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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1886 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Friday, January 1, 1886**

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- 1 Article summarizes Wichita's progress and growth in the past year. Details.
2. AnDale (sic) is on a big boom at present. It is now settled that this will be the terminus of the Wichita and Colorado RR for the winter, consequently we boometh.
4. The Southwestern Business College is now fully furnished and ready to accommodate students in its quarters on the 2nd floor of the beautiful new Noble building on the corner of Topeka and Douglas avenues. Details.

And now comes a report that Capt. John B. Carey contemplates erecting a fine hotel on the corner of Douglas and 4th avenues, in the spring.

Article on Hydraulic Roller Mills. It was situated on Mill st. one block north of Douglas avenue. It was built in 1881 with a roller system installed in March 1884. It has a dam on the Little Arkansas River five miles above the city, where the water is turned into the mill race.

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4. That new red street car, No. 4, is a dandy. She looks something between a hoodlum wagon and a coach, but it is comfortable.

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4. The Eagle Line depot in this city is finished and the store put up all ready for business.
- "We heard it said last night that Major Powell had sold one half interest in the street railway to Col. B. H. Campbell."

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4. Colwich is still booming. Six weeks ago there was no Colwich, now there are about 27 buildings. The track is now laid to this city.

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4. The sale of a half interest in the Wichita street railway to Col. B. H. Campbell has been consummated, with the following officers elected under the new management: B. H. Campbell, president; E. R. Powell, vice-president; treasurer, and general manager; G. W. Larimer, secretary; E. C. Ruggles, attorney. ¶ The board of directors include the above men plus J. O. Davidson and C. R. Miller.

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4. C. W. Kellogg, architect, has just completed plans for a ten room dwelling for Judge Lauck to be erected on the corner of 13th st. and Fairview.

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4. There was considerable activity around the ice houses yesterday. Harris and Polk had over 75 men at work in three different places cutting out a good quality of ice 8 to 10 inches thick. At the water mill Henry Schweiter had about the same number hauling and cutting ice for him. Mr. Weigand had quite a force at this point also filling his ice house. The packing house expects to start work today and put up 400 to 500 tons of ice.

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4. The first coach of the Wichita and Colorado RR was seen at the depot yesterday.

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4. The transfers a few days ago showed a tract of land adjoining this city sold to a prominent capitalist. Since then it has leaked out that a combination has formed to lay it out into an addition to be known as Riverside addition. A bridge will be built across the Little river to connect the new addition with the city, and another across the Arkansas to connect the west side of the river. The \$50,000 tract of land on which the addition is to be laid lies at the door of the city.

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2. The railroad track is laid about three miles west of Colwich and the depot building was begun there last Friday.
4. Bayley's subdivision, on south Market st., is a new addition just platted for the city.

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4. T. McNulty, of the Eagle Line, reports that the track has been laid to AnDale (sic), 20 miles distant from this city, and the contractors will commence tomorrow to grade to the county line.

**Thursday, January 28, 1886****page**

4. The first carload of goods that ever went over the Eagle line was shipped to AnDale (sic) yesterday.

**Friday, January 29, 1886****page**

4. The charter of the YMCA will be filed with the secretary of state tomorrow.

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4. Carpenters are again at work on the G.A.R. building and pushing it rapidly to completion.

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4. Messrs. Moffatt, Hartzell, and Davis of the Kansas Furniture company have purchased the Newcomb property on the corner of Douglas and Topeka, diagonally opposite the Manhattan hotel for \$12,000 and expect to commence about March 1st the erection of a large three story brick block, which will make four splendid blocks on this corner, the others being the Noble and Furley buildings.

**Sunday, February 7, 1886****page**

1. The Wichita and Western have just received five magnificent new coaches from the Pullman shops and will receive a new passenger engine the coming week. Describes the coaches in detail.

Another excursion train was over the Wichita and Colorado yesterday, and the city officials having satisfied themselves that the terms of issue had been complied with, the \$40,000 in city bonds previously voted were executed and delivered to the railroad company.

**Wednesday, February 10, 1886****page**

4. The first charter of this week was granted to the Kansas Midland Railway Company, which is designed to run from Wichita to Red Cloud, Nebraska on the Burlington and Missouri River. Capital stock is \$5,000,000. Directors are S. W. Campbell, C. R. Miller, J. O. Davidson, W. E. Stanley, Robert E. Lawrence, H. G. Lee, and O. H.

Bentley, all of Wichita.

The rink, which has been converted into a theater to be known as the First Street, was opened last night for the season.

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4. The members of hook and ladder company No. 1 are happy in the possession of a new building, provided by the city.

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4. Another excursion train was run over the Wichita and Colorado RR yesterday (with officials of the road and the city to allow latter to inspect the road for which the city had voted \$40,000 bonds).

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4. The Wichita and Colorado is running regular trains from Andale to Wichita.

The first regular passenger and express train on the Eagle Line will leave the depot, corner of 1st and Wichita streets, at 6:30 a.m. Monday and return at 9:00 p.m. All aboard for AnDale (sic).

A handsome Presbyterian church 30 x 50 ft. with a 50 ft. tower will be built on Oak st. in Garrison's addition for \$3,000.

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4. Article says reporter rode the first regular passenger train on the Wichita and Colorado yesterday, and "the track is surfaced to Colwich but not beyond and the passenger coach is not taken beyond that city."

Mr. Sheets' corner lot and building, southeast corner of Douglas and Market, was sold yesterday for \$27,000.

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4. A new bridge has just been completed across the Little Arkansas, about 100 feet below the dam.

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4. The new passenger engine, No. 2, for the Wichita and Western, arrived yesterday.

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2. Letter to Eagle tells of riding on the Eagle Line to AnDale (sic) yesterday.
4. The two engines just received by the Wichita and Western are monsters, of the latest type from the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, and weigh 49 tons each.

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4. Capt. John B. Carey says he will begin pulling down the fence about the old fair grounds today, and that it would immediately be platted and placed on the market.

**Wednesday, February 24, 1886****page**

4. Decorations for the G.A.R. encampment yesterday extended "out on 1st St. to the Eagle depot and on 2nd street to the Sunflower depot."
4. The summer street cars were called into use yesterday (for the G.A.R. encampment crowd), but seemed to be all the more popular for being open.

**Saturday, February 27, 1886****page**

4. The county commissioners yesterday decided on the land for a poor farm. It lies southeast of the city some five miles and is what was formerly known as the Sol Kohn place.

**Sunday, February 28, 1886****page**

6. The real estate firm of N. F. Niederlander has recently moved from its old location at Douglas and Emporia to new quarters on the lower floor of Noble's handsome building at Douglas and Topeka.

**Wednesday, March 3, 1886****page**

6. Editorial points out the excesses and dangers of the real estate boom and additions craze.

**Thursday, March 4, 1886****page**

6. Editorial acknowledges and discusses criticism of yesterday's editorial.  
  
The foundation of the Riverside hotel is completed.

**Saturday, March 6, 1886****page**

4. Note lists officers and directors of the Wichita and Colorado RR.

The new engine "Eagle" of the Wichita and Colorado road, crowned with a monster bronze spread eagle, came in yesterday morning.

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4. Col. B. H. Campbell's farm between the rivers was sold yesterday to Dr. S. C. Shane of Ohio for \$22,000.

**Sunday, March 14, 1886****page**

4. Editorial: A gentleman remarked yesterday that it was a shame the way the Santa Fe co. is using this city with regard to depots. Nearly all the passengers go to the Douglas Avenue depot, and men, women, and children are there all huddled up in a little, dirty room, which is often filled with smoke of pipe and cigar. The Santa Fe ought to be ashamed of itself.

**Tuesday, March 16, 1886****page**

4. A new street car company was organized last night, to be known as the Union street car company, to build lines to College Hill. Charter members are N. F. Niederlander, M. W. Levy, A. W. Oliver, Mark Oliver, and J. C. Rutan.

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6. A. A. Hyde will build a \$6,000 residence on College Hill.

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6. "The Rambler" describes a trip north to Fairview addition and mentions many houses seen along the way, etc. ¶ There is a cluster of houses along 10th Street in towards the entrance of Griffenstein's park. The masons are at work on the foundations of Griffenstein's new house, which will be one of the finest in the city. ¶ Passing on up Fairview ave. we arrive at the northern terminus of the street railway on Carey ave.

