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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1900 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

**Tuesday, January 2, 1900**

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5. Report that W. Q. Church may be kept on as manager by the new street car company.
6. Mr. Coler Sim today received another letter from W. B. McKinley of the new street car company. He said his construction man, Mr. Nelson, of Springfield, Ohio, would arrive here tomorrow evening. ¶ Mr. McKinley says he has already bought 22 cars, ten of which are open and 12 closed. ¶ Another letter to Mr. A. E. Helm from Edward Woodman, of the new company, saying that the franchise approved December 22 and published December 23 will be accepted and they have closed the purchase of the old street railway property from the Keene syndicate and paid earnest money on it wanting only clearing of the title, etc., for final action. ¶ They have already bought 700 tons of steel rails, some good second hand cars for present use, and have contracted for new cars as well as for new boilers, engines, and dynamos.

A. S. Parks was out again today in his new automobile. He came down on Douglas today and the vehicle attracted the attention of hundreds of curious people.

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6. Mr. S. L. Nelson, who will have charge of the construction of the new street car line, came in this morning over the Rock Island from Ohio. ¶ He reported the company has ordered 700 tons of new steel rails which are to be shipped by the 10th of this month. The ten cars they had purchased in Cincinnati had been used two years, but they are vestibule and are to be repaired and repainted so that people will take them for new cars. They will also be furnished with new trucks, which he bought in St. Louis yesterday. New cars have been contracted for to be delivered up to as late as April 20th, with ten dollars a day penalty for late delivery and a bonus of ten dollars a day for early delivery.

The new elevator in the Bitting building is completed and ready for use.

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5. Mr. W. B. McKinley arrived in Wichita from Illinois this morning to start the construction of the new street railway system, and will remain until Sunday and then leave Mr. Nelson in charge of the construction.
6. There is no longer any question that the sale of the Carey Hotel to B. L. Eaton will be consummated some time this month. Mr. Eaton has decided to spend \$20-25,000 in repairs and refurnishings. If the trade demands it, Mr. Eaton says he will in time build an addition on the vacant lot west of the hotel, which he purchased with the building.

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5. Coler L. Sim has received an order from the Bachelder company to turn the street car line over to the McKinley company as soon as they are ready to receive it. ¶ The nearly new second hand cars will be used on the old track until the new line is built. They intend to commence work about February 1st.

**Saturday, January 6, 1900****page**

5. All but 13 of the 175 electric lights for the city which are to be provided by the new street railway company have been located. Article lists the locations of the lights.

**Tuesday, January 9, 1900****page**

6. School Superintendent Byer's monthly report. Details.

**Wednesday, January 10, 1900****page**

5. The Wichita Carnival and Fall Festival association is the name of the new corporation just chartered and succeeding last year's Street Fair and Carnival. Details.

**Thursday, January 11, 1900****page**

6. Article about abuse of use of cocaine by female residents of the "tenderloin" district. Details.

**Friday, January 12, 1900****page**

5. Report on plans for street fair in October. Details.

**Saturday, January 13, 1900****page**

5. This is the last day Innes and Company will do business in the Bryan building. Monday they start to move into their new store on Main street and hope to open their doors to the public on Thursday.

7. Report on school affairs for the week. Details.
8. Mr. W. B. McKinley has ordered one of the 300 horsepower boilers which is to be placed in the electric power house here. It is to be shipped immediately from Toledo, Ohio. The company hopes to be ready to light the city of Wichita on May 1st. They hope to have a force of men at work in March on the street railway.

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6. Mr. B. L. Eaton, proprietor of the Carey hotel, has already begun his hotel improvements. Painters and paper hangers are at work in the upper stories and men today began laying a cement floor in the kitchen. In a few days work will start on the new marble floor in the hotel office.

**Wednesday, January 17, 1900****page**

6. Coler Sim received today from the new street car company a draft for \$10,000 to be deposited with the city treasurer and the authority to accept the new franchise.

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5. Mrs. J. J. McNamera yesterday purchased the brick building at northwest corner of Lawrence and Douglas, now occupied by the Golden Eagle Clothing company, for \$19,500.

**Friday, January 19, 1900****page**

5. First carload of material, consisting of spikes, for the new street car company, arrived in Wichita yesterday.

**Monday, January 22, 1900****page**

5. The old Bauffmen and Freeman hack barn on William between Emporia and Fourth, was destroyed by fire last night.

**Tuesday, January 23, 1900****page**

5. City council yesterday agreed to assign its option on a lot at northwest corner of Douglas and Wichita street to the Missouri Pacific Railroad provided the latter builds a new depot there. Details.

City council yesterday voted to give the library \$50 a month for eight months provided it was made a free library (Apparently refers to the school library).

City council last evening agreed to assign its ground at northwest corner of Douglas and

Wichita Streets to the Missouri Pacific Railroad as site for a new \$30,000 depot. Details. Mayor Ross also asked the Missouri Pacific general manager for a donation of 20 carloads of crushed rock for the driveway in the city park, and this was agreed to.

City council last evening let contract for blinker lights in the suburbs to Mr. Hoagland, who is to furnish 100 or more naphtha lamps and take care of them for \$16.20 a year. The lights are to be run 20 nights in each month and to be 16 candle power.

### **Wednesday, January 24, 1900**

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5. W. B. McKinley, of Champaign, Illinois, Mr. Davis and Mr. Duncan, of Portland, Maine, will arrive in Wichita today on street car company business. Mr. Davis is president of the Portland Trust company.

Note regarding Highland Cemetery Improvement Association, which will clean up the cemetery this summer and has arranged a lecture by Judge T. B. Wall for benefit of the association.

O. A. Boyle has a graphophone in his office, on which he dictates his letters.

The Friends church has arranged to buy back its brick building on Cleveland avenue, which was built by the local church several years ago but then lost to the mortgage holder when payments could not be kept up.

### **Thursday, January 25, 1900**

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5. Street car company officials W. B. McKinley, Walter G. David, George F. Duncan and S. L. Nelson arrived here on the Frisco yesterday afternoon. Twenty-nine carloads of material or more have been bought for the new street car line. Discussion of plans of the company. Ten thousand dollars in forfeit money has been deposited with the city with acceptance of the franchise. About 35 cars loads of steel rails have been purchased (ordered). Total amount of material to be purchased will be about 135 car loads. Fifty-six pound rails will be used in the new Riverside park line. Details.

People along the old Fairmount street car line are protesting the plan to move the line to a new location from its present route on 15th street.

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5. Mr. N. Hartle is beginning erection of a two story brick residence on 13th street near Lawrence.

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5. S. N. Nelson, who will be in charge of construction of the new street car line, has opened

his office in the basement of the Kansas National bank building with Superintendent Church. ¶ The company plans to build a completely new line on Topeka avenue and will replace the old 35 pound rails with 50 pound rails, although some of the old rails will be used for building loops. The company still plans to build the Topeka avenue line just to 14th street and will reach the packing houses and stock yards with the Main street line. Article tells about improvements in Springfield, Ohio street railway since Mr. Nelson's company bought it in 1894.

**Tuesday, January 30, 1900****page**

5. Article about Silverdale Stone company quarry which is said to be the quarry from which the stone in the new courthouse in this city was obtained. A superior vein has been found and company is talking with Superintendent Webb about a switch from the Missouri Pacific to the new quarry.

**Wednesday, January 31, 1900****page**

5. The *Electrical Review of New York* says this about Wichita's new street railway system: "S. L. Nelson, in charge of the new street railway system of Wichita, Kansas, has already bought 700 tons of rails, 300 of which is already shipped from Joliet, Illinois, and the other 400 tons are to be shipped from Pennsylvania at an early date. Two cars of spikes have been ordered for shipment January 10 and two cars of rail joints have been contracted for March 1. Ten 16 foot vestibuled car bodies have been ordered for immediate delivery and trucks for shipment from Kingston, New York January 22. Ten open cars have been ordered, four to be shipped March 20, two on March 25, and four April 1st., and two combination cars, 28 feet over all, to be shipped June 1. One boiler for the power house is to be shipped in 15 days, and engines are to be shipped 90 days from date of contract, December 23. New generators will be there some time the first of May. ¶ One hundred men will be put to work on the line February 15."

**Friday, February 2, 1900****page**

5. Mr. W. R. Morrison, who will have charge of the track work for the new street railway, arrived today from Joliet, Illinois. Two car loads of heavy steel rails arrived here yesterday from Steelton, Pennsylvania. However the joints have not yet arrived.

Judge Wall will lecture in the opera house on the evening of the 22nd in a benefit program for the Highland Cemetery Improvement association.

**Saturday, February 3, 1900****page**

5. The heavy steel rails that arrived Thursday are being distributed on Topeka avenue north of Douglas. Each car load contained 90 rails, each 30 feet in length, and one car load will lay about one-quarter mile of track. There are about 22 miles of track to be laid.

The grading for the new Lehmann-Higginson building near the Rock Island track is nearly completed and work will start at once on foundation and construction of the structure.

7. Notes from board of education records. List of school buildings built October 1, 1889 to July 1, 1891, with total cost:

Burton	\$3,917
College Hill	11,652
Cleveland	4,620
Emerson addition	3,314
Harry Street	13,139
High School Addition	6,867
Kellogg	25,800
Levy	1,046
McCormick	15,359
Riverside	1,096
Washington	2,753
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Total	\$114,335

¶ Since then the Levy building has been added to the high school, and the Riverside building is at Fairmount. ¶ In 1891-1892 the city school enrollment was 4,769, with 3,176 remaining at the close of the year.

### **Monday, February 5, 1900**

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6. Article about injunction suit in Judge Dale's court today to keep the City of Wichita from vacating the west half of Wichita street and south half of alley north of Douglas if the Missouri Pacific will build depot on the ground costing not less than \$30,000. Testimony by Superintendent Webb that Missouri Pacific already has two tracks on that part of Wichita street, one in the center and one on the east side. They propose to move the center track 5 feet west and to lay an additional track still west of that, then to build two fences, one in center of the street and the other close to sidewalk next to the depot and to build a cement platform between the two tracks. Details.

