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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1904 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

**Friday, January 1, 1904**

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6. Article describing bad fire hazards of the Crawford Theater (as consequence of recent Iroquois Theater disaster in Chicago). Details.

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3. The Wichita Bridge and Iron Company yesterday purchased from the Globe Iron Works the plant at 2nd and Santa Fe owned by A. Flagg, formerly of Wichita and now of Cairo, Kansas, for \$15,000. The plant was built about 1887 by Mr. Flagg and used for many years by the Globe Iron Works. Since that concern went out of business the Wichita Iron and Bridge company has been operating the plant under a lease. George H. Bradford is president of the company.

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2. Report of banquet of the Sedgwick County Bar association at the Hamilton hotel Saturday night in honor of retiring federal judge Hook and district court judge Dale. Details.
5. Judge Dale retired from office this morning and was succeeded by Judge Thomas C. Wilson. Judge Dale has been judge of the district court of Kansas (18th district) for eight years. ¶ After Judge Wilson was sworn in, he, in behalf of the bar and county officers, presented to Judge Dale in a most eloquent and pleasing speech, an eight day hall clock, one of the "grandfather" kind, a handsome piece of work, fully seven feet tall, as "a token of the respect and love we have for you," declaring that the bar, the citizens and the county at large, owed to the retiring judge a debt of gratitude that could never be repaid."
- 5&8. Laudatory article about Judge David Dale, retiring from district court bench. ¶ Judge Dale was born in DeKalb County, Illinois, his parents then moving to La Salle County when he was a year old. Attended public schools at Leland and Somanauk, Illinois, and later read law at the office of Snow and Richolson at Ottawa, Illinois, the county seat. Admitted to the bar in Illinois in January 1876, practicing in Ottawa for four years. Arrived in Wichita,

March 1, 1880. Details. ("Judge Dale Steps Down.")

### **Thursday, January 14, 1904**

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7. General Manager S. L. Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, of Terre Haute, Indiana, is in the city on one of his regular trips here, and remains enthusiastic about Wichita's future. He reads the daily papers from Wichita and keeps a scrapbook of pertinent articles from the Wichita papers. "We have not done as much in the past year as we thought to do for Wichita. The Cleveland and Pattie avenue lines have been delayed longer than we thought, but they will now soon be built. ¶ The paving of West Douglas and Seneca streets has cost us several thousand dollars without adding a cent to our earning capacity, but it will tend to build up and develop that part of the city. ¶ Another expense recently incurred was the mechanical stokers that have been put in at the power house."

### **Friday, January 15, 1904**

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5. Article about new steel bridge being built across the Arkansas river at Derby. Details.
8. Article confirming that the Pattie and Cleveland avenue street car lines will be built as planned, after visit of General Manager S. L. Nelson. ¶ Each of these lines will be half a mile long to begin with and extended later as the city grows enough to justify it. The Pattie avenue line will terminate at Kellogg street and the Cleveland avenue line at Central. ¶ Another thing the company is waiting on is a settlement of the Fairview proposition. The people there have been given until February 15 to secure a franchise on Waco for a few blocks in order to keep the present Fairview line in operation. If this is not settled by then, the Fairview line will be torn up and usable material from it put into the Cleveland or Pattie avenue lines, according to Superintendent Morrison. Meanwhile, the company is obtaining other needed material for these two lines.

### **Saturday, January 16, 1904**

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8. The Commercial Club will move into its new quarters in the new National Bank of Commerce building at Main and Douglas about February 1st. Details.

### **Monday, January 18, 1904**

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3. The Wichita Railroad and Light company distributed the largest dividend ever paid to its employes today. It amounts to a total of \$965.27 and represents a percent of the earnings of the past six months. There are 58 men who shared in this dividend. ¶ According to Superintendent Morrison, the earnings of the several lines during the past six months amount to \$12,968.10, which is an unusually good amount. To regularly employed help the street car company has paid during the past year \$49,694.64 (???). ¶ The number of passengers carried during 1903 including cash fares, tickets, and transfers was 2,764,3??. The distance traveled was 828,497 miles, and the company used 4,427 (?) tons of coal to

supply power. ¶ Some of the dividends paid included.

Amos Grable -- stock yards line -- \$19.86

Frank Clark -- Topeka avenue line -- \$16.71

E. W. Heil -- College Hill line -- \$14.47

5. The basement walls of the new St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at 13th and Lawrence will be completed in a week or two. The contracts are being let piecemeal and so far only the contract for the foundation has been awarded. Details.

### **Tuesday, January 19, 1904**

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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Petition read asking for appropriation of \$1,000 for Highland cemetery.
6. William T. Griffenstein, son of Wichita founder William Griffenstein, filed suit today for divorce from his wife, Minnie. They were married in Burnett, Oklahoma Territory, January 11, 1900.

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5. Friends have suggested that Judge D. M. Dale run for governor. Details.

### **Saturday, January 30, 1904**

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5. The Emporia avenue Baptist church on corner of Emporia and 10th street is being disbanded and tomorrow will rejoin the First Baptist church from which it originally began as a mission chapel. The last few years its membership has been reduced and it has had a struggle for existence, and for about a year now it has been unable to support a pastor. ¶ The idea of the mission chapel was conceived by Dr. H. O. Burleigh, who donated the lots for the church on May 20, 1886, upon consideration of a \$2,500 chapel being built and afterwards subscribed \$1,000 toward the building fund. By July 8 the necessary amount was raised and by July 22 the plans had been drawn and contract let. On December 11 that year 48 members from the First Baptist church formed the Emporia avenue church organization. Further details. The deed to the Emporia avenue church has been turned over to the First Baptist church.

### **Tuesday, February 2, 1904**

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5. Cone and Cornell, proprietors of the Kansas steam laundry, are planning to erect a three story brick building on the corner of William and South Lawrence just back of their present building on Market and William. The new building will be an addition to the present one and the two will be connected on the upper stories by iron bridges. The addition will front 50 feet on Lawrence and extend to the alley on William. Details.

Arthur Paulline has purchased the two story brick building at 318 East Douglas for

\$20,000. It was built in October 1902 by S. S. Findley for the Miller and Hull tailor establishment. Details.

Petition presented to city council yesterday asking that the street railway extend its proposed Pattie avenue line to Linwood park.