The Santa Fe broke dirt yesterday at Mulvane for their extension west.

**Friday, March 19, 1886****page**

6. "The Rambler" today describes a tour over the south part of town.

G. W. Bartholomew and A. D. Boyd have bought the Riverside park which they will fix up in splendid style for entertainments this season, and Major Powell proposes to run his street car line there.

The contract for the Mitchell, Stackman, and Bosley brick block in first block of N.

Main was let yesterday for \$20,320.

**Saturday, March 20, 1886****page**

6. The Eagle Line reached Mount Hope yesterday morning.

**Sunday, March 21, 1886****page**

6. The work of replacing the old rails in the street railway by new ones was in progress yesterday. They have put 1000 ft. of new steel rails and some new ties down on Douglas ave. and are putting some down on Main st. also.

**Tuesday, March 23, 1886****page**

6. City council yesterday passed ordinance giving the Schuyler electric light company the privilege of using the streets and alleys for the apparatus necessary to construct the system of electric lighting, and ordered 12 lights for street illumination, for \$1,000 per annum.

**Thursday, March 25, 1886****page**

6. Contract has been let for the Schuyler Electric Light company's building, 25 x 140 feet, to be located on south side of Douglas just across the Santa Fe track from the City mills. Two boilers and engines, each of 75 hp capacity, will be placed. The lights are the Schuyler arc and are of 2000 candle power.

**Friday, March 26, 1886****page**

6. Work has begun on Judge Lauck's new residence, corner of 13th st. and Fairview.

**Saturday, March 27, 1886****page**

6. "The Rambler" describes building activities on the east side of town.

**Tuesday, March 30, 1886****page**

6. The material for the bridge across the Little Arkansas to the Riverside addition has arrived, and the bridge will be built immediately.

**Wednesday, March 31, 1886****page**

6. 158 teams went out to Kingman yesterday to work on the Kingman, Pratt, and Western extension of the Wichita and Western.

Niederlander's new map of the city, drawn by Bunny Mead, has just been received from

the lithographers. It is a daisy. It shows up all the various wards, streets, railroads, street railroads, and additions up to December 1st last. It is a handsome map and the completest yet made of the city. The colors are bright and the additions are in different colors.

**Friday, April 2, 1886****page**

6. A special train over the Wichita and Colorado RR yesterday showed the track to be laid three rails over the Reno County line, thus meeting the requirement that this be reached by April 1st under which Greeley township had voted bonds for the railroad.

**Sunday, April 4, 1886****page**

5. Niederlander advertisement with map of Sedgwick county showing railroads.

**Tuesday, April 6, 1886****page**

6. Major Powell said yesterday he had ordered three new street cars like those he last got. They are intended for the new line to Frisco heights. Arrangements are in progress for building a new street car barn on N. Wichita st. near 10th and putting on two additional cars on the north extension street railroad to handle the increased business.

Six fine brick school houses of five to six school rooms each have been erected in this city, but voters today should remember that another building is greatly needed in the 5th ward and vote for this building.

Father Casey and his church committee are making preparations for building the new Catholic church.

**Wednesday, April 7, 1886****page**

6. The school bonds carried by a large majority in the city election yesterday.

Yesterday's Capital (probably Topeka) says that a charter was granted to Garfield University, Wichita. Details.

**Thursday, April 8, 1886****page**

6. Work began yesterday on the foundation of Charles Firebaugh's building in back of the Manhattan hotel.

The Wichita Street Car company received two new cars by the Frisco yesterday. They are made by Brownell and Co. of St. Louis, and are similar to the last two the company received from that firm. The last two are for the Frisco Heights road, which will be finished soon. The ties are laid for a considerable distance. This makes 12 fine

cars that the company will now have on the track, which is a greater number than any other company in the state. The company will probably build over to the 5th ward this year, and will build one or two other extensions.

**Friday, April 9, 1886****page**

6. The general offices of the Eagle line were moved to Toler and Blackwelder's building, corner of Wichita and 2nd streets, yesterday, and the general offices of the St. Louis, Fort Scott, and Wichita will occupy the same building.

**Saturday, April 10, 1886****page**

6. Representative of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific RR extensions into Kansas met with businessmen in Wichita yesterday and says the railroad proposes to extend the road to Wichita and through the county, for which the city and county would be asked to subscribe for \$150,000 in stock, to be paid for in bonds.

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6. Note reports the Wichita Daily Evening Resident made its bow as a newspaper here yesterday.

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6. Gandolfo erected his new Arctic soda fountain yesterday. It is the finest in the state. The fountain and counter together with the marble slab that forms the top of the counter cost \$1500 and was made in Boston. Details.

Griffenstein's 10th is the latest addition. It adjoins his 9th on the west and lies between 10th and 11th streets.

**Thursday, April 15, 1886****page**

2. Article from Hutchinson News says a committee from that city went to New York three weeks ago to see Jay Gould in reference to bringing the Wichita and Colorado RR through Hutchinson, and they have obtained a definite acceptance of their proposal. The line will cross the river several miles south of town and come into the city on the south. Details
6. Street cars 3 and 5, which have been on the Douglas ave. line, were taken to C. R. Viney's shop on 2nd st. for a fresh coat of paint.

"The Rambler"--"Now that we are sure of the Rock Island and a large city, I think it would be a good idea to talk of paving Main st. and Douglas ave."

**Friday, April 16, 1886****page**

3. Article describes the city of Moscow, the Czar's southern capital.
  
6. The board of directors yesterday changed the name of the Wichita academy to that of "The Lewis Academy" in honor of Col. Hiram W. Lewis, president of the Wichita National Bank, who has made a gift of \$25,000 to the school's endowment fund. The corporation has also secured 100 additional feet from the present grounds to the corner of Market and 3rd streets for \$6,500, making a total of 200 x 140 ft. The walls are nearly up to the top of the second story windows and in a few weeks the building will be enclosed.

Terry and Dumont, architects, are at work on the plans of Robert Black's imposing house, 48 x 63 ft., with 12 rooms, to be built at corner of Hydraulic and Douglas.

**Saturday, April 17, 1886****page**

6. The last dollar was subscribed yesterday for the extension of the street railway on N. Topeka ave. to 13th st., and the road will be built at once.

**Tuesday, April 20, 1886****page**

6. A charter has been taken out for the "Little River Street Car Co.," which proposes to build and operate a line of street railway beginning on Fairview ave. and running west on Carey ave. across the Little Arkansas, and on several streets in West Wichita. Incorporators include Col. George L. Rouse, Lloyd B. Ferrell, E. P. Ford, Joseph Rich, and Frank Ford.

A large force are at work on the new iron bridge spanning the Little River at Oak st.

**Thursday, April 22, 1886****page**

6. Garfield Memorial Hall, the fine edifice on the corner of 1st and Water streets, was accepted from the contractor, Mr. Sternberg, by the board of directors of the Garfield post last evening.

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6. Everything is now ready for building the up-town street car barns. Four barns will be built, two on Wichita st. at the corner of 10th and two on Oak st. Smyth and Hahn have the contract and will push the work right along. The lumber is being laid on the ground and work will begin at once. The two on Wichita st. will be finished next week. The service on the north line will now be one car every 20 minutes.

"The Rambler": A number of men and teams could be seen at work yesterday grading

a race track over in the Riverside addition. Col. George Rouse said that streets will soon be laid out in the River View addition, where the new street car line will cross from Carey ave.

Work on the new water reservoir is being pushed with the utmost speed.

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6. Article lists the estimated wealth of a large number of Wichita business men.

Work has commenced on the new street railway line to Frisco heights.

The new Presbyterian church on Oak st. is rapidly nearing completion.

Proudfoot, the architect, was yesterday drawing the plans for A. A. Hyde's new house to be built on College Hill.

**Wednesday, April 28, 1886****page**

6. The piles are all driven for the bridge across the Little Arkansas at Oak st. Yesterday work commenced on raising the spans.

There have been just 90 additions added to Wichita since the 1st of May last.

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6. "The Rambler" reports on construction activity seen yesterday in a drive out to College Hill. Details.

