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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1886 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

**Friday, January 1, 1886**

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2. Advertisement with drawing of Finlay Ross furniture store at 119-121 North Main.
  
4. Advertisement says Andale is the name of the new town on the Wichita and Colorado Railroad, 20 minutes west and north of Wichita. Lots are now for sale at the town site, varying from \$25 to \$300 according to location. Situated on the northeast corner of Section 15, township 26 (sic), range 3 West. Particulars available from the Town Company at the town site or from N. F. Niederlander or Kos Harris at Wichita. (The above advertisement has run daily since December 7, 1885.)

Messrs. Wallenstein and Cohn left this morning for Cincinnati and New York city. They have taken the store in the Eagle block and by the 1st of February will be ready to open that establishment.

The walls of the Presbyterian academy are going up rapidly.

**Monday, January 4, 1886**

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1. Report from Ladies Benevolent Home. Details.
  
4. The general office of the Wichita and Western Railroad is over the clothing house of Israel Brothers.

**Wednesday, January 6, 1886**

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4. Judge I. F. Lauck plans to erect a fine new house at corner of 13th and Fairview. To be 52 feet long and 48 feet wide, two stories, with ten rooms. Mr. Kellogg is the architect.

**Friday, January 8, 1886**

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1. Article reports terrible blizzard yesterday. Temperature is low as 18 below.

4. Note says the Wichita and Colorado Railroad reached Colwich Wednesday. About 20 houses have been erected there in the past four weeks.

**Saturday, January 9, 1886****page**

4. Temperature remained below zero this morning. Thursday afternoon the blizzard with wind and drifting snow shut down the street cars and stranded people who had gone downtown in the morning. Yesterday there was very little traffic or need for them, but today Major Powell has overcome the obstructions on the tracks and the cars are running pretty regularly.

**Tuesday, January 12, 1886****page**

4. The ice is eight inches thick on Chisholm creek.

Wichita and Western switch engine No. 8 pulled the Santa Fe passenger train to Newton yesterday morning.

**Wednesday, January 13, 1886****page**

1. Article reports on a visit to the new town of Andale. The first building was erected there only about three weeks ago and now there are about 20 built or under construction. Visits made to stable of Will Dale and the store building of Leon Fouquet, which is just enclosed, with carpenters now engaged on it. It will be ready for occupancy in about ten days. Next door north is the hardware house of Burriss Brothers. The bank building of the Messrs. Anderson is nearly completed. There is also the grocery store of A. Tice. Mr. Fouquet is the postmaster.

**Thursday, January 14, 1886****page**

4. The Wichita and Colorado track is within two miles of Andale.

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3. Advertisement with drawing of building at 232 and 234 North Main with street car No. 8 in front.

**Saturday, January 16, 1886****page**

4. Mr. J. K. Sawyer last Saturday got the contract to build an iron bridge across the Little river at the west end of Oak street. The bridge will be built by parties owning real estate on the other side of the river, and will facilitate the settlement over there.

**Monday, January 18, 1886****page**

4. The North Main street cars, after so long a time, made their appearance on the track this morning. It takes something more than a snow storm to vacate the Douglas avenue track.

**Tuesday, January 19, 1886****page**

1. The temperature was 14 below zero this morning.

**Wednesday, January 20, 1886****page**

4. Assistant engineer Smith, of the city office, is preparing a detailed map of the 5th Ward for the use of the real estate firm of Neely and Killan. It is the most complete map of that section of the city yet made.

**Saturday, January 23, 1886****page**

4. There were no trains from Kingman yesterday and none are expected today.

**Monday, January 25, 1886****page**

4. The Kingman trains are again running regularly. The Wichita and Western will soon have two new engines and coaches of their own. Hitherto they used the stock of the Santa Fe and Frisco.

**Thursday, January 28, 1886****page**

1. Report from Andale says yesterday at 9 a.m. the first steel rail was spiked down in Andale and this morning the first car of merchandise was hauled into the town via the railroad, a car load of coal for the local coal merchant, Howard Sowle, which was all sold in five minutes and weighed out and paid for in two hours. Mr. W. P. McNair, general manager of the Wichita and Colorado, says regular trains will commence running next Monday, February 1st. G. A. Hinkle is to be the first station agent, and arrived today. He will open next Monday in Sowle's grain office until the depot is completed. The railroad company are putting up a water tank at Andale.

**Wednesday, February 3, 1886****page**

4. The street cars were laid up all day yesterday because of the heavy snow, and this morning the condition of the tracks, covered with frozen and tightly-packed snow, leads us to believe it would be difficult to open travel today. The company have a heavy job before they have their ten miles of track open.

**Thursday, February 4, 1886****page**

4. With three new passenger coaches, together with two new engine and baggage cars,

bearing the name of the road, the Wichita and Western toots her horn as defiantly as any of them.

The street car company has experienced unusual difficulty this winter in keeping its lines open. As fast as men get the track clear, another snow is ready at hand to clog it up. This last visitation has been the worst and street car rides have been short and far between.

### **Saturday, February 6, 1886**

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1. The officers of the Wichita and Colorado, with members of the city government and invited guests made an excursion trip this afternoon to Andale.
  
4. The street car track on North Main street is being cleared, and cars will be running north today.

The Frisco line is now clear from Wichita to St. Louis and running all trains on time. They are running two engines on all passenger trains and will continue to do so as long as cold weather lasts.

### **Tuesday, February 9, 1886**

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1. Proceedings of city council yesterday: Mr. English reported for fire committee that they had selected Lot 12 on Oak street in 5th ward for location of the hook and ladder company and that the same including a suitable house. Price is \$455. Report was adopted and the amount allowed.

### **Wednesday, February 10, 1886**

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4. Henry Schweiter says he has 3800 tons of ice put up for the next season. Harris and Polk have between 2500 and 3000 tons and there are about 1800 tons packed by the creamery company and Mr. Weigand, making a total of 7300 tons. Last year Mr. Schweiter shipped 35 car loads to surrounding towns.

### **Thursday, February 11, 1886**

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4. The First Street Theater had another big house last night.

### **Friday, February 12, 1886**

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1. Reporter describes visit to McKenzie Carriage works. Details.
  
4. The new engine for the Wichita and Western passenger train is expected to arrive next Sunday, and the new train will be put on that road with its elegant cars.

Mr. J. K. Sawyer, the Wichita bridge builder, made contracts in January for \$9500 worth of bridges. They include two in Cherokee (sic), one in Montgomery (sic), and the one across the Little river at Oak street. The Oak street bridge is to be finished for crossing by the 8th of April. It will be of two spans, with 30 foot roadway flanked with a five foot sidewalk on either side. It will be iron, substantially built, and an ornament to that part of the town.

The general offices of the Wichita and Colorado Railroad now occupy two handsome rooms in the west end of the Dorsey building, one of which is occupied by the clerks, and the other by the assistant general manager.

**Monday, February 15, 1886****page**

4. Contract for the building of the new Methodist Episcopal church on South Emporia avenue was let Saturday to R. Weeks.

**Tuesday, February 16, 1886****page**

4. The Wichita and Colorado has four miles of track to complete to reach Andale. Details.

**Wednesday, February 17, 1886****page**

1. Notes from Andale. The depot is completed.
4. The street railway company has a party of men engaged east of the Santa Fe leveling up that portion of the road, which has recently jolted the passengers so badly.

**Thursday, February 18, 1886****page**

4. Superintendent Hill, of the Wichita and Western, arrived from the west this morning.

H. G. Lee sold 25 lots in English's 6th addition this morning before 9 o'clock.

George O. M. Buckner sold the John Royal 80 acres between the rivers to E. P. Ford for \$12,000.

Even with the present large force they are compelled to work nights to keep up with the business in the register of deeds' office.

**Friday, February 19, 1886****page**

4. Major Powell has ordered two more new street cars for North Main street.

The new passenger engine No. 2, for the Wichita and Western, arrived yesterday.

The new bridge across the Little river, just below the dam, has been completed.

Mr. Balch has bought the frame school house on North Main and moved it on to lots on Market, west side, between Pine and Oak. He will remodel it and make a dwelling house out of it.

Billy Heller is taking advantage of the first sunshine to push work on his new Main street block.

Wichita can hardly claim pre-eminence as a metropolitan city until she puts the names of at least the principal streets up on their corners.

### **Saturday, February 20, 1886**

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4. The new engines of the Wichita and Western are among the finest ever shipped to that road. They weigh 59 tons and are being placed in running order by Mr. W. I. Hawk of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

The G.A.R. arch on Main and 1st streets is being decorated with flags and bunting. The workmen finished erection of the arch on Main and Douglas last evening.

### **Monday, February 22, 1886**

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4. J. B. Carey will open the streets through his Park, tomorrow.

Heffron and Boyden commenced work on the new Christian church on South Lawrence avenue today.

R. M. Gardner is putting in a foundation, preparing to erect a hotel on his lots, just west of the Douglas avenue bridge, on the west side.

### **Tuesday, February 23, 1886**

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4. Official publication of Ordinance 355, taking in a number of now platted additions into the City of Wichita. Details.

Mr. E. W. Israel sold yesterday the old Globe house property on Douglas avenue to O. C. Daisy for \$8500, spot cash.

### **Thursday, February 25, 1886**

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4. Capt. John B. Carey's addition is being platted.

### **Friday, February 26, 1886**

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4. The Kansas Furniture company is getting material on the ground ready for the three story, 50 foot front brick block on the corner of Topeka and Douglas.

**Monday, March 1, 1886****page**

4. We understand that arrangements are being made for the extension of the street car line over to West Wichita.

Mr. Blackwelder has purchased an acre of ground on Fairview avenue and Maple street and will build one of the finest residences in the city.

Mr. Burleigh has thousands of apple trees now ready for planting. He has raised them on his North Emporia street property and is now transplanting them on his farm in the county.

The extension of Waco avenue north through the Carey park makes it a grand avenue, with property along it from 2nd street north coming into demand for fine residences. The street railroad will soon put two new cars on this line and give a 20 minute service.

The Presbyterian church on the west side is being rapidly completed.

**Tuesday, March 2, 1886****page**

4. The new Boston Store on Douglas avenue next to the Wichita National bank, held its grand opening at 7 o'clock last evening. Details.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new two story brick block of the Kansas Furniture company at Topeka and Douglas.

**Wednesday, March 3, 1886****page**

1. Excavation trip to Kengira left this morning over Wichita and Western. Train composed of baggage car and three coaches, all new, and engine No. 1, which was recently built especially for this road. Details.
4. The material for the iron bridge across the Little river at Oak street has been shipped from Cincinnati and is expected here in a few days. It will take only a short time to put it up. Mr. Oak Davidson informs us that they have the plats nearly ready for 300 acres in the bend of the river opposite the north end. A force of 20 men are now at work clearing up the wooded portion on the banks of the park. A race track is also being laid out: Work is also being done on the broad boulevard, 100 feet wide, which is to follow the windings of the river, extending around nearly the entire addition. The plat for this large and fine addition is now well advanced and will be completed by the last of the week. Lots will not be placed on the market before the completion of the bridge.

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4. City Engineer Bailey (sic) received orders yesterday for three new additions to the city of Wichita, and all within an hour's time. Two of these are Pinkham and Johnson's subdivisions, acre lots in Mathewson's addition in the eastern part of the city. The other is a 24 acre tract belong to Ransom and Kays, just south of the town and east of Allen and Smith's addition. ¶ Engineer Bailey informed the reporter that he was kept busy night and day drawing up plats, and that the plats of Bailey's addition will be filed for record tomorrow. This addition is in Sullivan's tract on Central avenue.

**Tuesday, March 9, 1886****page**

4. Mr. William Griffenstein returned Saturday from Pottawatomie reservation. He says work will be prosecuted on his fine residence at the west of 10th street whether he is home or not.

The building boom is progressing rapidly on the east side of the Santa Fe, from the Union depot all the way to the stock yards, there being over 20 buildings in course of erection.

**Friday, March 12, 1886****page**

3. Large advertisement for Fairview addition, between Fairview and Lawrence, from 17th to 19th street. Lots being sold at office of H. G. Toler.
4. Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird have just completed the plans for an elegant residence for Mr. McBee, the Douglas avenue real estate agent. It will be built in the Queen Anne style, two story with large porticos. Contract will be let in April 1st. Cost will be about \$2500.

Messrs. F. G. Smyth and Sons, dealers in farm machinery, are erecting a large 75 foot tower for a Holliday 16 foot wind mill, which they will use to run their machinery in the repair and woodworking shop.

Mr. A. Katz, the dry goods man, has taken a five year lease on the Peter Getto building, corner of Douglas and Market. We understand that in order to get possession he purchased the stock of groceries now in the building and will clear it out (to be the Philadelphia store??).

**Saturday, March 13, 1886****page**

4. The plat of Ferrell's 4th addition, between the rivers, was filed for record yesterday.

**Tuesday, March 16, 1886****page**

1. Last evening an important meeting was held in Mr. N. F. Niederlander's office, corner of Douglas and Topeka, by those interested in the College Hill extension railway and the proposed new line, which the *Beacon* reporter understands will be built by the present

company. The line will commence at Oak street, running to the terminus of 5th avenue; thence running east to Cleveland avenue, thence north to Frisco avenue; thence east on Frisco to Hillside avenue. Material is now on the ground and work will be commenced at once and carried to completion as rapidly as possible. The College Hill extension may possibly be built by a new company, as the proposed negotiations with Major Powell have not been progressing as satisfactory as some desired. At any rate, the construction of the extension will commence at once. These proposed lines will give Wichita a system of street railway equal to that of any other city in the country. Among those present last night were J. C. Rutan, N. F. Niederlander, J. S. Gatrison (sic)(Garrison?), T. S. Brooks, M. W. Levy, A. C. Payne, S. D. Pallet, A. W. Oliver, H. Imboden, Mark Oliver, and others.

Article reports negotiations between a syndicate of Wichita merchants and the Schuyler Electric Light company of New York City, for the establishment of a private electric lighting plant in Wichita. Mr. I. R. Adams of St. Louis, Missouri, arrived in Wichita last evening, and is the man with whom the syndicate here have been corresponding. He is the western manager of the Schuyler Electric Light company. He says if his offer is accepted he will have the city lighted within 60 days. Details.

