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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1887 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Thursday, January 6, 1887**

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4. Article reports Mr. O. C. Daisy plans to erect a three story building with 50 foot front and 140 feet deep on the West side of Topeka Avenue immediately south of the first alley south of Douglas. Cost estimated \$20,000. Excavating to start in a few days.

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4. The Chicago and Rock Island filed its profile right-of-way and other necessary documents with the county clerk yesterday.

The main building of the Tremont House reached its destination yesterday. The other will be moved in a few days.

The Schulyer Electric Light company is fitting up a new circuit in the southwest part of the city.

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4. Article reports Bitting Brothers opened in their new building on January 6. Many details. They came here from Pennsylvania nearly ten years ago. Two years later they bought the site at northwest corner of Market and Douglas and built a two story brick building with front 27 ft. and 100 ft. deep. This was expanded by 30 ft. at the rear, but later became too small. Last winter they purchased an additional 20 ft. lot immediately to the west and on last July 6 started work on their new building, recently completed. It is four stories, 47 ft. front and 130 ft. deep, with a freight elevator (hydraulic) in the rear.

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1. Booming editorial describing at length all the buildings soon to be built or under construction in Wichita.

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4. A few more days will see the completion of the city building for hose company No. 1. The belfry is almost completed and the bell is in place.

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4. South Lawrence Avenue Bridge is reported in an almost impassable condition.

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4. The ice companies are laying in a good supply for next summer.

The roof was being put on the Wichita Planing Mill yesterday.

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4. Article says the Presbyterian church at First and Lawrence was sold yesterday for \$40,000 to Mr. Robert E. Lawrence (later reported not true).

The building occupied by hose company No. 2 on South Topeka Avenue is being repaired.

Deeds of conveyance for the ground to be occupied by the Wichita university were delivered yesterday. Work will commence soon.

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4. Contractor Campbell's force commenced work on the division walls of the Garfield university building yesterday.

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4. The U. S. Circuit court has granted the request of the bond holders of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad and has ordered the road placed in the hands of a receiver. J. H. Richards of this city has been appointed.

A new town christened Hardtner has been laid out ten miles west of Kiowa.

The firm of Gould and Terry are drawing plans for a residence for Mr. J. O. Davidson which will cost near \$20,000. It will be located on Riverside Avenue in Riverside addition, with a front of 88 ft., 50 ft. deep, and three stories high. The stairway in both upper and lower hall is lighted by a pane of stained glass 7 x 15 ft. In the third story is the billiard hill which is 15 x 31 ft. Work will be commenced next spring.

Dr. Whitlock and Mr. Fegtly have given out the contract for a four story brick block at English and Main.

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4. The cracker factory on North Fourth Avenue is up to the third story.

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4. The Schulyer Electric Light company has received a Russell engine of 125 horsepower. It will soon be ready for use.

**Tuesday, January 25, 1887****page**

4. Article describes the progress of the Catholic church in Wichita under the Rev. M. J. Casey, who took charge here November 1, 1885 at which time there was an old dilapidated frame church and the stone foundation of the present church, which foundation had been built nearly two years before and then not a brick laid on it. Since then he has completed this church, on the southeast corner of Fourth Avenue and Second Street, and one wing of an academy for the Sisters of Charity has been built. Details.

Mr. R. E. Lawrence and a number of other men have decided to build a street railway on Maple Street, running from the university building east on Maple Street and crossing the river on the new bridge.

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4. The bridge across the Arkansas river at Maple Street is completed and the approaches ready for use.

The packing house of Ackerman and Company will commence slaughtering cattle today.

Article describes an "opium joint" in Wichita.

The building for the Crystal ice plant is now enclosed. The mechanics are putting machinery in place.

Nearly two months ago the bridge over Chisholm creek at Second Street was completed having been built by the property owners of the section. It was then given to the city council, which agreed to build the approaches to the bridge, but as yet this has not been done and the bridge stands useless.

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4. Mr. B. H. Campbell has decided to build a residence in Riverside Park. It will cost something over \$20,000. Work will commence in early spring.

The old corner known as the New York store, being a fraction on a lot on corner of Main and Douglas, 25 x 90 ft., was sold yesterday by M. Kohn and Company to Mr. Henry Schweiter for \$50,000 cash.

The old building in the rear of the Richey House is being razed preparatory to the removal of the hotel.

### **Friday, January 28, 1887**

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4. The street force commenced to clean off the grounds for the YMCA building on northwest corner of First Street and Topeka Avenue yesterday. ¶Excavating will be commenced today.

### **Saturday, January 29, 1887**

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4. Ground broke yesterday on the lots corner of Topeka Avenue and First Street, owned by the Young Men's Christian Association. Fund now amounts to \$17,118.

The connecting brick between the Eagle Line and the Saline and Western was to have been completed today, which ties Wichita on to Rice, Barton, Rush, and Ness counties. The dispatches will probably contain the welcome news as Mr. McGracken, the contractor, telegraphed the Missouri Pacific headquarters yesterday that the last rail was going down.

Workmen now on third story of the Getto building.

Hotel Gandolfo is located at corner of Main and First Streets.

8. Ad: Our Building Sold and our Entire Stock to be sold in 90 days -- New York Store.

Sealed proposals for the stone and stone work, and also for the laying of the brick of the superstructure of Garfield University will be received until February 2, 1887. Plans and specifications will be found in the rooms of Proudfoot and Bird, architects. (Signed) W. B. Hendryx, President and Business Manager of the University.

### **Sunday, January 30, 1887**

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4. Union Stock Yards organized yesterday as a joint stock company. 15 acres of ground has been secured at the junction of the Missouri Pacific, Santa Fe, Rock Island and Midland, or in the present "Y" of the Ft. Scott, and Santa Fe. \$200,000 has been subscribed.

Site of Union Freight Transfer Depot settled. It has been decided to locate it on Fifth Avenue on the east side of the Santa Fe track between Kellogg and Orme Streets. The building will be put up by the Santa Fe, Wichita and Western, Frisco, Rock Island and the Kansas Midland

companies. It will have east front of 200 ft. and 75 ft. wide. On each side of the building will be a platform 50 ft. wide which will be under roof.

Some months ago the water works of the city were purchased by the American Water Works company. They have now decided to draw their water from the Big Arkansas river and filter it thoroughly before running it into their mains.

Bitting Brothers ad: After six months we are again back on our old location, corner of Douglas and Market, in our new building.

Site located yesterday for the educational institution exclusively for ladies. Eight bids for donation of a location were received. One in the northeast comprising 350 acres and \$32,000 in cash was accepted. Building will be located near the corner of 17th Street and Hillside Avenue. The proposed main building is to be of Carthage bluestone and St. Louis pressed brick, three stories high with tower 100 ft., costing over \$100,000. ¶The board will reserve 20 acres which will serve as building site and campus. Details.

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4. Mr. C. Kimmerle will start work in a few days on his brick business building on Chicago Avenue near Seneca, to be 50 x 120 ft., four stories high, and cost \$12,000.

#### **Saturday, February 5, 1887**

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2. Letter to editor lists principal business buildings in actual and planned erection the coming spring and summer. ¶Includes the Stanton block at corner of Maple and Seneca, three stories, brick, 75 ft. x 100 ft., cost \$35,000.
4. Some time ago it was stated that a company had been formed that proposed to run a motor line east on First Street from Fourth Avenue to Hillside Avenue, North on Hillside to 17th, west on 17th to Fourth Avenue, and thence south to First Street. A dispatch was received yesterday that the charter has been granted.

Martinson Block - corner Douglas Avenue and Seneca - basement and two stories, with foundational strength for five stories, corner intended for bank. Pressed brick and cut stone. Trimmings now on ground, and excavation completed. Cost \$30,000.

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2. Some time ago the *Eagle* suggested that Wichita would be known as the city of bridges. Since then another bridge has been completed across the Big River up at Riverside of which few have ever heard. Seven bridges across the Great Arkansas, three across the Little Arkansas, and six across Chisholm creek, or 16 within the corporate limits.

The land of the Santa Fe and Rock Island join between Mead and Fifth. ¶It is remembered that Mr. Low said some time ago when in the city that he strongly favored a union passenger depot. The officials of the Santa Fe are quoted as coinciding with the same views. These phenomena are set down as good evidence that the Santa Fe, Wichita and Western, Frisco and the Rock Island will unite and erect a depot upon the site already selected by the last mentioned.

*Union Depot* "Now I have some information for you concerning the depot question" said a gentleman yesterday who is known to be on the inside of railroad news. "I filed today three deeds for Mr. M. A. Low of the Rock Island." The location question is the one that has been so productive of speculation and at last it is settled so far as the Rock Island is concerned. There (sic) depot will be south of Douglas Avenue near William Street.

## **Tuesday, February 8, 1887**

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4. A Company, called the "Rapid Transit Company" Formed for Building Motor Line in the Southeast Portion of the City. ¶For some time there has been a scheme on foot for building a motor line in the southeast portion of the city. Up to ten days ago no definite or aggressive action had been taken. At that time a meeting was called and a company formed which launches out under the style of "Rapid Transit Company". Yesterday the charter was granted and the following will serve as officers for the coming year. President - D. P. Alexander; Vice-President - Charles Eicholtz; Secretary - J. F. Sherman; Treasurer - Henry Schweiter. The Company has a capital stock of \$100,000. ¶The exact location of the line has not been determined. An initial point is desired on Douglas Avenue between Main Street and Fourth Avenue. The company is not especially anxious for any one street, but desire the question to be mainly settled by the property owners. ¶There is no doubt but that the ordinance asking the council for a franchise will be presented to that body at its next meeting, which will be next Monday night. ¶It is probably not definite as to what motor will be used. The most favorable report comes from a new steam motor called the "Noiseless Motor". It is now used in 40 of the principal cities in the U. S. Its distinguishing feature is in the fact that the exhaust from the cylinders and smoke is drawn from into an exhaust chamber, which is done at the expense of all noise and odor, and is set free in the form of a colorless vapor. As will be readily seen, this motor is free from two objections that are usually urged with vigor -- noise and smoke. Unless something better is found the council will be asked to accept it. It is made by Baldwin Locomotive Work, Patterson, New Jersey.
8. Wiggins and Smith have completed their fine map of Wichita and will commence the delivery of it immediately. The additions are all accurately represented, the lots clearly numbered, and the illustrations show decided artistic skill.

The board of directors for the John Bright university are duly organized and will receive bids for its location until February 15th. It will be the leading institution of the Society of Friends.

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4. Work has commenced on the grounds to be occupied by the Wichita university. In a short time excavating for the building will be started. All the stone and brick necessary for the building have been contracted for.

Mr C. L. Ewing, Chief of right-of-way department of the Rock Island Road in town last night and seen at the Manhattan by an *Eagle* reporter. ¶The reporter saw a plat of the line through Sedgwick county and on to the south line of the state. Our friends at Wellington and Caldwell may hold their heads up. ¶The right-of-way from Atchison to the north line of Sedgwick County is all bought and paid for, and we paid out about \$7,000 for right-of-way along the west line of Lincoln township today. We will continue right along until all the right-of-way is purchased to the south line of the state. ¶You can rest assured, said Mr. Ewing, that if this fine weather continues dirt will fly without fail before March 1.

The Motor Line. ¶Mr. Henry Sweeter (sic) says that he and his associates are in deed earnest about that motor line. They will put it in, buy the motors and machinery on the shortest possible notice and start it to going. He is not doing it with any expectation that it will pay as a line at the first directly, but that taking into account the interest to be conserved and the value of the lands to be enhanced that it will pay them in the end to do it. Of course there is no denying that it would add importance to the city. Except for a half dozen blocks the proposed line probably would not affect the present street railway system.

#### **Thursday, February 10, 1887**

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4. The Wichita Savings bank has been organized and charter taken out. Capital to be \$100,000. Directors listed.

The Southwestern Vinegar works, near corner of Rock Island Avenue and Waterman Street, are almost completed and ready for business. The latter can start after the water mains are extended to that point.

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4. A company with capital stock of \$200,000 has been formed for operating a motor line in the north part of the city. The entire route has not yet been decided on, but the line as now determined starts on Market near Douglas, running north to Pine, west on Pine to Riverside park, and continues west on Franklin to Cooledge(sic), and north on Cooledge to 13th Street. The line will probably at that point turn east for some blocks and then go north to the property lately purchased by Mr. J. O. Davidson, and thence to the east side of the city and thence south. ¶Officers are: President and treasurer, J. O. Davidson; vice-president, H. G. Lee; secretary, W. E. Stanley. Other directors are Col. Innes and C. L. Davidson. ¶The motor to be used is an electric motor which seems to be giving satisfaction in the many cities in which it is used (sic). The matter is now ready to be placed before the council asking a franchise for the route chosen.

Contract was let yesterday for brick and stone for the Sells-Crawford opera house. Between 600,000 and 1,000,000 brick will come from Sedalia, Missouri. The pressed brick, which will be used for the two fronts, will come from St. Louis. The building will be trimmed with Warrensburg stone. All the material will be delivered by the 20th of May.

Article says the Baptists propose to build a university in Wichita and all bids for its location should be submitted to the committee by February 25th.

Grading for the Rock Island. ¶Belton and Craney Brothers took the contract for grading the Rock Island road from Herrington, Dixon county, to the Arkansas river, a few miles south of the city. The grading for 12 miles north, beginning at Douglas Avenue, has been sublet to Easton and Allen. They have now 50 teams at work. The three miles north of Easton and Allen will be graded by L. E. Taylor, who will in a few days commence work. From the north end of his section to Harvey county the grading will be done by Corbet and Kelley. They have already commenced work. The company has enough ties in the city for 30 miles of road. The engineers say the Rock Island will be running trains to Wichita by the first of next June.

#### **Saturday, February 12, 1887**

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4. Article describes a meeting last evening at which \$15,000 or \$20,000 was pledged for the new YMCA building in less than half an hour. Details.

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4. Article on news items from "AnDale" (sic).

#### **Tuesday, February 15, 1887**

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8. C. W. Kellogg and Sons are drawing plans for O. C. Daisy's new block on South Topeka between Douglas and William Avenue. To be 50 x 125 ft. and four stories.

Franchise Granted the Riverside Suburban Street Railway Company. ¶City council met last evening. ¶"It will be remembered that some months ago an ordinance was submitted by the Riverside Suburban Street Railway Company, asking the right-of-way along certain streets. The ordinance at that time was considerably changed by the railroad committee and that company did not urge its passage. Last night Mr. J. O. Davidson and the attorney of the road, Mr. E. Stanley, were present at the council and asked that the ordinance as amended by the committee be passed. The ordinance was read by sections and passed without dissenting vote. It was again changed in some particulars. The proviso giving the city one percent of gross earnings was stricken out. The company was allowed the privilege of laying two tracks on any street desired. The company will use electric or some motor power other than steam. Work will commence by the first of April and the line completed by the first of January next. When the ordinance passed Mr. Stanley thanked them and promised to give them a ride on the 20th of May.

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4. The board of directors of the ladies Congregational college, located some weeks ago near the corner of Hillside and 17th Street, have decided to call that institution the Fairmount college. Details. ¶Yesterday Mr. G. C. Strong filed an addition of 80 acres called Fairmount addition, lying near the college. It contains between 700 and 800 lots but will not be placed on the market for some weeks. ¶Mr. Atkins also filed an addition of 80 acres yesterday lying near that of Mr. Strong and called Fairmount addition No. 2. ¶The streets running east and west are located in both additions in conformity with the rest of the city and given the same names. The streets running north and south bear the names of leading female educational institutions in the United States. The central avenue is called Fairmount Avenue

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4. The contract for building a part of the motor line of the Wichita Rapid Transit company was let yesterday. The part contracted for runs in the southeast part of the city, a part extending through Mr. Henry Schweiter's property. ¶The remainder of the line is as yet not located. It was intended to place the franchise ordinance before the city council at its last meeting, but the petitions in circulation for gaining the voice of the people on the subject had not been passed around sufficiently for arriving at a definite conclusion.

A company has been formed for operating a motor line on South Fourth Avenue. The route most popular with several members of the company is North on Fourth to 17th Street, east on 17th Street to Hillside Avenue; thence south to First and west on First and Fourth Avenue. Details. Group here contacting a New York company which is operating urban lines in a number of United States cities.

The plans for a hotel building to be built in the north part of the city to accommodate the vicinity of the stock yards are about completed. To be three story brick, 75 x 100 ft.

5. Legal publication gives text of proposed street railway ordinance.

**Friday, February 18, 1887****page**

4. Yesterday morning's *Eagle* recorded a proposed ordinance covering a franchise of a new street railway company, and it should be read and studied. The charter for such a company has been taken out with a capital stock sufficient to cover all that is proposed. The names of the incorporators are a guaranty all sufficient that simply business is meant, and are as follows: G. M. Dickson, N. A. English, William Griffenstein, W. K. Carlisle, H. G. Toler, B. H. Campbell, and J. O. Davidson. ¶As we understand it this company absorbs the electric or motor line to be run out through Riverside. The company proposes to occupy all available territory not occupied by the present system and to operate a line up to the metropolitan standard.

Mr. William Fletcher has decided to build a four story brick building, 50 x 140 ft., on the northwest corner of Main and Second.

The building of the Wichita Cracker Company on North Fourth Avenue is about completed.

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4. Long list of major buildings planned for construction in Wichita.

**Sunday, February 20, 1887****page**

4. Board of directors of Fairmount College met yesterday and adopted plans for a college building. Excavating will begin at an early date.

The building for the Crystal Ice plant has been completed and machinery is being installed.

500 lots in Linwood park addition were sold by the Niederlander force last week.

**Tuesday, February 22, 1887****page**

4. City council yesterday passed ordinance extending the city limits and taking in estimated 288 additions outside the previous limits.

City council yesterday referred a street railway ordinance relating to the Schweiter line to the railroad committee and did likewise with an ordinance asking for a right-of-way for the Mascot line.

The Ft. Scott is now running trains to Hazleton, and will soon be in Kiowa.

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4. Long article announces the location of the new Catholic diocesan building. It will be on a fine swell or knoll on Dr. Richmond's place, south of the Wichita and Western Railroad and about ¼ mile Wichita of the Ft. Scott and Wichita. The town company was granted a charter on February 17th with Reverend M. J. Casey, president. The company have about 50 acres of land in the vicinity which will be platted but certain portions will be reserved for the church institutions.

Article reports on Old Settlers 9th annual reunion yesterday at the opera house.

Excavating was commenced yesterday for the Fletcher building on corner of Second and Main

8. The Rock Island Land company has made arrangements with the Rock Island Railroad company for locating a depot on Reserve B., Rock Island third addition.

The streets in Fairmount addition are being graded and excavating has started for five residences in the addition.

**Thursday, February 24, 1887****page**

4. The architect firm of Gould and Terry has dissolved.

**Friday, February 25, 1887****page**

4. Goods are rapidly being placed by the Wichita Mercantile Company in their new building on Market Street, and the company expects to open for business by March 1st.

Article describes in detail plans for the new Crawford opera house. Architect is George A. Masters. Frontage of 60 ft. on Topeka and 140 ft. on William, with height of 75 ft. above sidewalk. Parquet to seat 500, balcony to seat 450, and gallery to seat 600. Details.

Negotiations are pending between the Water Works Company and T. M. Lane for a site on the island northwest of the city for the city water works. The island contains 80 or 100 acres. Details.

J. P. Rhodes and Company is the name of a new cigar factory just started in the Hacker and Jackson building. They employ already ten cigar makers.

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4. The new building of the Wichita Mercantile company is nearing completion. It was erected by Messrs. H. H. Richards, and R. E. Root at a cost of not less than \$35,000. It has a 101 ft. front and is 74 ft. deep. Side walls are of brick and 2 ft. thick up to the third story. The third story wall is 20 inch thick and the fourth story 16 inches. The front wall is of the same thickness but up to the second story is of solid stone and above that of St. Louis pressed brick. Building is 75 ft. high. Two elevators. Building is on west side of Market one block south of Douglas. Many details.

Article reports meeting of trustees of Wichita university yesterday. Details.

A brick yard will be started by Sullivan and Steinmetz on land, they found with good brick clay, located on a five acre tract about ¼ mile east of corner of Hydraulic and Franklin Avenues. Details.

The Rock Island company has almost completed securing the right-of-way through Sedgwick County.

5. Ad offering property for sale by Fairmount Land Company.

8. New York Store ad (M. Kohn and Company) saying "our building sold and our entire stock to be closed."

Excavating for Fairmount College will start next week.

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4. Article reports plans of the new water company. The water station is to be located on the island about one mile northwest of the city and five acres of ground was purchased there. The wells, filtering plant, and pumping station will be located at that point. A 16 inch main will be laid from the station to the east shore of the river, the main will be laid on a bridge. The bridge will also be fitted for wagons. From River Street and Central Avenue cross mains will be laid. Details. ¶It has also been decided to lay mains to West Wichita. ¶It is estimated the improvements to be made this year will cost not less than \$200,000.

A petition is being circulated among property owners on Waco Avenue asking for paving that Avenue from Second Street to 7th Street.

Trustees of the Baptist University to be located here met on Friday, February 25 to prepare a charter They adopted the name of "The Judson University of Wichita" in memory of the great scholar and first missionary to India, Dr. Adonvane Judson, a name revered and honored the world over. ¶Proposals for location of the university will be opened on Tuesday.

The Arkansas Valley Fair association met yesterday and sold the fair grounds to Mr. W. D. McCormick the highest bidder, for \$62,500. The association will remove buildings at once and give possession to the new owner.

8. Mr. E. D. Munn will erect a residence on Waco between 11th and 12th, to cost near \$8,000.

### **Tuesday, March 1, 1887**

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4. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. Catherine Murdock, age 71, mother of M. M. Murdock.

At city council last evening the fire committee reported the city building practically completed, and the building was accepted. The city offices will probably be moved to their new quarters this week.

City council agreed to build the approaches to the Second Street bridge, as the bridge has been built has been built by private subscription (over Chisholm Creek).

8. People on the West Side are anxious for the water works to extend their mains to that section.

### **Wednesday, March 2, 1887**

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4. The Street car company for operating a line on the West Side is making arrangements to commence laying of track at an early date. Mr. R. E. Lawrence is one of the leading members of the company. A large amount of material has been ordered. Some of it is already here and more in transit. The line will run west from Main Street on Maple Street to Henry Avenue; thence north on Henry Avenue to the Sisters' Academy.