### **Tuesday, February 6, 1900**

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5. Three more cars of steel rails are to arrive the last of this week. They will be for the paved streets and will be 60 feet long and 7 inches high. These rails will not be laid on stringers

but on ties and coupled with a patent coupler. ¶ B. F. McLean has the contract to furnish the ties, and two car loads were received yesterday. ¶ Mr. Morrison has received word that the car bodies have been painted and are waiting for the motors.

Judge Dale today denied the injunction asked against vacation of the west half of Wichita street north of Douglas for a new Missouri Pacific depot. Long article gives his firm ruling (adequate access to Dixie Lee's "rooming house," etc.).

### **Wednesday, February 7, 1900**

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5. Plans for improvements at Riverside park this year included evening up the grade from Oak street to the circle and putting in a cement walk on the south side of the drive. The 15 carloads of crushed rock donated by the Missouri Pacific and the 20 promised by the Rock Island will be used for the drives south of the Oak street bridge. A large amount of grass will be sown. A rustic bridge will be built over the lily pond (in South Riverside?)

Work started today on a new grain elevator between the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks, south of the Santa Fe freight depot. Being built by W. W. Culver and will have a capacity of 50,000 bushels.

### **Thursday, February 8, 1900**

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5. Article with more details of plans of the new street car company. They originally intended to work first on the park line, but have discovered that the power is sadly deficient, so instead will build either Main street or North Topeka line first in order to get in good overhead and return wires. Whether Topeka or Main will be built first depends on how the materials arrive. If Topeka is built first, the cars will all be taken off Topeka and be run to 13th and Topeka by way of Main street. If this is done the second line built will be Main street and Fairview to the packing houses. ¶ The Topeka line will be stopped at 13th street, but if the park is secured near 15th street on Chisholm creek, the Topeka avenue line will be extended beyond the park on the present line called the Fairmount line. The new line to Fairmount and the cemetery will be by way of Oak street. ¶ The new company plans to run cars through so as to avoid the bunching of cars at corner of Main and Douglas as is now the case. It is proposed to run the Friends university cars through to Topeka avenue, the South Main line from Main and Harry through to Fairmount by way of North Main and Oak, and the packing house cars by way of Fairview, Main and Douglas through to College Hill. It has not yet been determined how the park line will be operated. ¶ It is proposed to start with a 15 minute service on the Friends university—N. Topeka line, 30 minute service on the South Main—Fairmount line, and 20 minute service on the packing house—College Hill line. Details.

The Mosbacher building, three story brick, 28 by 120 feet, the second building east of corner of Topeka and Douglas on north side of Douglas, was sold today by Joseph Mosbacher to J. P. Johnson, both of Wichita.

**Friday, February 9, 1900****page**

5. The timbers for the new park line street car bridge arrived yesterday and will be delivered to the river bank in South Riverside. ¶ It was learned that the new company intend to repair most of the old cars, and they will be stored away for special occasions when large crowds must be carried, at which times they will be used as trailers and hitched onto the new cars.

**Monday, February 12, 1900****page**

5. More material has arrived for the new street car line. That received so far is for use on the paved streets. ¶ It is now expected to build the North Main street track first, so as to run a work car to the power house on 10th street. The company will save expense in this way by hauling their own material.
6. B. F. McLean has his lumber yard on the proposed site for the new Missouri Pacific depot. He has bought grounds just west of the depot grounds and is moving his building and stock of lumber to the new grounds as soon as possible. ¶ Article mentions suggestion that the Missouri Pacific should secure the old Burton Car works as a site for its shops. Company representative says this is not feasible at present, since when the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita was built, it made contracts with Ft. Scott, and Eldorado to maintain shops at those places, and these contracts are still in effect.

**Tuesday, February 13, 1900****page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Details.
6. Contracts for the Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocer company's new buildings have all been let and they expect to occupy the building by August 1st. To be two story, 135 by 140 feet. Excavation has already been completed. Details.

**Thursday, February 15, 1900****page**

5. Superintendent of Construction Nelson discussed progress and plans of the new street car company. Letters report that the new cars are now sitting in the shops at Cincinnati all finished, and should be in Wichita by the first of next week. ¶ The new power house will give three times more power for running the street cars than that now in use. The power for the electric lighting will be separate from the street car machinery. New rails for the Main street line are now being unloaded at the Oak street crossing of the Missouri Pacific. These steel rails are 60 feet long, with a five and one-half inch base, and are seven inches high. They will be laid on large seven feet oak ties and will be about six inches underground so that they will make a very solid track. ¶ The street car company has concluded that a double track will probably be needed down Central avenue to Riverside park, and in order to be ready for that they will lay the first track on Central three feet south of the center of the street.



The electric headlights on some of the Rock Island passenger trains running through Wichita are attracting attention.

**Saturday, February 17, 1900****page**

5. The street car company this morning received six more car loads of big 60 feet steel rails over the Rock Island, and they are being unloaded and scattered along Douglas avenue.

Appraisers of estate of the late John B. Carey list the properties and assets he held. Details.

Highland Cemetery association's benefit lecture by Judge Wall has been postponed.

**Monday, February 19, 1900****page**

5. Two more cars of heavy steel rails have been received by the street car company, making twelve cars in all.

**Tuesday, February 20, 1900****page**

6. The Missouri Pacific paint gang is at work on improvements on the depot and other buildings of the company at Otis.

**Thursday, February 22, 1900****page**

5. Article about lack of value of Burton Car works, since they are too far from the city. The company is now tearing up the tracks and selling the iron. Details.

**Friday, February 23, 1900****page**

5. Non-arrival of joints is delaying the start of work by the street car company. A message from the Atlas Railway company of Chicago stated that one and possibly two cars of joints would be shipped on the 24th, but most of them are for the 50 pound track instead of the 70 pound rail now coming in, and the company has as yet received only enough 50 pound rails to build  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of track. ¶ The timbers for the Douglas avenue bridge have been ordered. The ties on the bridge will be 8 feet long to allow erection of guards on the outside to prevent any derailed car from falling into the river. ¶ City Engineer Jackson is today setting the stakes for the street railway bridge connecting South and Central Riverside parks. The track will run west of the lake in South Riverside and when across the Little river they will run across the ground west of Central Riverside which belongs to the street railway company. ¶ The present intention of the company is to build through the parks to 11th street and there to make a loop, but Mr. Nelson said today he thought it would be better to stop on the south side of the river and not run into North Riverside at this time. ¶ Men are digging foundations at the power house for the three Sterling water tube safety boilers, which will furnish 800-1000 horsepower compared to the 360

horsepower of the boilers now in use. ¶ The secondhand cars are expected here next week. They are the Laclede cars built for Cincinnati with new tracks. They will be 24 feet long over all with 16 feet inside the car, where there will be seating capacity for about 28 people. ¶ The new cars will be 28 feet six inches long over all and 20 feet inside and will have 14 reversible seats to each car.

**Monday, February 26, 1900****page**

5. About 30 men are throwing dirt on Fairview avenue this morning, starting work on building the new street car line. They are rebuilding the old line on Fairview and putting in the new steel rails. It is the intention to build the Fairview line on to the packing houses and stock yards and then return and build the Main street line. That will be done so the new cars can be put on that line when they arrive. The second hand cars will be put on the old line, but it is desired to start the new ones on a new track.

**Tuesday, February 27, 1900****page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance vacating that part of 10th street in Riverside park.

G. B. Meredith, local manager of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company, says Wichita will soon be connected with points south as far as Galveston and east to New York City. ¶ The lines of the company at present run north to Newton and south to Caldwell. The Kansas City system runs west as far as Emporia. Gangs are now at work between Newton and Emporia, and when these points are connected it will give Wichita communication to Kansas City, Chicago, and New York. Another line is being put in between Hutchinson and Salina. ¶ Connecting lines are also being put in south of Caldwell to connect with the system in Texas which is being built north from Ft. Worth.

**Wednesday, February 28, 1900****page**

5. Report of intentions of the ladies of Highland Cemetery Improvement association to put the old cemetery in nice shape. They are largely dependent on public donations.
6. Report of rumor that Anheuser-Busch Brewing company has bought the old City mill property at Douglas and Santa Fe from Mr. Frazier, of Eldorado, who came in possession of it when he bought the assets of the Wichita National bank.

**Thursday, March 1, 1900****page**

5. The street car company had decided to build its new line to Fairmount by way of Oak street, but the people on 15th street are making a fight to keep the line on that street. There is also feeling that the Friends university line ought to be built on University avenue instead of Maple. ¶ Comm. Nelson says one of the main factors inducing his company to buy the street car lines in Wichita was its parks, with the river and timber already at hand.

**Saturday, March 3, 1900****page**

5. The pile drivers commenced work this morning on the new street car bridge over the Little river between South and Central Riverside parks. ¶ Six hundred oak ties were distributed along the Fairview and packing house lines yesterday.

**Tuesday, March 6, 1900****page**

5. Description of a photo of North Main street in 1872 discovered by James Black among some old papers. Details.

**Wednesday, March 7, 1900****page**

5. Report of a snag in building the packing house street car line in that there is a question whether Market street north of 17th street is open. It is outside the city limits and may be a county matter. Company had planned to build line north on Fairview to 17th, east on 17th to Market, north on Market to 21st and then east on 21st to packing house. Robert Hutchinson owns 24 acres of ground on North Market and is claiming some damages.

**Thursday, March 8, 1900****page**

6. The recent snow has cleared, and about 50 men started work this morning building the new street car track at the corner of 9th and Main. The work has been stopped on Fairview until the question of the right of way on North Market is settled.

**Friday, March 9, 1900****page**

5. Article describes details of building the new street car track on North Main street. Crews were working above Pine street this morning.
6. One reason why street cars are not running on time is because the late dampness has hurt the condition of the track and it is a frequent occurrence for a car to jump the track.

**Saturday, March 10, 1900****page**

5. The construction gang on the new street railway are at work on Fairview today.
8. Letter to editor stating at length that Robert Hutchinson is very unlikely to cause any trouble to the extension of the street car line through his property on North Market between 19th and 20th streets, although this tract has never been platted or taken into the city. Says he owns this tract clear from Emporia avenue to Water street and did not cause any trouble to the old street car company over their extension through his property on Topeka avenue, although the old company did give him free transportation. Details.

