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## **Subject(s): Delano**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Wednesday, June 9, 1875**

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5. The assessed valuation of real estate in Delano Township is \$78,268; personal property, \$17,080. The township has 721 acres of wheat, 1485 of corn, and 253 of oats.

**Wednesday, May 24, 1876**

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5. Statistics from the township of Sedgwick County, as reported by the returns of the township trustees. Greeley Township shows 88 houses and 88 families, with population of 329 in 1876, up 41 from 288 in 1875. Wichita Township has 94 houses and 99 families, with population of 456 in 1876, up 56 from 400 in 1875. Delano Township has 55 houses and 62 families, with population of 308, up 11 from 297 in 1875. Wichita city has 745 houses and 696 families, with population of 3,357. There are 380 horses, 91 mules, 223 milch cows, 168 other cattle, and 341 hogs. Other townships listed.

**Wednesday, May 29, 1878**

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5. 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

**Wednesday, May 28, 1879****page**

3. Report of 1879 census of Sedgwick County by township. Total population 17,465, compared with 15,220 in 1878. Number of families — 3127.
- Delano Township — 560 population  
 Sherman Township — 310 population  
 Greeley Township — 371 population  
 Minneha Township — 401 population  
 Kechi Township — 460 population  
 Wichita Township — 663 population, including 130 families  
 Wichita City — 5335 population, including 873 families

**Tuesday, June 30, 1885****page**

1. Article gives new population figures for Sedgwick county by township. Total for county is 39,472, increase from 30,829 in 1884. Increase in county is 5098 and in Wichita is 3545.
- Delano township -- 1201  
 Sherman township -- 502  
 Wichita township -- 2532  
 Greeley township -- 924

**Wednesday, November 18, 1885****page**

4. The commission to condemn right-of-way for the Wichita and Colorado Railroad was composed of R. E. Lawrence, J. H. Aley, and T. O. Hoss. They are the ones who fixed the damages in Delano township alone, about six miles, at \$17,000, or nearly \$3000 per mile. This compares with the \$19,000 charged recently for 23 miles of right-of-way for the Wichita and McPherson Railroad.

**Wednesday, February 5, 1890****page**

1. The St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad was sold yesterday by order of the United Circuit court at public sale (at Topeka?). The Union Trust company of New York was the purchaser, for the price of \$6,466,742.67, the amount of the first mortgage held by the Trust company against the road. ¶ In Sedgwick County township bonds were voted for the construction of this road, the townships taking stock in the road as follows. Payne township \$12,000, Wichita township 10,000, Delano township

12,000, Ohio township 10,000, Ninnescah township 22,000. By the foreclosure and sale, all of this stock is forfeited, and the above townships lose \$66,000 by the deal. ¶ The road will be operated by Gould, as heretofore and is virtually owned by Gould, the scheme being simply to freeze out all minor stockholders in a manner recently adopted by the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska. There will be no change in the officers of the road.

### **Monday, November 4, 1912**

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11. Article says city engineer recently found an old plat filed with the county register's office May 17, 1871 and recorded in the book of plats A, page 6, on January 6, 1872, indicating that West Wichita was originally named the town of Elgin, comprising three square blocks bounded by Oak Street on the east, Walnut Street on the west, Pearl Street on the north (now the Missouri Pacific tracks) and Pine Street (now Burton Avenue) on the south. ¶ An appended note reads: "Notice is hereby given that the Elgin Town Company of Sedgwick County, Kansas, did on the 13th day of March, 1871 legally change the name of said corporation and adopt the name of 'Delano Town Company.' "

### **Sunday, February 11, 1923**

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1. Article about 42 acres of land comprising 60 lots in North College Place addition bought by W. J. Volkman in 1887 following platting of this addition on April 21, 1887, but apparently never occupied by him and October 24, 1921 given by county commission to L. D. Gow and Berry Wall, who had been farming it for 15 years and wanted the streets and alleys officially vacated. Tract located in Delano Township and is an eighth mile wide and half mile long, with its north line at West 13th street road three quarters of a mile west of 13th Street Bridge. The plat shows 394 lots comprising eight blocks bounded on the west by Exposition avenue and on the east by Hoskins avenue.

