

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1899 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon

Monday, January 2, 1899

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5. Report of meeting of Wichita Hospital association this morning. Details.

Thursday, January 5, 1899

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5. George Innes and Company ad no longer says "formerly McNamara's."

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6. The Postal Telegraph company will move their office from under the Kansas National bank to the front room in the Pacific Express building, corner 1st and Main, on Saturday night.

Wednesday, January 11, 1899

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5. The Keene Syndicate, through their representative, J. O. Davidson, have brought a mandamus suit against County Clerk Denny to compel him to issue descriptions of transfers on blocks of Wichita property instead of on a lot by lot basis. There are 7,772 lots involved and the Clerk demands a fee of ten cents for each of these lots when transfers are described on a lot basis. Details.

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5. J. R. Mead yesterday purchased the two story Caswell-Buckley block at 506 East Douglas, just east of Emporia, from Jack Thomas for \$4,000. Details.

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5. Yesterday Charles H. Frost purchased lot 46 on North Main street with its three story building. It adjoins the Gandolfo building, which is on corner of 1st and Main. Cost was \$8,500. Building at present occupied by Miss Ella Stanton's grocery. Building purchased from P. J. Conklin and is to be remodeled.

Bank of Commerce will soon become a National bank and new officers and directors will be elected next Monday.

8. Article says people on West Central object to proposed building of street car line to Griswold park on that street. Details.

Monday, January 16, 1899

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5. The county commissioners have decided to deed Griswold park to the city of Wichita and the City Attorney has been instructed to prepare the deed for the signature of the county commissioners. People are pleased with the settlement of the differences between the city and county over this matter.

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6. Report of meeting yesterday of stockholders of the proposed National Bank of Commerce (National bank charter already applied for). Officers and directors named. A. C. Jobes, president. C. W. Carey, cashier.

Wednesday, January 18, 1899

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5. Article describes in detail proposed location of new street railway lines as located by Civil Engineer Bradley, who came here some time ago in the employ of the Chicago contractors. Details.

The material for the Sullivan dam is now being delivered on the ground, and it will soon be completed.

Thursday, January 26, 1899

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5. Article suggests the city building be provided with historical portraits and artifacts.

Friday, January 27, 1899

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6. Article reports rumors regarding intended uses of the Burton Car Works. Says some of the buildings are being repaired and new roofs put on. Possibility suggested that building might be used by Missouri Pacific or Kansas Midland. Details.

Saturday, January 28, 1899

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5. Another article speculating about possible use of the Burton Car Works. Says the Burton company is spending \$20-25,000 on repairs and improvements and suggests they have given an option on the buildings to the Frisco Railroad. Details.

Tuesday, January 31, 1899

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5. Another article about the Burton Car Works. Says the Burton Company has consolidated with the Arms Palace Horse Car Company and Streets Western Stable Company, and the three companies may use the shops here for repair of their many leased cars, which railroads usually lease for one cent a mile. These companies have 40 acres of switch yards in Chicago plus shops there and may send some of the work to Wichita. Details.

Wednesday, February 1, 1899**page**

5. Mr. A. S. Parks handsome new residence on North Lawrence avenue has been completed and is now occupied.

Friday, February 3, 1899**page**

5. The addition to the Masonic Home has been completed and accepted. Long article with description.

Wednesday, February 8, 1899**page**

5. City engineer's office has prepared a map showing the boundaries of the city of Wichita. The total area of the city is 16 **b** square miles, including 10,638 acres of land and 897 acres in the channels of Chisholm creek and the Big and Little Arkansas rivers.

Friday, February 10, 1899**page**

5. The Central avenue dam has provided a large harvest of ice from the Little river. Mr. Fred Aley yesterday had men sawing all the ice from the center of the river to the east bank from Riverview to Pine street. He will build an ice house on the river bank and fill it with 4,000 tons of ice that is now about a foot thick.

Saturday, February 11, 1899**page**

5. Long interview with W. Q. Church about possibilities of building new street car line. He says total cost of new power plant and 22 miles of line would be over \$300,000. Fourteen cars would be needed at \$2,500 each, plus summer car bodies for \$800. Trolley poles are \$3.50 each and 350 pounds of copper wire required per 1,000 feet, at 20¢ per pound. Twenty-five hundred ties per mile cost 50¢ each. Details. ("Street Car Talk.")

Tuesday, February 14, 1899**page**

5. About 9,000 pounds tons of Little river ice will be stored on the banks of the stream between Sherman avenue and Riverview. Wyley Brothers and Frehlman are putting up 1,000 tons and J. S. Campbell and Fred Aley are putting up 8,000 tons. The former have up the sides of their ice house and are filling it, while Campbell and Aley are making a mountain of ice on the river bank. They have bought Charles Huff's ice houses down on

Chisholm creek and they will be moved and put around the ice. Mr. Huff has the contract to put up the ice. Mr. Huff has been in the ice business for a good many years. He says the city consumes 50 tons a day during the warm weather and the river ice will make ice at least one dollar a ton cheaper than would otherwise be the case.

Wednesday, February 15, 1899**page**

5. Report of death Sunday of "Rowdy Joe," former Wichita man, in a saloon in Denver when he was shot by ex-policeman Charles Kimmel in a quarrel, at age 72. Long article with history of his part in early days of Wichita. ("Rowdy Joe Lowe.")

Thursday, February 16, 1899**page**

5. Note says Architect J. J. Crist has completed plans for Baker Brothers' implement house, three stories, to be built on Lots 50 and 52 on West Douglas, 47 feet by 130 feet, and for the new Union mills.

Friday, February 17, 1899**page**

5. Park Commissioner J. P. Allen has suggested, now that the city has become the owner of what was called Griswold park, that the different portions of Riverside park be designed as North, Central, and South Riverside to distinguish between them and prevent misunderstanding.

