

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

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1920 WICHITA BEACON

Wichita Beacon

Thursday, January 1, 1920

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8. Drawing of proposed plant of Bemis Brothers Bag Company to be built on north side of 2nd Street between Rock Island and Mosley. Details.

Building permits in Wichita totaled \$4,849,000 in 1919.

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2. City commission yesterday called for a meeting with street car company representatives to discuss plans for abandoning the company's pile bridge across the Arkansas River and construction of the tracks on the concrete bridge instead. This is what the street car company wanted to do a few years ago, but the plan was opposed by many people and was abandoned.

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8. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased from W. M. G. Howse the site of the old pro-Cathedral building at 2nd and St. Francis recently purchased by Mr. Howse from Bishop Hennessy. It will be used as the location for a new factory building. Details. Coleman Company now employs 255 in Wichita.

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1. The Kansas Milling Company will build another mill in Wichita this year just east of the present mill between 12th and 13th streets, which will more than double its milling capacity. New mill to be 42 by 110 feet and six stories. Details.
2. A new heating plant and recreation room building for the Mentholatum Company is to be built at once. To be 36 by 48 feet, two stories, brick, and cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. The architect is Ed Forsblom. Details.

9. The Frisco Railroad has announced that it will open on January 10 a new "North Wichita" station opposite the Jones Motor Car factory, which will handle both freight and passenger business. A small frame station is already completed where formerly there was only a siding known as "Amwaco."

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1. Drawing of the proposed new building for the United Congregational Church.

The Wichita Hospital is considering the purchase of the old B. F. McLean home on North Seneca for use as a nurses home. Details.

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1. Paul J. Wall has purchased from the Kansas Building Company the Wintergarden building at 215-217 West Douglas for \$100,000. It was built a little over a year ago and is three stories, with 50 foot frontage and extending from Douglas to William, 298 feet. The upper floors are used by the popular Wintergarden and tearoom. Details.
3. Judge J. N. Haymaker and O. S. Shirk this week purchased the Jake Eckert building at 618-20 East Douglas for \$30,000 as an investment. Has 42½ foot frontage on Douglas. Details.

Monday, January 12, 1920**page**

1. T. B. Richardson has purchased the Baltimore Hotel from the Henry Stunkel estate for \$60,000. The hotel was purchased by Henry Stunkel, of Peck, about 35 years ago. It is operated by A. R. King at present. Details. Has 74 rooms.

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9. The new Cathedral School was opened yesterday following formal dedication by Bishop Hennessy.

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3. Dedication ceremonies for the Alexander Hamilton Intermediate School to be held tomorrow. Details.

Wichita Hospital has purchased the B. F. McLean home and property for \$17,500 for use as a nurses home. Details.

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8. Conference today between city commission and A. M. Patten, manager of the street car company, in which it was stated the company will soon ask for a six cent street car fare. Mr. Patten gave figures showing the Wichita system was operated last year at a loss of more than \$41,000. Operating profit was \$58,977.72, but payment of \$95,290.39 in dividends on preferred stock and interest on bonds left the above deficit. Mr. Patten says in most cities of any size the street car fares are now six to eight cents. ¶ He asked the city to have its engineer prepare estimate of charges and costs involved in moving street car tracks over Arkansas River from old pile bridge to concrete bridge.

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14. Work is to start Monday on the new Red Star Mill building, adjacent to the old mill on East 18th Street.

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9. The Arkansas Valley Interurban bridge across the west channel of the Arkansas River was completed Saturday and work on the bridge across the east channel will begin in two to three days.

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2. Advertisement with photograph of Mid Continent Tire Manufacturing Company
6. There are 15,864 automobiles in Sedgwick County, an increase of 3500 over last year.

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9. After its remodeling, the Regent Theater will reopen on Wednesday, January 28. Details.

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5. Charles H. Smyth, owner of the Innes store building, will erect another building in the first block on North Lawrence for occupancy by the J. C. Penney Company on first floor and by the Innes Company for a tea room on the second floor. Details.

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4. J. H. Elem, oil operator, has purchased the \$25,000 home of J. H. Butts at 1215 North Lawrence.

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11. S. G. Holmes and Sons has moved from 325 East Douglas to 309 East Douglas.

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1. Manufacture of airplanes is to be started in Wichita within the next two weeks by the E. M. Laird Company, which several days ago bought the wood working machinery and leased floor space from the Watkins Manufacturing Company, 2385 South Wichita Street. Purchase by the E. M. Laird Company of all the property and airplane equipment of the Wichita Aircraft Company, including three planes, hangers, and a 20 acre (sic) tract of land north of Fairmount College, was made this week. E. M. Laird, of Chicago, an aviation engineer, and William A. Burke, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, who has been in the aviation and motor car business, organized the E. M. Laird Company. They expect to turn out two planes by April 1 and eight more by fall. The Wichita planes will be three seaters, weighing about 1100 pounds, which is 600 pounds lighter than the American Curtiss machines owned by the Wichita Aircraft Company. The price will be about \$6500 to \$7000. Ten 90 horsepower Curtiss OX motors have already been purchased. Further details. Mr. Laird is 25 years old.

8. The Santa Fe plans to spend nearly \$500,000 this spring to relay the Wichita and Western rails between Wichita and Kingman with heavier 85 pound rails to replace the light rails laid 35 years ago.

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2. Article about home construction boom on College Hill -- approximately a hundred new homes are under construction or have just been completed east of Hillside Avenue, most north of Douglas. Several dozen other homes are under way in Riverside. Details.

6. Conductors and motormen of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company will be governed by a new working schedule beginning Sunday, February 1. The new schedule calls for shifts of nine hours and 35 minutes. There will be but two shifts a day, the first going to work at 5:45 a.m. and working until about 2:30 p.m.; the second will go on duty at 2:30 p.m. and work until midnight. Under the former system there were three shifts of ten and a half hours duration with one day off every two weeks. The "tripper run," which provides for extra cars during the morning and evening rush hours will be continued without change. The new schedule was adopted at the request of the men themselves, according to C. R. Lewis, local manager.

11. The Stock Yards Hotel, at 21st and St. Francis, was sold Saturday to M. F. Israel, of Douglas, Kansas, for \$3250, by James R. Loney, who had been in charge of the hotel for over a year.

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4. The Wichita Ancient Order Union Workman Lodge No. 22 has sold the building at 125 South Main, which it has occupied for 20 years, to E. F. Wolfe and C. O. Parrott for \$26,000. The purchasers are proprietors of the New Cafeteria at 115 South Main. The

building was built for the old *Wichita Journal*. The Ancient Order of Union Workmen Lodge bought it for \$3500 on April 27, 1900. The lot is 25 by 140 feet with the building extending back only 100 feet. The lower floor is occupied by Carter's Central Shoe Shop.

8. The Board of Education yesterday rescinded its previous action of naming the new West Wichita intermediate school after Mark Twain. Quakers and others in West Wichita had objected to naming it after a humorist. A new name has not yet been selected, although John G. Whittier and James Allison have been suggested as possibilities.

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2. Report of death last night of one of Wichita's pioneer motor car dealers, Harvey H. Schollenberger, of pneumonia at age 34. He and his brothers George H. and Morris H. started the first motor car agency in this section in 1902 and handled the Oldsmobile. Survived by wife, the former Maude Gowen, by one daughter, Mary Beth, age eight, three brothers, and two sisters (named). Photograph.

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5. Charles R. Lewis, for eight years superintendent of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, has been appointed superintendent of the Arkansas Valley Interurban according to an announcement by George Theis, Jr., president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban. It is a promotion for Mr. Lewis, and he assumes his new duties Monday. Succeeding him with the street railroad company here will be Howard Patten, of Topeka, brother of Albert H. Patten, general manager in Kansas for the McKinley Syndicate, which controls the company here. Howard Patten has been superintendent of the Topeka lines since 1910. Details of previous positions of C. R. Lewis.
14. The E. M. Laird Company of Wichita has announced the purchased of 40 airplane motors of the Curtiss OX-5, 90 horsepower type, for use in airplanes to be built in the Laird factory this year. This gives the company a total of 50 motors, since it purchased ten two weeks ago. Mr. Laird went to Chicago a week ago to ship all his airplane manufacturing equipment to Wichita. All of the woodworking machinery is now in the Laird factory on South Wichita Street.