4. Report of building boom in residences:  
Proudfoot and Bird are drawing plans for:
- Mr. Rowe, residence on Topeka avenue, Queen Anne cottage, \$3500.
  - Dr. Purdy, Topeka avenue, cottage, \$1000.
  - J. R. Parsons, North Lawrence avenue, cottage with depth of 60 feet and 25 feet wide, Queen Anne style, \$4500.
  - Mr. Charles Smyth, cottage, brick to first story, 2nd story frame, shingled and stained. North Market, \$5500.
  - Mr. Wallace, elegant brick residence with cut stone trimmings, \$6000.
- Mr. C. W. Kellogg is drawing plans for:
- Judge Lauk's (sic) building, 12th and Park avenue, brick with stables attached, two stories, ten rooms, \$8000.
  - John Exton's double flat residence, corner of Emporia and William, two stories, \$3500.
  - Mr. Humble, of Hyde and Humble, Douglas avenue, \$2500.
  - Misses Neely, on 3rd street, two story cottage, \$2500.

### **Wednesday, March 17, 1886**

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4. Article describes a visit today to the new Fairview addition. Details.

Ground was broken yesterday for erection of the new Methodist church on South Emporia avenue.

John Garrison's house on Douglas avenue near the river on the west side, was moved today to his lots near the fair grounds.

**Thursday, March 18, 1886****page**

4. Mr. Adams, of the Schuyler Electric Light company, has already secured more than sufficient names as subscribers to assure success. Nearly 100 business men and firms have already rented lamps, and the list is growing. Mr. Adams in a few days will order the plant and states that his subscribers will have the light within 60 days.

**Friday, March 19, 1886****page**

4. A. D. Boyd and G. W. Bartholmew (sic) have purchased Riverside Park and will at once refit and beautify it. Street car tracks will be laid to the Park, which will be used for the better class of entertainment.

Mr. J. Hartzell writes us from Moline, Illinois, that he has begun active work of the Dunning Railroad, between Rock Island and Moline, and expects to have it in operation by the first of July, 1886.

The contract for the Mitchell-Stackman-Bosley fire brick block that is to occupy the burnt district on Main street south of 1st, was let yesterday to Robert Jacks for \$20,320. Mr. Bosley's part is \$8258, Mitchell's, \$5885, and Stackman's \$6177. To be completed July 1st.

The Riverside Hotel, on west side near the bridge, looms up since receiving a new coat of paint.

**Saturday, March 20, 1886****page**

1. Article describing and praising the Occidental Hotel. Details.

Financial report of Ladies Benevolent Home. Details.

Smyth and Sons' wind mill tower is nearly completed and the mill will be up within a week. The tower is about 90 feet in height.

**Monday, March 22, 1886****page**

1. Article describing and praising the Manhattan hotel. Details.
4. Article describes Kingman, at the present terminus of the Wichita and Western Railroad. Details.

Mr. J. R. Adams reports that estimates for erection of a building for the Schuyler Electric Light plant are now in the hands of contractors. The building will be located on the Santa Fe track, near Douglas avenue, will be 25 by 140 feet, and will contain two 75 h.p. boilers and two Automatic Westinghouse engines of 60 h.p.

**Tuesday, March 23, 1886****page**

1. City council yesterday granted franchise to the Schuyler Electric Light company. Details.

Reporter today visited General B. B. Eggleston, superintendent of the Wichita water works. The company is sinking a new well 20 feet deep and 50 feet in diameter, which will increase the supply to enough for a city over 60,000 population. There are now over 800 consumers in the city and 11 miles of water mains laid, with more to be constructed this summer. Pumping capacity is 2.5 million gallons per day. The city has 80 double fire plugs.

Note about an accident on the Wichita and Colorado Railroad last week when a train jumped the track this side of Maize owing to a defective rail. The engine and tender were damaged but no lives were lost. Repairs have been made and today all trains are running regularly.

Long report of proceedings of city council yesterday. Details. Ordinance 360 granting franchise to Schuyler Electric Light company was passed.

4. W. H. Sternberg was awarded contract yesterday for construction of the county poor house. His low bid was \$2799.

Ground was broken this morning for Messrs. Miller and Robinson's fine three story brick on Main street.

Work of removing the old livery and feed stable on North Market, next to the opera house, was begun today. We understand that a new brick building will be built on the site.

Mr. Woods, chief engineer of the Ft. Scott Railroad informs us this morning that the Wichita and Colorado is now in Mt. Hope and that the grade is completed to the west line of the county. By April 1st the track will reach that line. Bonds are voted for 20 miles in Reno county.

**Wednesday, March 24, 1886****page**

1. The engine which was wrecked on the Wichita and Colorado last Saturday was in the yards on the West Side today and will be sent east to be repaired.

4. Article about the new Eagle addition, between Emporia avenue and 4th avenue directly north of 13th street. Details.

Surveyors are at work today platting the M. R. Moser addition in the east part of town adjoining the College Hill addition, and will be known as Brooklyn Heights. The lots are laid off in 2½ acre plots.

Official publication of Ordinance 360 granting franchise to Schuyler Electric Light company. Details.

**Thursday, March 25, 1886****page**

4. Article with notes about news from Cheney and Goddard.

Article describes a reporter's visit to College Hill today. Besides Mr. Sullivan's \$4000 brick residence on College Hill Mr Paine's fine house is already up and inclosed, and the foundation of Mr. Pallett's is being laid, each to cost about \$4000. "From College Hill we went north past Mr. Moser's place, a part of which is to be laid out and known as Brooklyn Heights, and on past Mr. Cook's place and Mr. Buck's fine residence, and on north to Frisco Heights. This is a delightful location. Already some good residences are going up. Mr. Brook's will be a very handsome cottage costing about \$2500, and the foundation is already completed. Mr. William King is building a residence to cost about \$1000. Mr. Warton will soon build a fine two story brick residence, and Messrs. A. Bosley, L. D. Skinner, Col. Lewis, A. A. Hyde, and George Strong have selected lots for fine residences. Street cars are to be running as far as the cemetery by the first of May."

**Friday, March 26, 1886****page**

1. Notes about progress of the Schuyler Electric Light project. Details.

The question of voting \$10,000 in city bonds to build a school building in the Fifth ward will be submitted to the voters in the spring election.

4. Notes about progress of the Schuyler Electric Light project. Details.

**Saturday, March 27, 1886****page**

4. Article about the extension of the railroad west from Mulvane. As now located, the line will be south of the Ninnescah and a mile or so from Clearwater, but Clearwater is determined to have it come through there if possible. Details given of the Santa Fe's demands if this change is to be made.

**Wednesday, March 31, 1886****page**

1. The new map of the city, drawn by Bunnie Mead (sic) for N. F. Niederlander, is a beauty in every respect, and perfectly accurate. All the various streets, wards, city railways, and railroads; also all the city additions up to December 1st, are plainly marked in varied bright colors. Altogether, it is by far the best map of our city.

Work on the Kingman, Pratt, and Western extension of the Wichita and Western Railroad will now be pushed rapidly. One hundred fifty teams with a large number of men are now on the ground and will commence work at once.

4. Work on the iron bridge over the Little Arkansas river at Oak street is now being pushed as fast as a large force of men can do it. The approach on the west side is being completed. The bridge will be in two spans of 70 feet each, with an 18 feet roadway and passenger walks on each side. The bridge material now on the ground, was delayed two weeks by the great railroad strike. It was made by the Canton (Ohio) Iron Bridge company. The bridge will have a total length of 140 feet. The entire work is under the direction of Mr. J. K. Sawyer, the well known bridge builder and contractor of this city.

**Thursday, April 1, 1886****page**

4. Article about the Boston store, opened one month ago by Messrs. Wallenstein and Cohn. Details.

**Friday, April 2, 1886****page**

1. The Wichita and Colorado track is laid three miles into Reno county. The county commissioners were out over the line yesterday and today delivered to the road all the bonds voted by Greeley township.

Mr. J. N. Campbell, the contractor, says he has the walls of the new coffee and spice mills up to the second story. He has the Exton residence on Emporia avenue nearly completed and next Monday will start excavating for the Davidson building.

4. Electric light material for the J. D. Hill electric light plant arrived yesterday from the Thomson-Houston electric light company. It consists of dynamo, wires, etc. The Westinghouse engine is on the track somewhere between here and St. Louis and the poles are also on the cars between here and Ft. Scott. The building will be put up at once.

Contract for erection of Mr. W. L. McBee's handsome new residence on South Lawrence avenue was awarded today to Mr. W. P. Stem. Plans were drawn by Proudfoot and Bird and cost will be about \$2000.

Property owners along Waco propose to re-christen that thoroughfare as Waco avenue instead of Waco street. Commodore Woodman has led off in popularizing it under its new name.

**Monday, April 5, 1886****page**

1. Long article describing town of Clearwater. Says it was first laid out in spring of 1884 and on July 1884 the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad commenced running trains to that point.

**Tuesday, April 6, 1886****page**

1. Long article about Norwich, Kansas. Details. Says the Denver, Memphis, and Atlantic Railway company have completed their grade from Belle Plaine to Norwich and on to Kiowa. It is expected that tracks will be put down before January 1, 1887.
  
4. Major Powell, president of the Wichita street railway, stated today that several new cars had been added and would be used on the new Frisco Heights line, and that a new and commodious barn would soon be erected on North Wichita street, between 10th and 11th streets; also that new cars would be placed on the north line, as travel had largely increased.

The foundation walls for Judge Lauck's elegant new residence, corner of 13th street and Fairview avenue, are completed, and brick layers will commence work at once.

Contracts for enclosing and finishing the superstructure of St. Aloysius church according to plans and specifications are now to be seen at Mr. P. V. Healy's office and will be let Thursday, April 8.

### **Wednesday, April 7, 1886**

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1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Details. The school bonds were carried by a large margin.
  
4. A charter has been granted by the state to the Garfield University to be located in Wichita. Names of directors listed. Another note says the charter was granted on Monday last.

### **Thursday, April 8, 1886**

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4. The Wichita street car company have placed two new cars on their main line. Those cars were made by Brownell and Company, St. Louis, and are daisies. They also received two handsome cars for the Frisco Heights line, on which work is progressing rapidly. Major Powell says several new extensions are contemplated during this year, and one of them would be to the 5th ward.

Two new cars for the street railway yesterday. They are from the Brownell and Wight company, of St. Louis.

Work is forging on the Firebaugh block, in the rear of the Manhattan hotel.

### **Friday, April 9, 1886**

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1. The Wichita and Colorado Railroad officers now occupy rooms in the Toler and Blackwelder building.

The new offices of the Ft. Scott road, which are located at corner of 2nd and Wichita street, are being handsomely furnished.

Long article describing Conway Springs. Details.

Members of the Plymouth Congregational church will hold services next Sunday in their beautiful new house of worship, corner of 2nd and Lawrence.

4. List of officials of the Ft. Scott road who have been transferred from Ft. Scott to Wichita.

The building of the Schuyler Electric Light company is now ready for the boilers and engines, and holes are being dug at street corners for the poles. In digging the post holes the Schuyler company take the two diagonal corners leaving the other two for the Thomson-Houston electric light, which is being installed by Judge Hill.

### **Monday, April 12, 1886**

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4. Article about Plymouth Congregational church with details. Says they held their first service in their new church yesterday.

### **Tuesday, April 13, 1886**

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1. Article describing the Finlay Ross furniture company established in 1877 and now located at 119 and 121 North Main. Details.

City council meeting yesterday had debate between the two competing electric light companies. Details.

Article reports the Rock Island Railroad has successfully concluded negotiations with the Omaha, Abilene, and Wichita Railroad today by which the Rock Island will accept and construct under the charter and with the franchise of the Omaha, Abilene and Wichita company and secure on the board of that company a proper representation. Details.

4. Proceedings of city council yesterday. Details. Ordinance 361 granting right-of-way to the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad company and the Omaha, Abilene, and Wichita Railway company over certain streets and alleys in Wichita, etc., was passed.

The contract for the bridge across the Little river on Carey avenue has been let to J. K. Sawyer, who will build the same as soon as possible.

### **Wednesday, April 14, 1886**

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1. Work will soon commence on the bridge over the Little river at Carey avenue. It will be of wood, with 18 foot roadway, with foot walks on each side. The entire length of the bridge proper will be 300 feet. It will open up Carey avenue through to the Arkansas river, and open up the 300 acres recently platted by Messrs. Lloyd B. Ferrell, Joseph Rich, G. L. Rouse, and E. P. Ford, located between the rivers, extending from 13th street one

mile north, the Carey avenue bridge striking its river front about the middle of the property. The bridge is under contract to be finished by June 9th.

Another article about the controversy between the two electric light companies. Details.

4. Official publication of Ordinance 361 granting right-of-way to the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railroad company and the Omaha, Abilene, and Wichita Railroad company. Details.

Mr. A. Katz is having his new store at corner of Market and Douglas refitted and expects to occupy it in about two weeks.

Work was resumed today on William Heller's brick block on North Main street after suspensions for several days owing to inability to get necessary material.

### **Thursday, April 15, 1886**

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1. Article describing town of Argonia. Details.

Proudfoot and Bird have completed the plans for a elegant \$10,000 residence for Mr. J. A. Wallace, of the firm of Houck and Wallace. It is to be of Kansas City pressed brick, with slate roof, two stories, with ten rooms. Contract is to be let next Saturday.

Real estate activity: The Episcopal corner in back of the court house, 125 by 40, was sold today to Mr. Blackwelder for \$15,000. John Fisher sold his 100 foot front on Market and 3rd street to the Presbyterian college for \$6500.

4. The new Presbyterian church in Garrison's addition is nearly completed.

Bids for erection of the new Catholic church were all rejected and new bids will be accepted until Saturday, April 24.

Proudfoot and Bird have just completed the plans for the parsonage of the West Side Presbyterian church.

### **Friday, April 16, 1886**

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1. Turner's opera house was sold yesterday to M. J. Oliver and Hiram Imboden for \$24,000. They will re-arrange the inside of the house for use as a wholesale house of some kind.
4. Messrs. Terry and Dumont have just finished the plans for a magnificent residence for Mr. Robert Black, proprietor of the Manhattan hotel. The home will be 48 by 63 feet, and built on corner of Douglas and Hydraulic avenues.

Mr. Strong reports that on January 9th last a circular was issued to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad stockholders for subscriptions to the Chicago, Kansas and Western Railroad company for building about 450 miles of railway in Kansas, to be auxiliary to the existing lines in this state.

