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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1907 WICHITA BEACON

### Wichita Beacon

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1. Commodore S. L. Nelson, of Peoria, Illinois, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, arrived in the city over the Santa Fe early this morning. ¶ "It has been nearly four months since I was in Wichita: the longest time between visits since I became interested in the city about seven and a half years ago. I have not lost touch with affairs here, though, for I have heard from Wichita every day. I have read every issue of the two daily papers of this city since January 1900." ¶ The biggest improvement the company is contemplating at this time is the double track line to Wonderland park, which is now being built. "I think we will put in an electric switch at the point where the park line leaves the main line on West Douglas avenue. This will, I think, be the first thing of the kind in the state. It is a new device and seems to work admirably wherever it has been tried. It is an automatic device by which the motorman can switch his car to a line without stopping it. We may decide to put in two of these at the intersection of Douglas and Main also." ¶ "We expect to extend the Pattie and Cleveland avenue lines some this year."

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10. An attempt by several property owners living on North Lawrence avenue to obtain an injunction to prevent the paving of that street between 1st and 13th street failed in the district court yesterday, and last evening the city council let the contract for this paving to the Cleveland Trinidad Paving company for \$2.14 a square yard, plus grading at 43¢ a cubic yard and residence gutter at 34¢ per lineal foot. ¶ Those asking the injunction against the paving included J. O. Davidson, O. D. Barnes, J. G. Dorsey, A. H. Fabrique, C. H. Smyth, F. G. Smyth, et. al.

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5. The street car company is working on Waco avenue on its double track line to Wonderland park. High rails such as are used on paved streets are being put in, so there will have to be no change should the council decided to pave a block or two on North Waco. ¶ Work on the bridge has been delayed because of lack of material to complete it.

Most of the piles have been driven but a few more are needed, and also the stringers, which were ordered some time ago, have not yet been shipped from Louisiana owing to scarcity of cars.

Advertisement for the "Theatorium," 516 East Douglas, showing moving pictures, admission five cents.

6. Contract for the new home of the Wichita College of Music at 217 North Lawrence has been let to F. G. McCune for about \$14,000. It will be two stories, of brick and stone, 44 by 124 feet. Ceiling of the auditorium will be 25 feet high, and the stage will be 24 by 42 feet. H. J. Donahue, of 202 Cleveland avenue, a retired farmer from Sumner County, and father-in-law of Theodore Lindberg, conductor of the college, is having the building erected. It will probably be completed by some time in July.

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5. Article reports the production of Wichita's four flour mills during the past year totaled 433,000 barrels or 84,886,000 pounds, making approximately 1200 car loads of flour. A barrel of flour is worth approximately \$2.80, so the flour made in Wichita in 1906 was worth \$1,212,400. Production by mill was:
 

Watson mill	-	230,000 barrels
Red Star mill	-	83,000 barrels
Imperial mills	-	60,000 barrels
Howard mills	-	60,000 barrels

The Kansas Milling company has just begun work. It has a daily capacity of 1500 barrels. Added to the 1975 barrel capacity of the other four mills, this gives a total capacity of 3475 barrels per day.

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5. Report of a trip from Mexico City by A. C. Jobes with a group hosted by A. E. Stilwell, of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway. Details. Says Mr. Stilwell is Christian Scientist. Title "Holds Services on His Train."

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6. The last car of rails for the Wonderland park extension of the street car lines has arrived and the steel will soon be in place. This shipment was 21 days on the road from Illinois over the Rock Island. Three cars of bridge timber, which has been on the road from the mills in Louisiana, has not yet arrived. The workmen have been tearing up the pavement on West Douglas avenue, west of the Missouri Pacific track, to extend the double track to the bridge across the river.

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5. Twenty-five new Atlantic type passenger locomotives will be delivered to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe within the next month or six weeks and will be put in service on the eastern grand division. The Santa Fe has also lately ordered 57 new freight locomotives.
12. Improvements are being made at the Rock Island depot. The wooden floor has been torn up and a concrete base is being put in upon which a floor of white tile will be laid. The building will then be painted.

The Santa Fe has men at work putting down a brick walk twelve feet wide between the warehouse and passenger tracks, and extending from the south end of the freight depot to Douglas avenue.

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6. The dredge digging the drainage canal has been disabled several times lately but is now again at work and it is thought it will be at 9th street by tonight.

### **Wednesday, April 3, 1907**

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1. Report of results of city election yesterday. J. H. Graham was elected mayor over Dr. W. W. Minick by 6814 to 4915. Vote given by precinct. Also other offices reported. Bridge bonds for new bridge at site of Griffenstein bridge carried 4815 to 1831. Bridge bonds for bridge across drainage canal on East Douglas carried 3743 to 999.
10. Advertisement of American Hat Factory and Dye Works says they are now located in their own building at 115-117-119 North Emporia. Drawing of building.

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6. Directors of the Wichita Live Stock Exchange met yesterday and among other things discussed a proposal to have the street car line extended from the present loop at 21st street and Lawrence avenue to the stock yards.  
  
City council yesterday granted a franchise to J. O. Davidson, his successors and assigns, for maintenance and extension of an electric light and power system in this city. Details.
10. Lack of material continues to hinder work on the Orient Railroad bridge on Bayley street over the Arkansas river.

### **Friday, April 5, 1907**

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1. The Douglas avenue bridge bond proposal carried in the election Tuesday. County vote was 1949 to 175 against the bonds, but city vote was 5338 to 706 for the bonds, giving overall majority of 2858 for.

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5. Report of board of education meeting yesterday. Plans for a new high school building were submitted by architects. Specifications for a new school building between the rivers were read and the committee was instructed to hasten the work.
6. O. D. Barnes plans erection of a three story apartment building, brick, 46 by 88 feet. Building will contain 42 rooms, cost \$14,000, and be located at 3rd and Lawrence. Building permit issued yesterday.
7. Plans for the new Smyth block at Lawrence and Douglas have been received. To be 75 by 140 feet and six stories high, of reinforced concrete construction. Excavation for the basement is being done this week. The building will be occupied by the George Innes and Company department store.

**Monday, April 8, 1907****page**

1. Report of an excursion trip by the Wichita Automobile Club yesterday to Hutchinson and Newton. Forty men made the trip. Scott E. Winne's Stearn was the highest priced machine in the run, being a \$5300 car of 70 h.p. and capable of a speed of one mile in 57 seconds. It also has a new siren similar to the one now in operation on the Howard Mill and run by the fly wheel of the auto. ¶ Hutchinson was reached at 11:00 a.m. after a swift run of two hours 55 minutes. After lunch at the Santa Fe house the party left at 3:00 p.m. and arrived at Newton about 6:00 p.m. Supper was eaten at the Harvey House before the return to Wichita. Details.

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5. Report of death of Franklin Fay this morning at his residence at 1127 University avenue. He was a wealthy property owner who came to Lynn County, Kansas in 1859 and to Sedgwick County in 1884, and lived at Bayneville, where he owned several large tracts of land. Obituary.

Material has arrived for the joists of the second floor of the new central fire station, and they are being put in place today. In a day or two the masons will begin laying the walls of the second story.

6. Rock Island switch engine No. 155 was derailed this morning just south of Douglas avenue.

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5. C. R. Miller is preparing to build a two story buff brick building at corner of Mead and Douglas, 75 by 120 feet, adjoining the new Steffan building on the west and completing the solid block between Mead and Rock Island avenues on the south side of Douglas.

First floor will contain four longitudinal rooms and second floor will contain 35 rooms. Plans were completed yesterday by Architect Williams. Cost about \$25,000.

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5. Report of death of Dr. Nathan J. Morrison, president of Fairmount college, this morning at his home, 1547 Fairmount, of pneumonia after one week's illness, at age 78. Born November 25, 1828 in Franklin, New Hampshire and came to Wichita in 1895. Obituary. Survived by wife and two sons, Theodore H., librarian at Fairmount college, and Douglas P., an electrical engineer with the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad.

Three cars and the tender of Frisco train No. 308, pulled by engine No. 152, were derailed yesterday six miles west of Medora on southbound trip from Ellsworth. Traffic was delayed for eight hours. Details.

6. Management of the Theatorium has engaged the Davis sisters to sing at every performance there this week.
8. Full page advertisement for sale of lots in Winne's addition, with diagram. Extends two blocks east from Sycamore street (streets are Smyth avenue, and Winne avenue) and two and a half blocks south from Maple street (streets are Mentor street and University avenue).
9. Mayor-elect Graham intends to close the saloons as soon as he takes office next Monday. Details.

Article lists mayors of Wichita; in chronological order:

E. B. Allen--first mayor--elected spring of 1871  
 J. G. Hope  
 George E. Harris  
 William Griffenstein  
 Sol H. Kohn  
 B. W. Aldrich  
 J. P. Allen  
 George W. Clement  
 John B. Carey  
 L. M. Cox  
 Finlay Ross  
 B. F. McLean

Of all these, the following are deceased:

J. G. Hope  
 William Griffenstein  
 B. W. Aldrich  
 J. P. Allen  
 George W. Clement

John B. Carey

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6. Report of funeral of Dr. N. J. Morrison this morning at Fairmount College chapel. Details. Burial at Maple Grove.

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3. W. W. Pearce commenced work today on his three story building on South Topeka, which has been leased by P. Shoot, the furniture man.
5. Report of city council meeting yesterday with inauguration of Mayor Graham. Details. J. O. Davidson and associates accepted their new electric light and power franchise.

Office of O. G. Burrows, commercial agent for the Orient Railroad in this city, announced today that the Orient's offices, now located at 249 North Main, will be moved on or about May 1 to the Steffen building at southwest corner of Douglas and Rock Island avenues. They will occupy the entire second floor. A five year lease, has been secured on the building, which is in close proximity to the Frisco passenger and freight depots. ¶ For the present the Orient will use the Frisco passenger and freight depots, terminals, and roundhouse. The Orient right-of-way crosses the Arkansas river at Bayley street, then going east on Bayley it makes an abrupt turn at the corner of Lafayette and Bayley streets, joining the Frisco tracks at Gilbert street. The bridge over the Arkansas river is nearing completion, there being some delay owing to inability to get the necessary bridge timbers. The grading of the right-of-way from the river east to the junction with the Frisco tracks is finished.

6. Advertisement for the Southwestern Automobile Company, with temporary quarters at 118-120 South Lawrence, distributors of the Holsman automobile (drawings -- runabout \$700 and surrey \$800).

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3. Work on the new street car bridge for the Wonderland Park line has been suspended for a number of days. Preparations are being made to complete this line as quickly as possible.

The Stock Yards State bank was granted a charter yesterday, with capitalization of \$10,000. It will be temporarily located near 18th street until their two story brick building on corner of 18th and Lawrence is erected. Directors listed.

6. The new firehouse at 2nd and Hillside has been completed except for a few minor details.

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6. Article says Frisco Railroad plans improvements in Wichita because of increased business in this area. Even now the round house and car repair shops here are said to be the most complete this side of Sherman, Texas, but plans are being made for an eighteen stall roundhouse just south of Kellogg street, increased yards, new repair tracks, coal chutes, sand pits, larger car and carpenter shops, and better and more extensive terminal facilities. ¶ The Frisco round house here also takes care of the Rock Island switch engines and the equipment of the Rock Island's Wichita to Dalhart train. ¶ The Orient will probably use the new round house jointly with the Frisco. ¶ The new round house will be built around and over the old one just south of Kellogg street. Among the new features will be an automatic coal chute of sixteen pockets, larger and better water facilities, air compressors, and a 75 foot circle ball bearing turn table operated by an air motor. The blacksmith, carpenter, engineer's, and car shops will be enlarged.
7. The dredge digging the drainage canal has reached Murdock avenue. It will soon be necessary to plow through the Frisco track, and men are constructing a temporary track below the bridge now in use. This detour will cross the line of the canal far enough below the bridge to permit the dredge and boat to pass the permanent track, after which the bridge will be reconstructed and the temporary track torn out.