One wing of the Sisters' Academy is almost completed.

Plans have been adopted for the new diocesan building on the West Side and the contract awarded for building one wing. To be located 400 ft. south of the Wichita and Western Railroad, with a switch to be built from that railroad for the purpose of delivering material.

Workmen are now engaged on the fifth floor of the Getto building.

#### **Thursday, March 3, 1887**

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4. The board of directors of Garfield University, meeting the past two days, have let the contract for completing the University building to E. R. Rogers and Company, of Wichita. The total cost will approximate \$200,000.

The street railway company has commenced work on Fourth Avenue and will run a line from Douglas Avenue to the north part of the city.

The city offices were removed from the Schnitzler building yesterday to the new city building.

The street force in a few days will commence work on the approaches to the Second Street bridge over Chisholm creek. The bridge was built by private subscription, but the council only took action a few weeks ago to have the approaches built.

The Rock Island is daily receiving car loads of ties and culvert pipe. About 60 teams are engaged in grading for the Rock Island from the city to the north part of the county. ¶Two car loads of ties arrived yesterday for the Kansas Midland. Arrangements are being made for grading.

Arrangements have been made for commencing work on the Fairmount College next Monday.

#### **Saturday, March 5, 1887**

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4. A large force is at work grading streets in Park Place addition.

The approaches on the Second Street bridge across Chisholm Creek are about completed.

Proudfoot and Bird have completed plans for a three story business block 75 x 130 ft. to be erected by R. E. Lawrence on the West Side just east of the Martinson block.

**Sunday, March 6, 1887****page**

4. The directors of the Arkansas Valley Agricultural society opened bids yesterday for new grounds, to be acted on next Wednesday, and they instructed the committee on grounds to sell the buildings on the present fair grounds next Saturday.

Contract was let yesterday to Mr. Stem for work on the Stackman, Eckert and Scott block on North Main, with work to be commenced April 1st.

**Tuesday, March 8, 1887****page**

4. For some time it has been reported that the street car franchise owned by Major Powell was about to be sold. Yesterday the sale was consummated for \$200,000. The purchasers are a Wichita syndicate of the following capitalists: George L. Rouse, H. G. Toler, J. Oak Davidson, W. H. Carlisle, Capt. Dickerson, C. R. Miller, N. A. English, and R. Eldridge. Valuable and needed improvements will be made in the road. Instead of the present rails, flat rails will be laid, at least along Douglas Avenue, and Main Street. The track throughout its entire length will be made the regulation width. In some areas at least the electric motor will be substituted for the horse car now in use.

Rock Island company have awarded contract for grading from Douglas Avenue to the south limits of the county. The bridge across the Arkansas river will be built a short distance south of the Lawrence Avenue bridge. It will be near 1000 feet in length. Seven car loads of timber already arrived. A steam pile driver will be used and work will be completed in 30 days.

39 acres  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles east of Main Street between 11th and 13th, owned since 1871 by A. T. Bandom, has been sold to G. M. Cole of St. Louis for \$53,000.

The Kansas Midland company commenced distributing rails in the city yesterday. Iron is now on Mosley Avenue between Central Avenue and Lincoln Street. Today the work will be continued north on Mosley. ¶Several car loads of ties arrived for the company last night. It is expected that track laying will commence in a few days.

Money for building across the Big river at the foot of Hydraulic Avenue has been raised and the contract for building it will be let in a few days. It is hoped to have it ready for use in 90 days.

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4. The hall in the Schnitzler building formerly used as the council chamber is being fitted up the Sons of Herman society.

Trustees of the Reformed church are moving a house off the southeast corner of Topeka and Lewis preparatory to starting work there on their new church building.

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4. Article describes the Crystal Ice plant, for which machinery is being installed. It will probably be ready for business by April 1st. Will cost near \$60,000 and have capacity of nearly 30 tons of ice per day. Description of process.

The foundation for Mr. Martinson's building on the West Side is about completed, and work will begin on the walls in a few days. ¶Mr. R. E. Lawrence's building on the West Side will have a front of 75 ft. and be 100 ft. deep and four stories high. Brick laying has already commenced. ¶Mr. C. Kimmerle is erecting a three story building near that of Mr. Lawrence, to be 50 x 100 ft.

Mr. Henry Schweiter yesterday bought Mr. A. Allen's property on Main Street adjoining the New York store for \$25,000. He also owns property on the corner of Douglas and Main.

**Friday, March 11, 1887****page**

4. Article reports organization of a new bank to be opened in the Martinson block at Douglas and Seneca on June 1st. Organizers listed. Details. Capital to be \$100,000.

The purchasers of the street railway met yesterday and elected as officers for the ensuing year: G. L. Rouse, president; B. H. Campbell, vice-president, J. O. Davidson, treasurer; W. K. Carlisle, secretary; D. M. Dickson, manager. The new manager took charge of affairs last evening.

The foundation of the Wichita university will be completed within 30 days.

**Saturday, March 12, 1887****page**

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**Sunday, March 13, 1887****page**

4. 100 tons of iron for the rapid transit street railway line, which is to run from the center of the city to Oak Grove on the southeast, has been bought and was shipped from St. Louis this week. The iron is just twice the weight used by the present street railway company. The ties have also been purchased and shipped. Mr. Eichholtz thinks the work of putting down the road will commence next week.

The Herrington lot, No. 14, North Main Street, 25 x 150 ft., has been sold to Hyde and Humble for \$40,000. It is 25 ft. north of the lot bought by Henry Schweiter recently for \$50,000.

**Tuesday, March 15, 1887****page**

4. Article about the plans for Judson University, which is being sponsored by the Baptist Church. Details.

The Episcopal Church has secured the northeast corner of Topeka and Third Street for location of a new church. Details.

The Kansas Midland have ties and rails in position from Kellogg Street for three miles north. As soon as spikers arrive the tracks will be completed as fast as possible.

Stockholders of the Bank of Wichita yesterday decided to reorganize the bank into the Fourth National Bank of Wichita, with capital of \$200,000. Directors listed. The new management will take charge April 1st.

Iron has arrived for the Mascot motor line. It is desired to commence work in a few days.

Engineers of the water works company commenced work yesterday on the island, locating the pump station.

City council meeting yesterday discussed ordinance for the Wichita Rapid Transit company (Henry Schweiter line). Details.

The Fort Scott and Wichita Railroad company have bought lots along their line from 12th Street to Pine Street and will expand their freight and passenger facilities in that area including depots. The present passenger depot will probably not be removed, but the north part of the city will soon find a passenger depot for their accommodation. Details.

City council debate on Street railway ordinances.

The grading contractors south of the river commenced work yesterday on the Rock Island line. It is thought they will have it completed to the south limits of the county by the first of April. ¶The grading north of the city to the county line will probably not be completed until the first of May. There are some cuts to be made and the work is much heavier.

### **Wednesday, March 16, 1887**

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4. The Rock Island yesterday bought property south of Douglas Avenue and facing on the avenue for \$54,000, presumably to be used for a passenger depot.

Plans for the William Fletcher building on northwest corner of Main and Second have been completed by architect Terry. To have 50 ft. front on Main and 150 ft. on Second, four stories. Excavating has been completed and work will start soon. Details.

The location of the John Bright university has not yet been decided on.

### **Thursday, March 17, 1887**

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4. The water works company avenue distributing ten inch mains on Waco Avenue south of Second to Douglas, thence west on Douglas to Seneca. It is desired to furnish the West Side with water at an early date.

The Wichita Mercantile company has received 40 car loads of goods. The new building is nearly completed.

The Fairmount College superintendent of construction left yesterday for Carthage and Warrensburg to contract for brick and stone.

The Street car company yesterday ordered 50 of their mules sold. They intend to substitute horse power. One horse will be attached to each car. It is desired to buy horses weighing not less than 1,200 pounds.

Messrs. W. P. Stem and R. E. Lawrence will erect a brick building on the northeast corner of Lawrence and William, three stories, with front on Lawrence of 100 ft. and 140 ft. deep. Architects Dumont and Hayward are drawing plans.

The boat club yesterday ordered an entrance to be made to the boat house from the river side.

Excavating for Fairmount college building has commenced.

**Friday, March 18, 1887****page**

4. Note says the *Eagle* thinks it a mistake for the Street car company to go back to single horses. "The Mexican mule beats anything as a street car motor except a cable. The best and toughest of horses worked singly will play out. Besides, bob-tail horse cars on principal streets are poor advertisements."

The contract for building Mr. J. O. Davidson's residence was let yesterday to Mr. J. V. Majors, of St. Louis. It will cost near \$40,000 and promises to be one of the most elegant in the city.

**Saturday, March 19, 1887****page**

4. Charter will be forwarded to Topeka today for a new Wichita Board of Trade Association. Details.

The locating committee of the John Bright University yesterday decided on the location of the institution. It is to be on the Deck farm in the southwest part of the city. The bid consisted of 223 acres of land and \$25,000, and to this was added 630 acres of land bought by the Friends of Wichita and surrounding country. A street 100 ft. wide will be vacated leading northeast from the university site to the city, striking the river at right angles and intersecting Main Street. Details.

The Rapid Transit Company have three car loads of material waiting the action of the city council in regard to their franchise, which has been before that body now for six weeks.

A charter has been filed for a town site near five miles east on the Frisco line, to be called Manchester.

Messrs. Kellogg and Sons have just completed plans for the Richey block, to be erected on east Douglas on the present site of the Richey house and the office of the Wichita Fuel company. To front 50 ft. on Douglas and 140 ft. back to the alley. Details.

8. People in the north part of the city are complaining that the 13th Street bridge is unsafe.

Proudfoot and Bird are making plans for an elegant residence to be erected on North Emporia by Col. Dyer.

### **Sunday, March 20, 1887**

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4. Article reports meeting of directors of the street railway company yesterday. The question of extensions was discussed. It was decided to build an extension west from Main on Maple Street, the company formed for occupying that street having sold out to the main company. ¶The company is in communication with a number of companies making mechanical motors. It is intended to change mule power for some other along the leading thoroughfares before long. The cable system is also being discussed.

Engineers have been working the last few days on the new freight yard for the Ft. Scott road. From the present freight and passenger depots to the new there will be a double track. The old track from Park Street to 12th will be moved near 50 ft. northwest of its present position, giving a strip of land from Park to 12th over 100 ft. wide which will be used exclusively for side tracks. Work on track laying will commence today. The passenger depot will be located on Main Street, near 12th, and excavating will commence this week. Details.

Contract for the masonry work on the Sells-Crawford opera house was let yesterday. Excavating is nearly completed and work will be commenced in a few days.

8. The scheme for helping the R. I. out on a depot site on east Douglas is meeting with good success. Yesterday the amount had reached \$30,000, and there was a good prospect for raising the \$35,000.

### **Tuesday, March 22, 1887**

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4. Long article on discussion of street railway franchises by the city council yesterday. They finally passed ordinance giving the Schweiter Rapid Transit Company right-of-way south on Emporia to Kellogg and east on Kellogg to Hydraulic. Details.

### **Wednesday, March 23, 1887**

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4. Architect Gould has completed the plans for Mr. B. H. Campbell's residence. It will be located on Riverside Avenue, in Riverside addition, near that of Mr. J. O. Davidson. The front will be 54½ ft. and 76 ft. deep, two stories high with basement. Details.

The men working to secure the Rock Island depot on east Douglas Avenue yesterday subscribed the amount necessary, \$35,000, to which the company added \$20,000, making the total for purchase \$55,000. The company has agreed to build a depot costing not less than \$10,000. ¶Article contains sarcastic comments about the poor Santa Fe depot.

**Thursday, March 24, 1887****page**

4. The Women's Benevolent Home and Hospital of Wichita has been in existence for a year and a half. Over 200 people have been sheltered in that time, most of them sick. Mr. Peter Getto and Commodore Woodman have recently donated one acre of land each as site for a permanent home and hospital located on Frisco Avenue about three blocks East of Cleveland Avenue. Details.

The Wichita Rapid Transit Company have commenced to distribute ties and iron along their route.

Mr. Jones will build 32 residences on Mr. Henry Schweiter's property near the motor line.

**Friday, March 25, 1887****page**

4. Yesterday several car loads of stone arrived for the new passenger depot of the Ft. Scott road, which will be located on Main Street between 11th and 12th.

Ties are being laid along Maple and Douglas Avenues for the construction of the street railway.

7. Judson University addition just platted, went on the market Monday, March 21. It lies on the hill just East of the university grounds and is bounded on the South by Franklin Avenue and on the West by Hillside Avenue

**Saturday, March 26, 1887****page**

4. Work was commenced yesterday on the Richland block to be erected on the former site of the Star livery stable on east Douglas by Barnes and Sons. To be three stories with front of 100 ft. and depth of 150 ft.

The Wichita Street Railway Company directors yesterday decided to lay a double track on Main Street from the new passenger depot of the Missouri Pacific south to Douglas and East on Douglas from Main to the Rock Island passenger depot. Eight new cars were ordered, and a ten minute service will be given along the double track. The rails of the new track will

weigh 25 pounds, compared with the 14 pounds of the old. ¶Rails and ties for the extension on the West Side were being distributed yesterday. The line will run from Main west on Maple to Hiram Avenue, and south on Hiram to University Avenue. An extension will also be made from the corner of Douglas and Seneca to Meridian Avenue

Repairs on the 13th Street bridge have been completed.

### **Sunday, March 27, 1887**

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4. Long article about Fairmount college which is to be located near corner of 17th and Hillside. Drawing. Many details. Architects: Patton and Fisher, of Chicago.

Plans have been received from the head office of the Water Works company for the pumping station, which will be located near the center of the five acres on the Island in the big river about two miles northwest of Douglas Avenue bridge purchased by the company some months ago. Work will be commenced in a few days. The pumping station will front 98 ft. be 64 ft. deep and one story high, with walls of brick. Smoke stack will be 59 ft. high. Pumping capacity will be near 7,000,000 gallons per day. ¶The company will be compelled to build a bridge across the river for both wagons and the main connecting the pumping station with the city. A 16 inch main will be laid from the pumping station to the corner of Central and River Avenues. There is now in the city near 12 miles of mains, and extensions ordered this year amount to 15 miles, giving a total of 27 miles. Improvements booked for this year will cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Details.

A company has been formed with a stock of \$500,000 for operating a motor line from this city to Valley Center. Interested men include H. D. Heiserman, J. F. Shearman, A. Allen, W. W. Dill, J. O. Davidson, B. W. Downing, Arthur Carpenter, Murray Myers, and Mr. Doran. Arrangements have been made with the Kansas Midland Railroad for running suburban trains to Valley Center. The motor line will give a 20 minute service.

### **Wednesday, March 30, 1887**

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4. Article reports charter has been granted to the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railway and Land Company for operating a motor line from Wichita to Valley Center, operated by a steam motor. Capital stock is \$100,000. The route has not been decided on. Officers and directors are listed. President is H. D. Heiserman. The company has purchased 550 acres of land near Valley Center and will sell it in one acre lots. Details.

Article about railroad construction by Rock Island and Kansas Midland.

The city council Monday voted to donate \$1,000 for the bridge to be built across the Arkansas river from Second Street to Webster Street The bridge will cost near \$7,000.

### **Friday, April 1, 1887**

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4. Article reports plans of the S. A. McClung and Company boot and shoe manufacturing and wholesaling company to move to Wichita from Louisville, Kentucky and New Albany, Indiana.

Excavation has commenced for the hotel at the stock yards.

Material has arrived for the new depot building of the Ft. Scott road, and work will begin in a few days.

The switch from the Wichita and Western to the site of the Catholic diocesan building Southwest of the city was completed yesterday. Excavation for the building has been completed and building material to arrive soon.

Note says the site of the Judson university occupies a great portion of the Beals estate, and the deeds to the property were filed for record yesterday.

Several carloads of ties and rails for the new switch yard of the Ft. Scott road have arrived, and work has started on putting the same in place. Material has arrived for the depot building and work will begin in a few days.

#### **Saturday, April 2, 1887**

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#### **Sunday, April 3, 1887**

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4. Site decided yesterday for the stone mill to be built here by Ballance and Miller of Peoria, Illinois. It will be located near 11th Street on the Ft. Scott line. Stone will be sent here in the rough form of a number of quarries and planed and cut as desired.

Contract was let yesterday for the building to be occupied by the soap factory. To be located on South Fifth Avenue near Lewis Street to be three story brick 42 ft. front by 120 ft. deep and cost near \$10,000. Excavating will start in a few days, and building is to be completed by June 1st.

Contract for building the Second Street bridge was awarded yesterday to J. K. Sawyer. It will be 18 ft. wide and equal in merit the Maple Street bridge.

Mr. Mike Zimmerly has ordered the building removed from his lot on Douglas between Market and Lawrence and will put up there a first class four story building.

8. The Rock Island has a number of freight cars on its track south of Douglas Avenue. They are literally covering their recent purchase in the Santa Fe addition with a network of switches.

#### **Tuesday, April 5, 1887**

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4. Article reports stockholders meeting of the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line Company last evening. Details. Two or more lines will be surveyed in preparation for locating the route. Names of stockholders listed.

Spikes have arrived for the Kansas Midland, and men started work yesterday completing the track through the city.

### **Wednesday, April 6, 1887**

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4. J. P. Allen was elected mayor in city election yesterday. Details.

The Rock Island Railroad have commenced construction of their track across Douglas Avenue

### **Thursday, April 7, 1887**

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4. Long editorial - The *Eagle* reverses its former stand and now favors sewerage and paving of streets in the business district. Details.

The directors of Wichita Rapid Transit Company met yesterday and discussed an extension of the line from Broadway south on Avenue "M" in Eichholtz addition near 600 ft.; thence east to Hillside; thence south on Hillside to Franklin Avenue. The further extension will probably be west, to accommodate the Judson university. The company is laying ties and rails actively. No action taken on the extension.

The Rock Island is completed across Douglas Avenue and for quite a distance north on Mead Avenue.

The axle broke yesterday on street car No. 22 of the West Wichita and Topeka Avenue Line, on East Douglas between Lawrence and Topeka.

The Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line Company yesterday made a purchase of \$20,000 near the grounds selected by the trotting association.

### **Friday, April 8, 1887**

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4. The Sedgwick County National Bank of Wichita, Kansas, was organized yesterday with capital \$100,000. To be located in the new building on corner of Chicago Avenue and Seneca and open for business about June 1st. Directors and stockholders listed.

The architect firm of Patton and Fisher, of Chicago, has completed plans for the Fairmount college building. The Frisco Railroad has commenced work on a switch from their road to the college site.

Grading for the Rock Island in this county south of the river will be completed in a few days. All north of the river in the county will be completed by the first of next month. Work on the bridge across the Arkansas will commence today. The contractor, Bethune and Crane Brothers, of St. Louis, will have a steam engine on the ground to run the pile driver.

The Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line Company held a meeting yesterday. A report was made on a number of routes surveyed, but as yet none accepted. A committee appointed to decide on the best way to plat the land bought by the company near Valley Center, made its report.

### **Saturday, April 9, 1887**

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4. Mr. Sells has sold out his interest in the Sells-Crawford opera house to Mr. O. C. Daisy, so it will now be erected by Daisy and Crawford. Details.

Article says at dawn yesterday a gang of Frisco workers began laying a switch from their line near Oak Street across country to Washington Avenue, which the switch joins about 120 ft. south of Oak Street. Details. Says the route of the Kansas Midland is likely the cause of the Frisco's actions, since the affinity between the two roads has of late grown very rapidly.

Article reports a meeting last night to organize and charter a city hospital here. In a few moments \$10,000 was subscribed by those present (listed). It is intended to raise \$50,000 and build a first class hospital.

8. The building for the Wichita university has been completed up to the second story.

The directors of the Rapid Transit company on Thursday accepted a proposition from Col. J. W. Hartzell to manage the construction of the company's new steam motor line running south from Douglas Avenue. He was engaged yesterday in unloading iron and placing it along the line of the proposed road.

### **Sunday, April 10, 1887**

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4. The Daisy-Crawford opera house will have a front of 60 ft. and depth of 140 ft. The front on Topeka Street and William Street will be of St. Louis pressed brick and Warrensburg sandstone.

The Thompson-Houston Electric Light company will increase their capacity from the present 120 lamps to 400. Three more engines will be put in, each having a capacity of 100 h-p. Two more 60 horsepower boilers will be added and seven new dynamos secured. The improvements will cost not less than \$30,000. The present plant cost near \$25,000. ¶There is not room at the present location for the additional machinery, and the site of the plant will be moved west across Waco Avenue. Work on the foundation for the new building will commence in a few days.

Article reports agreement between the Kansas Midland and the Frisco Railroad for the latter to become interested in the construction and operation of the former road from Wichita into Nebraska. The entire road is to be put under contract within ten days and the Frisco will run her trains through from St. Louis over the entire line, while the Kansas Midland company will operate the local trains from Wichita. Details.

**Tuesday, April 12, 1887****page**

4. A committee of Messrs. D. B. Alexander and H. R. Butler was appointed by directors of Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company yesterday to go east and secure material and rolling stock for the line. An office for headquarters of the company has been rented in the McClees building on North Main Street. The route will be decided upon in a few weeks.

The Garfield Motor Line company submitted an ordinance to the city council yesterday asking for right-of-way south from Douglas Avenue on Wichita Street to the south limits of the city. Referred to the railroad committee.

Ordinance passed by city council yesterday granting Kansas Midland the right to construct a switch from a point on Washington Avenue near Oak Street in a southeast direction to join the Frisco line a few feet east of Wabash Avenue

8. Mr. E. E. Rutledge has just completed a large and very fine map of the route of the Riverside and Suburban Electric Railway. It is six ft. square and has been photographed, and gives a very good idea of the enterprise.

**Wednesday, April 13, 1887****page**

4. Long article gives details of meeting last evening to discuss organization of a new Board of Trade.

The shareholders of the "Sedgwick County National Bank, of Wichita, Kansas" have voted to change its name to the "West Side National Bank." Robert E. Lawrence was elected president.

The county commissioners at their last meeting voted an appropriation to aid the building of a bridge across the Great Arkansas at the foot of Hydraulic.

**Thursday, April 14, 1887****page**

4. Article reports on a joint meeting of the old Board of Trade and the committee of ten for organization of a new Board of Trade. Details.

