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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1885 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Friday, January 2, 1885**

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4. During the past month the construction force of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita RR have built a bridge over the Chikaskia 700 ft. long and laid 14 miles of track.

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4. Regular trains are now running on the Sunflower road to Wichita.

**Sunday, January 4, 1885**

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4. Among the many new enterprises recently established in our city is the Southwestern Commercial Institute and school of penmanship located over Woodman's bank on Main st.

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4. Article about a planned extension of the street railway, on Main st. south from Douglas to Lincoln st. and thence east to Lawrence avenue, the terminus of the road. The contract has been signed by Major Powell, for the street railway company, and by M. Zimmerly, N. A. English, and H. G. Lee for the construction and operation of this road, the work to be completed on or before June 1, 1885.

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4. Letter to *Eagle* from George E. Harris complaining about low level of stagnant water in the Little river, which he attributes to the mill dam. Says in 1872 when he built his first ice house here, the depth was from eight to twelve ft. from Riverside to the mouth of the river.

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4. The street car mules had a hard road to travel yesterday. It was necessary to attach four of the domestic rabbits to each car to overcome the opposition of snow, cold, and the balmy north wind, but Major Powell is irrepressible and regardless of adverse circumstances, the street cars must go.

**Tuesday, January 20, 1885****page**

1. Mr. Garst, of Ohio, who came to this city before Christmas on a prospecting tour, was impressed so favorably that he returned home for his family and has moved here, arriving yesterday. A brother of his is expected to follow next week.
4. Dr. Lewellen believes himself to be the father of the first white child born in Sedgwick county and also the first white child born in Butler county.

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4. Article reports on the Congregational service held in the Episcopal church last Sunday. Details.

**Wednesday, January 28, 1885****page**

4. Schedule No. 14 went into effect on the Santa Fe at 12:05 last night. Details.

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4. Long letter to *Eagle* from W. C. Woodman complaining about the nuisance of the mill race dam and urging its removal.

The packing house has shut down for the season after having packed 1115 hogs.

**Tuesday, February 3, 1885****page**

4. A mud plow fashioned after a snow plow was run over the street car track yesterday, leaving a ridge of mud stacked along either side after it. When the frost thaws more, street traffic will be the reverse of easy or pleasant.

**Thursday, February 5, 1885****page**

4. Long letter to *Eagle* by H. W. Lewis in reply to W. C. Woodman's letter complaining about the "dam nuisance" of the mill race dam.

The masons were at work again laying brick on the unfinished steeple of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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4. Several additional loads of manure were added to the pile near the bridge yesterday.

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4. Long letter to *Eagle* from W. C. Woodman replying to H. W. Lewis' letter about the "dam nuisance."

It is said that a compromise was yesterday effected between the opposing factions as regards the opening of Douglas avenue east. It is now asserted by those who should know, that this street will now be opened in the near future to College Hill.

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4. The Ft. Scott road is now graded within 12 miles of Anthony, and when the frost breaks up track laying will be resumed.

**Wednesday, February 18, 1885****page**

2. Large map of Sedgwick county by N. F. Niederlander showing sections and railroads.

**Thursday, February 19, 1875****page**

4. The Wichita Cracker and Confectionery company has been in operation now about three months, and already their goods reach almost every part of the state.

**Saturday, February 21, 1885****page**

4. Report of the Old Settlers annual ball at the opera house. Gives history of organization, saying it was formed after August 8, 1877, when W. T. Jewett and D. R. B. Greenlee proposed to call a meeting of all persons who had settled in Sedgwick county prior to 1872. The *Eagle* of August 30, 1877 announced such a meeting on the last day of the fair, and this was subsequently held on September 27, 1877.

**Tuesday, February 24, 1885****page**

4. The snow plow was at work on the street car track again yesterday.

**Wednesday, February 25, 1885****page**

4. In a day or two one of the best board sidewalks in town will be finished from the Santa Fe depot east on the north side of Douglas avenue.

**Thursday, February 26, 1885****page**

4. A. W. Bitting writes letter to *Eagle* from Paso del Norte, Mexico (across from El Paso). Says "the contrast between the two places is still, however, greater, showing the difference between American push and enterprise and Mexican lethargy and stupidity. Americans are imprisoned for very trivial offenses, and unless they have influential friends, have a hard time in regaining their freedom. We pity the poor mortal, if he be an American, who gets behind the bars in Del Norte.

Ties are being distributed along the line of the street railway on south Main st., and as soon as the frost is out, construction will begin.

### **Sunday, March 1, 1885**

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1. The bill providing for a federal building in Wichita has passed both houses of Congress and awaits the President's signature.
4. The total enrollment in Wichita's city schools this year is something over 2000.

The "Eagle Cornice Works" is the name of a new firm composed of Dodd and Buckley, No. 223 north Main st.

### **Tuesday, March 3, 1885**

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4. Article reports reception last night for Mr. Mark Oliver and bride at home of A. W. Oliver, 2nd and Emporia. Lists those present, most of the prominent business people in the city.

### **Wednesday, March 4, 1885**

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- 4 Some weeks ago Mr. G. H. Blackwelder came here from Illinois and thought he saw an opening for a first class roller skating rink. Yesterday he purchased three lots, 75 x 140 ft., on Market st. a few steps south from Douglas avenue and joining the Peter Getto business block for \$4000. He plans to break ground at once for a brick building that will cover the space and will cost \$10,000.

### **Saturday, March 7, 1885**

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4. Men were yesterday moving dirt from the site of the addition to the county building.

### **Sunday, March 8, 1885**

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4. Article gives financial statement of school board on expenditure of the \$25,000 of school bonds issued December 1, 1882. Details.

Letter to *Eagle* from Kos Harris, school board chairman, saying the board passed resolution asking the mayor to call an election to submit another \$25,000 bond issue to be used to erect two school buildings this year. The intention is to locate one building on

south Lawrence avenue, or south Topeka or south Emporia, and the other building on north Emporia or north Main or north Lawrence.

**Tuesday, March 10, 1885****page**

5. A charter has been taken out for the "Wichita Steam Laundry Co.", capital stock \$10,000. Members of the company are Newton Garst et al. (listed).

**Wednesday, March 11, 1885****page**

4. M. W. Levy is leveling the lot preparatory to the building of his new residence (i.e., at 1st and Topeka).

Ground has been broken for Snitzler's new block on Market st., south of the City hotel.

**Friday, March 13, 1885****page**

4. Article about a new Sedgwick county map, very detailed, compiled by the county surveyor, J. W. Bear. It was sent to the Moss engraving company of New York some time ago and a lithograph plate made. The plate has been received here and an issue of 10,000 copies is now being struck off at the *Eagle* for H. G. Lee, the real estate dealer.

An effort is being made to secure funds for building the bridge across the Arkansas river on the southern extension of Lawrence avenue. This is an improvement greatly needed.

2000 ties have now arrived for the north extension of the street railway. The iron for the same is expected between March 15 and April 1, when active building operations will be at once commenced.

**Sunday, March 15, 1885****page**

4. "The Manhattan" is the name decided upon for the new hotel built by Mr. Black on Douglas avenue.

**Tuesday, March 17, 1885****page**

4. Track laying was resumed on the Sunflower extension towards Anthony last Friday.

Grading has begun on south Main for the new extension of the street railway.

**Wednesday, March 18, 1885****page**

4. The Santa Fe company intends to lay new steel to this city and some distance south during the coming summer.

Advertisement: "Call at No. 204 Main st. and get one of Bartholomew's maps of Sedgwick county. It is the latest and the only lithograph map of the county, and we dare say, the best map of the county ever published. You can get it for the asking."

**Thursday, March 19, 1885****page**

4. The old fire bell was hoisted on top of Fritz Snitzler's building yesterday.

**Friday, March 20, 1885****page**

4. Fritz Snitzler broke ground yesterday for a two story brick building 28 x 100 ft. next to the City hotel on Market st.