City council yesterday adopted petition to pave William street from Market to the Santa Fe tracks.

City council yesterday subscribed an endowment of \$1,000 to the fund of the Highland Cemetery association with interest at six percent to be paid on the endowment by the city.

### **Wednesday, February 3, 1904**

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6. Article about a Mr. W. M. Warren, of Leon, Kansas, who is said to be developing an air ship. Details.

### **Friday, February 5, 1904**

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5. New private Dutch dining room of the Carey hotel was dedicated last night with a private banquet given by B. L. Eaton, proprietor of the hotel. Guests listed -- included J. Oak Davidson, Colonel Murdock, Judge D. M. Dale, Dr. Fabrique, S. B. Amidon, H. J. Hagny, Father J. H. Tihen, etc.

### **Saturday, February 6, 1904**

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6. Although the rooms are not really finished, the first of the Commercial club's furniture and carpets were removed from the old Levy home at 1st and Topeka this afternoon and placed in the club's new quarters in the National Bank of Commerce building. The new rooms occupy the entire second and third floors of the bank building. Detailed description.

### **Thursday, February 11, 1904**

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6. The Wichita Commercial Club has moved into its new quarters in the National Bank of Commerce building and its new dining room was opened for service at noon today.

### **Thursday, February 18, 1904**

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5. Report of installation of Dr. Clarence S. Sargent as new pastor of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Details.

### **Saturday, February 20, 1904**

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5. Article reports some bears are to be purchased for the Riverside park zoo and a bear den erected in the near future. Details.

**Monday, February 22, 1904****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of pioneer Wichita Street Railway motorman, Charles H. Umbarger, of 1204 Bitting, of consumption at age of about 55. He had been with the Wichita street railway company from its organization up until his illness of nearly one and one-half year, and drove a mule car on Douglas avenue before the electric railway was built. Later he was motorman on a College Hill car for years.
8. Report of trip through Wichita yesterday by President A. E. Stilwell with a party of Illinois capitalists inspecting the Orient Railroad in his private car. Details.

**Tuesday, February 23, 1904****page**

6. Report of death yesterday of Dr. J. M. Minick at his home, 1120 North Market, at age 62, after short illness. Born June 24, 1841 in Dark County, Ohio. Came to Wichita in 1888. Survived by widow, one son, Dr. W. W. Minick, and one daughter, Mrs. Clayton Matthews, both of Wichita. One brother, Dr. W. A. Minick, lives here, and another, Dr. L. W. Minick, lives at Cheney.

**Thursday, February 25, 1904****page**

5. Report of banquet last evening at Carey hotel for A. E. Stillwell, president of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, and almost 250 invited guests. Details. ("Means \$1,000,000 says Stillwell.")

**Wednesday, March 2, 1904****page**

5. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Henry Bolte, widow of Wichita pioneer, age 58. Came to Wichita where married in 1872. Obituary.

**Monday, March 7, 1904****page**

7. S. C. Ashton, 938 North Topeka, has purchased the residence of Judge D. M. Dale, 937 North Waco, and will move into it April 1. Judge Dale, as announced a few days ago, has purchased the Fletcher property, one door south of his present residence, and will occupy his new home the last of the month.

**Tuesday, March 8, 1904****page**

5. City council yesterday granted petition to pave William street from Wichita street to Santa Fe Railroad tracks with brick.

**Tuesday, March 15, 1904****page**

5. City council yesterday instructed the street commissioner to grade 13th street, Fairview,

and 17th street where the street car track was removed.

**Wednesday, March 16, 1904****page**

8. Rebuilding of the Crystal Ice plant, damaged by fire, will begin probably the first of next week when the debris has been cleared away. Details.

Corner stone of the new Friends church at 21st and Main street was laid yesterday. Details.

**Thursday, March 17, 1904****page**

5. Scott E. Winne's new 16 horsepower Winston automobile arrived in Wichita this morning. Cost \$2,500.

**Monday, March 21, 1904****page**

6. A booklet describing Wichita is being mailed out today by the Chamber of Commerce. Details.

**Thursday, March 24, 1904****page**

6. Report of death this morning of Wichita pioneer business man Horace G. Lee, who came to Wichita in 1872 and was in the real estate business. Survived by wife and six step-children. Obituary.

**Friday, March 25, 1904****page**

6. Report of interview with President J. J. Burns of the Arkansas Valley Transit company at the Carey Hotel this morning saying that the electric line from Wichita to Hutchinson will definitely be built.

**Tuesday, March 29, 1904****page**

8. Report says Orient will resume building its road April 1st from two miles south of Fairview to Longdale, 14 miles south of Fairview. They may then move to Milton and complete the unfinished track on this end of the line. At this end the roadbed is graded to within two or three miles of Wichita excepting some few spots.

**Wednesday, April 6, 1904****page**

4. Photo of Judge David M. Dale, who is being urged to run for governor. Taken by Pottenger studio.

**Thursday, April 7, 1904**

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5. Report of death Tuesday in Kansas City of J. R. Snively, former resident of Wichita and real estate man and active in building. Left Wichita in 1896 and moved to Kansas City. Obituary.

**Saturday, April 9, 1904****page**

8. First service in the new north end Friends mission church at 21st and Main will be held Sunday afternoon. Details.

**Tuesday, April 12, 1904****page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

**Wednesday, April 13, 1904****page**

5. The Jackson and Walker Coal and Material company are building a sand dredge costing about \$2,000 and will open a sand yard on South Wichita street. Sand will be pumped from the bottom of the Arkansas river onto cars run out for that purpose. The company has purchased the water front for a distance of about 1,200 feet from the railroad to Dewey street and a spur of track will be built from the Wichita and Western out along the river for loading the sand. Dredge will have capacity of 30 cars per day.

**Tuesday, April 19, 1904****page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday with annual report of department heads. Details.

**Monday, April 25, 1904****page**

6. O. A. Boyle said today that when the ground is dry, graders will begin work at the southeast edge of the city on the right-of-way for the Arkansas Valley Interurban, which will cost about \$1,500,000 and will extend from Wichita to Belle Plaine, Wellington, Geuda Springs, and Arkansas City.

**Thursday, April 28, 1904****page**

5. Ground will be broken immediately for the erection of a mens' dormitory at Fairmount, the board of trustees decided at a meeting yesterday. To cost \$20,000. Details.