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9. Actual manufacture of airplanes is under way at the new factory of the E. M. Laird Company, 238 South Wichita Street. Several workmen from Chicago, experienced in the construction of air craft, arrived last Saturday and began work Monday. Several of the Laird three seaters will be completed by early spring. The first plane will be ready for market by March 1.
11. Six carloads of steel were received in Wichita yesterday from the steel mills at Pueblo for the new tracks of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway. Ties for the tracks have been

purchased and are now on the way. Final working plans for the terminal buildings are expected from the architects in Chicago this week.

Wednesday, February 11, 1920**page**

2. The city commission has adopted an ordinance providing fines of \$5.00 to \$50 for smoking in the street cars in the city of Wichita. Details.
4. After several weeks delay, the paving company has resumed excavating for the paving of South Main from Bayley to Levy.
6. The street car company will use a temporary track over the part of South Main that is torn up for paving. This will allow operation of the cars to the end of the line and the use of the "Y" instead of backing the cars up as has been done for several weeks.

Thursday, February 12, 1920**page**

9. Howard Patten, the new superintendent of the Wichita street railway, arrived from Topeka this morning to assume his duties. Details.

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12. Article says the Zenith Tire and Rubber Company of Cleveland, Ohio, has purchased a controlling interest in the stock of the Mid-Continent Tire Manufacturing Company. Several months ago the latter company increased its capitalization from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Details.

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3. City commission last Friday ordered paving of: Market from Boston to Zimmerly with brick; Larimer from 10th to 11th with asphalt; and Franklin from Porter to Woodrow with concrete.

Tuesday, February 17, 1920**page**

3. The First National Bank will open for business Tuesday, February 24, being the combination of the Kansas National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce. Books, etc. of the former will be moved to the National Bank of Commerce Building next week end, where business will be conducted while the bank's new building is constructed on present site of Kansas National Bank. Details.

Thursday, February 19, 1920**page**

2. Report of \$200,000 fire last night at the Jones Motor Car Company plant which destroyed except for the brick walls, two buildings, the paint shop and the frame-making building.

Started about 10:40 p.m. cause unknown in the paint shop, Building F. The fire spread from Building F to Building I, the frame making plant, which is 60 feet east of Building F. Included in the loss were 14 complete Jones cars, ready to ship, and 100 bodies not yet placed on chassis. Both Buildings F and I are on the north side of "Main Street" of the Jones property. Details.

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2. The site of the two buildings of the Jones Motor car Company destroyed by fire this week will be cleared, beginning Monday. Architects are at work on plans for the new buildings, which will be the same size as the old ones and which will be on the same site.

Jones Six advertisement of Wichita Oakland Motor Company.

3. Report of collision yesterday afternoon between a Stock Yards street car, motorman John Cline, and a stock yards jitney bus driven by Ralph Dunn, at the Missouri Pacific crossing at 13th and Market. A man riding on the fender of the jitney was seriously injured. Details.

Photograph of Jones Six 1920 Speedster model.

9. Midco Tire Manufacturing Company advertisement.

Tuesday, February 24, 1920**page**

1. Fire this morning partially destroyed the zoo building at Riverside Park and killed several dozen animals. Loss estimated at nearly \$15,000. Fire apparently caused by overheating of the gas furnace in basement of the building. Details.

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4. The park board yesterday recommended to city commission the inclusion of certain streets in the park boulevard system, including: (1) River Boulevard north to Central Avenue, thence to west line of Buffum, thence north to 13th Street. (2) Murdock Avenue from west line of Wiley to west line of Buffum, thence to east line of Amidon Avenue. (3) River Boulevard west of Wiley to the south line of Parker Avenue. (4) Beale (sic) Avenue from west line of River Boulevard to east line of Amidon Avenue.
5. Within a few days a new system of transfers is to be put into effect by the street car company. Instead of issuing a transfer to a certain line, the clerk will simply show what line it was issued on, and will be good on any other line in the city provided it is not a parallel line. Details.

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3. A two passenger stunting airplane, the first product of the E. M. Laird Company's factory, on South Wichita Street. (? -- or was it brought from Chicago), is one of the most interesting attractions of the Wichita Automobile Show. It is equipped with a rotary seven cylinder motor. Details.

6. Plans have been decided on for the passenger and freight depots of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company at Waco and Douglas. The passenger depot will face on Douglas on the west end of the Morgan tract, recently purchased by the company. The freight depot will face on Waco just south of the place where the old cement stone barn is now being torn down. Passenger depot will be two stories, 75 by 100 feet. Freight depot will be two stories and 30 by 80 feet. Cost of the buildings and terminal tracks will be about \$100,000. Details.

George Theis, president of the Arkansas Valley Interurban, announced today that the company has purchased two more cars for limited service on its line between Wichita and Hutchinson. These cars are now on the way to Wichita, but it will be a month or six weeks before they are put into service. They are 50 feet in length and weigh 35 tons each. They are equipped with four 100 horsepower General Electric motors, which will maintain a speed of 50 miles per hour while pulling one or two passenger coaches or trailers.

Monday, March 1, 1920

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1. Wichita has seen the last of Wonderland Park. The entire 24 acres of Ackerman's Island, on which it is located, was leased on Saturday for 99 years by the Interurban Improvement Company, represented by George Theis, from A. E. Nuttle, owner of the island. The Arkansas Valley Interurban intends to build its shops, barns, and storage tracks on the northern end of the island. To do this a bridge will be built across the dry channel of the Arkansas River on the west side of the island. Most of the buildings of Wonderland Park will be torn down and the material used in the construction of a modern car shop and barns. The large building near the entrance to the park at 2nd Street will not be torn down, but a track will be constructed into the building, which will be used for storage purposes. The Interurban Improvement Company was recently incorporated with a capital of \$200,000 for the purpose of developing this and other property. The new lease will not interfere with the lease on the baseball park at the south part of the island, which runs two years yet and will probably be renewed.

Tuesday, March 2, 1920

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1. Note says a small group of men met 50 years ago today, on March 2, 1870, to complete the necessary legal procedures to organize Sedgwick County into a separate entity. They named it after General John T. Sedgwick, who fell in the Civil War. Organizers included William Griffenstein and William Mathewson, and James Mead. First officers of the county are listed -- N. A. English, T. S. Floyd, and Alex Williams were county commissioners. Reuben Riggs was probate judge.

11. Board of Education yesterday renamed the new West Side Intermediate School for James Allison, instead of Mark Twain.

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4. Article about Dr. Fabrique – says he came to Wichita just 50 years ago today, on March 4, 1870 in a covered wagon. Has occupied the same house at 503 North Lawrence ever since. Says there were three trading posts here when he first came to Wichita -- owned by Munger, Durfee, and Vigus. Built original house with lumber he brought overland, and by June 1 it was in readiness and his family came on from Topeka. Retired from practice in 1911 after 41 years. Photograph.

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4. Article says St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church will be formally dedicated tomorrow. ¶ Original location was at 13th and Waco and the church was established in 1887. In 1900 the frame building was moved to present site. In 1904 the old building was sold to the Negro Baptists of Wichita and moved to 466 North Rock Island. Ground was then broken for the present building, completed in 1906, but the debt was not paid until a few months ago. The mortgage was destroyed November 21, 1919.

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3. Report of death yesterday of pioneer Wichita lumber man George L. Pratt, at his home, 924 North Lawrence, at age 71. Born in New Jersey, came to Kansas in 1868 and came to Wichita in 1876. The Pratt lumber yards were for many years at 1st and Lawrence. Survived by wife, one son and three daughters (named).