The old bridge across the Little Arkansas river at 13th Street is in a dangerous condition, and a petition is being circulated asking the city council to build a new one. Some doubt the

council will appropriate money for the purpose, it being the custom for bridges in and adjoining the city to be built by private subscriptions.

The directors of the Rapid Transit Motor Line company met Tuesday and decided to extend the Motor line one-half mile south on Hillside from Franklin Avenue. Rails and ties have been distributed near 3¼ miles from Douglas Avenue

Article about a gas well to be drilled near four miles east of Lawrence Avenue on an extension of Kellogg Street Details.

The Wichita Cracker Company will move to their new building on Fourth Avenue shortly.

8. Mr. N. A. English filed his 9th addition yesterday, near 100 acres 2½ miles north of Douglas on Main Street 20 acres has been set aside as a park.

### **Friday, April 15, 1887**

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4. Article reports visit of Jay Gould to Wichita yesterday. Details.

Several car loads of rails arrived yesterday for the Kansas Midland. Work has commenced on the switch between this road and the Frisco, allowed by the council at their last meeting. ¶The Rock Island bridge over the Arkansas river is under construction, and the grading in the north part of the county will be completed by the first of next month.

Work is progressing on the foundation of the Barnes block on East Douglas.

The YMCA yesterday moved their reading rooms and library from their old quarters in the Roys block to the cottage owned by them on the same lots on which they are erecting their building.

8. Mr. Joe Rosenthal yesterday purchased of Henry Schweiter 70 acres of the Schweiter farm for \$100,000.

Mr. J. H. Aley will erect a \$9,000 residence on Fairview Avenue

### **Saturday, April 16, 1887**

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4. Article Alfred Gould has completed plans for the elegant residence of Mr. J. Oak Davidson which will be erected on Riverview Avenue. Work has already commenced on the foundation. ¶It will be built mainly of St. Louis pressed brick with walls 13 inches thick at the top, and there is to be a great deal of stone about it of a reddish hue to blend properly with the brick. Details and description of interior.

Men yesterday commenced laying rails for the Rapid Transit Motor Line Company at the corner of Douglas and Emporia. The line will run South on Emporia Avenue. A motor has been ordered from New York City.

Judge W. A. Thomas has commenced work on his residence on College Hill.

5. Legal publication of the ordinance for the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Railroad and Land Company. (proposed)

### **Sunday, April 17, 1887**

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4. Contract signed yesterday for construction of the Martinson building on the West Side.

Pile driving for the foundation of the YMCA building is progressing rapidly.

Green and Thomas yesterday signed the contract for construction of the Martinson building on the West Side.

Excavation will be commenced Monday for the Crawford-Daisy opera house.

Stone has been ordered for the Diocesan building on the West Side and work will commence immediately.

### **Tuesday, April 19, 1887**

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4. Directors of the Rapid Transit Company yesterday ordered another motor from the New York City. They expect to have the line done by July 1st.

City council yesterday: Mr. McCreary, superintendent of the Water Works, asked the privilege of building a bridge from foot of Central Avenue to the island, to be used by the company and the public in getting to its new water station. Privilege was granted.

### **Wednesday, April 20, 1887**

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4. Article reports first meeting last evening of the new Board of Trade. Details. Members listed.

Work was resumed on the Fourth Avenue street car line yesterday. For some weeks work had been discontinued, and quite a number in that section had commenced to howl for either completion and operation of the line or a withdrawal from the street.

8. G. W. Collings has commenced excavation at the corner of Waco and Central for a row of brick flats to be erected there.

From the *Towanda Herald*: The stone quarries of Popkess and Walser, northeast of town have changed hands, the present proprietors being McClane and Company

**Thursday, April 21, 1887****page**

4. Architects Dumont and Hayward are drawing plans for an elegant residence for H. D. Heiserman, a two story frame with 12 rooms, to be located in Riverside addition and cost \$12,000.

For some time the Garfield Motor Line Company and the West Side Motor Line Company have been before the public. The two lately held a meeting and consolidated, and they agreed to apply to the council for right-of-way along the streets contemplated by both companies. The former line had intended to build on the southwest side and the latter to operate in the north.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Kansas Midland Railroad here yesterday ratified the lease of this road to the Frisco.

**Friday, April 22, 1887****page**

4. Article gives text of newly adopted Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Trade.

The track for the street railway down Fourth Avenue was being constructed yesterday southward between Third and Douglas.

The executive committee of the Judson university at its last meeting examined a number of plans for buildings and accepted those of Proudfoot and Bird.

Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company directors met yesterday and heard a report from Mr. H. R. Butler that the committee had purchased in St. Louis 600 tons of steel rails, which will make 11 miles of track. Mr. D. P. Alexander has gone further east to make a purchase of motors.

Article reports constitution and by-laws of new Board of Trade adopted yesterday. Text given.

A gang of men were yesterday constructing the track for the motor line down Fourth Avenue, mostly working southward between Third and Douglas.

The executive committee of the Judson university at its last meeting examined a number of plans for buildings and accepted those of Proudfoot and Bird. Three buildings will be erected, costing not less than \$100,000. A part of the ground donated was ordered platted and will be placed on the market.

**Saturday, April 23, 1887**

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4. Workmen yesterday were engaged upon the interior of the Peter Getto block.
8. Mr. O. C. Daisy yesterday purchased 75,000 St. Louis pressed brick for the two fronts of the opera house.

**Sunday, April 24, 1887****page**

1. Editorial says "the motor lines are going down, the one to the northwest and the other to the southeast. Soon the residents of Riverside can step on the cars at their own doors and off in the center of business. Riverside promises to be one of the most delightful, attractive, and withal secluded and select suburban places to be found adjoining any city.
4. Article describes a brick plant operated by Durley, Garrison and Company three and half miles southeast from corner of Douglas and Hydraulic, which has capacity of 50,000 brick a day. Details.

Excavation for the Stackman building on North Main was completed yesterday.

Foundation for the Barnes block, being erected on Douglas Avenue east of the Kansas Furniture Company, was completed yesterday.

Work on the excavation for the government building has been resumed. At the rate that the building has progressed since the first appropriation, few people now living can hope to see it completed.

Yesterday the curve of Schweiter's motor line was completed around Kellogg Street

Note lists directors and officers of the Wichita and Suburban Railway company, elected yesterday. President is J. H. Richards, vice-president George C. Strong, treasurer M. W. Levy, secretary George L. Douglas.

Green and Thomas will commence work on the Martinson building on West Wichita on Tuesday.

12. Ad for Getto's addition refers to street car line to be extended from its present terminus on Frisco (9th) and Hillside Avenues up to Fairmount college.

**Tuesday, April 26, 1887****page**

4. City council yesterday passed ordinance granting right-of-way to the Wichita and Suburban Railway Company on Water Street from Douglas to 13th Street, thence east to Fourth Avenue; thence north to 15th Street; and thence east to the city limits, the line from Douglas Avenue to 15th Street to be made of tram rail and the remainder of "T" rail. ¶The Wichita and Valley Center motor line ordinance was also passed, joining the Wichita and Suburban

line at corner of 13th and Market Streets and extended north from there to the city limits in the direction of Valley Center. Tram rail will be used from 13th and Market to 19th Street

8. Workmen yesterday were finishing the Fourth Avenue street car line by constructing the curve around to the track on Douglas. It is thus completed from East Douglas to Oak Street

Excavation for the Crawford-Daisy opera house commenced in earnest yesterday.

### **Wednesday, April 27, 1887**

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4. Article gives further details about the "Valley Pressed Brick and Tile Company" of Durley Garrison and Company. The clay at Mr. Newman's joins a part of the plant and is under lease for five years.

The Dodge Avenue Presbyterian Church on the West Side has been used for nearly a year but has not previously been dedicated (reasons given). It is to be dedicated next Sunday, May 1st.

Architect Gould is preparing plans for the suburban depot of the Kansas Midland, which will be located near five miles north of Douglas Avenue. It will be 20 ft. wide and 53 ft. long. The platform will be 13 ft. wide and 116 ft. long. Near the center of the building is the ticket and telegraph office. On one side is the gents waiting room and on the other the ladies' room, each being 14 x 18 ft. The baggage room adjoining the ladies' room is 12 x 11 ft. The sides and roof will be of shingles, the latter projecting over the platform three feet. The windows and doors are grouped three by three, with elliptical arch above.

The Rapid Transit Motor Line Company has completed its line on Emporia to Kellogg Street and has also completed apart of the line on Kellogg. It is expected that the line will be completed to Hydraulic Avenue this week.

Work on the Suburban motor line has been commenced in earnest. Ties are laid along Franklin Avenue for about half a mile and on Market Street from Pine to First Street. Rails are now at the depot waiting to be unloaded.

8. The Frisco yesterday completed the laying of a track from Wabash Avenue to the corner of Oak and Washington, joining there the Kansas Midland.

The water company is hauling stone to their new water station site. The teams are fording the river, as the bridge to the island is not completed.

### **Thursday, April 28, 1887**

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4. Directors of the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line met yesterday and appointed Mr. D. P. Alexander to go east and make the purchase of three motors and six coaches for the company. He will leave in a few days for Philadelphia to make the deal. The line will be

located at an early date. The "T" rail has been purchased for the line from 19th Street north. The Wichita Suburban Company and the Wichita and Valley Company will meet jointly today to arrange matters concerning the part of the line to be occupied by both companies. (Probably means from 13th Street south)

The Schulyer Electric Light Company is making arrangements to run lights all night.

### **Friday, April 29, 1887**

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4. North Market Street residents are objecting to the recent action of the city council in granting a franchise to the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company with right-of-way from Douglas north on Water to 10th, East on 10th to Market, north on Market to 13th, east on 13th to Fourth Avenue, north on Fourth Avenue to 15th, and thence east on 15th to the city limits. The claim it will require the destruction of two rows of trees already planted on North Market Street Details.

The water works company have cleared a street through the timber on Lane's island, and the foundation is being laid for the building to be used for an engine house, etc. Pile drivers are also at work putting in a bridge from Central Avenue to the island. The company say they are going to spend \$350,000 on the Wichita works this year and hope to have the works running by July Fourth.

Article refers to a card photograph of Main Street in Wichita taken June 21, 1870 by Shuster. Taken from the present intersection of Main and Douglas in grass about knee deep and shows three or four lonesome looking horses, three or four lean lonesome looking mules, a half dozen freight wagons and besides nothing but a world of grass."

8. An addition is being built in the rear of the Presbyterian church.

Stock company formed yesterday to build a \$10,000 three story brick business block at northwest corner of Douglas and Hillside.

Rails for the Suburban motor line are being laid along the line of the road on North Market.

Brick work on the Barnes block on East Douglas, is almost completed to the second story.

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4. Since the completion of the street car track up Fourth Avenue, a belt car has been put upon the line, coming down Fourth Avenue, thence on Douglas Avenue, North Main, and Oak to Fourth Avenue again.

The plasterers have completed the two upper stories of the Carey hotel and yesterday were engaged on the rooms of the third story.

8. The managers of the street car company are now awaiting the arrival of iron to complete the double track on Douglas Avenue and Main Street

**Sunday, May 1, 1887****page**

4. Article reports charter received yesterday for a Presbyterian school to be called the Central University. Site selected lies directly east on Douglas Avenue between one and two miles east of Hillside. The Lewis Academy will not be abandoned, but will serve as a preparatory department for the university. Details. Trustees listed.

Article about sports that Ackerman and Company, of the packing house on the West Side, are trying to fill in the channel of the river to the west of the island. Mr. Ackerman denies this, saying that he bought the island for cash some time ago and received a warranty deed, and has only erected a fence around the north end of the island, to prevent people from driving over and stealing sand from the island without paying for it. Details. ¶On the opposite side of the river in the Dr. Black property over 100 feet has lately been marked off with a line of piles with a board walk on top, and material is being hauled in for filling between the piling and the city.

Long letter from Rosewater and Christie, sanitary engineers, of Omaha, with suggestions regarding sewage for Wichita. Details.

The Base Ball Association is having success and has raised \$6,000 of its capital stock of \$12,500. Directors listed. ¶The location selected for the park is on South Main two miles from Main and Douglas. Work will begin on the park soon, and street cars will be running on double track line by the time the grounds are finished. Games will probably start by the 10th or 15th of May.

The stone basement for B. W. Aldrich's residence on College Hill is about completed.

Workmen were engaged yesterday on the foundation of the Fletcher building at North Main and Second Street

Mr. Houck's residence on North Topeka is almost completed.

8. The magnificent Getto building at Main and Second is rapidly drawing to a completion.

**Tuesday, May 3, 1887****page**

4. Report of meeting of trustees of Judson university yesterday. Plans for building are being prepared by Proudfoot and Bird. It will be three stories in Romanesque style of St. Louis pressed brick heavily trimmed with Warrenburg stone, and with slate roof. Spire will be 150 feet high. Details.

Yesterday was second anniversary of the establishment of the Congregational church in Wichita. The membership then was but 16. Since then they have erected the beautiful building on Second Street between Lawrence and Topeka Avenues and have increased the membership to 117. Details.

The Wichita and Suburban and Wichita and Valley Center motor line companies met yesterday and made arrangements for consolidating the two companies and buying tram rails for the line as specifies by the ordinance.

At city council yesterday Mr. Healy spoke about the street car company laying their track on the Maple Street bridge. It was understood that the bridge was erected by private parties and given the city, but being only 18 feet wide it could scarcely accommodate a street car track. The approaches had been built by the city, and the track on the east approach reminded one of an elevated line.

Brick work on the Chris Kimmerle business building on Chicago Avenue is almost completed.

The Wichita boat club have ordered seven pleasure boats and expect them to arrive in a few days.

8. The Wichita Street Railway Company is making arrangements to lay a double track on Main Street from Oak to Douglas Avenue, and east on Douglas from Main to Fifth Avenue.

Note about YMHA, an organization new in the city.

Work on the gas well will be commenced today.

### **Wednesday, May 4, 1887**

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4. Reports of visit to the gas well on the Beeson farm about four and a half miles east of Lawrence Avenue on Kellogg Street yesterday. Drilling is just getting started. Details.

Mr. Ballance, from Peoria, Illinois, is in Wichita and preparing to erect his stone works here. Work on the foundation of the building has already commenced.

The Wichita Base Ball Association have secured good grounds from N. A. English two miles south of Main and Douglas at the end of Water Street. The street railway has already distributed material along the proposed extension of their line to the base ball park. ¶Arrangements were made to lay off the grounds today and to put the park in proper condition for playing. A grand stand with a seating capacity of 2500 will be built.

Pile driving machinery was yesterday below the Douglas Avenue bridge ready to commence work. A line of piles as a continuation of those already driven above the bridge will be placed between the Douglas Avenue bridge and the Lewis Street bridge. Boards will be nailed upon these and the space between these and the present river bank will be filled in. Quite a bend

in the river will thus be covered and one of the deepest channels at this point partly taken up by the proposed improvements.

Works on the Fred Stackman building on North Main Street is progressing rapidly. Gandolfo has rented the upper floor (floors?) giving him 30 more rooms for his hotel business, making a total of near 80 rooms.

8. The excavation is being finished up for the foundation of the government building.

Work will commence in a few days on the foundation for the magnificent residence to be erected by Hank Heiserman in Riverside, at the corner of Carter and Riverside Avenues.

### **Thursday, May 5, 1887**

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4. Article discusses elevated grades on several railroads in this city.

Proudfoot and Bird, architects, have moved their office from the Eagle block to an elegantly furnished suit (sic) of rooms in the Fechheimer building.

The East Douglas Avenue Building Association, with capital stock of \$20,000, is planning the erection of a three story brick building with 75 feet front and 85 feet deep on the northwest corner of Hillside and Douglas.

Workmen have commenced laying water mains on Chicago Avenue, West Wichita.

### **Friday, May 6, 1887**

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4. Work has begun on the baseball grounds and the grand stand will be commenced tomorrow. Nearly a mile of the street car extension and the park at the corner of Waco and Clark is now laid.

The Crystal Ice Company is now in full blast and shipping a car load of ice a day to points south and east.

8. Ad says in honor of the completion of the new electric motor street railway to the beautiful Alamo addition, a grand celebration and picnic will be given at the grove on the Little River in the beautiful Alamo on July Fourth.

### **Saturday, May 7, 1887**

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2. Long letter to Eagle discusses the behavior of the two rivers in time of flood and of low water.
4. Article summarizes construction activity in Wichita at present. Excavation completed for government building and placing of concrete for foundation will commence today.

Bricklayers are working on first story of Garfield university. The Fechheimer building is almost entirely completed. The Getto building is almost complete and plastering will soon start on the lower floor. The foundation is nearly completed on the Stackman building on North Main. Side and rear walls of first story of Martinson block are completed. Excavations under way for foundation of the Crawford-Daisy opera house.

The track of the Rapid Transit Company will be completed on Kellogg to Hydraulic Avenue today. Yesterday the company purchased five lots near corner of Kellogg and Washington Avenue on which to erect a building for engines and motors. Work will commence in a few days. Some engines and cars have been ordered and it is hoped to have the line ready to operate by the middle of next month.

Men were yesterday engaged on the cupola of the new Congregational Church.

The Wichita Crystal Ice Company is now making over 30 tons of ice per day.

8. The power house for the Davidson Motor Line has been completed. The machinery is expected to arrive in a few days. The track is about completed on Market between Pine and Second. It is thought the line will be ready to operate by the first of next month.

The elevator in the Fechheimer building has been completed.

### **Sunday, May 8, 1887**

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2. Article quoted from *St. Louis Republican* describes Marsh Murdock's office: "Before it was completed a number of friends came to him and asked permission to furnish his office. He consented and now has probably the finest furnished office in the country," \$2,300 having been expended in its decoration. Details.
4. Article describes the methodical progress of the John Bright university. Undisputed title has now been secured to 470 acres of land, 300 acres of which is contiguous to the campus. The street railway to the Water Street bridge, which is to connect Bright Place with the city, is already under construction. The west landing of the bridge connects with two 100 foot Avenues leading to the north and east fronts of the university building. Excavation for the foundation will commence at once.

Mr. J. K. Samuels, who was awarded the contract for erecting the Second Street bridge, will commence work tomorrow. All the piling and timber necessary has arrived.

The new baseball grounds are being made ready as fast as possible and it is thought the club can practice there by the last of the week. ¶The street car company are laying tracks on South Main and will in a short time have the circuit on Main and Water Streets completed.

### **Tuesday, May 10, 1887**

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4. The bridge from the east shore to the water works island has been completed and mains are being put in place across the river. Within about four weeks the company have put down about four and one-fourth miles of mains.

Mr. I. R. Gilbert, of Charleston, Indiana, is visiting his friend, Dr. Oldham in Wichita and brought with him his plow, which is the product of his own invention. He gave an exhibition with it yesterday. Details.

Mr. George Blackwelder yesterday sold a half interest in the seven lots on northwest corner of First and Market to George L. Rouse for \$40,000 and on these lots the two men will erect the finest business block in the state of Kansas, 175 ft. x 140 ft. and five stories high.

City council yesterday discussed the nuisance of Col. Lewis' dam in diverting flow from the Little river and making it a pond instead of a clear flowing stream, as it formerly was.

City council yesterday gave the Schuyler Electric Light company the territory east of Fifth Avenue and north of Douglas.

8. The Wichita Cracker Company has removed its machinery to the company's new building on Fourth Avenue and will start work there tomorrow.

### **Wednesday, May 11, 1887**

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4. Col. J. W. Hartzell is pushing the work on the Wichita Rapid Transit line. He has commenced the erection of a car and motor house on the corner of Kellogg and Washington Streets.

Architects Terry and Thompson have completed plans for Kansas Midland depots to be erected at points three and six miles north of Douglas Avenue. Each will be near 40 ft. long and 20 ft. wide and surrounded by platform extending 14 ft. from the building, and will be covered by dimension shingles. The contract for both buildings has been awarded and they are expected to be completed by the first of next month.

Directors of the Wichita and Valley Center motor line met last night. The committee which has purchased the necessary material for the line visited some eastern factories and secured two motors.

Henry Schweiter and Joseph Mossbacker (sic) propose to erect a brick business building on Douglas Avenue adjoining the Noble block. It will have a front of 50 ft., be 135 ft. deep and four stories high. Architects Terry and Thompson are drawing the plans. The block will cost near \$50,000.

The frame for the livery barn being erected by Doc Black upon the river bank, north of the bridge, is almost completed.

Green and Thomas today commence work on the foundation of the government building.

Work has started on the building to be erected on North Main for a summer garden.

8. Excavation started yesterday for the brick building to be erected on the northwest corner of Hillside and Douglas.

#### **Thursday, May 12, 1887**

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4. Ground was broken yesterday for the main building of the Judson University. Architects are Proudfoot and Bird.

The gas well has reached a depth of 620 ft. At 460 ft. a stratum was reached bearing salt water.

The stone and brick mason work for the foundation of Fairmount college has been let to Mr. H. M. Matheson. Excavation for the main building has been completed. Material for the foundation is arriving from Augusta and is conveyed from the main line of the Frisco road on a switch to the building site.

Architects Dumont and Hayward have nearly completed plans for the St. John's church.

#### **Friday, May 13, 1887**

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4. Editorial by M. Murdock writing ladies to visit and inspect his elaborately furnished office any day between 10 A.m. and 10 P.m. except from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., which is his dinner hour. Details.

Long editorial about the bad condition of the railroad crossings in the city.

Article describes a sand dredge in the Big river at the foot of Sherman Street from which sand is loaded into cars of Ft. Scott Railroad . Details.

Hands were yesterday completing the two switches recently begun by the Rock Island Railroad company on the west side of Mead Avenue

8. Architect Alfred Gould is drawing plans for a \$10,000 residence for Mr. R. E. Lawrence to be located on Maple Street near Seneca.

Note says Professor Nereus Baldwin took a picture the other morning of the Eagle building with two or three dozen paper boys just leaving it with papers under their arms.

Concrete work for the foundation of the new opera house has been completed and brick laying will commence in a few days.

Architects are drawing plans for a Catholic school building to be erected near the Catholic church building at corner of Second Street and Fourth Avenue. The building is to be two stories, of brick, and cost near \$8,000.

**Saturday, May 14, 1887****page**

4. The Wichita Mining and Investment company has struck a mixture of salt water and oil at a depth of 735 ft. Details.

The grading for the Rock Island in this county and north is about completed. The track is put down to the south line of Marion county. Piling for the Arkansas river bridge is about completed and nearly half of it is capped.