Saturday, February 18, 1899**page**

5. A man was killed at 9:00 p.m. yesterday when he was run over by electric car Number 6, J. F. Carr motorneer, in front of Cottman and Chambers store on Chicago avenue. He was driving a team which apparently ran away and threw him out upon the street car track where he lay unconscious until run over. There was no headlight on the street car and the motorneer could not see him until he was within about eight feet, and then it was too late to stop.

Monday, February 20, 1899**page**

5. The new city parks were full of people yesterday. The new bridge at Griswold is not yet open to teams, but hundreds of people crossed it on foot. The north approach is not yet filled in.

Tuesday, February 21, 1899**page**

5. Excavating for the new ice plant at 1st street and 5th avenue was begun yesterday. To be completed in five weeks. Will be 72 by 94 feet, one story, with 40 foot towers.

Wednesday, February 22, 1899

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6. The Rock Island Railroad company's new gates on Oak street are now in working order and are of great assistance to the watchmen at that crossing.

Ernest Rambeck says, "I have been with the street cars ever since the first mule car ran on Douglas avenue, and I want to stay with them until the new line is built. Then I would like to run a car to the city park, so I could see people enjoy themselves."

Thursday, February 23, 1899**page**

5. Report of old settlers' meeting yesterday. Details.

Friday, February 24, 1899**page**

5. The Santa Fe has recently purchased the Kansas Southwestern, a road 15 miles long from Huanewell, Kansas to Broman, Oklahoma Territory.

J. O. Davidson and W. R. Dulaney returned yesterday from a trip to New York, Boston, and other eastern cities. ¶ Mr. Davidson said he saw Mr. Burdett, who put up \$10,000 to guarantee the building of the new street car line and asked him if they really intended to build the line. Mr. Burdett acknowledged they could not complete the line by the April 1 deadline, but said they expected to have material on the ground by then and hoped for an extension of time by the city council. Mr. Davidson told him the patience of the people of Wichita was not unlimited and he should make a good showing by then if he desires to get his \$10,000 back. Details.

Monday, February 27, 1899**page**

5. Report of fire at Dold Packing house yesterday morning. Details.

Tuesday, February 28, 1899**page**

5. Henry Schweiter has purchased the Dr. Owens farm just south of this city and across the Big river for \$4,500 (note March 2, page 5, says he paid \$1,500 for it).
6. Excavation has started for the C. E. Potts Drug company's new building on 5th avenue just north of Douglas, today. To be ready by 1st of July.

Thursday, March 2, 1899**page**

6. The old street car barn on North Main street is being torn down and removed. The ground belongs to A. T. Bachelder (sic). He retained this ground when he sold the street car line to the Church company.

J. W. O'Neil, formerly of this city but now of the Topeka waterworks, is spending a few

days in Wichita. He has a great many friends here.

Friday, March 3, 1899**page**

5. The legislature has passed the Wichita court bill providing for a new Wichita city court. Details.

Saturday, March 4, 1899**page**

5. A. T. Backeridge yesterday bought the fine residence property at corner of 15th and Fairview, known as the old Toler homestead. Property has 300 foot front on Fairview and runs back to the alley. The property was bought from the Benefit Life Insurance company for \$2,500.

Monday, March 6, 1899**page**

5. The new bridge over the Little Arkansas river connecting South and Central Riverside park is now completed and painted white. People drove over it yesterday in spite of the cold.

Tuesday, March 7, 1899**page**

5. L. C. Jackson is moving his lime and coal sheds from the lot facing 5th avenue to make room for Jett and Wood's new building which will occupy the same ground. Mr. Jackson has secured ground on the east side of the Santa Fe tracks.

Thursday, March 9, 1899**page**

5. Lengthy article about complaints of the ladies of the Highland Cemetery improvement association against the owners of the new cemetery (i.e. Maple Grove). Details.

Friday, March 10, 1899**page**

3. Ad for the Martha Washington Home, which was formally opened to the public on November 10th. Drawing (it is the old Burleigh residence at 10th and 4th Avenue — later the original Wesley Hospital building).

Monday, March 13, 1899**page**

5. Ad for Wichita Hospital and Training School for nurses, with drawing.

Letter from a Wichita visitor from Rolla, Missouri critical of Wichita's street cars.

Saturday, March 25, 1899**page**

6. The flood gates at the new Sullivan dam are being put in and the stench in Chisholm creek has disappeared forever.

The county is doing a good deal for the cause of charity. The Rescue Home gets \$300 a year and the Children's Home \$200, while the hospitals are paid three dollars a week for each county patient, amounting on an average to about \$2,000 a year.

Monday, March 27, 1899**page**

5. A New York capitalist, Mr. W. N. Coler, is in Wichita to look over the street railway situation. Says he proposed to take over system from Keene people and rebuild it two years ago, but the Church people got their option first. However he does not think they will ever build the new line. Details.

Thursday, March 30, 1899**page**

6. More discussion of possible use of the Burton Car Works before long. J. O. Davidson says he tried to interest the Santa Fe in using it for shops six years ago and that the directors of the railroad were favorable but the manager of the road, A. A. Robinson, was opposed and they did not take up the proposal.

Tuesday, April 4, 1899**page**

6. Ad for the New Occidental Hotel, remodeled and refurnished. A. S. Booton, proprietor. Rates one dollar and \$1.25 per day. Drawing.

Wednesday, April 5, 1899**page**

5. Report of results of city election yesterday. Finlay Ross reelected mayor over James W. Tapp by small margin. Details.

Thursday, April 6, 1899**page**

5. Further discussion of street railway line. Letter received from Chicago contractor, J. H. Gates, who was to build the new line. Church company seems to want an extension on the date for building the line. Details.
6. Article says the \$10,000 forfeit money deposited by the Church company was tied to completion date of the electric light plant rather than the street railway. Details.

Monday, April 10, 1899**page**

5. Bishop Hennessy yesterday dedicated the new addition to St. Francis hospital and gave some history of the institution. Says half a dozen sisters at his invitation nine years ago took charge of a rented building to take care of the sick in Wichita. Today they not only

own the original building but also two large additions and a chapel, and the entire square of ground of which the original property formed the northeast corner. These improvements have cost in excess of \$50,000. Details.