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6. Four of the places on East Douglas formerly occupied by saloons are to be fitted up as restaurants. Long article gives names and locations.
16. Excavation is completed and work will start tomorrow on the foundation for the new building for the Innes store.

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5. The new city directory is now on the press and contains 18,832 names, indication a population when multiplied by two and a half of about 47,000.
6. The corner stone of the First Universalist church, at corner of Market and Kellogg, is to be laid tomorrow. To be brick, 36 by 53 feet, and cost about \$5000. The church was started here in 1901, and services have been held in the Ancient Order of United Workers hall (125 South Main). Rev. G. A. King is pastor.

**Monday, April 22, 1907****page**

1. H. Almert, an expert electrical engineer, is in the city for the purpose of installing the new electrical apparatus for the old Wichita Gas, Electric Light, and Power company, now owned and controlled by J. O. Davidson and others. Mr. Davidson has returned from Chicago, where he purchased nearly \$100,000 worth of necessary machinery and equipment for the plant. It will take about four months to rebuild the plant and make the necessary changes and extensions in the wiring of the city, Mr. Davidson said today. The

engine and boiler house will be rebuilt, but on the foundation of the present building. A new boiler is to be put in and a new 400 kilowatt machine will also be among the improvements. Until completed, things will be lively about the big plant on 1st street.

5. Corner stone of First Universalist church at Market and Kellogg was laid yesterday. Details.
6. Work was started this morning on the double track crossings of the Missouri Pacific tracks on Waco avenue and the spur on Douglas avenue for the new Wonderland Park street railway line. Work on the bridge is progressing rapidly as is work on the grade from Waco avenue to the bridge. In addition to the electric switch at Waco and Douglas, three others are to be installed soon, at Topeka and Douglas, at Emporia and Douglas, and at Central and Main.

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5. Workmen started laying brick this morning on the fourth story of the Boston store building.
6. Messrs. Bartlett and McGee are fitting up the room at 504 East Douglas, formerly occupied by a saloon, for an amusement parlor and moving picture show. ¶ The same parties were also granted permission by the council to erect an airdome theater at the southwest corner of Lawrence and William. It will be 50 by 150 feet with a stage 24 feet wide and eighteen feet deep. The opening of the stage will be twelve feet high and sixteen feet wide. Entire cost of building and scenery will be \$3500 and the opening will be May 15.

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6. O. G. Burrows, commercial agent for the Orient Railroad, returned yesterday from Kansas City and says that work on the Arkansas river bridge was suspended several weeks ago because of shortage of material, but several carloads of bridge timber will be on the track in Wichita within the next few days, and work will be resumed with completion expected in two weeks. The track on Bayley street will probably be laid in the next two or three weeks. ¶ Assistant Right-of-Way Agent M. A. Denny, of this city, is today superintending the condemnation of property at the southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley avenues, which will probably be the site of a freight depot to be erected some time by the Orient.

Report of laying of corner stone of the \$150,000 addition to the Masonic Temple at noon today. Details.

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6. The new Stockyards State bank will open for business about May 10 at 1913 North Lawrence avenue. Directors and officers listed. Garrison Scott is president, and is also

a county commissioner. C. D. Darrigrand, vice-president, is superintendent of the Dold Packing plant in Wichita.

12. Fellowship Congregational Church was last night welcomed to the body of Congregational churches. It is located at corner of Kellogg and Pattie and was started in May 1904 as a mission Sunday school of Plymouth church. In 1905 M. W. Woods came to the church and started church services. It has grown and prospered so that Plymouth church, of which it had been a branch, decided to make it a separate church. At present the church has 124 names on the membership roll. ¶ The church building is largely the result of the philanthropy of H. W. Darling, of Plymouth church.

### **Monday, April 29, 1907**

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6. Last night the joint Orient-Frisco passenger and freight depot at Custer City, Oklahoma, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The one story frame building, 24 by 120 feet was owned by the Frisco Railroad but used jointly by both roads.

Tomorrow the offices of the Orient railway, now in the Stites building at 204 North Main, will commence to move into their new quarters in the Steffan building, 811-813 East Douglas.

10. Interesting description by L. M. Glass, of Muncie, Indiana, who lived in Wichita during the boom and left after the collapse, of the way the city looked when he returned about three years later during the 90s. "Same Lively City."

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5. "The closing of the saloons has had its effect upon the red light district on Tremont street. Fully two-thirds of the houses are vacant and those that are occupied are very quiet compared to the days before Mayor Graham was elected."

The Wichita Children's Home will celebrate its nineteenth anniversary next month. It was opened May 1, 1888. In 1902 the building was enlarged. Details.

6. The dredge which is digging the Wichita drainage canal dug through the Frisco grade Saturday night and is now within about 600 feet of Central avenue. ¶ By 11 o'clock Sunday a new bridge had been built and trains aware running regularly.
10. Report of a chamber of commerce committee on the need for a new high school building in Wichita. Details. School is now overcrowded with enrollment of 621, necessitating dividing the school into two sections per day.

Excavation started this morning for paving of the alley just north of the federal building.

Rock Island engines Nos. 1524 and 718 went north today in a freight train to the shops

at Herington.

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6. The Yale theater at 504 East Douglas will open Wednesday evening. Seating capacity 350. Admission five cents. Details. Program listed.

The Frisco is putting in new bumpers at the end of its switches just east of the freight depot. A pile driver is driving eighteen foot piles down level with the ground for a foundation on which to place the bumper buttresses.

10. Article reports the reorganization of the Johnston and Larimer Dry Goods company at a meeting of the board of directors this morning. W. E. Jett, of Jett and Wood wholesale grocers, is the newly elected president, replacing O. P. Taylor. New board of directors listed. Details.

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5. Comments by M. R. Diver, owner of land north of Douglas between Waco and Arkansas river, complaining about city giving some of his property to street car company for their new line. Details.

6. Track layers for the street car company began laying track this morning from Waco avenue to the new bridge across the Arkansas river. J. W. Burton, who has a sand dredge on the river at this point, has been at work more than a week pumping sand for the necessary fill for the track, and this work was completed yesterday.

Report of death this morning of old settler in Wichita, H. D. Heiserman, at his home on the West Side, at age 59, from Bright's disease. Born November 28, 1847 in Pennsylvania and moved to a farm near Mt. Hope in 1870. He was elected register of deeds in boom days and moved to the city. He was married twice and is survived by his wife and four step-children. Home is at 707 Robert avenue.

7. Real estate sale: Keene Syndicate to Harry Wall April 11 for \$6000: Commencing southwest corner Section 13 Township 27 Range 1 West, north 1915 feet, east 1680 feet, south 1505 feet, east 300 feet, south 660 feet, west 1440 feet to begin (distances not distinct).

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3. Board of education are impatiently awaiting the outcome of the suit brought against the board by Mrs. Sallie Rowles because of the board's separate school order. Details.

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6. The brick building at 201-211 Rock Island avenue, formerly owned and occupied by the Hockaday Hardware company and later bought by the Morton-Simmons Hardware company, will be occupied by the Arctic Ice and Refrigerating company. It is three stories, 121 by 116 feet. The company will remodel the building for cold storage purposes, and will build on a 91 foot brick addition adjoining the building on the south. The company expects to be in operation on or before July 1. Details.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway has purchased the property on the east side of Mosley avenue and south of Douglas avenue as a probable site for a new freight depot. The tract formerly belonged to Emil Werner and consists of thirteen lots, two of them facing on Douglas avenue and the remainder on Mosley avenue. The main body is 140 by 275 feet, with an arm 50 by 140 feet extending to Douglas avenue. The price paid to Mr. Werner was \$26,500, and the deed was recorded yesterday (in the name of H. E. Braemer, but really for the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway).

The Hockaday Paint company will open a retail paint store at 221 East Douglas about June 1. Details.

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6. South Main street car No. 136 split the switch in front of the city hall this morning, blocking the line for half an hour. The car was pulled back on the track by another car.

The building in the second block on North Main formerly occupied by the "Have-a-Look" theater, has been refitted and will be occupied by another moving picture show to be called the "Novelty."

Miss Oakley Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davidson, is seriously ill with scarlet fever at her home in Riverside.

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10. Southbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 17, which passed through Wichita at 6:30 a.m. today, was pulled by engine No. 1433, which is one of the Santa Fe's new 1400 Atlantic type. Three have been received from the Baldwin Locomotive works and three more are en route. Four of these will be used south of Arkansas City, and two between Newton and Arkansas City, including No. 1433, which will pull trains 17 and 18 between Arkansas City and Newton.

Police have issued edict that all disorderly houses on Tremont street will be closed by the next Saturday night.

Excavation started this morning for the new Murdock-Caldwell building at 111-113 East Douglas.

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3. The Morton-Simmons Hardware company has put up a large sign over its warehouse at corner of 1st and Mosley.

The Winne addition on the West Side is being graded, and dirt is being used to fill the ravine which runs through the tract.

Three new Waverly electric automobiles have made their appearance on the streets. The Wichita Automobile company is agent for Waverly.

6. The Wichita trade excursion train trip will leave Monday over the Rock Island.
12. Wonderland Park was opened for the season this afternoon.

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5. Six carloads of bridge timbers for the street car bridge to Wonderland Park have finally arrived. They should have been here four months ago, having been billed out by the firm in Arkansas supplying them, on November 9, 1906, but got lost en route and were only recently located on a siding 25 miles from the plant in Arkansas.
8. Advertisements for the Bon Ton Theater, 311 East Douglas, and the new Olympic theater, near corner of Main and Douglas.

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5. F. J. Easley, division superintendent of the middle division of the Santa Fe, is in the city in his car and said the company will build a new round house, of cement stone, in Wichita this year.
10. The sixth and latest five cent theater will open this evening. It is the Bon-Ton, at 311 East Douglas.

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5. Report of board of education meeting yesterday which awarded Architect C. W. Terry \$100 for the plans thought most suitable for a new high school building. These are only rough plans from which the board can advertise the building which it wishes to erect.
7. Bricklayers started work on the fifth story of the Boston store yesterday.

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3. Report on construction progress on major buildings in Wichita. Excavation nearly

completed for YMCA building at 1st and Emporia. Working on first story of new Eagle building. Building at Lawrence and William to be occupied by Domestic Steam Laundry is nearing completion. L. Hays building on West William street is finished on exterior.

5. Report of death at 11:45 p.m. yesterday of Mrs. Burton H. Campbell at her home in Riverside, at age 59. Was born in New York City on November 26, 1847 and married Burton H. Campbell there on June 16 (?), 1867 at age nineteen. They came to Wichita in 1881. Survived by husband, age 78, a daughter, Miss Eleanor C. Campbell, and a son, Robert. Another son, Charles B., was killed four years ago by a fall on their ranch in Meade County. Obituary.

Report of incident of round house yesterday causing minor damage to Frisco switch engine No. 3608.

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2. The new white tile floor at the Rock Island passenger depot here has just been completed. The depot is now being painted inside and out. Five colors are being used on the interior -- the border is of russet, the ceiling sky blue, the side walls old ivory, the wainscoting quaker gray, and the moulding old Oriental. Exterior brick work is being painted red, with green and black trimmings for the doors and windows. Improvements are costing total of approximately \$10,000.

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5. The Santa Fe expects to handle 1500 persons from Wichita to Hutchinson tomorrow for the ball game and will run its train in two sections of ten cars each.

