

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

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1900 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

Tuesday, January 2, 1900

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5. There were probably 1,000 people skating on the Little Arkansas river between the two park bridges yesterday. The ice is frozen to a depth of 4 inches and the skating is the best it has been here for years.

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5. Letter to city attorney from Edward Woodman of Portland, Maine saying that he intends to accept the street railway franchise approved by the mayor on December 22 and published December 23. ¶ "We have closed the purchase of the old street railway from the Keene Syndicate and will pay the residue of the purchase price when the title is cleared. ¶ We have already bought 700 tons of steel rails on which January delivery has been guaranteed; some good second-hand cars for present use, and have contracted for the new cars as well as for new boilers, engines and dynamos."

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5. S. L. Nelson, formerly general manager of the Springfield, Ohio street railway company, who is to have charge of the construction of the new street railway system here, arrived in Wichita yesterday and looked over the city in company of Coler Sim and Superintendent W. Q. Church of the old street railway company. ¶ He has already bought 700 tons of rails, 300 tons of which has already been shipped from Joliet, Illinois. The other 400 tons are to be shipped from Pennsylvania at an early date. Two cars of spikes have been ordered for shipment January 10, and two cars of rail joints have been contracted for delivery March 1st. ¶ Ten 16 feet vestibuled car bodies and trucks have been ordered for immediate delivery, January 22, from Kingston, New York. The contract for motors calls for their delivery here on February 15. Ten open cars have been ordered for the new street railway, four to be shipped March 20-25 and four on April 1, and two combination cars, 28 feet over all, to be shipped June 1. ¶ One boiler for the power house is to be shipped in 15 days, and engines are to be shipped 90 days from the date of the contract on December 23. New generators will be here some time the first of May.

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5. Mr. McKinley of Illinois and Mr. Nelson, superintendent of construction for the new street railway company, were out yesterday locating the bridges that are to be built across the Little river for the Riverside park line. One bridge will be built 100 feet west of the Griswold park road bridge. The line will run thence directly north across Central Riverside park, and the other bridge will be located about 100 feet west of the present bridge leading from Central Riverside to Griffenstein park. Contracts for construction of the bridges are to be let today, as the company intends to do its first work on the new park line while the work of repair is being pushed on the old lines. About 100 men will be employed in the new construction work, while about 50 will be employed repairing the old tracks. ¶ Sixteen thousand ties were purchased yesterday from B. F. McLean for \$3,000 and are already here. ¶ The transfer of the property of the old Wichita Street Railway, Electric Light and Power company to Mr. Edward Woodman of Portland, Maine was made January 1. ¶ Mr. A. T. Bachelder of Keene, New Hampshire, has nothing more to do with the property which he has worried with so long.

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5. Article about Fairmount street car that left the tracks at Missouri Pacific crossing on 13th street and finally had to be pushed out of the way by a Missouri Pacific engine.

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6. Article says Coler Sim yesterday received \$10,000 deposit from the new street railway company to be used as a forfeit if the new road is not finished within one year. ¶ Twelve new cars for early April delivery have been ordered and enough good second hand cars to put the road in good repair within 90 days. ¶ By February 5, 100 men will be at work on the new park line.

Excavation started yesterday for the large wholesale building of the Lehmann-Higginson Grocery company, which is to be erected on William street between the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads. Plans have been made by Architect Dumont. To be 135 by 140 feet, two stories high, with main entrance at corner facing William and Santa Fe streets. To be completed in about four months. Details.

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4. Official acceptance of the terms of the street railway franchise, Ordinance number 1671, approved December 22, 1899 and published December 23, 1899, received yesterday from Edward Woodman.
5. Article reports city council has passed total of 1,680 ordinances since 1871. Lists the number passed year by year. Greatest number in one year was 216 in 1890.