Two new cars will be put on the street railway line next Sunday.

**Saturday, May 1, 1886****page**

6. The ties for the extension of the street railway on N. Topeka ave. and for the extension on E. Oak st. are being delivered.

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6. Street railway extension is going on. A large force is at work on the Frisco heights line; the ties are on the ground ready for the extension on N. Topeka ave., and work will soon begin on the extension east on Douglas ave. to College Hill. There will be about five miles added to the lines this summer.

**Sunday, May 9, 1886****page**

6. The spans on the Oak st. bridge are completed and as soon as the approaches are finished the bridge will be ready for use.

**Tuesday, May 11, 1886****page**

6. C. T. Buffum, a prominent and wealthy banker of Keene, New Hampshire and F. C. Faulkner, of the same place, friends of J. Oak Davidson, are visiting in Wichita. They are both interested in Riverside addition.

Article reports the first electric lights in the history of Wichita were lighted last night at 7:38 by J. D. Hill. Details.

The street car line will be completed to Cleveland ave. by the middle of this week, which is an extension of near  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile beyond where the cars now run.

**Friday, May 14, 1886****page**

6. A large crowd went over in carriages to view the wonders at Riverside park yesterday afternoon.

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6. Wichita now has a total of 16 trains in and 16 trains out daily, or a total of 32 in and out. Details.

Grade stakes are being driven on the Eagle Line west from Mount Hope into Reno county, and grading will commence today or tomorrow.

Mr. O. H. Bentley's residence on N. Topeka is nearing completion.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1886****page**

6. The second dynamo for Hill's electric plant arrived yesterday. It is similar to the first, with a capacity to keep 30 lights of 2000 c.p. each, going.

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6. Street car notice: First car leaves car house on Wichita st. at 6 a.m. and swings at Douglas ave. and goes to N. Wichita, enabling workmen to get to Carey's park at 6:55. Second car leaves car house going south at 6:20 a.m. Cars leave every 20 minutes during the day, the last car leaving Douglas ave. going north at 9:20 p.m., and going south at 8:50 p.m.

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6. Last evening at 8:42 the Schuyler Electric Light company turned on its lights. Details.

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6. Article reports high school commencement exercises last evening at Turner Opera house. Five graduates.

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6. The Riverside Land company have contracted for three electric lights for the Riverside park.

Mr. George O. Merriman, whose home is in Manchester, Michigan, and who owns a quarter section on College Hill, is visiting in Wichita. He bought the tract on the hill in 1874.

**Sunday, May 30, 1886****page**

1. The state locating committee, appointed by the state meeting of the Christian church, in conference with the directors of Garfield University, reached unanimous agreement last evening to locate the Christian college at Wichita under the name of Garfield University.

The new water reservoir has been completed and was yesterday connected with the city mains.

The street railway line which runs out Oak st. has reached the cemetery and the cars will be put on today. Captain Powell still keeps breaking in new mules. He has 150 broken now and two car loads more coming.

**Tuesday, June 1, 1886****page**

6. Garfield University is now permanently located on the farm of the Hon. Robert E. Lawrence,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile west of his residence, who has sold them 150 acres of land at \$125 per acre, although he could have obtained \$400 per acre for it. The parties interested on the west side have donated  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the purchase money. Details.

**Thursday, June 3, 1886****page**

6. Work will commence on the body of the new Catholic church tomorrow and the building is to be enclosed before August 15 on which day it is to be dedicated.

**Friday, June 4, 1886****page**

6. Note about the beauty of Riverside addition. The new track is as smooth as a floor,

and regular.

The new bridge across the Little river on Carey ave. will be finished next Monday, and the Little River railroad company are negotiating for rails and material for the construction of their line. Work will soon begin on this line and also the Oak st. line crossing over to Riverside.

The Street Railway company commenced laying track on N. Topeka ave. yesterday. They will extend the line from Oak st. to 12th.

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6. The Topeka ave. extension of the street car line is now three or four blocks north of Oak and going down rapidly. The Oak st. line will probably run out in the Main st. line, and the Topeka ave. line will be run straight from Douglas ave. to 13th st.

Two new street cars, Nos. 15 and 16, are at the Santa Fe depot for the Wichita Street Car company. They are in all respects similar to the last two received.

Article reports Rev. M. J. Casey has decided to accept the proposition of the Sisters of Charity, of Dubuque, Iowa, to locate a branch of that order in this city, and to build for them an academy this fall. The building committee are now receiving propositions for the location of this institution.

Letter to Eagle replies to criticism of the location of Garfield university. Details.

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6. Beginning at 1 p.m. today a street car will leave the Douglas ave. freight depot for the cemetery every 1 ½ hour during the day.

### **Tuesday, June 8, 1886**

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4. The board of the YMCA has purchased from Mr. Finley Ross 75 x 100 ft. of ground fronting on 1st st. and Topeka ave., immediately opposite and west of the Levy residence, as a location for a permanent building.

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4. Article discusses the plan for the Kansas Midland RR, which was chartered last winter.

On June 1 Mr. Russell Harding was appointed Superintendent of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita RR, with headquarters in Wichita.

Election yesterday voted to subscribe \$150,000 in bonds to the Chicago, Kansas, and

## Nebraska RR. Details.

**Thursday, June 10, 1886****page**

1. Contract was let yesterday for erection of the main building and south wing of the Lewis academy, the north wing of which is now nearing completion.

Contract let yesterday to J. H. Sternberg for erection of the Bitting Brothers' new clothing palace, to be 50 x 150 ft., four stories high.

4. The fashionable thing to do now is to drive over and take a whirl around Riverside track in the evening.

**Friday, June 11, 1886****page**

4. About 50 persons were boating on the Little river last evening.

**Saturday, June 12, 1886****page**

4. Editorial warning of the dangers of the real estate addition and lot speculation.

Results of the late bond election which voted the bonds for Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska RR.

**Sunday, June 13, 1886****page**

1. Note says a charter was taken out two or three days ago for a cable line of street railway in Wichita by J. O. Davidson, et al., with capital stock \$250,000.
4. The locating committee of the Catholic Sisters' seminary yesterday opened all the bids and accepted the bid of the west side for a site on Hellar's place, on Douglas ave. about 1 ½ miles west of the Arkansas river bridge. The donations amount to 140 acres of land, 7 lots in the Junction addition, \$4,150 in cash to be raised by \$5,000 more. The entire donation is considered worth \$55,000. Donors are listed. The committee plan to build one wing of Augusta stone at cost of \$15,000 this year and the main structure next year. Details.

Announcement: Oak st. cars will run regular after this date. Cars 9, 12, 14, and 3 will run to the cemetery Sunday, commencing at 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 15, 1886****page**

4. The Eagle Line has reached Haven yesterday morning, and the first shipment of 24 cars of cattle was made from that point yesterday afternoon.

Work was commenced yesterday on the new line of street railway between Central and Douglas on Topeka ave.

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4. Terry and Dumont yesterday received the contract to draw plans and specifications for the hotel Capt. Carey is going to build at the corner of Douglas and 4th ave.

Architects Proudfoot and Bird have completed drawings for a fine Baptist church to be built on 13th st.

The directors of the Little River Street Railway company yesterday decided to begin the construction of the line at once. The bridge on Carey ave. over the Little river is completed and the cars will be running over it by the 1st of September.

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4. Article describes plans for the Bitting Brothers' new building.

Major Powell now has a large force at work on Oak st. laying down material for building the street car line west to the Little river bridge on that street.

**Saturday, June 19, 1886****page**

4. Ground was broken yesterday for the foundation of Capt. John B. Carey's new hotel at Douglas and 4th ave.

Robert Black's new residence at Douglas and Hydraulic is progressing rapidly.

"The Rambler" describes a tour of the West Side yesterday. Captain Smyth has a number of teams at work grading a broad avenue leading up to the front of Garfield university. Men will start work next week excavating for the foundation, and as soon as stone can be brought from Towanda they will start building it.

Dirt was broken yesterday for the Hacker and Jackson block at Douglas and 4th ave.

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6. A gentleman in this city proposes to put up a boathouse on the bank of the Little river near the Oak st. bridge.