Work has started on a mission chapel being erected at corner of Kellogg and Pattie avenues by the Plymouth Congregational church. The building is nearly half finished. Will have seating capacity of about 200 and will cost \$1,500-2,000.

**Monday, May 2, 1904****page**

5. The site for the new dormitory at Fairmount was chosen Saturday. The site is east of the present building 300 feet across Fairmount avenue and to the west and north of the athletic grounds, almost on the exact location of the old football field when that was nearer the college building.
8. Report of death of Mrs. Mary J. Allen, wife of Wichita's first mayor, Dr. E. B. Allen at the home of her son in Kansas City. Family came here in 1870 and lived at Central and Market until five years ago. Besides the son in Kansas City, Edgar P. Allen, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Moorehouse, of Salt Lake City. She was born in Indiana in 1830.

**Wednesday, May 4, 1904****page**

6. Article about funeral plans for Mrs. E. B. Allen. Says she was 64 and had two sons, Dr. Charles E. and Edgar P. Husband was on a ranch in Nebraska and could not be reached promptly by telegram. Had been an invalid for several years at home of her son in Kansas City.

**Friday, May 6, 1904****page**

7. Two street cars on the Fairmount line were struck by lightning yesterday, car Number 100 outbound near Mathewson on East Douglas in charge of Charles Patrick, motorman, and Earl Furnish, conductor, and car Number 124 inbound turning toward Douglas on Rutan, in charge of A. M. Brown, motorman. Car 100 was disabled and filled with smoke and the passengers frightened, but it was towed to the barn and repaired and put back in service within an hour. Car 124 had one motor burned out but was able to continue operating on the second motor. ¶ Superintendent Morrison said cars in Wichita have been struck by lightning a number of times and sometimes put out of service for a short time, but no serious damage has ever been done. Last summer car Number 130 on the College Hill-Riverside run was struck, and car Number 126 on the Fairmount run was struck, and car Number 126 on the Fairmount run was struck four times.

**Thursday, May 12, 1904****page**

6. Board of directors of Kansas Masonic Home has decided to build a \$5,000 addition to the building this year. Details.
7. Corner stone of the first Christian church at 2nd and Market is to be laid next Sunday. Details.

**Friday, May 13, 1904****page**

5. J. Edward Petrie has begun the erection of a two story brick building at 204 West Douglas, 23 by 90 feet, to cost \$5,000. Its height and style of front will correspond with the building on the west of it.

Service on the Cleveland and Pattie avenue street car lines will begin tomorrow morning. The lines have now been completed from Douglas to Central on Cleveland and from Douglas to Kellogg on Pattie. ¶ The first car will go out about 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. ¶ The two streets intersect Douglas within 200 feet of each other and connections have been made so that a cross city service can be operated. This kind of service will be maintained until after the carnival by one of the small cars giving half hour service on each line and connecting every 15 minutes with the East Douglas avenue cars. Later on better service is planned. As soon as park service is justified on the Riverside line, two larger cars are planned to be operated on the Cleveland-Pattie line and the cars will be run down town.

**Monday, May 16, 1904****page**

6. Corner stone was laid at First Christian church yesterday. Details.
8. Article about divorce case of Ernest E. Burleigh, age 17, son of the wealthy Burleigh family identified with Wichita since it was a village. Details.

**Tuesday, May 17, 1904****page**

5. More evidence from the Burleigh divorce trial.
8. General Manager Nelson of Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived here last night on one of his regular inspection trips and is staying at the Hamilton. He says no more extensions of the lines are planned for this year.

**Saturday, May 21, 1904****page**

5. The dedication of Fellowship Chapel at corner of Pattie and Kellogg, a mission chapel of Plymouth Congregational church, will take place tomorrow afternoon. Details.

**Wednesday, May 25, 1904****page**

6. County commissioner yesterday ordered a new bond election for bonds in aid of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad to be held on June 30 provided the Orient Railroad pays the costs of the previous election held November 2, 1900.

**Thursday, May 26, 1904****page**

5. Report of high school commencement exercises last evening at the Toler auditorium. Fifty-nine graduates. Details.

**Friday, May 27, 1904****page**

8. The Silex Brick company has started building its plant at the foot of Orme street on the east bank of the Arkansas river. A high fill has been made and a spur of the Wichita and

Western built north 1,240 feet where the company can set cars to load brick or sand. A large sand dredge has been at work several weeks pumping sand from the bed of the river. The machinery building will be 60 by 80 feet, but additional sheds and trackage will cover a space 266 by 100 feet. ¶ The company hopes to be ready for business by the middle of July. The brick is composed only of lime and sand in such proportions as to make them hard and durable. By a scientific process a bond is formed between the lime and sand that makes the brick harder and more serviceable than ordinary clay brick. No burning is required. The company will start with a capacity of 20,000 brick every ten hours. Total cost of the plant and the sand dredge is nearly \$60,000.

### **Saturday, May 28, 1904**

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9. Full report of political address by Judge D. M. Dale at Cheney last night outlining his views. Details. ("Issues are Outlined by Judge D. M. Dale.")

### **Monday, May 30, 1904**

**Special World's Fair Souvenir Edition, including many articles about Wichita people and businesses. Six photos.**

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14. Whole page of 24 photos of Wichita residences.
18. Full page historical article about Wichita. ("Wichita -- From Pioneer Hamlet, etc.")
20. Short article about street railway system. Says the system is 21 miles in length and during the year 1903 carried 2,764,353 passengers, including transfers.
22. Photos of nine public schools.
24. Photos of seven more residences -- L. S. Naftzger, J. M. Knapp, H. E. Case, J. D. Houston, James Allison, N. Steffen, and W. D. Moore.
- 25-48 Many articles, photos and drawings of Wichita commercial firms with details.

### **Tuesday, May 31, 1904**

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6. Memorial Day yesterday was a busy day for the street car company. The busiest line was the one to the cemeteries, which had 12 cars running on it and carried 10,065 fares and transfers compared with 8,129 last year. There were also more than 1,000 people carried to the ball game on Hess field. The whole number of fares and transfer carried by the company for the day was 18,616. Every available car was in use.