Friday, April 14, 1899**page**

5. Article reports a mortgage dated September 1, 1898 was filed yesterday by the Moss Loan and Trust Company. The mortgage was given by the Wichita Railway, Light and Power company, which is the Church company, and covered the street railway, the Church franchise and 127 acres of ground in Riverside addition together with Reserve B in Lewellen's addition. Says Mr. Brooks of Boston is the money power behind the Church company. Details. ("Half A Million").

Saturday, April 15, 1899**page**

5. Article reports ground breaking a few days ago for the new Plymouth Congregational church at southeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence. To be completed by September 15. Plans drawn by F. E. Kidder of Denver. ¶ Apparently the new building is an enlargement of the present building. Long article with details. Drawing. To cost over \$10,000.

Tuesday, April 18, 1899**page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance repealing the time expired Church company street car and electric light franchise and passed a motion directing the city attorney to bring proceedings to annul the Bachelder and all other street car franchises in the city. ¶ The above was preceded by reading of a letter from Mr. Bachelder saying he would give his consent to an extension of time for the Church company to build the line, and one from J. Holt Gates, the Church contractor in Chicago, stating that he was ready to proceed with construction of the plant.

Ground has being broken for the new Jett and Wood warehouse at 5th avenue and Williams street. Details.

Wednesday, April 19, 1899**page**

5. Report of interview with Superintendent B. A. Ward of the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company, who says no one would build an electric light plant under the Church franchise and contract because it simply would not pay. The Church company agreed to furnish arc lights for \$60 per year and incandescent current for one-half cents an hour. The present company is getting six to eight dollars per month for arc lights and one to one and one-quarter cents per hour for incandescent current and yet is making little profit on lighting and is getting by only by charging a large part of the expenses to the more profitable gas department. The present company took the light plant here in April 1897. Details.

Thursday, April 20, 1899**page**

6. Article says the only remaining eyesore in the South Riverside park area is the old river bed on the west side of the river, claimed by the Stackman heirs. The city has never been able to get Mr. Steinbuchel's consent to clean up that part of the river.

Friday, April 21, 1899**page**

6. Long article about the duplication of street names in Wichita. Details.

Saturday, April 22, 1899**page**

5. Article says West Side people are starting a subscription to build a bridge over the Big River on North Seneca to give access to Riverside park.

Tuesday, April 25, 1899**page**

5. The Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocery company have purchased the land on north side of William between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks and will build a large new building there. Site fronts 150 feet on William and 166 feet on both Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks. Details.
6. The new Sullivan's dam is now complete and a current of clear water is running into the race. Description of dam.

The Citizens Ice plant produced its first ice this morning. Details.

Wednesday, April 26, 1899**page**

5. The Santa Fe Railroad today started construction of a spur from the main line to the Burton Car works. Plans for using the Car Works are not yet known.

Monday, May 1, 1899**page**

5. Article about the low land on the old Stackman farm on the west side of the Little river from South Riverside park. It was at one time the river bed and several acres of it are grown up in trees. It has always overflowed during high water, but since the dam has been built the water covers the low ground all the time. Discussion as to what should be done. Details. ("Riverside Park.")

Tuesday, May 2, 1899**page**

6. Report of school board meeting yesterday.

Friday, May 5, 1899

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5. Article says Santa Fe plans to build a 50 foot, one story addition on south end of its freight depot.

Saturday, May 6, 1899**page**

5. Today City Attorney A. E. Helm brought suit in the district court to forfeit the franchise of the Wichita Electric Railway company and all subsequent franchises to its successors, and also to compel the present street railway company to vacate the streets, take up its tracks, poles, and wire, and to repair the streets involved. Details.
8. Article reports a Mr. F. O. Rustling, from Chicago, is in Wichita looking over street railway situation. Says he was manager of the Citizens' Electric Light company here in 1887, 1888, and 1889, then left to take charge of a street railway in Omaha, and for past several years has been in Chicago in the street railway business. Implies that Chicago capitalists have heard Wichita is in need of a new street railway, etc.

Wednesday, May 10, 1899**page**

6. Mr. J. W. Dale in connection with Judge Dale and F. B. Garcelon, of Colwich, has purchased the Tillinghest bank building at Clearwater and will soon open a bank in Clearwater.

Friday, May 12, 1899**page**

5. Article reports suit against Santa Fe for money allegedly not paid for condemnation of some of her farmland just west of Arkansas river when the railroad was built west from Mulvane towards Englewood in 1886. ¶ Says construction of this line was started by the Leroy and Western Railway Company and that this company was absorbed or consolidated by the Chicago, Kansas and Western Railway Company on May 31, 1886 and ceased to exist as a Kansas corporation. Details.

Saturday, May 13, 1899**page**

8. Article about the desire of West Side people for a bridge over Big Arkansas river on Seneca street and their feeling that the city and county should share its cost.

Monday, May 15, 1899**page**

5. Although the City obtained a temporary injunction from Judge Dale Saturday to stop the street cars from running in the city, they are still running today. The city has not yet given the bond of \$2,000 required by Judge Dale, and it is said that Mayor Ross told Superintendent W. Q. Church that the street cars would not be molested for a few days at least. Although they are old and rickety, a great many people would be inconvenienced

if the street car service were discontinued at this time, etc. Details. Mr. Church has agreed that if the injunction is stayed, the company will fit up some summer cars during the session of the trans-Mississippi congress here and that the old closed cars will only be used on the suburban lines.

Thursday, May 18, 1899**page**

5. Two men in a buggy were struck and killed last night by Santa Fe engine Number 281 pulling an extra freight train, at the 10th street crossing. Details.