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6. Sarcastic commentary on antiquity of Wichita's street cars with photograph of Car No. 104 supposedly taken in front of Egyptian pyramids and another recent photograph of some car on Fairmount line, with "'home-made' fender" made of gas pipe and rope." "Where They Originated"

In a week the Wonderland Park car line will be entirely finished and connected with the College Hill line. ¶ The West Side line will be connected with South Emporia.

7. L. W. Clapp is remodeling the Fletcher block and fitting it up in modern flats.

Article reports Frisco round house and repair shops at Kellogg street repair not only the Frisco's equipment but also the Rock Island cars and engines. Foreman George W. Howell stated that apprentice machinist helpers earns \$1.00 a day the first year, \$1.20 the second year, \$1.50 the third year, and \$2.30 the fourth year.

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5. Drawing of Architect C. W. Terry's sketch for a proposed new high school building. (Nothing like the building eventually built.)

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5. Street cars were delayed some yesterday afternoon at Topeka and Douglas, as an electric switch was being put in at that point.

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5. Report of high school commencement exercises yesterday at Toler auditorium. Sixty-nine graduates. Details.

A visitor to Wichita wanted to visit Fairmount college and Riverside park and asked a passerby what time he could catch a street car to these places. The pedestrian replied: "Cars go to Riverside every other day and to Fairmount on Tuesdays and Fridays."

6. The dredge digging the drainage canal has broken down again. It is now near 2nd street.

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5. The Orient Railroad bridge on Bayley street will be completed in about four days. Last evening there were but 85 piles to be driven to complete the 600 foot bridge which was begun many weeks ago.

Real estate sales: Keene Syndicate to William H. McCune on April 30 for \$200: Lots 50 and 52, Litchfield avenue, Riverside addition.

**Saturday, May 25, 1907****page**

5. Commodore S. L. Nelson, general manager of the Wichita Street Railway company, arrival here from Peoria, Illinois last night to inspect the lines here and service, which *Beacon* has lately criticized.

Interview with Colonel H. W. Lewis, who is also critical of Wichita's street car service and supports the *Beacon's* recent complaints about same.

**Monday, May 27, 1907****page**

6. Workmen today began excavation for the North Lawrence avenue pavement, starting at 2nd and Lawrence, which is the northern limit of the brick pavement that is to be put in. North of this the pavement will be asphalt for a distance of eleven blocks (to 13th street).

9. Report of annual meeting of Wichita Children's Home. Details.

**Tuesday, May 28, 1907****page**

5. The last bent of piling for the Orient Railroad bridge across the Arkansas river was driven yesterday afternoon. Work on the bridge was begun three months ago last Saturday. The stringers of the bridge are yet to be put on. It is expected that track laying on Bayley street will begin next week.

6. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

Article about plans to build additions to the Cudahy Packing company plant. Details.

Directors of Chamber of Commerce today appointed a committee to consider a consolidation of that body with the Commercial club.

Judge D. M. Dale has sold his fine Arkansas river bottom wheat farm three miles east of Maize to F. W. Breckhauser for \$12,000. Deed was filed at court house today.

Advertisement for the J. J. Jones Auto Exchange, at 517-519 West Douglas. "We exchange first class autos for real estate."

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5. The dredge working on the new drainage canal is within 250 feet of Douglas avenue.
8. Article about open house at Children's Home yesterday. Details.

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5. Interview with Clyde M. Reed of the government mail service; "I heartily endorse the attitude *The Beacon* is taking on the subject of the street railway service. I travel extensively and visit many towns and cities. I do not know of a town of 40,000 people that has as bad a street railway service as Wichita. The Wichita Street Railway company has simply failed to keep pace with the magnificent growth of Wichita."
6. The Domestic steam laundry moved today from its location on South Main to its new quarters in the Minnich building at corner of Lawrence and William.  
  
I. W. Gill has purchased a lot on the corner of Douglas and Walnut, on the West Side, 26½ by 125 feet, from G. T. Riley, a druggist, and plans to erect there a two story brick building where he will establish a branch undertaking establishment.
8. Work on the drainage canal has been stopped until a temporary bridge can be built across the ditch at 1st street. The dredge is now near the Douglas avenue bridge. When it begins

work again it will be necessary to tear out the bridge across Chisholm creek. The street car company will arrange to leave three cars on the east side of the canal and will build a temporary foot bridge across the canal over which its passengers can walk in transferring from one car to the other.

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6. The street car service showed an improved feature at the Wonderland line yesterday. A colored man stood at the intersection of the Wonderland and West Side switches and turned the track frog with a stick, thereby saving the time of the passengers and the muscles of the motormen. The *Beacon* is glad to make mention of this enterprising innovation on the part of the street car company. They are certainly making headway in keeping Commodore Nelson's promise that the service should be improved.

The street railway service direct to the entrance of Wonderland park has proven a great convenience to the public. The cars last night were crowded to the guards with a mass of humanity bent on seeking recreation and pleasure.

8. Drawing of street car (open) loaded with people including few on roof (on way to ball park) -- "A street car trip Commodore Nelson would have enjoyed to Association park yesterday."

The Street Railway company is putting in a new "frog" at the switch opposite the city hall on Main street.

9. Advertisement for grand opening of the Majestic theater, 410 East Douglas, on Wednesday, June 5. Admission five cents.
12. Article says the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company plans to put its telephone wires underground in the central part of the city and remove its poles from the streets. Details.

### Tuesday, June 4, 1907

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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday. Councilman Paugh complained about the inadequate street car service. Details.
10. Superintendent Morrison is working on a new schedule of runs for the men in the street railway company's service which will add two more hours to the cars' daily schedule. When it goes into effect the men will have to go to work at 5:00 a.m. and work one hour later at night. ¶ This means people can take cars to the depots one hour early for early morning trains, and the last cars will leave Main and Douglas at 12:30 a.m. instead of 11:30 p.m. as at present. It is expected that this change will be made within the next two weeks.

City assessor Balderston reports Wichita's population at 36,898, a gain of 1357 from

35,541 last year. Population listed by ward.

The Wichita State Bank will move from the corner of Douglas and Washington to the new Steffan block corner of Douglas and Rock Island, commencing Wednesday, June 5.

### **Wednesday, June 5, 1907**

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5. Board of education yesterday passed resolution asking the mayor to call a special election to vote on issuing \$150,000 in bonds for erection of a new high school. Details.
6. Among the charters issued at Topeka today were the College Hill United Presbyterian Church, in Wichita.

Advertisement: "Souvenir Post Cards Free. To introduce a new line of Souvenir Post Cards we'll send you a package free. They will not cost you one cent. Address Box 1131, Wichita, Kansas. This advertisement must accompany your letter."

10. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company started this morning on 2nd street the work of removing their wires from poles in the business section of the city and placing them in underground conduits. If there is no delay, these wires should all be underground in 60 days.

Members of First Presbyterian church will meet Thursday to discuss the building of a new church.

### **Thursday, June 6, 1907**

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5. The city council is preparing an ordinance which will require owners of automobiles in Wichita to procure a license and pay for it. It provides that every automobile in the city shall be numbered, the numbers to be uniform in style and furnished by the city. There are now said to be over 150 autos owned in this city.
6. A temporary bridge has about been completed across the canal at 1st street, which will allow the dredge to continue across Douglas avenue.

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5. Work has started already on the finishing of the south wing of the main floor of Friends University, which will give five additional rooms next year.

The Rock Island has made agreement with the Frisco to turn the Rock Island's big new engines on the Frisco's "Y" at Murdock avenue. The Rock Island has no turn table in this city and the heavy new Rock Island 1660 and 1800 type engines weighing 169,000 pounds on the drivers are too long and heavy to reverse on the Frisco turn table at Gilbert street. Hence the only solution is to lay a short track from the Rock Island to the Frisco tracks

at the "Y" at Murdock avenue and turn the engines at this point.

6. The Orient railway bridge across the Arkansas river at Bayley street was completed yesterday. Laying of the track east of the river from the bridge to the junction with the Frisco at Gilbert street is expected to start Saturday or Monday. It has taken just three months to build the bridge across the Arkansas.
8. A temporary change in street car service on some of the lines was made last evening. The South Main street cars run to Riverside park now and still have a ten minute service. ¶ The Chisholm creek dredge is working at Douglas avenue and the bridge there is out -- the dredge was used to pull the piles of the old bridge yesterday. Passengers to College Hill and Fairmount transfer and cross the creek on a footbridge. Three cars on the west end and two on the east give a twelve minute service. ¶ The West Side cars are now being run through on the Emporia avenue line, with a fifteen minute service. ¶ The piles for the temporary bridge at Douglas avenue will be driven tomorrow and the cars will run through to the Hill soon.

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6. Advertisement for the Air Dome play house, corner of Emporia and William. Prices 10¢ and 20¢.
12. Article lists the 46 Wichitans who acknowledged ownership of an automobile to the city assessor.

### **Monday, June 10, 1907**

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4. Change in street car schedules effective today with first cars leaving approximately 5:45 to 6:00 a.m. and last cars leaving Main and Douglas at midnight. Details.
6. Commencing this morning a new street car schedule went into effect for the summer. The first cars will leave for the Stock yards at 5:44, for College Hill at 5:48, for South Main at 5:50, and for the West Side and Emporia avenue at 6:00. ¶ Hereafter until further notice cars will leave the corner of Main and Douglas every night at 12 o'clock, connecting with the cars from Wonderland park. ¶ The College Hill cars will run direct to Wonderland park without change during the summer, maintaining a ten minute schedule. The South Main and Riverside cars will also give a ten minute service and the West Side and Emporia avenue cars will run on a twelve minute schedule.
8. Report of sudden death of old Wichita Settler, Enoch Dodge, Saturday evening at his home at 1328 West 1st street, age 65 (other copy says 69). Born February 9, 1842 and came to Wichita in February 1890 and settled on a farm including the quarter section west of Seneca and north of 1st street. He was married in Wichita in 1877 and is survived also by three sons, Arthur, Lee and Ray, and two daughters, Faye and Goldie; also by a brother, A. E. Dodge, of 247 North Waco, and a brother and two sisters in Chicago.

Contract has been let to electric company by merchants in first block on North Main to brightly light the street in that block. It is to be called the "Great White Way," and the idea was started some time ago by G. T. Nolley.

The Orient railway is laying track east of the bridge, on Bayley street. Ties are laid to the corner of Bayley and Main.

A carload of stone having arrived from the quarries at Eldorado, work was resumed this morning on the new central fire station.

Proclamation of special election on June 5, 1907 to vote on issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for building of a new high school.

### **Tuesday, June 11, 1907**

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6. Work started this afternoon on the first concrete bridge in Wichita, which is being built across the drainage canal at 17th street. To be built by the Topeka Bridge company, of reinforced concrete, eighteen feet wide roadway and 36 feet long. A similar bridge over the canal will be started at 13th street next week.
  
10. It is expected that the street car bridge across the drainage canal at Douglas will be completed today so that cars can pass over it this evening or early tomorrow.

The Rock Island Railroad company served an injunction today on the Wichita Street Railway company, restraining the latter from putting a second track across the Rock Island tracks on East Douglas avenue. The effect will be to prevent the street railway company from putting in the second track, which it is extending on Douglas avenue. A hearing on the injunction suit is set for June 17.

### **Wednesday, June 12, 1907**

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5. Work on the street car bridge across the drainage canal was delayed and could not be finished yesterday, but Superintendent Morrison said today it would probably be completed this evening.  
  
Work has commenced on the foundation for the new Stewart and Burns building, just south of the Firebaugh block on North Market street.
  
10. Report of twentieth annual commencement exercises of Mt. Carmel academy this morning. Details.

### **Thursday, June 13, 1907**

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5. List of buildings under construction on West Side. Includes two eight room additions to Kansas Masonic Home, costing \$6000.