### **Saturday, April 17, 1886**

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1. Note reports that Capt. J. B. Carey intends to build a four story hotel on southwest corner of 4th and Douglas avenues.
4. Mr. Willis Proudfoot, of Proudfoot and Bird, leaves tomorrow for Harper to compete for plans for the new \$40,000 court house soon to be erected there.

### **Monday, April 19, 1886**

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1. Article reports Wichita is soon to have another street railroad. The projectors are the following well known business men: E. P. Ford, G. L. Rivers, Lloyd B. Ferrell, James Rich, and Frank J. Ford. ¶ The road will commence at the corner of Carey and Fairview avenues, running west across the Little Arkansas river bridge at Carey avenue. The charter will call for a complete system of street railways, but at present only a half mile of road will be built, but as more is needed it will at once be extended. Money for the building and equipment has already been raised and paid in. The bridge over the Little river is to be completed by June 9th and is being built by the above named gentlemen, who hope to have the road running by this time. Work will commence as soon as the franchise is granted. Company is to be known as the Little River Street Railway company.
3. Ad for Popkess and Walser dealers in Coal, Stone, and Builder's Material, saying they have exclusive control of the Towanda Magnesia Stone Quarries and are prepared to furnish range, dimension, and footing rock. Local manager is P. Busbee, corner 2nd and Wichita streets.
4. Advertisement of "The Little River Street Car Company," Loyd (sic) B. Ferrell, president, giving notice that on May 1st, 1886, the company will appear before the County Commissioners to ask for a franchise to build and operate a street railway line beginning at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 27, Range 1 East, in Sedgwick County, and running west about 2640 feet to the southwest corner of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 27, Range 1 East.

Popkiss and Walser, who recently bought the lumberyard near the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita depot, are branching out. They have purchased the Towanda magnesian lime quarries and are building a spur railroad from the main line of the Sunflower road to the quarries. The spur is located just east of Towanda, in Butler county. This will furnish Wichita a new field of excellent building stone to construct the many fine buildings to be erected here this season.

**Tuesday, April 20, 1886****page**

1. Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird received instructions today to complete the plans and specifications for the Presbyterian college. The instructions call for the entire building of which the present building on Market street is but the north wing. The college will be 110 feet long by 73 feet wide, two stories with basement. It will be remembered that the property just north of the college, which was formerly owned by Mr. John Fisher, was recently purchased for the college. Plans now are to erect a building costing \$35 to \$40,000.

Deffenbaugh, Lewis and Company proprietors of the Hydraulic flour mills, have recently sold 16 car loads of flour at Little Rock, Arkansas.

4. The street car company are having several of their cars repainted. Mr. Vinney is doing the work.

**Wednesday, April 21, 1886****page**

1. Street cars will run on Main street going north every 20 minutes hereafter. Last car will leave Douglas at 9:20 p.m.

The St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad company have purchased all of the east side of Wichita street between 2nd and 3rd streets for \$24,000 cash, and will at an early date erect a handsome depot and general office building.

4. Major Powell, of the street railway, today received 32 head of fine young mules from San Antonio, Texas, for the company. He has also ordered three more open cars which will be put in service as soon as they arrive. The company are now busily engaged in laying track on Oak street towards Cleveland avenue, to Frisco Heights.

Mr. Katz, of the Philadelphia store, will remove into his new store, corner of Market and Douglas, on Monday. It has been thoroughly refitted.

Proudfoot and Bird yesterday let the contract for erection of Mr. J. A. Wallace's handsome residence on North Lawrence avenue. Carpentering work to Weeks and Son; brick work to Stryker, Green and Company; stone work to Davis and Wells. Cost will be about \$8000.

**Thursday, April 22, 1886****page**

1. Article describes town of Garden Plain. Details.

William Griffenstein has the frame work of his residence on 10th and Jefferson now up.

L. D. Skinner is at work on the foundation of a large residence on the corner of Pine and Topeka.

4. Long article about the plans for Capt. J. B. Carey's new palace hotel to be built at corner of Douglas and 4th avenues, 125 by 140 feet, not less than four stories high. Agreement signed yesterday by him with Hacker and Jackson and H. F. Friend. The present building on the ground will be removed and work commenced within 50 days. Details.

Contract was let yesterday by Terry and Dumont for foundation for the new residence of W. K. and L. L. Carlisle on Topeka avenue.

Terry and Dumont, architects, received instructions today to make plans and specifications for the new brick blocks of Hacker and Jackson and H. J. Friend, which are to be erected on Douglas avenue near the Exton block. The new blocks are to be 100 by 110 feet, three stories high, with fronts of solid cut stone.

Charles Smyth has begun work on a fine residence on corner of Waco and 3rd street. Fred Smyth has the foundations in already on lots just south, and the two buildings will go up together.

Next Monday the right-of-way for the Mulvane extension through Sedgwick County will be condemned.

### **Saturday, April 24, 1886**

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1. Article reports very active real estate businesses in Wichita this week including much interest in Fairview addition. Details. All the local contractors are busy. W. H. Sternberg has 35 hands employed.
4. The boiler and engines for Judge Hill's electric light company have arrived. They will be enclosed in an iron building 30 by 50 feet just back of the present gas building.

### **Monday, April 26, 1886**

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4. The electric light wires were being placed in a number of our business houses today.

The new Patterson block on North Main street was begun this morning. It will be three stories with cut stone front.

### **Wednesday, April 28, 1886**

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1. Article describes the town of Cheney. Details.

Proudfoot and Bird are engaged in drawing the plans for the following residences: Mr. A. A. Hyde on College Hill, Mr. Zimmerman's, and also several for Messrs. Rouse and Blackwelder in Fairview addition.

4. The new Christian church on South Lawrence, west of the Lincoln school building, is about completed. It is a handsome frame structure.

Mr. O. C. Daisy has placed another handsome new sprinkler on the streets. It was made by Studebaker Brothers, of South Bend, Indiana.

#### **Thursday, April 29, 1886**

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1. Long article about the town of Kingman. Says it was first platted in 1878 and is terminus of Wichita and Western Railroad. Details.
4. Board of directors of Garfield University met yesterday and will received proposals for donation of ground in two weeks.

Finishing touches are being put on the Noble block, corner of Topeka and Douglas.

Dr. J. D. Purdy has let contract to Smyth and Holms for erection of an elegant bath house, 25 by 90 feet, with a swimming pool 20 by 45 feet in the rear.

#### **Friday, April 30, 1886**

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1. Capt. John B. Carey yesterday sold his 40 acre Carey park property, which adjoins the city on the north and Fairview addition on the west, to an eastern syndicate for \$40,000. Names of known purchasers are Robert T. Bean, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and L. R. Cole, of Pontiac, Michigan. They will at once lay out the park in a subdivision and each will build himself a substantial residence and move his family here. The street cars reach the park and are soon to be extended west along the south side on Carey avenue and across to the west side of the Little Arkansas river when the bridge is completed.
4. Ground was broken today for the elegant new residence of Robert Black on East Douglas avenue (at Hydraulic).

Father M. J. Casey telegraphs to this city from Leavenworth that two new dioceses have been established in Kansas, with Episcopal sees at Wichita and Concordia.

#### **Saturday, May 1, 1886**

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1. Long article about active real estate transactions this week. Mentions Griffenstein's 9th addition and Fairview addition. Details.

Article about rapid expansion on West Side, or 5th ward. Says on August 5, 1872, a plat was made of the ground now known as the West Side. In 1873, Congress granted 140 acres of this land to be held in trust for the residents, and which was held until March 31, 1882, when all the unsold property was deeded to Mr. N. F. Niederlander, for \$1500, and which is now known as Niederlander's addition to West Wichita. Up to three years ago

any lot on the West Side could have been purchased for \$50. Now the same lots that went begging then for a buyer at \$50 commenced all the way from \$150 or \$1500. One year ago the West Side had only 265 inhabitants, but today there are believed to be 1500 people in the 5th ward.

Santa Fe officials have been in Wichita to locate the new passenger depot, for which \$50,000 has been appropriated. They have selected the location, which will be either the site of the present freight depot, or on the east side of 5th avenue between Douglas and William, providing they can purchase the old elevator which now stands in the way. Mr. Pat Healy was authorized to endeavor to purchase the same if possible. (The *Beacon* understands that \$12,000 is asked for it.)

The dedication of the Plymouth Congregational church will take place May 2, 1886. Details.

4. The iron has been ordered for the College Hill extension of the street railway.

E. T. Allen, late of Indianapolis, has started work on the foundation for an elegant residence on College Hill.

Col. D. R. Green, proprietor of the Cannon Ball stage line, at Kingman, was in the city last evening. He has done more with his stage line to build up the western part of the state than perhaps any other one individual.

### **Monday, May 3, 1886**

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1. Report of the dedication of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Details.

### **Tuesday, May 4, 1886**

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4. Article about the Philadelphia store, Mr. A. Katz, proprietor. He came to Wichita about eight years ago and opened a dry goods and notion house at 27 Main street. Within three months he had to move to larger quarters at 111 Douglas avenue. Business expanded and he rented the large store room at corner of Market and Douglas, 35 by 125 feet, into which he moved his store on April 26 this year. Details.

Proudfoot and Bird are busily engaged in finishing the plans for the new Lewis academy. The building will have a frontage of 112 feet by 83 feet in depth.

Contracts have been let for Mr. Lauck's house. The foundation is finished.

### **Thursday, May 6, 1886**

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4. Major Powell of the street railway company, has a large gang of men at work laying ties and steel rails on Frisco avenue. The work will be pushed rapidly to completion.

The street car barns on North Wichita street, between Park and 10th streets, are very nearly completed and will be occupied by the first of next week.

**Friday, May 7, 1886****page**

1. Report of visit to several busy Wichita architects. Terry and Dumont have about finished plans and specifications for the new business houses of Hacker and Jackson and Friend, which will be built in "union" on the corner of Douglas and 4th avenues. It will extend from the Exton block on Douglas 100 feet to the corner and then back 110 feet on 4th avenue. It will be three stories, of St. Louis red brick, trimmed with Cottonwood Falls cut stone. This firm have also just finished the plans for Attorney Charley Hatton's \$3500 residence to be erected on Waco between 1st and 2nd streets. ¶ Architect C. W. Kellogg has just completed the plans for Aldrich and Hodgson's new three story business block on North Main, to be erected on site of the burnt district between 1st and 2nd streets. It will cost about \$12,000.

Article reporting progress by the Schulyer Electric Light company in setting up their plant and wiring.

**Saturday, May 8, 1886****page**

4. The contract was let yesterday by the Carlisle Brothers for erection of their residence on 11th street to B. H. Downing.

**Monday, May 10, 1886****page**

1. Article describes town of Cullison, in Pratt county.
4. Tonight is the time set forth for starting up the Thomson-Houston electric light system. The engine house for the new electric light plant is placed just back of the gas building in a spacious building, 20 by 60 feet, whose outside is covered with sheet iron. There is a boiler of 75 h.p. and foundation is in for another boiler. In the engine room is a dynamo and Westinghouse engine of 64 h.p., capable of running 60 lamps. Details.

"We had the pleasure this morning of making the acquaintances of Mr. C. F. Buffum, president of Keene, New Hampshire, "Five Cents Saving Bank," and Mr. Francis C. Faulkner, attorney for the "Cheshire Provident Association" of Keene. These gentlemen represent million of dollars, several of which millions are invested in Kansas, more especially in this section. They are large stockholders in the Oak Davidson addition, across the Little River, now being put on the market. These gentlemen will be here two or three days. They are very much pleased with the improvements made on their splendid property."

The Schulyer Electric Light company put up all their poles yesterday and are today stringing their wires.

The Oak street bridge, a fine iron structure, is nearly completed, and will be opened for travel by Saturday morning.

**Tuesday, May 11, 1886****page**

1. Proceedings of city council yesterday: Petition passed to hold election Tuesday, June 8th to vote bonds to aid construction of Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railway. Details.

Article reports inauguration last evening of Judge Hill's Thomson-Houston electric light system in Wichita. Details.

4. The Carey Park Land Company was organized yesterday. Details. The company will at once plot and lay out the park in a subdivision to be known as Carey Park.

Major Powell of the street railway company, is pushing the work of construction as fast as possible on the various extensions. The Cleveland avenue extension will be completed by Thursday.

**Wednesday, May 12, 1886****page**

4. Official publication of proclamation of special election to vote bonds for Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway. Details.

**Thursday, May 13, 1886****page**

1. Long article reports the opening at 3 p.m. today of the new Oak street bridge leading to the beautiful Riverside addition. The iron bridge was made by the Canton (Ohio) Bridge Company and placed in position by Mr. J. K. Sawyer, the well known bridge contractor of Wichita. Its actual length is 140 feet, i.e., two spans of 70 feet each, the driveway being 18 feet with a foot walk on each side five feet wide. It has the celebrated "tubular" piers, filled with concrete. The bridge connects "Riverside" addition with Wichita, and joins to our city a natural paradise such as few cities can boast of. ¶ For years the dark, dreary, wooded peninsula, adjoining the city on the west, has been as isolated as though separated by an ocean. At times it was impossible to reach it. Less than one year ago Mr. Oak Davidson conceived the idea of making this the fashionable suburban residence portion of the city. He looked the land over carefully and then formed a syndicate of city and eastern capitalists. Over 400 acres of the choicest woodland and prairie were purchased, a large force of men was at once set at work clearing out the undergrowth, unsightly trees were cut down, others trimmed, beautiful walks, romantic drives, and saddle roads laid out, while traversing the entire tract at right angles broad avenues and streets appeared, while around the whole, following the course of the two Arkansas rivers, runs a magnificent boulevard, level as a floor, and 90 feet wide. Low places were filled up, high places cut down; everywhere may be found the work of the most skillful hands, basked by unlimited capital, good taste and that energy which ever marks the work of the wide awake western builder of cities. As a brief sketch of this future residence paradise will be of interest to

the *Beacon's* readers, a reporter was detailed this morning to call upon Mr. L. G. Lapham, the efficient and genial general manager of the company. On first crossing the bridge, the visitors enter upon a full half mile private trotting track, which has no superior in any city, and is said to be the only one of exact level grade in the state. It is made of natural sand, with a heavy top dressing of soil, well rolled. In the center of the park will be a lovely lake, 150 by 250 feet, which will be stocked with choice fish. Around the lake will be numerous comfortable rustic chairs, benches, and tables, while a magnificent fountain will, in the near future, be placed in the center of the lake. ¶ Before entering the park, turn to the right and drive along the broad boulevard, on the banks of the Little River, fringed with green sod and beautiful flowers with seats scattered here and there. Rolling away toward Riverside to the Arkansas river is a beautiful stretch of land. Over 200 acres of as beautiful lots for the home of man as the glorious sun ever cast its shining face upon. Fifty teams and 75 men are working early and late, everywhere under the careful eye of Manager Lapham. Over \$50,000 have already been expended and many more thousands will be until Riverside shall be known the land over, as one of Wichita's rarest gems. The lots are of the same size as city lots, being 25 by 140 feet. The drainage is perfect as the water runs off both ways to the Big and Little Arkansas rivers. The land lays high and dry. While even the sand grade is as high as the natural bank at the lower ice house. There is in Riverside nearly 40 acres of natural timber land with 11 different varieties of timber, such as elm, sycamore, box elder, honey and black locust, walnut, oak, mulberry, hackberry, cottonwood, and ash. ¶ In concluding this brief sketch of what must be a favorite residence portion of our city, we would say do not fail to visit the bridle path and driveway along the river opposite Riverside park on the main land, where the levee is built, a handsome substantial structure which will be covered by blue grass. This drive is beautiful in the extreme and will repay a visit. All through the park are placed neat, comfortable, rustic seats and tables. The large two story brick residence near the trotting track will be remodeled into a first-class hotel. Already a large barn 100 by 18 feet with ten commodious stalls for horses has been erected. These stalls will be rented by the season to gentlemen who wish them for their private use. ¶ There are 2100 lots in this suburb, 1900 of which are platted. Although not regularly placed on the market, already the demand for choice locations has been very large. Too much credit cannot be awarded Mr. Oak Davidson and the gentlemen connected with him in thus giving to Wichita a suburb that in time will be one of the coming glories of our city. This addition possesses many natural advantages that no others do. In viewing the wonderful improvements made it seems impossible that work only commenced last January. ¶ The sale of lots in this addition is in the hands of Mr. H. G. Lee, the enterprising real estate agent, who will be placed to give any information required.