Monday, May 22, 1899**page**

5. The new Union mill building at Douglas and Waco is now nearly enclosed.

Tuesday, May 23, 1899**page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Petition was presented for building of a bridge across Big Arkansas river on North Seneca. Estimated cost is \$1,800 and county commissioners have agreed to pay half the cost. Motion passed to have city clerk advertise for bids for building the bridge.

Wednesday, May 24, 1899**page**

5. Article about the street car situation, with comments by Coler L. Sim, representing the Bachelder company. Says that company is trying to make a trade with two or three companies that have money to build a new line. Says the Bachelder company was tied up and patient with the Church company for nearly two years just as the city was, and all they want is to get a reasonable price for their property. Details.
6. Sale of real estate of John T. Fisher, deceased, was consummated in probate court today. Consisted of 56 acres just north of the city on the Little river and was sold to Solomon Bingham for \$2,500.

Thursday, May 25, 1899**page**

5. Report of 19th annual commencement of the high school at the Auditorium last night. Forty-three graduates, including the first colored boy who has ever graduated from Wichita high school, Thaddeus Simmitt. Details.

Friday, June 2, 1899**page**

6. Mr. Walter Innes and Miss Margaret Brown were married last night at home of the bride's parents on North Lawrence (Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown, 1104 North Lawrence). Details on June 3, page 6.

Tuesday, June 6, 1899**page**

5. Report of school board meeting yesterday. Details. Total enrollment 4,520 (2,174 boys and 2,346 girls), a gain of 164 over last year. High school enrollment 427 (148 boys and 279 girls), a gain of 58 over last year.

Wednesday, June 7, 1899**page**

5. Report of first commencement exercises of the college division of Fairmount college at the opera house this morning. Eight graduates (three girls, five men). Details.
6. The street cars have been taken off South Main street on account of damage to the generator by lightning. They have sufficient power only to run five cars. The damage to the armature is being repaired here and cars will be put back on South Main probably by next week.

Thursday, June 8, 1899**page**

5. Report of 12th annual commencement exercises of Lewis academy in First Presbyterian church this morning.
6. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Henry Wallenstein at her home, 832 North Topeka, at age 31. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cohn, of Wichita, and sister of Charles G. Cohn, of Wichita, Moses Cohn of Ottawa, and Jacob Cohn, of Atchison. Married seven years ago. Survived by husband and two children, Henry, Jr. and Pauline. Death due to blood poisoning from a rose thorn prick at party nine days ago.

J. O. Davidson returned from a business trip to Chicago and St. Louis.

Monday, June 12, 1899**page**

6. Article says a promoter (unnamed) has suggested an automobile line in Wichita to replace the street railway — with 20 to 25 automobiles built on the omnibus plan for \$30-40,000. Details. ("Up to Date Idea.")

Tuesday, June 13, 1899**page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Contract let for Seneca Street bridge over Big River to O. T. Wilder for \$1,720. To be 380 feet long. ¶ It was voted to pay Sanford's band \$16 for every Sunday concert given in the parks.

Thursday, June 15, 1899**page**

5. W. Q. Church expects to resume the South Main street car service within a week. He stated that an armature at the power house was ruined ten days ago and caused withdrawal

of the South Main service because there was not enough power to run the cars. A new armature was ordered from Kansas City at once but has not yet arrived, so the company started the winding of an armature in Wichita within the last few days. It seems now that both armatures will be ready about the same time.

Friday, June 16, 1899**page**

5. Article says city council ordered all the houses on South 4th avenue (Tremont street) to be closed, and this was done last night.
6. A new brick sidewalk is to be laid in front of the Santa Fe depot from Douglas avenue to the freight house, and will be a great improvement over the old board walk which is now there.

Tuesday, June 20, 1899**page**

5. Yesterday the Ministerial association met and inaugurated a movement to fight Sunday band concerts in the parks at the expense of the taxpayers. They plan to appear before the city council with a protest, claiming that band concerts are a desecration of the Sabbath.

The old Turner opera house at 1st and Market is now being used for a box factory, a lithographic company, and a steam laundry.
6. Mr. J. L. Bowdish, a resident of North 4th avenue has suggested that the name of that street north of Douglas be changed to St. Francis street as a tribute to the great hospital of that name which has so much improved the north part of it.

Wednesday, June 21, 1899**page**

5. Report of fire which destroyed the City mill at Douglas and 5th avenue early this morning. It was one of the old landmarks of Wichita built in 1874 by Hargis Imboden and Company. In 1880 Mr. Hargis sold out and the name was changed to Shellebarger, Imboden and Oliver. The property finally fell into the hands of the Wichita National bank, and Mr. N. F. Frazier obtained it by purchasing all assets of the bank from the receiver, Major Ewing. It has been operated by the Wichita Mill and Elevator company, owned by W. E. Caldwell, of Louisville, Kentucky, and S. D. Stevens of Wichita, who leased the property about one year ago and built a new elevator (iron clad) on the east side of the mill building (which was of stone). Details.

Thursday, June 22, 1899**page**

5. Mr. J. M. Knapp, a trustee of Fairmount college, complained about the poor condition of Wichita's street car company and the bad appearance it gives the city.

Saturday, June 24, 1899

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5. Work has started on the first floor of the Potts Drug company wholesale building. The foundations have been completed.

Tuesday, June 27, 1899**page**

5. The South Main street car line is still not in use. Meanwhile the man who runs the wagonette service on the street has increased the frequency of his trips and is acquiring a large custom.

Wednesday, June 28, 1899**page**

5. Interview with J. O. Davidson about the street railway. Details.
6. The South Main street car line is again in operation and there is a 30 minute service.

Thursday, June 29, 1899**page**

5. Report of 12th annual commencement of the pro-Cathedral school last night. Four graduates. Details.
6. Contractors on the Santa Fe extension of the road from Hunnewell to Blackwell are rushing the work. The road is now within five or six miles of Blackwell.