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5. City council yesterday agreed to assign its option on the lots at northwest corner of Wichita street and Douglas avenue to the Missouri Pacific Railroad provided the company will secure the property on the west side of Wichita street from Douglas to the alley north and construct thereon by September 1st a passenger depot to cost not less than \$30,000. The Wichita half of Wichita street will be vacated by the city and a double track run down in front of the depot property.
6. The city council yesterday decided to appropriate \$50 per month to maintain a free city library. If the board of education agrees the general membership fee of one dollar will be abolished.

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6. Property owners along the line of the old street railway on 15th street from Chisholm creek to the foot of Fairmount hill one raising objections to having the tracks moved from 15th street as the new company proposes.

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5. W. B. McKinley of Champaign, Illinois, G. W. F. Duncan and Walter E. Davis of Portland, Maine, and Superintendent of Construction S. L. Nelson arrived in the city yesterday to plan the new street railway system. ¶ They say the new line through the parks will be the first work to occupy their attention. Rails for this line are being rolled and will be shipped from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, immediately. They are expected to arrive here by February 10. ¶ The contract for the bridges will be let today. ¶ Of the 12 new cars ordered, six are due to arrive by March 1. ¶ Of the ten new summer cars, four are due to arrive March 15, two on March 25, and four on April 5. The summer cars will be beauties, up to date in every particular and handsomely finished. They will be put on the new line through the parks when it is finished, which will be not later than May 1.

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6. Article says Chicago millionaire philanthropist D. K. Pearson has offered to make a gift of \$50,000 to the Fairmount college endowment fund provided an additional \$150,000 can be raised by the college. This has been agreed to by the college board of trustees.

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5. Three cars of heavy steel rails for the new street railway arrived yesterday from the iron works at Steelton, Pennsylvania. The other rails will be shipped this week. ¶ The ties for the line should be here in a day or two. ¶ The ends of the various lines will be fixed differently than at present. The new cars are vestibuled only at one end, where the motorneer stands. This will require a loop to be built at the ends of the line, so that the

cars can be turned about, as they are calculated to move commonly in but one direction. ¶ The loop will be built of sufficient radius so that a trailer can be attached to the motor car and drawn about the curve without difficulty. The loops will probably be 75 feet in diameter.

6. Excavations for the foundations of the new Lehmann-Higginson building, at William street and Santa Fe avenue have unearthed the solid foundations of a building long forgotten. In 1883 or 1884 a fine 75,000 barrel elevator was built on this same ground by J. H. Todd and company. About 1886 it was entirely destroyed by fire and was never rebuilt.

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5. The school board Tuesday accepted the proposal of the city council to change to a free public library and authorized the library committee to make the change on March 1st.

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6. The printing and binding of the book of revised city ordinances has been completed and the books were distributed yesterday. ¶ Article lists those classes of ordinances which were not included in the book.
8. Ads listing all the current railroad timetables.

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5. The first carload of oak timbers for the street railway bridges arrived yesterday.
6. Some of the park enthusiasts are wondering what has become of the Spanish cannon which Governor Stanley had designated should be placed in a Wichita park. It is understood that Leavenworth has already received its cannon.

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13. Drawing of proposed new Missouri Pacific depot. Details.

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5. The first cars for the new street car company are now overdue and the manufacturers are paying ten dollars a day penalty. ¶ Supt. Nelson returned yesterday from the East and stopped at Cincinnati to look at the new car bodies being built there and says that they are satisfactory in every way. The motors are made at a different factory, and a letter yesterday said that four motors would be ready to ship by Friday or Saturday. ¶ There will also be some changes made in the power house and car barn. Today workmen will begin to tear out the old boilers, whose places will be taken by brand new ones, larger and better.

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5. The first shipment of the new rails which the street car company will put in on the paved streets arrived yesterday. They are very large. Each rail is 60 feet long, seven inches high, and weighs 70 pounds to the yard or 1,400 pounds a piece.

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3. Article gives annual report of Wichita hospital with financial details, etc.
5. Article says a force of men are now removing the side tracks and floors at the old Burton Car works and taking out the machinery so that the buildings can be remodeled for use as winter quarters of the Ringling Brothers circus.