**Saturday, March 21, 1885****page**

4. The Wichita Street Car company began the erection of a car house just south of their barn on Main st. yesterday.

Article about the "pack of ravenous wolves" in the form of "hotel runners" meeting incoming trains and persistently and odiously soliciting travelers to patronize their hotels.

**Sunday, March 22, 1885****page**

4. The track of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita RR is now laid to Freeport, 6 ½ miles beyond Argonia.

**Thursday, March 26, 1885****page**

4. Work was begun yesterday on the foundation of the new addition to the county building.

**Wednesday, April 1, 1885****page**

4. Note says there is a "horse-power treadmill that pumps the water from the river into the tank which stands at the end of the bridge and supplies the engines of the Ft. Scott RR."

**Thursday, April 2, 1885****page**

4. Green, the cannon ball stage line man, was in Wichita yesterday. He has put in another stage line from Kinsley south and will add another from Pratt Center southwest. On his main line he is putting Concord stages.

The green window shutters at the Tremont were hung in place yesterday.

**Friday, April 3, 1885****page**

4. Note says the city mill has elevator with storage capacity of 40,000 bushels and turns out 400 barrels of flour a day.

The rails for the south Main street car line are on their way here and are expected daily.

**Sunday, April 5, 1885****page**

4. The St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita RR will run their regular passenger train through to Anthony, commencing today.

The masons are preparing the cut stone for the residence of M. W. Levy.

**Tuesday, April 7, 1885****page**

4. The three story addition to the Black block is being "topped out".

**Thursday, April 9, 1885****page**

4. Ben W. Aldrich elected mayor over J. C. Rutan in the election Tuesday by 919 to 627.

**Saturday, April 11, 1885****page**

4. Two car loads of furniture for the Manhattan hotel (Black block) arrived yesterday. The hotel will have 75 rooms and be open about the first of June.

There will be races at Carey park today.

**Sunday, April 12, 1885****page**

4. The Christian church of this city will be dedicated today.

Mr. M. Zimmerly will accept our thanks for a copy of the city ordinances, just printed and bound in calf. It makes a book of 179 pages.

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2. Map of Rouse's addition shows fairgrounds just north of Carey avenue (17th st.) between Arkansas avenue and Fairview avenue.
4. Note reports death of Mrs. J. Oak Davidson Sunday at age 27. Maiden name Ida Fitch. Came to Eldorado from Chicago in 1876. Born August 26, 1857. Married to Oak Davidson on April 10, 1876. Has one son.

**Wednesday, April 15, 1885****page**

4. Captain E. R. Powell has removed his street car office from the stable to his new car house.

County commissioners yesterday received bids for building the bridge across the Arkansas south of the city (i.e., on south Lawrence avenue). No action taken.

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4. The foundation is laid for W. F. Lee's two story brick building, 26 x 80 ft., on Douglas between Topeka and Emporia.

#### **Saturday, April 18, 1885**

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4. The Wichita Land and Loan company have had a map made, showing in differing bright colors, the various additions to the city of Wichita.

Agent Jones says the Ft. Scott rails will be laid to the depot in Anthony by May 1st. There will be quite a rock cut between the present terminus of the track and the depot, and this is the principal cause of the delay.

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4. On both ends of the Arkansas river bridge rapid encroachments are being made by lot makers on the natural channel of the river. The process consists of rip-rapping with brush and trash, and driving piles. Then the lots so staked off are filled with stable manure and sand.

#### **Tuesday, April 21, 1885**

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4. The county commissioners at their last meeting made an appropriation for building a bridge over Chisholm creek on east Douglas avenue.

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4. The school board have located one of the new school houses, for which bonds were voted, on the north Main st. school property.

Hon. Rudolph Hatfield will begin soon an energetic canvass for subscriptions for the Wichita academy. The site for the building has been purchased from Judge Sluss and is situated on the east side of Market between 2nd and 3rd sts. Details. (Later renamed Lewis academy.)

It was announced yesterday that the Turners, as an organization, had disposed of their ownership and control of the opera house to individual members of that organization, namely, Snitzler, Bissantz, Gribi, Kroenert, and Kimmerly. This probably means that the

debts will all be paid and the house put on a schedule that will pay.

**Thursday, April 23, 1885****page**

4. Article reports railway accident at 4:00 a.m. yesterday in which freight engine No. 3 of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita RR went through the Ninnescah bridge a mile southwest of Clearwater into the flood waters, drowning the engineer. This was the construction train. Details. The flood had washed away the center bent of the bridge leaving the stringers and ties hanging in place.

The machinery of the Wichita Steam Laundry was tested yesterday, and the company will likely go into operation on Monday.

**Saturday, April 25, 1885****page**

4. About \$2000 will be expended on the opera house to fix it up. A false floor is to be put in which will be elevated about three ft. at the rear so that those in the rear seats can see over the heads of those in front. Alterations will be made in the stage and new scenery bought, and the house will be put under efficient management.

**Sunday, April 26, 1885****page**

4. "After every fire the fire company comes in for unfavorable comment and criticism. Under the circumstances the company have probably done as well as was possible. The facts are their facilities are altogether inadequate to the demands of a city like Wichita. We ought to have a steam engine and a thoroughly organized and equipped fire company."

**Tuesday, April 28, 1885****page**

4. All the engineers on this end of the Ft. Scott road accompanied the remains of Engineer McDaniels to Ft. Scott last Saturday. On Sunday it was found necessary to send a train out to the Ninnescah bridge with material, and no engineers being on hand, Mr. Bauman, who has charge of the engines in this city, put his daughter, Bessie, a school girl, in charge of the engine, furnished her with a fireman, and she did her work nobly, handling the throttle and guiding the iron steed as well as the best man on the road. The girl has frequently run the engine about the yard, but never before made a trip on the road.

**Wednesday, April 29, 1885****page**

4. The Occidental hotel has just been thoroughly renovated throughout and looks as good as new.

**Thursday, April 30, 1885****page**

4. Capt. Powell is off for the purchase of the necessary rails of the extensions of the north

Main st. and south Main st. railways. These extensions, we believe, will add between two and three miles to the present system, giving Wichita more street railway than any town in Kansas.

**Friday, May 1, 1885****page**

4. Contract was awarded yesterday for building the foundation for the new Masonic temple at 1st and Main sts.

The engine of the Ft. Scott road that went through the Ninnescah bridge has not been found yet.

**Saturday, May 2, 1885****page**

4. All the brush fences have been cut down on the right-of-way of the extension of east Douglas avenue towards College Hill, and the road opened. The bridge over Chisholm creek will soon be built.

Commodore Woodman is making extensive repairs on his residence.

The side track has been laid at the new station of Green, on the Santa Fe nearly five miles south of Wichita. It is named after Mr. W. F. Green of this city and is likely to become quite a town.

The Masonic temple to be built at 1st and Main will be two stories, 25 x 150 ft., with two store rooms below and a splendid hall above. With the one exception of Dr. Barne's old frame, occupied by Mrs. Hovey as a restaurant, that entire block from 1st to Douglas will be solid brick, and all very good buildings.

**Sunday, May 3, 1885****page**

4. The meeting called in West Wichita to get the sense of the people of that section on the question of annexation, met last night. Details. It was decided to circulate a petition for signatures either in favor of annexation or against it.

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4. Major E. R. Powell is back from St. Louis, where he purchased new cars for the street railway and material for the new extensions, which will be shipped today. He bought three elegant cars, two closed ones two ft. longer than those now in use, beautifully finished and furnished with ventilators, and one handsome, open excursion car, 17 feet. long, for summer use. Major Powell's management gives unbounded satisfaction. The track is kept in fine order, the stock is good, and the best of time is made. A splendid new car house and office has been built, and everything connected with the railway put in first class order.