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4. The Little River Street Car company, yesterday entered into a contract with the Wichita City Street Railway company whereby the latter company is to build, maintain,

and operate that portion of the line of the Little River company extending from the southwest corner of Carey park across the new bridge over the Little river on Carey Avenue to the southeast corner of Ford's 2nd addition and to the west corner of Rich and Ferrell's addition. The Wichita Street Railway company deserves the highest commendation for the energy manifested in extending its lines so as to accommodate all portions of our growing city.

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4. Messrs. F. S. Dennis and S. W. Bailey yesterday launched the hull of their new boat on the Big river and floated it down to the Little river and up to its moorings near Riverside park where it will receive its cabin and machinery. The hull is 17 x 48 ft., with a capacity of 100 passengers. "The Eagle" is intended as a summer pleasure boat.

The Merriman tract on College Hill will be on the market in a few days.

**Saturday, June 26, 1886****page**

4. Commodore Woodman and others were yesterday circulating a petition for subscriptions for building a bridge over the Great Arkansas on the line of 13th st.

**Sunday, June 27, 1886****page**

6. Work is progressing rapidly on the new Catholic church, which is expected to be ready for dedication August 15th. As soon as it is complete work will begin on the Sisters' seminary, the first wing of which will be enclosed before Christmas.

**Tuesday, June 29, 1886****page**

4. Article reports dedication of the Emporia ave. Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday. Details.

Assessor reports Wichita population is 20,129.

Ground was broken yesterday for the east part of Lewis academy.

A first class roller corn mill will be added to the Hydraulic mill this fall at a cost of near \$7,000.

**Sunday, July 4, 1886****page**

6. Contract for stone work of the Garfield university has been let to J. N. Campbell. Men have been at work on the excavation for the foundations during the past three days.

The Christian church at corner of Lawrence ave. and Lincoln st. is now completed and

ready for dedication.

**Tuesday, July 6, 1886****page**

4. Article reports dedication on Sunday of the Christian church at corner of Lawrence ave. and Lincoln st. Details.

**Wednesday, July 7, 1886****page**

4. The Kansas State Bank was reorganized last Saturday into the "State National Bank."

**Thursday, July 8, 1886****page**

4. The Little River Street Railway company have completed their line and Woodland and Carey avenues beyond the river, and cars will this morning begin running to the terminus of the line.

The new three story Gardner hotel on Douglas ave. just west of the bridge is nearly finished and will be occupied in a short time.

Bitting Brothers commenced work yesterday on their new building.

**Friday, July 9, 1886****page**

4. The wrangle between the two street car companies for the center of Douglas ave. from Main st. west to the river has been settled amicably. Mr. Powell will occupy the center of the street and the new company will lay its track a few feet south of his. The new company have had the survey necessary for building the bridge completed and it is proposed to commence work in a few days on its construction.

**Saturday, July 10, 1886****page**

4. Work was resumed yesterday on the street car line on W. Douglas ave. The line will be extended to the river forthwith.

**Sunday, July 11, 1886****page**

6. The long awaited event, the location of the Rock Island road through the city, is now on tap. The company's representative filed his acceptance of the Mead ave. route with the city clerk yesterday.

The Western Union telegraph company have extended their wires as far west on the Eagle Line as Haven.

**Tuesday, July 13, 1886**

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4. F. A. North will begin right away the work of compiling a new City Directory.

The Kansas Furniture Company will occupy their new building, corner of Topeka and Douglas avenues, the 15th.

The board sidewalk in front of the Occidental hotel is to be superseded by a fine cement walk.

**Wednesday, July 14, 1886****page**

4. Work will commence soon on the new Baptist church on the northeast corner of 10th st. and Emporia, to cost near \$5,000.

Four carloads of stone have arrived at the Garfield university.

**Thursday, July 15, 1886****page**

4. Article describes the beauties of Riverside park. Says the two steamboats that are in the river below the bridge are being made ready as rapidly as possible.

**Friday, July 16, 1886****page**

4. Work began on the street railway from Central ave. south on Topeka yesterday, and the road will be completed to Douglas in a few days.

Major Powell said yesterday that the street railway company were now receiving bids for the bridge across the Arkansas river from the foot of Douglas ave. They propose to commence work in a short time and extend the line into west Wichita.

**Sunday, July 18, 1886****page**

4. The contract for building the 5th ward school house has been awarded to Mr. John Striker. Cost of \$9,760. Steps will immediately be taken for erecting a new building in the 3rd ward.

The Wichita street railway built about a mile of track during the week.

**Tuesday, July 20, 1886****page**

2. Editorial discusses the Eagle's change today from folio size to a new smaller quarto size. Seven column page.
8. Article describes the Eagle's new Cranston press and other machinery. Details.

**Wednesday, July 21, 1886****page**

4. Capt. Carey commenced yesterday moving buildings off the hotel site.

**Thursday, July 22, 1886****page**

2. Article gives assessors valuations in Sedgwick county. The county's population is 40,930 including 20,129 in Wichita.

4. Article about meeting yesterday to discuss street railway extension to West Side. Details.

Long article about progress and plans of Garfield university. Some streets in the vicinity are Mentor, named for Garfield's home, and Hiram st., after the college where he first became a professor. ¶ About half the money necessary for building the Maple st. bridge has been subscribed.

The regular practitioners of medicine in Wichita met Tuesday evening, July 20th, at the office of Dr. Fabrique, and organized the Wichita City Medical society. Details.

**Friday, July 23, 1886****page**

4. The directors of the W. Douglas ave. street car company yesterday rejected the proposal of the Wichita street railway company (details) and decided to build their own line at once. N. S. Woods, late chief engineer of the Sunflower road, offered to build a bridge 12 feet wide across the river for \$4,200 and to build the remainder of the line for \$1,800 per mile.

**Saturday, July 24, 1886****page**

4. The walls of Hacker and Jackson's new block at 4th ave. and Douglas are climbing up rapidly.

The track on the Eagle Line is said to be within three miles of Hutchinson.

**Sunday, July 25, 1886****page**

2. Editorial describes building activities in Wichita. Says 13 three story buildings are in course of construction on N. Main between 1st and 2nd and four more between 1st and Douglas.
4. Farmer Doolittle says that there are now two Riverside parks, and that one of them should have a new name.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1886**

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2. Long article describes in detail the plans, by architects Terry and Dumont, for the new Carey Palace hotel.

**Thursday, July 29, 1886****page**

4. Long article about progress and newly prepared prospectus of Lewis academy. The north wing is about completed and the main building and south wing are progressing rapidly.

Work on the new school building in the 5th ward is being prosecuted rapidly.

**Saturday, July 31, 1886****page**

4. Article describes in detail the steamboat "Eagle", which was inspected by reporter yesterday at its moorings a little below the foot of Pine st. It is 48 ft. long by 12 ft. beam, with paddle wheels at sides making 17 ½ ft. overall. Capacity will be 150 passengers.

The street car company have just received four car loads of iron for the extension of their lines south on Lincoln and 5th avenues.

Kos Harris has let the contract for building a three story building on S. Main st. on the same lot with the national bank.

The board of education are contemplating adding German to the high school curriculum.

**Tuesday, August 3, 1886****page**

2. Article says a charter has been taken out for a dummy line of street railway commencing at Market and Douglas, running thence north on Market to Oak st., thence west to the center of Riverside, circling the park and driving track, thence up by Orchard Beach, along the banks of the Little River.

At its meeting Sunday the boat club gave themselves the name of the "Wichita Boating Club" and have applied for a charter.

The old Fechheimer building, corner of Douglas and Market, is being razed in preparation for erection of a handsome new three story building.

Sedgwick county's teachers institute commenced yesterday. Details.

**Thursday, August 5, 1886****page**

4. Plans for the new M. M. Fechheimer building drawn by architects Proudfoot and Bird show it to front 24 ft. on Douglas and 140 ft. on Market, four stories high, built of St. Louis pressed brick and trimmed with Warrensburg white stone. It will be supplied with a passenger elevator and will cost \$25,000.
8. Article about high water in the rivers yesterday. Riverside park was mainly covered with water.