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8. After April 1 the lobby of the Manhattan Hotel will be remodeled into a store room and the offices of the hotel will be moved to the second floor. The office formerly occupied the entire lower floor, but some years ago the Southwest State Bank took over the east portion. The rear of the original lobby has been converted into stores facing on Topeka.

Saturday, March 13, 1920**page**

1. Offices of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway that were moved from San Angelo, Texas to Wichita more than a year ago and are located at 223 North Market, are to be moved back to San Angelo, it was announced by W. T. Kemper, of Kansas City, president of the road. However, Mr. A. De Bernardi, the general manager will remain in Wichita. The officials are also undertaking the extension of the road from San Angelo 164 miles south to Del Rio, on the Mexican border. It is hoped construction will be started this summer.

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8. Advertisement for Jones Six by the Wichita Oakland Company.

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4. Report of donation to the city for 99 years of the south end of Ackerman's Island by the Arkansas Valley Interurban. To be known as Theis Park. Details.

Saturday, March 20, 1920**page**

4. City commission yesterday adopted resolution to pave Murdock from Wiley to Buffum with asphaltic concrete and River Boulevard from Buffum to Central Avenue with brick.
7. Jones Six advertisement.

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9. The street car company's new transfer system went into effect yesterday (see previous note). It does not permit riding on parallel lines with a transfer.

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11. Recommendations of W. K. Seitz, city park commissioner, for expansion of parks adjacent to North Riverside Park and North Park, building of connecting boulevard from Griffenstein Bridge to Larimer Avenue, etc. Details.

Tuesday, March 30, 1920**page**

1. Price of the *Beacon* being raised from two cents to three cents, beginning Monday, April 15, and delivered by carrier it will be increased to 15 cents per week.

Thursday, April 1, 1920**page**

8. The old Kansas National Bank building at Main and Douglas is now empty and removing of glass and plumbing has begun prior to tearing down of the building itself. It was erected in 1883. Details.

J. J. Jones stated the first business month after the fire in the plant, March 1st to April 1st, has seen the production and sale of the largest number of cars of any calendar month in the history of the factory, in spite of the price increase which went into effect in February. The new buildings and equipment are coming forward, and they expect to be in the new buildings and at normal production in every department by May 10th.

9. Paving has been resumed on the East Central Avenue road a mile east of the city. The work was discontinued last September because of lack of material and cold weather. About six miles of the paving is uncompleted. Work on the South Lawrence Avenue road will begin next week. A half a mile of this road's surface has been completed and the base has been laid for two miles of the road.

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3. The Walnut Grove Sand Company has been established by W. Morrison of the Arkansas Valley Interurban. It has a sand boat which is working at present at Forest Park.

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2. Charles H. Smyth and George Theis returned from Chicago today after a trip for the Arkansas Valley Interurban. They need three or four more freight cars and tried to obtain three, but are not certain because all the shops are far behind with their orders.

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4. R. L. Polk and Company have begun gathering data for the 1920 city directory. It takes about three months to compile and publish the directory, which will be ready in August.

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8. A 100 room addition is being planned for the Lassen Hotel. Details.

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3. The first Made-In-Wichita airplane of the Laird Company will be taken on its test flight this afternoon by E. M. Laird at the Laird field on North Hillside Avenue. Details. E. M. Laird and W. H. Burke opened the Laird factory here less than two months ago, when they purchased the woodworking machinery of the Watkins Manufacturing Company and immediately began work with a force of 15 expert mechanics. They have already completed the parts for ten more machines in the factory at South Wichita and English Streets.

City commission yesterday let contract for paving of a park boulevard from point north of West Central Avenue and just west of Seneca, just west of South Riverside Park extending west until it connects with Sim Park, where it will make a broad circle through the park and connect with Beal Avenue, leading east from the park. Cost is approximately \$70,000.

Friday, April 9, 1920**page**

8. Report of successful first flight of E. M. Laird's new airplane at 5:43 p.m. yesterday. Mr. Laird landed after about 15 minutes, and then the plane was flown by his associate, William H. Burke to a height of 2500 feet. A total of four flights were made last night. Details.

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1. Photographs of E. M. Laird's airplane made, in Wichita. Article with details. Says Mr. Laird is 25 years old and has been building planes since he as 14.

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4. The Kansas Industrial Relations Court has been asked to fix the wages of the street car employes of Wichita. The men are now receiving 34 to 42 cents an hour and are asking for 60 to 65 cents per hour. The present contract expires the lat day of this month.

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4. Long article describing the ugly and filthy squatter's town on city owned property along west bank of Arkansas River between Harry and Maple. Details.

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9. E. T. Battin has purchased from C. F. Weber the building at northwest corner of Douglas and Washington Avenues for \$35,000.

Wednesday, April 21, 1920**page**

1. The 1920 federal census has reported the population of Wichita to be 72,128.

Thursday, April 22, 1920**page**

1. Announcement of the formation of the Derby Oil Company as a result of the merging of the oil interests of A. L. Derby, of Wichita, H. B. Garden and G. M. Smith, of Augusta. Details. Is a five million dollar corporation.
2. Bids have been asked by State Highway Commission for paving of the first five and a half miles of the Cannon Ball Highway west of Wichita, extending across the Cowskin Creek. Details.

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10. Report of death yesterday of P. J. Conklin, a Wichita farm broker since 1895, at age 66. Born in Dayton, Ohio in 1854, later moving to Kansas. Came to Wichita in 1895. Retired from business six years ago. Survived by wife and seven children.

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8. Thirteen thousand five hundred four automobile licenses have been issued in Sedgwick Company so far this year and the number is increasing at the rate of 115 to 120 each week, so that by July the total will probably ready 15,000.

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3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has petitioned the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations for a half percent per mile increase in passenger fares and approximately 15 percent increase in freight rates. This would increase the passenger fares from the present two and a half cents per mile to three cents per mile. Details.
9. Steel has been laid on the new Arkansas Valley Interurban line into Wichita up to the approach to the interurban bridge on Seneca Street, but is now delayed because a car load of needed heavy steel has been lost in transit.

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2. W. K. Seitz has resigned as director of parks in Wichita and will return to St. Joseph, Missouri at an increased salary. He came here about six months ago from St. Joseph. Details.
8. Article describes improvement in appearance of west bank of Little River from Seneca and Central Avenues north to Murdock and Gilman. This area has previously always been an eyesore. Details.

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2. City commission decided yesterday that the Memorial Arch will be removed from Lawrence and Douglas Avenues. Bids will be asked by May 18.
- 4&5. Double page advertisement for sale of lots in the new Jones Park Addition, with diagram showing location.
10. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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2. Report from Chicago that Roland P. Murdock is being held there on charge of forgery of checks worth \$10,000. Article says he is a son of the late R. P. Murdock, former half owner of the *Eagle*, is 35 years old and left Wichita about 15 years ago. His mother, Louise C. Murdock, provided in her will that Roland should receive only \$15 a week until he becomes 40 years of age (on July 26, 1924), and then \$25 a week during the rest of his life. Details.

3. A. M. Patten, manager of the McKinley Syndicate properties in Kansas, was in Wichita Saturday on one of his periodic inspection trips. He said it is likely the company will ask the city commission for an increase in the street car fare. If the request of the employees for more pay is granted by the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations, it will cost the company \$175,000 more a year in Wichita. He said last year after paying all their obligations the company had only about \$1100 left.
4. O. J. Watson has purchased the site of the Rock Island Lumber Company at 235 West Douglas from C. S. and H. A. Lawrence, who recently bought it from the Rock Island Lumber Company for \$35,000. The property fronts 55 feet on Douglas and extends through 300 feet to William Street. Plans for the site not yet announced.

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2. Petitions are being circulated asking the city commission to permit the street car company to build a new loop around the block bounded by Douglas, South Main, William, and Water Street to replace the present loop bounded by 1st, Market, Douglas and North Main. City Manager Clapp wants the loop extended on 1st Street from Main to Topeka, including three blocks, but the company says this would cause too much loss of time in making the trip around the loop.