**Monday, March 12, 1900**

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5. The First Presbyterian church celebrated its 30th anniversary last night. It will be 30 years tomorrow since the church was organized. Details of church history.
6. The men building the new street railway bridge over the Little river in Riverside park float their pile driver on two flat boats.

From Valley Center Index: "Life insurance on Wichita street car employes and passengers will soon take a tumble, as the new regime is in control, and safety to limb and life is a matter of at least minor consideration.

**Tuesday, March 13, 1900****page**

5. City council yesterday voted appropriation of \$200 to be given to the Highland Cemetery association for the purpose of improving the cemetery.
6. President George Gould of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain route today announced the appointment of Russell Harding, general manager of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, as general manager of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain. ¶ Russell Harding came to Wichita in the early spring of 1886 as division superintendent of the Missouri Pacific with headquarters here. He lived here until August 1895, when he was made division superintendent of the Great Northern Railway at Larimar, South Dakota, later moving his office to Grand Forks, North Dakota. Soon after he was made general superintendent of the whole system with headquarters at St. Paul. Then in October 1898 George Gould offered him the vice-president and general manager position with the Cotton Belt system of the Missouri Pacific roads. ¶ He was well liked during his stay in Wichita and the new appointment is a popular one.

**Wednesday, March 14, 1900****page**

5. The oak piles for the new street railway bridge in Riverside park have been driven.

**Thursday, March 15, 1900****page**

5. The big pile driver driving piles for the new street car bridge in Riverside was moved over to the west bank this morning. The last of the piles are being driven. The bridge will be curved instead of flat, to correspond with the wagon bridge.

The old Watch Factory building on the West Side was sold yesterday to the trustees of the Catholic church at St. Marks for \$4,200. It will be torn down and the material taken to St. Marks, where a cathedral (sic) will be erected. The front section is 40 by 50 feet, four stories, and the rear section 30 by 146 feet, three stories. The stock of the company was divided into 390 shares, J. O. Davidson holding 150, Holmer and Haymaker 60, H. W. Lewis 74, and Irving Stratton 53. The building cost the owners about \$35,000.

**Friday, March 16, 1900****page**

5. The street railway force moved over to Topeka avenue this morning and began work at 13th street, building south. The move was caused by lack of materials on the Main street line, specifically the necessary joints. Two car loads of the 50 pound rails for the Topeka avenue line were received last night.

**Monday, March 19, 1900****page**

6. The six second hand cars which the new street car company agreed to put on while the line is being rebuilt arrived here over the Frisco this morning. They are the same kind of cars as the old ones except that they have modern motors and are neatly painted. They also have only one vestibule, one end having an open platform. The new cars will be built on the same plan and there will be loops at the ends of all the lines for turning the cars.

City Engineer Jackson went to Riverside park today to locate a sidewalk from the west end of the Oak street bridge to the circle in the central part of the park.

**Tuesday, March 20, 1900****page**

5. A force of men is unloading the second hand street cars recently brought here from Cincinnati. The new cars have been inspected and appear all right. They are a St. Louis make car and their general appearance is a great improvement over the cars now in use. City electrician McVay says they are a very good car. The motors are the GE 800 and they are the best made. Each car has a double motor. They all have the modern controller in the vestibule by the side of the motorman, which does away with the old rheostat under the car. Each car is provided with electric heaters.

**Wednesday, March 21, 1900****page**

5. Fifty men and six teams are at work today on the Topeka avenue street car line and it is intended to have that line completed to Douglas avenue by Saturday night.

**Thursday, March 22, 1900****page**

5. The sheriff seized the street car power house this morning on orders of county attorney Amidon because of a claim of \$3,700 of taxes unpaid by the old street car company. After considerable discussion an agreement was reached just before noon and the street cars resumed running. Details.

**Friday, March 23, 1900****page**

6. One of the new street cars went for a trial run last evening on Main street and over to Topeka avenue and attracted large crowds. It ran on Topeka this morning. Details.

The construction gang on the new Topeka avenue street car line reached Central avenue today, having started at 13th street.

**Saturday, March 24, 1900****page**

5. The stringers have been placed on the new street railway bridge in Riverside park. It will be ready for the iron in a few days.

**Monday, March 26, 1900****page**

5. The street car company construction force today moved over from Topeka to Main street. The company desires to get the Topeka and Main street lines completed as soon as possible so as to form a good circuit from the power house. This will take about two weeks. When these lines are completed a loop will be put in at Topeka and 13th. However the old track on 13th from Topeka to Main will be retained for the purpose of making a short cut to the power house in case of accident to cars or on the home run at night when returning from the last trip to Fairmount. The new Fairmount line will probably be the last built.

**Tuesday, March 27, 1900****page**

5. The street car company is going to paint its poles white to improve their appearance.

Ex-secretary of state W. C. Edwards is very enthusiastic over the prospects for building of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Mr. Stillwell, who built the line from Kansas City to Port Arthur, is president of the company and has already raised \$14,000,000 for the construction of this new road. Details.

6. Report of visit to Wichita yesterday by new Missouri Pacific general manager, Russell Harding. Details.

**Wednesday, March 28, 1900****page**

6. The street car company settled the matter of the right of way through the Hutchinson property on North Market street by the payment of \$50 to Mr. Hutchinson. Details.

Judge Wall's lecture on General Grant, for benefit of Highland Cemetery Improvement association, has been rescheduled for March 30, at the Crawford Grand.

**Thursday, March 29, 1900****page**

6. Construction force of the street railway moved to 9th and Main this morning and are working south on Main. A car load of special work—crossovers, curves, and switches—finally arrived here last night. The force is being increased so as to hurry up the relaying of the stone pavement on Main street.

Report of death today of C. K. Holliday, founder of the Santa Fe Railway, at Topeka, age 76.

**Monday, April 2, 1900****page**

6. The new street car which runs on Topeka avenue to 13th street collected 450 fares yesterday. ¶ Mr. Nelson said today that for the last half of March he had paid his construction force \$1,600.69 and for the month he paid out \$15,658.48, which included materials.

**Tuesday, April 3, 1900****page**

6. The Rock Island has ordered shipment of five cars of crushed rock for the park drives and the Missouri Pacific is going to donate three car loads more in addition to the 15 already donated and brought here from Missouri. ¶ Street Commissioner Allen sent the big scraper out to the park today to level up the track in South Riverside.

**Wednesday, April 4, 1900****page**

5. Report of result of city election yesterday. Details.

The new street car company has two construction gangs at work today, one on North Market and the other on East Douglas.

**Thursday, April 5, 1900****page**

6. The construction force of the street car company are at work today on West Douglas avenue, tearing up the pavement and laying new track, while the force putting in the poles are at work on West Central avenue and in Riverside park. ¶ Mr. Church says receipts are up about 50% on the Topeka avenue line since the new car was put on that line. ¶ There are now three new cars and four old ones in use and collections on the new cars are nearly three times as much as on the old ones. The new car on the Fairview line yesterday collected 299 fares, that on Topeka got 428, and the one running on the West Side collected 275. The old car running to College Hill collected 96 fares, while that on the north part of Topeka got 103, that on South Main showed 79 and the old car running from corner of 13th and Topeka to Fairmount turned in 74 fares. This showed that 1,354 people rode on the street cars yesterday.

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8. The street car company is building the new track on East Douglas avenue today, and Burton is following up with his force relaying the stone pavement so that the streets are put in condition for traffic in a remarkably short time after the pavement is torn up. ¶ The company stretched the new wire on North Topeka last Friday night. ¶ Commissioner Nelson has received notice that four more cars like the new ones now in use were shipped

from Cincinnati today and will be here by the first of next week. ¶ The poles have been erected on West Central and the ties are being put on the Little river bridge, but the park line is not expected to be finished before May.

**Tuesday, April 10, 1900****page**

5. Annual reports of city officials to city council yesterday. Details.

Workmen are engaged in taking up the plank sidewalk at the Union depot and putting down vitrified brick walks and platforms. The track just east of the lower platform, where the Wichita and Western train stands during the day, will be moved east ten feet to allow room for a wider platform, as the present one does not having enough room at the south end for the many express and baggage trucks needed for the south bound train each evening.

7. Ad with drawing of house painters at work.

**Thursday, April 12, 1900****page**

5. Commissioner Nelson states that when the street car lines now under way in Wichita are completed, the city will have 18 miles of first class street railway.

**Friday, April 13, 1900****page**

5. Coler Sim today gave Sedgwick County a check for \$998.75 for back taxes and costs owed by the Keene Syndicate for the old street car company.

**Tuesday, April 17, 1900****page**

6. The new street car line was finished to the packing houses last night. ¶ There are now five new cars in use. ¶ On Sunday, April 16, last year, the road took in \$49.41, and the receipts yesterday with only five new cars running were \$110.20. ¶ The force will now be kept on the paved streets until the track is finished on them, after which the Fairmount line will be built. The line to Riverside will not be commenced until some time next month.

**Thursday, April 19, 1900****page**

5. Article with history of the F. G. Smyth Implement company. Details.
8. Article discussing the proposed new Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway at length. Details.

**Friday, April 20, 1900****page**

5. The new street railway company ran its first cars over the Main street line to the Dold



Packing house last evening. The line runs north on Main and Fairview to 17th street, thence east to Market and north on Market to 21st street, thence east to the packing house. ¶ The old cars now in use are being kept mainly on the outskirts of the city and only one of them is allowed to make its appearance at the corner of Main and Douglas. ¶ The new bridge in Riverside park is now ready for the iron.

**Monday, April 23, 1900****page**

5. People on West Central avenue want the street car line built on north side of the street, leaving rest of street as a driving street. Details.

**Tuesday, April 24, 1900****page**

1. Report of visit of William Jennings Bryan to Wichita today. Details.
5. The Emporia avenue Methodist church is to be enlarged. Details.

Comm. Nelson yesterday received word from the car company in Cincinnati that is building ten new summer cars for the Wichita Street Railway company stating that the cars are completed and only awaiting long open railroad cars for shipment to this city. ¶ He says the present plan for running cars when the line is completed is:

¶ Packing house to College Hill

¶ South Main to Riverside park

¶ Topeka avenue to Friends university

¶ Fairmount cars will be only ones to stop at Main and Douglas.