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5. At the 10th street powerhouse of the street railway, two 80 horsepower boilers are being taken out and will be replaced by two 250 horsepower Sterling water tube boilers. Then the two old 100 horsepower boilers will be taken out and replaced by a 300 horsepower water tube boiler. This will give a boiler capacity of 800 horsepower compared with 360 horsepower heretofore. ¶ The electric current will be furnished by a 550 volt, 250 kilowatt generator, which is equal to about 325 horsepower and will be directly connected with a 300 horsepower engine. ¶ Mr. L. O. Williams is here and will have charge of installing the electrical machinery. He has for several years been the superintendent of the Springfield, Ohio line. ¶ Work will commence on track laying as soon as the joints for the rails are received. Where the first track laying is done will depend on which joints are received first, the ones for the seven inch rails for the paved streets or those for the lighter rails used where there is no pavement. ¶ The new line to the packing house will be the first to be completed. It will run on north Main to 13th, then west to Fairview, then north to 17th street, then east to Market, then north to 21st, and then east to Lawrence avenue.

Wichita will get her Spanish cannon after all. The war department has finally released the captured Spanish cannon for distribution to cities about the country, and the persistent effort by Mayor Ross has been successful in obtaining one for Wichita according to a letter from Congressman Chester I. Long. ¶ The cannon will be placed in a prominent place in Riverside park. It is one of the number captured during the Cuban campaign in the late war.

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5. Ben Eaton, manager of the Carey hotel, has decided to put in a tile flooring in the lobby of the hotel. It will be of white marble in blocks six inch square. Mr. Eaton has never liked the present board floor in the lobby and decided to change it when he purchased the hotel.

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5. The location for the street railway bridges in Riverside park has at last been settled. They will be about 200 feet west of the present bridges. The line will run west to the park on Central and then directly north to 11th street where there will be a loop. ¶ A telegram was received from the firm who are furnishing the motors for the second hand cars saying that they would forward motors for four cars on next Monday. These will be shipped to Cincinnati and put on the cars. The cars are of the one end vestibule type and will be equipped with two 25 horsepower motors allowing an average speed of 12 miles per hour and faster as desired.

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13. Long article about the career of Dr. D. K. Pearson of Chicago, who has offered \$50,000 gift to Fairmount college.

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5. City council yesterday acted to vacate 10th street west of Pierce avenue (sic), which is now included in Riverside park.
6. Twenty-four men were yesterday put to work rebuilding the Fairview avenue street car line. The decayed old ties are being replaced by new ones. In some places electrolysis has eaten great notches in the rails where the contacts at the rail joints are very bad, causing the return current to the power house to pass through the earth instead of the rails. ¶ The contract for building the park bridges was awarded yesterday, and driving of the piles will commence today.

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6. The city library will be opened today to the free use of patrons. The old membership fee will be abolished. Details.

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5. Article about plans for improvements to Riverside park. Flowers, shrubs, and grass will be planted. Large maple trees will be set 100 feet apart along the boulevard from Woodman bridge to Griffenstein bridge. ¶ At Griffenstein bridge there will be a handsome arrangement in the way of a decorative entrance into Riverside. Two large posts will be erected separating the driveways to and from the parks and arched above the bridges will be a large and handsome design with the word "Riverside" printed thereon. ¶ Oak street bridge is to be painted white, and from this bridge to the circle in Central Riverside the driveway is to be filled to a height of 18 inches. A cement walk six feet wide is to be built from the bridge to the circle. ¶ The Dold booth in south Riverside park, presented to the city by the Dold Packing company, is to be remodeled and made substantial with addition

of a slate roof to provide protection at times of rain or storm.

The Citizen's Ice company, which was erected by Messrs. Steffen and Bretch commencing on February 20 of last year and which produced its first batch of ice on May 1, is to be doubled in size. Details.

Article says that when the new street cars are put on, all motorneers and conductors will be ordered to dress in uniform befitting the new metropolitan ways of the street car company.