### **Wednesday, June 1, 1904**

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8. Report of collision at 10:10 p.m. yesterday between westbound Fairmount street car Number 102 in charge of motorman A. M. Brown when it was struck by the caboose of

a Frisco freight train backing into the station at Douglas and Mosley. The street car was turned over on its side and appeared to be a total wreck. Several injured. Details.

**Thursday, June 2, 1904****page**

6. Report of commencement exercises of Lewis Academy at First Presbyterian church this morning. Twelve graduates.

**Friday, June 3, 1904****page**

6. Report of threat of flood from Little Arkansas river at Wichita, leading to destruction of the Riverside Park dam with dynamite this afternoon. Long article with details.

**Saturday, June 4, 1904****page**

6. Long article about the current flood, with details. North Riverside park is under water. ("Much Damage In Bottoms.")

**Monday, June 6, 1904****page**

5. The home of Ben Garland at 629 North Lawrence was sold today to lumber man A. C. Houston for \$10,000. It is a roomy brick structure formerly known as the Niederlander place.
6. More details about the flood. Now receding.

**Tuesday, June 7, 1904****page**

5. President Stilwell of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient passed through Wichita yesterday with a party of eastern capitalists on his way to Fairview, Oklahoma.

**Wednesday, June 8, 1904****page**

5. All of the seed-bearing cottonwood trees are to be removed from Riverside Park before the next season. The trees bearing cotton are being marked and it is estimated that one-sixth of all the cottonwood trees in the park bear cotton. The cotton that falls in the park during the spring has long been one of the most annoying nuisances for the park keeper to deal with. Details.
6. Contracts were let this morning for the Wichita branch of the Battle Creek sanitarium. Building to be 44 by 88 feet and four stories. Architect is Mr. N. S. Kemper, of Topeka. Details.

**Thursday, June 9, 1904****page**

8. Seventh annual commencement of the Wichita Hospital training school for nurses held last night at St. John's Episcopal church. Ten graduates. Details.

**Tuesday, June 14, 1904****page**

8. Work on the Orient Railroad between Milton and Wichita is progressing slowly. All the bridges and culvert work between Milton and Viola have been done and the track will be laid into Viola as soon as possible. At Viola the timbers and steel for the big bridge across the Ninnescah will be unloaded, but it will take some time to complete this bridge.

Excavation for the pavement of the Rock Island avenue was begun this morning.

**Wednesday, June 15, 1904****page**

6. Contract let yesterday for \$3,700 addition to the Masonic Home to be built by contractor W. H. Sternberg. Work is to started at once. Details.

**Thursday, June 16, 1904****page**

6. Judge D. M. Dale and Mrs. Dale returned home last night from Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory, where they were guests of Judge Frank Dale for several days.

**Saturday, June 18, 1904****page**

6. Council of the First Presbyterian church yesterday decided in favor of building a new and larger church building. Site not yet decided. Details.

**Monday, June 20, 1904****page**

6. J. O. Gilbert is building a fine eight room dwelling on the corner of North Emporia and Pine street.

**Tuesday, June 21, 1904****page**

8. Work started on excavation for the sanitarium building this morning.

**Wednesday, June 22, 1904****page**

8. A party of about 30 employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light company with some friends enjoyed their annual trolley ride last night. They occupied one of the large summer cars which was specially illuminated for the occasion and with both vocal and instrumental music a very pleasant time was spent in riding over the various lines of the company.

**Tuesday, June 28, 1904****page**

5. The Southwest Kansas Fair and Carnival Association decided yesterday to go out of business and will not hold a fair of carnival this fall. Details.
6. The three story brick block at 123-125 West Douglas, known as the D. L. Green block, has been sold by W. F. Puckett to R. S. Allen, of Texas, for \$25,000. The west half is occupied by the Hays Saddlery and the east half by Lee Helena's grocery.
8. Article about a large steel cylinder which was unloaded yesterday for the new Silex Brick company plant at Wichita and Orme streets. Details.

The company to whom the council granted a franchise to pipe natural gas to Wichita has accepted the franchise. Details.

### **Wednesday, June 29, 1904**

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5. The Central avenue dam across Little river will be rebuilt (dynamited during recent flood) Dam and Central avenue bridge will be made about 50 feet longer. Details.

### **Friday, July 1, 1904**

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6. Material is being placed for the new double two story brick building being built at 105 West Douglas by Dr. J. G. Dorsey and at 107 West Douglas by Mr. L. W. Clapp. Each will be 25 by 120 feet. Dr. Dorsey's to cost about \$7,000 and Mr. Clapp's \$8,000. Kos Harris, who owns building at 103 West Douglas will rebuild the brick front of his building to harmonize with the other two.
8. Orient Railroad bonds carried in the re-voting on them at election yesterday. Details.

### **Monday, July 4, 1904**

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5. Contract has been let for a new pipe organ for Plymouth Congregational church to cost \$4,0000 and be built by the Estey Organ company of Brattleboro, Vermont. Details.

### **Wednesday, July 6, 1904**

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6. Long article about flood in Wichita. North Riverside is flooded. Downtown flooded. Rochester avenue is a flowing stream from 17th to 13th. Younger's brick kiln on 17th street is flooded. Stock yards is flooded. Water is two to three feet deep on Lawrence avenue from 21st street north. Street car loop at 21st and Lawrence is flooded and unusable, so cars turn back at 21st and Market. Street car service to College Hill discontinued. Details.

### **Thursday, July 7, 1904**

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1. More flood reports. Boats are in service in the downtown district.

Only the South Main street and the West Side street car line remain in uninterrupted service today owing to the flood. Water is up to the floor at the car barn. Details.

**Friday, July 8, 1904****page**

1. More flood reports. Rivers starting to fall.
5. Only six street cars were in use this morning. Details (faint -- hard to read).

**Saturday, July 9, 1904****page**

- 1., 5. More flood reports. Downtown streets still flooded. Details.
5. Street car service is becoming more and more limited. Cars are running today about as they did yesterday. South Main street service is uninterrupted. West Side cars are running today, one car running from Main and Douglas to the bridge and another on the west side of the bridge. Topeka avenue service has been suspended and no cars are running on East Douglas.

Riverside addition is hemmed in by water on all sides and provisions are being taken into that district by boats today. Tenth street is the only outlet and progress down that street is attended by difficulties and dangers because of the depth of the water and the washouts in the street. Bitting avenue is a swiftly flowing stream from north to south.