The street car track is being extended north on Main Street from Park Street

Windows were being put in the upper stories of the Carey hotel building yesterday.

Foundation for the Stackman building on North Main is about completed.

Contract for the cut stone work on the Fairmount college was awarded yesterday.

**Sunday, May 15, 1887****page**

4. Contract has been let for the stage building for the open-air North Main Street theater. Stage building to be 20 x 50 ft. and auditorium area 50 x 95 ft. It's to have a refreshment stand immediately in front of the auditorium. Entrance will be from Main Street, between First and Second Streets, just south of Lynch's shoe store.

Mr. John Volk of Rock Island, Illinois, depot builder for the Rock Island Railroad company, arrived here yesterday. He expects to commence work on the depot here at an early date. It will be of stone and brick, two stories, 44 ft. wide and 136 ft. long.

The construction train of the Kansas Midland reportedly will make its debut today. The grading has been completed nearly up to Valley Center, and track laying will commence tomorrow.

The Rock Island was yesterday constructing their second track across east Douglas Avenue

75 horses are being trained on the track in Riverside park.

Some of the material for the Rock Island depot in Wichita has already arrived. Work will commence in a few days.

The foundation for the William Fletcher building at corner of Second and Main Streets has been completed.

**Tuesday, May 17, 1887****page**

4. City council yesterday considered ordinances submitted by no fewer than five street railways: Garfield Motor Line Company; Lawrence, Judson University and Crownpoint Electric Motor Line Street Railroad Company; North Emporia Avenue, Union Depot, and Northeastern Motor Power Street Railway Company; Rock Island Avenue, Division Street, College Hill Electric Motor Line Company; Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line Company. Details.

Excavations started yesterday for the new business block at Hillside and Douglas.

Work on the front of the Barnes building started yesterday.

**Wednesday, May 18, 1887****page**

4. The Friends Quakers of this city broke ground yesterday for their new church on Cleveland Avenue between Douglas and First Street, to be built of brick and cost \$6-8,000.

The Wichita Cracker company is moving to its new building on North Fourth Avenue

8. Ad: Riverside Park in the bend of the Little Arkansas will from this date be offered, day or night, to Sunday school picnic parties, church societies, or family reunions, or other social gatherings free of charge. It is the determination of the proprietor to make this a pleasure resort, such as the citizens of Wichita will be proud of.

**Thursday, May 19, 1887****page**

4. Track laying on the Kansas Midland commenced in earnest yesterday. The grading is nearly completed to the north line of this county.

The Rock Island track was completed across the Santa Fe at Mead Avenue yesterday. The line will be completed to the river so timber for the bridge can be sent down by rail. ¶The pile drivers with three gangs of men are putting in bridges in the county north of the city. There are 21 bridges to erect.

City council yesterday passed an ordinance submitted by the Wichita and Valley Center motor line company changing their route out of the city.

Workmen yesterday were working on the second story of the Martinson building at West Douglas and Seneca.

The corner stone of the Reformed Church, to be erected on corner of Topeka and Lewis, will be laid next Sunday. The church will be of stone and brick and cost near \$40,000.

A proposed site for a new fair grounds lies on the West Side between Central Avenue and 13th Street, 100 acres, part of the Wilkins' farm.

Foundation for the Lawrence building, corner of Seneca and Chicago Avenues, is almost completed.

**Friday, May 20, 1887****page**

4. Article describes the rush for building materials to supply Wichita's building boom.

Note refers to the new car barn recently completed at No. 1064 Wichita Street

The foundation for the hotel near the stock yards has been completed. Brick work will commence in a few days.

**Saturday, May 21, 1887****page**

4. The Rapid Transit company has now completed its track about **b** of the way down Broadway Avenue. Two of the motors are expected to arrive soon. The roundhouse of the company is being constructed.

Mr. J. K. Sawyer is rushing the work on the Second Street bridge across the Arkansas River. Most of the timber for the piling is already here.

The Stewart Brothers Architectural Iron Work plant, two stories, 25 x 90 ft., at 332 South Fourth Avenue has been in operation some days now. Details.

The Presbyterians have purchased grounds at Emporia and Lincoln to build a church costing about \$5,000.

**Sunday, May 22, 1887****page**

4. 40 hands are now employed in cutting stone and laying brick at the Garfield university. Five car loads of Warrensburg stone arrived yesterday.

The university building of the Wichita university has reached the second story.

8. The biggest fool in the business is the government signal service. In the midst of a rain yesterday morning, the colored boss of the signal flags over at the Citizens' Bank run up the emblem of clear weather.

**Tuesday, May 24, 1887****page**

4. The Wichita baseball team will open at its new baseball grounds today against the Emporia team. The grounds are in excellent condition with seats sufficient for 1,000 persons, although

the grand stand, which will seat nearly 2,500 will not be up for a week owing to scarcity of material. Admission is 25 cents.

Article reports laying of the corner stone of the Reformed church at Topeka and Lewis last Sunday. Details.

### **Wednesday, May 25, 1887**

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4. Of the lots west of the Carey hotel between Fourth Avenue and Emporia, Henry Schweiter owns one, Capt. Carey four, Stites Brothers one, and Oliver and Niederlander two.

An engine the William C. Dacey, to be used on the Kansas Midland, has been received in the city, and as soon as the critter can be put together it will be run between the suburban stations and the city.

### **Thursday, May 26, 1887**

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4. Commencement exercises for the high school graduating class will be held tomorrow at the opera house. There are four graduates, three women and one man.

Excavating for brick block 100 ft. square and three stories high at northeast corner of Lawrence and William is nearly completed. It consists of four buildings each 25 x 100 ft. The south building is by W. P. Stem, contractor, and adjoining are those of Nixon Elliott, Mr. Wilkie, and Amos L. Houck.

### **Friday, May 27, 1887**

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4. Directors of the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company will meet next Tuesday. Deciding on the route will be the important question. Two routes are under consideration. One goes between the rivers and the other is east of the Little river. ¶The iron for the company was shipped several weeks ago and is expected daily. One motor has been shipped from Terre Haute, Indiana, and will be here in a few days. Several car loads of ties have already arrived.

Piling for the Second Street bridge has been completed from the west side to the center of the island. Nearly all the timber has arrived.

Men were working yesterday on the third story of the Barnes block.

The Getto block on North Main is rapidly nearing completion.

8. Baldwin, the photographer, has taken 20 views of Wichita, which will be published in *Frank Leslie's Weekly*.

### **Saturday, May 28, 1887**

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4. Article reports on high school graduation exercises at "Crawford's opera house" last evening. Details.

The Rock Island is grading and laying track from the city to the Arkansas river bridge.

Death notice of Capt. W. S. White, an early county resident.

8. Architects Terry and Dumont were awarded the contract for preparing plans for the building of the John Bright university. There will be three buildings in all, in modern gothic style. The main building, to cost about \$75,000, will have a front of 162 ft. and be 85 ft. deep and three stories high with basement. The foundation will be of Cottonwood stone extending six feet above ground. St. Louis pressed brick will be used for the entire building. ¶Excavating for the main building is progressing nicely and the contract for the foundation will be awarded next week.

The plans for the building of the Central University are being inspected by the members of the board of trustees. They will probably not be decided upon for some time, as it is desired to secure as good plans as possible. Rev. Hewitt expects to go east and spend at least two months in looking over the colleges of the east.

**Sunday, May 29, 1887****page**

1. Article gives property assessment figures in Wichita for past four years.
4. Mr. H. C. Scott of St. Louis, president of the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power Company, is visiting here and says work on the new gas retort is progressing rapidly. It has a holding capacity of 80,000 cubic ft., which gives a capacity of 160,000 cubic ft. daily. When completed the plant will have a capacity of 250,000 cubic ft. Five miles of gas main has been purchased. A large amount of main has already arrived in the city this spring and some has been put in place and is now in use.

Work on the new city directory has progressed for the past month, and printing will commence tomorrow.

8. The Main Street theater company will arrive today and open tomorrow evening.

The walls of the Crawford-Daisy opera house are almost completed.

**Tuesday, May 31, 1887****page**

8. Note regarding the Main Street Theater says "this new place of amusement opened last night with a large attendance."

**Wednesday, June 1, 1887**

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4. The grand stand at the baseball park is beginning to loom up.

Blackwelder and Rouse commenced excavating yesterday for their new building at Market and First (i.e. Sedgwick building).

A petition being circulated on Fourth Avenue asks the council to compel the street car company to give a 15 minute service on that avenue. It alleges that no day cars run oftener than one per hour, and when baseball is in progress no car runs on that line, having been sent to the south part of the city. It is asked that the company either give a 15 minutes service or be compelled to remove the track and allow another company to operate on that street.

8. The Rapid Transit Motor Line Company is rushing the work of laying track and getting engine and car house completed. The track has been completed to the southeast end of Broadway. The car and engine house is nearing completion. The company has ordered several motors.

The foundation for the hotel at the stock yards was completed several days ago.

The water works company will start today on laying a 12 inch main to connect the east and west sides. From Waco and Second Street it will be laid to Douglas Avenue, thence west across the river on the street car bridge.

The Wichita and Suburban and the Wichita and Valley Center motor line people are howling about being headed off on Main Street by the old street car company. When they asked for a new ordinance giving right-of-way on a section of Main Street, the old company commenced extending their line on North Main and have now monopolized the new slice of this street for which the motor line companies' mouths were watering.

**Thursday, June 2, 1887****page**

4. Ten car loads of rails arrived for the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company last evening and also one motor.

Capacity of the Thomson-Houston electric light plant is to be increased to 400 lights.

City council yesterday passed ordinance giving Wichita and Suburban motor line company right-of-way up Water from Douglas to 10th Street, east on 10th to Market, north on Market to 13th, east on 13th to Fourth Avenue, north on Fourth to city limits and east on 15th St from Fourth Avenue to city limits. The old company has a track on 10th Street between Water and Main, and the new company was instructed to go on either side of their track.

Excavation commenced yesterday for the Dr. F. M. Whitlock block on South Main Street adjoining the museum building on the north.

Trustees of Fairmount college met yesterday for their first meeting since the name of the corporation was changed from "Wichita Ladies College" to "Fairmount College". Details.

Article describes a fine set of photographic views of Wichita from the Baldwin gallery.

8. Contract for the Lawrence and Seaman building on the West Side was let yesterday. To be 80 x 100 ft. and three stories.

### **Friday, June 3, 1887**

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4. The base ball park grand stand will be finished Saturday night of this week.

The street cars are running on Maple Street to the university giving 15 minute service.

A spokesman for the Wichita Street Railway Company said yesterday that the old company had started work on Fourth Avenue before the new one came into possession of the same. The new one completed it and was trying to give better service. 15 cars were ordered some months ago and expected here by the middle of last month, but they have not yet arrived and are now likely to be delivered near the 20th of this month.

Architects Dumont and Hayward have nearly completed plans for an elegant brick block of five stories for Mr. Mike Zimmerly. It will be located on the north side of Douglas on the west side of the alley between Market and Lawrence, and will have front of 50 ft. and 140 ft. depth.

The drill of the gas well is now 925 ft. deep. Details.

The John Bright university was staked out yesterday by architects Terry and Thompson, who have nearly completed plans for the same.

Article reports progress on the Ballance stone mill being erected on North Main along the Ft. Scott Railroad . Details. Main building, 43 x 60 ft., was painted yesterday.

8. Architects Terry and Hayward have completed plans for a fine ten room brick residence for Mr. L. W. Clapp to be located near corner of 18th and Park Place and cost near \$10,000.

The Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company and the Wichita Street Railway Company yesterday adjusted matters concerning 10th Street between Main and Water Streets. The former will construct its line on the south side of the former (sic) -- (probably latter--the Wichita Street Railway Company having already built there).

### **Saturday, June 4, 1887**

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4. Article reports the Wichita board of trade plans to publish a quarterly publication to be called the *Wichita Journal of Commerce*, with a good collection of information available concerning Wichita. The first number it is expected will be out some time in July. Details.

Plans for the Catholic school building on corner of Second Street and Fourth Avenue were examined yesterday and those of architects Gould and Rapp were selected.

The concrete work on the government building is completed.

### **Sunday, June 5, 1887**

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4. The new suits for the Wichita Base Ball Club arrived yesterday. They are old gold color with the name "Wichita" across the breast in maroon. The caps and stockings are also maroon.

On the first day of last month there were standing on the side tracks of the railways entering Wichita waiting to be unloaded 1,200 cars of freight or about 15,000 tons. ¶For the month of May there was received at the yards and side tracks of this city an average of 200 loaded cars per day, or 6,000 for the month, or 120,000 tons of freight.

Architects Terry and Thompson have completed plans for a residence for Mr. A. W. Bitting to be located on southwest corner of Topeka and 11th Street Details.

The old buildings adjoining the Noble block on the north will be removed this week preparatory to commencing work on the Schweiter-Mosbacher building. Plans have been completed by Terry and Thompson, architects. The front will be 50 ft., with 140 ft. depth and four stories high.

Messrs. C. W. Myers & Fred Israel are arranging to start work on their brick block adjoining the Beacon block on the north. It will have a front of 50 ft. and depth of 130 ft. and be five stories high, with cost near \$30,000.

On the west side of Market between Douglas and First Street a handsome brick business with front 100 ft. and depth 120 ft. with five stories will be erected by Messrs. G. W. Walter, L. D. Skinner, J. R. Snively, and Oscar Smith. Cost near \$60,000.

Contract let yesterday for the Lawrence and Seamon block for \$32,000. To be three stories, 80 x 100 ft., on corner of Chicago Avenue and Seneca.

Foundation of the residence of H. P. Heiserman in Riverside was completed yesterday.

The foundation for the mill to be erected on south side of Maple west of the bridge has just been completed.

Davidson's park presented a lively appearance last evening with several races (i.e., Riverside park).

6. Ad with drawings of Garfield university.

**Tuesday, June 7, 1887****page**

4. Contract awarded for frame residence of Mr. H. D. Heiserman in Riverside Park, to cost \$12,000. Work will commence today.

The exploratory gas well has reached 1155 ft. with more salt water encountered. Details.

The steam motor ordered for the Rapid Transit company will be shipped on the 10th of June from H. K. Porter and Company, Pittsburgh; also three cars which are built at the Laclede Car company will be shipped about the same time. ¶Mr. Martin, a carpenter at work shingling on the roof of the motor and car house of the Rapid Transit company fell yesterday from the roof and received injuries.

Article reports the Forest City Dry Pressed Brick company is about to commence operations here. It is located on the Kohn farm, near four and a half miles south of the city. Machinery for the plant arrived yesterday. Capacity will be 50,000 brick per day. Men are now employed stripping off the dirt from the vein of clay, which is near 30 ft. deep and is covered with a layer of soil near one foot deep. Details.

The Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line Company yesterday received six cars. Some days ago they had got two motors. Arrival of track material has been slower--as yet only two carloads of the rails have arrived. The right-of-way business has also been of more trouble than anticipated. It is thought, however, that before many days that question can be settled and work commenced at track laying.

The school board yesterday raised the superintendent's salary from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per annum.

A carpenter at work shingling the roof of the motor and car house of the Rapid Transit Company was injured yesterday when he fell from he roof.

**Wednesday, June 8, 1887****page**

4. Excavation for the foundation of Judson university is nearly completed and plans for the main building have been approved.

Article about a three story brick block on North Emporia with 150 ft. front.

Contract has been let to Botton and Berger for Rock Island freight depot, to be 175 ft. long and 40 ft. wide surrounded by a platform near 20 ft. wide. To be one story with sides of corrugated iron. To be completed by July 10th. Contract for the passenger depot has not yet been awarded. ¶Track has been completed to north limits of the city (error).

The walls of the Barnes building on East Douglas have been completed.

**Friday, June 10, 1887****page**

4. A passenger car, the Wichita, has been received for the Kansas Midland and is now standing in the Santa Fe yards.

Mr. Torrence expects to commence the foundation for the new Episcopal church today.

**Saturday, June 11, 1887****page**

4. The new grand stand will be opened for the base ball game with Springfield tomorrow and contains 2,000 elegant, covered seats. General admission is 25¢ with 15¢ extra for the grand stand.

City council yesterday passed ordinance granting right-of-way to the Kansas Midland Railroad from Mosley Avenue to the Wichita and Western near Orme Street

Note says Mr. Gilbert is open to offers of donation of land, etc. for establishment of a factory to build his patent "Live Yankee" plow. Details.

Architects Terry and Thompson are drawing plans for a livery barn for Root Brothers to be built on South Main near Waterman, with a south front of 75 ft. and 60 ft. depth, to be two story frame and cost near \$3,000.

The south end of the Lawrence Avenue bridge was washed away yesterday.

The bridge across Chisholm creek at the foot of Division Street is nearly completed.

Dr. Furley has decided to erect an addition to his block on corner of Topeka and Douglas. It will join the block on the south with 20 ft. front on Topeka and 50 ft. depth and will be three stories high. Plans completed by Terry and Thompson and work will start next Monday.

A city market house is one of the greatly needed enterprises Wichita ought to have. A company has been incorporated for this purpose. Directors listed.

The excavation for the Judson university has been completed. Trouble is being experienced in securing building material. Stone is expected to arrive in a few days and then work on the foundation will be commenced.

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4. Long article describes in detail the Wichita Crystal Ice Company plant, which is now in operation. Located on West Side near the Ft. Scott track. Now producing 30 tons of ice per day.

Article reports McClung, Deming and Company will move to Wichita from New Albany, Indiana and establish a boot and shoe factory. The building and grounds, in the Princess addition in southwest part of the city, are being donated to the company. Work on the building will commence immediately. Details.

The Archer Electric Light Company last night for the first time introduced their new incandescent lights. Details.

George C. Strong expects to go east in a few days and while there will fully investigate the best kind of motor to use on the Wichita and Suburban motor line. The motor recently received on the Ft. Scott railway by the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company is not to be used by them except to assist in construction of said lines.

Contract awarded yesterday for the brick block to be built on corner of Hillside and Douglas.

6. Ad with clear drawings of Garfield university.
8. The Fourth National Bank has recently closed a five year lease with Mr. A. Bosley for his handsome building, corner Main and First Streets. They expect to obtain possession January 1, 1888.

### **Tuesday, June 14, 1887**

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4. City council yesterday passed ordinance granting right-of-way to the Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line company from First and Emporia, east on First to Wabash, north on Wabash to Third Street, east on Third to Hydraulic, north on Hydraulic to Central, and east on Central to Tracy Avenue. Details.

Article about stock company formed to build and operate a market house in the city. Details.

The Wichita Street Railway Company received notice yesterday that two cars had been shipped a few days ago from Street Louis. The company some months ago ordered 12 cars, and this is the first shipment. They are expected in a few days.

### **Wednesday, June 15, 1887**

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4. Some days ago the machinery arrived for the electric motor line plant. It is now being hauled to the station and put in place.

The school board yesterday tentatively decided to build a two story eight room brick school house on the site owned on North Lawrence Avenue. Details.

**Thursday, June 16, 1887****page**

4. The engine for the station of the electric railway is about ready for operation. It is 100 hp, and two boilers will be used at the station. Both are delivered but not yet in place. They will be made ready for use by the last of this week. The two dynamos to be used are here and each is 60 hp. Material for the plant has not all arrived, but all has been shipped. ¶The track is completed from Market Street to Franklin Avenue. It is also completed from Coolidge Avenue to Seventh Street (sic). Near four miles of track is completed and three more miles yet to be constructed. The poles along the track now completed are in place. The wire is at the station and will be put up next week. ¶The company expects to be able to operate the line as far as Franklin Avenue by the 25th of this month. The company from whom the plant was secured say there will be no trouble in operating the line.

The Forest City pressed brick company received their brick machines and other equipment yesterday and will probably be ready for operation within 20 days. Details.

A new building of the Mayflower Congregational church, on Fairview Avenue between 1Fourth and 15th Streets will be opened next Sunday, June 19. It is red brick with light stone trimmings. Details.

Article reports organizational meeting of the Wichita Club. Members listed. Details.

Excavating for the St. John's Episcopal church on northeast corner of Topeka and Third will be completed this week. Style of the building is "Early Norman".

Plans completed for the Steinhauser-Merkle building to be erected on east side of Fifth Avenue between Second and Third Streets. To be 50 x 140 ft., three stories, of brick.

Work on the hotel for the stock yards is progressing slowly.

The water company is laying mains across to the West Side and hopes to be able to turn on water in the fifth ward by the last of this week.

The foundation for the Fairmount college building is completed to the top of the ground.

Yesterday workmen were engaged in putting down a second track on North Main between Second and Central. Another force was laying a track on East Central Avenue

The Rock Island track was completed to Peabody yesterday and is being completed at the rate of one and a half miles per day.

Work on the new water company station has been interfered with for some time by high water. The new engines and other machinery have now been taken to the plant.

**Friday, June 17, 1887****page**

4. Article reports there's still controversy on the route of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line with objections to the Market Street route from 10th to 13th. In a short time work will be commenced on Water Street at Douglas Avenue and pushed as rapidly as possible. People on Fairmount are clamoring for the line.

The foundation is being put in for the Rock Island freight depot. It is on the east side of the track and is joined on the east by Rock Island Avenue. (meaning west?). The passenger depot building will not be commenced until the material for it can be shipped in over their own road.

**Saturday, June 18, 1887****page**

4. The Wichita Street Railway company is contemplating an extension in the southeast part of the city to give service to and from Linwood park. The route has not yet been decided on. Two routes are under contemplation: one leaves the northeast corner of the park and goes south on Swan Street to Levy, west on Levy and connect with the Washington Avenue line. This route is less expensive and would cost near \$3,000 to construct. ¶The other route leaves Douglas at Ida, goes south on Ida to Indianapolis, east on Indianapolis to Harry and south on Harry to Linwood Park. It is over two miles in length and would cost near \$7,000. ¶The company is anxious to give service to Linwood by August 10th. ¶The company has spent nearly \$20,000 on extensions within the past two months.

The main auditorium of the elegant new St. Aloysius church at Second st. and Fourth Avenue has been elegantly fitted and furnished and will be dedicated this Sunday by Bishop Fink of Leavenworth.