8. The temporary street car bridge across the drainage canal was completed last evening and the cars are now running through to the loop from the corner of Main and Douglas.

**Friday, June 14, 1907****page**

5. Report of meeting of First Presbyterian church last night to discuss building of a new \$25,000 church building. Details. Some history of the church in Wichita. There have been two buildings prior to the present one, the first, built in 1869, was a log house and was used for union services. It was the only church in town at that time except the Episcopal church. The next church, built two years later, is now located on Main street across from the court house and is used for a colored hotel. The corner stone of the present church was laid July 4, 1876.

Work has started on the walls of the last story of the Boston store building.

9. Men are at work rebuilding the Wichita Electric Power plant in first block north of Douglas between Wichita street and Waco, preparing for the new machinery which is now on the road. The power house building is being reconstructed and the roof raised ten feet. New pits are being built for engines and boiler. There will be one 750 h.p. turbine engine, the first one installed in Wichita, one electric generator for the same, and one 750 h.p. Sterling boiler. The company expects to have the plant in shape to commence the 24 hour service before the 1st of July.
12. Street railway company today filed a reply in district court to the Rock Island injunction suit against building of a second street car track across the Rock Island tracks on Douglas. Details.

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12. The Orient track layers have reached the crossing of the South Emporia avenue street car line on Bayley street and are waiting for the street car company to move its loop so a crossing can be effected. This will probably be done in the next few days after which the Orient will lay its track from Emporia to the junction with the Frisco track near Gilbert street. Then Orient trains can run into the Frisco depot.

**Tuesday, June 18, 1907****page**

3. P. J. Conklin and Son, who formerly occupied offices at 108 North Market, have moved to 107 South Main and reorganized as the P. J. Conklin Loan Company. Details.
5. Report of death yesterday at his home, 421 North Lawrence, of Daniel Heaton, a "millionaire" wealthy land owner, who moved here four years ago and owned 27 sections of land in western Kansas, etc. Details and obituary.
6. The Orient Railroad has put in a "Y" at the company's roundhouse in southwest Wichita

three quarters of a mile west of the bridge on Bayley street. The rear of the "Y" is 600 feet long. The Y will be used to turn trains. ¶ The company expects to begin work on its freight depot at the southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley about July 15 and expects to complete it about August 15. They will have a joint passenger agent with the Frisco but will maintain a separate freight office and agent.

Report of city council meeting yesterday.

### **Wednesday, June 19, 1907**

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6. The injunction suit of the Rock Island Railroad against the street railway company was settled out of court Monday, and work is under way today by both companies to get the tracks ready for new double street car track.

Wonderland park band toured the entire street car system today. The people of Wichita will be treated to one or two trolley car band concerts weekly during the summer.

Wonderland Park is now brilliantly lighted every night since receiving its electric current by special cable direct from the power plant of the Wichita street railway.

The Yale moving picture show, 504 East Douglas, has closed temporarily.

### **Thursday, June 20, 1907**

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5. New hose house No. 5, at 2nd and Hillside, is being gotten ready for occupancy. The stalls are being built for the horses, and electrical equipment put in. ¶ The combustion fire wagon, similar to that in use at hose house No. 4 on the West Side, is now on its way from the factory in the east.

Article lists new buildings under construction in the first two blocks south of Douglas between the Arkansas river and Santa Fe tracks.

### **Saturday, June 22, 1907**

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5. The "Great White Way" in the first block on North Main should be in operation by the first of July. Arc lamps of the same power as those used for street lighting will be located every 25 feet on both sides of Main from Douglas to 1st street. There will be 44 lights, 22 on each side of the street.

### **Tuesday, June 25, 1907**

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5. The Rock Island Lumber company has bought a site on William street near Wichita street for its new sash and door factory. Details.

### **Wednesday, June 26, 1907**

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5. Frisco switch engine No. 3644 became disabled yesterday and was sent to the shops at Springfield today for repairs. This "Billy Goat" is the engine which killed five men in the yards at Springfield, Missouri, six years ago. Road engine No. 232 will do the switching while 3644 is in the shops.

**Thursday, June 27, 1907****page**

5. Schuyler Jones new shoe store at 220 East Douglas was formally opened last night. Details.

No more can it be said that the home-made fender on the old Fairmount car which plies between the College Hill and Fairmount college is useless. Last evening along Rutan avenue it struck a dog, which survived, leading the motormen to say: "another life saved by the Wichita Street Car company's new fender."

**Friday, June 28, 1907****page**

5. The Wichita State Bank will be open at its new location, corner of Douglas and Rock Island, on Monday, July 1st.
  
12. The Orient Railroad has reached agreement with the Wichita street railway company on removal of the street car loop at Emporia and Bayley, probably beginning after the crowds are accommodated on July 4. ¶ The street car line will be extended one block south to Zimmerly street. Instead of a circular loop as is now in use in Wichita on the other lines, what is known as a "Y" will be installed. A car going south on Emporia to the end of the line will turn west about 50 feet, then back up east about 50 feet, and then turn forward onto the main track. This is said to have an advantage in safety. There is not so much danger of the car leaving the rails and the Y track is easier to keep up.

The fire wagon which is to be used at the new College Hill fire station No. 5 has arrived here. It is the ordinary size hose cart, marked W.F.D. No. 5.

The new Missouri Pacific roundhouse north of the city is fast nearing completion. It is a nineteen stall concern although six stalls are to be used for the present as machine shops.

The old stone steps in front of the Kansas National Bank building at northwest corner of Main and Douglas are no more. Workmen today started to tear them out. The bank will enlarge the doorway and put a modern front in.

**Wednesday, July 3, 1907****page**

5. The foundation of the new YMCA building is being laid. Article gives detailed description of building.

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6. Report of formal opening of the "Great White Way" in first block of North Main street Saturday evening. Details.

**Wednesday, July 10, 1907****page**

6. Work is in progress on the rooms on the third floor of the city building which are to be occupied by the public library. Details.

**Thursday, July 11, 1907****page**

5. William Solomon of the Wichita Railroad and Light company left yesterday for Missouri, where he will superintend the loading of 30 cars of ties (totaling 10,000 ties) for use by the company in Wichita. They are to be used in the North Topeka and East Douglas avenue double tracks. ¶ Mr. Morrison, superintendent, received a letter from the American Car Works at St. Louis, yesterday in which July 25 was set as the date upon which the four new summer cars ordered last winter will be shipped. These cars were to have been shipped June 1, but the car company later said it could not meet that date. Later it was said they would be completed by July 15, but now they have asked for another extension of the time. ¶ They have a seating capacity of 50. Four other closed cars have been ordered to be delivered by the first of November.

Corner stone was laid yesterday for the new Harry Street Methodist church. Details.

Thirty car loads of ties, or 10,000 ties, are being loaded in Missouri for shipment to Wichita to be used in the North Topeka and East Douglas double tracks.

10. An Orient train loaded with ties and rails arrived in the city today and men were put to work on the track in the south part of the city between Main and Gilbert streets.

**Friday, July 12, 1907****page**

5. The short track from the Rock Island to the Frisco tracks at Murdock avenue has been completed and will now make it possible to turn the heavy Rock Island engines here, which are too long to be accommodated on the Frisco turntable. The Rock Island has no turntable in this city. This connection to the Frisco "Y" can also be used to turn the Wichita to Dohart train of the Rock Island.

**Saturday, July 13, 1907****page**

5. Article about the large amount of sand pumped from the Arkansas river each year for building purposes. This has been going on for the past ten years, and about 6240 cars or 240,000 tons of sand are shipped from Wichita every year.

7. The new eighteen stall roundhouse, turntable, and most of the terminal facilities of the Missouri Pacific northeast of the city are completed, but inability to get sand and material to complete the switch tracks from the main line to the roundhouse will delay their use for several weeks.
  
10. J. A. Wolfe, of the Wolfe Stock company, has leased the Toler auditorium and will put in over \$2000 worth of improvements immediately. He will raise the first floor from the front to the rear. Ten private boxes will be built, a new false ceiling, and large portieres will be put in on the second floor. The entire interior will be redecorated and the exterior painted.

**Monday, July 15, 1907****page**

5. Article says work will start on an electric interurban railway line between Wichita and Hutchinson before the end of 1908, according to promoters M. M. Stafford, of Chicago, and F. E. Crawford, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who were in the city Saturday. Details.

The Orient is now engaged in strengthening and lining up the track already laid on Bayley street from the bridge to Emporia avenue. When this is done they will proceed to complete the rest of the track to the junction with the Frisco at Gilbert street. The frogs and rails for the crossing of the street railway line at Bayley and Emporia have been received. ¶ The old buildings are being removed from the Orient's freight depot site at southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley.

**Tuesday, July 16, 1907****page**

6. Report of death last evening of Charles A. Schnitzler, who was brought to Wichita from Germany in 1873 by his uncle, Fritz Schnitzler, at his home at 609 South Lawrence. Obituary.

**Wednesday, July 17, 1907****page**

5. Work is being rushed on the new Missouri Pacific roundhouse and terminal facilities. Seven of the eighteen tracks leading from the main line are completed and ready for use. The cinder pit is complete and can be used next week. Work on the water testing plant should be finished by the last of the week.

Report of first trip yesterday afternoon by a party of Missouri Pacific officials from Wichita to Hutchinson in Superintendent Webb's new-gasoline electric car No. 1. About ten persons made the trip (listed). The car ran smoothly at a speed of 25 m.p.h. Details.

6. The street car company is going ahead with the building of a "Y" on Zimmerly street. It would have been completed today except for the rain. Superintendent Morrison said today that the "Y" would only be a temporary arrangement, as the company was not certain just how far it would extend the South Emporia line until some of its representatives could

come here and see for themselves.

**Thursday, July 18, 1907****page**

6. Report of a trolley party last evening for the postal clerks, their wives, and families. Two cars were used, brilliantly lighted, and visited Riverside, Fairmount, Topeka avenue, North Main, and the West Side.

**Friday, July 19, 1907****page**

12. A two story brick building is to be erected in first block of North Market across from the Chamber of Commerce by Mrs. Nellie Rothwell and Mr. W. S. Brown.

**Saturday, July 20, 1907****page**

6. A new list of the employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light company was made yesterday, and there are now 51 regularly appointed motormen wearing badges, and 47 conductors. Several changes in badge numbers were occasioned by the resignation of a few men during the past few months.

**Monday, July 22, 1907****page**

10. It is understood that a new and larger street railway company may be organized for Wichita this fall. It is also believed that Commodore Nelson, the present general manger of the Wichita Street Railway company, will not be a member of the new organization. The *Beacon* has not been able to obtain accurate information on the new deal but it is now satisfied that a new company is to be formed and that it will mean a larger and better service for Wichita.

**Thursday, July 25, 1907****page**

- . In the past 60 days 33 automobiles have been sold to persons living in Wichita (names listed, including Judge D. M. Dale) by Wichita's two local firms, the Wichita Automobile company and the Wilson Automobile company. Makes of machines sold were Rambler, Buick, Reo, Northern, Victoria Electric, Pope Waverly Electric, Maxwell, Peerless, and Stearns.

**Friday, July 26, 1907****page**

16. Building permit granted today for the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway's new freight depot, to be built on East Douglas just east of the Frisco depot. To be brick, 30 by 137 feet, with side walls sixteen feet high, and will cost \$10,000.

**Monday, July 29, 1907****page**

2. Note datelined Guthrie, Oklahoma, saying that Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway company has filed with the Territorial Secretary an agreement with the Locomotive Security Company, of Paterson, New Jersey, for the purchase of nine new locomotives, including seven of the Mogul type and two eight wheel passenger locomotives, at cost of \$173,900.
  