Wednesday, May 5, 1920**page**

2. Contract has been let for construction of car and repair shops for the Arkansas Valley Interurban on Ackerman Island, at cost of \$50,000 to the Schuler Construction Company. It will first be necessary to tear down some of the old Wonderland Park buildings to make room for the car shops. This work is now under way.
4. The Derby Oil Company has purchased 37 acres of land on 21st Street between Washington and Cleveland Avenues for \$26,000. It lies adjacent to the Western Refinery and will be used for expansion of the plant's capacity from 1200 barrels to 3000 barrels per day.

Thursday, May 6, 1920**page**

2. The first nursing class ever graduated from St. Francis Hospital will hold commencement exercises this evening at the Cathedral School, Topeka and Central. Seventeen young women are in the class, which has been in training for three years (names listed). Details.

All the pupils of Riverside School will take part in an entertainment which is to be held at the new school auditorium at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

Friday, May 7, 1920**page**

3. Plans for the Arkansas Valley Interurban's new passenger and freight stations at Douglas and Waco Avenues have been received this week from the architects in Chicago and are now in the hands of contractors for bidding. Details.

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5. Full page advertisement for sale of lots in Sim Park Home Sites, adjacent to Sim Park. Prices \$204 to \$304. Diagrams. Includes Coolidge, Perry, and Amidon from Murdock to Beal.
6. Article says about one-fifth of the lots in Jones Park Addition were sold in the first week.

Friday, May 14, 1920**page**

14. Contract let today to the Swenson Construction Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, for the first stage of the new First National Bank building. The building is intended to be 12 stories when completed, but construction may be temporarily stopped after the first two stories are completed if conditions so indicate. Details. Work will begin as soon as the old buildings on the site are razed.

Saturday, May 15, 1920**page**

4. The Schollenberger Brothers moved their Wichita Automobile Company into its new home on northeast corner of 2nd and Lawrence today. Article with history of the company. Drawing.

Monday, May 17, 1920**page**

5. City commission today directed city attorney to draft ordinance ordering the street car company to change the terminals of the University and Mt. Carmel lines. The University loop is to be moved one block south, and the Mt. Carmel wye one block west to intersection of Grand and Meridian Avenues.

Wednesday, May 19, 1920**page**

2. A south bound Stock Yards bus collided with a truck last evening at 14th and Market. Details.
11. Article about the Cosradio Company, C. A. Stanley, president, who maintains a test station at his home, 1725 Fairmount. His company, recently organized, manufactures parts for wireless instruments and installs sets, and he broadcasts announcements of parts and instruments he has for sale. Details.

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2. The Riverside Pharmacy, 1142 Bitting, was held up by three armed bandits at 10:15 p.m. last night. Details.
3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

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5. The Agrimotor Company, recently incorporated for \$1,250,000, has completed its plans for reorganization and establishing of a manufacturing plant in this city. The new organization consolidated with the Wichita Tractor Company, taking over the entire holdings of that company, including the Mid-West Tractor that was formerly built by that company. The temporary offices and shops are at 421 North Water on the premises formerly occupied by the Wichita Tractor Company. Board of directors listed.

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5. Advertisement for sale of stock in the Agrimotor Manufacturing Company (see above). Details.
10. Article says the fate of the Orient Railroad is in the balance, and unless assistance is received it is possible that the road will be abandoned.
12. Article says the buildings at the Jones Motor Car Company destroyed by fire February 18 have been rebuilt, and shows drawing with the rebuilt buildings, which have saw tooth roofs. Details.

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7. Article "Three States Fight to Save the Orient." Details.

Tuesday, May 25, 1920**page**

2. Work will start tomorrow on the terminal buildings for the Arkansas Valley Interurban at Waco and Douglas. The Siedhoff Construction Company has the contract.

Peter L. Lazarus, president of the United Millinery Company, has purchased the three story Whitlock Building in the second block on South Main, now occupied by the Kansas Gas and Electric Company. Price was \$60,000. This is the first time the building has changed hands since it was erected 28 (sic) years ago. It has remained until now in the possession of Miss G. Cecelia Whitlock and other members of the Whitlock family. Building is 75 by 140 feet.

Saturday, May 29, 1920**page**

1. The official state census reports Wichita's population to be 77,061, as compared with 70,078 last year. This is about 5000 more than the federal census.
3. Article with some history of the Whitlock Building.

Tuesday, June 1, 1920**page**

5. The Varney and Keck buildings in first block on North Main are being torn down to make way for the new First National Bank building. The Keck building, abutting on the alley, was the first building of any size in Wichita constructed of cement stone. It was built nearly 30 years ago.

Wednesday, June 2, 1920**page**

11. Fairmount College plans to build a \$100,000 gymnasium building this summer on the site of the present structure. To be 75 by 100 feet, and later two wings will be added. A 45 by 75 foot basketball court is included. Details.

Friday, June 4, 1920**page**

12. City manager, together with golf instructors from Country Club (named) spent yesterday in Sim Park making a survey for the layout of the municipal golf course to be constructed there and decided on a tentative layout for a nine hole outside course to be followed later by a nine hold inside course. Details.

Saturday, June 5, 1920**page**

6. Announcement of resignation of Dean Flora C. Clough from Fairmount College after 24 years there, on account of failing health. Details.

Wednesday, June 9, 1920**page**

4. Article lists the sanded roads in Sedgwick County.

Thursday, June 10, 1920**page**

2. Contract for a two room private school for the new Jones Park Addition has been let by J. J. Jones for \$13,000. Construction will begin at once. The location is Motor Avenue and 35th Street, only a short distance from the Jones Motor Company's plant. The building will be almost an exact duplicate of the Andale Public School, and contractor is Adolph Coup, of Andale. ¶ The company has also set aside a block of the site as a location for a public school. This will be at Park Avenue and 30th Street.

Saturday, June 12, 1920**page**

2. Thirty-two hundred forty-six dollars has been contributed toward the new Baby Camp, including \$1000 by City Manager L. W. Clapp. Work on the new camp house, to be built in North Riverside Park on the site of the old camp, will be started at once. Lorentz Schmidt has drawn the plans free of charge and George Siedhoff will superintendent the construction without profit to himself. Mrs. Arthur S. Parks has contributed 12 new hospital beds, which have been ordered.
6. Article about possible ways of removing the Victory Arch. Has been suggested it be removed to Riverside Park, but this is impractical. Details.

Monday, June 14, 1920**page**

4. Work on the interior of the new Wesley Hospital is being pushed rapidly. The top floor and solarium are now almost completed.

Tuesday, June 15, 1920**page**

5. Another article saying the above school building just west of the Jones Motor Car plant is being built by School District No. 169. Miss Ada Marvin has been engaged as the teacher there.

Thursday, June 17, 1920**page**

8. A four ton piece of "special work" was put in place yesterday where the Arkansas Valley Interurban crosses the Missouri Pacific tracks on Ackerman's Island to reach its new terminal grounds at Waco and Douglas. Rails have been completed up to the Missouri Pacific tracks, and the line will be completed to the east bank of the Arkansas River in a day or two. It will take about 60 days to complete all the switches, tracks, and loops at the new terminal grounds, by which time the freight depot will probably be completed. The total cost of the Arkansas Valley Interurban's new line and terminal facilities will not fall much below a half a million dollars including purchase of right-of-way and terminal sites, according to George These, president. The freight and passenger stations alone will cost \$125,000. The car shops, now being built by Shuler and Shuler north of 2nd Street on Ackerman's Island, will cost \$35,000 to \$40,000. The roof is now being put on this building. In addition to space for ten cars, the building includes a carpenter shop, paint shop, oil house and store room. It will be ready for use within 30 days. ¶ And so it is farewell to Wonderland Park forever.

Friday, June 18, 1920**page**

2. The manual training building at 2141 North Topeka, purchased recently by the Wichita League for Social Work, will be given over to a number of organizations which will equip and use it as a center for community work. The YMCA, YWCA, and Public Health Nurses' Association are represented. The baby clinic was started by the nurses there Tuesday and a day nursery is to be started. A swimming pool has also been opened.