**Monday, July 11, 1904****page**

- 1&5. Article giving estimates of damage from the flood. Details.
3. Street car service is being restored. A yellow painted street car passed the Frisco depot on East Douglas for first time in several days. North Main street cars are running to 14th street on a ten minute service. On Topeka avenue cars are running from 2nd street to the loop every ten minutes. Regular service is given on South Main and the West Side. At noon today East Douglas cars started a ten minute service to Washington street, and this will extend to Chisholm creek by 6:00 p.m. Foot bridge to be put in at Chisholm creek tomorrow.
8. Firemen from hose houses 1 and 2 have been staying at the city building since Thursday night but will return to their usual quarters tonight since the flood water is receding. On Saturday the water was 13½ inches deep on the floor of fire house Number 1 and nine inches at fire house Number 2.

**Tuesday, July 12, 1904****page**

6. Followup reports on the flood. Riverside park is practically ruined with much of it still under water. Details.

Street car service is returning to near normal, although cars still run through water a considerable distance on several lines. It is still impossible to operate Emporia avenue and Pattie avenue lines, which are under water, and Cleveland will not operate until water is cleared off Douglas. A foot bridge across Chisholm creek on Douglas was completed this morning, allowing transfer to a 15 minute car service on the College Hill end. Cars that were isolated on North Topeka are now getting though and making their usual run through to the West Side. North Main street line is still open only to 13th street.

**Thursday, July 14, 1904****page**

5. Cars on the Riverside line were started this morning but they run only to the Central avenue entrance of the park, as the track is washed out there. Repairs will be made today and tomorrow and it is hoped to run the cars through the park to the south end of the north bridge on Saturday. The north bridge will not be crossed until the driftwood and debris are cleared from it and from the low lying tracks on the north side where the cars enter Bitting avenue ¶ South Emporia, Cleveland, and Pattie lines are still out of commission because of the water over the tracks.

Seventeenth street bridge over the Little river was wrecked by the flood and will have to be practically rebuilt.

**Friday, July 15, 1904****page**

5. Report of public meeting last night to discuss measures to prevent future floods. Details.

**Saturday, July 16, 1904****page**

5. Article describes damage done to Riverside park by the flood. Details.

**Tuesday, July 19, 1904****page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

**Wednesday, July 20, 1904****page**

5. Manager S. L. Nelson of Wichita Railroad and Light company is in the city for an inspection of the damage from the recent flood and is gratified to find things in better shape than he expected. Details. ¶ Repairs will be made as quickly as possible. The bridge across Chisholm creek will probably be completed by the last of the week, and it is hoped cars can be run over it on Sunday.

**Monday, July 25, 1904****page**

6. It is expected that service on the Pattie and Cleveland avenue street car lines will be resumed tomorrow.

City Engineer Harding is establishing the grade for the new bridge to be built across Little river on 17th street to replace the one partly washed away by the flood.

**Thursday, July 28, 1904****page**

5. Missouri Pacific switch engine Number 292 was derailed just below 9th street about 4:00 a.m. today. Details.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company will begin work by September on a new brick barn at corner of Wichita and 10th streets to take the place of the one destroyed last year by fire. Expected to be completed before cold weather. Plans are being drawn and are nearly finished. The barn will be the same size as the one which was burned and will accommodate 16 cars. Cost will be \$5-6,000. ¶ The barn will have four switch endings, each long enough for four cars.

**Friday, July 29, 1904****page**

8. Members of First Presbyterian church yesterday voted to build a new church, to cost about \$35,000. Details.

**Saturday, July 30, 1904****page**

5. Ringling Brothers circus is in Wichita today at Mathewson's pasture. Details.

**Monday, August 1, 1904****page**

8. Article about Mr. Russell Harding, formerly with Missouri Pacific in Wichita, and recently third vice president and general manager of Missouri Pacific at St. Louis, has recently become president of the Pere Marquette Railroad and vice-president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton. Long article with biography.

**Tuesday, August 2, 1904****page**

5. George O. Morgan will build a two story brick building at 211-213 West Douglas, 50 by 120 feet, to cost \$10,000. It will be on the site of his old livery barn that burned about a year ago.

**Thursday, August 4, 1904****page**

1. Article says Judge David M. Dale has been nominated jointly for governor by the Democrats and Populists. Details. Photo.

**Friday, August 5, 1904****page**

5. Judge Dale was given an ovation by the people of this city on his return from Topeka this

morning. Details. ("Ovation For Judge Dale.")

**Saturday, August 6, 1904****page**

5. "His ability to say just the right thing at the right time undoubtedly had much to do with the nomination of Judge Dale for governor at the late democratic and populist conventions." Details.

**Saturday, August 13, 1904****page**

5. Long article about Judge D. M. Dale as written in the *Kansas City Star*. Says he was born on a farm at Freeland's Corner, DeKalb County, Illinois, June 3, 1852. Detailed biography. ("Is Not Without Honor At Home.")

**Tuesday, August 16, 1904****page**

5. County commissioners yesterday proposed to city council that if the city will abandon the rebuilding of the bridge across Little river at 17th street, the county will build a bridge at 18th street. Details.

**Thursday, August 18, 1904****page**

8. Long article of testimony by R. E. Lawrence about the size of flow of the Big and Little Arkansas rivers in his early days in Wichita. Details.

**Saturday, August 20, 1904****page**

8. Mr. James Allison will lecture on "Impressions of the Orient" on Wednesday night at the First Baptist church for the benefit of the Highland cemetery association.

**Monday, August 22, 1904****page**

2. State board of agriculture shows Wichita population this year of 31,857, a gain of 308 since 1903. Topeka has 39,149 and Kansas City 57,710. Fourth was Leavenworth with 22,791. Lawrence was 11,544. Iola 11,069.

**Friday, August 26, 1904****page**

6. President A. E. Stilwell of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient passed through Wichita early this morning in his private car with a party of friends. The car came in on the Rock Island and was switched to the Missouri Pacific here and went south over the Orient track.

**Monday, August 29, 1904****page**

5. Article reports first baptism ever performed by a Greek priest in Wichita. Three Syrian

children were baptized in a store room in the Sunflower block on West Douglas yesterday afternoon by a priest from Boston. Details.