**Friday, May 14, 1886****page**

1. C. W. Kellogg and Son got orders this morning to make plans for the Getto and Clement block on corner of Main and 2nd street. It will front 50 feet on Main street, 100 feet on 2nd street, and three stories high.

**Saturday, May 15, 1886**

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1. Article summarizing real estate activities past week. Details.
4. Heffson and Borden have completed the Christian church on the corner of Lawrence and Lincoln streets.

**Monday, May 17, 1886****page**

1. Proudfoot and Bird received orders today to draw up plans and specifications for a new \$2500 residence for Mr. T. S. Throckmorton, to be erected on North Topeka avenue.
4. Article about the Root Brothers bus, baggage, and hack line. Details. The company now have four two-horse and two four-horse busses. They have 16 employees and meet 18 trains daily.

Carey Park is being platted by the city engineer.

The committee of the German Lutheran church appointed to purchase a lot for their new church, have purchased one on East 1st street near the railroad track for \$2000. It is 115 by 150 feet.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1886****page**

4. Report that ground is to be broken next Monday for a large new wholesale grocery house, not yet named, to be built on west side of South Market between English and William on the location of the Root property. The company will be formed by Messrs. R. E. Root, S. Root, H. H. Richards, and two other gentlemen. Building will front 100 feet on Market street, with depth of 72 feet, four stories, with front of Cottonwood stone and pressed brick. Details.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1886****page**

1. The projectors of the Maple street bridge say that the bridge will certainly be built and that the necessary funds are now being raised.
4. The North Main street cars will run as follows: First car leaves car barn on Wichita street at 6:10 a.m. turning north at Douglas avenue, which will enable workmen to get to Carey's park at 6:55 a.m. The second car starts going south at 6:20 a.m., third car at 6:40 a.m. going south and every 20 minutes thereafter. Last car leaves Douglas avenue going north at 9:20 p.m.; south 8:50 p.m. Major Powell, the wide-awake manager of the street railway system, is doing all possible to give our city the best street car railway in the state.

The second dynamo for the Hill Electric light company arrived yesterday and will at once be placed in position.

The Schuyler Electric Light company are nearly ready to commence business.

**Thursday, May 20, 1886****page**

4. John Fisher is advertising for bids for erection of his new \$3000 residence at 1242 Wichita street.

**Friday, May 21, 1886****page**

4. Rossington, Smith, and Dallas of Newton, filed suit in district court of Harvey County yesterday to foreclose the first mortgage of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad. The mortgage amounts to about \$4,000,000. The suit is begun by the Union Trust Company of New York, trustee under the mortgage. Details. (Report from *Commonwealth* (Newton), May 20.)

The old buildings on Douglas avenue between the Exton block and 4th avenue, are being removed to make room for the new block which is to be erected on the site (i.e., the Hacker and Jackson block).

**Saturday, May 22, 1886****page**

1. Report of the trial lighting of 30 lamps last evening by the Schuyler Electric Light company, with complete success. Mr. Sutton is the local manager. Details. The street lamps will be lighted on Monday evening.

Report of real estate transactions for the week. Details.

4. Long article with details of the new Carey Park addition, with \$28,000 worth of lots already sold.

Tomorrow is the third anniversary of the starting of the street cars in Wichita. Ed Richey drove the car which hauled the first load of passengers from the union depot.

**Monday, May 24, 1886****page**

1. Report of inauguration of the Schuyler Electric Light company's street lamps Saturday evening beginning at 8:42 p.m. It was a great success. Details include details of company's equipment, etc.
4. The second dynamo in Judge Hill's electric plant was set in motion Saturday night.

**Tuesday, May 25, 1886****page**

1. Report of trotting races at Carey park this afternoon.

**Wednesday, May 26, 1886****page**

1. Proceedings of city council yesterday: Included resolution adding several adjacent areas to the corporate limits of Wichita. Detailed description.

**Thursday, May 27, 1886****page**

1. Report of commencement exercises of the high school at the opera house last evening. Details.
4. Contractor Stryker has finished the brick work on the Heller block and carpenters are now doing the inside work.

**Friday, May 28, 1886****page**

4. Proudfoot and Bird are completing the plans for the handsome new Baptist mission chapel on North Emporia avenue.

**Saturday, May 29, 1886****page**

4. The Wichita Art Gallery has started taking photos by electric light.

**Monday, May 31, 1886****page**

1. The location of Garfield university has been settled. It is to be located on the farm of Hon. Robert Lawrence on the west side, one quarter mile west of his house and just across the street from the Junction Town Company's addition. ¶ Mr. Lawrence sold to the University 150 acres of his farm for \$125 per acre, for which he could have received \$400 per acre, thus making a magnificent donation of \$41,250. Parties interested in the west side have also donated one-third of the purchase money, \$6250, to pay for the 150 acres, thus leaving only \$12,500 to pay for this magnificent tract of land. Others have made additional donations (details). ¶ The university directors will reserve about 25 acres for the university buildings and grounds and will at once plat the balance in city lots, which will be placed on the market to raise funds to erect the building.

Major Powell, manager of the street railway company, had the line completed to the cemetery Saturday evening, and the cars are now making regular trips. The fare is ten cents.

4. Ed Lamoth, the proprietor of the First Street Theater, skipped town last evening on the Ft. Scott train for St. Louis, leaving behind a number of unpaid employes and bills.

Mr. F. Cohen, the architect, has the plans for the elegant private residence of Mr. E. E. Lindemuth, which will be erected at once in Riverside addition.

**Tuesday, June 1, 1886****page**

1. We learn that Mr. Oak Davidson has made arrangements to place on the Little River a beautiful steam boat, capable of carrying 25 passengers. It will be used for pleasure parties and run up and down the river from a wharf which will be built on the levee on Riverside addition.
  
4. S. G. Gribi, the well known contractor and builder, yesterday showed a *Beacon* man his plans for the elegant new building of Bitting Brothers. To be of pressed brick trimmed with cut stone, with 43 foot front on Douglas by 130 feet on Market street, four stories with basement, and total cost of about \$30,000. Work will be commenced on July 1st.

Proudfoot and Bird have just completed the plans for a new business block to be erected by Harris and Van Ness on the block just west of the Dittman block on Douglas avenue. To be three stories, 25 by 115 feet.

**Wednesday, June 2, 1886****page**

4. Article urging favorable vote on railroad bonds next weeks. Details.

Article about south side developments. Strong and Rogers have already platted their five acres, which lies directly west of Allen and Smith's addition. Mr. Strong is making efforts to have the street railway extended out Main street to his addition and thence east along the entire front of the Allen and Smith addition.

The 75 acre tract north of Carey Park, which was recently sold to Mr. Samuel Rosenthal of San Francisco, is being platted into 25 foot lots.

**Thursday, June 3, 1886****page**

1. We are informed that the west side is making a strong effort to secure the location of the Sisters' academy. Details.

Report from Kingman says work on the extension of the Wichita and Western Railroad is progressing rapidly and a large portion of the grading is well under way.

4. Work will commence tomorrow on the body of the new Catholic church. The contract calls for completion by August 15th.

J. K. Sawyer, the bridge contractor, states that he will on Saturday turn the new Carey avenue bridge over to the owners, entirely completed, and ready to receive the rails of the new street car company. The bridge is of wood, 300 feet long, with a roadway 18 feet wide.

**Friday, June 4, 1886**

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1. The Augusta Stone Company are looking around Wichita for a good location for a large stone yard. Mr. J. Haynes, a member of the company, now being in the city.

The Junction Town company through its president, Capt. F. G. Smyth, yesterday presented to Bishop Fink four valuable corner lots in block 10 for the purpose of erecting a new Catholic church on the west side.

4. Work is being pushed rapidly on the North Topeka avenue extension of the street railway, which will be extended from Oak to 12th street.

The Emporia avenue Methodist Episcopal church is nearly completed and services will be held in the building next Sunday.

Next Wednesday the managers of the Carey park will begin repairing the fences and buildings on the grounds preparatory to grading the streets and otherwise improving their addition.

Terry and Dumont are drawing the plans for Mr. Sam Majors' new residence on North Topeka avenue.

**Saturday, June 5, 1886****page**

4. Note critical of Santa Fe Railroad's methods in Wichita.

Note criticizing *Eagle* reports that 177 cars of stone were received in Wichita from Augusta during the month of May. Says the *Eagle* overlooked the fact that over 500 cars of stone were received in Wichita during May, of which 283 were brought in from the quarries of Eldorado and Towanda over the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita Railroad.

**Monday, June 7, 1886****page**

1. Proudfoot and Bird are making plans for the following residences and business blocks: J. B. Throckmorton, residence on North Topeka between 9th and 10th streets, to cost \$3500; Harris and Vermillion business block on Main street south of Douglas avenue, of St. Louis pressed brick with stone trimmings, to cost \$10,000; Mr. Kos Harris' three story office building on South Main street near Douglas avenue, pressed brick and stone, to cost \$10,000.

Article about charter received Saturday by a firm planning to build a 33 mile belt line railroad around Wichita. Details. Col. S. E. Jocelyn is president and George H. Blackwelder, secretary.

Judge Campbell today left the order for the making of the great seal of the Garfield University with the Wichita Novelty Works. Details.

Contracts for grading and laying sidewalks in Carey Park have all been let and work will commence Thursday. Nearly \$29,000 worth of lots have already been sold in this addition.

4. Article lists location of polling places for election tomorrow.

Finlay Ross sold his residence, corner of 1st and Topeka, to Rev. J. D. Hewitt for \$9000. We understand this ground is bought for the YMCA.

“Look out for the Santa Fe imported voter tomorrow” (i.e., trying to vote down bonds for other railroads).

The Little Arkansas river was dotted with row boats yesterday, filled with jolly parties of young folks.

### **Tuesday, June 8, 1886**

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1. Long article describing town of Saratoga, in Pratt county.
4. The Turners will have a picnic next Sunday, on Chisholm creek, one-half mile south of the end of the street railroad track on East Douglas avenue, at Forest Grove.

### **Wednesday, June 9, 1886**

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1. The railroad bonds carried in election yesterday by a large majority. Details. Included subscription of \$150,000 to the Kansas, Colorado, and Texas, \$150,000 to the Chicago, St. Joe and Fort Worth road, \$150,000 to the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska road, and \$10,000 to the Kansas and Nebraska (sic) for terminal facilities.

The Kansas Midland Railway company was chartered on February 8, 1886. Long article listing officers, etc. Details.

### **Thursday, June 10, 1886**

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1. A reporter visited Proudfoot and Bird, the popular architects, this morning, and found them running over with business. They received instructions this morning from Mr. M. M. Fechheimer to draw plans for a new four story brick building to be erected on northeast corner of Market and Douglas. They also have plans partly completed for two new churches to be erected in the south part of town one by the Congregational folks and the other by the Baptists. Mr. G. W. C. Jones is also having them draw plans for a \$2000 residence in the Riverside addition.
4. Mr. C. Albert is burning a kiln of 100,000 brick at his yard 1½ mile northwest of town. He is also building another kiln of the same size, which will be burned in the near future.

**Friday, June 11, 1886****page**

4. The deed to the Carey Park Land company from Capt. John B. Carey was filed for record yesterday and the consideration of \$40,000 was paid in full in cash. ¶ Under the supervision of L. R. Cole, workmen are now tearing down the fences and buildings and grading the streets and alleys. In a few days the plank sidewalks will be laid connecting all the lots with the street car track, which runs direct to Carey Park.

The Schuyler Electric Light Company yesterday received two car loads of the poles and ten cases of wire, which will be strung, thus relieving the present wires from the severe strain which they are now subject to, and which causes the lights to flicker.

**Saturday, June 12, 1886****page**

1. Article reports that the Sisters' Academy is to be located on Miller and Heller's farm, 1½ mile west of the Douglas avenue bridge. Article lists names of donors of property, cash, etc. for the project. Details.

A reporter heard of a scheme this morning for a new street railroad syndicate. A company of west side property owners are to organize a stock company for the purpose of building an independent line of road from Main and Douglas across the river into the west side. A bridge will be built for the proposed road along side of the present county bridge. Capt. Smyth, William (sic) Martinson, and Alderman Kenyon are at the bottom of the scheme.

4. Oak street cars will run regularly after this date. Cars 9, 12, 14 and 3 will run to the cemetery Sunday, commencing at 10 a.m. (E. V. Powell, manager).

An enjoyable party took place last evening at the elegant residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Levy, on North Topeka.