12. Advertisement with drawing of the future Boston store building, now under construction.

**Tuesday, July 30, 1907****page**

10. Four new open street cars for use on the lines of the Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived in this city from St. Louis yesterday and are being unloaded at the company's shops today. They are of a pattern different from any others in use in this city, having seats across from side to side, entrance to them being effected at the sides. It is said that each car will seat 50 persons. Superintendent. Morrison said the new cars will likely be ready for use by Sunday.

**Wednesday, July 31, 1907****page**

6. The first of the reinforced concrete bridges across the canal was finished yesterday. It is on 17th street, and has an eighteen foot roadway with a rise in the arch of two feet nine inches. It was built by the Topeka Bridge and Iron company and cost \$2000.

**Thursday, August 1, 1907****page**

6. The Missouri Pacific railway is today moving its roundhouse force, engines, and machinery from the present location at corner of 1st and Wichita streets to the new roundhouse and terminals northeast of the city. The Missouri Pacific handles 35 engines in and out of Wichita. ¶ The old Wichita and Colorado depot at corner of 1st and Wichita streets which for many years has served as yardmaster's office today presents a deserted appearance. Estimated cost of the new facilities and machinery is \$150,000. The roundhouse has eighteen stalls. A new 75 foot turntable is said to be the finest on this division. A force of 100 to 150 men will be employed at the new yards. Details.

The Grit Printing company, 321-325 East William, was incorporated in Topeka on July 28 under the name of Booth-Simpson Printing Company (Grit Printery) with capital stock of \$25,000. The Grit Company commercial business in Wichita twelve years ago and the present management bought the business three years ago. They have leased the entire ground floor of the Crawford theater building. Eighteen persons are employed.

10. Judge C. C. Stanley has bought the 62½ foot tract north of Mr. M. C. Campbell in thirteenth block in North Emporia and will erect a fine \$8000 two story house on the site almost immediately.

**Friday, August 2, 1907**

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5. W. R. Morrison, superintendent of Wichita Railroad and Light company, says the company does not intend to extend its stock yards line to 25th street, and the new Missouri Pacific shops for the present, as many of the men there will ride to and from work on the switch engines and passenger engines, because they could make the trip quicker on the trains and it would cost them nothing. ¶ However the company will probably extend the stock yards line north of 23rd street, crossing the Stock Yards and Burton Car Works (sic), forming a loop there. This would follow in the wake of the old interurban line which used to run to Valley Center. ¶ “We do intend, however, to double track the North Main street line from Oak to 9th street and the Topeka avenue line to 11th street as soon as we can get the rails.”

**Saturday, August 3, 1907****page**

5. Report of rumor that the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company, which is now consolidated with the United Gas company, is to become the new owner of the Wichita Street Railway. J. O. Davidson, president of the United Gas company, said today there was positively nothing to it.

Some of the street cars now have signs on the side, so it is no longer necessary to run the car down and get ahead of the car to see where it is going.

12. Article with table showing list of the city's bonded indebtedness in detail.

Seventeen of the nineteen car loads of oak ties recently purchased in Missouri by the Wichita Railroad and Light company have arrived in this city and are being unloaded. These ties cost the company 90 cents each in their yards in this city. Of this 35 cents goes to the man who made the ties, 35 cents to the railroads for hauling them, two cents for inspection and two cents to have them unload. Twenty-six hundred of these ties are placed under the steel on one mile of track, as is customary.

**Monday, August 5, 1907****page**

5. The old blacksmith shop at 146 North Market which was burned Saturday morning was the oldest building in Wichita. It was erected in August 1870 (sic) for a lumber yard and carpenter shop by Henry Schweiter and John Davidson Lumber company. At that time lumber had to be hauled from Solomon City, Burlington and Burlingame and it often cost \$45 a load for hauling. In the early days it was used by strangers as a place to sleep, there being no hotels at that time. The building was used as a lumber yard until 1887 when the new firm of Davidson and Case moved to a new building which it had put up for the purpose.
10. J. J. Jones has sold a half interest in the Auto Exchange to D. M. Spark. The new firm will enlarge its stock and has taken the agency for the Ford automobile. It will move into the Aley building in the first block on North Market.

**Tuesday, August 6, 1907****page**

6. Persons on Fairmount will be pleased and those on College Hill unhappy with the action of the city council yesterday in passing ordinance permitting the street car company to tear up its tracks on Rutan avenue and run to Fairmount by way of Hillside avenue instead. The company has fought for this for several months, saying they could not give better service to Fairmount unless permitted to do so. Residents on Rutan and College Hill protested strongly, saying that they had paid \$1000 or more to the street car company to induce it to build its line on Rutan in the first place. Details.

“One Wichita couple goes riding on the Fairmount street car for an evening’s entertainment instead of going to Wonderland park. They insist that the ride on the street car is more exhilarating than the roller coaster in Wonderland, and the ride lasts longer.”

**Thursday, August 8, 1907****page**

10. Workmen are busy today putting in the Orient Railroad crossing at the intersection of the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks near Kellogg street. A three track interlocking plant and semaphore connections are being installed.

The street railway company is adding to the beauty of East Douglas avenue by paving its right-of-way with brick. The paving is being done where bitulithic pavement was laid a short time ago.

**Saturday, August 10, 1907****page**

1. Report of “involuntary resignations” from the city engineer’s department yesterday at request of Mayor Graham due to crooked dealings on the storm sewers now being constructed in the city. Details.
10. Several people who came on the street car from College Hill this morning said that the temporary bridge spanning Chisholm creek (sic) on East Douglas is unsafe. They said it is out of line and that it sags down about six inches every time a car goes over it.

**Tuesday, August 13, 1907****page**

5. Long article about a meeting yesterday of College Hill residents on Dr. Taylor’s lawn to further protest any moving of the Fairmount street car line from Rutan to Hillside. Says a sum of money was paid to the street car company seven years ago to induce them to put in the line to Fairmount avenue, when it had previously run there by way of 15th street. Details.
6. Wichita is leading in Western Association baseball standings. Other teams are Oklahoma City, Hutchinson, Topeka, Joplin, Webb city, Springfield, and Leavenworth.

**Wednesday, August 14, 1907****page**

1. Report of death this morning of Professor W. H. Isely, dean of Fairmount college, from appendicitis, at age 42. Born August 8, 1865 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Graduated from Howard University. Came here as principal of Fairmount institute in fall of 1894. The following year the institute was changed to a college. Survived by wife, two sons, Merrill, age twelve, and Crawford, age nine, his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Isely of 1627 Holyoke, across the street from Professor Isely's home at 1626 Holyoke, and brothers: Fred Isely, professor of biology at University Prep school at Tonkawa, Oklahoma, Charles Isely, in business in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, Bliss Isely, in newspaper work in Wichita, and James and Dwight Isely, students at Fairmount college.
  
7. Report of trolley party last evening. Details.

**Thursday, August 15, 1907****page**

2. Article lists new population figures for Kansas counties and cities as of March 1st, 1907.
 

Sedgwick county	- 55,927 increase of 1372 since 1906
Wichita	- 36,898 increase of 1357 since 1906
Topeka	- 42,792 increase of 906 since 1906
Kansas City	- 80,522 increase of 2610 since 1906
Hutchinson	- 14,005 increase of 1044 since 1906
Lawrence	- 12,387 increase of 264 since 1906
  
3. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davidson and children Oakley and Jim will leave tomorrow for Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado.
  
10. Painters on the Boston Store have swung their "falls" and are to commence work today.

**Friday, August 16, 1907****page**

5. First annual report of YWCA. Details.
  
12. Three special street cars will leave corner of Main and Douglas at 9:15 a.m. tomorrow to take those persons to Fairmount college who wish to attend the funeral services for the late Professor W. H. Isely, to be held in the college chapel at 10 o'clock.

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10. The Santa Fe railway has let contracts for new depots at Syracuse, frame to cost \$4500, and at Garden City, brick veneer to cost \$14,000. Work will soon begin on the new freight station at Hutchinson, to cost \$35,000.

Work started this morning on the S. D. Shaw barber supply company building, on lot 123 in third block on North Main. To be brick, 25 by 100 feet, two stories, and be completed

in 70 days.

Last night during the electrical storm, street car No. 132 was struck by lightning while on its way to Riverside and the motor burned out. No one was injured.

Bids of contractors for new First Baptist church all rejected, and it will instead be built under direction of a superintendent. Details. To cost about \$55,000 including ground.

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8. Excavation started today for the new brick building of the Martin Metal Manufacturing Company on a lot 50 by 150 feet on Mosley avenue, half block north of the Frisco depot, adjoining the Hockaday Paint Company's building on the south. Details.
10. The Orient Railroad now has in operation 1368 freight cars, 31 passenger cars, and 34 locomotives and has on order 600 more freight cars, eight passenger cars, and 20 locomotives.

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6. City council yesterday passed ordinance requiring that all automobiles be registered with the city clerk by October 1 and a license fee of five dollars paid. The city clerk shall issue a number for the auto that shall be displayed on the rear of the machine. At least three numbers will be on each card, and this will be done by making the first number 100. The figures shall be not less than five inches tall and three inches wide. A lantern shall also be placed on the rear of the machine in such a place that its rays will illuminate the number plate after nightfall.

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10. Work will begin on the two story Brown and Rothwell building in first block on North Market as soon as the Stewart and Burns building is completed. To be 60 by 100 feet and will be occupied by an automobile firm.

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5. The street car company has filed with the city clerk its acceptance of the franchise recently granted for a line on Hillside to take the place of the Rutan avenue line to Fairmount.
10. Article reports news of a reorganization of the company owning the Wichita Railroad and Light company in which an English syndicate represented by C. B. McCauly (sic), of Montreal, Canada, has bought a large block of stock, greatly increasing the capital. ¶ There are in reality two companies, composed mainly of the same men, but controlling separate groups of holdings. Congressman McKinley, of Illinois, is president of both companies, and the reorganization still retains Messrs. Woodman, Duncan, and Nelson.

The group which includes the Wichita system contains nine holdings and will be under the management of a gentleman named Chubbuck. ¶ The new company will take over the properties the first of October.

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5. Article about the shredding and unsightly wood in the 18th street bridge over the Little river. Says Sedgwick county paid George H. Bradford \$1775 to erect the bridge, and work on it was begun January 21, 1905. Details.
9. Advertisement gives all railroad timetables including Denver Enid and Gulf Railroad between Kiowa, Kansas and Guthrie, Oklahoma.
10. After waiting 30 minutes for a West Side car last evening, a man remarked that they were tri-weekly. They run one week and try to run the next.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company put men at work yesterday paving its tracks in the first block on North Topeka.

**Wednesday, August 28, 1907****page**

8. The dredge working on the drainage canal was reported this morning to be within 1500 feet of the creek at the northern limit of Linwood park. ¶ Men are building the approaches to the 13th street bridge over the canal, which is now completed. The 10th street bridge is practically completed and the concrete arch of the bridge at 9th street is being put on. Another gang is making the necessary excavation for the Central avenue bridge.

An injunction was issued by the court yesterday restraining the street car company from moving its track from Rutan to Hillside. The petition was presented by J. S. Corley and other property owners on Rutan, stating that they gave \$500 in cash and \$1000 in real estate to the street car company in 1900 when the line to Fairmount was moved from 15th street to Hillside avenue, in order to get the company to run the line on Rutan from Douglas to Central. For the last three years the street car company has wanted to straighten the car line so as to give better service to Fairmount. At present this line is run as a stub line in connection with the College Hill line. The cars run only every half hour, and passengers have to transfer at Rutan and Douglas. The connections are very poor and passengers often have to wait a half hour to make the transfer. ¶ In order to improve this, the street car company offered to give through service, making the run from Main and Douglas to Fairmount in 20 minutes, if the line could be run up Cleveland avenue and 9th street. This proposition was objected to because it would leave the large district between the cemeteries and Douglas avenue without a car line. It was at last compromised by making plans to run the line to Fairmount by way of Hillside from Douglas avenue. ¶ Hearing on the temporary injunction has been set for September 7.