The street car company contemplates adopting a new cash box for their cars. The upper part is for making change and the lower part is for cash proper. ¶The box is supplied with several drops, giving the driver ample chance to determine whether the proper amount is deposited. All fares are registered. The box is made by Kail Street Car company of Boonsboro, Iowa. Some of them have already been secured and are now in service.

Two new cars were put on the line of the Wichita street railway yesterday. Two more cars are expected to arrive from St. Louis in a few days.

**Sunday, June 19, 1887****page**

4. Article reports meeting of the Lawn Tennis Club Friday. Permanent organization was effected. Details.

Yesterday Mr. Dacey took quite a little party out on an excursion on the Kansas Midland as far as the road is completed.

**Tuesday, June 21, 1887****page**

4. Article reports death of Michael Zimmerly, age 37 (who was planning the Zimmerly building).

City council yesterday discussed the need for sewerage. Details.

Sunday was the formal opening of the auditorium of the new St. Aloysius Catholic church. The church, which was commenced over a year ago, is now almost entirely completed. Costing about \$25,000, it is a building of architectural beauty. Details.

Architects Dumont and Hayward are drawing plans for building for the McClung boot and shoe factory.

8. The water company turned the water in the west side mains yesterday. The pipe goes across on the street car bridge.

This week the full force of hands will be set to work on the south wing of the Garfield university, with the intention to complete it by the first of September.

**Wednesday, June 22, 1887****page**

4. Contract let yesterday by the city to Rosewater and Christie engineering firm, to build a sewerage system in the city by the first of next December. Details.

The Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line Company has received seven car loads of "T" rail, which will be used north of the city. They have also received seven car loads of ties, and work on laying track north of the city will start in a few days. ¶They are having trouble getting the Tram rail, which will be used in the city according to the ordinance, and this may not arrive before mid-July. Two motors have arrived. They will be used north of the mill race and three will be secured for the city service.

The engine and boilers of the electric motor line are in place. Work was started yesterday on putting up the conductor. The dynamos are expected to arrive in a few days.

Work on the Central Avenue switch of the street railway was progressing yesterday.

Foundation walls for the Rouse-Blackwelder building at First and Market are well under way.

**Thursday, June 23, 1887****page**

4. The Ida Avenue route has been decided upon for the Linwood Park extension of the street railway. Construction will start next Monday.

Article gives detailed description of the magnificent five story building erected by Blackwelder and Rouse at corner of First and Market (i.e., Sedgwick building). Front on

First Street is 140 ft. on Market 120 ft. Towers reach 107 ft. above the street. Building will contain 120 rooms. Details.

8. Contract for design of the new school house to be erected on North Lawrence Avenue was awarded yesterday to Proudfoot and Bird, architects. It will be of brick and have eight rooms.

### **Friday, June 24, 1887**

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4. Article reports city assessor's census gives population of Wichita as 31,760, including 993 colored. This is an increase of 11,831. ¶There were 2,063 residences erected and occupied within the year. Yearly Census:

1880	5,482
1881	No census taken
1882	5,779
1883	8,005
1884	12,470
1885	16,019
1886	20,129
1887	31,760

Davidson's central park at the foot of Oak Street has been secured for the Fourth of July celebration in this city.

A number of boys of the boat club were out rowing on the Little river last evening.

8. Excavating has started for the Catholic school building at Second Street and Fourth Avenue

### **Saturday, June 25, 1887**

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4. Excavation will start today for the Market Street block to be erected by Messrs. L. D. Skinner, G. M. Walters, and Oscar Smith. To be five stories and have a stone front.

Article reports board of directors of John Bright university met yesterday. The streets are all graded and the excavation for the building is done. Stone for the basement are being delivered on the ground.

### **Sunday, June 26, 1887**

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4. Article describes the Kansas Vinegar and Cider company on Rock Island Avenue. Details.

The Wichita Gas and Electric Light company yesterday started work on the foundation for the new gas holder. The foundation for the retort house has been completed and the brick walls will be commenced tomorrow. Some of the iron for the gas holder has arrived.

The excavation for St. John's church is completed, and Tuesday Mr. Torrence will commence the foundation.

8. The Wichita City Railway company will commence today to run all red line cars on their Main Street line, and the brown cars, Nos. K8 (sic - 18??) and 20, will run between Douglas Avenue and Griffenstein park.

### **Tuesday, June 28, 1887**

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4. The directors of the Garfield Motor Line company yesterday opened bids for constructing a bridge across the Arkansas river at the foot of Dayton Street to be between five and 600 ft. long and 24 ft. wide and serve both for the street railway and as a wagon bridge.

The old Catholic church, is being moved from the corner of Second Street and Fourth Avenue to North Main, and will be constructed into a business house.

### **Wednesday, June 29, 1887**

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4. The Midland is erecting two very neat little depots on their line north of the city. The one at Wichita Gardens is completed, and the other at Wichita Heights will be finished in a short time.

Work was commenced yesterday on the Linwood park extension of the Wichita street railway.

Buildings are being moved off the site for the Michael Zimmerly building on East Douglas Avenue

Messrs. George L. Douglas & George C. Strong are east for the purpose of buying iron, cars and motors for the Wichita and Suburban motor line company. The company has accepted the franchise granted by the city council. Ties have been bought and as soon as rails get here they will commence laying track.

The foundation for the Fairmount College building has been completed to the grade line, and some of the cross walls are eight ft. above the grade line. ¶Carthage brick will be used for the cross walls and pressed brick from Kansas City for the outer wall.

The Rock Island company reached Sedgwick County yesterday with their track and are coming south at the rate of one and a half miles per day. The track is completed through the city extending north near five miles.

The walls of the Rock Island freight depot are going up rapidly.

Track laying on the Rapid Transit line is about completed. Motors and cars are expected to arrive Friday and it is expected the line will be in operation by the Fourth.

**Thursday, June 30, 1887****page**

4. Ground was broken yesterday on North Market on the vacant lots just south of the opera house, for the foundation of a new brick block.

**Friday, July 1, 1887****page**

4. Work on the foundation of the YMCA building is progressing.

The engines for the electric motor line were started yesterday. Everything went smoothly. The electrical machinery is being put in place.

The Rock Island passenger depot will be 121 ft. long, 36 ft. wide, and two stories high, built of brick and stone, costing near \$50,000. Details.

According to plans of Proudfoot and Bird, the school building to be erected on Lawrence Avenue near 16th Street will be 72 ft. square and two stories with basement. It will have eight rooms and cost near \$15,000. It will be built of Wichita brick with Augusta stone trimmings. ¶At the meeting of the school board, Mr. Brown suggested that the building be called the "Irving School Building." The suggestion seemed popular and was adopted.

Carpenters were yesterday engaged on the wood work of the arch of the Carey hotel building.

Yesterday an ice wagon and a Topeka Avenue street car nearly collided.

8. Five cars are expected to arrive this week for the Wichita Street Railway company. The company now has on its line 30 cars and has ordered ten more from St. Louis. They were expected some weeks ago and the delay is annoying the company.

**Saturday, July 2, 1887****page**

4. The engine for the Rapid Transit Motor Line company has arrived. It will probably be put on the track today and given a trial.

**Sunday, July 3, 1887****page**

4. The new Baptist church at the corner of Emporia Avenue and 10th Street will be formally dedicated next Sunday.

8. Wiggins and Wiggins are getting out a new map of the city, showing the blocks, Streets and location of the principal buildings; the cut will be the size of a sheet of paper. The imprint will be made upon one side of the paper; the other will be blank for writing.

**Tuesday, July 5, 1887****page**

4. Article describes the Fourth of July celebrations in Wichita yesterday. "On the river was a number of skiffs and rowboats, the 'Lakeside' was moored further up the stream, and a smaller steamer having on board a party of ladies and gentlemen was puffing along the course!"

Article describes a trial trip on the Kansas Midland Railroad yesterday to the end of the track about seven miles north of Central. Details.

Article reports the granting of a charter yesterday for the Gilbert Plow Company, with capital stock \$200,000, to build the patent plow of Mr. I. R. Gilbert, of Illinois. 50 acres of land near corner of 25th Street and Cleveland Avenue has been given as an inducement to locate the company here. Details.

8. Last Sunday one engine of the Rapid Transit company was placed on the track and did handsomely. Four miles of track is completed and no trouble was experienced except in curves where the mud had collected between the rail and the guides. Yesterday the engine was run along the line and several tried the ride by boarding it. The cars did not arrive for the fourth as was expected, which was a great disappointment to the company. ¶The engine was set up by Mr. J. L. Pachters, representing H. K. Porter and Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When the company assumes control it will be under the care of Mr. Stucias. Some cars will arrive in a few days when the line will be giving service. ¶The engine is not noiseless as represented, but is nearly so, and serves as a good target for a first class scare for the horses.

**Wednesday, July 6, 1887****page**

4. Three new cars for the Wichita Street railway company arrived yesterday and will be put in service today.

**Thursday, July 7, 1887****page**

4. Article reports dedication last Sunday of the new Emporia Avenue Baptist church at Emporia and 10th Street

The rear and north side walls of the Fletcher building at Second and Main are almost up to the second story.

**Friday, July 8, 1887****page**

4. At Board of Trade meeting yesterday the proposal of a well known Eastern gentlemen to locate a watch factory in Wichita was presented. Details.

Yesterday two cars were received in the city on the Schweiter motor line and were hauled over the line. The cars are in appearance much the same as a street car. However they are very much larger.

### **Saturday, July 9, 1887**

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4. Article summarizes major buildings under construction in Wichita now. Details.
8. The Wichita Rapid Transit company gave an excursion yesterday afternoon to the end of the line and back. Tomorrow, in all probability, cars will be run on regular time.

The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific has reached Queen City, ten miles out. They have a full construction train of 12 cars and engine and 141 men. There is only six miles of track to put down to reach Wichita.

### **Sunday, July 10, 1887**

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4. Article reports organization of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company by W. W. Johnston and Company and Messrs. Larimer and Stinson. Capital stock of \$100,000. Details.

Note says the Rock Island will make its connection in Wichita on Tuesday between noon and p.m. The bridge spanning the Big River south of town will be completed by Wednesday or Thursday.

8. A few trips were made on the Rapid Transit line yesterday, but no regular time of trips was observed. Owing to the roughness and newness of the track and sharp turns, especially the one at corner of Kellogg and Emporia, the company will not have things in good running order before a week's time. Ten trips, however, will be made at various times today.

Articles on various street railway topics.

### **Tuesday, July 12, 1887**

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4. Mr. North, the publisher, is now distributing the new city directories. They are 522 pages. Details.

Yesterday lathers started work on the interior of the Barnes building, to which has been given the name of the "Richland" block.

The old street railway track on North Main Street was demolished yesterday, the double track being completed to Second Street

8. All are invited to the grand opening of Getto's fine building at Main and Second Street tonight.

**Wednesday, July 13, 1887****page**

4. Article says that the new Catholic diocese of Wichita has been approved and the first bishop is said to be a Kansas priest, the Rev. James O'Reilly, of Topeka.

Article reports the last spike of the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska (Rock Island) was driven yesterday afternoon at the crossing of the Midland, and about five o' clock the construction train pulled down to the crossing on Douglas Avenue. Details.

The motor line carried a great many people to Eldridge Park and back yesterday.

The walls of the first story of the opera house are up.

Article about final completion of Rock Island line into Wichita yesterday.

**Thursday, July 14, 1887****page**

4. Contract was let yesterday for erecting the Blackwelder and Rouse block, which has been named "The Sedgwick." The foundation is already in. Total cost to be \$120,000.

Work on the Valley Center motor line will begin in a few days. Several cars and one motor are here.

The cars on the Rapid Transit motor line are now making trips in an hour's time.

Article about Rock Island - to start operating trains day after tomorrow. Freight depot is practically completed but passenger depot not yet built.

**Friday, July 15, 1887****page**

4. Wiggins and Wiggins have just completed a map of the county showing all the town sites and giving the names of the owners of each section and fraction of a section in the county.

Article reports contract let yesterday for construction of a city hospital on Fourth Avenue south between Indianapolis and Gilbert Streets. Main building is 68 x 111 ft., three stories, of wood on a stone foundation. To have men's ward with 63 beds on Second floor, and a separate female ward with 12 beds on the third floor. Details. The hospital will be built by Mr. A. D. Wheeler and associates.

Article reports special trip of the Schweiter motor line to Eldridge's park at 5:00 p.m. yesterday carrying city officials. Leaving from Douglas and Emporia the train moved rapidly, smoothly, and almost noiselessly down Emporia to Kellogg, thence east to Hydraulic, and

diagonally across the Schweiter addition on Broadway, landing the party at the park after a very pleasant ride of about 15 minutes. ¶Eldridge's park is at the terminus of the motor line, three and three-fourths miles from Douglas and Emporia, and is a delightful grove of 26 acres. Details.

Article reports that the work of reorganization of the old St. Louis, Ft. Scott & Wichita Railroad has been completed by the receiver, and the name of the new corporation taking its place will be "The Fort Scott, Wichita and Western Railway."

Article from *National Hotel Reporter* about the new Carey Hotel, to be completed by August 1.

Note about reorganization of old St. Louis, Ft. Scott, and Wichita Railroad, with new title to be The Ft. Scott, Wichita, & Western Railway.

### **Saturday, July 16, 1887**

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1. Article reports the charter was filed yesterday in Topeka for the Ft. Scott, Wichita, and Western Railroad Company, organized for the purpose of acquiring and operating the St. Louis, Fort Scott & Wichita road. Jay Gould is a director. Capital stock is \$7,000,000.
4. Mr. Peabody, who is proposing the manufacture of watches in Wichita using his new patents and improvements, arrived in Wichita yesterday to consult with a number of persons interested in organizing a company for this purpose. Details.

After Monday the 18th the Wichita City Railway Company will run all their regular cars until 10 p.m. and from 10 to 12 o'clock will run half hour cars. The fare after 11 o'clock will be 10 cents.

Contract awarded yesterday to T. W. Wells for the stone work upon the foundation of the Judson university building. Work will be commenced as soon as a switch from the main track of the Santa Fe to the grounds is constructed.

The bridge across the Arkansas at the foot of Second Street is drawing near completion.

The iron for filling up the gap of the electric motor line on Franklin Avenue is expected to arrive in a few days.

8. The fourth story of the Stackman block on Main Street is nearly finished.

Many of Wichita's factories are being provided with steam whistles. At 7:00 yesterday morning a local reporter was awakened by the screech of a new one nearby and within a minute he counted 14 screamers, screechers, and roarers, following each other in rapid succession.

**Sunday, July 17, 1887****page**

4. Last evening at 10:45 the first passenger train on the Rock Island arrived, consisting of two coaches, baggage and express car, and engine No. 116. It came down from Harrington (sic), a little town 74 minutes northeast, to be prepared to start on the regular trip east tomorrow at 8:10. The regular train from the east will arrive tomorrow evening at 7:10. Train No. 1 was under the charge of J. B. Williams, conductor, Brakeman Campbell, Expressman Mills, and Engineer Campbell at the throttle.

Article says the assessor's census shows Wichita is the largest city in the state with population of 31,760 compared with 29,800 in Topeka.

Article on progress in building the union stock yards on the eight acres secured by the company at the junction of the Santa Fe and Ft. Scott roads. Half of the eight acres has been covered with roofing and the pens are all in course of construction. ¶The work on the three story hotel at the place has reached the second story. ¶Operation of the yards will probably start about October 1.

Workmen were yesterday laying the double track of the street car line on Main between Douglas and First.

Excavation is under way for the foundation of the new parochial school on the old site of the Catholic church at Second Street and Fourth Avenue

**Tuesday, July 19, 1887****page**

4. A conductor on the Rapid Transit Motor Line company last Sunday became displeased with the action of some of his passengers in the rear coach. He cut the car loose out on the prairie and thought to let the gang walk. The boys administered some "hist up" medicine and threw the car off the track. When the conductor returned a compromise was effected and the boys replaced the car on the track and were taken to the park.

Mr. E. F. Perkins, manager of the Burton car works of Boston, Massachusetts, will arrive in Wichita this morning to look over the situation here, having spent yesterday in Kansas City.

8. Excavation for the John Bright university has been completed and the concrete work for the foundation is being done. Several car loads of stone for the foundation have arrived.

Attorney D. D. Douglas has returned from his visit east where he was looking after the interests of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line Company. The engines that were ordered some months ago are nearly completed. Arrangements were made for some iron, and the company hope to be able to commence work at an early date.

The new bridge over Chisholm creek on 15th Street will be completed today. Work on the approaches will then be commenced.

**Wednesday, July 20, 1887****page**

4. Long article about plans of the Burton Car Company to build a plant in the west. Details.

Article says the superintendent of water works has on several occasions failed to receive notice of a fire to allow him to put on increased fire pressure. The regular pressure is 40 pounds, but it is always doubled during a fire.

The Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company yesterday commenced distributing ties and rails on Water Street from Douglas north to 10th Street. Track laying will commence in a few days. They have had trouble getting their order filled for tram rail, but several car loads of ties and iron have now arrived.

The Wichita Rapid Transit company met yesterday and elected directors and officers including: Henry Schweiter, president; W. B. Jones, treasurer; J. A. Edwards, secretary; D. B. Allen, C. H. Hunter, & J. C. Jones. Mr. C. S. Eichholtz was elected general manager of the road. ¶Mr. Schweiter leaves today for the east where he will purchase more cars and engines for the line. The road is in good condition and business has been better than anticipated.

The Fairmount college building is completed to the first story.

**Thursday, July 21, 1887****page**

2. Letter to *Eagle* from John Fisher about attacks in the *Beacon* against the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line. Says "to the charge of having purchased second class cars we plead guilty but they are good, large and roomy, will be run on a broad gauge track and be warmed in winter and are far superior to the cars used by the Street Railway Company." ¶"The Baldwin motor is also second class and is designed for the upper division or the country end of the line."

Article reports further negotiations with the representatives of the Burton car company. Details.

Bids opened yesterday for three story Zeininger building, to be erected on Market Street adjoining the City Hotel on the south, and to have 50 ft. front and 100 ft. depth.

Men working yesterday on third story of the brick building being erected on North Main by Charles Morris.

Work on the interior of the Richland block on East Douglas has commenced in earnest, and it will soon be ready for occupancy.

Excavation under way for Rock Island passenger depot.

8. Bids for erection of the Catholic school building were opened yesterday, and contract will be awarded in a few days.

The old wooden buildings on Douglas just east of the Noble block were being moved yesterday to make room for the brick building to be erected on their site.

### **Friday, July 22, 1887**

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4. Long article reports the Burton Stock Car Company works is going to come to Wichita. Details.

Letter to *Eagle* from B. H. Campbell replying to letter from John Fisher yesterday. Details.

Long article about progress on the Crawford-Daisy opera house, South Topeka Avenue. Brick being laid on third story. Details. Hope to have completed by October 15th.

8. Mr. Henry Schweiter left yesterday on a trip to St. Louis and Pittsburgh to buy rolling stock for his motor line.

Contract awarded yesterday for three story brick building 100 ft. square on Chicago Avenue near Seneca being erected by Mr. M. E. Lawrence.

Contract let yesterday for erection of Zeininger building.

The gas company is rushing the work on the new gas holder, retort house.

### **Saturday, July 23, 1887**

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4. Long booming article about rapid progress of Wichita reprinted from a recent number of *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly* - dated Wichita, May 25, 1887. Details.

Long article crowing about Wichita's victory in beating Kansas City out for location of Burton Car Works. Details. (Reprint of yesterday's article).

7. Notice - Commencing Sunday, July 17 the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway (Rock Island Route) will run regular passenger trains, leaving Wichita daily at 8:10 a.m. and arriving at Topeka at 2:25 p.m. and St. Joseph at 6:50 p.m., at which place close connection is made with the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway, running through sleeper and chair cars to Chicago. Trains arrive at Wichita daily at 7:10 p.m.

8. Trustees of Wichita University met yesterday and elected chancellor and faculty members. Details. University to open about September First.

Over \$150,000 stock has been subscribed for the watch factory. An application will be filed today for a charter.

**Sunday, July 24, 1887****page**

4. Long article about progress in preparation of the *Wichita Journal of Commerce*. The first number will be called the September number and it is to be issued quarterly thereafter. Details.

Board of Education yesterday let contract to W. H. Sternberg for addition to first ward school building for \$2,918. ¶Low bid for new eight room school building of \$17,421 was considered to high, so some alterations will be made to the plans.

Article says the location of Burton car works in Wichita is contingent on subscription here for \$200,000 of stock and securing of 75 acres of land for a site by Thursday of this week. Details.

Article says excavation is progressing for the building of the Gilbert plow works and plans for the building have been completed.

Track laying for the Wichita and Suburban motor line will commence in a few days. Ties and iron have been distributed on Water Street from Douglas to 15th Street Rolling stock has been ordered. Steam motors will be used which the company report noiseless. The cars will be heated in winter by steam.

8. The Wichita Street Railway Company now have 36 cars running and four more expected this week from St. Louis. The company yesterday received several cars of ties and iron and work on the Linwood Park extension and other extensions will be resumed tomorrow. ¶The company yesterday received 27 miles from Kansas City. ¶B. F. Wiley and Sons of East Douglas Avenue yesterday finished refitting and repainting one of the street cars. The work was done in a most artistic manner, proving that for a superior grade of work of this kind there is no necessity of leaving Wichita.

**Tuesday, July 26, 1887****page**

4. Article says the Wichita baseball team has joined the Western League and will make its debut this afternoon against Lincoln, Nebraska. Details.

J. B. Legg, architect of St. Louis, who made the plans for the Blackwelder and Rouse building, has established a branch office in Wichita.

8. A gentleman yesterday stated that the rail and ties now being distributed on Market Street belonged to the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company and not to the Wichita and Suburban as formerly stated. Both companies will occupy the line as far north as 15th Street, but the material was bought by the Wichita and Valley Center and the other company will in time buy half of the line.

**Wednesday, July 27, 1887**

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4. 15th Street is being graded by T. K. McLean preparatory to laying track for the Wichita and Suburban motor line. Track laying on the line will commence today on Water Street. One motor and some cars will be on hand in 30 days.

City council yesterday passed ordinance regulating the fare of hacks in the city:

Not over one mile -- 25 cents

Over one mile -- not over 50 cents

Twenty-five pounds baggage allowed to each passenger

After 11 p.m., double fare

Hire per hour, not over \$1.50 for first hour and \$1.00 for each hour after the first. After 11 p.m., \$2.00 per hour.