The new Garrison Hotel on the west side is enclosed. The roof of slate is being placed on the building today.

The last of the old buildings on Douglas avenue between the Exton block and 4th avenue was moved today to make way for the new brick block.

**Monday, June 14, 1886****page**

3. Ad with map of the new Viola addition (from Carey Avenue (17th street) north half block past 19th street and east of railroad tracks to Washington avenue).

**Tuesday, June 15, 1886****page**

1. The *Beacon* has learned positively that the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad company has at last decided upon the location of their passenger depot, and they have

purchased property on Mead avenue between Douglas avenue and English street. The company have selected Mead avenue as the one on which they will enter the city.

Proceedings of city council yesterday. Details.

4. N. F. Niederlander, M. W. Levy, and Col. M. M. Murdock left for New York and Philadelphia this morning.

Major Powell is rapidly pushing the work on the new line of street railway on Topeka avenue.

The work of platting the ground on the west side donated to the Garfield university is nearly completed.

### Wednesday, June 16, 1886

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1. The new street railroad scheme spoken of in the *Beacon* a few days ago has so far developed that application for a charter has been made and will be here in a day or two. The new line will be extended much farther than the *Beacon* estimated, and will be built to Garfield university. The general belief is that the cars will come down from the University on Mulberry street, then north on Osage and Campbell streets to Chicago avenue.

Article about the Towanda Magnecia (sic) Quarries. It is located about one mile east of Towanda and is attracting considerable attention at present from contractors and builders. Some time since Messrs. Popkess and Walser, then of Ft. Scott, bought the quarries and at once began work to establish a trade in this stone. They have built a spur track one mile in length from the main line of the Sunflower road to the quarries, and will soon put in all the appliances necessary to produce the stone and dress it. This will cost not less than \$6000 for machinery. ¶ Those quarries are said to produce the finest quality stone in Southern Kansas. The supply is inexhaustible, as it has been beautiful white mellow stone is found. The rock is in layers from 4 to 30 inches in thickness. The stone is easily dressed and can be carved with a knife into nearly any shape desire. It also accepts a very smooth finish. After the rock has been taken from the ground a short time it becomes extremely hard, and this property makes it so valuable as a building material. ¶ Messrs. Popkess and Walser now have 38 men employed in the quarries and expect to add to this force. They also have a large number of dressers and cutters in Wichita, preparing the stone for a number of new buildings going up here. These quarries will prove exceedingly valuable to Wichita.

Long article describing town of Pratt. Details.

Grading of the streets in Carey Park addition was finished yesterday. The old buildings are all torn down, also the fence around the park, and sidewalks are being built today.

4. Major Powell, the popular manager of the street railroad company, says that owing to the general demand of citizens along Topeka avenue, he will not build the proposed line up that street, but has concluded to tear up the track he has already laid down, and will not build the road at all.

Rev. Mr. Harper of the First Baptist church showed us the plans for the new Baptist mission church which will be located on corner of Emporia and 10th street, on the lots donated to the church by Dr. Burleigh, who also adds \$1000 in money to his generous gift. The church will be St. Louis pressed brick, trimmed with stone or terra cotta. It will be 44 by 56 with seating capacity of about 300 and will cost about \$4500.

The electric light companies are extending their lines into West Wichita, and are stretching the wires across the Douglas avenue bridge today.

#### **Thursday, June 17, 1886**

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4. The Kansas Furniture company will occupy their new business block on corner of Douglas and Topeka by July 1st.

The Schuyler Electric Light company are now putting up poles on North Main street and will run wires for six electric lights to be placed in Riverside addition.

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4. Knight's addition, consisting of five acres of land fronting on Douglas and Hydraulic avenues (i. e., west of Hydraulic), has just been platted and placed on the market. This addition has been known as the Blackburn fruit garden and is covered with choice fruits, shrubbery, and flowers.

#### **Saturday, June 19, 1886**

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4. Riverside Park is the favorite resort for luncheon and picnic parties.

Hacker and Jackson have commenced work on their new block on Douglas avenue.

Ground is being turned up for the Carey Palace Hotel.

The United Telephone company are making extensive improvements in the central office in this city.

#### **Monday, June 21, 1886**

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1. Article describes the Wichita Carriage works of M. M. McKenzie.
4. Fifty men began work on the foundation for the Garfield university this morning.

Mr. Peter Getto will tear down his present building on corner of Main and 2nd streets and erect a new building 50 by 150 feet on the site. The bottling works which he recently sold to Messrs. Zimmerly and Company, of Ohio, will be removed to the corner of 1st and Waco, where a new building will be erected for this purpose.

Messrs. W. G. Dacey and O. H. Bentley left today for Eagle township where they will tonight hold a meeting submitting propositions to the people regarding the Kansas Midland Railroad. Tomorrow they continue along the line of the Kansas Midland to Burrton.

## **Tuesday, June 22, 1886**

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1. Note from Clearwater says grading on the Chicago, Kansas, and Western is progressing rapidly, and trains are expected to be running between there and Mulvane by the 10th of next month.
  
3. Advertisement with map of new Rosenthal (sic) addition, one-quarter mile north of Carey Park (from Arkansas avenue on west to Fairview avenue on east, and LaFayette avenue on south with Meyers avenue, High street, and North street, north in order, running east and west ).
  
4. The Little Arkansas River Street Car company today let the contract to Major Powell, of the Wichita Street Car company, to build and equip their line of road from Carey avenue across the bridge to the northwest corner of Carey and Woodland avenues. The car service is to be every 20 minutes. The road is to be in running operation by July 15th.

Mr. Sawyer, the Wichita bridge builder, today completed the new bridge at Valley Center, over Jester creek.

Mr. W. Mathewson today purchased a number of fine mules for his stage line running between Anthony and Caldwell.

Proudfoot and Bird were busy today on the plans for a new \$10,000 court house at Coldwater, Comanche county.

## **Wednesday, June 23, 1886**

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4. The Christian mission church on South Lawrence avenue will be dedicated a week from next Sunday.

There will be services commencing in the new Emporia avenue Methodist Episcopal this evening and the dedicating service will be held Sunday morning.

## **Thursday, June 24, 1886**

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1. Article describes the new brick Emporia avenue Methodist Episcopal church at corner of Emporia and Morris street. It is to be dedicated next Sunday. Details.

Article about new hotel being built by Mr. R. M. Gardner on Douglas avenue, just west of the bridge. To cost \$6500 without furniture, frame, and to be called the Riverview hotel. Three stories, 36 by 50 feet. Details.

The project to build a bridge across the Arkansas river on the extension of 13th street is assuming tangible proportions. Commodore Woodman told us this morning that the matter was nearly in shape for active work.

4. The Merriman tract, on College Hill will, we understand, soon be placed on the market.

### **Friday, June 25, 1886**

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1. A meeting is being held today in the office of Caldwell and Strong to make arrangements to extend the present street railway system along Main street to English's 7th addition, thence east to Kinkaid's addition to 5th avenue, passing through Smith and Allen's addition, thence north to Lincoln or Gilbert street; thence west to 4th or Emporia avenue, thence north to Douglas, making connection with the present track.

The Wichita Reds will play a baseball game with a Wellington team at Riverside park on July 4th.

### **Saturday, June 26, 1886**

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4. Ground was broken today for the handsome new brick office of the Rock Island lumber company, to be erected on West Douglas avenue.

### **Monday, June 28, 1886**

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1. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Emporia avenue Methodist Episcopal church. Details.

Population figures reported by the city assessor, W. F. Green:

1st ward	6229
2nd ward	4176
3rd ward	3204
4th ward	5617
5th ward	<u>903</u>
Total	20,129

4. The first engine of the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic Railroad passed over the Sunflower road this morning going west.

Note from Clearwater: Track laying on the Chicago, Kansas and Western has been in progress between Clearwater and Mulvane since last Wednesday. Grading and bridging between these points is about completed.

**Tuesday, June 29, 1886****page**

1. City council yesterday considered a proposal for a new city water works. Details. Referred to the water works committee.

City council yesterday discussed the dam and mill race, which was brought up as a nuisance and health hazard.

Proudfoot and Bird are busily engaged in working on the plans for the Garfield university.

4. Proceedings of city council yesterday. Ordinance granting to the Wichita Street Railway company a franchise to construct a railroad across the Big Arkansas river to the 5th ward was referred to the railroad committee.

City council yesterday granted petition for special election to vote \$50,000 subscription to capital stock of Kansas Midland Railway company was accepted and election ordered for August 9, 1886.

**Thursday, July 1, 1886****page**

1. City council yesterday passed the new water works franchise seven to two. Details. Ordinance No. 370.

4. City council proceedings yesterday. Ordinance No. 371 granting the West Douglas Avenue Street Railway company a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a line of street railway along certain streets and avenues, was carried unanimously.

Proudfoot and Bird have about finished the plans and specifications for the new school house to be built in the 5th ward. It will be of the same dimensions as the Park and Lincoln street buildings.

**Friday, July 2, 1886****page**

1. Article describing Eldorado. Says it was laid out in 1868. Details.

The baseball game between the Wichita Reds and Wellington will be played next Monday and location has been changed to Lawrence avenue and 13th street on the line of the street railway to provide easy access to the ball grounds.

4. Garrison's two story business building on Chicago avenue is now ready for the roof.

Ground was broken yesterday for the new Garfield university.

**Saturday, July 3, 1886****page**

1. Comprehensive list of about all residences built in Wichita in first half of 1886. Details. Continues on page four with business buildings included. Total number of buildings is 512 with \$1,386,000 expended. Mentions six residences in Riverside addition for J. E. Lindemuth, M. A. Jones, John Durst, Walter Tucker, G. W. C. Jones, and Mr. Mason, but does not give locations.

**Monday, July 5, 1886****page**

1. On Saturday morning as the driver of the hourly street car on North Topeka the two mules attached to his car must have seen something attractive on Emporia avenue and at once made a quick turn to the east, pulling the car entirely off of the track and started at a break neck pace for Emporia avenue across lots. The driver took a header to mother earth, while the solitary passenger made frantic efforts to climb through a window. As soon as the driver packed himself up, he started for the car, but failed to stop the runaways until they reached the gutter on Emporia avenue. The return journey to the regular track was made in much slower time, but at last the car once more resumed its position on the track, while the perspiration rolled in streams from the massive brow of the driver, and a corps of men who aided in replacing the car.

Article describes the town of Benton. Details.

4. Article describing the county jail and criticizing the conditions there. Details.

The State National Bank of Wichita succeeds to the business of the Kansas State Bank after this date.

**Thursday, July 8, 1886****page**

4. Construction of the Little Arkansas street railway (i.e., over bridge at 17th or Carey) has been completed, and cars began moving this morning. They will run every 20 minutes.

A meeting this evening will consider the matter of construction of a bridge over the Arkansas river between Morris street on the east and Maple street on the west. It will cost about \$6000, of which the greater part has already been subscribed.

**Friday, July 9, 1886****page**

1. Note about wrangle between the two street car companies for occupation of the center of Douglas avenue from Main street west to the river. Details.

**Monday, July 12, 1886**

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4. Work is progressing rapidly in tearing down the present quarters of Bitting Brothers, who expect to move into their temporary quarters now occupied by the Kansas Furniture Company.

The Kansas Furniture Company will move into their handsome new quarters this week.

**Tuesday, July 13, 1886****page**

1. City council yesterday passed resolution certifying that Wichita has the requisite number of inhabitants under the law to entitle it to become a city of the first class, and the same was ordered to be sent to the governor.

Contract for the new 5th ward school house was let yesterday to Mr. John Stryker for \$9772.

**Wednesday, July 14, 1886****page**

4. Report from Clearwater says the Chicago, Kansas and Western Railroad was completed from Mulvane to Clearwater last Wednesday and the grading has been completed 13 miles west of Clearwater towards Norwich.

Editorial note urging that Riverside park should be obtained by the city for the permanent enjoyment of citizens in years to come.

The Kansas Furniture Company will move into its new quarters on corner of Douglas and Topeka avenues tomorrow. Details.

Excavation is being pushed rapidly for Mr. Clement's new four story block on Main street.

J. K. Sawyer, the Wichita bridge builder, has just received the contract for erection of a 50 foot bridge over Chisholm creek at the Washington avenue crossing. Work will commence at once.

**Thursday, July 15, 1886****page**

1. Letter to Mayor Aldrich from Gov. John A. Martin, dated July 14, 1886, declaring Wichita to be a city of the first class.
4. Official publication Ordinance 372 granting franchise to the Chicago, St. Joseph, and Ft. Worth Railway Company. Details.

**Friday, July 16, 1886****page**

4. Work is being pushed on the street railway on Topeka avenue, south of Central avenue.

Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird finished the plans for M. Fechheimer's four story brick at Douglas and Market.

Bitting Brothers last night and today moved their stock to the old Kansas Furniture company quarters preparatory to erection of their new four story brick.

Major Powell today informed a *Beacon* reporter that in conversation with prominent west siders he had told them that if they would furnish facilities to cross the river he would at once build tracks and furnish them a street railway in connection with the present system, thus enabling them to go from any part of the city on both sides of the river for one fare of five cents.

### **Saturday, July 17, 1886**

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1. Another article critical of the wretched, filthy condition of the Sedgwick County jail. Details.

Architects Kellogg and Son have completed plans for Mr. C. R. Miller's new three story brick block to be erected at corner of 1st and Water streets at cost of \$12,000.

### **Monday, July 19, 1886**

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1. A reporter was told today that an effort was being made to dispose of the West Side street car franchise and to sell the same to the old street car company. It would be better for all concerned to have the old company construct the line and for the interested parties to help Major Powell build the bridge across the river, which will be necessary for the operation of the new line. It would save a transfer at Main and Douglas and also the extra fare which would be charged if the two companies were operating different and competing lines.
4. Report from Clearwater says trains commenced to run between there and Mulvane on the Chicago, Kansas and Western road Monday. ¶ The Chicago, Kansas and Western bridge over the Ninnescah is being erected. As soon as it is completed the iron will be laid in to Norwich provided that place votes the aid asked.

Work is coming along well on the new three story block of Aldrich and Brown, John Hodgson, and Innes and Ross on Main street. Kellogg and Son are the architects. Built of Chicago pressed brick.

### **Tuesday, July 20, 1886**

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1. Article describes the Royal Spice Mills on Emporia avenue, Messrs. Corner, Farnum, and Davis, proprietors. The firm have been getting ready for business since February and are now in full running order. Details.