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5. The first gasoline powered inspection car on this section of the Rock Island Railroad came to Wichita from Herington yesterday. It has five h.p. and weighs 1200 pounds and travels at 30 m.p.h. It is being tried as a replacement for the old hand cars, and has many advantages. It will haul 50 men on five or six trailing push cars. Details.

List of rules issued by the Wichita Water Company regarding use of lawn sprinklers. Details.

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5. Report of death yesterday of Fritz Schnitzler in Idaho Springs, Colorado, where he had recently gone for his health, of Bright's disease. Born in Württemberg, Germany in 1833. Came to U.S. at age 29. Married Mrs. Caroline Rodolph in Illinois. Came to Kansas in 1871 and settled on claim eight miles southwest of Wichita on Cowskin creek. Moved to Wichita a few years later. Weighed as much as 358 pounds. Wife died eight months ago. Survived by two sons, Henry and William, of Wichita, and one daughter, Mrs. Dolly Aden, of Wichita, and two stepdaughters. Obituary. Photograph.
6. A hot box on street car No. 120 today caused smoke to issue from the floor when it was crossing Main and Douglas.

The Wichita Motor League is the name of a new organization of automobile owners formed in a meeting at the Commercial Club parlors last evening. Directors listed.

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5. Article about improvements being made at the fair grounds of the Wichita and Southwestern Fair association, getting ready for the fair September 23-28. One hundred private boxes are being built in front of the grand stand. The grand stand seats 5000. A high board fence has been built across the entire south end of the race track, a distance of 900 feet. Details.
6. Article says the "Great White Way" of street lighting is to be extended from 1st to 2nd street on North Main and from Main to Santa Fe on Douglas avenue by November 1st. Details.

Article of "Broadview," the residence of I. N. Hockaday at 4000 East Douglas, with photograph.

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7. Article about requests for copies of the "mermaid" photograph taken in the Riverside park lily pond a week ago Sunday by photographer Jesse J. Todd, for which he was arrested and fined \$25.

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6. "Beer over improvised bars, from tubs of chilly ice water, out of ice chests standing in the open, off restaurant tables, and over green-topped card tables was to be had at five places between Emporia and Rock Island avenue on East Douglas avenue Saturday night" openly despite "prohibition." The price was 40 cents a bottle for Pabst, Budweiser, Schlitz, etc. Details.

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5. The New Auditorium, which is the name by which the Toler will be known, is being painted and spruced up for its big opening next Monday. J. A. Wolfe is the manager. Details.

**Wednesday, September 11, 1907****page**

3. City council yesterday discussed erection of a new bridge across the drainage canal at Douglas. For two months there has been only a flimsy foot bridge at this point. Details.
5. Article reports county commission yesterday awarded contract for new Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river to the Canton Bridge company, of Canton, Ohio, for \$97,000. Details.

Work has started on a two story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, on Rock Island avenue, extending to Mosley, being built by Ben and George Lampl for their produce house, to cost \$17-20,000. Details.

Missouri Pacific engine No. 8740 was upset in the turntable pit at the Missouri Pacific yards northeast of town this morning.

**Friday, September 13, 1907****page**

6. After several months delay, the College Hill fire station will be occupied tomorrow. Three men will be assigned there at this time and equipment will consist of a two horse combined chemical and hose wagon.

Mayor Graham has sold his place on College Hill at 3200 East Douglas to P. S. Judy, of Paris, Illinois, a wealthy cattle man who is moving to Wichita. Mayor Graham has bought the home at 526 North Topeka formerly owned by Fred Bentley, and will move into it at once.

**Saturday, September 14, 1907****page**

5. Article reports Santa Fe has plans and speculations drawn for a new depot in Wichita,

probably to be located on north side of Douglas opposite the present depot, and said to cost \$200,000. Says the Rock Island built depot here for \$15,000, then the Santa Fe built its stone depot for \$35,000, then the Missouri Pacific built a \$75,000 edifice and the Frisco a \$50,000 passenger depot.

6. Definite closing of the contract for the new Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river has been deferred for further discussions at urging of the Midland Bridge company., which also bid on the project. Details.
10. Real estate advertisement with some recent houses being built -- also includes photograph by Pottenger of members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers standing on downtown Wichita electric pole and taken on Labor Day on the occasion of their annual parade.
11. Full page about buildings under construction in Wichita with list, and photographs of new Innes store, addition to Consistory, Caldwell-Murdock building, new YMCA building, and Central fire station. Details.

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5. Article about Arthur Stilwell's nineteenth inspection trip over the Orient, arriving in Wichita tonight. He is a devout Christian Scientist and has one car fitted up as a place of worship. ("Takes A Church Along With Him")

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5. Article about the proposed Orient Railroad shops in Wichita. Details.

Corner stone of new YMCA building is to be laid tomorrow evening. Details.

### **Wednesday, September 18, 1907**

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5. Report of city council meeting yesterday.

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5. Report of laying of the corner stone of the new YMCA building last evening. Details.

The street car waiting station at the corner of Gilbert and Main streets has been converted into a cozy corner. The C. S. Daniels Furniture company has donated four comfortable rockers, one iron chair and a settee for the comfort of the South End patrons of the street railway company. The furniture was put in place yesterday and during the afternoon and this morning many persons visited the waiting booth to try the new chairs. ¶ W. R. Morrison, of the street railway company, is making plans to wire the booth for lights.

Digging of the drainage canal was finished at about noon today and the flood of water in the canal was permitted to pour into Chisholm creek at the north end of Linwood park, leaving the dredge boat stuck hard and fast in the bed of the canal. Details. Total cost will be not far from \$100,000.

6. Excavation was started today for the canal bridge at 2nd street.

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7. Full page advertisement with photograph of the Hockaday Paint company building and also of display window of their retail store at 229 East Douglas.

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9. Report of ground breaking ceremony this morning for the new First Baptist church at Lawrence and 2nd street. Details.

East bound (sic) Cleveland avenue street car No. 100 driven by Motorman B. E. Greer and Conductor John Stamp collided Saturday night with the engine of a north bound Frisco freight train. Three passengers were thrown from their seats and sustained bruises and cuts. The rear platform of the car was crushed and the car knocked off the track.

### **Tuesday, September 24, 1907**

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1. Report of opening day of the Wichita fair yesterday. Details.
3. Report of city council meeting yesterday. "Upon petition of the residents on the street, the name of North Park avenue was changed to Victor Place, in honor of Victor Murdock, as stated by Councilman Taylor."

Meeting requested by owners of lots in Highland cemetery to be held Thursday evening, October 3, to take action in regard to future care and preservation of the cemetery. All lot owners are stockholders in the Wichita Cemetery company. Names listed. ¶ "The parties now in possession have only a mercenary interest in the cemetery and appropriate to themselves all the profits, putting back very little in the way of improvements and making no provision whatever for the future case of the cemetery." ¶ The Highland Cemetery association, organized in 1898, assured the care of that part of the cemetery sold off in lots prior to the transfer of the remaining unsold lots from the original owner to the present incumbents. The little fund they have raised is barely sufficient to employ one man six months each year and is wholly inadequate to cover the needs of the entire cemetery.

### **Thursday, September 26, 1907**

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5. The Pattie avenue street car line has finally been extended two blocks south, to Morris street, and distance of about 1000 feet, and it is expected to be in running order by tonight.

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4. Photograph of Judge David M. Dale, who has written Governor Hoch and declined appointment as a member of the state tax commission.
  
6. Article about advances in the prices of rare gold coins. Details.

Interview with Mrs. Rebecca Pittinger, the only living charter member of the first Baptist church in Wichita, which held its first meeting in 1871. Many details of history of Wichita's first Baptist church.

**Monday, September 30, 1907****page**

6. Representatives of the Canton Bridge company feel that the Street Railway company's bridge, just north of the old wagon bridge on Douglas avenue, may cause difficulty in locating the new bridge. The street railway people are unwilling to move their bridge, and the space is scant for the new bridge to be put in to the south of it.
  
7. A hallway on second floor of high school building is being used for a room for the 30 typewriters needed for the commercial department. This is being done by closing an old stairway and skylight in the southwest corner of the upper floor of the building. Details.
  
10. Report of dedication yesterday of the new Philharmony Hall of the Wichita College of Music, 217 North Lawrence. Details.

**Tuesday, October 1, 1907****page**

5. Committee appointed by Mayor Graham yesterday to appraise the ground necessary to straighten Douglas avenue from Waco street to the river bank, in preparation for building of the new bridge. Details.
  
10. Missouri Pacific Railroad has drawn plans to double track its line through the city from the Kiowa junction to the 25th street yards.

**Wednesday, October 2, 1907****page**

6. Delegates in Wichita for the large convention of the Christian church were taken on a street car excursion over the city yesterday afternoon. It was the largest number of people who ever went sight-seeing in Wichita street cars. Ten of the largest and best cars of the Wichita Railroad and Light company were placed at the disposal of the delegates. About 500 of them started from 2nd and Main at 4:00 p.m. and each car took a different route. All the lines of the city were gone over except Fairmount. Stopovers were made at various places, and the party traveled over the city in the cars until dark.

Excavation has started for the brick pavement being put in the first block of South Wichita street.

10. List of all building permits issued in Wichita in September -- total \$239,000.

Manager Nuttle reports that Wonderland Park has made a profit during the current year.

### **Friday, October 4, 1907**

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9. Report of meeting yesterday of the Highland Cemetery Improvement association. Committee of five appointed to enquire into the advisability of purchasing the cemetery and legality of compelling the Maple Grove company to sell the Highland cemetery to the association. Long article with many details.

### **Saturday, October 5, 1907**

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3. Article of progress of the YMCA in Wichita. Details.
8. Photograph and description of the residence of Arthur S. Parks at 1111 North Lawrence avenue.
11. Advertisement for sale of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway notes, with map. Notes with face value of \$500 each issued to sum of \$850,000, drawing seven percent interest from date of purchase and an additional five percent on retirement. Details.

Advertisement for sale of 100 foot lot with fine ten room brick residence on Coolidge avenue near 10th street for \$2200.

### **Monday, October 7, 1907**

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5. The Barnum and Bailey circus will arrive tomorrow from Hutchinson over the Santa Fe and will unload at 3rd street and exhibit at Mathewson's pasture. There are 85 cars which will be divided into four trains.
8. The Orient Railroad is rushing its improvements in this city and expects to be running trains into the city over its own tracks by November 1st. Men are laying the "wye," side tracks and switches at the company's site in the southwest part of town, west of Seneca street. Good progress is being made on the freight depot at Douglas and Mosley. The sidewalls are up and the slate roof will be put on in a few days.
12. On account of increased freight business here the Rock Island has put on a second switch engine in the yards. From 250 to 300 cars are handled daily in the yards and on incoming and outgoing trains.

### **Tuesday, October 8, 1907**

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7. Building permit issued yesterday for two story brick building 53 by 100 feet to be built on West Side at southwest corner of Walnut and Douglas by H. A. Hill and I. W. Gill at cost of \$10-11,000.

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8. The slate has arrived for the roof of the new Trinity Methodist Episcopal church on the West Side.

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5. The Board of Friends university has decreed that no more football will be played at that institution. Details.

Letter from J. E. Howard, of the Howard Mills, discussing the width of Douglas avenue just east of the bridge, and blaming Mr. Schwartz for its narrowness and angulation.