A large number of people were highly indignant last night at the action of the fire company in ringing the alarm to notify the water works company so as to test the power. Everyone, save those in on the secret, rushed out to hunt the fire. Church meetings, social gatherings, and everything of that nature was broken up, and when the people discovered the object of the alarm, they characterized it as an outrage and said some hard things about the company's action.

West Side: "Annexation of the 5th ward is the only topic of conversation. Nearly every man will sign the petition favoring it."

#### **Thursday, May 7, 1885**

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4. M. W. Levy has let the contract for the carpenter work on his new villa to Mr. Sternberg for between \$5500 and \$6000 (at 1st and Topeka).

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4. We are informed that the lost engine on the Ft. Scott road was found Wednesday in the bed of the Ninnescah 30 ft. below the surface of the water and 22 ft. below the river bed in the sand.

#### **Saturday, May 9, 1885**

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4. Note lists officers of the new school board.

The initial number of the new German paper, the *Wichita Herald*, has been published.

#### **Sunday, May 10, 1885**

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4. The tracklaying force of the Sunflower road came through Wichita from Anthony yesterday en route to Eldorado where they will on Monday begin laying track on the Eldorado and Newton branch.

#### **Tuesday, May 12, 1885**

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4. Note reports the dedication of the new Methodist Episcopal church the past Sunday. Total cost was \$21,310.

The Germania house has been moved from Topeka avenue to the corner of Douglas and Water.

City council yesterday considered an ordinance drawn to take into the city about 30 additions, mostly small ones, but also including West Wichita. A petition was also presented from the citizens of West Wichita, signed by about 80 of its citizens, praying to be admitted into the city. After debate, the ordinance was unanimously adopted. By its

passage, West Wichita becomes the 5th ward of Wichita.

The board appointed to locate the U. S. government building is awaiting on bids for sites and donations.

### **Thursday, May 14, 1885**

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1. Article reports the excursion trip to Anthony yesterday over the Ft. Scott road. Details.
4. Terry and Dumont, architects, are drawing plans for a brick business building to be built by Mr. Dittman alongside the west wall of the Citizens' bank building.

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4. The assessor reports that between May 15, 1884 and May 15, 1885 there were 879 new buildings erected in Wichita, about 3/4 of them being residences.

The Diamond mills, located on the east side of the Santa Fe track north of the depot, has been thoroughly remodeled in the last three or four months, and yesterday resumed full operation with a daily capacity of 125 barrels.

Article about Wichita's gas works. New machinery was ordered this week. Details.

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4. Article gives brief biographical sketch of Mayor Ben Aldrich and Councilmen N. A. English, John B. Carey, F. G. Smyth, J. C. Lichey, C. E. McAdams, P. V. Healy, J. P. Allen, and F. R. Stone.

Col. Powell, owner and superintendent of the Wichita Street Railway, will commence building the extension of the north Main st. branch on Monday. The ties and sand for constructing the road bed is at hand, and the iron rails have been ordered from the Tuder Iron works and should have been in now.

### **Tuesday, May 19, 1885**

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4. Dr. Greenlee says it takes no time to raise a few thousand dollars in the east side of town. They raised \$2500 to help build the street railway from the Santa Fe depot to Mill st., and he says the road will be built to that point by July 1st (i.e., to Hydraulic).

### **Wednesday, May 20, 1885**

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4. It is said that the cost of raising and repairing the locomotive now buried in the sand of the Ninnescah south of Clearwater will be all that the rescued engine would be worth.

**Thursday, May 21, 1885****page**

4. Major E. R. Powell is anxious for the mud to dry up so he can proceed with the building of the street railway extension.

**Friday, May 22, 1885****page**

4. Lakeside, the home of Commissioner Woodman, has been rendered more beautiful than ever by the putting down of 1600 ft. of patent asphaltum walks and road ways on the premises.

**Sunday, May 24, 1885****page**

4. The last bricks were laid yesterday on Fritz Snitzler's new block next to the City hotel on Market st.

The committee on selecting a location for the government building will receive proposals until June 5th, the lot to be a minimum size of 125 x 140 ft.

J. W. Hartzell and H. G. Toler have just been granted a franchise to build a horse-car railroad in Winfield.

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4. Article about a canning factory to be built in Wichita. Details.

**Thursday, May 28, 1885****page**

4. Track laying on the north Main st. railway is progressing rapidly. About 50 men were at work on the extension yesterday.

Article describes the Philadelphia store, Mr. A. Katz, proprietor, situated in the Eagle block, Main st.

At the city council last night, Col. Hartzell, representing the east and west street railway company offered to give a bond of \$1000 to begin work on that line including an extension to the riverside park, in 60 days. The city attorney gave it as his legal opinion that the city had a right to grant a charter for such a road independent of the charter for the Wichita Street Railway. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

**Friday, May 29, 1885****page**

4. The "East and West Wichita" street railway company filed their bond of \$1000 with the judiciary committee of the council yesterday. The people of the West side are clamoring for the road.

Major Powell is distributing broken rock at various points along the street railway for the purpose of macadamizing the road bed.

**Saturday, May 30, 1885****page**

4. Seventy odd men are at work on the northern extension of the street railway, which Capt. Powell hopes to have completed to the old fairgrounds by tomorrow and in full running order by the opening day of the June races. A five cent fare to the race track in brand new cars will be no bad thing.

**Sunday, May 31, 1885****page**

4. Contract for the new Masonic building was let to W. H. Sternberg for \$6765. With the added cost of \$430 for the foundation, the total is \$7195.

**Wednesday, June 3, 1885****page**

4. Article reports the 1st annual meeting of the Wichita Driving Park association took place at Carey's Park yesterday. Details. The track was in a splendid condition.

Superintendent Nickerson of the Santa Fe called yesterday and introduced Mr. F. M. Hill, of St. Louis, as the new superintendent of the Wichita and Western railway. He also stated that the Wichita and Western would hereafter be operated as an independent line, with headquarters and general offices in Wichita.

**Thursday, June 4, 1885****page**

4. The headquarters of the Wichita and Western RR will be located over the Kansas National bank on Main st. for the present.

**Saturday, June 6, 1885****page**

4. Old frame buildings are rapidly disappearing from our principal sts. and fine bricks taking their place. Contracts are let for six fine brick business blocks: The Masonic block on southwest corner of Main and 1st sts., E. A. Dorsey's block on northwest corner of same sts., W. C. Deam and O. O. Browns's blocks opposite the Occidental on Main st., the Beacon and Israel block on north Market, and John Exton's block on east Douglas near the city mills. The latter is three stories with 50 ft. front.

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4. The car has been taken off the north Main st. extension of the street railway until the new cars shall arrive, the demands of travel on the original route requiring all the cars on hand.

Contracts awarded yesterday for Aldrich and Brown's three story brick building and also

for E. A. Dorsey's building.

The St. Louis, Ft. Scott and Wichita RR company are remodeling their yards in this city. New sidings are being put in and old ones changed so that the main track runs along near the platform, and there will no longer be any running up and backing down to get to the depot.

### **Wednesday, June 10, 1885**

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4. It is reported that F. A. Bayley has commenced to lay out a new park 150 x 750 ft. on his land in this city located at the corner of Main and Bayley sts., at the end of the street car line as it is laid at present.

### **Thursday, June 11, 1885**

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4. Article reports that the new Methodist college is to be located at Winfield. Details.

The Manhattan hotel opened this week.

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4. The Rink, Bijou Theater, was crowded last night.

### **Saturday, June 13, 1885**

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4. The south Main street railway was completed as far as Kos Harris' residence yesterday.

South side is on a boom on account of sundry improvements, including the building of the new bridge, street railway, and new school house, all within the last 60 days.