Four persons allowed to the hack.

Regulations as adopted to be posted in each hack.

Foundation for the boot and shoe factory has been completed.

Three sections of the city are bidding for the Burton car works. Details.

Contract let yesterday for the stone work for the foundation of the Zimmerly building.

The building for the Wichita University has reached the third story. It is thought that it will be completed by the first of September.

8. The little motor recently received by the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line has been having a varied career. When it first appeared it bore the name of "John Fisher", but during the night someone effaced this and substituted instead "Hank Heiserman." The next day even this was changed to "Joe Rich." Last evening a fire was made in the engine and it steamed up from the Pine Street bridge to the Ft. Scott Railroad crossing, then ran back, fell off the track, and has not been seen since.

**Thursday, July 28, 1887****page**

4. Only the foundation for the John Bright University building will be completed this year. The contract calls for the foundation to be completed by the first of February. It is thought best to allow the foundation to be subjected to one winter before completing the building.

The last story of the Stackman building on North Main is finished.

8. Note mentions report in the dispatches yesterday of the death of Father James O'Reilly, of Topeka, who was the newly appointed bishop for the Wichita diocese.

**Friday, July 29, 1887****page**

4. Article describes the plans for buildings of the Gilbert Plow Works, completed by A. Peabody, architect. Main building is east and west and is 260 ft. long and 60 ft. wide. Details.

Long article reports definite acceptance yesterday of the agreement for the Burton Car Company to locate here. The site location is yet to be determined. Details.

It is confidently stated that the Kansas Midland road will be completed as far north as Valley Center within a very few weeks. The long delay, as stated by some officials, has been caused by a lack of material. The orders for rails have been in for many months, but it was impossible to get them filled. The railroad boom in the country is so great this year that it makes it impossible for that company to get the iron needed. ¶A message was received yesterday stating that the iron needed would be on hand by the middle of next week. As soon as it arrives work on track laying will commence.

Plans for the Israel and Myers building are finished.

**Saturday, July 30, 1887****page**

4. Between now and the fifth of next month track laying on the Kansas Midland will begin and progress at the rate of two miles per day. The company are now building a water tank in Eagle township; all the depots in the county are in course of construction; and the depot in this city, corner of Wabash and Pine, is now being built. ¶Grading is completed to the south line of Ellsworth county. ¶Yesterday the first train into the city passed over the line down Mosley Avenue
8. The Wichita Rapid Transit Company have their motor in fine shape again and will run it regular hereafter. Mr. Schweiter has returned from the east, where he has purchased more palace cars and new motors for the line.

**Sunday, July 31, 1887****page**

4. The watch factory company has been chartered to manufacture the Peabody watch. Directors listed.

**Tuesday, August 2, 1887****page**

4. Board of education let contract yesterday for the eight room school building to be erected on North Lawrence Avenue for \$15,812 to E. P. Rogers and Company. To be erected by December 25, 1887.

Article reports inspection trip of city and county officials on the Rock Island yesterday prior to insurance of \$140,000 of bonds by the county and \$10,000 by the city to aid the railroad.

The road is made of 60 pound steel with 3,000 oak ties to the mile, costing \$21,000 per mile. It is being built 1 ½ miles per day and will probably reach Wellington tomorrow.

8. Ad for bids for construction of Burton Stock Car Company buildings. Major buildings include: Brick shop, engine, and boiler house 250 by 80 with 90 ft. chimney; Brick setting up shop 250 by 80; Brick blacksmith and machine shop 250 by 60; Brick print shop 250 by 80; Brick foundry 250 by 60. All to be completed by January 1, 1888.

### **Wednesday, August 3, 1887**

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4. Another article about the question of the site for the Burton car works, which is not yet decided. Details.

The Kansas Midland water tank at the mill race near 20th Street is completed.

The Rock Island freight depot building is completed. The foundation for the passenger depot will be completed in a few days.

### **Thursday, August 4, 1887**

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4. Long article about the planned watch factory. Details.

Some more new cars arrived yesterday for the Wichita Street Railway company. The double track of the Wichita Street railway company on Main from Oak to Douglas is nearly completed. Work on putting down a double track on Douglas Avenue from Main Street to the Santa Fe Railroad will commence in a few days.

Track laying on the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line has been completed as far north as Railroad Street. One engine for the line was shipped from Pittsburgh a few days ago and is expected to arrive here next week. Yesterday rails and ties were being distributed by the company on 15th Street.

Several car loads of ties have arrived for the Wichita and Valley Center motor line. The track of this company leaves the Wichita and Suburban at 13th Street, and it is promised that work will be commenced at an early date.

Arrangements are being made for moving the round house of the Rapid Transit company farther north, as the present site has proved very unhandy. A movement is on foot for running the line of the company north on Fourth Avenue. The company is desirous of a northern extension, and it is thought the people along Fourth Avenue would welcome the line whereas many on North Emporia Avenue would object to it.

The gas well is at present near 1,900 ft. deep.

The walls of the Morris building on North Main are almost completed.

Brick work on the Rouse-Blackwelder building started yesterday.

**Friday, August 5, 1887****page**

4. Long article says contract has been awarded to T. K. McLean for construction of line of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line from 13th and Main to the eastern terminus at 15th and Vassar. The bridge across Chisholm creek at 15th Street has already been completed and is wide enough to accommodate both the motor line and public travel. ¶An extension going north on Hydraulic Avenue from 15th Street to the Gilbert plow works is being planned. ¶Soon after the franchise was granted, arrangements were made for motors in Philadelphia. A few weeks ago when Mr. Strong visited there, one motor was completed and gave an exhibition trip. That motor and some cars were shipped several days ago and are expected here by the middle of the month. Within 60 days two more motors will arrive and additional cars. The company intends to give 15 minute service. ¶The company have not fully determined the site of the round-house and water tanks, but it seems probable that the round-house will be located on the east end of the line and two tanks will be constructed, one on the east and one on Water Street

The walls for the hotel building near the stock yards have been completed.

Note says the wing of the watch factory to be put up this fall will be 30 by 145 ft. and three stories high. Details.

**Saturday, August 6, 1887****page**

4. Howe's circus opened yesterday on the corner of North Main and Oak Streets.

The gas company has completed 15 miles of mains during the last year.

Arrangements have been made for the Santa Fe to lay a switch to the Judson University building site.

**Sunday, August 7, 1887****page**

4. The Wichita Street Railway company are constructing a switch on Fourth Avenue near Third Street. A 15 minute service on Fourth Avenue from Main and Douglas to the Union Depot will be given, starting today. The arrival of more cars from St. Louis has made this better service on that line possible. ¶The company has been asked to give a 20 minute service to the cemetery and will grant this request, the car running from Main and Douglas. ¶Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:00p.m. Sundays a 15 minute service will be given College Hill to improve the facilities for going to church. ¶The double track on Main from 13th St (??) to Douglas has been completed. On both sides of each rail is a heavy oak board near the top of the rail. Between the tracks and the rails and outside for two feet it is macadamized, bringing the surface near the top of the rail and allowing wagons and carriages to go over the track easily even though the "T" rail is used. When the weather is better, a double track will be

constructed on Douglas from Main to Mead Avenue. ¶The Linwood Park line will be completed by the last of this week. By the time the extension is completed the cars will arrive. They will be painted yellow.

Long article says the location of the Burton Stock Car company has been settled, and the bid was accepted coming from the north end. The bid consists of 500 acres of land, 100 lots, and \$21,000 in cash, the total value estimated at \$400,000. It is in the quarter section north of Midland addition, near four miles from Main and Douglas. ¶Directors of the company are listed. ¶Charter from the Burton Land Company has been granted, with capital stock \$500,000. This is not connected with the Burton Stock Car Company. Details.

The Rock Island Route will open up their temporary depot at southeast corner of Douglas and Mead today for sale of tickets and checking baggage. Their city office in the Fechheimer building will open on August 15.

### **Tuesday, August 9, 1887**

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4. Wichita and Suburban motor line company directors met yesterday to consider some new extensions. ¶One extension leaves the line on 15th Street at Hydraulic Avenue and runs north to the plow works. Another leaves the line on 15th Street at Fourth Avenue and runs north to the site for the Burton car works. ¶It was decided to make the extensions provided the city council would grant the franchise.

Contract for the brick work on the Zimmerly building was awarded yesterday.

### **Wednesday, August 10, 1887**

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4. At city council yesterday the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company asked that their right-of-way ordinance be changed to allow them to reach Emporia Avenue on 13th Street. This was called for by the railroad crossing on corner of Fourth Avenue and 15th Street. The matter was referred to the railroad company (sic). Since the company is constructing its line this week, it is anxious to have a prompt answer.

City council yesterday extended the time for completion of the Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line road by five months.

Article reports on plans of the watch factory. One wing, machine shop, engine house, and store house are to be erected this fall, with completion by December 1st. Details. In full operation it will employ about 400 men.

Proudfoot and Bird are drawing plans for three story brick building to be erected by Judge Mitchell on Topeka Avenue adjoining the Throckmorton building on the north. To be 50 by 100 ft.

The contractor yesterday commenced getting out stone at the Udall quarry for the Judson University building.

**Thursday, August 11, 1887****page**

4. Directors of the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power Company for coming year were elected yesterday. Listed.

Contract awarded yesterday for the buildings for the Burton Stock Car Company to Russell Brothers for \$80,637. Work to be completed by Jan. 1st.

Dr. Furley has about completed an addition to the southeast corner of the Furley block.

Last evening the lamp on a Fourth Avenue street car blazing up set the car afire on Douglas between Market and Lawrence, but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

Article reports the council members have fixed the position of the river bank from Central to Maple to prevent further encroachment by filling in. Details.

The Valley Pressed Brick and Tile Company are now making 35,000 daily in a few weeks will be up to full capacity of 50,000 brick daily. It is located nearly four miles southeast of the city. The Zimmerly block will be built of the company's brick, 550,000 being needed.

**Friday, August 12, 1887****page**

4. Article reports complaints about trains that frequently block major crossings for 30 or 45 minutes.

A move is foot for extending the Central Avenue and Eastern motor line west on First Street from Emporia to Main. The line formerly was strongly opposed by people living on First Street, but nearly all have now withdrawn their objections.

The Wichita Boat Club yesterday received their last shipment of two fine pleasure boars, making in all 12 now owned by the club.

Curbing and guttering of First Street between Main and Water started yesterday.

**Sunday, August 14, 1887****page**

4. The north wing of the Garfield University building is nearing completion for the fall term, which begins September 6, 1887.

The Rock Island will reach Caldwell Wednesday.

8. Men are now engaged on the interior of the Martinson block at Seneca and Chicago, and masons are now engaged on the second story brick work on the Lawrence-Seaman building, the "Palace Block," on the opposite corner.

**Tuesday, August 16, 1887****page**

4. Work on the Lincoln school building is progressing, and the walls have reached the top of the second story. ¶Excavation has commenced for the school building on North Lawrence Avenue

The foundation of the Pollack and Pierce building on South Topeka is completed.

**Wednesday, August 17, 1887****page**

4. Article about strengthening of the Wichita baseball team to meet Western League standards. Details.

The Linwood park extension of the Wichita Street Railway company is completed. It leaves Douglas at Laura Avenue, south on Laura to Gilbert, east on Gilbert to Lulu, south on Lulu to Harry to Swan, south on Swan through Linwood park addition to Levy Street. The first car over the line was run yesterday with Mr. Niederlander and a number of his force and Mr. M. W. Levy as passengers. A 20 minute service will be given that extension by blue cars. The cars arrived a few days ago. ¶The gentlemen who donated the park are now anxious for the city to take steps to beautify it.

The "Carey Grand" is rapidly nearing completion.

Drilling on the gas well has been discontinued at a depth of between 1,900 ft. and 2,000 ft. Salt water has been the leading find, and it was decided to abandon it. Details.

Ground broken yesterday for the four story Miller and Stone building with 50 ft. front at corner of Mead and Douglas. (Northwest corner.)

Mrs. Hodge has opened a first class hotel for colored people on North Main.

8. Roof timber was being put on the north wing of the Garfield university building yesterday.

**Thursday, August 18, 1887****page**

4. Long article describes the Wichita Pressed and Ornamental Brick company, which is being constructed. The clay is on the Bradshaw farm near four miles southeast of Main and Douglas near corner of Hillside and Harry Street. Details.

Exterior walls of the Stackman building on North Main are completed.

Brick work has commenced on the Zenninger building on North Market.

Recent arrival of some new cars from St. Louis for the Wichita Street Railway company has made it possible to increase the service to College Hill to a 15 minute service starting today. Some new switches will be built on that line.

The elevator in the Fechheimer building began running yesterday.

### **Friday, August 19, 1887**

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4. The Wichita Soap Manufacturing Company started operations yesterday. Details.

Contract awarded yesterday for the Mitchell building on Topeka Avenue, adjoining the Throckmorton building on the north. When completed it will be occupied by Larimer and Johnston for a wholesale dry goods establishment.

The foundation is finished for the Rock Island passenger depot.

Men were working yesterday on the second story of the brick block being erected at Lawrence and William.

### **Saturday, August 20, 1887**

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4. All Hallows Academy will open on the first Monday in September. The yearly tuition is \$160.00.

The Schuyler Electric Light company has lately received a large supply of apparatus for incandescent lighting and yesterday put in two incandescent lights of 75 c.p. each in the ticket office of the Missouri Pacific company.

### **Sunday, August 21, 1887**

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4. Large quantities of steel rails, ties and other material are being delivered for the Wichita and Valley Center motor line, and the Porter motors have been completed and shipped for this line.

Article reports the steam stone cutting works of Messrs. Balance and Jans started operation some three weeks ago at Water and 10th Streets, near the Missouri Pacific yards.

The motor of the Rapid Transit company ran over a cow near Chisholm creek bridge last Friday. The cow died from the injuries. It is stated that the motor line company will be sued for damages.

Article reports the Kansas Sash and Door company on South Mosley has commenced operations. Details.

Article about the Wichita Wholesale Grocery Company, which recently moved from North Main Street to the Miller building at corner of Water and First Street

Article says the Forest City Dry Pressed Brick Company is ready for operations. Details. Its clay is located on the Kuhns farm about four miles south of Douglas.

**Tuesday, August 23, 1887****page**

4. City council yesterday instructed fire committee to prepare plans for hose house No. 2.

City engineer reported the old bridge across the Little river on 13th Street is in bad condition and a new one will have to be built. It would be 200 ft. long with a 16 ft. driveway, and would cost near \$1,400.

The Second Street bridge across the Big river has been completed for some days. The approaches will be made soon.

**Wednesday, August 24, 1887****page**

4. Arrangements have been made for a switch off the Frisco at 13th Street. A lumber company has been formed with yard at the end of the switch. ¶The Wichita and Suburban motor line will establish their round house at the end of the switch.

Baughman and Freeman are moving into their new livery barn on South Emporia. It is one of the finest in the state.

Article describes the "Official State Atlas of Kansas," just issued by L. A. Everetts and Company, of Philadelphia. Many laudatory comments. Details.

8. Major Powell reports it impossible to get the tram rail for some days, which is to be used on the Wichita and Suburban as far north as 13th Street. As a result, work has ceased for lack of iron. The line from 13th Street east will probably be completed before the tram rail arrives.

**Thursday, August 25, 1887****page**

4. Street Commissioner Stone stated yesterday that the force would soon commence work on the approaches to the Second Street bridge. They could be completed in a few days and the bridge then will be ready for use.

The excavations for the foundations of the Burton car works are being rapidly made. A switch from the Midland is being put down and stone is being delivered by the car load.

The foundation for the Schweiter-Mosbacher building on East Douglas is almost completed.

**Saturday, August 27, 1887**

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4. Article about the regatta yesterday on the Little river. "Both bridges, the Oak Street and the Motor line, were crowded with people."

Article reports delays in putting in the new water station due to lack of material. Details.

**Sunday, August 28, 1887****page**

4. The Stackman building on North Main is nearing completion and some of the rooms are already being occupied. Walter Hoffman will open his "smoker's parlor" there tomorrow.

The Kansas Midland depot on Pine Street is nearly completed.

Architects Dumont and Hayward are preparing plans for the Stites Brothers building, to be erected on the west side of Main between Douglas and 1st. To be 50 by 140 ft. and five stories.

The new store room to be occupied by Innes and Ross, on North Main Street, is almost completed.

**Tuesday, August 30, 1887****page**

4. Article reports the wall at the west end of the new Crawford opera house collapsed yesterday morning and fell to the ground. Cause uncertain. Long discussion and details.

**Wednesday, August 31, 1887****page**

4. Article reports men in Chicago have accused B. H. Campbell of embezzlement, but the charge has been denied. Details.

The Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company has a number of hands working on track laying on 15th Street The grading is nearly completed along the entire line. A number of men are employed on the roundhouse and general office of the company in Fairmount addition.

Architects Proudfoot and Bird are drawing plans for a fine residence for Mr. Lauck, of the Fourth National Bank, which will be erected on Fairview Avenue

Mr. J. H. Black, of the Wholesale Grocery Company, will erect half of the block on North Main Street previously said to be erected by the Stites Brothers.

8. The Burton Stock Car company have purchased 8,000 tons of iron rails and will lay 12 miles of track upon their grounds independent of switch lines to be laid to the car works by the various railroad companies.

**Thursday, September 1, 1887**

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4. Letter to *Eagle* from president of Board of Education describing the courses offered at Wichita High School. "Three years ago the high school had but 25 or 30 students and one teacher. Now there will be over 100 students and four teachers." Professor U. P. Shull will continue as principal. Three courses of study are offered: English, classical and college preparatory.

Five car loads of bridge material reached Ellsworth yesterday for the Kansas Midland Railroad company.

Men were engaged yesterday on the third story of the Houck-Stein building at Lawrence and William.

**Friday, September 2, 1887****page**

4. Contract for YMCA building awarded yesterday to Mr. O'Neil of Leavenworth. He is to do all stone work and woodwork, and finishing for \$36,000. It was first intended that the building should be of brick with heavy stone trimmings, but it has been decided to use no brick, and make it a solid stone building. The contract calls for completion of the basement, first and second stories, and is thought to be completed by the first of January next.

The Barnes block will be occupied in a few days.

8. Baughman and Freeman moved into their fine new hack barn on South Emporia yesterday. It is of brick with a 75 ft. front and 140 ft. deep and two stories high. The barn gives room for 75 horses and 40 hacks.

**Saturday, September 3, 1887****page**

4. Trustees of the Wichita University met yesterday and decided to open the school on Tuesday, October 4. Details.

The Santa Fe company yesterday were putting in the switch from their track to the Judson University grounds and expect to have it ready for use Tuesday. They were compelled to tear up the one formerly built, since it was not laid in the proper place. ¶Professor Crowell says there is a large amount of finely cut stone at the quarry at Udall awaiting transportation.

The stone for the YMCA building will be finished by McLean, Martinson, and Company, and comes from Towanda. It is said to be very superior building stone.

The foundation for the Zimmerly building is now completed.

The north wing of the Garfield university building is ready for roofing. The other part has reached the third story.

**Sunday, September 4, 1887****page**

4. Long article describes the Lewis Academy, which is about to start its second scholastic year. The building was designed by Proudfoot and Bird and cost \$30,000. Attendance last year was 102-59 males and 43 females. Article says the school was founded in 1884. Drawing. Details.

A few weeks ago a committee from the First Methodist Episcopal church purchased a site on the corner of Waco and 13th Street for a new church. They have now obtained a pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoyt.

8. The first ward school and that at Kellogg and Ida are not yet ready to be used, so school will be postponed in these two buildings for a week or longer.

Ad encouraging people to build in "McCormick's second addition-old fair grounds."

**Tuesday, September 6, 1887****page**

4. Article describes the miserable conditions in the area of vice along South Fourth Avenue and urges that the law should be enforced in this area. Details.

Preparations are being made for a grand celebration to be given at Motor Line Park September 22 in honor of the 25th anniversary of emancipation.

Long article describes the Labor Day parade in Wichita yesterday.

Contract let yesterday for completing the Lincoln Street Presbyterian church.

8. Board of Education yesterday set teachers' salaries-mostly \$50-60 per month. Salary of superintendent was fixed at \$150 per month. ¶The first ward school building and the Kellogg school will be ready for occupancy by Thursday.

Until the north wing of Garfield university building is ready for occupancy, classes will be held beginning Tuesday, September 6, in the brick building on Maple Street close to the university, known as the Coop block. ¶Street cars run from the corner of Main and Douglas every 20 minutes directly past the building.

**Wednesday, September 7, 1887****page**

4. Article refers to the Stem building, now under construction at corner of Lawrence and William.

**Thursday, September 8, 1887****page**

4. Long editorial urging the rebuilding of the fallen opera house walls. Details.

Article reports the opening of Garfield University on September 6th in the Coop block, near the University building.

Speaking of street railways, Wichita has four times the number of miles that Hutchinson has and by Christmas will have twice as many more. 21 miles are now being added. Taking the horse car lines, the two motor lines, and the electric line, and Wichita will have between 80 and 90 miles in operation within 30 or 60 days.

The exterior work on the Morris building on North Market Street is completed.

A large number of young people went out on the Little river boating last evening.

Work has commenced on the plow factory buildings.

Yesterday afternoon there was an interesting shoot by the Wichita gun club at Riverside park.

Brick work on the Rouse-Blackwelder building at First and Market is almost to the second story.

### **Friday, September 9, 1887**

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4. Long article about a surprise party last night given at his home for the "Father of Wichita," William Griffenstein. Details.

Article reports opening of bids yesterday for location for the watch factory. Details of voting by stockholders on the various offers. Site in Martinson's addition on West Side leading, but not yet decided on.

Article on the telephone exchange says it is being moved from its present quarters to the fourth floor of the Fechheimer block. New cables are being put in, each carrying 104 wires.

### **Saturday, September 10, 1887**

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4. Long article on the successful opening of Garfield university. Details.

Stockholders of the Wichita Watch company yesterday met yesterday and voted on the location of the company. The Martinson site on the West Side was chosen. It is less than a mile west, on Chicago Avenue, and consists of about six acres of beautiful ground. The site is valued at \$30,000, in addition to which the company receives a bonus in land and money amounting to \$40,000. A building committee was selected and instructed immediately to employ an architect, so as to let contracts on or before October 1st. Details.