Bishop Hennessy is deciding between alternate plans for the new cathedral to be built on Central avenue between Lawrence and Topeka. It will accommodate at least 1,200 people compared with seating capacity of 500 at the pro-Cathedral. The Bishop has set a limit of \$100,000 on cost of the new structure. Details.

**Tuesday, August 30, 1904****page**

5. Corner stone was laid yesterday for the new sanitarium. Details.

**Wednesday, August 31, 1904****page**

5. Article reports work will start in a few days on laying of a natural gas pipeline from the wells toward Wichita. Details.

**Thursday, September 1, 1904****page**

5. Report that an addition to Mt. Carmel Academy is being planned. Details.
8. Excavation has started at the northeast corner of Topeka and Elm for Dr. St. John's new two story residence, facing on Topeka.

**Friday, September 2, 1904****page**

5. President Stilwell was in Wichita briefly last evening and said the Orient Railroad will go through Eldorado. The plan is to parallel the Frisco from Wichita to Andover and then to make a straight cut across country to Eldorado. From there it will go northeast until it strikes the original survey in Sycamore township in northern part of Butler County. Details.

**Saturday, September 3, 1904****page**

11. Article about collecting of post cards. Details. ("What to do With the Picture Post Card.")

**Monday, September 5, 1904****page**

5. Report of rededication yesterday of the enlarged United Brethren church on South Washington. Details.

**Wednesday, September 7, 1904****page**

5. Report of city council meeting yesterday with estimates of cost of grading several sections

along banks of Little river. Details.

### **Friday, September 9, 1904**

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5. Paving of Rock Island avenue will be completed by the middle of next week. The first block is finished and will be opened to travel tomorrow. This is the first brick pavement that has been put down in Wichita for several years and the result will be watched with interest. Heretofore brick pavements have not been looked upon with favor in this city. Details. ¶ The next job is on Lawrence avenue between Douglas and William, with brick, and this will be followed by paving of William from Main to Tremont with brick.
6. Contract for the new street car barn was let yesterday to Messrs. Roy and Cochran. To be brick, one story, with steel roof, and 50 by 125 feet in size. Will be built on the site of the old barn which burned.

### **Saturday, September 10, 1904**

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1. Report of Judge Dale's keynote speech in Wichita today. Details.
6. List of assignments of teachers by individual schools and grades.

### **Tuesday, September 13, 1904**

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5. Long article about protest to county commission against building of bridge across Little river at 18th street and abandonment of the 17th street bridge. Details.

### **Wednesday, September 14, 1904**

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8. Report that Mayor B. F. McLean has sold his lumber yards on West Douglas to F. D. Trekall, who owns a lumber yard at 1000 East Douglas and other yards in Oklahoma. Mr. McLean has been in the lumber business 20 years, ten years as manager and the past ten years as sole proprietor. He owns two other yards, one at Peck and one at Clearwater.

### **Thursday, September 15, 1904**

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5. Article says Wichita has 75 automobiles, including 20 new ones added this summer (latter are listed).

A handsome illustrated souvenir of Wichita has just been issued by C. A. Tanner and Company, the stationers at 122 North Main. The booklet contains about 75 half tone views of familiar street scenes, business blocks, public buildings, manufacturing establishments, and other points of interest.

6. Contract has been let for the superstructure of the new St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, and work will begin on it at once. Contractor is W. M. Pirtle. Cost of walls and

roof to be \$8,600. Basement and foundation are already completed. Walls to be of the new Wichita white Silex brick and trimmed in Carthage cut stone.

8. Work on the new Central avenue dam will probably begin the first of the week. Details.

### **Saturday, September 17, 1904**

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8. Building permit let to Henry Schweiter and Jacob Bissantz for a three story brick building 50 by 120 feet, on lots 59 and 61 on East Douglas in English's addition, for \$8,000.

### **Wednesday, September 21, 1904**

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6. Paving work started today on the block on South Emporia between Douglas and William, which is to be paved.

### **Thursday, September 22, 1904**

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6. The office of the Wichita Railroad and Light company is being moved today into permanent quarters in the Kos Harris building at 109 South Main, and Superintendent Morrison said he was glad that the matter was settled and he would probably stay in the same place more than a month at a time.

### **Friday, September 23, 1904**

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6. The Barnum and Bailey circus will be in Wichita tomorrow in Mathewson's pasture. Details.

### **Saturday, September 24, 1904**

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8. Building permit issued this week to Wichita Railroad and Light company for one story brick building 50 by 124 feet at corner of 10th and Wichita streets, to cost \$4,000.

Excavation started yesterday for the new men's dormitory at Fairmount college. Cost will be \$20,000 and there will be room for 70 students in 35 rooms.

### **Wednesday, September 28, 1904**

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5. Report of visit to Wichita today by Mrs. Carrie Nation. Details. ¶ (Further report on her visit September 30, page 5).

### **Friday, September 30, 1904**

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5. Report says Orient track layers are at work 13 miles southwest of the city, and when the grade work beyond the Cowskin is completed, they will be transferred to Wichita and begin work on the three miles from the Missouri Pacific track to the Arkansas river. This

should be within ten days. ¶ The big bridge across the Ninnescah was completed several days ago and the men are now working on a small bridge about 12 miles from Wichita. Graders are now working about nine miles southwest of this city, where a station will be located and a long side track is to be put in.

**Saturday, October 1, 1904****page**

6. M. W. Levy is at home from a short business trip to Topeka.
8. The Wichita Fall Carnival closes tonight. Details.

**Tuesday, October 4, 1904****page**

6. Report of school building meeting yesterday. High school is very crowded and a new one is needed.

**Friday, October 7, 1904****page**

6. Carrie Nation fined \$150 and given jail sentence of 30 days in city court yesterday for leading an attack on the Mahan Brothers Supply company last Friday and breaking out three windows with a rock and an axe. Details.

**Saturday, October 8, 1904****page**

5. Report of annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational church yesterday. Long article with some history of church membership, etc. Past year was successful, with about \$10,000 raised for the church and organ funds. Membership has almost doubled in the three years that Dr. Clarence S. Sargent has been pastor. Present membership is 405. Details.
6. Total enrollment of public schools is 5,130. Article lists enrollment at individual schools. Largest is 519 at Park. Smallest is 35 at Fairmount. High school has 449.

