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## **Subject(s): State Fair**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Monday, October 1, 1894**

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4. The State Fair opened today at the fair grounds. Details.

**Thursday, October 4, 1894**

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4. The balloon ascension at the fair yesterday was a great success. The aeronaut dropped from the clouds in his parachute and the balloon remained up for nearly half an hour.

**Monday, October 8, 1894**

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4. The state fair at Wichita last week is said to have made a profit. Details.

The street car company did its best to accommodate the visitors to the fair last week, and right well they succeeded. Not a single mishap was recorded. The motorneers and conductors were accommodating, and everybody was pleased. "Everybody did not use the street cars to get to the fair grounds," said Superintendent O'Neill, "but we collected over 40,000 fares."

**Saturday, January 12, 1895**

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5. Wichita has been selected as the site for the State Fair this year. Details.

**Monday, September 30, 1895**

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5. Report of preparations for the State Fair, which opens tomorrow at the fair grounds. Details.

**Tuesday, October 1, 1895**

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5. Report of the opening today of the second annual Kansas State Fair in Wichita. Details.

**Wednesday, October 2, 1895**

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5. Report on events at the State Fair. Details. People flocking to the grounds crowded the capacity of the street railway to its utmost. Street cars will make trips to and from the fair grounds until 11 o'clock at night.

**Thursday, October 3, 1895**

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5. Further reports on the State Fair.

**Saturday, October 5, 1895**

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5. Report of last day of State Fair yesterday. Details.

**Monday, October 7, 1895**

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5. A man received a severe electric shock this morning when he grasped a telephone wire that had fallen across the trolley wire just east of the fair grounds gate.

**Tuesday, December 31, 1895**

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5. Article reports rumor that the track at the fair grounds has been rented to Mr. W. R. Dulaney. Details. Says Postmaster Tom Fitch is the man who has authority to rent the grounds.

**Friday, September 23, 1896**

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5. J. O. Davidson is down from Chicago on business and to visit the State Fair.

**Tuesday, June 8, 1897**

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5. The old fair grounds south of the city have been rented by the Wichita State Fair association for the present season.

**Saturday, August 28, 1897**

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8. The State Fair posters are up.

**Tuesday, September 28, 1897**

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5. Report of first day of the Wichita State Fair.

**Thursday, December 23, 1897**

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5. H. G. Toler today signed a two year lease with Coler Sim by which the State Fair association secured the fair grounds south of the city. The two year lease cost \$600, and the association will have to erect its own improvements.

**Wichita Eagle****Thursday, August 7, 1873****page**

3. AT and SF RR will offer a special reduced rate of \$6.50 round trip to Topeka September 22nd through 26th for those visiting the state fair. This rate is very liberal, being only one third of the regular rate.

**Tuesday, October 2, 1894****page**

5. State fair will open here today. Details.

**Wednesday, October 2, 1895****page**

5. Article reports opening of the State Fair in Wichita yesterday. Details.

**Friday, September 20, 1896****page**

5. State Fair to open in Wichita tomorrow. Details.

**Friday, November 22, 1896****page**

5. Article gives financial report of the State Fair association which changed its name three years ago from the old Wichita Mechanical and Agricultural Fair association. Details.

**Thursday, February 2, 1899****page**

5. Article about a fire Tuesday night which destroyed 45 stalls at the State Fair grounds. The fair grounds are owned by the Keene Syndicate of New Hampshire and are under lease to the State Fair association.