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4. The Manhattan hotel will be formally opened tomorrow to the traveling public. 63 elegantly furnished rooms are now ready for guests.

The material for the College Hill extension of the street railway is distributed out as far as Mill st. (Hydraulic avenue)

The leaders in establishing the Wichita Academy have now \$11,000 subscribed besides the ground on which it is to be built (i.e., later became Lewis academy).

The Ft. Scott brick has arrived for completion of the county building.

During the last few hot days the city has been using from 400 to 450,000 gallons of water daily.

**Tuesday, June 16, 1885****page**

4. There will be a grand 4th of July demonstration at Bayley's Park, near the terminus of the south Main st. extension of the street railway.

**Wednesday, June 17, 1885****page**

4. The south Main street railway will be finished to Lincoln st., the southern terminus, today. T. A. Bayley is making an effort to have the road extended a block further south, so as to touch the corner of his park.

**Thursday, June 18, 1885****page**

4. Work commenced yesterday on the new bridge on south Lawrence avenue.

Two additions to the city of Wichita were filed yesterday in the recorder's office, making six new additions since the first of the month.

**Saturday, June 20, 1885****page**

4. The cemetery st. bridge across Chisholm creek has been completed.

Buildings now under construction or soon to be include:

	<u>Stories</u>	<u>Size(ft.)</u>	<u>Location</u>
J. A. Roth, Dr. Furley	3	50 x 100	Douglas and Topeka (southwest corner)
John Exton	3	50 x 100	Douglas avenue
Noble	3	50 x 100	Douglas avenue
R. H. Roys	2	50 x 100	Douglas avenue
Emil Werner	2	50 x 100	Douglas avenue
L. W. Dittman	2	25 x 75	Douglas avenue
Israel and Beacon	2	50 x 110	Market street
Masonic temple			Main street
E. A. Dorsey			Main street
Deam and Woods			Main street

**Friday, June 26, 1885****page**

4. Major Powell is putting down all steel rails on the extensions of the street railway.

**Saturday, June 27, 1885****page**

4. A force of teams are at work grading the eastern extension of the street railway, which was to be completed July 1st, but which, owing to the wet weather, will be delayed a week later.

The Douglas avenue bridge over Chisholm creek is finished.

The southern extension of the street railway was finished to Bayley's park yesterday.

**Sunday, June 28, 1885****page**

4. Owing to the non-arrival of the new street cars, the excursion, and dedication of Bayley's park did not take place yesterday, as was intended, but will take place next Wednesday.

The bridge over Chisholm creek on the Cemetery road is finished, and the bed for the street railroad in that direction is partly graded.

**Tuesday, June 30, 1885****page**

4. A side track was put in the street railroad on Douglas avenue between 4th avenue and Railroad st., and the crossing over the Santa Fe will be put in today.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining transportation, the new street cars will not arrive before tomorrow or Thursday.

**Wednesday, July 1, 1885****page**

4. Dr. H. W. Black has had the large pile of manure at the west side of the bridge on Douglas avenue covered up with sand at his own expense, and now that eye sore is no longer a blot on the passer-by. (Meaning east side?)

**Thursday, July 2, 1885****page**

4. Three new cars for the street railway have arrived and will be ready to carry sightseers to Bayley's and other parks on the 4th.

**Friday, July 3, 1885****page**

4. The three new street cars were seen in the car barn on north Main st. yesterday. No finer cars can be seen in any city. The two closed cars are two feet longer than those now in use and are elegantly finished. The top is fashioned after that of a regular railroad coach with ventilators. On one of the cars are the words "Douglas Avenue and North Main Street," and on the other "Douglas Avenue and South Main Street." The excursion car is a beauty. It is 17 ft. long and 6 ft. wide with six seats that will hold four passengers

each. Everything about it is first class. It is lettered "Douglas Avenue and the Park." These beautiful cars will be put on the track tomorrow and passengers will have the best accommodations to Bayley's park on our natal day.

Mr. Noble is about to start the foundation of his new block at northeast corner of Douglas and Topeka. When this and Dr. Furley's building are finished, that junction with the Manhattan on one corner and the Noble and Furley blocks on others will show up in fine shape.

### **Saturday, July 4, 1885**

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4. The new excursion car was on the street railway track yesterday and was well patronized. She is a daisy.

Emil Werner began moving the two old frames, Nos. 223 and 225 Douglas avenue, preparatory to beginning the foundation for his new brick block. Mr. Roys will build on the adjacent lot in connection with Mr. Werner, the whole making a fine block with 100 ft. front.

### **Sunday, July 5, 1885**

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### **Tuesday, July 7, 1885**

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4. On the 4th, Bayley's park was the center of attraction and during the afternoon and evening, everybody went there. Six street cars were continually going between Douglas avenue and Bayley's park, and they were crowded to suffocation every trip each way. In some instances, the drivers were crowded off the cars and endeavored to ride the mules, but the mules kicked and the driver had to run alongside the car. Other celebrations were at Carey's park, the Riverside park, and Griffenstein's grove.

School board yesterday opened bids for building school houses. Committee is to draw up contracts, with architect Proudfoot to be superintendent of building.

### **Thursday, July 9, 1885**

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4. Men are engaged in laying street car track east of the Santa Fe depot on east Douglas. The track laying was begun yesterday.

The county building is receiving crowning ornaments and roof facings, rendering it a sightly and handsome structure.

### **Friday, July 10, 1885**

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1. As is known, the Catholics of Wichita more than a year ago put in a foundation for the

largest church edifice in this city. The bishop has now authorized the raising of the basement walls 7 ft., giving a basement room 12 ft. high the full size of the building. This will be finished up and used for services until the upper portion of the structure can be put up.

4. Contracts were signed yesterday for building the two new school houses, one on south Emporia in the Zimmerly addition, and the other on Oak and Main sts. Each is to be two stories, 62 ft. square, of brick with stone facing, with recitation rooms each 23 x 30 ft., having a capacity of 60 scholars. The contract calls for \$20, 628 for both schools and the contractor has 90 days to complete them.

### **Saturday, July 11, 1885**

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4. Article lists the brick business blocks now under contract in Wichita and most of which are under construction. In addition there are approximately 400 dwellings in various stages of construction, costing an average of at least \$500 each.

	<u>size (ft.)</u>	<u>stories</u>	<u>cost</u>
John Exton	50 x 70	3	\$10,000
R. H. Roys	50 x 100	2	7,000
Philip Werner	50 x 100	2	7,000
M. Zimmerly	28 x 110	2	4,000
R. C. Noble	50 x 80	3	12,000
F. R. Stone	25 x 80	2	3,500
L. W. Ditman	23 x 75	2	3,300
Masonic temple	26 x 130	2	8,000
Memorial building	75 x 100	2	10,000
Aldrich and Brown	26 x 40	3	3,000
County building	50 x 140	2	18,000
C. C. Furley and J. H. Roth	50 x 120	3	16,000
E. A. Dorsey	25 x 120	2	7,500
W. H. Deam	50 x 120	2	6,000
O. O. Brown	25 x 120	2	3,500
Israel and Smith	50 x 110	2	13,000

**Sunday, July 12, 1885****page**

1. The Omaha, Abilene and Wichita Railway Co. was organized at Topeka Wednesday and its charter filed. To run from Wichita through Peabody, Marion, and Clay Center to a connection with the Burlington and Missouri.
  
4. The contract for Mike Zimmerly's building was let yesterday for \$6000. Building to be completed September 15th.

Track laying on the east Douglas extension of the street railway will be laid up a while owing to the rain.

**Tuesday, July 14, 1885****page**

4. The engineer corps of the Sunflower road started yesterday to locate the extension of their new branch from Newton to McPherson.

Hose company No. 2 will meet at their new house Saturday.