¶ He also complained about high freight rates the company has paid on shipments west of Mississippi river. Details.

**Wednesday, April 25, 1900****page**

5. Report of death last night in Buffalo, New York of George P. Dold, formerly of Wichita, at age 36. He was in Wichita from 1888 until last fall. Details.

**Friday, April 27, 1900****page**

5. The street railway crossing of the Santa Fe Railroad at Orme street was put in last evening. Says Santa Fe thought Judge Dale would not be receptive to any delay by an injunction suit, so they chose not to file same. Details.

**Saturday, April 28, 1900****page**

1. Article discusses effects of Queen Victoria's visit to Ireland.
5. Report that street car company has changed its plan to build its line to the cemeteries and Fairmount via Oak street and now plans to build it north from Douglas and Hillside on

Hillside. The people on East Oak street are objecting to this changed. Details.

**Monday, April 30, 1900****page**

5. The street railway company have received their new tickets and they will be placed on sale tomorrow, at 11 for 50¢ or 22 for one dollar. ¶ The company is putting in the six new railroad crossings on Douglas avenue today.

**Tuesday, May 1, 1900****page**

5. Another article about the new Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Says the company was granted a charter by the state charter board yesterday. Capital stock placed at \$25,000,000. Details. Board of directors listed.
6. Article on whether University line will be built on University avenue or Maple. The franchise prohibited building on University, but now residents of that street want it changed except for a few objectors. If matter is not settled, company will proceed to build on Maple.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1900****page**

5. Article reports that a controlling share of the stock of the Kansas National bank has been sold to C. Q. Chandler, of Medicine Lodge. Details.

**Friday, May 4, 1900****page**

5. This morning, Commissioner Nelson took two councilmen and a *Beacon* reporter on a tour to the packing house and the power house, running the new car himself and having Motorneer Crow rest in the car. At the packing house the car turns easily round the loop without any change of the trolley. The electric heater were demonstrated on the trip. ¶ At the power house one large 400 horsepower steam boiler is already in and two more new ones will be put in.

The new brick platform around the Santa Fe depot has been completed.

**Saturday, May 5, 1900****page**

2. "The new second hand street cars are noted noise producers."

Coach 102 was the first Santa Fe coach painted the new Pullman brown color to pass through Wichita.

5. The sale of management of the Kansas National bank was completed last evening. C. Q. Chandler is now president, E. E. Masterman vice-president, and J. W. Berryman second vice-president. Those who sold their stock and retired from the bank include J. O.

Davidson, A. S. Parks, C. L. Davidson, Governor Stanley, and Thomas G. Fitch. Details.

**Monday, May 7, 1900****page**

5. The construction force of the new street railway avenue on South Main today and this morning were tearing up the old track at Harry street. The company has 75 men at work. George Jenkins, the colored track boss, is an expert in the construction of a street railway. When the track is finished to Harry street, the whole force will move to North Main street. Commissioner Nelson said this morning that the Fairmount line would be the last one built. The West Side line will probably be built before the park line. ¶ The company intends to carry passengers from any point on their lines to the park for one fare. It was the custom of the old company not to give transfer tickets on parallel lines, but the new company will allow people on North Topeka to come down town on that line and then up on Main to Riverside park for one fare.

**Tuesday, May 8, 1900****page**

6. Report of school board meeting yesterday. Details.

**Wednesday, May 9, 1900****page**

5. Article reassuring people that J. O. Davidson intends to remain in Wichita and work to build the city. Very laudatory comments about him. Details.

Article about proposal of C. R. Allen, of Iowa, to make and publish a new city map of Wichita. ¶ Article attempts to explain some of the peculiar lay out of streets in Wichita resulting from old surveys.

**Thursday, May 10, 1900****page**

5. The new Lehmann-Higginson Grocery Company building near the union depot is up to the second story.

**Saturday, May 12, 1900****page**

5. Another article about question whether West Side street car line will be built on University avenue or Maple. A petition to remove the prohibition against building on University avenue is to be submitted to city council. Details.

Report from Newton *Kansan* of a recent visit by A. S. Parks to that city in his automobile. Describes his vehicle—has wheels smaller than those of a bicycle and has pneumatic tires. It is propelled by a little steam engine the heat being furnished by gasoline. The steam and gasoline gauges are in front in full view. The throttle and reverse lever are attached to the seat. Mr. Parks says he has used the vehicle since December and has never had a punctured tire yet. So far as he knows, his is the only automobile in this part of the state.

**Monday, May 14, 1900****page**

5. Article about a new booklet advertising Kansas just issued by Oscar Z. Smith, immigration agent of the state and also for the Santa Fe route. Pages are six by nine and one-half inches. Five thousand of the books have been printed. Issued from the press of the Moore Printing company. Details.

**Tuesday, May 15, 1900****page**

8. Official notice of the bankruptcy court of the sale of the Kansas Midland Railway Company at the passenger station of the Kansas Midland, corner of Douglas and Mosley, on July 25, 1900. Details (Notice of Sale).

**Wednesday, May 16, 1900****page**

5. Street car construction gang are working on the Fairview line and would have completed it today except for the rain. When it is completed the company will rebuild the West Side line. The bridge will be rebuilt and heavy rails used as far as Seneca street on Douglas.

**Thursday, May 17, 1900****page**

5. The east 50 feet of the Palace block at corner of Douglas and Seneca was purchased by W. H. Norton yesterday from Frank J. Nicholson and J. J. Sheckler for \$4,000 as an investment. The building is a fine one and cost \$16,000 to erect during the boom days.
6. Another article about proposed Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Details.

More cases brought against the Davidson Investment company on account of the non-payment of debenture bonds issued in 1887 are being filed. This morning Robert E. Faulkner brought suit asking for judgement for \$5,000 and six percent interest from April 1897. It is said that the company issued debenture bonds to the amount of \$100,000. Three Faulkners have now brought suit to compel payment.

**Friday, May 18, 1900****page**

5. Cone and Cornell, proprietors of the Kansas Steam Laundry, are today tearing out the wooden buildings on the 25 feet lot just north of the building they have recently completed at northeast corner of Market and William and will begin at once to construct an addition to the building which will conform exactly with the building now nearly finished. It will be 25 by 140 feet and two stories in height. To be in operation by about August 1st.
6. A fourth suit by a Faulkner was filed today against the Davidson Investment company which failed in 1897. These are by Eliza E. Faulkner for \$1,500, Mary J. Faulkner \$3,000, W. E. Faulkner \$5,000, and Robert J. Faulkner \$5,000. All are related to Mr. Arthur

Faulkner, a one time cashier in the Citizens' bank.

**Saturday, May 19, 1900****page**

6. The Metropole hotel, corner of Main and English, was sold yesterday to J. A. Hamilton, of Springfield, Missouri, for \$25,000. He plans to remodel it and place two stories on the addition on the east side of the building to increase the present total of 72 rooms. The hotel closed after the boom days and at present is filled with other tenants. It was built in the last 1880s by Colonel Milton Stewart and from his ownership came into the hands of the present owners, the Portsmouth Savings bank of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
7. Interview with Mr. P. J. Conklin, who is in favor of putting some animals in Riverside park but thinks it will take about a year to get the park in shape to receive them.

**Monday, May 21, 1900****page**

5. Bids for the new Missouri Pacific depot were opened last week, but all were too high and were rejected and new bids called for.
6. The street railway company resumed work this morning on North Main street. It is expected that rebuilding of the Fairview line will be completed tomorrow night. Superintendent Church said today that the Douglas avenue bridge to the West Side would be rebuilt this week. The entire superstructure will be replaced and 50 pound rails laid.

**Tuesday, May 22, 1900****page**

5. The design for the souvenir button for the carnival and fall festival fund has been adopted. A button will be given to each person contributing one dollar to the fund. The central scene is an Indian chief meeting the commercial traveler, typifying the meeting of commerce on the frontier. A bird's eye view of the city forms the back ground, which is encircled by appropriate advertising for the festival. Only 1,000 of these buttons will be manufactured.

**Wednesday, May 23, 1900****page**

5. Report of high school commencement yesterday at the Auditorium. Graduates numbered 47, 21 boys and 26 girls. Details.

**Thursday, May 24, 1900****page**

5. The street car company will complete the Fairview line today and start work on the Park line tomorrow.

**Friday, May 25, 1900****page**

6. Sale of the Metropole hotel by the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Savings bank to J. Q. Hamilton, of Springfield, Missouri, for \$25,000, was completed today. Details.

**Saturday, May 26, 1900****page**

5. Remodeling and repairing of the old Wichita university building by the Sisters of St. Joseph is now nearly finished. Details. The order was established in 1692 and first came to Kansas in 1886 and located at Abilene. A few years later the mother house was moved to Parsons. The grounds include 40 acres of land. Details.
8. The Keene Five Cent Savings bank of Keene, New Hampshire which has large real estate holdings in Kansas, has been forced to the wall. The bank invested heavily in Wichita property in Riverside and the Burton Car Works addition during boom times. Ever since the collapse of the boom the bank has had a hard time to keep its feet and after struggling along for eight or nine years, finally went under.

**Monday, May 28, 1900****page**

5. Article reports proposals to be made by Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway asking \$2,000 for each mile of line built in Sedgwick County and \$30,000 for location of the shops in Wichita. Details.

For several days men have been setting up the new 350 horsepower engine at the street railway company power house. The two large alternative current dynamos for street lighting have arrived but the new dynamo for the street railway has not yet arrived.

6. Contract for the new Missouri Pacific depot at corner of Wichita street and Douglas was let Saturday to H. J. Wallie, of Jefferson City, Missouri for \$45,000. The ground has been cleared of buildings.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1900****page**

5. The street car company yesterday started work on the Douglas avenue bridge. The entire upper portion of the bridge will be taken off and replaced with new stringers, ties and rails. Fifty pound rails will be used on Douglas avenue as far as Seneca street, and from there to the Friends university 35 pound rails will be used.

