engine house.

Publication of Ordinance 204 adding to the area of the city of Wichita adjacent to the city limits.

### **Wednesday, July 24, 1878**

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5. F. G. Smyth and Sons have just completed a frame building 24 by 50 feet on their lots on Douglas Avenue, east of the Globe House. They will use this as a display room for samples of their great variety of agricultural implements.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, from Marysville, Kansas, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Morris Kohn.

Report of meeting at Eagle Hall Saturday night to complete the organization of the Board of Trade. Details. Temporary officers were chosen to serve until the first regular election in September. Officers and directors named; president is S. E. Jocelyn.

Mr. D. B. Emmert returned from Kansas City last Thursday with specimen copies of his Wichita Directory, which is creditable and reliable in every way. Details.

8. Proceedings of the City Council meeting on July 22nd.

### **Wednesday, July 31, 1878**

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5. At a business meeting Monday night, the Methodist Episcopal Church resolved to build a new house of worship at once.

8. Proceedings of the City Council meeting on July 24th.

Advertisement by Abbott and West for their elevator, on the track between 2nd Street and 3rd Street.

### **Wednesday, August 7, 1878**

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4. Letter from Professor O. F. McKim, from his new home in Abilene, Kansas, dated July 27, 1878. Details.

5. Major R. Powell and his cousin, Mr. Nickerson, from Independence, Missouri, came over from Augusta yesterday.

The Governor has appointed the officers of Harper County under the law passed at the last session.

The German Methodist Episcopal congregation is preparing to build a handsome gothic church on the corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue. It will be a frame on a stone foundation, 26 by 40 feet, with a recess in the rear for the pulpit. The ceiling will be 16 foot. It will be lighted by four windows on the east side. The steeple, when completed, will be about 50 feet high. It will have a seating capacity of 150 to 200. The congregation thinks they can build the church for about \$1500.

Letter from Charles Smyth describing a visit to Salt Lake City. Details.

### **Wednesday, August 14, 1878**

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5. The Water Mills began grinding yesterday.

M. R. Moser has about 7,000 pounds of grapes to sell.

The corner stone of the German Methodist Episcopal Church will be laid this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue. There will be speaking in German and English.

The price of wheat ranged yesterday from 50 to 62 cents. Over 500 wagon loads were received. The daily shipments are from 35 to 40 cars. Corn is quoted at 25 cents, hogs at \$3.25, cattle at \$2.25.

Grubb and Bailey have about 125,000 of the best brick ever made in Wichita for sale. They put up the brick for Stackman's building.

The loading capacity of our seven elevators is from 50 to 75 thousand bushels daily. Their storage capacity is between 100 and 150 thousand bushels.

Mike Meagher left last week with his wife for Cheyenne Agency, where they will take up permanent residence.

President Nickerson and Superintendent Strong, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, were in the city last Thursday and left for Topeka by special train the same evening. They have been making a tour through the county south and southeast of Wichita with a view to selecting a route and terminal point for a proposed extension of the Eldorado or Wichita Branch.

Mr. R. E. Lawrence and family left Monday for Colebrook, Connecticut, for a three month visit. This is Mr. Lawrence's native heath, and we believe this is his first visit since his residence in this country.

Brief mention of three elevators: Abbott and West, N.A. English, and Miller and Keller.

### **Wednesday, August 21, 1878**

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4. Report of proceedings of City Council on August 12th. Motion carried for the city to purchase 100 copies of the City Directory for \$90.

5. J. T. McMillen and Marsh Murdock are going to put up a brick block on the lots next to the Eagle Block.

Report of laying of the corner stone of the German Methodist Episcopal Church at corner of 1st Street and Emporia Avenue Details.

Mr. Charles Schattner sold his residence on Market Street to A. D. Wheeler.

Report of last meeting of the School Board. Teachers elected (named). G. H. Woodard will be Principal and B. D. Hammond, Assistant Principal.

**Wednesday, August 28, 1878****page**

5. The foundation of the German Methodist Episcopal Church is ready for the frame work.

President Nickerson (of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad) writes J. R. Mead and Sol Kohn that the company will extend the Wichita Branch to Winfield for \$4000 a mile in bonds.

The frame buildings on McMillen's lot were removed last Friday to clear the ground for a brick building. Mac is putting up a building 25 by 50 feet, two stories high.

8. Report of proceedings of City Council on August 26th.

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5. Ground has been broken for the brick block on Douglas Avenue opposite the *Beacon* office. (The new building to be occupied by the *Eagle*.)

The office of the General Superintendent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad has been discontinued. The duties of that office will be performed by General W. B. Strong, Vice-President and General Manager.

Messrs. Kirkwood and Rutan, of the Michigan Lumber Yard, left last Monday for Iowa and will return immediately with their families. Their residences will be about ready for them by the time of their arrival.