**Wednesday, October 12, 1904****page**

5. The Orient tracklayers are only ten minutes from Wichita. Tonight the main grade will be completed over the last mile between Milton and the Missouri Pacific track west of Wichita. The graders are now working on two long switches at the site of the new town of Schulte, about seven miles southwest of this city, about a mile west of the Cowskin near the east line of Illinois township. It is nine miles from the Missouri Pacific depot in this city, four miles from Oatville, and seven miles from Goddard. ¶ Work will start in a day or two driving piling for the bridge over the Cowskin, which will be about 600 feet long but will not be high.

**Tuesday, October 18, 1904****page**

8. Coler L. Sim was appointed receiver yesterday for the insolvent Wichita Bridge and Iron Works.

**Wednesday, October 19, 1904****page**

1. Article about campaigning in Northeast Kansas by Judge Dale. Details.
5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Request was made for a fire station east of Chisholm creek to afford protection to the College Hill district.

City council yesterday declared the trees in the middle of North Market street between 9th and 12th street to be a nuisance and ordered them removed.

City council meeting granted franchise to H. G. Landis for his proposed Citizens Electric Light, Heat and Power Company. Details.

**Thursday, October 20, 1904****page**

6. Mr. Edgar Harding, of Boston, owner of the Sedgwick block, is planning to build a four story brick building on North Market immediately north of the Sedgwick block on ground he owns there 116 by 120 feet. Plans are being drawn by Architect Dumont and cost will be about \$20,000. Details.

**Thursday, October 27, 1904****page**

5. The corner stone for the new men's dormitory at Fairmount college will be laid tomorrow. The basement and foundation are completed and work on the superstructure will begin shortly. Details. Report of the occasion on October 28, page 8.

**Saturday, October 29, 1904****page**

9. Sample ballot for election.

**Thursday, November 3, 1904****page**

8. List of polling places in Wichita and Sedgwick County.

**Saturday, November 5, 1904****page**

5. Report of collision last evening at corner of Main and Douglas between Riverside street car Number 150 which was leaving the corner northbound when Stock Yards car Number 132, which was pulling up to the corner, took the switch that connects the two tracks at that point. Except for a broken window and bent fender, no major damage was done.

**Wednesday, November 9, 1904**

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1. Preliminary results of election yesterday. Roosevelt elected.
5. Election results in Sedgwick County.

**Thursday, November 10, 1904****page**

5. City council yesterday gave a franchise to L. S. Naftzger and A. C. Jobes to pipe natural gas into this city. Details.
6. Results of governor's election in Sedgwick County

	Hoch	Dale	
City	2,647	2,575	
County	<u>1,616</u>	<u>2,037</u>	
Total	4,263	4,612.	Dale's majority 349.

Beginning Sunday, November 13, the Orient trains will run over their own tracks between Wichita and Milton instead of over the Missouri Pacific tracks as heretofore. The track is now completed to the outskirts of Wichita, where the line intersects the Missouri Pacific. For the present they will continue to use the Missouri Pacific depot in Wichita. ¶ Stations between Wichita and Milton are:

Wilson	6.53 miles from Wichita
Schulte	9.10 miles from Wichita
Clonmel	15.12 miles from Wichita
Viola	22.70 miles from Wichita
Milton	30.95 miles from Wichita

Report of sudden death of Architect Elbert Dumont this morning while he was hunting near Mt. Hope. Lived at 184 North Wichita street. Office is Oldham building at corner of 1st and Main. Born in 1846 in Seneca Company, New York. Came to Seneca, Kansas, and then 21 years ago, to Wichita. Survived by wife, two sons, and five daughters (named).

**Friday, November 11, 1904****page**

8. Missouri Pacific is laying new 85 pound steel rails in Kansas, which should reach Wichita in the spring.

### Saturday, November 12, 1904

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6. Messrs. George F. Duncan, Edward Woodman, W. R. McKinley, and S. L. Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived here last evening on an inspection trip. It has been more than two years since Messrs. Duncan, Woodman, and McKinley were here. Mr. Duncan is president and Mr. Woodman is treasurer -- both from Portland, Maine. Mr. McKinley is a director and principal stockholder and was elected Congressman from 19th District of Illinois last Tuesday.

Final Sedgwick County election result.

	Hoch	Dale	Roosevelt	Parker
City	2,967	2,939	4,167	1,446
County	1,901	2,329	2,530	1,423
Totals	4,868	5,268	6,697	2,869

### Saturday, November 19, 1904

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8. Corner stone of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church is to be laid tomorrow afternoon. Details. ¶ Followup report November 21 on page 5.

### Friday, November 25, 1904

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8. The canvass for the new city directory was completed last Wednesday by the publisher, William G. McAvoy. It has been going on since September 15, and a new feature is the fact that the given names will be recorded. Details.

### Tuesday, November 29, 1904

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5. Final count of election returns in Kansas:

For governor:

Hoch (Republican)	186,731
Dale (Democrat)	116,991
Hoch plurality	69,740

For president, Roosevelt plurality over Parker was 124,582, or 54,842 more than that of Mr. Hoch.

**Wednesday, November 30, 1904****page**

8. Final court of vote for president in Kansas:

Roosevelt 210,893

Parker 84,800

Roosevelt 126,093  
plurality

**Thursday, December 1, 1904****page**

5. Report of a rumor that the street car company plans to abandon the Rutan avenue line to Fairmount and to reach to the cemeteries and Fairmount by extending the Cleveland avenue line to 9th street and thence east to the cemeteries. Protests being made by Rutan area residents, who gave the company a bonus to have its line built there. Details.

6. The Orient grade was completed between the Missouri Pacific and the Meridian line day before yesterday, and the graders are now working inside the city limits.

**Friday, December 2, 1904****page**

8. Article about the new town of Schulte, founded but a few weeks ago by Pete Schulte, from whom it derives this name. Details.

**Saturday, December 3, 1904****page**

5. Board of county commission have requested bids by January 7 for a new 313 foot pile bridge over the Little Arkansas river at 18th street.