City council yesterday voted to purchase the old Griffenstein property at corner of Water and William streets, known as the old hay market, for \$6,000, for use as a public market square. Details.

**Wednesday, May 30, 1900****page**

5. Superintendent W. Q. Church of the street railway was presented with a handsome jeweled Masonic watch charm last evening by employees of the company. Commissioner Nelson,

manager of the company, made the presentation speech. ¶ Mr. Church leaves this evening for Kansas City, where he will accept a position in the freight department of the Kansas City Southern. He has been superintendent of the street railway three years during the time it was hardest to keep it running. How he managed to do it is a wonder to experienced street railway men. ¶ He was popular with the employees and with the owners of the road. He has had much experience in railroad work, having been in the freight department of the Santa Fe here before accepting the position of superintendent with the street car company.

Fire Chief Walden has condemned the old City Mills as dangerous, and the walls which are standing must be torn down. The mill was burned last year.

### **Thursday, May 31, 1900**

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6. Mr. J. Q. Hamilton arrived in Wichita today and immediately took possession of the Metropole hotel property. He has employed Albert Dumont as architect for the reconstruction of the hotel, and work will commence next week. Details.

### **Friday, June 1, 1900**

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5. The first new car was run to Fairmount yesterday over the old street car tracks. The old car which has been used on the line finally gave out completely and it was necessary to put on another car to keep up the service. ¶ It is expected that the work of the rebuilding the Douglas avenue bridge will be finished today and the line completed as far as Seneca street.

Report of severe fire at 11:00 p.m. yesterday which destroyed the large two story, 100 feet square, brick building at corner of Emporia and 18th street. The lower story was divided into four rooms of 25 by 100 feet each only one of which was occupied, the west one, by Frank Wettner and Company's meat market, where the fire broke out. The second floor was occupied by families and roomers. The nearest fire plugs to the burning building were 1000 feet distant. ¶ The Hartford Insurance company owned the east 20 feet of the building, and Colonel Lewis and Ike West were owners of the west 60 feet. Details.

### **Saturday, June 2, 1900**

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5. The entire superstructure of the street railway bridge across the Arkansas river on Douglas avenue has been replaced with new timbers. Guard and safety rails are being put on today.

Report of rumor that the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient might use the old Burton car works for its general shops. Details.

The Babcock aerial ladder ordered for the fire department will be here by July 1. It is now in the paint shop in Chicago. Cost about \$2,800. Ladder can be raised 65 feet.

**Monday, June 4, 1900****page**

6. Article with details regarding remodeling of Metropole hotel.

**Tuesday, June 5, 1900****page**

6. The dangerous walls of the old City Mills are being torn down.

Work started today on remodeling the Metropole hotel.

**Thursday, June 7, 1900****page**

6. J. Q. Hamilton, the new owner of the Metropole hotel, has offered the city the use of a vacant lot he has north of the hotel as a city park and \$1,000 (?) in cash to aid in construction of the park. Some time ago the city acquired two lots south of the city building and it is understood is in a position to obtain control of the four lots between its property and Mr. Hamilton's lot for a reasonable sum. To be considered by council at next meeting.

The Santa Fe is donating 20 cars of crushed stone to the city for use in the parks. Details.

**Friday, June 8, 1900****page**

6. Real estate transfer: O. G. Dort, trustee to Lizzie Thorton, com. 27 feet west and 243 feet south of northeast corner northwest 21, 27, one east, west 130 feet, north 42 feet, east 130 feet, south 42 feet. One hundred dollars.

**Saturday, June 9, 1900****page**

5. Article about finances of the Auditorium. Built some years ago by popular subscription and mortgaged for \$2,500 to the Mutual Real Estate company, of Wichita. Mortgage not paid and judgement gave it to Mutual Real Estate company November 5, 1895 for \$2,965. Property was sold January 11, 1899 and the Mutual company bought it for \$3,400. Since then, taxes, etc. have increased this to \$3,900. Details.

Excavation has started for foundations of the new Missouri Pacific depot.

**Monday, June 11, 1900****page**

5. The street railway company is fast completing its lines about the city. The West Side line will be completed today and cars will run to the university tomorrow. ¶ Tomorrow work will be resumed on the park line, a considerable section of the track having already been laid. On Wednesday the company will begin the construction of the bridge from Central to North Riverside. This will probably be completed by the first of next week, and then the two sections of old track on the Topeka avenue line will be replaced. ¶ Men are



setting up the big dynamo which will supply electric current for the operation of the line and it should be in operation some time next week. ¶ It will probably be two weeks before work is done on the College Hill and Fairmount lines.

6. Amos Beeler, known among the shop boys at Topeka as the "Lion Tamer," had an old engine in charge last week, which after a trial trip was sent back for alterations. The engine has a history. Originally it was "No. 1" on the Wichita and Western railway. After doing service on this road the initials were changed to AT&SF [Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe]. After the initials were changed the engine first bore the number of 491. Later this was changed to 71. And finally, the engine, after being in the repair shops for several weeks has come out the L and T Number 1. It is an old eight wheeler but good for many more years, and it is more than likely that her present number will be her last.

Effective June 10th, the Missouri Pacific have placed into service a through Pullman sleeper from Wichita to St. Louis.

### **Tuesday, June 12, 1900**

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5. The firm of Goldsmith and Company, partnership formed in 1893 by Henry Goldsmith, of Winfield, and Ike Goldsmith, was dissolved today. Ike Goldsmith has bought Henry's interest and will continue the businesses in Wichita. Details.

### **Wednesday, June 13, 1900**

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5. W. B. McKinley, president of the Wichita street railway company, is visiting here for several days.

### **Thursday, June 14, 1900**

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5. The park line of the street railway is nearing completion but the summer cars have not yet arrived. The company ordered ten open cars from the factory at Newark, Ohio; six were to have been delivered in March and the remaining four in April, but none have been received as yet, although a telegram reported they had been shipped from the factory on the 9th.

### **Friday, June 15, 1900**

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3. Legal notice of sale of the Kansas Midland Railway Company to be held July 25, 1900 pursuant to the decree of foreclosure and sale made by the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Kansas on March 9, 1898. Details.
5. Report of 13th annual commencement of All Hallows academy last evening. Details.

Work started today laying the concrete foundation for the new Missouri Pacific depot. To be completed November 1st.

The bill of lading for the new summer cars of the street railway company was received last night and it is hoped they may arrive here by Sunday. ¶ The rails and guard rails are being placed on the park bridge today and it is thought the track laying on the park spur will be completed this week. Next week the second bridge in the park will be built.

**Saturday, June 16, 1900****page**

5. Long article about a lawsuit over the city's title to Sullivan's dam, with details and history.
6. The street fair buttons are expected to arrive July 1 from the manufactory and they will be placed on sale shortly thereafter for one dollar each.

**Monday, June 18, 1900****page**

5. The mortgage of \$20,000 due to the Lewis Academy building on July 12 will be paid and the school will be free from debt.
6. Two of the new summer street cars arrived Saturday afternoon and are being made ready for service, two more are on the way. They are the first new cars seen in Wichita for several years. The second hand cars received earlier all are even numbered, while the new summer cars have odd numbers. Each car has 16 reversible seats, holding two persons each. They are painted the regulation yellow. A new feature is roll cloth destination signs at the ends of the cars. Smoking is allowed on the three rear seats only. Other details. ¶ Work was resumed on the park line this morning. The connection is now being made at corner of Main and Central.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1900****page**

6. Jury yesterday awarded Mr. Sullivan \$200 damages but affirmed the city's title to Sullivan's dam. Details.

**Thursday, June 21, 1900****page**

5. Commissioner Nelson left for Newark, Ohio today to hurry up the new summer cars for the old Wichita Street railway. Four of the summer cars are now here, two are on the way, and four are still in the shops at Newark.

**Friday, June 22, 1900****page**

6. The park commissioners have had an arch erected over the 9th street entrance to Riverside park. It is similar to the one over the west entrance to the park.

**Saturday, June 23, 1900****page**

5. The park line was connected with the Main street line yesterday, and out at the park the

track laying is completed across the bridge. Now ties to replace old ones on Topeka avenue have arrived and will be put in shortly. ¶ As soon as the park line is completed, work will probably begin on the line to Fairmount and College Hill.

The promised summer cars are announced to arrive in a few days and it is stated they will surely be here by July 4. ¶ The park line was connected with the Main street line Saturday afternoon, and at the park track laying is completed across the bridge.

### **Monday, June 25, 1900**

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5. The street railway company today commenced the rebuilding of the old part of the Topeka avenue line between Douglas and 3rd street.

The fire department gave an exhibition of its new Babcock aerial ladder this morning in front of the Bryan Brothers candy factory on South Market street.

### **Tuesday, June 26, 1900**

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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

### **Wednesday, June 27, 1900**

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5. The new city directory for 1900 was issued today.
6. The three story brick building at 224 North Main was sold today by Reese and Company to G. L. Edwards, the jeweler, for \$7,500. Ground floor is occupied by Gerson's ice cream parlor.

### **Thursday, June 28, 1900**

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6. Report of dedication of Mt. St. Mary's convent and St. Joseph orphanage this morning. Details.

Two more of the new summer cars for the street railway arrived yesterday afternoon, making a total of six thus far. The motors for the summer cars have not yet arrived and will not for some time. However the bodies of these summer car are being placed on the trucks of some of the winter ones, and it is hoped to have the old cars already received ready for service Sunday. ¶ Commissioner Nelson wired today that the motors for the cars arrived at the factory Tuesday, and as soon as they can be hung on the remaining four cars they will be shipped. It is hoped they will arrive by the last of next week. ¶ Work of rebuilding the southern part of the Topeka avenue line was completed yesterday, and today cars began running through from 13th and Topeka to Friends university. A 20 minute service will be provided. ¶ The construction force is now building the line from 13th to 14th street on Topeka avenue line and putting in a loop. This will be completed by tomorrow, and then the Fairmount line will be reconstructed. ¶ The new generator at the

power house has been in operation for several days.

**Friday, June 29, 1900****page**

5. A strike has stopped work on the new Missouri Pacific depot.
6. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company's long distance lines to the east were used for the first time last night. Emporia, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Chicago, and Milwaukee were the cities with which conversation was heard. The lines will not be open formally until next week.