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5. A force of men are actively engaged in tearing up the side tracks and removing the machinery in the buildings of the Burton car works. Several cars of old rails were standing on the sidetrack yesterday ready for shipment. Old railroad iron is selling at a high price at present. ¶ No definite plan for use of the buildings has been announced.

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4. The Sisters of St. Joseph hope to open their training school for novitiates in the old Wichita University building by May 1. Extensive repairing and remodeling of the building, which has been empty and neglected for several years, is being carried out.
5. Moore Brothers, proprietors of the Wichita Stove works, have purchased ground at 1st and Santa Fe streets, with 225 feet frontage on 1st street and 200 feet deep, for \$3,000 and will move their present building to this location and enlarge it in the near future.

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5. The last pole in the long distance telephone line between Wichita and Kansas City was put in by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company yesterday.

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6. The new 300 horsepower boiler for the street railway power house arrived yesterday. Instead of a towering smokestack, there will now be a short stack for each boiler, since forced draft will be obtained with a blower fan instead of relying on the irregularities of a natural draft from a tall stack. ¶ The new generator is now being built by the Westinghouse Electric company and will be powered by an engine of the compound tandem type, being built by the Russell company.

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5. The street railway began laying track on Main street yesterday because of the muddy conditions elsewhere on unpaved streets. Fifty men began at the end of the pavement at

9th street and finished a block of new track by 5:00 p.m. The large rails used on paved streets were laid and extra large ties were used, making it a very solid railroad track.

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6. The new city ambulance will be put on the street next week by James Howard. There has never been a regular ambulance in use here. The patrol wagon was arranged so that a wounded man could be carried, but nothing better was to be had. The new ambulance is of the latest and most improved pattern and is being built in this city.

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5. Cone and Cornell have let the contract for their new brick laundry building on south Market street. To have 50 feet front on Market street facing the federal building and be 140 feet deep and two stories high.

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5. City council yesterday granted a franchise to the Oklahoma and Kansas telephone company to build and operate a long distance line and exchanges.

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5. Workmen today will start repairing the machinery of the Whittaker packing house for the production of ice, with a capacity of 70 tons a day.

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5. Yesterday the Catholic church authorities of St. Mark's bought the old watch factory on the west side for \$4,200, about one-eighth of the original cost of the building. It will be torn down and the stone removed to St. Mark's and used to build a new church.

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5. The street railway company is now working on north Topeka avenue near 13th street. Nearly a block of track was laid. Two cars are operated on the line, one above and the other below the scene of work. The passengers are transferred from one car to the other. About 35 men are employed in the work.

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5. The Crawford theater has been sold to the Amusement Syndicate company. Some time ago the Crawford Grand, as it was known then, had been sold at a sheriff's sale to Mr. Charles A. Wilbur under a \$35,000 mortgage. Details.

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5. Six of the rebuilt winter cars to be used in the new street railway arrived yesterday over the Frisco from Cincinnati and will be unloaded today. They are about the same size and style as the old ones but have the modern improvements. They have nicely arranged vestibules, one side being closed, so that persons get on and off at the right side of the car. They are also furnished with iron gates. There is an electric headlight. ¶ The cars are painted a bright yellow and trimmed in red and white with gold and silver lines about the edges. The interiors are finished in maple and mahogany and have an electric button instead of the old style bell cord. There is an electric heater. ¶ The ten new summer cars will arrive in time for the summer business, and then the old cars will be dumped into the scrap iron pile.

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6. One of the new cars was taken out and run over the Fairview line yesterday.

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5. Article reports Sheriff Simmons and deputies seized the property of the Wichita Electric Railway company at 11:00 p.m. yesterday on instruction of the county attorney, to satisfy an unpaid tax of \$3,700 for 1899. Property attached in addition to tracks, power house, etc. included four lots on north Main street where the old car barn formerly stood.
6. About five blocks of the new track on north Topeka have been finished, and the track is first class. ¶ The new cars were taken out yesterday for a trial trip. They will not be operated on the old track, but will be put on the new track when enough is finished to make a run. When the Topeka avenue line is completed from 13th to Douglas, the new cars will be put on that line and run to 13th street, where a transfer will be made to the old cars to continue beyond 13th street.