**Friday, August 6, 1886****page**

4. Article describes in detail the plans for the proposed new opera house with approximately 1500 seats.

Capt. J. B. Carey commenced excavating yesterday for his fine hotel.

Mr. Lawrence is excavating for a new two story brick building at corner of Chicago and Seneca.

Article about an illustrated book about Wichita to be issued soon by the Enterprise Publishing company.

**Saturday, August 7, 1886****page**

1. Drawings of Douglas ave. east from Topeka and of Gandolfo's cafe from Wichita Illustrated Review.
4. Drawings and biography of William Griffenstein, "Father of Wichita".
8. The Wichita boat club yesterday ordered two single paper shells, one four oared paper shell, and one six oared boat from E. Waters and Company, Troy, New York.

**Sunday, August 8, 1886****page**

1. Drawing of Main st. north from Douglas.
2. Drawing of Commodore W. C. Woodman.
4. Drawing of B. W. Aldrich, mayor of Wichita.

The street railway company will in a short time increase the number of cars.

The gas company and the Thomson-Houston electric light company have been consolidated under the incorporation laws of the state. Directors listed. Capital stock \$255,000.

8. Drawing of J. O. Davidson, president of Citizens Bank.

**Tuesday, August 10, 1886****page**

4. The Wichita gas company and Thomson and Houston electric light company consolidated under the name of Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power Company. A **b** interest was sold to St. Louis capitalists (listed) and a **a** interest retained by J. D. Hill, N. A. Niederlander, and Judge E. C. Ruggles. Details.

The election yesterday for Kansas Midland bonds carried by 971 to 29.

Article about a meeting yesterday to organize a motor line from the central part of the city to College Hill. Details.

The pile driver is on the west side and will commence dowing piles for the street car bridge today.

The Topeka ave. street car line is nearing completion.

**Wednesday, August 11, 1886****page**

4. The Wichita boat club has decided on the location for their boat house. They accepted the offer made by the Riverside Land Company which gives them a lot with 100 ft. river front immediately south of the Oak st. bridge.

The Riverside Land Company has applied for a charter to construct a motor line from some central point in the city to the Riverside park.

The Little river is swarming with boating parties these evenings.

Architects Terry and Dumont are drawing plans for a fine residence for Mr. A. D. Carpenter to be built on N. Lawrence between Oak and Walnut streets at cost of \$4,000.

**Thursday, August 12, 1886****page**

2. Supt. Hill of the Wichita and Western reports that this important line is now eight miles beyond Kingman.
4. The City scales that formerly stood near where Capt. Carey is erecting his hotel have been moved two squares east of the railroad track.

Peter Getto's new brick building at corner of 1st and Waco is nearing completion. He will move his bottling works from the corner of Main and 2nd to the new building next week.

The water works company commenced digging a third well yesterday. It will be 56 ft. in diameter.

Amos Houck will soon commence his elegant new \$8,000 house on Topeka ave.

The Clement building on N. Main will be commenced next Monday.

**Friday, August 13, 1886****page**

4. The pile driver commenced driving piles for the new street car bridge yesterday.

**Saturday, August 14, 1886****page**

4. The connection between the street car tracks on Douglas and Topeka avenues will be made today.

**Sunday, August 15, 1886****page**

4. The charter recently announced by the Eagle for a suburban railway from the center of the city to Riverside reads: "The Riverside and Suburban Railway Co., of Wichita," with object to build and operate a railroad from some point in Wichita to the addition of Riverside and to run a line of passenger coaches thereon by steam, electric or motor power. Directors are J. O. Davidson, William Innes, H. G. Lee, C. Davidson, and W. E. Stanley. Capital stock \$100,000.

Architect Kellogg yesterday showed plans for the new Amos Houck residence on N. Topeka. Details.

Proudfoot and Bird are drawing plans for a new three story brick building to be erected on S. Main between William and English by Mr. Butler. To be 75 x 100 ft. and cost \$18,000.

The Topeka ave. street railway line was completed yesterday. It will be some days before cars are run, and when they are the W. Douglas ave. line will be opened up. The material is on the ground for building the S. Main extension, which will be about 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles in length. Work on it will be commenced in a few days.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1886****page**

4. The, Wichita Review, by the Enterprise Publishing company, is out, the Eagle having done the work. Details.

Work started yesterday on the second story of the Hacker and Jackson block.

Six piers of the street car bridge have been put in.

**Wednesday, August 18, 1886****page**

1. Drawing of Douglas ave. are from Main st. east.
  2. Drawing of Col. H. W. Lewis, president of Kansas National Bank.
  8. Drawing of Mr. J. P. Allen, vice-president of State National Bank.
- Report of excursion Saturday evening on the new steamer "Eagle."

**Thursday, August 19, 1886****page**

4. Engineers commenced work yesterday on the Kansas Midland route through the city.  
  
Mr. M. M. Fechheimer commenced excavating yesterday for his fine brick building at Douglas and Market.
8. Capt. Powell is off for St. Louis in a day or two to have some more street cars put up. The line down Topeka ave. will be furnished with blue cars.

**Friday, August 20, 1886****page**

4. The races by electric light at the Davidson park track last evening was attended by fully a thousand people. One man counted 202 carriages crossing the Oak st. bridge in 20 minutes.  
  
The steamer Eagle made an exploration up the Big river yesterday. It succeeded in going 15 miles without any difficulty although the water is low.

**Saturday, August 21, 1886****page**

4. The First Street Theater is undergoing another change. This time Dr. Snoko took it and is converting it into a boarding barn.

**Sunday, August 22, 1886****page**

4. Mr. Finlay Ross has employed architects Terry and Dumont to draw plans for a residence which he will build on N. Waco between Oak and Pine streets.  
  
The baseball Clippers have secured the fair grounds in West Wichita and have cleared a diamond convenient to the amphitheater.
8. Report of Superintendent of Schools George B. Campbell.  
Total enrollment - 2560  
Average daily attendance - 1593

Number of teachers - 40  
 Average salary of teachers - \$48.50 per month  
 Average daily attendance per teacher - 44  
 High school enrollment including 7th and 8th grades - 138  
 Number of high school graduates to date - 40  
 Number of high school graduates last commencement - 5  
 Number of corporal punishments - 45

### **Tuesday, August 24, 1886**

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4. The connection between the west side street car track and the Main st. and Douglas ave. lines was being built yesterday.
8. Peter Getto has his bottling works going in his new building at 1st and Waco streets.

### **Wednesday, August 25, 1886**

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2. Drawings of N. F. Niederlander and A. W. Oliver.
8. Contracts for Capt. John B. Carey's new hotel let yesterday: Stone work let to Wood and Company, brickwork to N. Hartell and Company, and carpentry to W. H. Sternberg.

### **Thursday, August 26, 1886**

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4. Several changes to be made today by the street railway company: The line on Central ave. will be abandoned for some days while repairs are made. ¶ All cars going up Main st. to the union depot will not turn east until reaching Oak st. ¶ The Topeka ave. cars will go south on Topeka to Douglas and then run west to the river. ¶ The E. Oak st. cars will on arriving at Topeka ave. follow the route of the Topeka ave. cars. ¶ When the new cars arrive, one will be placed on the E. Oak st. line and the Topeka ave. line. The Topeka ave. cars are all late from the shop. ¶ Work will commence today on the south extension, which will be 1 ¾ miles in length. It will run east on Lincoln st. to 5th ave., thence south to Harry st., thence east to Washington ave., and south on Washington ave. to the Kinkaid property.

Baseball game yesterday at the West Wichita fair grounds.

8. The extension of the Wichita and Western will reach the Ninnescah the latter part of this week. Calista is the name of the new station ten miles west of Kingman.

The foundation of the Lawrence building on the West Side was commenced yesterday.

### **Friday, August 27, 1886**

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4. Board of education yesterday declared the office of superintendent of schools to be vacant. Details.
  
8. Work on the street car bridge is being rushed. More than half the required number of wooden piers have been driven.

Plans by Messrs. Rush and Gile for the barn to be built on the ground of William Griffenstein's new residence show it to be on the same plan as the house, 30 x 50 ft., with a 65 ft. over the carriage drive. The interior will be complete with an office for whips and rugs, and quarters for the driver and hostler.