A. H. McKee sold G. G. Mathews' business property, on the corner of Douglas Avenue and Market Street, to Bitting Brothers, of the well known clothing house on Douglas Avenue. They intend to build a first class brick business house shortly for their increasing trade.

Upon the occasion of the opening of the Public Hall in the McPherson Block, the orchestral quartette will give selections of their finest instrumental renditions. Mrs. W. D. Russell, with some of her trained singers, will also add to the attraction of the opening night. The episode which promises the most entertainment at that time will be the christening of the hall. Our citizens are requested to suggest a name for the hall and send it through the post office to Dr. D. W. Smith, McPherson Block. The names will be printed on ballots and on the evening of the dedication they will be distributed to the audience as they enter the hall. After the name has been selected by ballot, the Rev. J. Kirby will make the presentation speech.

Article about the Wichita Water Mill, which has been thoroughly overhauled and improved and began grinding about the middle of last month. The proprietorship has been to a large extent changed and the mill has been put on a sound financial basis. Details.

Ong and Hartough took photographs last Monday morning of Douglas Avenue. One view was taken from their gallery, opposite the Tremont House, on Douglas Avenue, looking east. The other view was taken from east of the depot, looking west, which will include the entire avenue. These pictures will be for sale.

Mr. Isaac Shellabarger got in from Decatur, Illinois, last week. He is planning for improvements of the City Mills. The capacity of the elevator is to be increased by addition of two new dumps, two chutes and another elevator immediately. The engine power of the mill is to be doubled by the substitution of a 160 horsepower Corliss engine in place of the one now in use.

8. Advertisement for the Wichita Water Mills.

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5. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company has ordered 19 locomotives and 550 new freight cars.

Mrs. E. Sayles has a fine young orchard of apple trees on her farm west of the Little Arkansas River, just above town. Many of the trees are bearing, and they furnish the evidence that our county is as good for apples as she has proved herself for all other kinds of fruits. Mrs. Sayles will have some on exhibition at the fair. A limb on one of these trees not more than 20 inches long bears 18 large sized apples.

8. Report of proceedings of the City Council on September 9th.

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5. The brick block opposite the *Beacon* office now being erected by Messrs. Murdock and McMillen is progressing rapidly and will add to the appearance of this part of Douglas Avenue.

The Episcopal Congregation of this city has rented the neat and commodious hall in McPherson's Block for Sunday services.

Several fine residences are nearly ready for a house warming: Mr. J. H. Aley has the painters at work on his new house, which introduces the tower in its design; Mr. George W. Reilly will have his handsome cottage residence ready for Mrs. Reilly, who will soon be home from Iowa; Doc Woodman has moved into his new residence on Main Street south of Douglas Ave; Mr. Abbott is finishing up his two story gothic in an ornamental and substantial manner.

Article about the program to be given tomorrow night at the opening of the new hall in McPherson's Block. Details.

8. Quarterly report of the city finances for the quarter ending September 9th, 1878. Details.

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5. The frame building that formerly occupied the present site of the McPherson Block, on Main Street, has been purchased by the school board and moved to the east side of Lawrence Avenue between 1st Street and 2nd Street. It is to be repaired and fitted up for a school room.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bird, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are visiting their daughters, Miss Bird and Mrs. Wall Woodman.

Reports from the county fair. Details.

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4. Report of the Democratic County Convention last Saturday, with details, and names of delegates. Latter include Henry Vigus and S. Fitzgerald, from Wichita Township, and N. A. English, F. G. Smyth, George Harris, P. V. Healy, Fred Schattner, William Greiffenstein, and others, from Wichita.
5. Long article reporting on the 6th Annual Fair of Sedgwick County last week. Many details. Mrs. Amy Sayles won first premium for the best display of apples.

The City Mills stopped grinding last Friday week in order to put in a new Corliss engine of 150 horsepower. With recent addition of more dumps and elevating machinery, the mill and elevator together will have a storage capacity of 70-75,000 bushels of wheat. When completed, the mill and elevator will be the largest in the state.

8. Report of proceedings of the City Council on September 23rd.

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5. Article reassuring people that Russell Hall is safe to hold a large crowd.

Mr. Scheetz has bought the "Green Front" Grocery building and will move it as soon as he can secure a lot.

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5. Bitting Brothers will begin immediately the erection of their brick business house on the lots lately occupied by the "Green Front" Grocery building.

The Wichita Elevator last Friday received over 10,000 bushels of wheat from wagons, in ten hours. This required the weighing of 536 wagons, or over 53 wagons an hour, a feat at weighing that is hard to beat.

Report of a meeting of the Sedgwick County Greenback Convention last Saturday. Details, and names given. One of the delegates selected to attend the Senatorial convention was Frank Dale, of Sherman Township.

The improvements at the Wichita City Mills are about completed. Four dumps are provided for unloading. The new Corliss steam engine was started last Friday night.