The cornerstone of the enlarged Plymouth Congregational church will be laid Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 30, 1899**page**

6. People are complaining that the return electric current from the street cars is making small water pipes into the conductors and is destroying them. It seems that the street car company is running almost absolutely without return wires and the electric current when turned into the ground is attracted to the small water pipes and soon destroys them. Details.

At his own expense yesterday Father Tihen gave a picnic to 250 school children at Linwood park. Among a long list of refreshments were 50 gallons of ice cream and three bushels of peanuts. It was a great day and the children now rank Father Tihen side by side with George Washington and Admiral Dewey.

Saturday, July 1, 1899**page**

6. Article describes program for laying of cornerstone for the enlarged Plymouth Congregational church tomorrow afternoon.

Monday, July 3, 1899**page**

6. Article about Wichita's former rival for county seat, Park City, saying it has disappeared from the face of the earth. The last house that marked its location, an old church, was moved away last week. Details. ("Last Of A Rival.")

Tuesday, July 4, 1899**page**

5. Discussion of Wichita's street railway by Fred Sweet, who formerly was manager of the Wichita street railway but now is manager of a system in Charleston, West Virginia. Says it would be a mistake to patch up the old system. Says part of Wichita's problem is the length of line necessary to serve the city — about 20 miles — which increases costs and keeps line from paying so that proper maintenance is carried out, etc.

Monday, July 10, 1899**page**

5. Santa Fe engineers surveyed this morning for the new brick platform to be put in at the Santa Fe passenger depot from Douglas avenue to the south end of the freight depot. The present wooden platform is getting old and is not in condition to bear the heavy traffic. Just south of the passenger depot the new platform will be made ten feet wider and the track on the east side moved further east to allow this to be done.

Tuesday, July 11, 1899**page**

6. The fire department today tore down a dangerous portion of the north wall of the old City mill, damaged in the recent fire, using ropes pulled by horses.

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8. Since it started about the middle of April there have been 150 cases filed in the new city court, and the attorneys prefer it to the old system of three justices of the peace in the city. Details.

Tuesday, July 18, 1899**page**

5. More rumors about parties interested in building new street car line — visiting from Ohio, Colorado, etc. Details.

Monday, July 24, 1899**page**

5. Article claims a majority of Wichita people favor municipal ownership of all public utilities and are opposed to granting any new street car franchises at this time. Details.

Tuesday, July 25, 1899**page**

5. Street fair to be held in Wichita this year. Details.

Brick layers are working on the first story of the Jett and Wood wholesale building.

6. Report of city council meeting yesterday with long list of changes of street names to end duplications. ("Admiral Dewey"). Includes change of Oak street to Murdock avenue.

Wednesday, July 26, 1899

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5. Street car Number 29 in charge of motorneer Grabel (sic) was damaged by a collision with a Missouri Pacific switch engine at 10th street this morning as it was leaving the car house. Details.
6. An addition to the Wichita planing mill is being constructed on adjoining lots at 1st and St. Francis.

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6. The new Union mills (at Douglas and Waco) ground their first grist yesterday.

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6. Civil engineers stationed in Wichita are working on the extension of the Santa Fe line from Blackwell to Tonkawa.

Monday, July 31, 1899

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5. Article says city council will hold a special meeting tonight to consider a street railway proposition said to be made by Mr. H. C. Scott, principal stockholder of the Wichita Gas and Electric Light company, and perhaps others. Details.

Tuesday, August 1, 1899

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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday at which Henry C. Scott made proposition for street railway franchise. Details. ("New Franchise.")

Wednesday, August 2, 1899

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6. The Jett and Wood wholesale building is nearing completion and will be ready for the roof by the latter part of next week.

The third story of the Potts Drug company wholesale building is being erected.

Thursday, August 3, 1899

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6. Article reports strong protest from College Hill residents against the new street car franchise proposal, which provides for East Douglas avenue line to extend only as far as Hydraulic. Says there are 45 families east of Hillside between Central and Kellogg and 70 families east of Chisholm creek between there and Hillside that are dependent on street railway service. Details.

Friday, August 4, 1899**page**

5. Article speculates that the street car company seeking new franchise will agree to build the East Douglas line to College Hill. Details.

Wichita has been designated by Governor Stanley as the location of one of the captured Spanish cannons allocated for Kansas by the government.

6. The east span of the Douglas avenue bridge is being taken down and will be filled in. This is the third span of the bridge which has been taken out and the bed of the river filled up.

The Salvation army has secured the first floor of the building at 243 North Main for its evening meetings and will hold its first meeting there tomorrow.

Fred Harvey, who has the eating house and news service facilities on the Santa Fe, will open a news stand at the Santa Fe depot here next week. It will be between the waiting room and the baggage room on the platform built of oak, with a full line of goods including Mexican and Indian relics. The stand is about 20 feet long and 10 feet wide.

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5. Report of rumor that the Bell Watch Case Company, of Cincinnati, may occupy the old Wichita watch factory. Details.

Report that Clifford C. Baker, president of the Topeka street railway company, is in Wichita today to look over the street car situation and consider asking for a franchise. Details. ("Clifford Baker.")

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5. Secretary of the Commercial club Dean Gordon has answered the letter from the Bell Watch Case Company of Cincinnati and quoted a price of \$10,000 as that asked for the old watch factory building which he said cost nearly \$30,000 to build and is still in repair. The offer resulted from a conference with H. W. Lewis, who represents the Wichita people who hold the controlling interest in the building.
6. Further discussion at length of the street car franchise situation by Fred Bentley. Details. ("Makes It Plain.")

Thursday, August 10, 1899**page**

5. The Wichita street railway system was disabled last night by two lightning bolts which knocked out the 10th street power house. The first strike occurred yesterday afternoon and burned out one of the generators, which necessitated taking off about five of the cars as the remaining generator could not furnish enough power to haul all the cars. About 11:00 p.m. the power house was struck again and the remaining generator burned out, stopping all the remaining cars at once. ¶ Manager W. Q. Church left this morning for Topeka to try to buy a generator and have it shipped here at once, and if he fails in Topeka he will go on to Kansas City.