**Saturday, June 30, 1900****page**

7. Commissioner Nelson this morning received a telegram announcing the shipment of the remaining four new summer cars for the street railway. They should reach here by Wednesday next week. ¶ Five of the winter cars have been stripped of their motors, which have been hung on the summer cars. This will give the company ten summer cars and five closed cars with motors and five closed cars to be used as trailers. ¶ Tomorrow the company will begin to run its cars to the park. They will run through to College Hill.

**Monday, July 2, 1900****page**

8. Beginning today the last cars on the street car lines will run somewhat later at night and the last car will run to the end of the line whether or not it has passengers. Leaving time from Main and Douglas of the final cars is as follows: College Hill 10:00; park line 10:30; South Main 10:20; North Main 10:40; Topeka avenue 10:50; West Side 10:40; Fairmount car leaves 13th and Main at 9:10. ¶ Telegram today reported that two more of the new summer cars have been shipped from the factory.

Commissioner Nelson made out his payroll today and will pay the employees of the street railway company \$2,569.78 for two weeks work. ¶ Beginning today the cars will run somewhat later at night, the last cars leaving between 10:00 and 10:50 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 3, 1900****page**

5. Report of visit of Theodore Roosevelt to Wichita yesterday. Details.

**Wednesday, July 4, 1900****page**

6. F. D. Taylor, a Wichita capitalist, has bought Geuda Springs, including 75 acres of land and the big Bath house and plans to make improvements. Details.

**Thursday, July 5, 1900****page**

5. The long distance lines of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company to Kansas City

and Chicago have opened for business.

**Friday, July 6, 1900****page**

6. The Missouri Pacific plans to enlarge its freight depot and double its capacity. When the new passenger depot is completed, the division offices will be moved into the new building, leaving the 12th street depot vacant. It will then be moved down to the present location of the freight depot and made an addition to it. Both buildings will be practically rebuilt to give a commodious and modern structure. One entire side of the building will be fitted with large doors, which wagons can back up to load and unload there. Two side tracks will also be placed on vacant ground to the east. ¶ The 12th Street depot is large and heavy and moving it presents a problem. It may be placed on adjacent flat cars to haul it to its new location.

**Saturday, July 7, 1900****page**

5. Mr. Nelson says that inside ten days there will be no closed cars running during warm weather except in case of emergency. As fast as the closed cars are being put into the car house and replaced by summer cars, they are being fixed up for future service. Changeable signs, similar to those on the summer cars, will be put on all the closed cars.

R. S. Brigham, of Topeka, has secured the exclusive right to handle all the advertising in the Wichita street cars. The contract permits him to place advertising beginning August 1 with a row of advertising cards 11 inches in width on each side of the interior of the cars.

B. F. Dun of the Frisco suggested to Commissioner Nelson this morning that he put on extra cars to the ball grounds this afternoon. "Yes," replied Mr. Nelson, "if your company would get our cars here we would put on several extras."

**Monday, July 9, 1900****page**

5. Work was resumed today on the foundation of the Missouri Pacific depot.

**Tuesday, July 10, 1900****page**

5. Report of visit to Riverside park Sunday, from the Swan lake in the south park to the Lily Lagoon at the extreme north. Details.

Engineer J. M. McColgin (?) of the Santa Fe has an old Time Card Number 16, effective March 4, 1872, when the line extended from Topeka to Newton and there were three trains daily each way. Card is signed by T. J. Peter, general manager and William W. Fagan, assistant superintendent.

6. The marble for the new floor of the office of the Carey hotel has arrived, and laying of the floor will start tomorrow. The marble is white Georgian marble.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1900****page**

5. Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company held a reception yesterday to celebrate the opening of the long distance line between Wichita and the east. Details.

**Wednesday, July 18, 1900****page**

5. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad has agreed with the Commercial club to locate shops and terminal facilities in Wichita if they receive \$2,000 for every mile of line in this county and \$30,000 for locating the shops here. Details.

**Thursday, July 19, 1900****page**

5. Street car company today filed suit for damages from the company which made their open cars; suit is titled William B. McKinley versus the Jewett Car Company, of Ohio, and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad Company, the latter being named simply for garnishee purposes on two cars which have been shipped in over the Frisco but not yet unloaded. The amount of damages claimed is \$2,792.20. Company claims on December 23, 1899 it contracted with the Jewett company for ten open cars, to be built like those made by the Brownell company (sic) of St. Louis for an Ohio street railway. The cars were to cost \$800 each, and the Jewett company was to pay the freight from the Ohio factory to St. Louis. The contract specified delivery of four cars by March 15, 1900, two by March 25, and four more by April 5. If delayed the company was to pay Mr. McKinley five dollars per day for each car delayed. ¶ Suit says the cars due March 15 were delayed 61 days, the two due March 25 were delayed 51 days, and the four due April 5 were delayed 47 days. Also claims some of the freight charges were not paid, giving damages of \$2,670 plus freight charges and interest. Two cars on the Frisco tracks and not yet unloaded have been asked to be garnished.

**Friday, July 20, 1900****page**

5. The street car line to Riverside park will be entirely completed before Sunday and the cars will run to the north line of the park over the two new bridges. Until now the cars have simply run to the south gate of the park.

**Monday, July 23, 1900****page**

5. The street railway company has practically decided to relocate the Fairmount line. It will not rebuild the old 15th street line as it is in bad shape and the many railroad crossings that would have to be put in would make it quite expensive. ¶ For some time talk has been that the line would be built east on Oak from Main to Cleveland, north to Park, east to Hillside, and from there to the college. There is, however, a strong movement on foot to induce the company to make the Fairmount route an extension of the College Hill line. This would run the track north on Clifton avenue from Douglas, through the east part of the new cemetery, to Fairmount. Clifton avenue is the 2nd street east of Hillside and is for the

most part surrounded by vacant land, which real estate people think would become valuable if the street car line is built there. Commissioner Nelson is said to have offered to build it as desired, provided the street car company was deeded ten acres of land and three lots in each block along the track. ¶ The street car company will have all the work completed on the College Hill line within a few days.

The street car company did a large business yesterday. Three thousand seven hundred and forty fares were collected on the different lines. Heaviest travel was on the park line.

6. W. B. McKinley last week purchased the street railway and electric light plant at Danville, Illinois.

### **Wednesday, July 25, 1900**

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5. The Kansas Midland Railroad was sold this morning at a foreclosure auction on platform of the Kansas Midland depot at Douglas and Mosley. It was sold to representatives of the bondholders for \$500,000, there being only the single bid. In effect it amounts to a transfer of the title to the Frisco. The Kansas Midland was built in 1887. First mortgage bonds were issued amounting to \$1,250,000. The Frisco guaranteed the payment of the bonds, but when that road went into the hands of a receiver in 1896, the interest was defaulted and foreclosure proceedings instituted. Name of Eastern representatives listed.

### **Thursday, July 26, 1900**

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5. The Jewett Car company has brought a replevin action against the Frisco and Missouri Pacific Railroads for unlawfully detaining two summer street cars valued, with fixtures, at \$3,987. The cars were brought to Wichita over the Frisco on Baltimore and Ohio cars and were switched on the Missouri Pacific track for unloading.

### **Friday, July 27, 1900**

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6. The street car company is putting in a switch near the corner of 17th and Fairview on the stock yards line so that cars may pass at that point and a 15 minute service can be given.

Article says the Frisco may decide to build a depot on the location of the Kansas Midland depot at Douglas and Mosley. The Frisco lease on use of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe depot expires September 1st.

### **Saturday, July 28, 1900**

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5. People living on Oak street met last night to discuss ways of persuading street car company to build its new Fairmount line on that street. Nearly 300 people attended. Committee appointed. Details.
6. Article about the popularity of trolley parties. Details.

**Monday, July 30, 1900****page**

6. The street car company is now rebuilding the line on South Main street from Harry street to the fair grounds. This part of the line will only be used when something is going on at the fair grounds. Three thousand five hundred seventy-one people paid street car fares yesterday, not including passes or transfers.

Article about proposal to establish a zoo in Riverside park. Details.

8. Contract let today for remodeling of the Emporia avenue Methodist church for \$2,395. Details.

**Tuesday, July 31, 1900****page**

6. Judge Dale today granted injunction asked by J. S. Campbell to keep the street car company from tearing up the old Fairmount line on 15th street. Details.

**Wednesday, August 1, 1900****page**

5. Article corrects some errors in yesterday's report on the J. S. Campbell injunction case against street car company. Says the injunction is temporary and applies only to the 1,200 feet or so of the line that is on Mr. Campbell's property, and the company is free to tear up other parts of the line. Details.

**Thursday, August 2, 1900****page**

6. There were three trolley parties out last night.

Wichita will be without electric street lights for nearly a month. The old electric lighting company cut off its service yesterday and the new company is busily engaged stringing its wires. Already the new company has placed 1,221 poles and the total number will exceed 2,000. The company's contract with the city calls for 179 lights. They are expected to be burning before September 1.

**Saturday, August 4, 1900****page**

5. The Frisco is donating five cars of crushed rock for the park drives.

**Monday, August 6, 1900****page**

5. Report that J. S. Campbell is considering purchasing the old Fairmount street car line on 15th street and operating it as a new line. Mr. Nelson of the street railway company offered to sell it to him for \$5,000 less \$500 if he would maintain the Fairmount line and less another \$500 if he would build a line to the cemetery so that the new company would not be compelled to build to the cemetery and Fairmount. The street car company also



offered to furnish power and the use of a car for 30 days free of charge if Mr. Campbell bought the line. ¶ Mr. Campbell is considering requesting a franchise for a new line, and if he so decides, would plan to construct another line on Market from Douglas north to 13th, then east to Emporia, and north on Emporia to the stock yards, and eventually would also construct a line on South Topeka to the south part of the city. Details.

6. The street car company has practically decided to build the line to Fairmount on the Hillside route rather than on Oak street. The company says the cost of building the Oak street route would be \$5,750 more than the Hillside route for ties and labor alone, and probably \$8,000 more including the greater cost of rails for the longer route. Details.