**Wednesday, July 15, 1885****page**

4. Long article describes Griffenstein's park at length.

Everybody is desirous that the streets of Wichita should be named. The name of every street should be put up at least every other corner. It was our understanding that the parties who were given the privilege of numbering the city agreed to put up the names of the streets. It bothers a stranger not a little to get around.

**Saturday, July 18, 1885****page**

4. The street cars made their first trip on Douglas avenue east of the Santa Fe railroad yesterday. Douglas avenue has been graded to Hydraulic avenue, 3/4 mile east of the railroad, at an expense to the city of \$600.

**Tuesday, July 21, 1885****page**

4. The canning factory will begin operations next Monday.

**Wednesday, July 22, 1885****page**

4. Street cars are not yet running beyond the Santa Fe track on Douglas avenue.

**Thursday, July 23, 1885****page**

4. Article describes the disgusting scenes of drinking and debauchery occurring in Riverside

park at night. Details.

Lots have been secured for the Congregational church at 2nd and Lawrence.

### **Friday, July 24, 1885**

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4. An *Eagle* reporter went through the 5th ward yesterday and visited the fair grounds west of the city. An agricultural hall, 40 x 80 ft. and two stories high, is being erected within the grounds, and two new stables will be built, each 20 x 100 ft. The track has been much improved. The grounds contain 36 acres.

### **Saturday, July 25, 1885**

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4. The contract has been let for Dr. Furley's building at corner of Douglas and Topeka.

The Wichita canning factory will commence operations next week.

Telephone communication has been made to the 5th ward on the west side, connecting with the Badger Lumber company's office and flour mill.

### **Sunday, July 26, 1885**

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4. Mr. J. K. Sawyer, contractor, reports that about 240 ft. of the new bridge over the Arkansas river on south Lawrence avenue is up, leaving about 410 ft. yet to be put up. The bridge is a short one for the Big river, at least 150 ft. shorter than the Douglas avenue bridge.

The street railway east is being extended to its destination.

### **Tuesday, July 28, 1885**

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4. Contract for the foundation of the memorial building (GAR) will be let today.

Capt. Powell and Mr. Martinson went over the route to view the course of the street railway contemplated to be built to the fairgrounds. Laying of this road will necessitate the building of a bridge alongside the county bridge, at a probable cost of \$6000. Capt. Powell expressed the opinion that the road could be laid and put in operation in 30 days from commencement.

### **Wednesday, July 29, 1885**

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4. Article describes the Wichita canning factory, which will begin operations today. Details.

### **Thursday, July 30, 1885**

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4. The new line of railway to the northwest from Wichita is being dubbed by citizens the "Eagle Line," for what particular reason we don't know as the *Eagle* has talked up the two other lines with equal earnestness. But the endorsement of the Wichita and Colorado seems universal with our businessmen.

**Sunday, August 2, 1885****page**

1. Editorial approves of the lively scene at the depot daily when a hundred or so strangers are greeted by the clamoring of two score of solicitors in the form of bus men, hackmen, street car drivers, and hotel runners.

**Thursday, August 6, 1885****page**

4. 360 ft. of the new bridge over the Great Arkansas on south Lawrence avenue are built and the piling are down for 40 ft. more. Weather permitting it will be finished in about three weeks.

The Sunflower company are about to begin building a new water tank at the river.

**Friday, August 7, 1885****page**

4. The statement in local newspapers that the West Wichita depot of the Ft. Scott road was about to be discontinued is not true.

**Saturday, August 8, 1885****page**

4. Editorial urges that the street railway be allowed to use the Douglas avenue bridge temporarily so that a track can be built to the fairgrounds on the west side. This use of the bridge would only be six months or until the company could build its own separate crossing.

Note reports the new business blocks are being constructed rapidly. Details.

**Tuesday, August 11, 1885****page**

4. City council yesterday ordered election to be held September 15 to vote \$40,000 bonds for the Wichita and Colorado RR.

**Wednesday, August 12, 1885****page**

1. Editorial encouraging the city council to go slow in making Wichita a city of the first class, as the costs would be greater.
4. South Lawrence avenue is being graded by subscription, and contributions are invited. About 1 1/4 miles remains to be done to reach the new bridge.

The canning factory is turning out 3000 cans per day, mostly corn and tomatoes.

**Thursday, August 13, 1885****page**

4. The street cars are now running clear out to Mill st. Wichita now has more miles of street railway than any other city in the state.

South Lawrence avenue bridge will be finished next Tuesday.

**Friday, August 14, 1885****page**

4. T. A. Bailey (sic) is delivering his new map of Wichita, leaving the first number at Niederlander's. It embraces all the latest additions to the city, etc., showing the wards in different colors.

**Tuesday, August 18, 1885****page**

4. Note says the annual report of the Wichita Public Schools for 1884-1885 is a beautiful pamphlet of 50 pages.

**Thursday, August 20, 1885****page**

4. The Ft. Scott and Wichita RR are putting in stockyards in the 5th ward in anticipation of handling a large amount of stock the coming season.

**Friday, August 21, 1885****page**

4. Article describes the fine residence of W. A. Thomas at southeast corner of Lawrence and Pine. Details.

The contractors completed the south Lawrence avenue bridge last night, but the approaches to the bridge are not yet completed.

**Saturday, August 22, 1885****page**

4. Article reports improvements are being made at Highland cemetery. Details.

**Sunday, August 23, 1885****page**

4. Article describes the fine residence of R. H. Roys at 629 north Lawrence.

**Wednesday, August 26, 1885****page**

4. The approaches to the Lawrence avenue bridge will be completed today.

**Thursday, August 27, 1885****page**

4. Article reports completion of approaches to Lawrence avenue bridge yesterday.

**Friday, August 28, 1885****page**

1. Editorial urging that Chicago avenue on the West Side be renamed as west Douglas avenue.
4. Article describes the suburban growth of Wichita. Says less than two years ago the writer landed in Wichita, and at that time the residence area was between Oak st. on the north and English st. on the south, and between the Santa Fe track on the east and the Arkansas river on the west. Buildings beyond these boundaries were few indeed, and in many places within these bounds buildings were somewhat scattered.

Editorial critical of those who oppose expansion of the railroads in Wichita and issuing of bonds for same.

**Saturday, August 29, 1885****page**

4. Capt. Powell says the new street cars purchased by him on his late trip (returned from St. Louis two days ago) are first class in every particular. Eight cars are now on the line. The teams are changed every 2 1/2 hours, each team being off five hours before going back. There are three teams for every car, or with the extras, 60 head of mules and horses. The line employs eight drivers, a superintendent, two track repairers, stable boys and stable boss. The main line is two miles and a car goes by any given point every five minutes from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. On the north and south extensions and east Douglas avenue they do not run so often.

Editorial note explains why the *Eagle* gives the names of the "soiled doves" but not their patrons.

**Sunday, August 30, 1885****page**

4. Article describes a proposed new addition of 80 acres on Frisco heights. It is the north 80 acres of Mr Cook's farm, situated east of the cemetery road and south of the Frisco railroad Right-of-way is already cleared for an avenue 100 ft. wide from the Union depot to the corner of the addition, named Frisco avenue. The street railway is to be pushed past the north end of the depot to the end of the new avenue. It is the intention to put on funeral cars, etc. Details.

**Tuesday, September 1, 1885****page**

2. Legal publication: Text of proclamation for special election September 15 to vote \$40,000 in bonds for the Wichita and Colorado Railway Co.

4. The charter for the Ladies Benevolent home of Wichita was filed with the secretary of state Saturday. Names of incorporators are listed.

**Wednesday, September 2, 1885****page**

4. City engineer Bayley's new map taking in all the additions to the city of Wichita and space of adjacent outlying lands that may be hereafter added, will be finished in about three weeks.