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6. Late this afternoon the street railway company succeeded in repairing one of the burned out generators and the cars were started in operation.

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6. New street car railway franchise is to be considered by city council tonight. Details. ("Street Railway.")

The Harvey news stand at the Santa Fe station was opened for business this morning.

Tuesday, August 15, 1899**page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday with discussion of street railway franchise but no decision. Details. ("Dilly Dallying.")
6. The "Lorraine," one of the twin white cars of Wichita's street railway system, is now in use on North Main street as an outbuilding.

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5. The new Santa Fe branch to Tonkawa will be completed by the first of next week.

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6. The new Santa Fe extension to Tonkawa was completed this afternoon and train service will be started this evening.

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5. A force of men are at work today removing the east span of the iron bridge over the Big Arkansas river on Douglas avenue. Teams are also at work filling up the places from which the span is being removed. ¶ The iron span will be used to bridge the Little river

at 13th street.

Thursday, August 24, 1899**page**

5. There is interest in next Monday's city council meeting on account of numerous reports about the new street railway franchise. The Scott people have made their proposition, but that does not do away with the fact that others are here asking for the franchise. ¶ W. B. McKinley, of Illinois, who arrived here last evening and who is the representative of Maine capitalists, looked over the city and old street car line today and expressed himself as highly pleased with the outlook in Wichita. He said today that he would make a favorable report to his people. ¶ There are other parties here wanting a franchise including a local combination with Colonel Tom Fitch as the central figure. Details.

Friday, August 25, 1899**page**

5. Report that residents of the former Oak street are protesting the change of its name to Murdock avenue. Details.

Monday, August 28, 1899**page**

6. Rumor today that J. O. Burdett, of Boston, has bought the present street railway line and will rebuild it. It is said he is a member of the Church group, and J. O. Davidson is dissatisfied because he was not consulted. Details.

Tuesday, August 29, 1899**page**

5. City council yesterday granted J. O. Davidson a franchise to construct a new street railway and was given 30 days in which to accept it and deposit \$10,000 cash as forfeit money. Details. ("Davidson Gets It.")
6. Report of rumor that the Kansas Midland Railroad is to be extended to South McAlester, Indian Territory and Texarkana, Arkansas. Details.

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6. More discussion of the street railway situation. Details. ("Red Situation.")

Thursday, August 31, 1899**page**

6. Friends' University will open for the new school year on September 12. Opening exercises will be held in the chapel, now under construction on the main floor of the building, which will seat nearly 1,200 persons. For the first time since the building was commenced a decade ago, students this year will enter the building from the main entrance, the work on which had never been completed. All the north wing of the building is now available for recitation proposes.

Saturday, September 2, 1899**page**

5. Report of acceptance of the button design for the street fair last evening. Five thousand official buttons to be made and sold at ten cents each. Details.

6. First services will be held tomorrow in the new Tabernacle Baptist church, just completed at corner of Water and Walnut streets. For several years they have been meeting in a building on East Oak street. Details.

Brick work on the Plymouth Congregational church is finished and it should be ready for occupancy in six weeks.

Report of excellent prospects for Fairmount college this fall. The Hutchinson cottage has been sold to Mr. Norton. Holyoke cottage will be under direction of Miss Clough as usual. The boys' dormitory containing eight rooms is nearly completed.

Tuesday, September 5, 1899**page**

6. The street car company's generator has broken down again and the street cars are unable to run today.

L. D. Skinner, formerly of this city, has been elected president of an ex-Kansans' association just organized at Chicago.

Wednesday, September 6, 1899**page**

5. South 4th avenue is once more occupied by the demi-monde, after having been cleaned out on orders of the city council about two months ago. Details.

Thursday, September 7, 1899**page**

6. Report of telegram from J. O. Davidson in Boston yesterday to City Attorney Helm asking about Judge Dale's ruling in street railway injunction case. Details.

Monday, September 11, 1899**page**

5. Article discussing the street car situation and Mr. J. O. Davidson's negotiations in the east. Details. ("Street Car Talk.")

Wednesday, September 13, 1899**page**

5. Further discussion of street car situation and negotiations. Details. ("Street Car Situation.")

6. All the material for building the new bridge over the Arkansas river on Seneca street has

been secured except the stringers. The piling will be driven now and the stringers put on in about three weeks.

Thursday, September 14, 1899**page**

5. The Zimmerly block was sold today, it is said, for \$60,000. The North American Life Insurance Company held it on a mortgage. Scott E. Winne is the purchaser named, but it is supposed that he bought it for the Union Central Life Insurance Company. Its ground floor space is occupied by the C. R. Fulton clothing store.

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5. The Burton car works district has petitioned the school board to re-establish a school there, saying there are now nearly 30 school age children in the district. ¶ Last year a petition was circulated for the same purpose and the board finally decided to open a school with one teacher in the Burton school building, but with the understanding that if the attendance became too small the school would be closed. About January 1 owing to sickness and cold weather, the attendance was reduced to a handful of children and the board closed the building. This year it had not been intended to reopen it at all.
6. Further discussion of street car situation and J. O. Davidson negotiations. ("Still Uncertain.")

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5. Scott E. Winne stated yesterday that he personally bought the Zimmerly block as an investment and the title is his. He purchased it from the owners, the Mechanics Savings Bank of Providence, Road Island for \$40,000.

Mr. Clivesmith has commenced driving the piles at the west side of the river for the Seneca Street bridge over the Big Arkansas. To be 380 feet long with a five foot arch in the center. Details.

Monday, September 18, 1899**page**

5. The street car situation is in a very muddled condition. Mr. Burdett, who has an option to build, demands a big sum from J. O. Davidson to surrender his rights. Details. ("Street Railway.")

Tuesday, September 19, 1899**page**

5. City council yesterday authorized the use of South Main and South Market streets for the street fair in October. Details.