### **Saturday, August 28, 1886**

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4. Men were yesterday clearing the site of the new packing house to be built in West Wichita, north of the Ft. Scott RR. The building will have two stories, 60 x 80 ft.

Article describes progress on a number of downtown business buildings. Details.

### **Sunday, August 29, 1886**

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4. Article gives text of the charter of the Wichita Boat Club. The club yesterday received a four oared paper shell 40 ft. long, from Troy, New York.

Nearly all of the wooden awnings and their iron posts are rapidly disappearing, and neat patent swinging awnings are taking their places along the streets of Wichita.

Article says the Wichita Canning Factory is now in full operation. Details.

8. The street railway company have commenced work on Lincoln st. on the south extension.

Garst Brothers are now engaged on the foundation of their new laundry, to be erected east of the Grand Army building.

### **Tuesday, August 31, 1886**

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4. A street car switch is being made on E. Douglas ave. between Lawrence and Topeka avenues. The number of cars that run on Douglas ave. between Main st. and Topeka ave. is almost suggestive of a double track.

Beautiful monument placed last Friday on grave of deceased wife of William Mathewson is of white Italian marble and cost \$2,500. Details.

### **Wednesday, September 1, 1886**

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8. Meeting yesterday of those interested in a street car line to College Hill decided to accept the offer of the street car company to extend the E. Douglas line to Clifford ave., 1 ¼ miles from the present terminus. The amount of money to be donated by citizens for this extension is \$2,500. If this is paid in at an early date, the cars are to be running by next November 15.

The street railway company contemplates taking up the track on Central ave. between Main st. and Topeka ave. and abandoning that section entirely.

#### **Thursday, September 2, 1886**

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4. Iron for the street car track on the West Side was placed along W. Douglas ave. yesterday.

#### **Friday, September 3, 1886**

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4. Douglas ave. between Topeka and Lawrence is considerably torn up at present, on account of the laying of a switch on the street railway line.

#### **Saturday, September 4, 1886**

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4. The work of driving piles for the street car bridge is about completed. The beams for the bridge are now being put in place, and on the west end the boards for the floor are lain.  
Work is progressing rapidly on the Aldrich and Brown, Innes and Ross, and Hodgson buildings, south of the Heller block.

Mr. F. A. North, compiler of the Wichita city directory for 1886, has just completed numbering the houses of the city. The highest number on the north side is No. 2013 N. Lawrence ave., on the south is 1711 S. Lawrence, on the east is the new residence of R. Black just east of Hydraulic at 1724 E. Douglas and on the West the limit is reached on W. Douglas at the Junction town addition.

#### **Sunday, September 5, 1886**

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4. The Lewis Academy opens its doors to pupils for the first time tomorrow morning, September 6.

Article lists the teachers in the various city schools - refers to Park and Lincoln schools by name and the other five schools by ward number.

#### **Thursday, September 9, 1886**

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4. The street car track is laid on the West Side as far as Oak st.

**Friday, September 10, 1886****page**

4. Long article about city council discussions with Santa Fe RR regarding title to their property on Santa Fe ave. between Douglas and 1st st. and possible location of a new depot.

The street car track on the West Side is laid as far as Sycamore. The floor of the bridge is completed half way across the river and the track is being put down as the work progresses.

Frames and windows are being put in at the new school house on the West Side.

**Saturday, September 11, 1886****page**

4. Article about construction progress in Wichita. Details.

The Davidson Investment company of Wichita filed a charter yesterday. Capital stock \$100,000.

**Sunday, September 12, 1886****page**

4. Drawing of M. W. Levy, cashier and manager of Wichita National Bank.

The elegant residence of Mr. Robert Black at corner of Hydraulic and Douglas, is receiving its finishing touches.

The grade school districts of Wichita schools are defined.

R. M. Gardner's new hotel on the West Side will be opened with a grand ball on the 14th.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1886****page**

4. Article reports opening last night of R. M. Gardner's new Riverview hotel on the West Side. Cost \$25,000.

**Thursday, September 16, 1886****page**

4. Mr. R. C. Noble will start in a few days building an addition to his three story building at Douglas and Topeka, the addition to have 50 ft. front on Topeka and be 48 ft. deep, three stories.

The water works company is laying pipe in the south part of town.

Two new boilers for the Thomson-Houston electric plant are being placed in position.

When ready for running in about a week, the plant will then have a capacity of 120 lights.

**Friday, September 17, 1886****page**

4. Article reports on laying of the cornerstone of the Lewis Academy yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, September 18, 1886****page**

4. Mr. Stryker, contractor, says the 5th ward school building will be completed by the first of next month.

Work on the West Side street car track will be completed tomorrow, and the cars will be running next week.

Lumber for the Maple st. bridge is being hauled to the West Side.

8. Superintendent Hill, of the Wichita and Western, says the track of that line was to have reached Saratoga, in Pratt county, last evening, and that within a few days service will be extended to that point.

**Tuesday, September 21, 1886****page**

4. The Wichita Vinegar works have been put up by Mr. John Drescher and Mr. Joseph Koenig at the corner of Kellogg and Topeka. Details.

The stone work was commenced on the wing of the Catholic academy yesterday. It will be 80 x 45 ft. and four stories.

**Wednesday, September 22, 1886****page**

4. The 7th annual Sedgwick county fair opened yesterday at the West Wichita fair grounds. Details.

Rev. W. S. Payne broke dirt yesterday on the University grounds for a fine residence.

**Thursday, September 23, 1886****page**

4. Four bridges span the great Arkansas within the limits of this city - one wagon bridge, one street railway bridge, and two railroad bridges, but we are to have more. Yesterday the contract was let to J. K. Sawyer of the Wichita bridge company for a bridge 820 ft. long across the Big River between Lewis and Maple streets, and also for one across Chisholm creek on 2nd st.

**Thursday, September 30, 1886**

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4. The post office is now settled for a brief season at the corner of 1st and Water in the building known as the G. A. R. building in the rear of Masonic Temple, directly west of the McKinzie carriage works and south of the old rink building, now occupied by Dr. Snooke as a livery and feed stable.

**Friday, October 1, 1886****page**

4. Editorial comment by M. M. Murdock on his replacement by Frank B. Smith as post master in Wichita after having served in this capacity for 11 years, 9 months, and 8 days.
8. Brick work has commenced on the Fechheimer block.

**Saturday, October 2, 1886****page**

4. The city engineer was locating the south extension of the street car line yesterday. Work on the eastern extension of the line will be commenced in a few days.

**Sunday, October 3, 1886****page**

4. Material was being distributed yesterday for the College Hill extension of the street railway. On Lincoln st. the ties and rails are distributed for the street car line, and down 4th ave. the track is already completed.

Letter to the Eagle about the Benevolent Home and Hospital.

**Wednesday, October 6, 1886****page**

4. Note says there has been another street railway company organized in the city. No details.

The room on North Main st. formerly occupied by the post office, is being fitted up and in a few days the Santa Fe and Frisco ticket office will be moved to it.

**Thursday, October 7, 1886****page**

4. Mr. Sawyer, who has the contract for building the Maple st. bridge across the Arkansas river, expects to have it ready for travel by the first of next month.

The frame of the packing house on the West Side is up, and the building will soon be under roof.

**Friday, October 8, 1886****page**

4. The slate roof of the 5th ward school house was put on yesterday.

**Sunday, October 10, 1886****page**

4. Major Wiggins is getting up a new map of the city. The part of the city south of Douglas ave. will be placed on a canvas about 4 ft. wide and 8 ft. long, and all of the city north of Douglas will be placed upon another canvas. The large scale gives ample space to allow everything to be marked on it plainly. It is now nearly completed.

Work will commence tomorrow on the brick work on the Getto building, corner of 2nd and Main.

The exterior work on Col. Stewart's building on S. Main at corner of English, is completed.

The foundation of Kos Harris's building in rear of the State National bank is completed.

**Tuesday, October 12, 1886****page**

4. City council yesterday; plans submitted by Terry and Dumont, architects, for the new fire station building. Estimated cost \$4,600. Clerk to advertise for bids.

The Wichita Boat club on Sunday decided to accept the offer made the club by Mr. J. O. Davidson for a boat house site. It is for a lot near the Oak st. bridge with 100 ft. front and 140 ft. deep.