**Monday, December 5, 1904****page**

6. L. S. Naftzger has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Highland Cemetery association to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. M. Allen. Appointment was made by Judge Thomas C. Wilson of the district court after petition presented by Finlay Ross, Coler Sim, and Charles Lawrence asking him to do so.

**Tuesday, December 6, 1904****page**

6. Several changes are to be made in street car service beginning tomorrow. The long-standing Topeka avenue-West Side service will be discontinued. Topeka avenue will be operated as a separate line with a ten minute service and cars running only from Main and Douglas to the loop on 14th street. This will be the only ten minute service except the

Main street line. ¶ The West Side and College Hill lines will be consolidated and operated as one line, with a 15 minute service. Four of the company's best cars will be placed on this line with four of the company's best motormen, including George Seward and Bert Duguid. ¶ Reason for change is growth in West Side making it impossible to maintain the ten minute service on that line and Topeka avenue. Another reason is that the small cars which have been running on the College Hill line were inadequate to handle the crowds on East Douglas avenue. ¶ By reason of the new arrangement, passengers will take the College Hill cars to Rutan avenue, where they will transfer to the Fairmount line. ¶ Riverside will be given a 20 minute service with cars leaving Main and Douglas on the hour. West Side-College Hill cars will leave Main and Douglas on the hour and Topeka avenue cars five minutes after the hour.

**Wednesday, December 7, 1904****page**

6. Report of death in Indianapolis, Indiana today of W. W. Johnston, Sr. one of the founders of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods Company, at age 83. Was visiting daughter in Indianapolis. Came to Wichita from Indianapolis in 1885 and continued in the Johnston-Larimer business until December 1900. Survived by wife, three sons and four daughters (named -- one daughter is Mrs. D. V. Walker).

**Thursday, December 8, 1904****page**

6. A couple of Orient Railroad engines are being repaired at the Wichita Manufacturing Company's building at corner of Wichita street and Central avenue. Engine 102 is enclosed in a temporary shed, but engine Number 7 is being repaired in the open.

**Friday, December 9, 1904****page**

3. Report of paper by J. R. Mead on his trip to the Saline River Country in 1859. Details. Given before the State Historical Society.

**Saturday, December 10, 1904****page**

8. Beginning January 1, Fellowship chapel, which has been under direction of Plymouth Congregational church, will have a pastor of its own. The congregation has called Rev. M. W. Wood, who has been pastor at Overbrook, Kansas for several years, and he has accepted.

**Monday, December 12, 1904****page**

7. President A. E. Stilwell of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad passed through Wichita last night with a party of stockholders and investors.

**Tuesday, December 13, 1904****page**

5. Long report of visit of President Stilwell and his party in Wichita last night on a special train of nine luxuriously appointed coaches. Details and a long list of guests in the party.

**Wednesday, December 14, 1904****page**

5. Henry C. Scott, president of the Wichita Light and Gas company, is in the city from St. Louis to consider plans for improvements to the plant. The manufacturing capacity is to be enlarged, and consideration is being given to furnishing gas to residents of College Hill. At present the gas mains extend east on Douglas only a short distance beyond the Frisco depot and on 1st street they go east to Cleveland, the farthest eastern point that is reached.

Report of annual meeting of Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

6. Henry Stunkle, of Peck, has purchased the three story brick building at 123-125 West Douglas, recently purchased by Houston, Texas capitalist R. S. Allen from W. F. Puckett. Cost was \$19,500. Occupied by Lee Hays saddlery and Lee Helena grocery store. Mr. Stunkle is owner of Baltimore hotel building, to which he has recently added a large annex, and other property in the city. He is a breeder of fine cattle.

**Friday, December 16, 1904****page**

3. M. W. Levy left yesterday to visit his family in New York City and attend the wedding of the only son of Sol Kohn, an early mayor of Wichita. He will return during the holidays.

**Saturday, December 17, 1904****page**

5. General Manager S. L. Nelson is now in Wichita and reports on company's plans for the street railway system for the coming year. Details. ¶ The company's new barn is now nearly completed and has been used for several days.
8. Article reports that a branch of the Simmons Hardware company, of St. Louis, will probably be located in Wichita. Details.

Oscar Barnes today announced plans to build a new five story office building at Douglas and Lawrence, in the spring. Details.

**Tuesday, December 20, 1904****page**

1. Mayor McLean issued an order last night to Chief of Police Burt to remove all the disreputable houses from Tremont street and the order was endorsed by vote of the city council. Details.
5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. The Orient Railroad will be instructed to remove the temporary shed it has built at corner of Wichita street and Central by May 1.

6. The 12 minute service now established on the College Hill-West Side street car line is giving satisfaction to the patrons. West Side people expressed dissatisfaction with the 15 minute service which was in operation last week.

**Thursday, December 22, 1904****page**

6. The first copies of the new city directory were delivered today. It is the 15th edition of the Wichita city directory. Details.

**Friday, December 23, 1904****page**

7. Report says Tremont street is practically deserted since the crackdown on its undesirable residents.

**Saturday, December 24, 1904****page**

5. Article about first Christmas celebration in Wichita 34 years ago.

**Tuesday, December 27, 1904****page**

5. Superintendent Morrison yesterday received letter from the company regarding improvements to be made in Wichita's street railway the coming year. The power capacity is to be nearly doubled. One hundred and twenty-five feet of ground has been purchased adjacent to the present power house to allow for the expansion. L. O. Williams, formerly of Wichita and now at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, has been chosen by Manager S. L. Nelson to superintend the improvements in the plant. ¶ Other possible improvements include extension of the Pattie and Cleveland lines and the building of a line to or near Mt. Carmel academy.

**Thursday, December 29, 1904****page**

5. Report of death of Wichita pioneer Captain J. C. Rutan at North Yakima, Washington, where he had gone last October for his health. Age 64? Came to Wichita in 1879 from Iowa City, Iowa and engaged in lumber business. Later he was with the Kansas Loan and Trust Company. Retired from active business some years ago and lived in retirement in the family home at corner of Rutan and Douglas. Survived by wife, one son and one daughter (named).

**Friday, December 30, 1904****page**

5. Report of an eloquent speech by Father Tihen in Kansas City. Details. ("Father Tihen Has Returned.")

**Saturday, December 31, 1904****page**

5. Report on building permits in Wichita in 1904 -- total is approximately \$750,000. Details.