8. Mr. C. S. Eichholtz has resigned his position as general manager of the Rapid Transit company, effective today. This was the result of a press in his business from other quarters and the company regret very much to lose his services.

The switch to the Judson university ground having been completed, material is now being rapidly moved upon the grounds.

The first Ward school and Kellogg Street school will be ready for pupils on Monday, September 12.

### **Sunday, September 11, 1887**

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1. Drawing of the Sedgwick building, now being erected by George H. Blackwelder and George L. Rouse and to be completed by January 1st at cost of \$120,000. Front is of St. Louis pressed brick trimmed with Lake Superior red sand stone and polished granite. Details.

2,363 buildings were erected in Wichita for the year ending April 1, 1887. Booming articles.

2. Editorial about the Kansas Midland Railroad says it is in reality a Wichita enterprise. Much of the grading for the entire road was done in the early spring and summer, and a few miles of track was laid out from Wichita, on which was placed two passenger coaches and a new construction engine and cars, but for some weeks now the work has been at a stand still. It is now learned that work is to be resumed on the 13th of this month and pushed to completion.

Article reports that the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska road, better known as the Rock Island route, will be open to Caldwell on September 18.

4. Drawing of the Eagle block (second one).

Long article describes the Wichita Cracker Company. Details. On Fourth Avenue between Douglas and First, three story building with 50 ft. front.

It is expected that the West Side National Bank will commence business by the last of this week.

Superintendent of Schools, Chidester says that the attendance this year is over 20 percent more than last year at the beginning of the session.

8. The street force has finished grading on Carlos Street, Bitting Avenue, and Larimer Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets. ¶The east end approach to the Second Street bridge has been completed. The west approach was completed by the company putting in the bridge.

### **Tuesday, September 13, 1887**

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4. City council yesterday adopted plans by Proudfoot and Bird for a new fire engine house with front of 25 ft. and depth of 100 ft., two stories, with a tower 52 ft. high for drying hose. Estimated cost \$3,000.

City council: "The Santa Fe don't recognize that there are any streets in Wichita crossing their tracks from Douglas Avenue south to Kellogg. They claim that they bought the land years ago and think we have no streets." Referred to judiciary committee and city attorney.

Mr. G. C. Strong has returned from a trip to St. Louis in the interests of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company. The engines have been completed and some of the cars. The coaches will be regular passenger coaches heated with steam.

The Santa Fe has placed flagmen at the Oak Street and Central Avenue crossings.

8. The Midland Railroad has finished a 50,000 gallon water tank at Lake and is building the third near Lyons.

The joint passenger station of the Kansas Midland and Frisco roads at Wabash Avenue has just been completed by Capt. White, who is now erecting the stations at Burton and elsewhere. The station at Wabash Avenue is quite similar to the first class depots of the Frisco.

Ad: "About two miles of motor line track has been laid in Valley Center and the Kansas Midland will soon reach there."

### **Wednesday, September 14, 1887**

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4. The electric motor line company are having some trouble about getting their electric machinery to work. There seems to be some doubt whether the system will be a success. The doubts are so strong that Mr. J. O. Davidson visited the council Monday night with the intention of asking privileges of running a steam motor over the line instead of an electric motor, but they were too busy to introduce the matter. ¶It seems probable that there will be some trouble about getting a steam motor instead of electric. Some of the council were heard to speak unfavorably of the change. They don't seem particularly washed on the steam motor, as a result of so much opposition coming against them from the dear people.
8. Contract for drawing the plans for the watch factory building was awarded yesterday to Proudfoot and Bird.

### **Thursday, September 15, 1887**

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4. City council yesterday discussed use of steam motors by Wichita and Suburban south of 13th Street and by the electric motor line. Comment by "Attorney Moore:" "You now know the result of steam motors. You have a practical test of it now in your city. Those who live along the line are very better in their opposition to the steam motor."

The West Side National Bank commences business today.

8. The new Scottish Rite headquarters have been completed. They occupy the third floor of the Friend block on East Douglas Avenue, 50 by 110 ft. The lodge room is in the southwest corner and is 25 by 90 ft. The parlor in the northeast corner of the floor is 20 by 25 ft.

Steam motors were running yesterday on the Davidson motor line from the northwest end of the line to the Ft. Scott road on Pine Street. The company has purchased two steam motors and "Wichita No. 2" was making the trips yesterday.

The new central telephone office will be ready for use in about two weeks. The company at present has about 300 boxes in the city and 200 more ordered. The new office will give a capacity for 1,000 boxes.

### **Friday, September 16, 1887**

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4. Article reports a concert last night at the "popular Garfield opera house."

Superintendent Harding (of the Missouri Pacific) was out yesterday on a "special hand car," accompanied by the inspector of bridges, Mr. Frank Clark, and a couple of "pumpers," who furnished the power for going over the line on their tour of inspection.

8. The Wichita Street Railway company yesterday commenced work on the double track on Douglas Avenue. It is intended to have a double track from Main Street to Mead Avenue and the work will be completed at the rate of about two blocks in three days.

There was a meeting yesterday morning of the directors of the new Wichita street railway company and those of the old company. The final papers in the transfer of the property were made out.

The West Side National Bank commenced business yesterday on the first floor of the Martinson block. Capital is \$100,000. President is R. E. Lawrence. Details.

### **Saturday, September 17, 1887**

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4. The second motor for the Rapid Transit company is expected to arrive in a few days. When it is ready for use the company will give an increased service on the line.

Brick work was commenced yesterday for the new school building on North Lawrence Avenue. Contract calls for it to be completed by November 1st.

Johnston and Larimer's dry goods establishment will probably occupy their new quarters in the Mitchell building on North Topeka by December 1st.

### **Sunday, September 18, 1887**

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2. Drawing of residence of William Griffenstein in northwest portion of the city, which was built this year.

Long list and summary of brick and stone business buildings built in Wichita since January 1st or now under construction.

Long article describing the Carey hotel, which can now be stated to be completed. Work was commenced in July 1886. Front of 100 ft. on Douglas and 120 ft. on Fourth Avenue. Cost not less than \$120,000. Has 130 guest rooms, steam heating, gas fixtures, and electric return call bells. Bath rooms on every floor. Has an hydraulic Hale elevator.

President J. Oak Davidson, despairing of satisfactory work of the electric motors on the Market Street and Riverside line, is contemplating a cable line. The stationary engine, dynamos, and machinery generating the electric power has been stretched but still the beautiful little motor's performance lack much of being satisfactory. It skips out with its complement of passenger coaches in a lively manner for a little ways, but when an attempt is made to have it cover the same track back there is a failure. The inventor or proprietor has spent no little money in attempting to make good his guaranty. For a few days a steam motor belonging to the Valley Center line has been working up and down the road. The people along the entire line would be pleased if a cable line should be put in.

Charter filed in Topeka Friday: The Market Street Horse Railway Company of Wichita. Capital stock \$50,000. Directors: H. H. Richards, G. W. Walter, George C. Strong, George L. Douglas, and L. D. Skinner.

8. Long article on the real estate boom in Wichita. Details.

## **Tuesday, September 20, 1887**

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4. Article reports laying of corner stone of the new St. John's Episcopal church at northeast corner of Third and Topeka last Sunday, September 18. It is being built of the finest Augusta stone in the early Norman style of architecture and will cost over \$40,000.

At the last council meeting it was stated that the difficulties between the Market Street people and the Wichita and Suburban railway would be amicably settled soon. Some Market Street people have vigorously objected to steam motors, but another drawback has been the fact that under the previous ordinance no through service was possible on Market Street, it being cut into two fractions of roads, the Davidson line from Douglas to Pine, and the Wichita and Suburban from 10th to 13th Street. In view of this a company has been formed (see September 18) controlled by men whose interests are closely identifies with Market st, for the purpose of supplying the "missing link" by building a line between Pine and 10th Streets to give Market Street a connected service north and south. It will be a horse car line for the present, but when the council permits and property owners desires it, a cable line could be put in from 13th Street to Douglas Avenue. ¶If carries into effect, the Wichita and Suburban line will stop its motors at 13th Street and run the cars down town with horses. If so, they may

not wish to go west to Water and then down to Douglas, and that portion of the line might be given over to the exclusive use of the Wichita and Valley Center company.

**Wednesday, September 21, 1887****page**

4. 10 cars of fine grain dressed sand stone arrived yesterday from Udall for the Judson University. Contractor J. W. Wells said yesterday the delay in commencing work on laying the foundation was caused by the delay in getting switch facilities to the quarry. The switch is near  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles long and was not emptied until a few days ago.

Article lists program for the Wichita Southwestern Horse Fair association races to be held at Riverside Park October 11 to 14.

8. It is rumored that the Wichita Street Railway company will commence work today in laying track on Market Street south from Douglas Avenue

The addition built to the Tremont house is now completed. It is brick, with St. Louis pressed brick front, three stories high, 25 by 100 ft., and cost \$9,000.

**Thursday, September 22, 1887****page**

4. Yesterday men started work on an extension of the street railway running south from Douglas on Market. The company has decided to run a line south on Market to Morris, west on Morris to Water, and north on Water and Morris, as the line on South Water was a settled fact some months ago.

Street commissioner Stone has closed up 13th bridge forbidding travel, as it has been adjudged unsafe. Work will soon be commenced in building a new one. Cost is estimated at \$1,600, and some members of the county commissioners have indicated they would pay half and the city the other half.

The Morris building is rapidly nearing completion.

**Friday, September 23, 1887****page**

4. The store rooms of the new Richland block are being prepared for occupancy.

Note about squabbling between the different motor line companies over their plans and location.

Contract was let yesterday for rebuilding the opera house. Everything will be removed to the foundation and the brick work started anew. Steinmetz and Sullivan will do the brick work and bear all expense if it should take another tumble.

Enrollment at the high school is 105, 50 more than last year's average attendance.

Two new motors were received in this city last evening for use on the Rapid Transit.

**Saturday, September 24, 1887****page**

4. Mr. Finlay Ross has taken possession of his palatial residence on Lake Side, corner of Oak and Waco Streets.

The new motor of the Rapid Transit company was put on the track yesterday and was soon giving service. It is of the same make as the first and in a few days will be run regularly, giving better service to the line.

**Sunday, September 25, 1887****page**

1. Drawing of the Woman's College, Wichita (i.e., Fairmount).
4. Article discusses Wichita's jobbing trade with the surrounding area. Details.

Long article about the Wichita Watch factory with many details. Building to be completed by January 1, 1888 and they hope to be equipped and ready to start by June 1, 1888.

Article says Mr. W. P. Carey has rented the Carey hotel building to Captain R. P. Miller, of Cherryvale, for operation. Furnishing will take some weeks and cost \$40-50,000. It is hoped to get it in operation by the middle of December.

8. Note says Wichita has 18 brick plants, three of them run by steam, but we have bought besides that all the surplus brick of all the towns within 100 miles or so.

**Tuesday, September 27, 1887****page**

4. City council yesterday let contract for erecting the 13th Street bridge for \$1,350.

City council yesterday given estimated cost of \$5,300 for hose house No. 2 and ordered the clerk to advertise for bids.

**Wednesday, September 28, 1887****page**

4. Long article describes proposed sewerage system for Wichita presented by an engineering firm. Many details.

The Koenig block on East Douglas is being roofed and will be ready for use in a few days.

The shoe factory building is nearly completed.

The stone arch and pillar at the southeast corner of the Rouse-Blackwelder building was completed yesterday.

8. The foundation for Mr. Proudfoot's residence on Clifton Avenue has been completed. The first story will be of stone and the second wood.

**Thursday, September 29, 1887****page**

4. Long article discusses the wrangle and completion for motor line franchises. Not very specific in details.

Mr. Bird, of Proudfoot and Bird, has about completed his residence on Meridian Avenue

The contract for erecting the YMCA building was signed yesterday by contractor Thomas O'Neil of Leavenworth. The stone work has been sub-let to Mr. Gus Johnson.

8. The contract for erecting the watch factory building was awarded to Mr. A. H. Elliott, of the West Side, for \$25,500. Building will have front of 200 ft. and main building is 50 ft. deep. To be three stories, and expected to be completed by next January 1st. The stone work has been sub-let to Mr. Gus Johnson. The cupola runs up from the center of the building near 150 ft. The machinery for the plant will cost near \$50,000.

When Wichita university classes open on October 15th, they will be temporarily housed in the new brick block nearly finished at Douglas and Hillside while the university building is being completed.

**Friday, September 30, 1887****page**

4. Text of proposal for sewerage system for Wichita to be presented to city council today by Rosewater and Christie, engineers.

Long article summarizes construction progress on major buildings in Wichita. Many details. ¶Richland block is now completed and opposite it the Schweiter-Mosbacher block has a beautiful arch of white stone above the entrance. ¶Brick work started yesterday on the parochial school building being erected on Second Street opposite St. Aloysius church. ¶The brick work is completed on the two wings of the Rock Island depot.

8. Mr. W. D. Davis, of the Central Avenue Motor Line company, said yesterday that the Daft system of electric motor would be used. The same is now in use in Los Angeles. The poles will be 30 ft. long with center wire so arranged that it can be elevated 40 ft. The company proposes to put in a first class system if the council will let them reach Main Street on First Street

**Saturday, October 1, 1887****page**

4. Track bids for the double street car track on Douglas Avenue are prepared from Main Street to Topeka Avenue

**Sunday, October 2, 1887****page**

4. Article reports in detail on the Forest City Dry Press Brick Company, south of Wichita along the Santa Fe, which has started production of high quality brick which can be used as facing brick and not just common interior brick. Details.

The Fairmount motor line was put into operation yesterday. It runs as far south and west as the intersection of 13th and Emporia Avenue, where it makes connection for the present with the street railway company's lines.

The city engineer ordered the water turned into the Topeka Avenue sewer yesterday. It should be completed on or about the 10th of October.

It has been decided to put in a cable line on Market Street from Douglas to Pine, and out Pine across the Little river to Riverside. The broad gauge flat rail now laid for electric purposes we suppose will have to be taken out. It is a splendid road and is all ready for either an electric motor or mules, but it seems that the motor won't work and that mule work is not wanted. Nothing but a cable line meets the ambition and metropolitan ideas of the gentleman concerned; Mr. J. O. Davidson, who built the present road, says arrangements have been completed for putting in a cable line.

Article about the grounds in Riverside Park (meaning South Riverside) where the coming horse fair is to be held. Stable accommodations will be provided on the Davidson Park grounds just across the river. The street car company are having track laid on Central Avenue past the grounds.

J. R. Mead, William Mathewson, Steve Balch and a few others have constructed and completed an 800 foot bridge across the Big Arkansas river south of the city at the foot of Hydraulic Avenue. The Big river now spanned by ten bridges in and adjoining the city of Wichita. To these are added three spanning the Little Arkansas within the city limits and nine across Chisholm creek, making 22 bridges in all.

Article about the Rock Island passenger depot. The walls are of St. Louis pressed brick with Minnesota red stone trimmings. The openings are formed by broad, low heavy arches of this red stone. The south and north ends are one story high and the central portion of the building two stories, with a blue slate roof. The whole is surrounded by a wide platform reaching the track on one side, the bus and hack stands on the other, and the street on the north end.

**Tuesday, October 4, 1887****page**

4. Dr. F. M. Whitlock will in a few days commence excavating for an elegant four story brick block on northwest corner of English and Main Streets. To have front of 75 ft. and depth of 138 ft., of brick trimmed with stone. ¶Plans were completed several months ago, but trouble in locating the lines in that area have delayed the start of construction.

Superintendent Dickson of the city street car line leaves today for the East to ascertain just what can be done with a cable line in Wichita, cost and mode of construction. In the meantime horse cars will be started on the Market Street and Riverside line.

**Wednesday, October 5, 1887****page**

4. Article reports brick work was resumed yesterday on the new opera house. Details.

The Wichita and Suburban Motor line will commence regular service tomorrow from Fairmount to the corner of 13th and Market Streets. ¶More rails arrived yesterday for the line in the central part of the city. Track laying will be commenced immediately.

8. Ground has been broken for the watch factory on the West Side and yesterday workmen were putting in the concrete for the foundation.

**Thursday, October 6, 1887****page**

4. Article summarizing building projects on the West Side. Martinson building on northwest corner of Chicago and Seneca is almost completed and the West Side National Bank has been established in it. Across Seneca Street the Seaman-Lawrence-Palace block is going up. Mr. Lawrence is also erecting a two story brick block, the "Sunflower," on Chicago Avenue just opposite the Martinson block. ¶Foundation of the watch factory is being built in the center of the block donated to the company by Mr. Martinson. ¶The north wing of Garfield university is nearing completion.

**Friday, October 7, 1887****page**

4. Plasterers and carpenters are working on the interior of the Stem-Hauck building on South Lawrence.

**Saturday, October 8, 1887****page**

4. The basement of the new Reformed church at Topeka and Lewis is now completed and will be occupied next Sunday.

Last night the old Elevator that has stood for years along the Santa Fe track just north of the freight depot caught fire and was destroyed. It has been used as a furniture storage house.

Four new cars arrived yesterday via the Rock Island from the Brownell Car Company of St. Louis for use by the street car company of this city.

8. The Rock Island depot is nearing completing. The brick work is now finished and yesterday the workmen had commenced putting on the cornice and slate roof.

The Wichita street railway yesterday received four new cars. Two of them will be put on the Linwood park extension and will be known as the "blue cars."

**Sunday, October 9, 1887****page**

1. Drawings of the William Fletcher building, Second and Main.

Article reports the affairs of the Kansas Midland Railroad have been adjusted and steel will soon arrive for laying of the track. Says "the Kansas Midland was incorporated as a local road running from this city in connection with the Union Pacific and thence into North Kansas and Southern Nebraska. Subsidies were voted and the road graded as far as Ellsworth and some 60 miles of ties delivered. Six or eight miles of the road was constructed out of Wichita and an engine, some flats, and two passenger coaches placed thereon. This was during the early summer. Since then little has been done except that the bridges for the line have been going in and water stations erected. But for some hitch in the matter of furnishing steel, the road would now be in operation.

The Santa Fe cut off at Wellington is about ready for use and trains coming in on Santa Fe will now swing in east of the city and join the Southern Kansas railway at the union depot. The Santa Fe has for the past week been operating all the Southern Kansas branches west of Wellington. ¶Work on the new ten stall round house at Wellington is progressing.

2. Drawing of the M. M. Fechheimer building, Market and Douglas.
4. Drawing of Finlay Ross residence on North Waco.

A car for the Schweiter motor line was received in the city yesterday.

City attorney, Hon. James L. Dyer took possession of his fine new residence last Thursday on North Emporia. Details.

Summary article of building construction in Wichita now:

Houck-Stem block is under roof.

Pollock and Pierce block is finishing out the third story.

Emporia Avenue block has third story about completed.

Schweiter building, next to Noble building, is up to second story.

Zimmerly building side and rear walls are growing.

Rouse and Blackwelder block is up to second floor.

Skinner-Smith-Israel block side and back walls are up to second floor.

Fletcher building is up to second floor.

Getto building is being enclosed and finished.

Morris building is being enclosed and finished -- five stories.

Palace block on West Side is receiving the roof.

Opera house walls are growing rapidly.

Garfield university north wing is being plastered.

Fairmount college is going forward.  
Wichita university building will resume active operations tomorrow.  
Stone being delivered for Judson university and John Bright buildings.  
Catholic parochial school is well up.  
New Fourth ward school walls are well up.  
Episcopal cathedral stone work progressing.  
YMCA building stone work is progressing.  
Burton Car Works -- one of main buildings ready for the roof and foundations of three or four other buildings are in.

Article describes new Wichita water works development-details.

5. Drawing of Amos L. Houck residence on North Topeka.

### **Tuesday, October 11, 1887**

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4. Article reports dedication services of Lewis Academy yesterday. Details.

City council yesterday: discussion of several motor line ordinance proposals or amendments. Details.

8. Report of second anniversary exercises of the YMCA yesterday. Details.

### **Thursday, October 13, 1887**

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4. Article reports opening yesterday of the Wichita Horse Fair in Riverside park, at foot of Central Avenue. ¶The old Street Railway company has completed an extension west on Central Avenue from Main Street, giving service to the park. During the fair extra cars will run on Central from Main, giving connections with all Main Street cars.

### **Friday, October 14, 1887**

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4. Slate roof was being put on the Rock Island depot yesterday.

Stone work on the first story of the Smith-Skinner building on North Market was being put up yesterday.

### **Saturday, October 15, 1887**

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4. Note says the Kansas Midland will commence laying steel next Monday at the end of the track near Valley Center. The contract for 90 miles north of that point to Ellsworth has been let to Brocey Brothers, who are well known as railroad builders.

8. Very Rev. M. J. Casey has received official notice that the papers erecting Wichita into a Diocese have arrived from Rome yesterday, hence the necessity of appointing a bishop to the See forthwith.

### Sunday, October 16, 1887

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1. Drawing of the Carey hotel.

Article (editorial) booming Wichita. Details. Lists buildings operations in Wichita from June 1, 1886 to June 1, 1887:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Frame</u>	<u>Brick</u>	<u>Value</u>
Residences	1871	1835	36	3,435,000
Business houses	102	35	67	1,921,000
Factories	22			85,000
Hotels	11	7	4	215,000
Miscellaneous	<u>456</u>			<u>707,000</u>
	2,451			6,363,000

Article mentions new home being built by J. O. Davidson.

2. Drawings of the Getto building.
4. Drawings of M. W. Levy residence.

Wichita and Suburban Railroad announce temporary suspension of their service owing to heavy rains softening the unfinished roadbed.

### Tuesday, October 18, 1887

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4. Article reports dedication last Sunday of the new St. Joseph Catholic church on the West Side on Seneca Street Details.

Contract for erection of the buildings of the Gilbert Plow works has been awarded to Mr. Ben W. Downing.

One of the large stone arches in the front of the Zimmerly block was completed yesterday.

### Wednesday, October 19, 1887

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4. Article reports formal opening yesterday of the Wichita university, held at the Reformed church, Lewis and Topeka, since the university building is not yet completed.

Roofing of the Rock Island depot is now completed.

8. Track laying on the Kansas Midland has been resumed.

Forty houses are under construction on the grounds of the Burton Car works, one of them a three story hotel. The grounds are alive with men, machines, and teams.

#### **Thursday, October 20, 1887**

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4. Article claims the Riverside electric motor was tested yesterday with success.