The foundation is laid for the Houck mansion, and brick work will soon commence.

1,000 car loads of lumber was sold in Wichita during the month of August.

**Wednesday, October 13, 1886****page**

4. W. Central ave. is being improved. Street commissioner Stone is taking out the trees along the side and widening this thoroughfare all the way to the park.

The Wichita Cracker company will build more spacious quarters on 4th ave. between Douglas and 1st st. To be three stories with 50 ft. front.

The W. Wichita school building is nearing completion. An effort is being made to have it ready for use by the first of next month.

A. T. Hayward, an architect of Cincinnati, Ohio, has moved to Wichita and gave contract yesterday for an elegant modern style residence in Park Place, corner of Prospect and Spruce streets.

**Thursday, October 14, 1886****page**

4. Work is progressing on the two new residences being erected on 4th Avenue by Dr. Burleigh. Each will cost new \$12,000.

Long article reports the organization of the Crystal Ice Company, N. A. English, president, with capital stock \$50,000. Details. Exact location not yet decided.

**Friday, October 15, 1886****page**

4. Article about growth of new additions in Wichita says the street car line in south part of city has been extended from Lawrence ave. along Lincoln st. to 5th ave., thence south on 5th to Howard, thence east to Washington and south on Washington three-fourths of a mile to the north side of Campbell's addition.

The Turner society has bought a lot on corner of Main and Bayley streets and proposes to erect a building there at an early date.

Note says lots in Merriman park were sold yesterday to H. Imboden, A. W. Bitting, Rev. Hewitt, Capt. White, J. P. Allen, Mrs. Allman, T. K. McLean, and J. D. Hutchings.

**Saturday, October 16, 1886****page**

4. Long article about expansion plans of Wichita Cracker company. Details.

**Sunday, October 17, 1886****page**

4. Article about plans for a university to be built in Wichita on 20 acres of land donated by Mr. Fees on College Hill two miles southeast of the city. Details.

Article summarizes construction progress on major business buildings in Wichita. Oliver building is up to third story. Exterior of Hacker and Jackson block is nearly complete. On Carey hotel brick work on rear and side walls underway yesterday and on the magnificent cut stone arch that will span the west entrance of the front. Joists of roof being put on Bitting building. On S. Market work is on first story of the Mercantile building with 6 of the 10 large arches of the front completed. Kos Harris building has first story up, and Col. Stewart's building on S. Main soon ready for occupancy. Getto building on N. Main has just been commenced, and walls of Clement building are nearly complete.

Gross receipts for passenger tickets of all the railroad offices in Wichita for month of September were \$42,000 and those of the freight offices \$168,000, for total of \$210,000.

The ties for the Rock Island RR are now being piled up in Wichita.

**Tuesday, October 19, 1886****page**

4. Contract let by city council yesterday for erection of fire station building by A. R. Link for \$4,249.

Garst Brothers yesterday put down in front of their laundry a brick pavement (sidewalk) and claim it to be the only one in the city.

**Wednesday, October 20, 1886****page**

4. Work will commence in a few days on the new city building, 25 x 80 feet and two stories high, with a bell tower 60 feet high. The lower floor will be occupied by the fire department and the city hall will be in the second story. Building to be completed by December 24.

**Thursday, October 21, 1886****page**

4. The foundation for the Methodist Episcopal Church on the West Side at Dodge and Pine, has just been completed.

**Friday, October 22, 1886****page**

4. Piles for the new bridge are driven about halfway across the river. (I.e., Maple Street.)

**Sunday, October 24, 1886****page**

3. Official proclamation for special election on November 2nd to vote \$30,000 in bonds for the Wichita, Cedarvale, and Southeastern Railway.
4. Long letter to *Eagle* from B. H. Campbell, president of Wichita City Railway Company, on prospects for Wichita's street railway.
8. The new street railway switch, at corner of Main and Douglas, was used for the first time yesterday morning.

**Tuesday, October 26, 1886****page**

4. The Turners have commenced their building on S. Main st.

The foundation for the Sisters' academy will be completed next week.

Interior work on the Oliver building on E. Douglas ave. is almost completed.

**Thursday, October 28, 1886****page**

4. The building for the Wichita Mercantile company, on S. Market, is now above the first story.

**Friday, October 29, 1886****page**

4. The new Catholic church on 4th ave. will be dedicated next Sunday.

**Saturday, October 30, 1886****page**

4. Mr. R. C. Noble has commenced work on the addition to his block at corner of Douglas and Topeka avenues. It will have 56 ft. front on Topeka and extend back 50 ft., and will be three stories high.

**Tuesday, November 2, 1886****page**

4. Article reports dedication the past Sunday, October 31st, of St. Aloysius Catholic church. Details.

Article reports the laying of the cornerstone yesterday of All Hallows' academy by Bishop Fink, of Leavenworth. Details.

**Wednesday, November 3, 1886****page**

4. The street railway company has finished the south extension and are now at work on 4th ave., where the material is all here. The material has been ordered for extending the line on Washington ave., and work in that locality will commence in a few weeks.

**Thursday, November 4, 1886****page**

4. Four new street cars were received by the street car company yesterday from the Brownell and Wright Car Company of St. Louis, and immediately put upon the track.

The Maple st. bridge nears completion.

**Saturday, November 5, 1886****page**

4. The building for the addition to the Hydraulic Mills has been completed. It is 40 ft. x 30 ft. and three stories high. The new machinery is now being put in place and will be ready for use by December 1st.

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4. The Maple st. bridge will be completed in a few days, and the city council will be asked

at its next meeting to prepare the approaches.

### **Sunday, November 7, 1886**

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4. The architectural firm of Terry and Dumont has been changed to Dumont and Hayward. Hayward is a young man from Cincinnati.

The Wichita Wholesale Furniture and Carpet company has received its charter. Capital stock \$100,000. Directors listed.

The switch of the AT & SF has been completed across E. Douglas ave.

### **Wednesday, November 10, 1886**

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4. The university to be found by the Reformed church in the southeast part of the city is to be called the Wichita University. The charter has been received. Board of trustees listed. The building is to be erected on the land donated by Mr C. C. Fees 1 ½ miles southeast of the city. Details.

The Wichita Mercantile Company, Messrs. Richards and Root Brothers, have decided to build their building four stories high instead of three.

Work on the boat house for the Wichita Boat Club has been commenced.

A company has been formed in the city for the purpose of operating the incandescent electric light plants.

### **Thursday, November 11, 1886**

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4. When cold weather interferes, work will be suspended on the Garfield university, but the brick will be placed on the ground during the winter months in readiness to resume work as soon as the weather will permit next spring.

The walls of the city building on N. Market are completed up to the second story. One of the hose carriages for the fire department was shipped yesterday from Davenport, Iowa.

### **Friday, November 12, 1886**

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4. The Wichita Steam Laundry on 1st st. between Water and Main, will be ready for business next Monday. Details. It is owned by Newton Garst, Thomas B. Garst, and W. B. Fraser. Newton Garst came to Wichita in January 1885 and was joined the following June by his brother, Thomas, and they operated their laundry successfully on W. Douglas ave., until it was burned last spring. Mr. Fraser now lives in Dayton, Ohio, their former home, but will move to Wichita in a few weeks and assist in running the

plant.

### **Tuesday, November 16, 1886**

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4. School board yesterday authorized the committee on buildings and grounds to accept the Franklin school when completed, and if possible, commence school there on November 29, 1886. The name "Franklin School" is cut in a stone placed over the entrance of the 5th ward school building. The school board denied knowing anything about who gave authority for such action. They do not object, however, and at last night's meeting it was ordered that the name be accepted.

Mr. Oliver is putting the finishing touches on his new block.

### **Wednesday, November 17, 1886**

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4. Letter to Eagle from R. E. Lawrence says two or three years ago the Eagle advocated the idea of giving names to the various schools of the city, and he, Mr. Lawrence, had suggested the name "Franklin School" to architects Proudfoot and Bird, for the new 5th ward school.