The brick work on the two brick business houses being built by Messrs. Murdock and McMillen respectively, is finished and the carpenters have taken possession of the interior. By the first of November they will be ready for their occupants. The completion of these handsome buildings gives to Douglas Avenue quite a metropolitan appearance.

The well known "Green Front" took to itself wheels last week and now occupies a good location on the southeast corner of Market Street and Douglas Avenue, east of Hess and Getto. Mr. Scheetz purchased two lots on this corner from Mr. C. B. Ludlum and now considers himself permanently located.

8. Report of proceedings of the City Council on October 14th.

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4. Letter from William Greiffenstein giving his views on the Greenback question.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, of Emporia, are visiting their sons in this city at the present time.

Mr. W. J. Hobson is busy at work on the bridge across the Arkansas River in the Greeley Township which he will soon have ready for crossing. The object of this bridge is to open up free communication with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at Burrton.

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5. Report of birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson.

Article about a party of U.S.A. Engineer Corps men here to make a preliminary survey of the Arkansas River from Wichita to Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Details.

The curbing and guttering on Main Street now under progress is being done in a substantial and workmanlike manner. Being the first laid in this city, it attracts a good deal of attention.

The frame work of the German Episcopal Methodist Church is up and the building will soon be completed.

Mr. L. W. Ong, formerly Ong and Hartough, has engaged the services of Mr. W. P. Bliss for his photographic business. There is nothing in the photographic line they cannot accomplish.

Prospects are good for the speedy building of the bridge across the Nennescah River on the line between Erie to Morton townships. The county has appropriated \$1000, and the townships are making up the balance. It is to be a pilebridge 500 feet long with a 12 foot drive way and a two inch hardwood flooring. Reese and Sawyer have the contract at \$3.95 a foot.

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5. Mr. George E. Harris is building an ice house of 2000 tons capacity, on the Little Arkansas River, near Mr. Woodman's villa.

Mr. Dixon, of Sedgwick city, has bought out Mr. Calvert, of the Calvert House, corner of Main Street and Douglas Avenue. Mr. Calvert will probably move out on his farm in Garden Plain Township.

Report of the death, on October 20th, of Paul Sowers, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sowers.

Eckert and Getto are erecting buildings on Mr. Getto's lots, corner of Water Street and 2nd Street, as a soda factory. Attached to it they are putting up a warehouse for the storage of Anheuser lager beer.

Mr. Deming, of the Tremont House, has taken a partner, ex-Senator Glenn of Illinois, who purchased an interest a few weeks ago and now comes to take a part in conducting one of the best hotels in the state.

The bridge over the Arkansas River, in Greeley Township, will be completed about the first of December. The entire length will be 1,125 feet, with a 12 foot drive way. It will

cost \$3540. Of this sum the County Commissioners appropriated \$600; Burrton Township, Harvey County, contributed \$1300, and Greeley Township the balance. W. J. Hobson is the contractor.

Work will soon begin on the road leading west across the Big Slough. The ground has been surveyed and the grade established from the 6th Meridian West. The commissioners have ordered a change of the eastern terminus, and when fixed will provide for the substantial grading of the road from Mr. R. E. Lawrence's residence two miles west. The roadway will be 40 feet wide. This section of the road has been a terror to our farmers west of the river. It is also contemplated shortly a like improvement of the road leading south through the Big Slough.

O. C. Daisy last week sold, through Steele and Levy, his fine half section improved farm to two brothers named Harper, who have lately come from northern Ohio, to this valley. Daisy realized \$20 per acre or \$6400 for the farm. Seven years ago he took this wild land, part of which he both of the government and part from a settler who had proved up, paying the first \$1.25 per acre, and for the other quarter about \$3.00 per acre.

Monthly report of the Wichita Library Association. Details.

The Murdock building will be furnished next week. It will then be occupied by the Philadelphia dry goods house of Elias and Katz with an extensive display of fine goods.

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5. Messrs. Elias and Katz, proprietors of the Philadelphia Store, will open out in the Murdock brick store room on Douglas Avenue next Monday.

The Wichita Elevator Company has built another bin of 10,000 bushel capacity, making their entire capacity something over 60,000 bushels.

Tabulation of election results in Sedgwick County.

The Excelsior Gas Light Company of Canton, Ohio, is the company who has a contract for lighting our city with their gas. Fred A. Sowers, of our city, has been selected as the company's general western agent. Details.

R. E. Lawrence and family have returned from Connecticut after a pleasant visit among old scenes.

The carpenter work on the German Methodist Episcopal Church is about complete.

The *Eagle* moved into its new and commodious quarters last week. A hole was cut in Eagle Hall and the moving was done with comparatively little trouble. On Monday the office was thrown open to the public.