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7. Interview and further discussion by a resident who has studied the question of width of Douglas avenue east of the bridge. Says that the river was originally about 1000 feet wide but has been steadily filled in from both sides by the adjoining property holders so that it is now only about 400 feet wide, and he argues that this filling in is a violation of federal law relating to navigable streams, as the Arkansas river at Wichita is official classified. ¶ The U.S. government surveys in 1867 and 1872 showed that the width of the Arkansas river at Wichita was 1000 feet. ¶ Records show that the Douglas avenue bridge is in about the center of Section 20, T 27 S, R 1E, and from patents issued we find the U.S. government gave as follows:

To Eli P. Waterman, April 1, 1871, 168.6 acres lying between Douglas and Central avenues and from Lawrence avenue to the original bank of the Arkansas river.

To William Griffenstein, April 15, 1872, 94.16 acres lying between Douglas and Kellogg and from Lawrence avenue to the original bank of the river.

To William Baldwin, probate judge in trust, November 1, 1873, 144.7 acres, being all of Section 20 west of the river and lying north of Maple street and east of Seneca.

To William Roberts, March 17, 1892, lot 9, 10.91 acres, which may be what is known as Ackerman's island. This with a possible ten to twelve acres on the lower point of the Water Works island was all the government had to patent in Section 20, being about 420 acres, leaving 220 acres in the bed of the river. This would require a channel of more than 1000 feet, instead of less than half that now. Therefore there should be no need to condemn and pay for land to widen Douglas avenue east of the bridge.

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6. The slate roof has just been placed on the new Trinity Methodist Episcopal church on the

West Side.

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3. Real estate transfers recorded: James Guy to Laura Buckwalter, May 21, 1901 (sic), lots 23, 25, 27, 29, block 12, Woodland addition; lots 6, 8, 10, Allen avenue, Allen's second addition. ¶ Oliver Buckwalter to Jessie Crouch, October 11, 1906, lots 6, 8, 10, Allen avenue, Allen's second addition.
5. At city council meeting Monday it was reported that several of the new drainage canal bridges built by the Topeka Bridge company were not built to specification and already have cracks in them. Details.

### **Thursday, October 17, 1907**

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5. Article about twenty-first anniversary of free mail delivery by carrier in Wichita, which began Friday, October 18, 1886, with seven carriers (official date -- but postmaster Frank Smith was superstitious about beginning on Friday, so actually had the delivery started on Thursday, October 17, 1886). Details.
6. The October number of "The Frisco Man" has a cut of the Frisco park and passenger station in this city.
8. Work has started on the Harry street bridge across the Arkansas river after a delay of several months. The contract was awarded last fall to the Wichita Construction company, which is another name for George Bradford, but the west end of the proposed bridge then ended on private property, and this necessitated opening of a road there about half a mile in length. This was done so that construction has now commenced. ¶ It is to be a pile bridge, 380 feet long, with sixteen foot roadway, and is to cost the county \$1780.

### **Friday, October 18, 1907**

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6. The Wonderland Park skating rink will open for the season next Monday. Since the park closed last month workmen have been preparing the floor of the big coliseum for the winter's opening.
12. Full page advertisement announcing the grand opening of the new Boston Store, the Wallenstein and Cohn Dry Goods Company, on Saturday, October 19, 1907. Drawing.

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5. Advertisement for The Jones Auto Exchange, 122 North Market -- opposite the *Beacon* -- for the Ford automobile.
6. Full page discussion of the Boston Store, which opens its new building today. Drawings

of the new building and of their previous store; also photographs of Henry Wallenstein and Charles G. Cohn. Details.

10. Work has begun in extending the "Great White Way" to the second block on North Main.

### **Monday, October 21, 1907**

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3. Superintendent W. R. Morrison of the street car company arrived home last week after a three week visit to Illinois and Michigan. While in Chicago he induced the steel company to promise to ship the steel rails the company had ordered, next week. ¶ These rails will be used on the North Main and Topeka avenue lines, where double tracks are to be put in. There is a place south of 9th street on the Main street line where there is only a single track, and this will be changed to a double track as soon as possible. After this the track layers will be put on Topeka avenue, which is to have a double track as far north as Murdock avenue.
5. Article says the local railroad ticket agents estimate that 3600 people arrive at and leave Wichita daily on the five different railways entering this city.

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5. Article says the Frisco Railroad plans to spend \$20,000 for improvements in Wichita the coming year, including addition of two stalls to the roundhouse, making a total of seven stalls, and building two additional engine and car storage tracks from 150 to 200 feet long, making seven storage tracks. The yard limits and switching tracks will be extended from the seventh block south of Douglas to the tenth block.
7. More than 400 skaters were on the floor to open the roller skating season at the Wonderland park coliseum last night. Details.

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10. The street car company put men at work this morning building a double track on North Main from Murdock avenue to 9th street.

### **Thursday, October 24, 1907**

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5. General manager J. E. Hurley, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, was in Wichita yesterday and said the Santa Fe plans to build a new \$200,000 passenger depot here, to be located south of Douglas, just south of the present depot, requiring removal of the present Wells Fargo Express company building on the extension of William street, and possibly some of the ground just east of that, now occupied by the Jackson-Walker Coal and Material company, (i.e., east of the present Santa Fe freight depot), which ground the Santa Fe already owns. Details.

Street car company workmen yesterday started work on the new double track on North Main between Murdock and 9th street. There is considerable work initially in cutting out of the pavement and moving the present single track over in its proper line for the double track.

**Saturday, October 26, 1907****page**

1. City council meeting yesterday learned that expense to city of straightening West Douglas avenue east of the bridge would be about \$33,000, so the new bridge will probably be built at the same place where the old bridge now stands.
  
6. The Orient railway is using "red rock clay" from Anthony in ballasting its line from Wichita south. One hundred and fifty car loads of the material have been distributed over the track, including a distance of a mile in the city from the junction with the Frisco at Gilbert street to the Arkansas river bridge. The material has been found satisfactory and the Frisco Railroad has used it with success. It is cheaper than gravel, cinders, or crushed rock and is very durable. It is a red, lumpy, sticky substance, resembling rock.

The new steel stacks, or book racks, for the public library, have arrived and are being installed in the new library room on the third floor of the city building.

**Monday, October 28, 1907****page**

6. A fire in the Crawford Opera house dressing room section at 1:00 a.m. today did about \$3000 damage. Details.
  
7. M. R. Clark, owner of a good many houses on Tremont street in a previously disreputable area, has told Mayor Graham he will fix them up and rent them only to respectable persons. An effort will be made to change the name of the street. At present it is called St. Francis north of Douglas avenue, Tremont for eight blocks south of Douglas, Lafayette south of that to the city limits.

**Tuesday, October 29, 1907****page**

6. At meeting of the building board of the new cathedral this morning, E. L. Masqueray, the famous architect, was present. His services have been obtained and he will be in charge of the work. Mr. Masqueray was born in Dieppe, France, in 1861. He came to New York in 1887 and executed designs for some principal buildings of the St. Louis exposition, including the Cascades, Colonnade of the States, transportation, agricultural, horticultural and fishery buildings and the Louisiana monument, twelve bridges, and decorative architecture used on the grounds. The two million dollar cathedral at St. Paul, Minnesota, is also his work. Construction of the new cathedral is expected to proceed without further delay.

**Friday, November 1, 1907**

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5. Steel is being laid by the Orient railway for its freight tracks south of Douglas avenue, both east and west of the new freight depot, which is in course of erection, at the southeast corner of Douglas and Mosley. The Frisco tracks and passenger depot will be used by the Orient.

**Saturday, November 2, 1907****page**

6. List of building permits issued in Wichita in October. Total is \$116,950.

**Tuesday, November 5, 1907****page**

5. City council yesterday discussed need for street signs in Wichita, the need for which has been urged by the *Beacon* for months, and city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for at least 2000 street signs. Details. ¶ Council also received bids for new bridge over drainage canal on Douglas, but action was deferred.

The Toler stock farm, near Tolerville, six miles northeast of Wichita, has been sold for \$22,500 to Ike Martin, of Harper County. It consists of 200 (?) acres.

6. Two hundred tons of 70 pound steel rails have been received by the Orient for tracks through this city, from Kellogg street to the junction with the Missouri Pacific tracks at 25th street. The Orient will use the Frisco's tracks through the city. The old track will be torn out and relaid from the junction of the Orient with the Frisco tracks, near Kellogg street, to the junction with the Missouri Pacific tracks at 25th street, where deliveries will be made to the Missouri Pacific.

**Wednesday, November 6, 1907****page**

6. The Harry street bridge across the Arkansas river was completed yesterday. The approaches still need filling and the township authorities will need to build a half mile of road to connect the west end of the bridge to Seneca street.

**Friday, November 8, 1907****page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance limiting speed of automobiles to 10 m.p.h. in the business part of the city and 20 m.p.h. in the suburban streets. Details.
10. The S. D. Shaw Barber Supply company expects to move into its new building at 333 North Main next week.

**Saturday, November 9, 1907****page**

10. Track layers on the North Main street car line connected up the new double track between Murdock and 9th street last night and the cars are running over it regularly today. This

gives the street car company a continuous double track on Main street from Douglas avenue to 12th street.

**Monday, November 11, 1907****page**

5. Report of rumor that a new ball park will be built on ground adjacent to Wonderland park. The lease on the present ground has two years yet to run, and this could be utilized for Sunday games, since it is located outside the city limits and not within the jurisdiction of the present city ordinance, while the proposed new ground could be used on week days. As yet nothing definite has been decided upon.

**Friday, November 15, 1907****page**

8. E. Dickinson, superintendent of the Orient railway, announced today that on or about Wednesday, November 20, the Orient will move its freight and passenger departments from the Missouri Pacific depots to its new quarters at Douglas and Mosley, with trains running into the city over the Frisco tracks. The new freight depot has ten modern iron doors on each side. The Orient will use the Frisco passenger depot and tracks through this city by agreement between the two roads, and the Frisco ticket agent and operator will jointly handle the ticket and telegraph business of the two roads. Details.

**Monday, November 18, 1907****page**

8. Report of a collision at 7:00 a.m. today near 25th street between Missouri Pacific switch engine No. 8812 and Orient Railroad engine No. 7. The Orient engine was coming south with a string of Missouri Pacific engines, Nos. 2730, 8511, 9824, and 3674, on their way to the passenger depot in dense fog. Details. Twelve injured.

**Tuesday, November 19, 1907****page**

10. Workman started this morning to string the wires for the extension of the "Great White Way" to Douglas avenue, and by noon had the wire suspension completed from Main street nearly to Lawrence avenue.

**Wednesday, November 20, 1907****page**

6. The new Orient Railroad freight depot at 901 East Douglas will be opened Monday morning, November 25, and thereafter all freight will be handled in and out of the new depot instead of at the Missouri Pacific depot as heretofore. ¶ Orient passenger train No. 2 will come in over the new tracks and into the Frisco passenger station Saturday evening, November 23, at 3:45 p.m., and Orient passenger train No. 1 for Clinton will leave the Frisco station Sunday morning, November 24, at 8:45.

**Thursday, November 21, 1907****page**

5. A consignment of 600 cars of construction material to be used by the Santa Fe on the Balen cut-off, has been delivered to the Orient Railway at Harper. The Santa Fe had to ask the Orient to handle this material on account of a shortage of equipment and motive power. It is the largest single consignment ever handled by the Orient. The 600 cars will be hauled by the Orient to Clinton, Oklahoma, at which point the Rock Island will take it to its destination at Amarillo, Texas.

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5. Basketball will be played in the Coliseum at Wonderland Park this season.
16. Wichita's new street signs will be of sheet metal covered with blue enamel. They will be four inches wide and as long as is necessary to contain the name of the street, up to 24 inches. The letters will be white and will be three inches high.

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6. The Orient Railroad will begin using the Frisco terminals on Sunday, November 25. The Frisco round house also takes care of the Rock Island engines in this city, so with the coming of the Orient it will be the hostelry for the three lines. Six or eight men will be added to the Frisco round house force to handle the extra work.