Col. Stewart's new building at S. Main and English has been leased to Mr A. Caldwell, an old hotel keeper from Iowa, who has fitted up the second story in four suites of two rooms each and the lower floor into a reception room in front, kitchen in the rear, and a dining room between them. He opened this new hotel, to be called the Caldwell house, last night.

### **Thursday, November 18, 1886**

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4. The stockholders of the Wichita Water company yesterday closed the sale of their entire plant and franchise to the American Water Works and Guarantee Company of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. This company now owns and operates water works in 19 cities. A new engine and pump house, new pumping machinery, the covering of the wells, and ornamentation of the grounds are among the improvements that will be begin within ten days. Details.

### **Friday, November 19, 1886**

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4. Lots on which their plant is to be located were yesterday deeded to the Crystal Ice company. They are on the west side immediately north of the passenger depot of the Ft. Scott RR. The site is 150 ft. by 135 ft. deep. The building will be 100 x 120 ft. Work will be commenced immediately.

### **Saturday, November 20, 1886**

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4. The Maple st. bridge was completed yesterday sufficiently to allow teams to cross on

it, although the approaches to it are not entirely completed.

The building erected by the Turner society on S. Main is nearing completion.

### **Sunday, November 21, 1886**

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4. Article describes in detail the stage of progress of many business buildings now under construction in Wichita.

Proudfoot and Bird are drawing plans of the new building for the Wichita Cracker company.

W. U. Cox sold lot No. 85 on N. Main st. last January for \$3,300, and in April sold it for \$5,050, and today sold the same lot for \$10,000.

500 men will commence work tomorrow on the extension of the Ft. Scott RR from Anthony to New Kiowa.

### **Tuesday, November 23, 1886**

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4. Report of meeting of the board of trustees of the Wichita university Saturday night. Officers elected. The plans submitted by architects Dumont and Hayward were adopted. Building to have west front of 100 ft., be 60 ft. deep, and three stories high. To cost something over \$25,000. The first and second stories will have eight rooms each, and in the third story will be the chapel and the two society rooms. The chapel will seat near 600 and each society room half that number.

Bitting Brothers commenced moving shelving last night from their present location to the new building which is fast nearing completion.

8. Cole Brothers, who now own the Tremont house, will move the building next spring to the corner of 4th ave. and William st., where it will still be used for hotel purposes.

### **Wednesday, November 24, 1886**

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4. It has been decided to erect the Wichita university building of brick with stone trimmings.

Track laying on the street car extension to College Hill is progressing rapidly. It will be completed in ten days.

### **Saturday, November 27, 1886**

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4. Long booming editorial on Wichita - "How she spreads."

School will commence in the Franklin school building next Monday.

**Tuesday, November 30, 1886****page**

4. Long editorial urging the city council to make up its mind on railroad rights-of-way through Wichita.

**Wednesday, December 1, 1886****page**

4. Architects Rush and Gile are drawing plans for the Gribi building to be erected at corner of 1st and Water streets, joining the Miller building on the south. To be three stories and front 27 ½ ft. on Water and 85 ft. on 1st st.

Walls of the second story of Peter Getto's building at 2nd and Main will be completed in a few days. It will be made four stories, the same height as the Clement building immediately south of it.

**Thursday, December 2, 1886****page**

4. Article gives list of business buildings erected in Wichita during the past summer.

The Wichita Crystal Ice company have commenced work on their building near the passenger depot of the Ft. Scott on the west side.

T. R. Fowler will occupy one of the rooms of the Hacker and Jackson block about December 10th with a stock of drugs and fancy goods.

Contract for the brick work on the new Wichita Cracker Factory building was let yesterday and work will commence immediately.

**Saturday, December 4, 1886****page**

4. The 1¼ mile street railway extension to College Hill will be completed in a few days.

The new bridge on 10th and Chisholm creek is reported now completed and ready for travelers.

Gandolfo has completed his elegant cafe. Rich red curtains have been hung and the floor laid with finely figured floor oilcloth.

Mr. B. V. Baird has decided to erect a brick building on the northwest corner of Emporia and Douglas next spring.

**Sunday, December 5, 1886****page**

2. Article gives long appeal letter of the Reformed Church trying to raise \$15,000 to support Wichita university. Details.
3. Article describes the peculiar ways of the Paris hackmen.
4. Another long booming editorial about Wichita - "Born Booming."

**Tuesday, December 7, 1886****page**

4. Article reports opening of the "Museum" yesterday, with various living sideshow curiosities. Details.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1886****page**

4. Proudfoot and Bird have completed plans for the YMCA building to be located on northwest corner of 1st and Topeka. To front 75 ft. on Topeka and 90 ft. on 1st st. and be three stories high with tower near 80 ft. high on the southeast corner over a circular bay. Details of interior given.

Long letter to editor from prominent citizen about Wichita's attitudes toward railroads, street car lines, etc.

Firemen yesterday cut the large tree in front of their engine house on S. Emporia.

**Friday, December 10, 1886****page**

1. Contract let yesterday for grading of the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska railway (Rock Island) from the north line of Marion county to the city of Wichita.
4. J. R. Mead has sold half of his farm south of the city for \$85,000 (sic). This property was purchased nine years ago for \$980.

**Sunday, December 12, 1886****page**

4. The Tremont house will be closed about December 20 for three weeks while it is moved to 4th ave., and completely refitted and refurnished.

The gas company have commenced laying mains on N. Topeka and Lawrence avenues.

**Tuesday, December 14, 1886****page**

4. City council yesterday received offer to donate 40 acres of laundry along Chisholm creek 1 ½ miles south of Douglas ave. on Hydraulic. The north 20 acres is being donated by Henry Schweiter and the south 20 acres by the syndicate who lately purchased the Reiser farm, and the land is being donated for use as a City Park.

8. R. E. Lawrence sold yesterday 160 acres of land for \$500 per acre which he bought six years ago for \$12.50 per acre.

**Wednesday, December 15, 1886****page**

4. The board of directors of Garfield Post association have decided to convert Memorial hall into an opera house, to be formally opened sometime in January. 200 opera chairs of latest design will supplement the 500 chairs now in use.

The police have received their new uniforms. The new suits are changed in color from cadet gray to navy blue.

Superintendent Hill reports the track of the Wichita and Western railway reached Cullison night before last.

**Thursday, December 16, 1886****page**

4. O. Martinson has brought out the Junction Town company and is now sole possessor of the unsold balance of the valuable tract known as the Junction.

**Saturday, December 18, 1886****page**

4. Mr. C. W. Myers will build a three story brick building next spring on Market st. on his lot immediately north of the Beacon block.

The packing house on the west bank of the river fired up yesterday.

Article describes the beautiful private railway car of Miss Adelaide Moore, actress, who is now playing in Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, December 19, 1886****page**

4. Directors of Garfield university have located and purchased a supply of 2 ½ million bricks at Ft. Scott together with 125,000 outside pressed bricks.

**Tuesday, December 21, 1886****page**

8. The Tremont closed yesterday and the house is now being prepared for removal.

**Wednesday, December 22, 1886****page**

4. The incorporators of the Female College have completed their organization and are now prepared to receive donation proposals from all parts of the city. Bids are to be submitted by January 15, 1887.

The two new street cars from the Laclede Car company ordered by the street railway company have arrived and were taken to the car stables yesterday.

**Thursday, December 23, 1886****page**

4. Several charitably inclined gentlemen met night before last to discuss the need for a city hospital. They authorized the drawing up of a charter to be forwarded to the Secretary of state in Topeka.

Bricklayers are now working on the last story of the Fechheimer block.

Workmen yesterday were completing the exterior of the Kos Harris building in the rear of the State National Bank.

**Saturday, December 25, 1886****page**

4. Workmen are engaged on the third story of the Getto building.
8. First ground was broken yesterday for the government building.

**Thursday, December 30, 1886****page**

4. The elegant new Clements building on N. Main is rapidly being occupied. The first floor is fitted up for store rooms, the second for offices, and the third as lodging rooms.
8. The contract for erecting the Wichita university building was awarded yesterday to Mr. B. W. Downing.

**Friday, December 31, 1886****page**

8. The Tremont house is across Douglas ave. and started down Emporia.

The cupola of the city building (second block on N. Market) is about completed. It is now ready to receive the fire alarm bell which weighs over 1300 pounds.