#### **Thursday, August 9, 1900**

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6. No decision yet regarding route of Fairmount street car line. Company will probably begin building line from Fairmount to cemeteries and then decide whether to build on Hillside or Oak street. Company favors Hillside unless Oak street people raise enough money to induce them to change their plan. Details.

#### **Saturday, August 11, 1900**

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5. Work started on the Fairmount street car line this morning at the Fairmount end.  
  
St. Francis hospital is considering building an addition at the south end which will about double its capacity. Details.
6. Article about the popularity of trolley parties. Details.
8. The Hutchinson street railroad company some time ago purchased the old summer cars from the street railway company of Wichita. While the people of Wichita thought the cars were traveling wrecks, yet they are such an improvement over the ones that have been operated in Hutchinson that the people of that city are taking trolley rides in the cars to celebrate their accession.

#### **Monday, August 13, 1900**

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5. Over 2,000 people were carried on the Riverside park street car line alone yesterday.
6. Over 50 men are working on the Fairmount street car line.  
  
Corner stone was laid yesterday for the remodeled Emporia avenue Methodist church at Emporia and Dewey. Details.

#### **Tuesday, August 14, 1900**

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6. Work on the Fairmount street car line is finished to 13th street and the line should be

finished to Oak street on Saturday.

Architect Elbert Dumont has completed plans for a new addition to All Hallows academy. It will be four stories in height and uniform with the present structure. The original plans contemplated the building of two additions, of which the one now planned is the center. When both additions are completed, the old building will be the north wing of the structure.

### **Wednesday, August 15, 1900**

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5. The brick walls and terra cotta trimmings of the new Missouri Pacific depot are rapidly being laid.

### **Thursday, August 16, 1900**

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5. Stewart and Burns, the new owners of the Auditorium, are planning extensive repairs and improvements. The old sidewalk will be replaced with cement ones of greater width. The interior will be repainted and new chairs purchased to replace the old benches. The floor is now level, but the rear of it is to be raised so that it slants toward the stage, giving an improved view for those in the middle or rear.
6. City and county officials were taken on a tour of the new street car and electric lighting systems last night and expressed their hearty approval. Detailed description of the power plant machinery. List of those who attended.

The Cudahy Packing company has entered into an agreement to operate the Whittaker packing plant in Wichita.

### **Friday, August 17, 1900**

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5. There is little doubt that the street railway company intends to build its Fairmount line by the Hillside avenue route. The offer of \$1,000 to build by the Oak street route has been declined and the company has obtained permission from the county commissioner to build its line along Hillside, since a part of the road lies outside the city.

### **Monday, August 20, 1900**

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5. The street railway company had its best day's business yesterday since the new company took charge. A five minute service was maintained between Main street and Riverside park, and even then every car was loaded to the guards. Superintendent of Construction Morrison says 4,000 people were handled on the park line yesterday. One thousand three hundred eighty-eight cash fares were received on the North Topeka and West Side line, and 1,523 cash fares on the North and South Main street lines. ¶ The track on the Fairmount line will be completed as far south as Oak street by tomorrow night.

6. John Robinson's circus is in town and playing at the ground at corner of Lincoln and Lawrence avenues. Details.

The golf club has organized and is ready for business. The links will be located on College Hill. They will be laid out this week and the first game played next week. It will be a nine hole course. Officers named.

**Tuesday, August 21, 1900****page**

5. The street car company carried fully 5,000 people to the circus yesterday. Cash fares on the entire line amounted to 6,600, and at least three-fourths went to the circus.

**Wednesday, August 22, 1900****page**

5. The street railway company has decided to build the Fairmount line down Hillside avenue. Yesterday they completed the work to Oak street and then pushed on south on Hillside.
6. Brick work on the Missouri Pacific depot has reached the top of the first floor.

**Friday, August 24, 1900****page**

5. Long article about meeting yesterday to consider ways of getting Cudahy to take over Whittaker Packing plant. Details.

**Tuesday, August 28, 1900****page**

6. The Fairmount street car line has been completed almost to Central avenue.

**Wednesday, August 29, 1900****page**

6. A street car jumped the track this morning near the Harry street loop on the South Main line.

**Thursday, August 30, 1900****page**

5. Campaign started yesterday to raise \$30,000 to secure the location of the Cudahy Packing company in Wichita. Details.

**Friday, August 31, 1900****page**

6. The Dold Packing company is enlarging its capacity at cost of \$10,000. Details.  
  
The Rock Island depot at Alma, Kansas was burned to the ground last night.
8. The new electric light poles have been painted white.

## **Saturday, September 1, 1900**

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6. Report of trolley parties this week.

8. Construction of the Fairmount line is being delayed by the non-arrival of ties.

Report of agreement between Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway and the Commercial club that the former will locate its general shops in Wichita, etc. Details.

## **Tuesday, September 4, 1900**

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5. J. Q. Hamilton, proprietor, has decided to change the name of the Metropole Hotel to "The Hamilton."

## **Saturday, September 8, 1900**

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5. Commissioner Nelson will in a few days close the contract for two new winter cars to be used in Wichita. They should be delivered by the end of this month.

The street car company is selling 97 tons of old rails, tie plates, joints, etc., to an eastern concern for ten dollars a ton.

## **Monday, September 10, 1900**

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5. Tomorrow the King's Daughters and the ladies of the Children's Home will have charge of the street cars and retain all receipts for benefit of their charities. Company has policy of giving one day's receipts to charity this way each year. Details. Lists names of conductors for Cars: 101, Topeka avenue; 103, park and College Hill: 105, extra, 107, Main street and stock yards; 109, Main street; 111, park and College Hill; 113, Topeka; 117, stock yards; 119, Topeka avenue.

Street car company will provide carriages to connect with College Hill line at Douglas and carry people to the college daily until new street car line is completed.

## **Tuesday, September 11, 1900**

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5. Article about lady conductors on street cars today. This list shows Car 115 as extra car. Details.

## **Wednesday, September 12, 1900**

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5. The Children's Home and King's Daughters received \$276.65 from yesterday's street car charity venture. Motormen who ran the cars listed.

Commissioner Nelson stated today that the two new cars now being constructed in St.

Louis will be here about the middle of next month. They will be painted the same color as those now in use.

**Thursday, September 13, 1900****page**

5. The captured Spanish cannon which has been promised Wichita several times by the War department, finally arrived here yesterday afternoon. It will be mounted in Riverside park facing the Oak street entrance. It is 106 years old and was cast in Seville, Spain. It is a six pound bronze field gun of muzzle loading design. Details.

**Saturday, September 15, 1900****page**

5. The committee soliciting for the Cudahy fund have raised \$14,740 of the \$30,000 being sought. Details.
6. The city will complete the deal next week to obtain the lot south of the city hall owned by J. Q. Hamilton, to complete the ownership of the property there which is to be used for a new city park. Details.

**Monday, September 17, 1900****page**

5. Plans are being drawn by E. Dumont, architect, for the main building of All Hallows academy, and work is to begin as soon as they are completed. To be four stories, 155 frontage by 75 feet depth, and cost \$30,000. The building now in use will become the north wing.
6. The old city hall flag staff, which was destroyed by the storm Friday night, will be replaced by an iron staff next week.

**Tuesday, September 18, 1900****page**

5. The new passenger depot of the Santa Fe and Frisco lines at Valley Center was destroyed by fire early this morning. This is the second time within one year that the depot at that point was destroyed by fire. The new building cost about \$1,000.

**Thursday, September 20, 1900****page**

6. The completion of the Fairmount line of the street railway system is being delayed by the non-arrival of poles for the trolley wires. The track has been completed and the Frisco crossing on Hillside avenue put in.

**Friday, September 21, 1900****page**

6. J. O. Davidson and Colonel Thomas Fitch will leave today for a business trip to Carthage, Missouri.

**Saturday, September 22, 1900****page**

8. Dr. J. G. Dorsey has purchased the business property on the corner of Douglas and Emporia known as the Goodyear building for \$6,000.

**Monday, September 24, 1900****page**

6. James Garibaldi has bought two-thirds of Block 4, College Hill, for \$500.

Laying of the foundation for the United Sash and Door company's new building was begun this morning.

The street railway company has commenced the work of putting up the span wires for the trolley wire on the Fairmount line. Cars will be operated over the line by next week it is thought.

The city has filed a protest against the vacation of Getto's second addition and part of J. O. Davidson's second addition.

**Tuesday, September 25, 1900****page**

5. John Noble is working on a portrait of William Mathewson which he will present to the city.

**Thursday, September 27, 1900****page**

5. The injunction suit of J. S. Campbell against the Wichita Street Railway company to prevent the company from tearing up the old 15th street line across his property, is before the court today.
7. The Fairmount street car line will be put in operation next week.

**Friday, September 28, 1900****page**

5. The Scheetz building at southeast corner of Douglas and Market was purchased yesterday by O. C. Daisy and W. R. Tucker from the Pittsburg and Cherokee Coal Mining company for \$35,000.

Commissioner Nelson has been informed that the new winter cars will arrive in this city October 10. He says it will take only two more days work to complete the line to Fairmount.

**Monday, October 1, 1900****page**

1. Fairmount street car line opened yesterday, and about 5:00 p.m. the westbound Fairmount car Number 100 jumped the track and fell off the Chisholm creek bridge. "Met" Gire,

motormen and Mr. Allen, conductor. Details.

2. Report of opening of fall festival and street carnival today.

### **Tuesday, October 2, 1900**

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1. Long description of decorations for the street fair.
6. The new Wellington hotel on South Lawrence opened up yesterday. It has 32 rooms. Mr. M. A. McClelland is proprietor.

### **Thursday, October 4, 1900**

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6. Report of death this morning of Wichita pioneer John Davidson, Sr., at home of his son, 210 North Market, in his 82nd years. Was native of Scotland and has lived here past 19 years. Wife died about one year ago. Survived by two sons, John, Jr., and William.

### **Monday, October 8, 1900**

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5. The new two story frame Cleveland avenue school house at corner of 9th and Cleveland, caught fire at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and was destroyed. Cause of the fire is unknown. Fire department had to lay hose six blocks to reach the fire and pressure was inadequate.