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6. The injunction case by the residents of College Hill to prevent the Wichita Railroad and Light company from moving the Fairmount car line from Rutan to Hillside will be heard in the district court next Friday if nothing causes another postponement. The hearing has been continued several times.

**Wednesday, November 27, 1907****page**

5. Report of testimony of former Chief of Police Cubbon and others about knowledge of wide spread existence of "joints" in Wichita in 1904 to 1906 and previously. Details.
6. The paving of the first two blocks of St. Francis north from Douglas was completed last night. Pittsburg vitrified brick was used. Contract has been let for similar pavement on first block of South Emporia, with work to be commenced at once.

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3. The Crystal Ice and Fuel company is building an addition to its plant on the West Side.

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4. Advertisement says after four months of remodeling, the new Golden Eagle clothing store

of I. Gross and Company will have its formal opening tomorrow.

5. A temporary bridge across the river to the island is being built to connect with a driveway across the island.
10. Photograph of the new Golden Eagle store at northwest corner of Douglas and Lawrence. The store was established in 1885 and has continuously occupied this corner, but the building has recently been completely remodeled. Proprietors are Messrs. I. Gross and M. Krailsheimer.

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8. Work has started on the concrete bridge across the drainage canal at Kellogg street. It will take about ten days to complete the bridge. ¶ Stakes were set yesterday for the last bridge across the canal for which a contract has been let, that at Broadway, which will be the longest bridge across the canal, being 60 feet in length.

Large advertisement urging vote against the Commission form of city government in the special election on Tuesday, December 3.

10. Judge Thomas C. Wilson this morning granted a temporary injunction against the Wichita Railroad and Light company in the case of J. S. Corley against the street car company to prevent the moving of the Fairmount line from Rutan to Hillside. Witnesses for the street car company and for the College Hill residents disagreed as to the terms of the contract, which was made nine (sic) years ago. ¶ Judge Wilson saw nothing to prevent the car company from building and operating a line on Hillside avenue as well as on Rutan avenue. ¶ Motions for a permanent injunction will be heard early in January.

### **Monday, December 2, 1907**

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5. The Orient Railroad is concentrating hundred of tons of steel and scores of track layers in order to close up the gap of the track over the 29 miles from Dill City to the north fork of the Red river. Apparently the Orient must have its line completed and trains running from Wichita to the Red river by January 1, 1908 or it will forfeit the \$80,000 of bonds voted in aid by Sedgwick County a few years ago. The Orient now has its track completed from Wichita to Dill City, a distance of 211 miles, and there is also 31 miles of track built from the north fork of the Red river south to the main stream. The line was completed to Clinton last spring and then on to Dill City about a month ago. Trains now run from Wichita to Clinton.
9. Long interview with Tom Blodgett opposing the Commission form of government. Details.

### **Tuesday, December 3, 1907**

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5. Another baby elk was born at Riverside park Sunday. This is the second young elk this fall.

**Wednesday, December 4, 1907****page**

5. Six new street cars from the American Car works at St. Louis have arrived for the Wichita Railroad and Light company. They are numbered 74 to 84 (sic). They are winter cars of the same patterns those on North Topeka and North Main, and will be put in use at once.
7. The temporary bridge across the Arkansas river was completed at 10:00 a.m. today and is now open to the public. Street Commissioner Stewart stated that it had cost the city but \$189.65. ¶ The old bridge across the river has been closed to traffic.
10. The proposal to change the plan of city government to the commission system was defeated in the special election yesterday by 3266 against to 1226 for the change. Details.

**Friday, December 6, 1907****page**

7. Report of a paper read by Colonel J. R. Mead before the State Historical Society on the history of "The Little Arkansas River." ("History of Little Arkansas River and Sedgwick County")
9. The baby elk born at Riverside park Monday has died.  
  
Work started yesterday on the concrete base for the brick paving to be put down on South Emporia between Douglas and Waterman.
10. The Santa Fe Railway will begin passenger service on the Balen cut-off on Wednesday, December 18.  
  
J. H. Jacks, of Jacks and Company, wholesale dealers in butter, eggs, and poultry, 132 St. Francis avenue, has purchased from the Wichita Coal and Material company a lot 50 by 140 feet, opposite the W. S. Grant and Company produce house in first block on North Rock Island, for \$6000, and plans to build a new wholesale produce house on the site about May 1st, 50 by 100 feet, brick, two stories, for about \$14,000.

**Saturday, December 7, 1907****page**

6. In the future Fairmount athletic teams will play college teams only and will no longer play games against high school teams. Details.

**Monday, December 9, 1907****page**

3. The walls of the new YMCA building at 1st and Emporia are completed and the roof is nearly on. Details.

The Millison Office Supply Company has absorbed the Moore Printing Company and has moved into its new three story building at 146-148 North Market. Drawing.

**Tuesday, December 10, 1907****page**

5. Article gives some history of the old iron bridge at Douglas avenue. Work on demolition of the bridge will probably start tomorrow. It was completed in fall of 1883 after bonds had been voted at the November election previous to this. Contract let in December 1882 to the Missouri Valley Bridge company for \$25,000. When built the iron bridge was 300 feet. longer than it is now, but with filling in, the channel has been narrowed and three spans of the bridge have been removed and used elsewhere in the county. Two of these spans were removed from the east end of the bridge and one from the west. The first bridge across the river at this point was a wooden structure built as a toll bridge in 1872. Prior to that Dr. Black used to run a ferry at that point, and his wife still lives in the little house near the river bank at the east end of the bridge and lays claim to the land on which she lives.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1907****page**

6. Natural gas was installed on the second floor of the Sedgwick building yesterday.

**Thursday, December 12, 1907****page**

10. Commodore S. L. Nelson, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit. He was reticent about future plans of the company but indicated the company has not given up plans to build a loop around two or three blocks in the center of the city. He wants the city to decide on definite plans and specifications for a new canal bridge on Douglas avenue and then advertise them for bids. Says Wichita together with Decatur and Danville, Illinois, has been among the company's fastest growing companies. The first year (1900) they carried about 350,000 passengers in Wichita, the next year one and a fourth million, and in 1907 the total will reach seven million, including both cash fares and transfers.

**Friday, December 13, 1907****page**

1. Conference yesterday between S. L. Nelson, general manager of the street railway, and city council members decided that plans would have to be drawn for the bridge across the canal on Douglas avenue. The company did not care to risk its heavy Fairmount cars on such structures planned by the Topeka Bridge company and Councilman Bradford. The street car company's engineer will therefore draw a new set of plans for a bridge strong enough to carry the weight of the cars, and these will be submitted for approval by the mayor and council and then advertised for bids. The street car company will pay a portion of the cost of the bridge, which will necessarily be a stronger structure than the other bridges across the canal.

8. Article discussing street car company's desire to place its tracks on the new Douglas avenue bridge across Arkansas river, but saying this will probably not be acceptable to the county commission, etc. Details.

**Saturday, December 14, 1907****page**

1. *Beacon* carriers have each been given a whistle which they will blow whenever they deliver the paper to a customer to indicate the paper has arrived. There are 32 *Beacon* carriers.

The county commissioners reacted strongly this morning against the idea of placing the street railway tracks on the new Douglas avenue bridge. Details.

3. The new Methodist chapel on College Hill on Chautauqua avenue, 150 feet north of Douglas avenue, has been completed. It is 26 by 44 feet and not constructed in church architectural style, but will be used as temporary quarters until the church building proper can be built. Details.

The addition to the barn of the Crystal Ice company on the West Side has been completed.

6. Mr. C. A. Preston is erecting a modern two story yellow brick flat building at 331-333 North Market at a cost of \$6000. The lower floor will be occupied by the plumbing firm of Preston and Darmer.
8. The music committee of St. John's Episcopal church yesterday ordered a new pipe organ from Pilcher Sons, of Louisville, Kentucky, for \$3300. It will take about three months to be installed. Details.

**Monday, December 16, 1907****page**

3. Article discussing some details of design of new Douglas avenue bridge over Arkansas river. Details.
5. First services were held yesterday at the new College Hill Methodist chapel yesterday. Details.

**Tuesday, December 17, 1907****page**

6. The Orient track layers are working night and day to close the 30 mile gap between Dill City, Oklahoma and the north fork of the Red river by the first of the year in order to hold the \$80,000 of bonds voted by Sedgwick County to the Orient railway.
10. The Wichita Construction company started yesterday to tear down the old Douglas avenue bridge across the Arkansas river.

**Wednesday, December 18, 1907**

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3. Someone wanted to get warm last evening and pried open one of the windows of the College Hill Presbyterian (sic?) church. Once inside they turned on the gas stove, opened several cans of food, and settled down for the night.

**Thursday, December 19, 1907****page**

3. New equipment costing \$10,000 is being installed at the Wichita hospital, including a new electric elevator. Details.

**Monday, December 23, 1907****page**

7. Report of an address yesterday by William Jennings Bryan to the YMCA at the Auditorium on "The Prince of Peace." Large crowd. Details.
9. At midnight Saturday night, as street car No. 140 was going south on South Main street near Bayley in charge of Conductor Stamps and Motorman Newman, a bullet was fired through a window on the east side of the car, narrowly missing Conductor Stamps, who was standing on the rear platform. ¶ On several nights lately the South Main street cars have been annoyed near Bayley street by boys pulling the trolley off the wires. Last night between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. the trolleys of South Main cars were pulled off three times at Bayley street.

**Tuesday, December 24, 1907****page**

6. Motorman and conductors of the South Emporia and West Side street car line hope that Santa Claus will bring the Orient Railway company some headlights for its switch engines. Recently some engines have run after dark without headlights, and twice they nearly ran down a street car.

**Wednesday, December 25, 1907****page**

5. The United Presbyterian College Hill church (sic) will give a holiday entertainment on New Year's eve.

Article about the technical differences between "postal cards" issued by government, and "post cards" which are privately made. Details. ("Post Card Rush on at Post Office")

**Thursday, December 26, 1907****page**

5. Twenty cars of rail, approximately 1000 tons, passed through Wichita this afternoon from the Bessemer Steel Works, Bessemer, Pennsylvania, en route to Clinton, Oklahoma, for use by the Orient construction gangs working to complete track laying on the 31 mile gap between Dill City and Blair, Oklahoma. Six gangs of men have been working night and day since the effort started about three weeks ago. It requires 110 tons of steel to lay a

mile of track, or 4110 tons to complete the 31 mile stretch. The Orient has received 2000 tons and an equal amount is in transit. Two to three miles of track is being laid a day on the average. The rails were handled by the Rock Island from St. Louis to Wichita and by the Orient from here to Clinton. Further details.

**Saturday, December 28, 1907****page**

5. The Y.P.C.U. of the College Hill United Presbyterian church gave a social Thursday evening.

**Monday, December 30, 1907****page**

5. Interview with Frank Payne who says average height of Arkansas river at Wichita has not changed much in past ten years. Includes table giving monthly average height over past ten years. He wishes to start fund to provide an ornamental railing for the new bridge. Details.

List of planned Missouri Pacific improvements on Wichita division in 1908, to cost \$450,000 to \$500,000. Details. The company is now laying a double track through Wichita with 85 pound rail, which is complete and in use from 2nd street to 12th street. This rail costs \$30 a ton. The 101 mile line from Wichita to Durand is to be relaid with 85 pound rail, replacing 66 pound rail. Details.

7. Colonel Murdock is very low after GI hemorrhage late Saturday. Details.

**Tuesday, December 31, 1907****page**

5. The north fork of the Red River will be reached tonight by track layers of the Orient Railroad in time to save the \$80,000 of bonds voted by Sedgwick County. Details.