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5. Report of Bishop Hennessy's plans for building a new cathedral, etc. on the block of ground now occupied by Father Tihen's residence. Details. ("Bishop Hennessy.")

Fifty-six hundred buttons have arrived this morning for the street fair and will be placed on sale at once. Details. ("The Carnival Buttons.")
6. The board of education has decided to grant the petition to reopen the Burton car works school. About 35 pupils are expected to be enrolled.

Saturday, September 23, 1899**page**

6. The platform at the Rock Island depot is being relaid and will be extended to the south about 40 feet.

Tuesday, September 26, 1899**page**

5. At city council meeting yesterday J. O. Davidson stated that owing to the opposition of Mr. Burdett he would not be able to accept the franchise for the new street railway in the 30 days allowed him. The council then passed an ordinance giving him 60 days from the time of its publication to accept the franchise.
6. Article with details of plans for the street fair.

Wednesday, September 27, 1899**page**

6. Report of death yesterday of William Griffenstein at his home in the Pottawatomie country of the Indian Territory. He was age 70, having been born at Darmstadt, Germany on July 28, 1829. Came to United States about 1846, to Herman, Missouri in 1848, and from there to Westport. Long biography. ("Griffenstein Is Dead").

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6. Report of plans for Griffenstein funeral. Details.

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6. Report of funeral of William Griffenstein. Details.

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6. All the exterior work on the Congregational church building is finished, and painters are working on the interior.

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6. The Bryan Brothers are making arrangements to move their candy factory into the building on South Market street recently vacated by the Fletcher Floyd company.

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5. Article says Bishop Hennessey is planning a Catholic college for Wichita to be located west (sic) of Friends university at what is now the bishop's residence. A large tract of ground has been secured and the building will probably be enlarged.

6. Report of first day of street fair and carnival.

A new official street fair button arrived this morning, differing from the first one. They are sold for ten cents each. Details.

The entrance arch at the street fair was completed last night. A large star is placed on the top of the arch, and in the center of the star is a globe.

Ad for the new department store, Morsman, Innes and Company, 118-120 North Main.

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5. Street fair report.

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5. Report of fire which destroyed the George Innes and Company dry goods store at 4:30 a.m. today. Details.

6. Street fair report.

Monday, October 23, 1899**page**

5. Report of hearing today in Judge Dale's court of the city's injunction case against the old street car company. Details of poor condition of the old lines. ("Street Car Case.")
6. Long article about Judge D. M. Dale urging his re-election. ("Judge D. M. Dale.")

Tuesday, October 24, 1899**page**

6. Further court testimony on street car injunction case. Testimony by W. Q. Church, superintendent, that when he took charge of the road in July 1897 they had and operated nine cars and that they now have eight. They were employing 35 men, four of whom worked in the repair shops. Details. ("Street Car Line.")

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6. More testimony in street car injunction case. ("Street Car Line.")

Thursday, October 26, 1899**page**

5. Further testimony about street car line by Joseph Patten (sic), manager of the Topeka street car line. ("Street Car Line.")

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6. Decision by Judge Dale in the street car injunction case that the company must abandon use of the streets of Wichita in two weeks. Details. ("Dale's Decision.")

Saturday, October 28, 1899**page**

5. Note says great majority of people approve of Judge Dale's decision in the street car case, but the company intended to appeal to Supreme Court, for a stay of the injunction. ("Judge Dale's Decision.")
6. The entrance gate to the street fair is still in position.

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5. People are asking what will happen to the street car service since Judge Dale's decision. Discussion. ("What Next?")

Report that Santa Fe has bought the stock of the Hutchinson and Southern Railroad, which extends from Hutchinson to Ponca City, Oklahoma Territory. Details.

Wednesday, November 1, 1899**page**

5. Report of Halloween pranks played on the street cars. Details.

Friday, November 3, 1899**page**

6. The handsome Dold pagoda at the street fair is being removed to Riverside park today. It will be placed in a central location in South Riverside park and will be remodeled and used as a summer house and band stand.
8. The Rock Island has decided to equip all its passenger locomotives with Pyle electric headlights.

Tuesday, November 7, 1899**page**

5. The street car on the East Douglas avenue line is a marvel. People watch it with awe every time it passes, expecting to see it drop to pieces before it passes from their sight. The sides of the cars are loose, and the boards hang to the frames by only one or two nails.

The street fair arch which formed the entrance to the fair, has been taken down and is being piled back of the city building. It will be kept there until next year, when it will be rebuilt in a somewhat different manner and used again. It will save the committee considerable expense for lumber. It has been covered with tar paper to protect it from the weather.

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5. The street car situation remains a muddle. Investors of capital do not like the delays, etc. involved in court proceedings. Details. ("Just A Muddle.")

Report of election results yesterday. Judge Dale defeated J. M. Balderston by 5,075 to 3,163.

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5. Superintendent W. Q. Church claims that the street railway bridge over the Arkansas river is safe and that the squeaking noise which is noticeable when a car passes over the bridge comes from the car. Details.

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5. The enlarged Plymouth Congregational church is to be dedicated tomorrow. Details.
6. Long description of the fine hall clock received at the Ed Vail jewelry store this morning and donated to the Wichita hospital by Helen Miller Gould at time of a recent visit here in October.

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5. Article about "Cannon Ball" Green's current activities, Former operator of stage lines in western part of the state. Details.
6. Report of dedication services at Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Details.

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6. The street railway company has appealed to the supreme court for a stay in the injunction case brought against it by the City of Wichita. Details. ("Case Appealed.")

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6. Report of death yesterday of John B. Carey, ex-mayor of Wichita, at San Jose, California. Born in Ireland June 21, 1828. Came to United States as young man to Cleveland, Ohio, then Bloomington, Illinois, then Maroa (sic), Illinois until coming to Wichita in 1874, where he became a prominent lumber dealer. Married first wife, Miss Bennett, of Clinton, Illinois in 1858 and had three children, only one of which, William P. Carey, now of Chicago, is living. After death of first wife he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Myers, of Maron, Illinois, in 1865. She survives, as well as their six children, Charles W., Lulu M. Dawden, Edward, Joseph G., and Miss Elizabeth Carey (who is 17).