Tuesday, June 22, 1920**page**

2. The request of the Wichita Railroad and Light Company employes for an increase in wages is to be heard by the Kansas Court for Industrial Relations in Wichita on Thursday, July 8. If the increase is granted, it is likely that the street car fare will be increased to six or seven cents. Details.

12. The Soldiers and Sailors Club, organized by the Salvation Army in May 1919 for the purpose of aiding service men and their families, and operated in the old Frisco depot, will be closed Friday night, June 25.

Wednesday, June 23, 1920**page**

2. Confusingly written note says city commission adopted resolution yesterday giving street car company choice of extending its University line one block and constructing a wye at University and Hiram, where the company had proposed putting in a loop, or extending its line another block west to permit it to construct a loop at University and Bonn avenues.

Thursday, June 24, 1920**page**

4. The addition to the Coleman Lamp Company, now under construction, should be ready for occupancy by August 15. Details.

5. J. J. Jones, president of the Jones Motor Car Company left today for St. Louis. He is after an extra lot of supplies for the motor and steel departments of his plant. "If my plans pan-out" the next ten days will see 400 or 500 men making automobiles in Wichita instead of the usual 200."

Friday, June 25, 1920**page**

5. Two thousand harvest hands have been carried daily by the Arkansas Valley Interurban between Wichita and Hutchinson the last six days. There usually is a big bunch of harvesters awaiting the departure of every train. So heavy has been the traffic that much of the time it has been necessary to run double-header trains, and occasionally to run an extra.

Saturday, June 26, 1920**page**

2. The E. M. Laird airplane factory here is now turning out one machine a week and this will be increased to two sometime soon. Orders are coming in from all over the U.S. When freight cars cannot be obtained, the planes are delivered by air, as was one delivered this week to the Hedden Aviation Company of Dowagiac, Michigan. Details.

Wednesday, June 30, 1920**page**

2. Contract for the new First National Bank Building was re-let today to the George H. Siedhoff Construction Company, of Wichita. It had been previously announced several weeks ago that it would be built by the Swenson Construction Company, of Kansas City, but the plans have since been changed. Details.

13. The Boy Scout hut for Troop No. 1 in West Riverside is now about ready for the roof. It is an unusual building, with the exterior of oak slabs six to eight inches wide, with the bark on. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company has donated enough cobblestones to make a rustic fireplace and chimney for the hut.

Friday, July 2, 1920**page**

10. Article reports that a Wichita man, John W. Clem, 1409 Ida Avenue, is building a fliver of the air -- a plane that will sell for \$1000 or less and go 40 miles on a gallon of gas. To be a monoplane with a two cylinder air cooled motor. Wingspan is 23 feet three inches. Details.

Tuesday, July 6, 1920**page**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.

5. Actual excavation for the basement and foundation of the First National Bank building was started this morning.

Wednesday, July 7, 1920**page**

6. Article lists assignments of Wichita teachers by school. Riverside has seven through seventh grade, including Edith Wagner and Olive Lockhart.

Thursday, July 8, 1920**page**

1. Meeting of business men today discussed possible extension of plans for Wichita-Walnut Valley Interurban Railroad to include a line south to Guthrie, Oklahoma. Details.

8. Long report on hearing of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations on the street car employes pay increase demands today at the International Organization of United Workers Hall on South Main. Details. No decisions.

Friday, July 9, 1920**page**

2. Further report on the above hearing on street car employe wages. Revenues of the company for year ended April 30, 1920 said to be \$622,403.17 with cost of operation for same period \$535,758.72, leaving only \$86,649.45 to pay the fixed charges of the company. Stock holders equity said to be \$256,607 and net earnings \$104,014.66, or about 40 percent of their equity.

6. The Goldsmith Book and Stationary Company, 122 East Douglas, will move into its new home at 116 South Topeka August 1, which has been leased from Judge J. N. Haymaker and will give more room. The company has been at the East Douglas location the past 27 years.

Monday, July 12, 1920**page**

4. Report that a five story hotel is to be built on the northwest corner of Waco and Douglas on property owned or leased by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company. Details.
5. Report of death Friday in Los Angeles of C. R. Miller, Wichita pioneer and wealthy real estate man, at age 85. He had lived in Wichita 44 years and soon after coming here built one of then the most palatial homes in Wichita at 509 South Lawrence. First wife died in 1907 and second wife in 1919. Survived by two sons, George W., of Wichita, and Wells W., of Oklahoma City. Had gone to Los Angeles a month ago for his health. Further obituary.

Tuesday, July 13, 1920**page**

1. Report of death at 2:45 a.m. today at St. Francis Hospital of Bishop John J. Hennessy, after a stroke of paralysis beginning at 9:00 p.m. last night, age 72. Born near Cloyne, County Cook, Ireland July 19, 1847. Came with parents to St. Louis as a child. Ordained as a priest in 1869. From 1880 to 1888 was rector of St. John's Church in St. Louis. Consecrated Bishop of Wichita November 30, 1888 in St. John's Church at St. Louis. Arrived in Wichita in December 1888. In 1893 he purchased the Mead property on Central Avenue as site for new cathedral. Date of his Golden Jubilee as a priest was November 28, 1919. Further obituary and photograph.

Wednesday, July 14, 1920**page**

4. City has purchased one block in West Wichita for a new park, at cost of \$21,400. It is bounded by Walnut on the east, Seneca on the west, Texas on the north and Burton on the south and was purchased from James A. Murray, Jay Mean, C. W. Thompson, and Mary Sheehand, and J. Siever. The south half of it is vacant but there are houses on the north half.

Friday, July 16, 1920**page**

2. Report of funeral of Bishop Hennessy today. The eulogy was delivered by the Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, bishop of Denver, who came here as a young priest with Bishop Hennessy 32 years ago and who labored with him for approximately 25 years. It was a wonderfully touching eulogy and covered phases of the bishop's character and personality very little known to the public. Details. ("Bishop Is Buried in Mount Calvary")

4. South Riverside Park is being used as a tourist camp ground. Details.

Saturday, July 17, 1920**page**

3. Work started this week on the laying of new 85 pound rails on the Wichita to Kingman portion of the Wichita and Western Railroad. The present steel, which was laid into Kingman 36 years ago this month, is about the lightest used in standard gauge roads and far too light and too worn to permit the passage of heavy or speedy traffic.

Monday, July 19, 1920**page**

2. Excavation started today at corner of Spruce and East Douglas for erection of the new building for the Smith Baking Company, of Kansas City. To cost \$40,000 and will be 100 by 150 feet, of brick. Contractor is George H. Siedhoff Construction Company.
4. The Community House at 2146 North Topeka operated by the Wichita Social League was opened this morning. Remodeling has been completed. It was formerly used as the Red Cross flu hospital. Details.

Tuesday, July 20, 1920**page**

1. W. T. Kemper, Orient Railroad receiver, said today that the Orient system would cease operation September 1 in the absence of a government loan or of refinancing from some other source. Details. He has called the situation to England, where capitalists have 11 or 12 million dollars in the property. About 40 percent of the bonds are British held.
6. A Physicians and Surgeons Exchange for answering telephone calls is to be established in Wichita. Details.

Thursday, July 22, 1920**page**

8. Motor bus service between Wichita and Eldorado was started Tuesday morning by a Wichita company. The company has been running buses between Wichita and Augusta for the past several months. The time from Eldorado to Augusta will be 45 minutes, and Augusta to Wichita one hour.
9. The Boy Scout hut for Troop 1, at the rear of the Shrine club in Riverside, costing \$3000, will be completed within two weeks. The ground and a part of the materials were donated by interested parties. The timber was picked in the Ozarks and shipped directly to Wichita.

Saturday, July 24, 1920**page**

4. The Kansas Industrial Court in Topeka is expected to grant a 30 percent increase in wages to Topeka street car employes, along with a reduction in mileage of the Topeka street car

system, which totals 41 miles compared with under 30 miles in Wichita. ¶ Topeka now has a six cent fare. In Wichita the fare is five cents.