**Wednesday, July 21, 1886****page**

4. Ground was broken this morning for the 5th ward school house.

Laying of stone for the Lewis academy was begun this morning.

Since the street car track has been put down on Topeka avenue, there has been a decided falling off in the number of carriages seen nightly on this formerly popular block. It may tend to make Lawrence avenue the popular driveway hereafter.

The directors of the Kansas Midland Railroad met yesterday.

**Thursday, July 22, 1886****page**

1. Article says at a meeting of the Wichita Street Railway company and a number of west side residents in Niederlander's real estate office today the proposal of Major Powell was rejected by the west siders. Says the proposal was that Major Powell would build and operate a line on West Douglas as far as Elizabeth avenue providing the west side residents would build a bridge over the river and turn it over to the company ready for the rails. Capt. Smythe of the west side group claims the bridge would cost \$4200 and Powell's track would not cost over one third this amount. ¶ The *Beacon* understands that on rejection of the offer, an offer of \$2500 was made to the Wichita Douglas Avenue Street Railway Company to build a line, and that this offer was accepted by the company through its president, Capt. Smythe.

Article confirms a previous report that the Rock Island passenger depot is to be located on Mead avenue south of Douglas and says the company is buying lots on both sides of Mead from Douglas south to Kellogg.

4. Excavations for Garfield university are completed and the walls will soon begin to rise.

**Friday, July 23, 1886****page**

1. Article reports plan to sell the county building at 1st and Main and build a new court house. Details.

**Monday, July 26, 1886****page**

1. Water in the Little river is very high. This morning Gay's park (i.e., Shuman's park) was found to be over half under water and a rise of 12 inches more would have covered it entirely. The drive on the Central avenue entrance to the park is covered a distance of nearly a block. Low spots in Riverside have been overflowed, but only for a short distance, and the water is several feet below the top of the bank along the drive.

4. Work started today on foundation for Harris and Van Ness' new three story brick block on West Douglas avenue.

**Tuesday, July 27, 1886****page**

1. Long article about controversial discussions at city council meeting yesterday. Details. New water works ordinance was voted down. Ordinance 373 confirming right of way of Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railway company (pursuant to Ordinance 361) was approved.
4. Official publication of Ordinance 373 regarding Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska right-of-way.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1886****page**

1. Long article about trotting races at the Riverside Park track yesterday. Details.
4. Article describes Getto's new addition to the city, between Park avenue and 11th street and between Cleveland avenue and Fellows avenue. 40 acres. Details. Platted into 300 lots.

Wichita can now boast of two steamboats.

**Thursday, July 29, 1886****page**

4. Messrs. Oliver Brothers have decided to erect a new three story brick on the lot just east of the Exton building on East Douglas and have left their orders for the plans with Proudfoot and Bird. To be of St. Louis pressed brick with cut stone trimmings.

Col. M. Stewart started work yesterday on his new two story brick building, 25 by 100 feet, on South Main.

A delegation from New Kiowa have left orders with Proudfoot and Bird for plans for a new school house for that town, to be exactly the same as the new building now being erected in the 5th ward in Wichita.

**Friday, July 30, 1886****page**

1. Note says that since the west siders refused the proposition of the old street car company, Major Powell has been asking to get across the river to the 5th ward at some other point and is now thinking of using the new bridge which is to be built over the river at Morris street and than building up Mulberry street to give connections with Garfield university and the Sisters Academy. Nothing could be learned about the intentions of the West Side street car company.

4. Last evening the Schuyler Electric Light company turned on their lights in Riverside park. There are four lights on each of two large poles, 75 feet in height, located at the north and south ends of the track, on the inner circle.

Article lists board of trustees and faculty of Lewis Academy.

### **Monday, August 2, 1886**

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1. The Wichita Boat Club met yesterday and perfected their organization. Officers listed. Details.
4. Office of the Wichita and Western Railroad has been moved from over Israel's drug store to the Hartwig building on northwest corner of Douglas and 4th avenues.

### **Tuesday, August 3, 1886**

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4. After heavy rains the Little river is very high. A reporter visited Riverside at 10 a.m. and found all the lowest lands under water. However the water was at least six feet below the top of the levee and there was no apparent danger of an overflow on the east bank.

The Wichita and Colorado Railroad is now within two miles of Hutchinson and work will soon start on the bridge across the Arkansas river at that place.

The Riverview, R. M. Garrison's new hotel just across the river on the West Side, will be opened to the public on the 16th with a grand ball and banquet.

### **Thursday, August 5, 1886**

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1. Letter to editor refers to collision last Monday between a street car and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe train in which one individual was severely injured. No details.
4. The Golden Eagle Clothing Company will open their new store on corner of Douglas and Lawrence on August 14th.

Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird are working on the plans for Mr. L. Stinson's new \$4500 residence to be erected on North Topeka.

The large pond in the center of the race track in Riverside addition is now completed and water will be turned on in a few days. It will be stocked with choice fish.

### **Friday, August 6, 1886**

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1. Report of a pair of runaway street car mules this morning which broke loose from the car on East Douglas avenue near the end of the track. Details.

4. Hon. Robert Lawrence has started work on the foundation for his two story brick building on corner of Chicago and Seneca avenues.

We think it would be a wise move for the city council to authorize the street railway company to lay a double flat rail track from Central to Douglas and thence to Lawrence or to the depot. This would be an improvement over the present system of "T" and turn outs nearly every square. We notice this morning that another turn-out-and-wait is being laid on Main between 1st and 2nd streets. A car in motion on a flat rail is no more an obstruction than any other vehicle, but a car side tracked on a "T" rail, stationary, is an obstruction. When two or three or more are side-tracked to wait for another car to make a quarter to a half mile run, it is a serious obstruction and in our crowded streets, a nuisance. We know that Major Powell has been anxious to make this change since it would also facilitate and expedite travel on the street cars.

### **Saturday, August 7, 1886**

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1. Article urging a favorable vote at Monday's election to vote bonds in aid of the Kansas Midland Railroad. Details.

Letter to editor opposing the allowing of a third parallel railroad right-of-way on Mosley Avenue. Lists names of many leading business men, including Proudfoot and Bird. Details.

4. Brick work will commence Monday morning the Clement building on North Main.

The street car company are making arrangements to extend their line south of the present terminus on Lincoln avenue so as to reach Washington avenue. A part of the material is already on the ground and the line is expected to be completed by the first of September.

### **Monday, August 9, 1886**

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4. Another long letter to editor opposing railroad right-of-way on Mosley avenue. Details.

It is said that the cars will be running in a few days on the Topeka avenue extension of the street railway.

Mr. L. W. Clapp of Iowa City, Iowa, who has been here for several days, is so pleased with Wichita that he has decided to return in a few months and make it his future home. He will open a large loan office here with branches in Wellington, Kingman, and other points.

### **Tuesday, August 10, 1886**

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1. The election yesterday to vote \$50,000 in city bonds to aid the Kansas Midland Railway carried by a large majority. Details.

Note from Clearwater says the grading on the Chicago, Kansas and Western Railroad has been about completed to Norwich.

4. Note from Conway Springs says track on the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic will be laid from Belle Plaine to Kingman in a few days. Regular daily trains are run to Norwich.

Work has been commenced on the bridge for the west side street railway. The pile driver has been erected on the west side of the river next to the Douglas avenue bridge. It is hoped to complete the line in time for the fair this fall.

### **Friday, August 13, 1886**

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1. The curve will be completed today on the Topeka avenue street railway branch with the main line on Douglas avenue.

4. Graders are at work on Park avenue, College Hill.

A large force of men are at work driving piles for the new bridge across the Arkansas at the foot of Douglas avenue for the new street car line.

Opening of the new Riverview hotel, on the West Side, has been postponed from August 14th to September 1st.

Judge J. D. Hill has purchased two lots adjacent to the gas works on which to expand his electric light plant.

### **Saturday, August 14, 1886**

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1. Article about bond elections to be held elsewhere for the Kansas Midland Railroad. Details.
4. Another long letter from committee, William Mathewson, chairman, protesting proposed railroad right-of-way on Mosley avenue.

### **Monday, August 16, 1886**

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1. Report of opening Saturday night of the new Golden Eagle Clothing company. Manager is Mr. I. Goss, who recently came here from the east.
4. Proceedings of board of education meeting Saturday. Details.

The Topeka avenue street car line was completed today. Cars will be running on the new line within a few days.

### **Tuesday, August 17, 1886**

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1. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Details.  
  
Report of canvass of vote for the Kansas Midland Railroad bond election on August 9. Votes were 971 for and 32 against.
4. Proceedings of city council yesterday. Ordinance 375 passed, to create the office of fire marshal and to prescribe his duties and compensation.  
  
The Art Club will meet Thursday morning at Griffenstein's Park.

**Wednesday, August 18, 1886****page**

1. Note from Clearwater says the Chicago, Kansas, and Western depot is about completed.  
  
Editorial objecting strongly to the city council's proposed large increase in salaries of city officials. Details.  
  
Advertisement of the Walser Coal and Stone Company, which "has exclusive control of the Towanda Magnesia Stone Quarries and are prepared to furnish range, dimension, and footing rock."  
  
Official poll, Ordinance No. 375, establishing the office of fire marshal. Details.

**Saturday, August 21, 1886****page**

4. Architects Terry and Dumont are completing the plans and specifications for Mr. Finlay Ross' magnificent new residence to be erected on North Waco at cost between \$10 and 15,000.  
  
The old First Street theater will be turned into a livery stable.

**Monday, August 23, 1886****page**

4. The connection between the West and East Douglas avenue street car line was put in today, and the cars will be running to the bridge inside of a week.  
  
Major Powell has ordered a number of new cars to be used on the recently constructed street car lines.  
  
Proudfoot and Bird are drawing the plans for two handsome residences to be erected for Mr. Charles Miller on his lots in Mathewson's addition.

**Tuesday, August 24, 1886****page**

1. Report of city council meeting yesterday with long discussion of railroad right-of-way issues. Details.

This morning the Chicago, St. Joseph, and Ft. Worth Railway company formally accepted line "C" as described in Ordinance 372 (i.e., Mosley avenue) as its right of way.

Article describes visit last evening by reporter to the notorious vice district in the southeast part of the city near the Santa Fe tracks. Details. Visits made to several houses, including the "Black and Tan," "Paradise," "Little Georgia's," "Dug Out" and the notorious "Red Light."

4. The last wall of Peter Getto's bottling works, corner of 2nd and Main, was torn down yesterday to make room for the large business block to be erected immediately on the old site.

### **Wednesday, August 25, 1886**

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4. The Topeka avenue street car connection at Central avenue will be completed this evening and the cars will commence running regularly tomorrow morning. The Topeka avenue car will run direct through to Douglas avenue, thence west to the river. ¶ The union depot cars will run on North Main street to Oak street, thence to the depot. ¶ The cars now running on East Oak street will take the same route from the corner of Oak street and Topeka as the Topeka avenue cars now do.

The Topeka avenue track will be opened tomorrow from 13th to Douglas and the cars will be put on. Four new cars are to be on hand in a few days. The Topeka line will have the blue cars.

### **Thursday, August 26, 1886**

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1. Work is being pushed on the foundation of A. W. Oliver's three story brick just west of the Exton building on East Douglas.
4. The foundation of the Carey hotel is being laid.

### **Friday, August 27, 1886**

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1. Board of education meeting yesterday declared the position of Superintendent of Schools to be vacant, since Professor Mickey, who was to assume the office, had not complied with requirement to obtain a state teaching certificate. Details.

### **Monday, August 30, 1886**

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4. Editorial comment about the need for street paving on Main and Douglas, perhaps with asphaltum.

The street car extension on Lincoln street has been commenced.

Another street car switch was put in today, in front of the Manhattan hotel.

## **Tuesday, August 31, 1886**

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1. Negotiations were completed this morning by Mr. Robert Lawrence for the sale of the West Wichita Street railway complete, including ties, iron, rolling stock, etc., with all rights and title to the same, and all privileges reverting to the same as a corporation, to the Wichita Street Railway company. ¶ The work of completing the road on the west side will be pushed as rapidly as possible. ¶ The old company is to receive the bonus of \$2500 offered the new company and Mr. Woods will finish his contract for the bridge across the river at Douglas avenue. The amount needed, \$5000, to build the bridge over the Big Arkansas at Maple street on the west side and Morris street on this side has nearly all been raised. The route by the old company on the west side will be the same as heretofore published, taking in both the Sisters' Academy and Garfield University.

Article about proposals for location of new quarters for the post office. The lease on the present building expires September 30th. Details.

4. Ackerman and Company, the pork packers, are erecting a large building north of the Sunflower track in the 5th ward to be used as a packing house.

Grand opening of the Riverview hotel, on the west side, has again been postponed, to September 14th.

Foundation for the 5th ward school house has been completed.

## **Wednesday, September 1, 1886**

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4. The poles for the new street car bridge over the Arkansas will be driven by Saturday night.

We are informed that as soon as Mr. Oak Davidson returns, the Riverside Park company will begin work on a new street railway which will bisect that addition. Dummy engines instead of mule power will be used.

## **Thursday, September 2, 1886**

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4. Proudfoot and Bird are engaged in making the necessary alterations in the Fechheimer building to make the first floor suitable for banking purposes. ¶ They are also drawing the plans for O. W. Roush's elegant new residence on Fairview avenue.

Some two weeks ago we stated that there had been a reorganization of the Wichita Gas and Electric Light Company. The St. Louis members of the company are listed including

Henry C. Scott, president. Mr. Conway, of St. Louis, has moved to Wichita and is the secretary and general superintendent. Judge Hill, of Ft. Scott, retains an interest.

**Friday, September 3, 1886**

This issue is missing.

**Saturday, September 4, 1886****page**

4. The subscription for the Mayflower Congregational church in the extreme northern part of the city is getting a strong lift.

**Monday, September 6, 1886****page**

1. Article reports that on Saturday evening the new chief of the Wichita fire department, Mr. A. G. Walden, was given an elegant badge as chief of the department by members of Independent Hose company No. 2. Details.

The public schools opened today.

4. J. Oak Davidson returned from his eastern trip this morning and is occupying his elegant quarters at the Manhattan. He visited Boston, New York, and Chicago.

Mr. Sternberg is building for his own use a fine residence on the corner of 10th and Waco streets. Judging it by the foundation it will be one of the largest and finest in the city.