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6. Report that H. B. Church and Mr. Burdett still hope to rebuild the street car line in Wichita. Details. ("More Rumors.")

One of the cannon balls piled in pyramids in Riverside park was discovered missing yesterday.

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8. Workmen are completing the tank on the top of the Potts Drug company building, which will be connected to a sprinkler system in the building.

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8. Ad for the Martha Washington Home corner 10th street and 4th avenue (later to be first Wesley hospital building).

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6. Work on remodeling the Innes building should be completed by the first of the year. It will be greatly improved and the floor space will be one-third larger. A new electric elevator will be installed.

Monday, December 4, 1899**page**

5. The Wichita university, southeast of the city, owned by the Reformed church, has been sold to the Sisters of St. Joseph of the diocese of Wichita and will be used as the mother house of the order, which has previously been at Parsons. Details.

Tuesday, December 5, 1899**page**

5. Report of school Superintendent Dyer to the Board of Education yesterday. Details.
6. Report of funeral and burial of former mayor John B. Carey in Illinois. Details.

Wednesday, December 6, 1899**page**

5. Editorial comment that there are others willing to build a new street car system in Wichita, and Mr. Bachelder and others in the East who claim to own the old system should get out of the way and let them do so. Details.

Mr. Harry Comly has just completed a fine new two story house on North Lawrence avenue south of 11th street.

Friday, December 8, 1899**page**

5. Councilman J. Giles Smith agrees with *Beacon* that the Keene people, sometimes referred to as the Bachelder crowd, have decided the Wichita street car franchise is more valuable than they once thought and are trying to hold on to it.
6. Mr. Coler Sim announced last night that he had sold the Wichita street railway to Mr. W. B. McKinley of Champaign, Illinois and that the line would be rebuilt at once if a new franchise is given to Mr. McKinley's company by the city council. ¶ The deal is said to have been on foot for a month or more, with Mr. Sim, on behalf of the Bachelder company, negotiating with Mr. McKinley. Final arrangements were perfected when Mr. Sim met Mr. McKinley in Kansas City last Sunday. ¶ The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$32,500. ¶ Mr. McKinley will reach Wichita this evening in company of Mr. Edward Woodman and George F. Duncan, of Portland, Maine.

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5. W. B. McKinley of Illinois, and Edward Woodman and George F. Duncan of Portland, Maine, arrived here last night. They are the parties who have reportedly bought the Wichita street car line. They propose to ask the city for a 20 year franchise. Details.
6. Report on the various schools. The Burton school has an enrollment of 22.

Monday, December 11, 1899**page**

5. New street car franchise to be discussed by city council tonight. Mr. McKinley proposes to give ten minute service from Main and Oak to the depots, 30 minutes to the packing houses, Friends university, College Hill, Harry street, and Fairview, and 60 minutes to Fairmount and Riverside park. Details.
7. The Santa Fe is preparing to lay a brick platform in front of its depot. The brick have arrived.

Tuesday, December 12, 1899**page**

5. City council last evening granted a franchise to the new street car company. Details of

franchise ordinance given.

8. Will of John B. Carey printed in detail as filed with the probate court.

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5. The Wichita patrolmen have received new caps for winter wear of the design used by the New York police department. They are of heavy blue broad cloth, with stiff enameled peaks and are quite an improvement over the ones now worn.
6. The Wichita street railway was blocked early in the day by the heavy snow fall which began at an early hour. Details.

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5. The Street car service was resumed last night. Superintendent Church and his men worked all day yesterday salting the track.
6. J. B. Shields has purchased the old Kansas National bank building on North Main for \$9,000.

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7. Article about history of a number of school buildings in Wichita. Details.

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5. City council yesterday passed street lighting franchise ordinance agreed on with Mr. McKinley. Details.

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5. Article about reduced flow of water in Big Arkansas river. The Douglas avenue bridge has lost three spans in the last 13 years, two having been removed from the west end and one from the east.

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5. The new street railway franchise granted to the McKinley company was published this morning and becomes binding on the city. Mr. Woodman, of Portland, Maine, went to Nashua, New Hampshire on Tuesday this week to close the trade with the Bachelder people.

Article reports some people are objecting to changing name of Oak street to Murdock avenue Details.

6. Article about school board minutes of 1873 and 1874. In summer 1873 census was

	Males	Females
White	215	210
Colored	16	8
Total	231	218

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5. It is expected that improvements will be made in the park next summer by the new street car company, which has promised to put up \$5,000 worth of improvements in the parks as soon as the new street car line is built. It is expected the company will clean up the 12 acres of ground secured in the trade with the Bachelder company. It is all covered with brush and trees and lies across the Little River from South Riverside and west of Central Riverside. It is the plan of the new company to cross the Little River west of Central Riverside, which will cause the track to cross the 12 acres of timber land.

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5. Report that B. L. Eaton will buy the Hotel Carey for \$70,000 from Charles W. Carey, representing Carey heirs.

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5. Report of rumor that Missouri Pacific Railroad wants to build a new passenger depot on north side of Douglas between Wichita street and Waco.
7. The new automobile belonging to Mr. A. S. Parks is arousing much curiosity. Very few Wichitans have seen such a vehicle, and they are eager to see this one.
8. Coler Sim today received a letter written by Mr. McKinley from Chicago last Thursday. It stated that he had bought 12 new street cars, to be delivered in April, and that he was going to Cincinnati that day to buy 12 second hand cars on new trucks for immediate use. ¶ In describing the cars Mr. McKinley said they would all be provided with electric heaters, illuminated signs, electric headlights, and electric touch buttons. The touch buttons enable passengers to notify the motorneer when they wish the cars to stop without leaving their seats. All they will have to do is to touch one of these electric buttons.