Monday, July 26, 1920**page**

2. George H. Siedhoff today took a lease on a part of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Company's tract at northwest corner of Waco and Douglas and plans to build a hotel on the tract at once. The part of the tract owned by the Interurban Company was leased for 99 years. That part of it owned by Dr. Diver and under lease to the Interurban Company for 50 years was taken over by Mr. Siedhoff for that length of time. Details.

Wednesday, July 28, 1920**page**

10. A proposition made by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Company to sell that part of its track from 21st Street to 24th and Mascot Streets has been rejected by the Wichita Railroad and Light Company, on the grounds that it has no money to pay for the track and that it would not be feasible or profitable to operate a short sub line like this. The Arkansas Valley Interurban will probably tear up this part of its line as soon as its new terminal buildings are completed.

Tuesday, August 3, 1920**page**

4. Harry F. Gee, treasurer and general manager of the Morton-Simmons Hardware Company, of Wichita, has been appointed receiver for the Jones Motor Car Company by the United States District Court judge in Kansas City. Mr. Gee took possession of the plant today. The recent fire at the company entailed a heavy loss and necessary replacement of buildings with material and labor at top prices made it necessary to draw heavily on the company's working capital so that it became hampered for funds. At the same time financial conditions in the company became stringent so that the Federal Reserve bank greatly restricted the loans for manufacturing and purchase of pleasure automobiles, and the effect of this was also felt at the Jones plant. Further details.

Wednesday, August 4, 1920**page**

6. Article about plan of Wichita Railroad and Light Company to request fare increase to seven cents. Permission obtained from city commission yesterday to discontinue sale of street car tickets. Details.

Thursday, August 5, 1920**page**

2. Man was struck and killed by a jitney bus at Main and Douglas at 10:00 p.m. last night. Bus driver, W. M. Lawson arrested on charge of manslaughter, as it was alleged that while driving south he speeded up his jitney to beat a street car to a crowd returning from the circus at the First National Bank corner. The man killed and his son were attempting to board a South Main Street car when the accident happened.

5. Report of donation of \$30,000 by Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton of Peabody, to Wesley Hospital for a nurses' home. The property purchased is the J. B. Blazier home at northeast corner of Hillside and Central, adjoining the hospital grounds on the south. In addition to the 12 room two story house there is a tract of ground 360 by 364 feet. Article with details. ¶ Wesley Hospital will be formally opened on September 17, 18, and 19.

Friday, August 6, 1920**page**

8. Superintendent Howard Patten said today that a two cent increase in street car fare would not only pay the increased wages on the employes, but would leave a small amount to pay interest on borrowed money with which the company could pay for improved service. At present the company's income is not sufficient to induce anyone to lend it money to make improvements.
10. The Wheeler, Kelly and Hagny Company yesterday purchased from Deering J. Marshall the two story brick building at 128-130 North Market for \$35,000 as an investment. The building is on the site of the old City Hotel, once quite notorious. The 29 foot two story building adjoining this one on the south, also formerly owned by Deering J. Marshall, was sold yesterday by the Southwestern Electric Company to W. H. Stanley for \$40,000.

Saturday, August 7, 1920**page**

2. Bond issues for new bridge across Arkansas River at Maple Street and for a fire station in Riverside both carried by a good margin in Tuesday's primary election. Details.
5. Photograph of the J. B. Blazier residence at southeast corner of Central and Hillside which has been purchased as a nurses' home for the new Wesley Hospital by means of a gift of \$30,000 from Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton, of Peabody.

Monday, August 9, 1920**page**

6. William A. Burke, well known airplane pilot, cracked up his ship, while flying over the California section, five miles southeast of Wichita, last night. He was bruised but not seriously injured. Details.

Tuesday, August 10, 1920**page**

3. Kansas Court of Industrial Relations has allowed the Kansas Public Utilities Company, to increase its street car fares in Emporia to ten cents, with a seven and a half cent fare if passengers buy coupon books. Effective August 1.

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3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has purchased the house and a 50 foot lot on the corner east of the Halstead bank from R. E. Jones, with the intention of soon starting the erection of a new passenger station there.

Monday, August 16, 1920**page**

5. Carmen employed by the Wichita Railroad and Light company went to work this morning at the new scale of wages recommended recently by the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations. Details.

Tuesday, August 17, 1920**page**

2. Excavation was begun today for the new 20 by 85 foot swimming pool being built at Lincoln Park.

Wednesday, August 18, 1920**page**

2. The Orient Railroad shops in Wichita, employing 250 men, are to be closed indefinitely on Tuesday, August 31, general manager A. DeBernardi announced today. Details.
8. The new Woodland School, a four room brick building, will be ready for use at the opening of the school year. ¶ Another new building, the Emerson School at southwest corner of Waco and Central, will be ready by October 1st. The exterior is completed and interior finishing is being pushed. The building is to cost \$96,000.

Thursday, August 19, 1920**page**

5. The new unit of the Red Star Mill will soon be ready for installation of machinery and is expected to be ready to begin operations about January 1st. It is the largest mill in Kansas under one roof. Details.

Saturday, August 21, 1920**page**

1. William T. Kemper, receiver of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company, in Kansas City announced today that the Interstate Commerce Commission has granted the road's application for a \$2,500,000 loan to be used in paying debts and continuing operation of the property.

Monday, August 23, 1920**page**

4. The 1920 Wichita directory is now in the hands of the printers and will be ready for delivery by October 1st.

Tuesday, August 24, 1920**page**

1. Report of death at 6:30 a.m. today of Judge David M. Dale, age 68, at Wichita Hospital, after undergoing an operation last Saturday. Born June 3, 1852 in DeKalb County, Illinois. Was raised on a farm and commenced the practice of law in Illinois at age 21. Came to Wichita in 1879 (actually 1880) and in fall of 1880 was elected county attorney of Sedgwick County and re-elected in 1882. After eight years as District Court Judge he practiced in partnership with Samuel B. Amidon in the firm of Dale and Amidon until 1912, when he retired. Since then he has been on the examining board, appointed by the Supreme Court of Kansas, for examination of lawyers for admission to the bar, and in the past several years has been chairman of that board. He married Louise Berry, of Paw Paw, Lee County, Illinois in 1882. They have resided at 933 North Waco for a number of years. Other survivors are three brothers, Arthur H. Dale, of Leland, Illinois, Judge Frank Dale of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and J. W. Dale of Clearwater, Kansas. Photograph (poor quality).

11. Interstate Commerce Commission loan to Orient Railroad assures continued operation of the Orient Shops. Details.

Wednesday, August 25, 1920**page**

2. Article says the Orient Railroad will keep its headquarters in Wichita and today signed a lease for the entire fifth floor and part of fourth floor of the Sedgwick Building. The Orient Company now has offices in four different places in Wichita. The general offices are in the old telephone building at 223 North Market, the traffic department offices are in the Union National Bank Building, the legal department in the Butts building, and the engineering department at the Midland Valley depot.

3. The Arkansas Valley Interurban commenced using their two and a half blocks of new track in Halstead yesterday. This will enable the street paving force to lay base where the old track has been. The Interurban has purchased a lot at Spruce and 2nd Streets and will commence to clear it immediately preparatory to erecting a new passenger depot.

Saturday, August 28, 1920**page**

12. Small photograph of new Red Star mill under construction.

Wednesday, September 1, 1920**page**

4. About eight of the 12 miles of paved brick road on South Lawrence Avenue from the city limits to the Sedgwick County line are expected to be completed and open for travel by October 1.

8. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Ida Decatur, age 63, at home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Alexander, 903 Wiley, from angina pectoris. Born October 23, 1856 at Savannah, Missouri, and came to Wichita in spring of 1887. Lived with her two daughters and her mother for many years at corner of Lawrence and 2nd Street where First Baptist Church

now stands. Has worked for 30 years at the Wichita post office. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. R. B. Campbell of 1255 Riverside Drive (sic).