### **Tuesday, October 9, 1900**

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5. Arson is suspected as cause of the fire Saturday evening that destroyed the Cleveland avenue school. ¶ Says the school house was recently moved in from Burton addition and two more rooms added to it. The old school house was sold, but for present it will be used for classes if the school board can rent it.

W. B. McKinley, of the Wichita Street Railway, arrived here last night from his home at Champaign, Illinois. He says their property here is as good an investment as they could wish.

Plans completed for addition to All Hallows academy. Contract to be let October 22. Details.

### **Wednesday, October 10, 1900**

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5. The Fairmount street car line was in full operation yesterday, running within a block of the college. At present the cars make a 30 minute service.

### **Friday, October 12, 1900**

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6. Mr. Ike Goldsmith has bought out the interest of his cousin, Mr. Henry Goldsmith, of

Winfield, in the Goldsmith Book and Stationery company, 123 East Douglas, and is now the sole proprietor. The firm was organized in 1893 is the successor of the old Wichita Book company, which was located on Main street.

The Dold pavilion was taken from the street fair grounds to North Riverside park today.

**Wednesday, October 17, 1900****page**

8. Article about proposed bond election in Sedgwick County to vote \$80,000 in and to the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Details (Legal notice publication on October 18, 1900, page 8, says election is to be held November 20, 1900).

**Saturday, October 20, 1900****page**

5. Report that arrangements are definitely concluded for the Cudahy packing company to come to Wichita and operate the former Whittaker establishment. Details.

**Wednesday, October 24, 1900****page**

5. The Kansas Midland Railroad is no more. The transfer papers turning it over the Frisco were completed and signed here yesterday in the law offices of Stanley, Vermillion, and Evans. It had been sold at auction in Wichita several months ago.

**Thursday, October 25, 1900****page**

6. To deed to the old Whittaker packing plant was formally transferred to John Cudahy today by W. R. Dulaney and J. O. Davidson on behalf of the St. Louis Syndicate which had control of the old plant. Details.

**Friday, October 26, 1900****page**

6. The Wichita Country Club will play its regular golf game on the Fairmount golf course this afternoon. There are now 25 members of the Country club.

**Saturday, October 27, 1900****page**

5. The local street car company expects two more new vestibule cars to arrive from St. Louis today.

**Tuesday, October 30, 1900****page**

5. The suit of J. E. Campbell against the Wichita Railroad and Light company was heard in district court today. Judge D. M. Dale decided the case in favor of the street railway company allowing it to remove its car tracks and discontinue service in the old 15th street line to Fairmount (note: service actually discontinued months ago).



**Wednesday, October 31, 1900****page**

6. The two new street cars which arrived in Wichita Monday night have been taken to the car barn, where all the trappings will be adjusted prior to the cars being put to service on the Topeka avenue line. They are similar to the winter cars now in service, with a somewhat better interior finish.

The new car barn under construction north of the power house at 10th and Wichita streets will be completed in ten days. It is a frame structure and will accommodate 20 cars.

The new crossover of the street railway on Douglas avenue near Main street was completed last night, and through cars again run over the line to the West Side.

The deed transferring the old Whittaker packing plant to the Louisville Packing Company (of John Cudahy and associates) was filed in register of deed's office today. Includes north half of southwest fourth of Section 4, Township 27, R1 east (except a tract 50 feet in width of the west side thereof). Details of agreement.

The manager S. L. Nelson, of Wichita Railroad and Light company, is now preparing a permanent time schedule, which will be completed by November 15.

Missouri Pacific Railway company inspectors were in Wichita yesterday and are in favor of leaving the 12th street depot where it is. The train dispatchers office is now in that depot. The ticket office on North Main street is to be removed into the new station December 1.

**Thursday, November 1, 1900****page**

6. M. W. Levy is visiting in Wichita today. Details.

**Wednesday, November 7, 1900****page**

1. Report of results of national election yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, November 10, 1900****page**

6. The papers placing the title of the Kansas Midland Railroad in possession of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway company were filed in the register of deed's office yesterday. Details.

**Monday, November 12, 1900****page**

2. The old street car company Saturday filed suit in the circuit court against the city of Wichita for \$10,000 (Wichita sued for \$10,000 by Francis A. Brooks.)

5. The Fairmount car line is now completed and cars are running to Fairmount college.

**Wednesday, November 14, 1900****page**

2. Long editorial urging vote in favor of bonds to aid Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway and obtain Orient shops for Wichita. Details.

**Saturday, November 17, 1900****page**

2. Report of speech by A. E. Stilwell at Commercial club last night promoting his Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Details ("Orient As A Factor in Wichita's Growth.")

**Wednesday, November 21, 1900****page**

1. Report of election yesterday on voting bonds in aid of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Both the city of Wichita and Sedgwick County bonds passed, although the townships voted against the bonds. Their opposition, however was outweighed by highly favorable Wichita vote for the county bonds. Details.

**Friday, November 23, 1900****page**

2. Article describes in detail the new Missouri Pacific depot which should be ready for occupancy by Christmas. Says work on the building was started early in June. Total cost is \$40,000. ¶ Says the old passenger station at 12th street is to be moved to the present freight depot and used for additional freight facilities. ¶ Details.

**Saturday, November 24, 1900****page**

5. The new American State bank is to open December 1st at Douglas and Topeka. Details.

**Friday, November 30, 1900****page**

5. United States circuit court judge in Street. Louis ruled against A. E. Stilwell and appointed a receiver for the Guardian Trust company of Kansas City. Details.

**Monday, December 3, 1900****page**

2. Report of meeting yesterday to plan building of a liberal church in Wichita for Unitarian and Universalist faiths. Details. B. H. Campbell was president of the meeting. Committee appointed.
5. Wichita Railroad and Light company has bought two more new cars and ten new motors. It has also ordered 400 tons of new steel rails which will be used to extend the double track on North Main, South Main, and East Douglas. The North Main line will be made double track to 12th street, then a single track will be run on 12th over to Market and

north on Market to 17th street.

Work started in earnest this morning on opening a dining room at the Rock Island depot. All the old furniture is being removed from the waiting room to make room for the dining room furniture. It is hoped to open the dining room by December 15.

**Tuesday, December 4, 1900****page**

5. The new American State bank, at Douglas and Topeka, opened for business this morning.

**Tuesday, December 11, 1900****page**

5. Long article about plans to enlarge the Dold plant. Drawing of Dold plant "as it is today" showing the old horse car line going to plant. Details.

**Thursday, December 13, 1900****page**

5. Miss Pearl Janet Murdock, daughter of Colonel Murdock, eloped and was married without previous notice yesterday to William Paul Eaton at the office of Probate Judge J. N. Haymaker. Details. Mr. Eaton is a nephew of B. L. Eaton, owner of the Carey hotel.

**Saturday, December 15, 1900****page**

5. The John Cudahy company was chartered in Chicago today, with capital stock of \$500,000.

**Tuesday, December 18, 1900****page**

5. The Jackson and Hacker block, at southeast corner of Douglas and 4th avenue, was sold several days ago by the American Trust company to W. A. Haynes, for \$15,000. Deed was filed today.

J. O. Davidson, and family will leave in a few days for Los Angeles, California, to remain 30 days on a visit with Mrs. Davidson's relatives.

6. Architect Ed Dumont is making plans for an enlargement of the stage of the Toler Auditorium. Building will be extended 20 feet west to the alley and main floor given a slope from back to front.

**Wednesday, December 19, 1900****page**

6. Santa Fe officials are considering establishing an interlocking plant at the junction of the Santa Fe and Rock Island in the south apart of Wichita. Cost would be \$3,000. Details.

**Saturday, December 22, 1900**

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5. Furniture is being placed today in the new dining room at the Rock Island depot, and it is expected to be open January 1.

**Tuesday, December 25, 1900****page**

6. Each of the motormen of the Wichita electric railway was given a turkey for Christmas last night by Superintendent Williams for the company.

**Thursday, December 27, 1900****page**

6. Messrs. Wallenstein and Cohn, proprietors of the Boston store, are trying to persuade the owners of the five store rooms they occupy at corner of Main and Douglas to tear down the old building and build a new five story structure. The three east rooms of the building are owned by Judge W. C. Little, and the corner room by J. M. Davis, of Street. Louis (who gave Garfield university building to Friends university). Details.

**Friday, December 28, 1900****page**

5. The Garfield Hall building has been sold by John L. Jacobs to J. R. Mead for \$8,000.

Mr. S. Goldstein has closed out The Famous store and yesterday vacated the store room he had occupied for many years on East Douglas. About January 1 the building will be occupied by Greenfield Brothers, of Ft. Scott, Kansas, who will open a new clothing store.

**Saturday, December 29, 1900****page**

1. The Kansas National bank building on northwest corner of Main and Douglas was sold today by the Keene Syndicate, of Keene, New Hampshire, represented here by Coler L. Sim, to Mr. C. Q. Chandler and Mr. E. E. Masterman, president and vice-president of the bank, for \$35,000. The building was erected in 1883 by the old Citizens bank, of which J. O. Davidson was president. Details.
5. All passenger trains of the Missouri Pacific railway will arrive and depart from the new station commencing next Tuesday, January 1. ¶ Supt. Webb and the offices at the 12th street depot are being moved into the new building. ¶ Article describes details of the new building.
6. List of all the fires in Wichita during the past twelve months. There were 93 alarms during the year at the fire station on N. Market street, of which seven were false. ¶ Says there are three fire stations in Wichita.

**Monday, December 31, 1900****page**

5. Commissioner S. L. Nelson, manager of Wichita street railway, returned Saturday from

a visit to his home in Springfield, Ohio. Says he is selling his home there and when it is sold will move to Wichita and make his home here. ¶ Says he has bought \$26,500 worth of car motors, and material for the line here in the past two weeks. "We will soon have two more new cars from Cincinnati, which will make in all 14 closed and ten open cars. I have also bought ten new motors at Lynn, Massachusetts, but they may not arrive much before March 1st. We may have to wait a while for the new rails just purchased, since we wanted longer rails than the 30 foot ones which are readily available."