Note states the purpose of the Ladies Benevolent home and says meeting will soon be held to elect officers and that the house to be occupied is to be erected on Main st.

Article reports opening of the Manhattan clothing store yesterday.

**Thursday, September 3, 1885****page**

4. The county building has a very ornamental tower representing the Pillows (sic) of Justice. Editor's note: Upon checking the microfilm, it was noticed the article was found on page 5.

**Friday, September 4, 1885****page**

4. Brick laying was begun on the Noble block yesterday.

**Saturday, September 5, 1885****page**

4. The new city directory is now being printed.

Article lists the teachers in the various city schools.

**Wednesday, September 9, 1885****page**

1. Article describes the new city directory, compiled by F. A. North, which is nearly ready.
4. The Ft. Scott engine, which went through the Ninnescah bridge last spring, has been discovered. It is buried in the sand about midway between the railroad bridge and the wagon bridge and the tank is near the wagon bridge. The water is too cold for men to go down and take it apart, so it will probably lay there until spring.

**Thursday, September 10, 1885****page**

4. Article gives officers and directors and text of constitution and by-laws of the Ladies Benevolent Home of Wichita, which was organized in a meeting yesterday.

Article describes many buildings under construction in the residential parts of town. Brick

work has started on the new schools at Main and Park sts. and at south Emporia and Illinois st.

**Friday, September 11, 1885****page**

4. John Exton's new block is starting on the third story.

**Saturday, September 12, 1885****page**

4. The new city directory is out and being delivered.

**Sunday, September 13, 1885****page**

4. The city schools opened last Monday with 34 teachers and an enrollment of over 1500 pupils. The high school has an enrollment of 56.

The new county building is nearing completion.

**Wednesday, September 16, 1885****page**

4. The special election yesterday voted in favor of the \$40,000 subscription of the Wichita and Colorado RR by 882 to 20.

The brick walls are up at the Consolidated Tank Line company's warehouse at the Y of the Frisco & Santa Fe railroads.

**Thursday, September 17, 1885****page**

4. Note reports a young man taken into the Ladies Benevolent home on August 31st. with typhoid fever left to return home on September 15.

But little has been said about the street railway to the fair grounds, and it begins to look as though it will hang fine altogether, as so short a time remains before the fair commences. The completion of this road would add materially to the comfort of the visitors to the grounds.

**Friday, September 18, 1885****page**

4. Article describes the Ladies Benevolent Home association. The house on north Main st. is a large new two story house with 12 rooms. Details.

A large force of men and teams are cutting the banks and filling up the hollow at the ravine on Frisco avenue near the cemetery, to get in readiness for the street car track, and the line will be laid at an early date. The route given in the *Eagle* some time ago has been somewhat changed. The track will continue out on Oak st., through Garrison's addition,

and when it reaches Dr. Allen's property it will turn north to Frisco avenue, and then east on the former line to the cemetery.

**Saturday, September 19, 1885****page**

4. The buildings of Werner and Roys on Douglas avenue are nearing completion. They are two story bricks of 100 ft. front and the same in depth.

**Sunday, September 20, 1885****page**

4. The county building is receiving the finishing touches and will be ready for occupancy about the 1st of October.

**Tuesday, September 22, 1885****page**

4. The Ft. Scott road evidently doesn't intend to build any more for some time. The head track layer received orders last Friday to discharge his men. It is evident, therefore, that Anthony will continue to be the terminus of that road for some time.

Ed Dorsey's building on north Main st. is nearly completed. It is opposite the county building at 1st and Main and fronts 25 ft. on Main and 117 ft. on 1st st. and is two stories, brick. Architect was A. W. Rush.

Two new cars for the street railroad arrived on the Frisco yesterday.

**Wednesday, September 23, 1885****page**

4. The city library has been taken to the city hall, where it will be put in shape for the convenience of the public.

**Thursday, September 24, 1885****page**

4. A reporter visited the street car barn yesterday and inspected the two new cars just received. No finer cars can be found in any city. They were built by the Brownell and Wight (sic) car company of St. Louis. They are the same size as the last two received before these and have all the modern improvements the others had with many new features. They have only five windows as against six in the others, but they are much larger. The seats are upholstered with carpet. There is an elegant large globe lamp in the center of each that will compare with the lamp in a parlor car. In the right hand corner on each end is a lamp on the inside with a reflector on the outside. They have a new and improved style of fare box. They are numbered 9 and 10 and lettered on the sides, "Douglas Avenue and Union Depot". They were put on the track last evening and were greatly admired by all who saw them. Major Powell is entitled to the highest commendation for his enterprise.

**Sunday, September 27, 1885****page**

4. The new school buildings are nearing completion.

**Wednesday, September 30, 1885****page**

4. Article describes improvements at the Wichita fairgrounds.

Work on the main building of the G.A.R. hall was begun yesterday.

**Thursday, October 1, 1885****page**

4. The Frisco company turned an engine and two new coaches over the Wichita and Western.

The street car track is being laid along Lauck's road to Carey's park and will soon be in running order. A lot of ties were distributed there yesterday.

**Sunday, October 4, 1885****page**

4. Notice of death of Mrs. William Mathewson, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Kansas in 1860. Leaves two children. She was a sister of Mrs. James R. Mead.

The *Beacon* moved to its new three story block yesterday.

**Wednesday, October 7, 1885****page**

1. Report of the second day of the fair. Details.

**Friday, October 9, 1885****page**

4. Article reports a jam-up of vehicles returning from the fair at the west end of the bridge yesterday, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. which took nearly an hour and a half to get across the bridge. "That, together with other occurrences in the afternoon, convinced us that the west side fairgrounds would never prove as convenient as the old fairgrounds."

The Burley (sic) block is rapidly nearing completion. (Furley??)

**Tuesday, October 13, 1885****page**

4. Committee appointed by city council reports that the water works company has been furnishing water through the works taken directly from the Little river for the past two or three months instead of drawing it from a well situated 100 ft. from the water's edge of the river, thereby filtering it through 100 ft. of sand, as required by their contract.

**Friday, October 16, 1885**

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4. Article reports visit of Mr. Jay Gould, railroad magnate, to Wichita yesterday. Details.

The street railway is being pushed up Fairview avenue to Carey's park.

The 1st ward school house is receiving its roof and will soon be covered.

**Sunday, October 18, 1885****page**

4. Article describes the new Beacon block.

**Tuesday, October 20, 1885****page**

4. Mr. William Griffenstein is soon to begin the erection of a residence at the west end of 10th st., at the entrance to his park, which promises to be the grandest residence in the city. Architect is Mr. J. J. Christ. Details.

Editorial urging the establishment of stockyards in Wichita.

**Friday, October 23, 1885****page**

4. The street railway is laid up Fairview avenue, to Carey's park.

The Santa Fe has put a flagman on the Douglas avenue crossing.

The question of building a bridge for the street railway line to the west side, alongside the wagon bridge, is under consideration, and there is little doubt the cars will be running across before spring. The people of the west side are willing to help the scheme.

**Sunday, October 25, 1885****page**

4. Mr. James Stafford will move his stock of groceries into his store in the new Dorsey building at Main and 1st st. next week.

A large outfit of railroad construction tools arrived on the Ft. Scott yesterday and were unloaded in the 5th ward for anticipated use on the new railroads.

**Tuesday, October 27, 1885****page**

4. Bids were received and contract let yesterday for erection of one wing of the new Presbyterian college. Plans are by Proudfoot and Hart, architects.

**Wednesday, October 28, 1885****page**

4. A large display sign announces that the Southwestern Business College will occupy the

second floor of the Noble building.

The Furley and Roth block is about completed except the plate front.

There have been a number of efforts made within the past few months by parties to obtain permission of the city to construct a system of electric lights for Wichita. Details.

Contract let for erection of the new Presbyterian church in the 5th ward.