Saturday, September 4, 1920**page**

6. Drawing of the new Wheeler, Kelly, and Hagny Building on South Market, now under construction. Article with details.

Thursday, September 16, 1920**page**

5. Building permit issued past week to F. E. Barr for frame bungalow 34 by 32 at 1137 Woodrow for \$4800.
10. Opening services for the new Wesley Hospital and Nurse Training School will be held tonight. Details. Another article September 17, on page 2.

Saturday, September 18, 1920**page**

15. Article says there is doubt the city commission will approve the increase in street car fares asked by the street car company. The company has requested a seven cent cash fare with ticket books of four tickets sold for 25 cents. The fare now is five cents.

Monday, September 20, 1920**page**

2. City manager L. W. Clapp suggested a change in the plan for loading street cars and jitneys at a conference with city commission Saturday. Wooden platforms four or five inches high and the length of a street car will be provided at the intersections of Douglas Avenue with Main, Market, and Lawrence. The platforms will be close to the street car tracks. The parking space for autos will also be shortened near the street intersections to permit the jitneys to approach the curb for loading back of the street intersection so that street car passengers can reach the loading platforms without having to dodge the jitneys.

Tuesday, September 21, 1920**page**

14. Article says city figures indicate street car company may make adequate profit without a raise in the fares. Details of financial review. During the year ending June 30, 1920, the company carried 12,788,755 passengers.

Thursday, September 23, 1920**page**

5. Building permit issued past week to C. W. Garlick for frame business building and garage at 1717 Briggs for \$2000.

Saturday, September 25, 1920**page**

8. Owing to the crowded condition of the Waco School, the kindergarten for that school will be located in the social welfare building formerly known as the Community House on North Topeka Avenue.

Monday, September 27, 1920

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12. The Orient Railroad has a monthly payroll in Wichita of \$91,500. Details.

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4. Advertisement by McMillian O. Fry announces that beginning Saturday, October 2 the old Sunflower stage will run two seven passenger cars between Wichita and Kingman daily, leaving Wichita from 125 South Water at 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., and 12:00 midnight, and Hotel Overland at Kingman at 7:00 and 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.
8. City commission today decided to allow the street car company to charge a six cent cash fare or nine tickets for 50 cents. Full text of the order is printed. ("Six Cents Now to Ride Street Cars")

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10. City workmen are building loading platforms at intersection of Market and Douglas to afford a safety zone for street car passengers. The platforms are 50 feet long and five feet eight inches high. Other platforms are to be constructed at Main and Douglas and Lawrence and Douglas.

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Special Section

8. Says the Wichita Automobile Company, of the three Schollenberger brothers, opened the first exclusive automobile store here in 1900. Previously they had been in the bicycle repair business. They received their first gasoline driven car in 1900 and after almost a year of effort sold it to a Mr. Meredith. In 1902 the firm sold five cars in Wichita. Since then growth has been continuous and this year they will bring more than 2000 cars to Wichita.

Special Greater Southwest section of the *Beacon* for the International Wheat Show and Exposition.

¶ Many special articles about Wichita businesses and institutions. Pages not numbered.

Wholesale and Jobbing Section

6. Advertisement for the Polytechnic Hospital of Kansas, 220 West 13th Street, with photograph. (Later site of Coffman Hospital?)

Real Estate and Building Construction Section

8. Article about the type of wood used in building the E. M. Laird "Laird Swallow" airplanes, with details. Says a Swallow flown by W. A. Burke powered with an OX-5 engine recently climbed to an altitude of 17,000 feet above the field here in an hour and a half after takeoff.
10. Long article by Bliss Isely giving details of early history of Wichita. Says mule car lines began in 1883 with three cars and 20 miles constituting the rolling stock. ("Public School Wichita History Is Well Written by Bliss Isely")
11. Advertisement of the Wichita League for Social Work shows small photograph of the North End Community House, which apparently is being actively used.

Manufacturing and Milling Section

- 6.. Long article describing the Laird "Swallow" airplane, with details. ("Airplanes Are Wichita Built")

Monday, October 4, 1920

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1. Article says the Jones Motor Car Company will open its factory again soon following subscribing of nearly \$100,000 by one-tenth of the stockholders. The balance of the stockholders will be canvassed at once, J. J. Jones said today. Resolution passed by the directors today asked the court to defer liquidation action for 30 days to allow the necessary funds to be raised.
12. Mat Busch, shoemaker, on Saturday purchased for \$50,000 the three story brick building at 116-118 South Topeka occupied by the shoe shop on the ground floor for a year and a half. The building was once known as the Topeka Avenue Hotel, but more recently the Empress Theater building. It is 50 by 140 feet. The building was purchased from H. Samuels and has 56 rooms on the second and third floors, leased to the Liberty Rooming House.
14. The new six cent street car fare will go into effect Thursday morning. Passengers may also purchase nine tickets for 50 cents.

Tuesday, October 5, 1920

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12. Correction says the increase in street car fares will not go into effect until Friday.

Thursday, October 7, 1920

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4. Building permit issued last week to Metropolitan Stores Company for three story brick building, 55 by 120 feet, at 117-119 East Douglas for \$60,000.
7. Advertisement for Sunflower Stage Lines between Wichita and Pratt.

Friday, October 8, 1920**page**

3. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement giving notice of increased fare.

Wednesday, October 13, 1920**page**

11. City commission and street car company will discuss further the construction of a wye on Hiram Avenue. There have been periodical conferences about it since the last of last April when Hiram Avenue was excavated for paving from Maple to University, but nothing has been done and the street remains unpaved and a cause of much inconvenience to residents there.

Thursday, October 14, 1920**page**

2. The Park Department has begun the construction of several tennis courts in South Riverside Park. ¶ Article describes amenities of other Wichita parks and refers to Park Villa as being constructed of Colorado sand stone.
8. Article says jitney owners are talking about raising their fares to six cents following the raise in the street car fares.

Six arrests were made today following a raid by police on the Keene Hotel, 156 North Market. Mabel Parnizke was charged with keeping a disorderly house.
12. Article about building activity in West Wichita with six small photographs of new buildings there.

Tuesday, October 19, 1920**page**

12. Article says this is last week Arkansas Valley Interurban will use its old terminals on 1st Street, and beginning next Tuesday it will see the new ones, although they are not fully completed, because it is required to vacate the present property by November 1st, to the Golden Rule Oil Company, which bought it several months ago and has already granted two extensions to the time for vacation. Details.
13. Long article about the merits of the Birney safety car. Says Wichita now has 37 of them in use.

Wednesday, October 20, 1920**page**

12. At a conference yesterday between city commission and street car company, the latter agreed to construct a wye one block south of the present loop as soon as the necessary materials can be assembled. This will permit the paving of Hiram Avenue, a contract for which was let last spring.

Thursday, October 21, 1920**page**

10. Contract was let Tuesday for paving with asphalt of the gap on South Lawrence between the city paving and the paved county road.

Friday, October 22, 1920**page**

1. An involuntary petition of bankruptcy was filed in United States District Court here today against the Jones Motor Car Company by several creditors, with claims amounting to about \$13,000, which the creditors say the company admits it is unable to pay. Details.

Saturday, October 23, 1920**page**

2. The Arkansas Valley Interurban has obtained an extension of the time it can use its old passenger station at 1st and Water until November 15, so it will not handle passengers for the new station next week as announced. However, the freight business will be handled from the new freight station beginning the first of next week and the present freight station on West 1st Street will be abandoned.
5. The Pasture Theater at 21st and Lawrence has been sold by Wayne Parker to Mr. Goldstein of 842 Cleveland Avenue and will open Monday under the name of the Royal.

Monday, October 25, 1920**page**

2. Arrangements have been made by the Arkansas Valley Interurban to begin handling freight from its new freight station at Waco and Douglas tomorrow morning. After today no more freight will be received at the 1st Street freight house. However passengers will continue to leave from the present passenger station on 1st Street for another ten or 15 days.