8. Report of proceedings of the City Council on November 11th.

**Wednesday, November 20, 1878****page**

5. H. J. Hills left for Crawfordsville, Indiana, last week to attend the golden wedding of his parents.

The city paid \$200 for 50 lamps. The gas company contracts to supply the gas, light the lamps, and keep them in running order of \$50 a month.

Article endorsing the artificial stone manufactured here by Mr. Martin Hellar. Details.

The Canton gas light contractor had his lamp posts set last week. The ordinance provides for the lighting of Main Street from the Occidental Hotel south to English Street, Douglas Avenue from the river to the depot, and on other prominent streets until the number of lamps is exhausted. The lamps have been placed on all of the posts, and for the first time on Saturday night our city was lighted with gas.

Report of marriage of Sunday, November 17th, 1878, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. P. Harsen, of Finlay Ross and Miss Sallie S. Parham, both of Wichita.

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4. Report of proceedings of City Council on November 25th.
5. Wichita was pretty thoroughly photographed last week by parties who are taking western views for the Philadelphia Sun Light Company, for stereoscope views and transparencies.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutan are mourning the loss of their three year old daughter. The funeral took place at their residence in the north part of the city.

Bitting Brothers' fine new brick business house, corner of Market Street and Douglas Avenue, is now being roofed in. The building is 25 by 100 feet and substantially built. About five feet of the rear is partitioned off for a stair way to the second floor.

Correction of previous report regarding the cost to the city of the street lamps. The contract was examined and shows that in addition to the \$200 paid for the lamps, the city contracts to pay at the rate of \$2.50 per month for each lamp, which amounts to \$1500 a year for the 50 lamps. The order company undertakes to keep them in satisfactory operation for seven years, at which time they will turn over to the city the 50 lamps in good condition.

Petitions have been presented to the commissioners of Cowley and Sumner counties, signed by over two-fifths of the tax-payers, praying them to call a special election to vote

bonds to buy stock in the Cowley, Sumner, and Ft. Smith Railroad Company, Sumner County taking stock to the amount of \$180,000, and Cowley County, \$144,000. The election will be held on the 24th of next month. The petition provides for a connection with the Wichita Branch at this city, which is to be extended to the southeast corner of this county. It is then to branch one division running by way of Wellington to Caldwell, to be completed to Wellington by December 31st, 1880. The other branch will run to Arkansas City by way of Winfield, and is to be completed to Winfield by September 30th, 1879 and to Arkansas City by December 31st, 1880.

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5. The contract for grading the road leading west where it crosses the Big Slough was let last Saturday to James McCalment, the lowest bidder.

Last Saturday, the 30th, the County Commissioners ordered the sheriff to make proclamation for a special election, to authorize the County Commissioners to sell the stock now owned by the county in the Wichita and Southwestern Railroad Branch, said election to be held on Monday, December 16th. The County Board (of Commissioners) has had two offers for the stock, one for 40 cents and the other for 50 cents on the dollar.

Detailed report on the Wichita Public Schools for the quarter ending November 29th. Number of pupils shown by grade. High School and 7th and 8th grade have 60 enrolled.

Mr. Martin Hellar opened the packing season week before last and already has about 200 head salted away. He expects to put up from 1500 to 2000 head. Last year Hellar and Steadman packed some over 900 head. Mr. Hellar occupies the same building he did last year.

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5. Letter from W. C. Woodman objecting to the sale of the county's stock in the Wichita and Southwestern Railroad. Reasons given.

Another article about the street lamps saying that the contract is for lighting seven hours on 17 nights per month, nights in which the moon gives light enough, as in all cities, not being lighted. Details.

Long article giving details of the lease agreement between Sedgwick County, the Wichita and Southwestern Railroad, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Gives the history in detail. (Article entitled "That Lease.")

Report of marriage Wednesday, November 27th, at the residence of the bride's father, W. McCampbell, by the Rev. J. P. Harsen, of James W. Davidson and Miss Anna McCampbell.

8. Report of proceedings of City Council on December 9th.

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4. Further letters about proposed sale of the county's stock in the Wichita and Southwestern Railroad. Details.
5. We should have noted last week that Hill and Nixon, insurance, loan and land agents, had moved their office to Houck Brothers warehouse, on Douglas Avenue between Lawrence Avenue and Topeka Avenue.

Report of birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rutan last Friday.

8. City financial report for the quarter ending December 9th, 1878.

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5. The German Methodist Episcopal congregation will give a Christmas supper tonight in their new building on the corner of Emporia Avenue and 1st Street.

Mr. Fred A. Sowers has gone to Leavenworth, and we understand, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the *Leavenworth Press*.

We see that Col. Murdock is re-appointed postmaster of the Wichita Post Office. Comments.

Article with details about city expenses, income, and debts.

Mr. Sol Kohn was married on December 19th in New York City. Morris Kohn went there a week ago to attend the wedding.