### **Friday, February 5, 1932**

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19. Report of death yesterday of one of Wichita's oldest pioneers, Madison M. Aley, age 94, at his home, 402 E. Central. Was native of Albany County, New York, and after the Civil War moved to Yates City, Illinois. Came to Strong City, Kansas, the end of the railroad in the late 1860s and walked the rest of the way to Wichita in 1869. Six months later his brother, Jacob Henry Aley, followed him here. Served as postmaster of Delano in the early days. Only nieces and nephews survive, including Fred, Harry, Carl, Claude, and Omrah Aley, Mrs. Norma Whitney, Mrs. Howard Schroeder, and Miss Treva Aley, all of Wichita, Miss Isabella Rea, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Fay Aley Bynum, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Further obituary.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, September 26, 1872****page**

3. A shooting affray occurred over in Delano on Sunday night. Details.

**Thursday, July 24, 1873****page**

3. Assessment roll of Sedgwick County for 1873: ¶

Land -- 286,817 acres	\$671,678
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Town lots -- 3109 acres	\$365,877
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Personal property	\$321,594
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Railroad	\$85,800
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Total	\$1,448,790 (sic)
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Of this \$548,000 is in Wichita city and \$92,978 in Wichita township. Next highest is Union township with \$74,955. Delano township is \$48,644. Listed by townships.

**Thursday, October 8, 1874****page**

3. The home of Almond Dodge, just across the river from the city, and adjoining Delano on the north, was entirely consumed by fire last Saturday.

**Thursday, July 29, 1875****page**

3. Frank S. Jones has been appointed postmaster at Delano or West Wichita.

**Thursday, January 20, 1876****page**

3. Notice was received at the Wichita post office yesterday of the discontinuance of the post office at Delano, and the postmaster of Wichita was ordered to deliver the mail of the discontinued office.

**Thursday, May 18, 1876****page**

2. Table gives Sedgwick County population by townships. Total is 10,478 in 1876 compared with 8285 in 1875. Includes 3341 in Wichita, compared with 2701 in 1875, and 308 in Delano Township compared with 297 in 1875. There are 450 in Wichita Township outside of city, compared with 400 in 1875.

**Thursday, June 6, 1878****page**

3. Table of Sedgwick County statistics for 1878 from the assessor's returns. Of total

645,120 acres of land, 171,205 are now being cultivated. Population of Wichita City is 4209; Wichita Township, 654; and Delano Township, 498.

**Thursday, June 10, 1880****page**

2. Table of Sedgwick County statistics of crops, livestock, population and valuation, etc. for 1880 by township. Wichita population is 5482 and Sedgwick County 17,813. Delano township has 504. Details.

**Thursday, April 21, 1881****page**

3. New official figures of the Census Bureau are given -- cut down from the earlier figures. Wichita city is 4911, Wichita township 935, and Delano township 630.

**Thursday, June 2, 1881****page**

2. Table lists crops, livestock, assessed valuation, and population of Sedgwick county by township for 1881. Population of Wichita is 5,309 and Sedgwick county 18,037. Delano township 550.

**Thursday, April 13, 1882****page**

3. Assessor's table of crops, livestock, valuation and population of Sedgwick county for 1882 by township. Population of Wichita is 5,779, Wichita township 931 and Delano township 631. Sedgwick county population 19,138.

**Thursday, June 28, 1883****page**

2. Statistical table of 1883 Sedgwick county crops, livestock, valuation and population by township. Population of Wichita is 8005, Wichita township 1194, and Delano township 766. Sedgwick county is 22,786.

**Wednesday, September 9, 1959****page**

- 5A. A group proposing to construct a 50 bed hospital on the West Side, the Arkansas Valley Hospital Association, has selected a site. It is a 20 acre tract east of Delano Township Hall at Central and Ridge Road. Details.

**Thursday, August 30, 1979****page**

- 1D. Report of yearly assessor's census of Wichita and Sedgwick County, probably the last yearly one because state law no longer requires the annual census and the state will no longer help pay for them. ¶ Wichita's population declined for the third year in a row to

261,001, a loss of 861. Sedgwick County was 342,254, an increase of 373. Other cities include Derby 8988, Haysville 7622, Valley Center 3276, Goddard 1261, Clearwater 1685, Mt. Hope 694, Andale 570, Colwich 965, Maize 1389 and Mulvane 1850. ¶ Map of county shows population by township — including Greeley 982, Eagle 659, Sherman 1135, Union 1627, Park 3473, Kechi 10,671, Delano 2021, Minneha 4533, Waco 1420, Riverside 6768, Gypsum 4297, Valley Center 843.