The grading on the Kingman, Pratt, and Western (Wichita and Western) has reached Kiowa county. The track is being laid rapidly and by the last of this month trains should be running into Pratt City.

Mr. F. A. North says the new city directory will be out in about two weeks.

**Tuesday, September 7, 1886****page**

4. Work on the street railway is progressing rapidly on the West Side. Nearly a block of ties have been laid.

Excavation started today for the new three story brick of Noble and McCleese on Main street. Work will also be commenced on excavation for the three story block for Myers and Heiserman, directly north of the above, by tomorrow.

**Wednesday, September 8, 1886****page**

1. The street car line is pushing its way rapidly down from Seneca street and is now nearly completed to Osage street.

**Thursday, September 9, 1886****page**

1. Article reports the Santa Fe will proceed at an early date to build its new depot on corner of Douglas and 5th avenue, to be of St. Louis pressed brick with stone trimmings, over 100 feet in length. Extensive yards will be constructed on the company's land lying adjacent to their right-of-way from Waterman south to Gilbert streets, where the main part of the switching and side-tracking will be done.

**Friday, September 10, 1886****page**

1. Report of city council meeting yesterday discussing Santa Fe Railroad request for city to deed to the railroad a strip of land about 600 feet long by 50 feet wide on 5th avenue between 1st street and Douglas avenue. In turn the railroad would then build a new brick passenger depot just north of Douglas and a freight depot a short distance south of Douglas. Comments made that the Santa Fe was already using for its tracks, etc., the land they wish deeded to them. Details. No decision taken.

The new school building on west side will not be ready for use before November 1. In the meantime the frame store building at 812 West Douglas and the rear room of the old school house have been rented for temporary use.

**Saturday, September 11, 1886****page**

1. The Davidson Loan Company has been reorganized with increased capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which upwards of \$300,000 has been paid up, and the name has been changed to the Davidson Investment Company. Directors include C. A. Walker, R. S. Cates, J. C. Derst, and W. E. Stanley, of Wichita, and W. T. Babcock, of Boston. Charter was filed yesterday.
4. The old shanties on Main street opposite the county building are being moved today. The ground will be occupied by a three story brick to be built by Hank Heiserman and Murray Myers.

**Thursday, September 16, 1886****page**

1. Report of laying of corner stone of Lewis Academy at 3 p.m. today. Details.
4. The new side-wheel steamer, "The Lakeside," leaves every evening at 7 o'clock from the Oak street bridge.

The Oliver Brothers brick building east of the Exton block is going up rapidly.

**Friday, September 17, 1886**

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**Monday, September 20, 1886****page**

1. The seventh annual fair of the Arkansas Valley Agricultural Society opened today at the fair grounds in West Wichita. The street car company has its track laid to the grounds and a force of men were engaged today in clearing off the track preparatory to starting the cars tomorrow.

The first street car ran across the new bridge Saturday evening. Major Powell says regular trips will start tomorrow.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1886****page**

1. Article with further description of the fair.
4. The street cars made a successful trip to the fair grounds and returned yesterday afternoon.

**Wednesday, September 22, 1886****page**

1. Note from Clearwater says the Chicago, Kansas, and Western track layers worked nearly all of last week and will have the track laid to Viola today. The road is expected to be completed to Norwich by the first of next month.
4. The Wichita and Colorado train this morning was packed with passengers coming to the fair. Two flat cars had to be pressed into service to accommodate the people.

**Friday, September 24, 1886****page**

1. Garfield Hall has been selected by the government as the new location for the post office.
4. Article with further reports on the fair with details.

**Saturday, September 25, 1886****page**

1. Report of final day of the fair yesterday.
4. Messrs. Proudfoot and Bird were busy today completing the plans and specifications for the new YMCA building.

**Tuesday, September 28, 1886****page**

1. Report of city council meeting yesterday to discuss proposed increase in salaries of city officials. Proposal of \$600 salary for mayor was reduced to \$2 per year, whereupon Major Aldrich submitted his resignation and this was accepted by vote of five to four. Details. ¶ However some commented according to editorial that the resignation was not done in a legal manner, etc.

**Wednesday, September 29, 1886****page**

4. Note from Kingman says the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic Railroad reached that city from Conway Springs about two weeks ago.

Work is progressing on the fourth story of the Bitting Brothers building.

Brick work on the Fechheimer building started today.

The city library now has nearly 3000 volumes.

**Thursday, September 30, 1886****page**

1. The new postmaster, Frank B. Smith, of the *Beacon*, will take charge of the post office at the close of business this evening. The office will be moved to the Garfield building on Saturday night.
4. Mr. F. A. North's new city directory is out.

Several garnisheements were gotten out yesterday against the Schuyler Electric Light company for unpaid debts. Details. Says the president of the company in Hartford, Connecticut absconded with large amount of the company's money.

**Saturday, October 2, 1886****page**

4. Proudfoot and Bird finished the plans today for a neat little cottage on South Topeka for Mr. C. D. Phillips, of the Cracker Factory, to cost about \$1500. They also finished the plans for Mr. Swab, the merchant tailor's new house on South Water street, to cost about \$2000.

The post office will be moved tonight to its new and larger quarters in the Garfield building.

**Monday, October 4, 1886****page**

4. The post office was moved to the G.A.R. building Saturday night.

Beginning yesterday all regular trains on the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad are running from St. Louis to Kansas City to Hutchinson instead of Anthony. This makes the Wichita and Colorado the main line from this city west. A coach will, however, be run through to Anthony on the west bound trains and will be attached to the train made up at Wichita to go south. The Anthony train will leave in the morning and evening at the same time as heretofore.

The street railway will soon be extended to College Hill, the material being on the ground already.

**Tuesday, October 5, 1886****page**

4. Report of a reporter's visit to the West Side yesterday with observations on new buildings under construction there.

The piles are being driven for the Maple street car bridge and are about half way across the river.

**Wednesday, October 6, 1886****page**

1. Note from Clearwater: The Chicago, Kansas and Western road was completed to Norwich last Thursday and vice-president Robinson went over the road in a special on Friday.

Article about Schuyler Electric Light company says the company in Hartford is solvent and the plant in Wichita is not owned by the home office but rather by local investors, with J. Oak Davidson as president and the recent garnisheement problem has been settled. The company's new plant now being erected on Douglas avenue will expand the company's capacity to produce power enough to provide a total of 1000 lights. Details.

4. The Santa Fe Union ticket office will be moved in a day or two into the building recently occupied by the post office.

Architects Terry and Dumont are finishing the plans for a new city building, which is to be erected on the lots owned by the city on Market street where the present calaboose is situated. The building is to be 25 by 80 feet, two stories, of brick with stone trimmings. The first floor will be used as a hose house with two stalls for five horses, while the second floor will be used as a council chamber and city offices.

**Friday, October 8, 1886****page**

4. Notes from postmaster Frank B. Smith that the free delivery system will be inaugurated in Wichita on October 18th or soon after.

**Monday, October 11, 1886****page**

1. Report of visit to Wichita yesterday of Mr. Jay Gould, the railroad magnate, in his private business car, "The Conway." Details.
4. Foundations for the Sisters' Academy on the west side will be completed by the first of next month.

**Tuesday, October 12, 1886****page**

1. City council yesterday passed ordinance setting the mayor's salary at \$600 and the councilman each at \$50 per year. Mayor Aldrich was back in the chair. Ordinance is No. 379.
4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday with details.

The Wichita Sash and Door factory building, located on Rock Island addition, is approaching completion. It is frame, 60 by 80 feet, two stories high.

The Rock Island road has now on the ground in this city some 30 to 40 thousand ties and more are arriving daily.

**Wednesday, October 13, 1886****page**

1. The Wichita street railway company will have their material on the ground by Saturday morning for immediate construction of the 4th avenue line, which will run from Oak street south to Douglas avenue. ¶ Work on East Douglas avenue to College Hill will also be commenced on Monday, and material is now being placed on the ground.

Arrangements are being made to build a Quaker's or Friends' church in this city. For several years a few Friends have been holding meetings here, but they have labored under disadvantage in not having a suitable house for their use and in not being regularly organized.

4. N. F. Niederlander has sold two of the finest lots in Merriman Park addition to Mr. H. Imboden.

**Thursday, October 14, 1886****page**

4. Proudfoot and Bird are finishing the plans for an addition to the residence of Col. Lewis, at corner of Topeka and 2nd streets. Addition will contain a library and cost about \$4000.

**Friday, October 15, 1886****page**

1. Work has commenced on the first story of the Carey Palace Hotel.

**Saturday, October 16, 1886****page**

1. Article describes some of Wichita's manufacturing industries, including the City Roller Mills, Globe Iron Works, Turning and Scroll Sawing Works, Eagle Cornice Works, Wichita Carriage Works, Wichita Trunk Factory, Planing Mill, Queen City Cigar factory, and Royal Spice Mills.

**Monday, October 18, 1886****page**

1. The postal free delivery system will be inaugurated in Wichita tomorrow morning. The city has been divided into eight districts, each with its own carrier. Details.
4. Article describes reporter's visit today to the Rosenthal addition, located one quarter mile north of Carey Park. Details. Says it is only located one quarter mile from the Red Car Line street cars.

**Tuesday, October 19, 1886****page**

1. Major Powell informs us that the South Main and 4th Avenue extensions of the street car line will be finished today or tomorrow, and by the last of the week the cars will be running nearly three miles south from Douglas avenue. The terminus of this line is within a quarter of a mile of the Kinkaid farm. This makes the total mileage in the city about 15 miles of operated track. ¶ He informs us also that he will transfer his graders and track layers to Douglas avenue and build the line out east from Hydraulic as rapidly as possible (Hydraulic being the present terminus) to the northwest corner of Merriman Park Place. The material for the extension is partly on the ground and is all on land. ¶ It is intended in less than a year from now to run a car line out Central avenue to Moser avenue and thence south to connect with the new line out East Douglas.

List of location of postal letter boxes.

People on West Side are complaining about having to change street cars at Main and Douglas if they wish to go some place beyond that transfer point.

City council yesterday let the contract for erecting the new city building to A. R. Link for \$4249.

4. The dingy and filthy old opera house is a disgrace to Wichita.

The letter carriers made their first delivery this morning.

**Wednesday, October 20, 1886****page**

1. Work on the new city building will commence next Monday. It will front 25 feet on Market street and have a depth of 80 feet. It is to be completed by December 24th.

Major Powell says that the transfer from West Side cars at Main and Douglas is temporary. As soon as the new cars arrive, the transferring will be discontinued. The additional cars were shipped some 12 days ago but are still on the way.

4. Report of base ball game yesterday on the West Wichita fair grounds.

The Lewis Academy building is now up to the second story windows.

**Thursday, October 21, 1886****page**

1. Report of appearance of Susan B. Anthony in Wichita yesterday at Memorial Hall. Details.

**Friday, October 22, 1886****page**

1. Election in Kechi township to vote \$10,000 in bonds for aid of Kansas Midland Railway company is to be held next Saturday. Details.

**Saturday, October 23, 1886****page**

1. Major Powell showed us a freight bill this morning for between seven and eight hundred dollars for cars, rails, and other supplies for extensions of the street railway. There are eight cars, four blue ones for the Topeka and West Wichita line, two reds for the Main street line, and two yellows for the Douglas avenue, Main, and Oak street line. ¶ He stated that the South Main street line would run as follows: south on Main to Lincoln, thence east to 5th avenue as at present, thence south to Harry, thence to Grant avenue, thence east to Washington, thence south to Kinkaid.

Letter to editor says city council next Monday will be given a petition asking for a franchise for the Wichita and Suburban Railway company for a proposed Motor Line railway similar to the one successfully operated for several years in Minneapolis, Minnesota (which he goes on to describe in favorable terms).

**Monday, October 25, 1886****page**

1. Note from Clearwater: The Chicago, Kansas and Western bridge force are putting up the bridge over the Ninnescah.

**Tuesday, October 26, 1886****page**

1. City council yesterday passed Ordinance 388 granting right to St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad to build additional side tracks and switches along Wichita street between Pine street and 1st street.

The Kechi township bonds for Kansas Midland Railroad were carried in election Saturday.

**Wednesday, October 27, 1886****page**

4. Excavation is under way for the new cracker factory on 4th avenue between Douglas and 1st street.

**Thursday, October 28, 1886****page**

1. The new Catholic church will be dedicated next Sunday and the bishop will lay the corner stone of All Saints Academy next Monday.
  
4. Most of the new brick blocks on North Main are nearing completion, and many of them are already occupied.

**Friday, October 29, 1886****page**

4. The Citizens bank has bought the Gossard building on the west and will throw the first floor into one by taking out the partition.

**Saturday, October 30, 1886****page**

4. Lumber for the 2nd street bridge is now all on the ground and work will be pushed at once by Mr. J. K. Sawyer, the contractor. Work is also being pushed on the Maple and Lewis street bridge, which will be completed in about two weeks.

**Monday, November 1, 1886****page**

1. Report of dedication yesterday of St. Aloysius Catholic church by Bishop Fink, of Leavenworth. Details.

Report that the site for the new opera house has been fixed at southwest corner of Topeka and William streets. Details.

The two new fire department horses have been named Ben, for his honor Mayor Aldrich, and George, for Capt. George Harris.

**Wednesday, November 3, 1886****page**

1. Report of election results yesterday.
  
4. The charter for the Wichita Wholesale Furniture Company will be filed today.

**Thursday, November 4, 1886****page**

4. Major Powell yesterday received the new street cars, manufactured by the Brownell and Wight Car company of St. Louis, and at once had them placed on the tracks. They are perfect beauties and attracted much attention.

Col. E. C. Cole, commenced the erection of a fine residence in Carey Park last Monday, on corner of Wichita and 18th streets.

The Maple street bridge will be ready for travel Saturday evening.

E. T. Brown will in a few days commence his fine new residence in Carey Park, on corner of Arkansas avenue and 18th street, to cost \$4000.

**Friday, November 5, 1886****page**

1. Report of annual ball of Wichita fire department last evening. Details.

**Saturday, November 6, 1886****page**

4. The Santa Fe extension south through the Indian Territory to Texas was completed to Willow Springs, about 14 miles south of the line, this evening.

**Monday, November 8, 1886**

This issue is missing.

**Tuesday, November 9, 1886****page**

1. Proceedings of city council yesterday: action on two proposed street car ordinances was deferred.
4. It appears that the protest made by Market street property owners was effective in preventing Oak Davidson and Company from securing a franchise on Market street for a motor street railway. We understand the company will seek to secure a franchise on Water.