#### **Thursday, October 29, 1885**

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4. Mr. Wooten's new residence, which crowns College Hill is nearly completed.

The flats between the Ft. Scott railroad and the fairgrounds on the west side resembled an army supply train camping ground yesterday. A great number of railroaders have been camped there for some time anticipating the commencement of the Wichita and Colorado RR.

#### **Friday, October 30, 1885**

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4. A plat of Lewellen's 2nd addition to the city of Wichita was filed yesterday.

A petition was filed yesterday for appointment of commissioners to establish right-of-way for the Wichita and Colorado RR. These were appointed by the court and engineers proceeded to make a profile of the line yesterday, and in a very few days, it will be ready for contracts to be let.

#### **Saturday, October 31, 1885**

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4. The arrangements for the head lights on the street cars are well calculated to direct passengers. The cars running on north and south Main st. have red lights; those running east of the Santa Fe RR. have green lights, and those that run between the two depots, yellow lights.

The street railroad track on Fairview avenue is finished to Carey's park, and the cars will be put on the new track today.

The new school house on north Main st. is nearly finished.

Mr. Brookwalter has commenced to build a new two story business building on the west side of Lawrence avenue on the first lot south of the alley south of Douglas avenue, to be rented to a large plumbing establishment.

#### **Sunday, November 1, 1885**

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6. The street cars are now running to Carey's park.

The grocery store in the new Masonic building will be opened the coming week.

### **Tuesday, November 3, 1885**

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4. Note says Chicago avenue, the name of the principal street in the 5th ward, will be changed to west Douglas avenue.

### **Thursday, November 5, 1885**

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4. Grant and Luckel have opened a fine assortment of groceries in the new Masonic building, at corner of 1st and Main sts.

Dr. Rowley's new building on north Main st. has been finished and made ready for occupancy.

### **Saturday, November 7, 1885**

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4. Article reports a meeting last night to organize a Young Men's Christian Association. Meeting was at the Presbyterian church. Details.

The rooms in the old Beacon building are being fixed up for the city library, they having been rented for that purpose by the city.

There are probably 200 men, women and children camped on the flats on the West Side waiting for work to begin on the Wichita and Colorado RR. They have teams, scrapers, and camp outfits all ready to move. The road will strike the Ft. Scott right-of-way about 1000 ft. west of the west side depot and come in on the track of that road at the switch just west of the depot.

### **Sunday, November 8, 1885**

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1. Article says contract has been let for start of construction on the Wichita and Colorado RR with work to commence this week and the first section of 23 miles to be completed in January.
6. Wichita's two new school buildings have been completed and will be occupied this week. Article describes the two identical buildings, the Park school and the "Southern" school, which cost \$10,300 each. Architects were Willis Proudfoot and George Bird. Details. Editor's note: Upon checking the microfilm, it was noticed the article was on page 8

Barnes and Son will begin a fine two story brick business house on their lot next to the Masonic building, on north Main st., in about a week.

**Tuesday, November 10, 1885****page**

4. This evening one can ride on the street cars to the Ft. Scott depot. The material was scattered along 2nd st., from Main to the passenger depot, and a portion of the track was put down yesterday afternoon. It is believed to be the intention of the street car company to build their bridge across the river at the end of that street and on to the fairgrounds.

The Santa Fe has about three miles of fine gravel ballast distributed along its track north of the union depot.

Colwich is the name of the new town laid out on the line of the Colorado and Wichita RR in Union township. The name is an original one and is made up of contractions from Colorado and Wichita.

The initial number of a new evening daily, "*The Evening News*," lies upon our desk.

Mr. L. N. Wood, chief engineer of the Sunflower, says he will be ready to commence work on the Wichita and Colorado at noon tomorrow.

The stakes were put in yesterday for the Congregational church. The site is on the first corner south of the Methodist Episcopal church, right south and opposite the residence of H. L. Taylor.

**Thursday, November 12, 1885****page**

4. School was opened in the new building on north Main st. yesterday with 134 pupils (i.e., Park school).

The contractors went out on the line of the Wichita and Colorado yesterday, and dirt will fly in earnest today.

Rev. Mr. Hewitt informed us yesterday that the backroom in the Masonic building has been rented by the YMCA, which will hold its meetings and activities there.

**Friday, November 13, 1885****page**

4. Article discusses the fight for obtaining the location of the government building. A stubborn fight is being carried on between the Main st. and Douglas avenue business interests. The Main st. crowd seems to have concentrated on the Rink, and the Douglas avenue folks on south Main or Market st. Details.

Yesterday it was found that C. C. Chapman, one of the proprietors of the Indiana house, on Douglas avenue near the corner of Emporia, had skipped out without notice.

The Noble building will soon be ready for occupancy.

**Saturday, November 14, 1885****page**

4. Article reports that pork packing commenced yesterday at the Ackerman packing house on the West Side. 80 were killed yesterday and the capacity will be 200 per day. Details.

The railroad camps on the Eagle line have been stationed along 14 miles of the work. Over 100 teams and between 200 and 300 men are at work.

The first sale of lots in Colwich will take place today.

**Sunday, November 15, 1885****page**

6. School will begin in the Lincoln school this week. There are now 160 pupils in the Park school.

The city library is now about to be moved into new quarters in the old Beacon room. Article is critical of the library's present inadequacy.

The Innes and Ross firm has been with us nine years on the 17th of November.

Those interested in College Hill property have raised \$4500 for the extension of the street railroad out there.

**Tuesday, November 17, 1885****page**

4. The connection of the 2nd st. and Main st. track of the street railway will probably be made today.

**Wednesday, November 18, 1885****page**

4. Contracts have been let for the stone work and carpenter work for the new Catholic church, and work will begin at once.

**Thursday, November 19, 1885****page**

4. The Santa Fe is laying new 62 pound steel just north of town and putting in a foot of gravel for ballast.

Long article reports construction of Wichita and Colorado RR on West Side is being delayed because the condemnation board has returned cost of right-of-way figures far higher than those estimated. Article hints that the road may go west from Wichita in the north part of the city rather than through the West Side if the cost of the right-of-way is not reduced. Details.

The track is now all ready for the street cars to run to the Sunflower depot.

J. C. Wooten's new and handsome residence on College Hill is completed. Mr. Wooten himself laid the brick.

The YMCA has rented rooms over the Bank of Wichita, in Roys' building, corner of Lawrence and Douglas avenues.

**Friday, November 20, 1885****page**

4. Article says the controversy over cost of Wichita and Colorado right-of-way in West Wichita has been settled, and the line will go forward as planned.

Article about land sales in the new town of Colwich.

**Saturday, November 21, 1885****page**

4. Article explains that objections from O. Martinson were the cause of the delay in starting Wichita and Colorado, and the matter was settled when Capt. Smyth, N. F. Niederlander, P. V. Healy, and Mr. Anderson bought the land from him outright. Details. Mr. Martinson had been asking for damages on basis of alleged injury to his property value by the railroad.

Article lists names of streets having same names in different parts of the city. Council is to consider changing the conflicting names.

The new Masonic hall is just being completed.

**Sunday, November 22, 1885****page**

6. Another new town, named An Dale, has been laid out on the Eagle line, in Sherman township, 20 miles west of Wichita and 6 miles west of Colwich. A public sale of lots will take place in that town next Saturday.

**Wednesday, November 25, 1885****page**

4. The city council at their last meeting made a contract with J. F. McIntosh, of Chicago, to take charge of the library for one year. Details. He shall receive all the income for the year and in return therefore shall put in 500 volumes of the Century library.

Our Santa Fe friends are probably opening their eyes to the fact that the little cutoff constructed by them for the accommodation of the Frisco from Sedgwick city to Halstead is liable to become very soon an important link.