Saturday, October 30, 1920**page**

9. Ward and precinct map of Wichita.

Monday, November 1, 1920**page**

8. Excavation began this morning for the pavement on South Lawrence to connect the city pavement and the county paved road. Until it is completed, a detour on Topeka Avenue from Kinkaid Avenue to Franklin is suggested.

Tuesday, November 2, 1920**page**

4. The basement of the new Salem Evangelical Church was dedicated Sunday, October 31. Located at 1st and Madison. Architect is S. S. Voight (sic). The congregation formerly worshiped at corner of Market and Waterman Streets. Details.

Wednesday, November 3, 1920**page**

1. Results of national election yesterday. Harding elected.

Thursday, November 4, 1920**page**

12. The Arkansas Valley Interurban will move its passenger station to the new freight station November 8. The new passenger depot will not be ready before December 1 and this necessitates moving first to the new freight depot which will be used for both passengers and freight traffic until the completion of the passenger station. The ticket offices and waiting room will be on the second floor of the new freight depot.

Friday, November 5, 1920**page**

13. Arkansas Valley Interurban advertisement announcing change of passenger station.

Saturday, November 6, 1920**page**

5. Article about air show to be given tomorrow afternoon at Laird Field, 29th and Hillside. Details. Report November 8, page eight.

Advertisement announces A. G. Mueller Funeral Home moving November 9 from 142 North Market to 314 North Lawrence. Photographs.

Monday, November 8, 1920**page**

11. The 1920 city directory will be ready for distribution the latter part of the week. It has been delayed about six months owing to a shortage of paper.

Wednesday, November 10, 1920**page**

2. Arkansas Valley Interurban president George Theis told the Wichita Board of Commerce yesterday that the Arkansas Valley Interurban line would likely be extended to Salina, but recommended that owing to the present status of general conditions it would be best to delay the agitation of the road's extension until the spring months.

Friday, November 12, 1920**page**

16. The safety platforms on Douglas Avenue recently built for the street car passengers are considered a success. They were installed as an experiment. The Wichita Railroad and Light Company is now fastening the platforms to the pavement so that automobiles will not move them by accidentally running into them.

Saturday, November 13, 1920**page**

4. Long article about President-emeritus Edward E. Stanley of Friends University. Details with photographs of him and Mrs. Stanley.

Monday, November 15, 1920**page**

1. The *Wichita Sunday Beacon* will come into existence Sunday, December 5, 1920. Details.
5. The Smith Baking Company's new plant at Douglas and Spruce will be ready for occupancy about December 1.

Wednesday, November 17, 1920**page**

2. The Wolf Cafeteria at 115 South Main will enlarge its quarters by remodeling and occupying the room on the south now occupied by the Operative Store. Work will begin soon after the first of the year.
11. Two more safety platforms are being built for street car passengers -- at 1st and Main and at 2nd and Main Streets.

Friday, November 19, 1920**page**

9. List of yearly result of Friends vs. Fairmount football games from 1898 through 1919. ¶ Fairmount won seven, Friends won five, two ties, and no game played seven years.
18. Report of death yesterday in New York city of Sol H. Kohn, age 75, who was mayor of Wichita in 1879. He and his brother came to Wichita in 1870 to establish a dry goods store. Later he formed the Wichita Savings Bank, which became the Wichita National Bank. Soon after he resigned as mayor he went to New York.

Monday, November 22, 1920**page**

3. Lester Sweetland has established an auto bus line from Mt. Hope to Wichita leaving Mt. Hope at 8:00 a.m. and leaving Wichita at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23, 1920**page**

5. B. F. McLean has purchased nearly all the stock of the Fidelity State Bank at northwest corner of 1st and Main. Details.

Friday, November 26, 1920**page**

11. The limited Interurban cars now make trips between Wichita and Hutchinson in ten minutes less time since the Arkansas Valley Interurban moved to its new station, from which the cars enter and leave Wichita over the company's new track west of the river.

Tuesday, November 30, 1920**page**

6. Advertisement announcing opening of the J. C. Penney Company department store at 120 North Lawrence on Wednesday, December 1. Drawing.

Thursday, December 2, 1920**page**

2. T. J. Rice, owner of Rice's Cafeteria, 114 South Lawrence, has filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy, and a receiver has been appointed. Rice's Café, opened last August at 118 West Douglas by F. L. Rice, a son of T. J. Rice, was closed a week ago. Details.

Saturday, December 4, 1920**page**

2. Another state bank is to be opened here within the next three months, to be known as the Kansas State Bank. Details.

Sunday, December 5, 1920**page**

First Sunday edition of the *Beacon*

1. Article announces plans for new eight story office and theater building at northeast corner of 1st and Lawrence, with theater to carry Orpheum and Keith productions. Theater will seat 2000. Total cost approximately \$800,000. Details.
- C-6. Article about the Laird Limousine airplane now being constructed at the E. M. Laird factory here, which will be able to carry two pilots and five passengers. Details.

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Aerial photograph of Union Station and Union Stockyards.

Wednesday, December 8, 1920**page**

4. Full page advertisement of The Smith Baking Company on East Douglas, "now in operation," with drawing of new plant.

Thursday, December 9, 1920**page**

2. District court allowed \$1278 to Mrs. E. M. Ross for two acres of land taken from her five acre tract near 17th Street by condemnation for new Arkansas Valley Interurban right-of-way. She claims \$1500 more for right of way crossing corner of another tract on which her residence is located.

11. Creditors of Jones Motor Company today voted to authorize the bankruptcy trustee, M. E. Garrison, to sell the company's property in the most advantageous manner and to apply the proceeds to the obligations listed in the bankruptcy petition filed October 26.

Sunday, December 12, 1920**page**

- C-5. Photographs of the old and new Emerson schools.

Photograph section

Photograph looking east on Douglas with arch.

Aerial photograph of Island Park south of 2nd Street with street car bridge, etc.

Photograph of Mattie Laird failure testing a Laird plane.

Photograph of new Wesley Hospital.

Tuesday, December 14, 1920**page**

11. Finishing touches are being put on the interior of the Alexander Hamilton School and the contractors say it will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the second semester January 31.

Thursday, December 16, 1920**page**

4. Wichita Railroad and Light Company advertisement.
8. The brick surface has been laid for the first two and a half miles of the South Lawrence Road out of the city and the other five and a half miles has the concrete base in place.

Friday, December 17, 1920**page**

4. A North Lawrence Avenue bus line was established Wednesday with the placing in service of two buses by A. C. Dyer, garage man, 1211 South Lawrence Avenue. It is the intention later to extend the line to South Lawrence Avenue.

Sunday, December 19, 1920**page**

7. Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Davidson gave a dinner last night at their home on corner of Pearce and 10th Streets in honor of John Noble, of Wichita and Birger Sandzen of Lindsborg, who met for the first time yesterday.
10. Article reminiscing about the old mule car days in Wichita (with many errors).
- B-9. Article about one of the first burials in Highland Cemetery, in 1871.

- C-10. Photograph of new building of O. J. Watson Motor Company. Article with details.
- C-11. The Watkins Manufacturing Company moved last week from its old location at 238 South Wichita to the new Watkins Building at northeast corner of 1st and Waco. Details.

Thursday, December 23, 1920**page**

4. It is now believed that the new passenger station of the Arkansas Valley Interurban at Douglas and Waco will be completed and ready for use by the middle of January. The interior of the building is ready for painting and the tile floors.

Sunday, December 26, 1920**page**

Photograph section

- Photographs of interior and exterior of St. Mary's cathedral.
3. Garfield Hall, at 1st and Water, was largely destroyed by fire Saturday morning. Three people killed. Details.

Tuesday, December 28, 1920**page**

2. Half a dozen Wichita men have purchased Walnut grove from the Van Arsdale Brokerage Company for a private summer camping ground and site for summer homes. They include Fred Farmer, O. S. Shirk, T. B. Richardson, Harry Lawrence, H. D. Baker, and Dr. Will A. Carter. The tract comprises 17 acres, lying just south of 39th Street.