**Wednesday, November 10, 1886****page**

1. Reporter interviews a number of people regarding city council's action in refusing to grant right-of-way to a motor line rapid transit company. Most of those interviewed favored granting of the franchise.

Article describes alterations to be made in the Citizens bank building to include the space in the building to the west recently purchased from Mr. A. H. Gossard for \$18,000. Details.

4. Work has been commenced on the boat house for the Wichita Boat club.

The elegant residence of Mr. A. A. Hyde on College Hill will be illuminated this evening by the Combustion Gas company of Detroit, Michigan, who have just placed a complete plant on Mr. Hyde's grounds.

**Thursday, November 11, 1886****page**

1. Further interviews by a reporter regarding the matter of a rapid transit system for Wichita.

Report of wedding this evening of J. Oak Davidson to Miss Bessie Carver, daughter of the late Hon. Joseph Carver, of Jacksonville, Illinois, a sister of Mrs. W. S. Woodman and niece of Commodore Woodman. The wedding will be at the home of Mr. W. C. Woodman, on North Waco. After the honeymoon they will live in Mr. Davidson's elegant suite at the Manhattan hotel until next spring when they will occupy the handsome residence which Mr. Davidson will erect in Davidson Park (sic).

### **Friday, November 12, 1886**

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1. Report of wedding of J. Oak Davidson last evening, with details.

The petition asking that the city council grant a franchise to the proposed motor line of railway in this city, has received a large number of signatures.

4. The new Wichita Steam Laundry, next door to the post office, owned by Messrs. Garst, W. B. Fraser, and Thomas B. Garst, will be opened for business Monday. Details.

### **Saturday, November 13, 1886**

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4. The mud scraper of the street car company was out scraping the tracks this morning.

### **Monday, November 15, 1886**

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4. The street car company this morning received two of the finest street cars ever built by the Pullman Car company of Chicago. The cars are finished the same as the Pullman parlor cars, and they will be placed on the Main street line.

All the contracts are now let for the building of the Sisters' Academy, and the architect and superintendent, Mr. J. J. Crist, says it will all be under cover by the first of January.

### **Tuesday, November 16, 1886**

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1. City council yesterday deferred action on ordinance granting right-of-way to the Kansas Midland Railroad. Details.

4. The Oliver block is now having the finishing touches put on it.

Judge Campbell will erect a handsome \$4500 residence on Mentor avenue, in University addition. He hopes to have it ready for occupancy by January 1st, 1887.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad has just issued a handsome new time table folder.

The handsome residence of Mr. O. C. Daisy, corner of Topeka avenue and William street, was entered by thieves last evening.

Yesterday the new hose cart for the fire department arrived in the city. It was manufactured by the Hose Manufacturing Company of Chicago, and is a daisy. It bears the inscription "B. W. Aldrich, W. F. D. No. 1." The other cart is expected here in a few days, and the new hose house on North Market is expected to be ready for occupancy in about ten days.

Brief article about reporter's visit to the Women's Benevolent Home on North Main street.

### **Wednesday, November 17, 1886**

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1. Note from Clearwater: the Chicago, Kansas and Western Railroad bridge over the Ninnescah west of here, was completed last week.

Chief Walden today had the regular and the Minute Men members of the Wichita Fire Department sworn in for duty. Names are listed. Four regulars at \$50 per month and 12 Minute Men at \$7 per month.

4. The Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad is reported to have let the contract for fencing of their road through this state to a Chicago man for \$192.50 per mile.

### **Thursday, November 18, 1886**

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1. Article reports visit by representatives of the new water company and discusses deficiencies of the present system. Details.

Note reporting first run of the fire department's new team and hose cart about 10 a.m. today.

4. Article describing visit today to the Wichita Carriage Works of Mr. M. A. McKenzie, corner of 1st. and Water. Details.

New time table for the street cars to take effect next Monday: ¶ Main street line leaving barn on Wichita street at 6:30 a.m. and then every 20 minutes to 9:20 p.m. ¶ Union depot, Main, and Douglas avenue line -- special car for train on St. Louis and San Francisco road leaves freight depot of Santa Fe on Douglas avenue at 6 a.m. Regular cars leave barn at North Main street at 7 a.m. and then every ten minutes until 9:20 p.m. ¶ North Topeka avenue and West Wichita line leaves North Topeka avenue at 7 a.m. and then every 20 minutes up to 9 p.m. ¶ Oak street line connects with all union depot cars, except on Sundays. On Sunday the cars on this line run to the cemetery every 40 minutes connecting (?? commencing) at 1 p.m. ¶ All cars will stop on further side of crossing, to comply with

city ordinance. ¶ All cars connecting with trains will carry a red sign, with the word "train" plainly printed thereon. --E. R. Powell, Manager.

Interview with Mr. J. K. Sawyer about the nearly completed new bridge over Arkansas river from Lewis street on the east side to Maple street on the west side. The funds for the bridge were subscribed by interested parties and he took the contract about two months ago, which calls for superior work. ¶ The bridge is built entirely of oak and is 800 feet long, with a roadway of 18 feet, and having 41 bents, of 20 feet each from center to center, each bent being tied by level and diagonal braces of oak and having an ice-break pile. The height of the roadway is a clear 9½ feet above the level of the river. The bridge has a capacity of 40,000 pounds to the panel of 20 feet, making it the strongest highway bridge in the state. ¶ The work will be finished within a week.

### **Friday, November 19, 1886**

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1. The new uniforms for the Fire Brigade arrived this morning. They are made of blue cloth and look very neat.

### **Saturday, November 20, 1886**

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1. An inventory of the stock of the Tremont House is being taken today, preparatory to its vacation by Mr. McKim on the last of this month.
4. Article about the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic Railroad which "is the enigma now in railroad circles." It is supposed to be in running order from Belle Plaine to Kingman, but on account of the road never having been graded when the iron was laid, it is a very bad road, and is called among the boys the "Rock Road to Dublin." Details.

### **Monday, November 22, 1886**

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1. Long article about a serious collision yesterday morning at the Ft. Scott depot in Wichita between a Hutchinson train and a St. Louis train. Details.

Long editorial about Mr. B. H. Campbell's opposition to granting of the proposed new motor line street railway (Mr. Campbell being a principal owner of the present street car company). Details.

4. Messrs. E. C. and L. R. Cole closed the purchase of the Tremont House from A. N. and Robert O. Deming on Saturday. The Tremont will be run under the management of Mr. W. H. Dewey, an old and experienced hotel man. He took charge this morning.

### **Tuesday, November 23, 1886**

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1. Report of meeting of board of trustees of Wichita University yesterday. Officers elected (names given). Plans of Dumont and Hayward, architects, selected. Building to be 100 feet long and 60 feet deep, three stories with basement. Details.
4. The new proprietors, Messrs. Cole and Cole, have till the first of May to move the Tremont hotel to its future resting place on corner of 4th avenue and William street.

**Wednesday, November 24, 1886****page**

1. On Monday Major Powell put on a large force of men on the East Douglas avenue extension of the street car line. It will be extended to the heights on the east and will be finished in 10 or 15 days if the weather is favorable.

Note from Clearwater: it is rumored that the Mulvane branch of the Chicago, Kansas and Western will be turned over to the operating company the first of next month.

**Thursday, November 25, 1886****page**

4. An offer of \$21,000 was made yesterday for the street car barn on North Main street. The barn occupies four lots, so that this was a little over \$5000 a lot. Verily, real estate increases in value.

**Friday, November 26, 1886****page**

4. Note says W. H. Sternberg is contractor for the Bitting building, corner of Market and Douglas.

**Saturday, November 27, 1886****page**

1. The Rock Island survey party completed its work Thursday evening when it arrived within the city limits. Striking Mead avenue at 19th street, 300 or 400 feet south of the mill race, the survey runs straight down to Douglas avenue.

**Monday, November 29, 1886****page**

1. "Our Suburbs on the East." Long article of reporter's visit to College Hill last week with details of houses built in the area, etc. Says the construction gang were at work on the street railway extension, which already extends half a mile beyond the Chisholm creek bridge.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1886****page**

1. Mr. William Griffenstein and family moved today into their elegant new residence at the west end of 10th street.

4. St. John's church have ordered a superb pipe organ, and St. John's will have the honor of having the first in the city.

### **Wednesday, December 1, 1886**

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4. Article describes the new packing house of Ackerman and Company on the bank of the Arkansas river in West Wichita. Details. Has capacity of 400 head a day and employs 40 people.

### **Thursday, December 2, 1886**

#### **page**

1. Plans by architects Proudfoot and Bird for the new Mayflower Congregational church on North Fairview avenue were adopted today. It is of brick, about 40 by 50 feet, with a tower, 75 feet high, and will cost \$4000, and with the lots, \$5000. The material is all on the ground. Plans for the Olivet Congregational church on the South side, are also being pushed. It is to be frame, 45 by 70 feet, and cost \$5000, or including the lots, \$7000.

Note reported from the *Osage Republican* says track laying on the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic was completed to Sedan, in Chautauqua county, last Saturday, and is being pushed in order to reach the Cowley county line by January 1st, to meet requirements for the \$140,000 of Chautauqua county bonds due at that time. From Belle Plaine west, the grading is completed to Larned, and track laying should reach Larned by January 1st, leaving a gap of only about 40 miles (in Cowley county) between Chetopa and Larned to be completed the coming spring.

4. Work has been commenced on the building to be occupied by the Wichita Crystal Ice company.

Mrs. Amy Sayles (sic), mother of our popular real estate agent M. A. Sayles, returned last night from her lengthy trip through New York, Michigan, and Canada.

### **Friday, December 3, 1886**

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1. The new safe for the Arkansas Valley Bank has been shipped, and will be one of the finest ever brought in here.
4. Report of meeting of directors of Garfield university yesterday. Details. It was decided to build two dormitories for students, the size and plans to be determined in the future.

Note from the *Chicago Times* says the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad has completed its line west from St. Joseph 40 miles to Horton, Brown county, Kansas, which will be the junction from which lines will run west and southeast. Trains are now running regularly between St. Joseph and Horton. The grading is finished between Horton and Topeka.

The former City library is being transferred, in trust, to the YMCA rooms.

G. C. Strong has just opened up an addition of 40 acres south of Harry street.

**Saturday, December 4, 1886****page**

4. The new bridge at 10th street and Chisholm creek is completed and ready for the traveling public.

**Monday, December 6, 1886****page**

1. Article describes the elegant new residence being constructed for Mr. Finlay Ross on North Waco street at cost of \$25,000. Work on the foundation is already commenced. Plans by architects Terry and Dumont. Details.

**Tuesday, December 7, 1886****page**

1. Report of the opening of the new Museum entertainment house last night. Details.

Note about some dispute over the old "Hospital Island" at the west end of William street. The island has been connected with the main land by deposits thrown into the channel recently by the public as a dumping ground, and by Mr. Griffenstein for the purpose of making land.

4. School board meeting yesterday. Since completion of the new 5th ward school building, there has been a very satisfactory increase in attendance there, now being 203.

The East Douglas avenue street railway track has been laid to the section line at the foot of the hill. An extra car has been provided for this extension, the same color as the old line cars -- an orange. Except for the cold snap the line would have been completed to the brow of the hill by now.

**Saturday, December 11, 1886****page**

4. It is some time since the 2nd street bridge was handed over by the property owners who built it, to the city, and as yet nothing has been done to complete the work and grade the approaches.

**Monday, December 13, 1886****page**

1. Article describes reporter's visit to West Wichita yesterday, buildings under construction there, etc. Details. ¶ It is said that work will be commenced in about two weeks on the street car line extension to University Place.

Note says the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic track layers are now at work between Penaloosa and Turon, in Reno county.

**Tuesday, December 14, 1886****page**

1. Report of a wreck on the Santa Fe in the northern suburbs of Wichita last evening. Details.  
  
Article commenting on proposed belt line railroad around Wichita.
4. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday. Details.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1886****page**

1. Reporter describing buildings and residences under construction in south part of city. Details. The Kos Harris building on South Main now has the roof on. Mr. H. G. Lee has a new residence on corner of Main street and Morris. The Turners' new hall is just completed at corner of Main street and Bayley.

**Thursday, December 16, 1886****page**

1. The new street railway in Hutchinson is grading on North Main street.
4. Mr. Getto's building on the corner opposite the Occidental is going to be four stories high.  
  
A. A. Hyde sold his old home place on the southeast corner of Topeka and 2nd street to M. R. Moser yesterday for \$10,000. There is 100 feet of ground fronting on Topeka.

**Friday, December 17, 1886****page**

4. The fire department will move into its new building on North Market next week.  
  
All the plans and designs for Garfield university will be furnished by Proudfoot and Bird this week.

**Saturday, December 18, 1886****page**

1. The ground on 4th avenue is ready for the Tremont House and moving will commence on Monday next. The trees on the present site will have to go.

**Wednesday, December 22, 1886****page**

1. The organization of the Female College has been completed and the directors will receive donation proposals by sealed bids on January 15, 1887. Details.

**Thursday, December 23, 1886****page**

4. Contract for excavations for the U.S. court house and post office in Wichita has been awarded to J. N. Stone, and work will be commenced Monday.

**Saturday, December 25, 1886****page**

1. Report of a collision yesterday evening between a Ft. Scott passenger train and a Wichita and Western construction train about two miles southwest of Wichita. Details.

**Monday, December 27, 1886****page**

1. The street cars are now running to the top of College Hill, the present terminus of the line. In the early spring the road will be extended south to the University.

**Wednesday, December 29, 1886****page**

1. The track of the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic railway reached the west line of Chautauqua county yesterday, earning \$140,000 of Chautauqua county bonds on which the time would have expired on January 1st, 1887. Regular trains are now running on the Chetopa division, from Chetopa to Cedarvale. The construction company have laid 170 miles of track on this road since May 22nd, 1886 and have 60 miles more ready for the track. The completion of the road across Cowley county will connect the eastern and western divisions and will be finished early in the spring.
4. Long article about reporter's visit to the Wichita Gas and Electric Light company (Thompson-Houston system). Details.

**Thursday, December 30, 1886****page**

1. Proceedings of city council meeting yesterday. Details.

**Friday, December 31, 1886****page**

4. Plans are now being prepared by Architects Proudfoot and Bird for an eight room brick house for Mr. W. K. Carlisle, to be erected in the north part of town in the early spring.