**Thursday, November 26, 1885****page**

4. The stock has all been subscribed for the College Hill extension of the street railway, and

it is said the work will begin at once. The road will be built clear to the summit of College Hill.

Contractors report that by Saturday night seven miles of the grade of the Eagle line will be finished. The construction train will roll in with track supplies next week.

**Saturday, November 28, 1885****page**

4. The first meeting of the YMCA in their new rooms was held last evening. Details.

**Sunday, November 29, 1885****page**

8. Work on the new Catholic church is making good progress.

**Tuesday, December 1, 1885****page**

4. A hook and ladder fire company was organized in the 5th ward last night at the store of Charley Kenyon and will fill a long felt need in that portion of the city.

**Wednesday, December 2, 1885****page**

4. A subscription has been raised in the 5th ward to equip the new hook and ladder company formed by the boys of that ward.

The side track of the Eagle line has been graded down to the west side depot of the Ft. Scott.

**Friday, December 4, 1885**

Copy of letter written July 1873 and printed in St.Louis Globe describing visit to Wichita in July '73.

**Saturday, December 5, 1885****page**

4. The foundation for the Presbyterian college has been completed.

The new engine, "Eagle," of the Eagle Line, arrived from the east yesterday with 18 cars of steel rails for the new road.

**Sunday, December 6, 1885****page**

6. The rails for the Eagle Line are the best of steel, 56 pounds to the yard, from the Pennsylvania Steel company.

**Tuesday, December 8, 1885****page**

6. The grading of the Eagle Line between Wichita and Colwich is pretty nearly completed.

**Thursday, December 10, 1885****page**

4. The Ft. Scott carpenter force are building a new water tank about 50 ft. southwest of their crossing on 1st st. The company will use a steam pump to supply the tank from the river, which is about 100 yards away.

Niederlander moved into his new office in the Noble building yesterday.

**Friday, December 11, 1885****page**

4. The track of the Eagle line is now nearly five miles out. Work was begun on the depot yesterday. It is located on the northwest corner of 1st and Wichita sts. about 100 ft. south of the freight depot. It will be 16 x 40 ft. and on the same style as the Ft. Scott passenger depot. As soon as this depot is up, the carpenters begin to frame the depot for Colwich, then Andale, and so on up the line.

**Saturday, December 12, 1885****page**

4. The basement of the new Catholic church will be enclosed by the 22nd of this month.

**Sunday, December 13, 1885****page**

6. Navigation on the street railroad was rather bad yesterday and the snow plow was kept constantly in use.

**Thursday, December 17, 1885****page**

4. It seems we are to have a trial of electric lights in this city. A representative of the Thomson-Houston system is in the city with machinery and material for a few lights, which he will place as follows: one in Niederlander's office, one in Niederlander and Co.'s grocery store, one at the "Famous," two in the cracker factory, and one suspended over the intersection of Douglas and Topeka avenues.

**Friday, December 18, 1885****page**

4. Now comes the funniest and least looked for addition to this city of all that have heretofore been made. We have thought of it often, but doubted its ever being made. We are to have a north side as well as a west side. J. Oak Davidson will plat the peninsula consisting of 120 acres, including the wooded plat of ground on the north side of the Little River and west of Lakeside, and sell it out for residences. He will, we understand, bridge the Little River, and in his plat provide for a circuitous drive or street along the margin of the river. It is at present a densely wooded place, and but few people have ever been through it, as it can at present only be reached by going a mile or two around, but no

doubt it will make a fine addition, while it is much nearer the business portion of the city than many of the other new additions.

The new passenger depot of the Eagle Line is rapidly nearing completion.

Article from Kingman Courier sarcastic description of Wichita -- title of article "A Kansas City Drummer on Wichita."

Editor's note: Upon checking the microfilm, it was discovered the article appeared on December 17, 1885 on page 2.

Is the name of the new town on the Wichita and Colorado railroad, twenty miles west and north of Wichita, situated in the heart of the garden spot of Sedgwick county. Actually the best town for investment in Kansas, as it will be the best town in that road west of Wichita in Sedgwick county. Lots are now on sale at the town site, prices ranging from \$20 to \$800, according to location, situated on the north east corner of section 15, town 26, range 3, w. For further particulars call on the town company at the town site, or call on or write N.F. Neiderlander or Kos Harris, Wichita, Kansas.

Editor's note: The article is titled Andale. It appeared in the December 19, 1885 issue on page 4

It seems we are to have a trial of electric light in the city. Mr. R.J. Randolph of Boston, representing the Thornton Houston system, is in the city with machinery and material for a few lights, which he will place immediately as follows. One in Niederlander's real estate office, one in Niederlander and Co's grocery store, one at the "Famous," two in the cracker factory, and one suspended over the intersection of Douglas and Topeka avenue. This gentleman says the gas companies have bought them out in many cities and run the electric light in conjunction with their works.

Editor's note: The article is titled Electric Light. It appeared in the December 17, 1885 issue on page 4

### **Saturday, December 19, 1885**

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4. The Southwestern Business College moved into its new quarters in the Noble block yesterday.

Article reports a notable event last night, i.e., the first electric light ever seen in this city blazed over the intersection of Douglas and Topeka avenues. The street was crowded with people. The trial was a complete success, and six lights in all were put in. Details.

### **Sunday, December 20, 1885**

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6. The new addition on Innes and Ross building is finished.

Article describes details of the Noble building at northeast corner of Douglas and Topeka and the Furley and Roth block at southwest corner of same intersection, which were

erected the past summer.

**Tuesday, December 22, 1885****page**

4. The Sunflower road is putting in an improved iron bridge over the Ninnescah.

**Thursday, December 24, 1885****page**

4. The basement of the new Catholic church is ready for occupancy.

**Friday, December 25, 1885**

President Miller of the Eagle Line arrived here in his private car yesterday morning. He was accompanied by Chief Engineer Woods and the local officials of the new line and a gentleman from New York in a trip out to the end of the track. Mr. Miller says the track is first class and that the grading to the Reno county line is completed all but a couple of small pieces. The cars will be running to the Reno county line before the 1st of February, and if the fine weather continues, the grading will be continued on west as rapidly as possible, and there is no telling where the end of the track will be in the spring.

Editor's note: The article is title The Eagle Line and it's found in the December 24, 1885 issue on page 5

**Saturday, December 26, 1885****page**

4. First services were held in the basement of the new Catholic church yesterday.

**Sunday, December 27, 1885****page**

6. Article describes the Wichita hydraulic roller mills. The mill, situated on Mill st., first block north of Douglas avenue, was built in 1881. The new patent roller milling process was installed in March 1884. The daily capacity is 200 barrels. The mill has a dam on the Little Arkansas river five miles above the city, where the water is turned into the mill race. They keep a man at this point continually to attend to the flood gates and keep everything in order. Details.

The frame for the Presbyterian church in the 5th ward has been erected.

**Wednesday, December 30, 1885****page**

6. Henry Wallenstein and O. G. Cohn of Cincinnati are in the city and are negotiating for a location for a dry goods house.

Mr. J. M. Nicholson says that a new town has been laid off on the Eagle Line, which is to be called Maize. It is situated in Park township.

**Thursday, December 31, 1885**

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4. Article reports message received yesterday that the bid of the property on the corner of Market and William has been accepted as the location for the new federal building. There was an immediate rush to buy real estate in the vicinity. Details.

Masons are busily engaged on the foundation of William Heller's new block on north Main st. (second block).

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, the track of the Eagle Line will reach the town of Colwich. They are now laying over a mile a day, and the grade is finished to the county line.

Mr. Heller is erecting a two story building on Main st. at the place where the fire has vacated the lots. Contract was let yesterday.

Messrs. H. Wallenstein and C. G. Cohn, of Cincinnati, have decided to locate in the Eagle block in E. P. Hovey and Co.'s stand.