A force of men commenced work yesterday on the buildings of the Gilbert plow works. Foundation being put in for one building. 60 by 280 ft. and another 60 by 175 ft. To be completed by December 15.

8. Article says construction of the Wichita and Valley Center motor line is going well. All iron and ties have arrived. The track is completed from Douglas Avenue to the Burton car works with the exception of six blocks from 13th Street to 19th Street. The line is completed from Valley Center south 1 ½ miles. There are two bridges, one of which has been completed and the other to be finished in a few days. Men are working on track laying north of 13th Street

#### **Friday, October 21, 1887**

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4. Mr. George M. Dickson has returned from a trip to the East and reports that cost of a cable car railway is too great for use in this city until the population has doubled. Details.
8. Note says the First Methodist Episcopal church decided to start a new branch in the north part of the city a few weeks ago and purchased lots on corner of 13th and Waco. A neat frame chapel has now been erected there for temporary use and will be ready for services next Sunday.

#### **Saturday, October 22, 1887**

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4. Mr. George C. Strong, of the Fourth National bank, has returned from St. Louis where he bought another motor and some more cars for the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company. He also made arrangements for some summer cars, which will be made this winter for use in the hot season. ¶The track from 13th Street east is being ballasted. The one motor now on hand is being used in leveling the track, and service will commence in a few days.

The improvements under way for some months at the Gas company's plant were completed yesterday. The iron works and gas holders were put in by the Kerr Manufacturing company of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The holder capacity is 150,000 cubic ft. and the making capacity is 250,000 cubic ft. per day. ¶One year ago the city consumed 25,000 cubic ft of gas per day. The average consumption now is 75,000 cubic ft. Cost of the improvements was about \$75,000.

## **Sunday, October 23, 1887**

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1. Drawing of the Wichita Mercantile Company buildings.

Drawing of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

2. Drawing of the J. E. Johnston residence.
4. Drawing of the N. F. Niederlander residence.
5. Drawing of the M. L. Garver residence.

## **Tuesday, October 25, 1887**

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4. Article reports discussion in city council yesterday regarding type of fire equipment Wichita should have. Details.

Workmen have started on the third story of the Rouse-Blackwelder (Sedgwick) building.

## **Wednesday, October 26, 1887**

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4. The Schweiter-Mossbacker building on East Douglas has reached the third story. ¶The walls of the Koenig block on East Douglas are completed. ¶The five story Morris block is being plastered. The Martinson block on West Side is now being occupied by various business establishments.

Over 75 students are now enrolled at the Sisters Academy.

## **Thursday, October 27, 1887**

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4. Baughman and Freeman have moved into their elegant new brick barn on South Emporia, built at cost of \$20,000. It has front on Emporia of 75 ft. and is 120 ft. deep and two stories high. The rear part, 75 by 60 ft., has four rows of stalls, 42 in all. The hacks are kept in front on the lower floor. Living quarters for the families of Messrs. Baughman and Freeman on the upper floor.

Major H. L. Morrill, general manager of the Frisco, arrived yesterday in his special car, the "Catoosa," and was met at the Wabash Avenue depot by Kansas Midland officials.

## **Friday, October 28, 1887**

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## **Sunday, October 30, 1887**

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2. Drawing of residence of A. W. Oliver.
3. Drawing of Barnes and Sons' Block, named the Highland Block.
4. Drawing of residence of J. A. Wallace.

The foundation of the John Bright university building is being pushed to completion. A switch has been put in by the Rock Island for the delivery of material.

There are 225 students at Garfield university.

5. Drawing of the Martinson block, West Side.
8. Drawing of view of Wichita from west end of Douglas Avenue bridge.

### **Tuesday, November 1, 1887**

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1. Drawing of the Wichita Watch Factory.
2. Drawing of the Beacon Block, on Market Street
3. Drawing of residence of J. H. Sternberg (should be W. H.).
4. Drawing of residence of C. R. Miller.

Note says the Carey hotel has been rented and will be opened in about four weeks.

8. Diametric drawing of Little Arkansas river at Oak Street crossings.

### **Wednesday, November 2, 1887**

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1. Drawing of interior of Citizens' Bank.
2. Drawing of residence of W. E. Stanley.
3. Drawing of residence of M. J. Oliver.
4. Drawing of residence of J. C. Rutan.

Article reports the contract was signed yesterday leasing the Carey Grand to Messrs. C. L. Stough and Company Details.

8. Drawing of a six man shell (plus coxswain) of Wichita Boat Club on Little Arkansas river.

### **Thursday, November 3, 1887**

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1. Drawing of residence of J. F. Lauck.
2. Drawing of residence of Col. H. W. Lewis.
3. Drawing of residence of W. K. and L. L. Carlisle.
4. Drawing of residence of Frank Williams.

Soon after the close of the Wichita and Southwestern Horse Fair it was urged that a company be organized to hold a general fair here next fall. A site would be the next consideration. ¶The association will meet today and take steps for changing the original charter and company. The new company will be styled the Wichita Inter-State Fair Association and organized with capital stock of \$100,000. ¶Site for the grounds has been selected, it being the baseball grounds and several acres adjoining it belonging to Mr. N. A. English. 75 acres can be secured. Mr. English would not sell it but agreed yesterday to give a lease to the association lasting ten years. The location is just two miles from Main and Douglas, with two street car lines completed to the grounds near the river. ¶The improvement on the ball grounds amount to \$8,000 and are included in the lease. The amphitheater is one of the best in the state. The fencing will have to be removed, but the grounds will give room for a mile race track.

**Friday, November 4, 1887****page**

5. The police will appear in blue uniforms hereafter.

**Sunday, November 6, 1887****page**

5. The Friends' church building committee will proceed at once with building of the superstructure of their church on Cleveland Avenue between Douglas and First Street, the basement of which has been completed for a few weeks. Brick will be used.

The Riverside and Suburban Railway company got out an attachment yesterday against W. L. Sedden and the Advance Electric Construction and Supply Company for \$15,000. The latter company agreed to have the line in operation by the first of last July, but so far have failed to succeed in making the system adopted work.

Several car loads of stone have been received for the John Bright university and are standing on the Rock Island switch to the university grounds recently put in. They will be used for the foundation, work upon which will be commenced immediately.

The 12th Street depot building on the Ft. Scott line is now being used for the office of train dispatcher and division superintendent.

**Tuesday, November 8, 1887**

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5. The Kansas Midland Railroad will reach Burton by Wednesday evening.

**Wednesday, November 9, 1887****page**

5. The north wing of the Garfield university is now under roof and this part of the building will soon be ready for occupancy.

Carpenters were yesterday finishing the interior of the Rock Island depot.

The Wichita City Railway Company will commence work today on construction of what has been known as the Garfield motor line. Some days ago the old company bought that franchise. The route is near four and a half miles line, commencing on corner of Sycamore and Maple Streets, then south on Sycamore to Dayton, west on Dayton to Seneca, south on Seneca to Wheeler, west on Wheeler to Meridian, north on Meridian to Walnut, and east on Walnut to Seneca. The company proposes to have the line in operation by January First next. ¶The double track on Douglas from Main to Mead is about completed.

**Thursday, November 10, 1887****page**

5. Plans for the main building of the John Bright university have just been completed by Architect Terry. The foundation will be ready for the walls by the last of this week. ¶The trustees have concluded to make the building of stone. The main building will be 88 ft. by 168 ft., two wings, two stories high, and the main part of the building three stories. Further details.

Work is now well under way on the new engine house No. 2 on South Topeka. To be two stories, brick. It is being built on the site of the former building, the latter having been removed to a vacant lot across the street.

**Friday, November 11, 1887****page**

5. The building for the watch factory will be completed to the second story in a few days. It is hoped to complete the building by the middle of January.

**Saturday, November 12, 1887****page**

5. The case of the Riverside Motor Line Company versus the Advance Electric Construction Company will probably be tried in the U. S. circuit court. ¶The latter company agreed to have the line and power station completed by July 1st, and the former company agreed to have the track completed by June 20th. As is known, neither was completed. The company putting in the electric plant were to receive \$18,500 when it was ready for use. ¶As is known the first system tried, failed and a second has been put in, which on exhibition seemed to do the work. The Electric Company are now wanting a settlement. Mr. Davidson claims damages due to delay and offers \$10,000 for the plant and \$8,500 in stock. This stock offer doesn't suit the

company, as the Riverside Motor Company and the Riverside Land Company are different. The Construction Company has agreed to take \$16,000 for the plant but no less. In the meantime the road will remain in a state of innocuous desuetude.

**Sunday, November 13, 1887****page**

5. The brick work of the fourth story of the Sedgwick building was completed yesterday.

**Tuesday, November 15, 1887****page**

5. City council yesterday: "13th Street bridge was accepted."

**Thursday, November 17, 1887****page**

5. Charter filed recently at Topeka for the Wichita Exposition and Inter-State Fair Association, with capital stock \$100,000. Directors listed.

**Friday, November 18, 1887****page**

5. The Schweiter-Mossman building on East Douglas Avenue is receiving its finishing touches. The stone front is a dandy.

The Skinner-Smith building on Market Street has reached the third story.

**Sunday, November 20, 1887****page**

1. Drawing of the YMCA building.

Article gives history of the YMCA building. Many details. The YMCA building was organized here in November 1885 and site for building purchased in June 1886.

5. City officials taken on an excursion to past Burton by the Kansas Midland Railroad yesterday. First stop was at the Burton car works, where there is built a neat little depot. Details.

**Tuesday, November 22, 1887****page**

5. A fire Sunday afternoon in the weeds near 17th and Market Streets was reported caused by sparks from the motor of the Wichita and Suburban car company. The occurrence has increased the talk against the motor line company.

Workmen are engaged on the third story of the Zimmerly building.

Superintendent of water works announces that some time next week the city will be supplied with water from the Big river. The new station is receiving its finishing touches and last night fire was placed under the boiler for the first time. ¶The water will be drawn from 30 ft. below

the surface by means of pipes, or in case of emergency it could be taken directly from the river and purifies by the two Hyatt filters being put in. ¶The 16 inch main leading from the station to the corner of Central and Riverview has been laid.

**Wednesday, November 23, 1887****page**

5. City council yesterday discussed an ordinance whose purpose is to consolidate the Wichita City railway, West End Motor Line company, Garfield Motor Line company, and West Douglas Avenue Motor Line. Details.

Work is progressing rapidly on the engine house for hose company No. 2 on South Topeka. Details.

The Dold packing company buildings are to be located on a 20 acre plot cornering on Lawrence and 21st Street, known as a portion of the Dr. Burleigh plot. Through the rear of the 20 acre plot runs the water race.

**Thursday, November 24, 1887****page**

5. City council yesterday passed ordinance for the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line giving right of way on Emporia from 17th to 18th, 18th Street from Emporia to Topeka, Topeka from 18th to 21st, 21st from Topeka to Hydraulic, and then north on Hydraulic to 25th. The object is to reach the stock yards. Details.

Work started yesterday on rebuilding the stock yards (destroyed by fire some time ago).

**Saturday, November 26, 1887****page**

5. Text of proposed ordinance consolidating the Wichita City Railway company, West Douglas Avenue Street Railway company, Garfield Motor Line company, and West End Motor Line company franchises.

Mr. Thomas G. Fitch has decided to build a residence near the corner of Spaulding and Franklin Avenues. The first story will be of stone and the second of St. Louis brick. To cost near \$8,000. Plans have been completed and work will commence at an early date.

Capt. Lamont, who has charge of the eating houses of the Rock Island, arrived yesterday and will make arrangements to open up the dining department at the new depot. By the last of next week all passenger trains of that line will be stopping 20 minutes for meals.

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5. The shoe factory commenced operations Friday with 15 hands. 15 more will be added tomorrow.

8. The north wing of Garfield university is completed and will soon be occupied. Further work on the main building will be suspended until spring. The walls of the west wing are completed, and those of the main building and south wing up to the third floor. It is expected to have the building fully finished by the opening of the second school year in September 1888.

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5. The city is now being supplied with water from the new works on the island. The old works are kept in readiness to put in immediate use if necessary.

City council yesterday passed ordinance prohibiting the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line from using steam south of 19th Street on Market Street Ordinance to take effect January First.

**Wednesday, November 30, 1887****page**

5. Work on the exterior of the Smith-Skinner building on North Market is now almost completed.

**Thursday, December 1, 1887****page**

5. Article about a new cemetery which A. A. Hyde and George C. Strong decided to make out of land lying between the present city cemetery and the Frisco Railroad. A company with capital stock of \$100,000 is being formed to take charge of it. The tract consists of 60 acres. At present 30 acres on the west side of the tract has been plowed and sown in blue grass, and over two miles of drives made. The grading is almost complete. Details.

Chief of fire department Mr. A. G. Walden has returned from cities in the East. While in Chicago a chemical engine of the Champion make with double tank, each holding 60 gallons of chemical fluid, was purchased. It is made by the Fire Extinguishing Company. A hook and ladder truck was purchased of Preston and Company, and also 1,000 ft. of Hercules rubber hose. ¶When the equipment arrives the number of fireman will be increased from the present eight to 15.

The Topeka Avenue sewer was completed and connected yesterday at Harry and Topeka.

**Friday, December 2, 1887****page**

5. A fire at the Rock Island freight depot yesterday morning made a clean sweep of the building and contents. Details.

**Saturday, December 3, 1887****page**

5. Long letter to *Eagle* from A. A. Hyde regarding the proposed street railway consolidation ordinance.

Article reports progress on construction of several business buildings including Crawford Grand, Sedgwick, Smith-Skinner, Zeininger, Zimmerly, Schweiter-Mossbacher, engine house No. 2, and Fletcher. Details.

6. Article describes the training to become an engine driver on English railways. Details.

### **Sunday, December 4, 1887**

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2. Drawing of Jacob Dold and Son Packing Plant.

4. Drawing of residence of J. Oak Davidson.

5. Drawing of Wichita Wire Nail Factory.

Article about the new water works, which for several days past have been supplying the city from their new source. Says the original intention, when locating their water works on an island in the Great Arkansas in the northwest suburbs of the city, was to take the water from the river and filter and purify it. But it was then learned that an adequate supply of good quality water could be obtained from a group of drive wells extending below a layer of stiff tenacious clay below the river bed. Details.

The trustees of the John Bright University officially announce to the public that the foundation for the building is now completed.

30 men are at work rebuilding the Rock Island freight depot. It should be completed by the last of next week.

The brick work on the Catholic school building at Fourth Avenue and Second Street is now completed.

8. Drawing of the Wichita Stock Yard's Exchange and Hotel.

### **Tuesday, December 6, 1887**

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5. Reported to city council yesterday that the A.D.T. company is now putting in a new circuit of fire alarm boxes. Details.

Work was commenced yesterday on rebuilding the stock yards (destroyed by fire).

The Wichita Soap Company have manufactured 135 tons of soap in the few weeks they have been running. They make five different brands.

Work on the interior furnishing of the Carey Grand is rapidly advancing.

**Wednesday, December 7, 1887****page**

5. The Kansas Midland is going down between Lyons and Ellsworth at the rate of about two and a half ½ miles per day. ¶It is also being extended south through Wichita.

**Thursday, December 8, 1887****page**

5. The new Delmonico hotel on South Topeka Avenue was opened up yesterday.

The Sedgwick block is now almost entirely under roof.

The stone work for the third story of the Zimmerly building was completed yesterday.

The stone work for the basement story of the Judson University will be completed Saturday.

**Friday, December 9, 1887****page**

5. Pursuant to a resolution passed by the city council yesterday, \$50,000 in bonds of the city of Wichita payable in 30 years from date of issue, bearing 6 percent interest per annum, are to be issued to the Kansas Midland Railway company. ¶This was voted by the city of Wichita on August 9, 1886, and the conditions specified have now been fulfilled. Details.

The Wichita Rapid Transit yesterday received a new car, "The Princess." It has a double truck, is neatly painted, and is one of the finest yet put upon the line.

Editorial says Wichita ought to have a weather signal station, and the tower on the Sedgwick building would make an excellent location for it.

**Saturday, December 10, 1887****page**

5. The rebuilding of the Rock Island freight depot will be completed this evening except for some interior furnishings. Details.

Monday the Rock Island passenger depot will be opened.

**Sunday, December 11, 1887****page**

1. Drawing of the Mitchell building, occupied by the Johnston-Larimer Wholesale Dry Goods company (on North Topeka).
4. Editorial summarized the construction in Wichita the past year. Details.

5. Article says the board of trade have leased new and commodious quarters in the Sedgwick block. Details.

The walls of the Wichita university are now up and the roof timbers being put on.

The north wing of Garfield university will be ready for occupancy the coming week.

### **Tuesday, December 13, 1887**

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5. The combining ordinance of the street railway companies was passed yesterday by the city council. Details. ¶The ordinance changing the route of the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company in the north part of the city was also passed.

Article reports the Rock Island passenger depot was thrown open to the public yesterday. A dinner was served in the dining room. Details.

### **Wednesday, December 14, 1887**

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5. Article reports well No. 2 of the Wichita Mining and Investment company struck gas yesterday at 300 ft. at its site nearly nine miles east of the city.

### **Friday, December 16, 1887**

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4. Drawing of the *Eagle's* new web perfecting press, with description and details. It prints from a continuous web or roll of white paper and can print, cut, and fold the eight pages of the *Eagle* complete at 12-13,000 per hour.
5. The furniture for the Carey Grand was being received yesterday.

The brick work on the new opera house will be completed today.

Street car No. 9 on the Douglas Avenue and Oak Street line broke down yesterday on Douglas near the Santa Fe crossing.

### **Sunday, December 18, 1887**

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2. Drawing of the Gilbert Plow Works.
4. Drawing of the Wichita Union Stock Yards.
5. Article describes the Kansas Paint Manufacturing company. Details.

Article describes the Wichita Boot and Shoe Manufacturing company at corner of Robert and Weston Avenues in southwest part of city. Details.

Article reports Saint Paul's Methodist Episcopal church is the name of the new church just organized and located at corner of Waco and 13th Street

**Tuesday, December 20, 1887****page**

5. City council yesterday passed motion that the Kansas Midland be allowed to construct a switch on Mosley Avenue on the west side of the main track from Second Street south, and that Rock Island Avenue be opened from Douglas north to Second.

*The Wichita Journal of Commerce*, which the Board of Trade has had in preparation for several months, will be finished by about Wednesday of this week. It is 12 by 9 inches and 120 pages thick. Details. 10,000 copies of this edition, to be sold for 15 cents a copy.

**Wednesday, December 21, 1887****page**

5. The Wichita and Western Railroad are building a round-house on their property in the south part of the city. To be a frame building with two stalls and places for material and fuel. A turn table will be built in the yard.

The boys of Hose Company No. 2 are very proud of the new home that is almost ready to receive them.

**Thursday, December 22, 1887****page**

5. The Wichita and Suburban cars have all been supplied with heating apparatus which has made them quite comfortable. Some more cars are on the road and are expected to arrive in a few days.

The classes and professors of Garfield university are much pleased with the north wing of the building and consider themselves fortunate that the change was made before the blizzard. The heating apparatus is giving good service. It is thought the entire exterior part of the building will be completed by next June.

*The Journal of Commerce*, by the Wichita Board of Trade, edited by Frank K. Gillespie, corresponding secretary, and printed by the Eagle, a book 8 by 10 inches and 147 pages, is out and can be had at the Board of Trade rooms. Ten-thousand copies of this edition are being printed. The cost is 15 cents. Details.

A large skating party were on the Little River last night.

**Friday, December 23, 1887****page**

5. Mr. Hoff, of the Wichita Ice company, said that the company intended to put up 15,000 tons of ice this winter. They have just completed one of the largest ice houses in the state.

The Mascot motor line removed ice and snow from their track yesterday and commenced to give service.

**Saturday, December 24, 1887****page**

5. Jim Service, conductor on the Wichita and Western, brought the first train over that road from Greensburg since the blizzard. It took two days and two nights and two engines were used in "bucking the drifts" which were as high as 12 or 15 feet.

**Sunday, December 25, 1887****page**

5. The new round house of the Wichita and Western in the Y is now almost completed.

**Tuesday, December 27, 1887****page**

5. Article reports death of William C. Woodman at his home, Lakeside, at age 71. Came to Wichita in 1870 and established the First Arkansas Valley Bank. First wife was Miss Amanda Twining, by whom he had six children, all living but one. His second and present wife, whom he married in Illinois, was Miss Elizabeth Williams, who is left with four children of her own. Details.
7. Ad for Schweiter Motor Line addition says "Cars run regularly to the southeast part of the city."

**Wednesday, December 28, 1887****page**

5. The Kansas Midland switch on Mosley Avenue from Second Street to Kellogg will probably be completed today. It is being put down by a large force of Frisco men.

Ad: 'The Missouri Pacific,' 'Fort Scott Route,' are now running through Pullman sleeping cars to Kansas City and St. Louis on all night trains daily."

**Thursday, December 29, 1887****page**

5. Article reports the Kansas Midland was completed to Ellsworth yesterday. Details.

Several car loads of ties arrived yesterday for the Wichita and Valley Center motor line company. At present there is about one mile of track to be constructed between Wichita and Valley Center. All the rails are on hand.

**Friday, December 30, 1887****page**

2. *Railway Age* reports 2,070 miles of railroad constructed in Kansas in 1887.

5. Obituary notice of William C. Woodman from Jacksonville, Illinois *Herald*. Born in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1816. Married Miss Amanda Twining and moved to Philadelphia, where he was a dry goods merchant until 1858 when he removed to Jacksonville. Was a dry goods merchant there. First wife died and he was married in 1865 to Elizabeth Williams, of Jacksonville. Moved to the then insignificant village of Wichita, Kansas in 1870. Children by first wife were William S., Anna (now Mrs. Old), Wallace T., Thomas, Harry, and Edward. By his second wife, children were Clarence S., Grant, Ray (sic), and Lizzie. All survive except Harry and Wallace T. ¶A brother, Mr. Edward Woodman, is in Jacksonville.

**Saturday, December 31, 1887****page**

5. Today the new Carey is ready to receive guests. The hotel is hardly yet completely fitted up owing to delay in arrival of furniture from Michigan.
8. Ad of Wichita and Suburban says cars leave the post office, corner of First and Water Streets, for Fairmount and points between, every hour commencing at 7:10 a.m. until 10:10 p.m.