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6. The street railway property was released by the sheriff yesterday and the cars are running again. Details.

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5. Letter from a John S. Barnum, now of San Jose, California, claiming to have named the town Wichita at a meeting in 1868. Details.

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5. Letter from J. R. Mead denying the claim in the above letter and setting forth his view of the early history of Wichita.

City council yesterday awarded contract for filling in with sand of the approaches and two spans of the Maple street bridge. This will fill it in on a line with the Douglas avenue bridge, which was shortened two spans last summer.

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5. The gang of men working on the north Main street car line was increased to 70 men yesterday. ¶ Two men are also cleaning trees off the right of way in the park. The piles for the south bridge in the park are all driven. ¶ Mr. Morrison, superintendent of construction, says the new track on Topeka cost \$1.05 per foot complete. He estimates the track on paved streets where the heavy rails are used will cost about \$1.65 per foot. Each of the big 60 feet cost \$32.50. The ties cost 59¢ each and are placed two feet apart. Including the spikes, joints, and bonds the material costs about \$1.40 per foot, with the remainder of the \$1.65 being the cost of labor. ¶ On the Topeka line the average day's work was nearly 800 feet. It will be a little less on the paved streets.

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5. The track on north Main street was finished to Central yesterday except for replacing the paving stone. The crossover track and switches for the park line at Central will be put in today. ¶ Putting up of the new trolley system on Topeka began yesterday. The smooth straight poles are being set 100 feet apart and will be painted white. The span wires will be of one-quarter inch stranded wire, fastened with an eye-bolt put through the poles. The trolley wire itself will be number 00 in size and hung 18 feet above the rails. The hangers are of the standard pattern and will be bent around the wire instead of soldered to it.
6. James Howard, the livery man, has a new ambulance, which is one of the finest in the west. Description.

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5. The Main street construction gang yesterday split up instead of resuming at Central avenue. Part of them completed the work from 8th street to Murdock, and the other part worked on the new track on 9th street to the house track on Wichita street. ¶ The work of setting up the new 300 horsepower boiler at the power house was commenced. Details.
6. Article about complaints to city council about the midnight revelries occurring in summer time on Ackerman's Island and the 2nd street bridge. Details.

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6. Yesterday the special work at Murdock avenue was put in where the Main street line narrows to single track. The switches are of the latest pattern, known as the spring tongue switch. Details.

Sunday, April 1, 1900**page**

5. Article reports rumor that the Kansas Midland Railroad has been sold to the Frisco. The Frisco has the Midland under lease now.

Receipts of the Wichita post office for the year ended March 31 were \$61,000, an increase of \$20,000 in the last four years.

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5. The Main street line was finished up Saturday, and yesterday the men commenced work on the new Fairview line to the packing house. A deal was closed Saturday giving the company the right-of-way on north Market between 19th and 20th streets, which has never been incorporated in the city.
6. Dr. S. S. Noble has presented Mrs. Noble with a handsome Mason and Hamlin pipe organ, which has just been placed in their residence at Riverside.

Note about uniforms for street railway company employees.

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5. Waltersheid Brothers have closed a deal for ground with 170 feet front on both Mead and Mosley avenues, just north of the first alley north of Douglas, for \$2,200. They will erect a large new pump factory building there. Details.
6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company filed suit to obtain injunction preventing the sheriff from interfering with the company's property under the tax levy and seizure made a week ago. Details. ¶ Wichita Railroad and Light company says it is a corporation organized under the laws of West Virginia. Says the complete purchase price of the old property, from the Batchelder syndicate, was \$33,000, and over \$8,500 of this was real estate items including \$6,000 for the power house property and \$2,500 being for the 12 acres of land west of Riverside park.

The street car company still is working on the new packing house line, but today part of the men will commence work on Douglas avenue, laying track from Topeka to Main street, which will allow the Topeka avenue cars to run up town instead of stopping at Douglas.

Friday, April 6, 1900**page**

5. Article reports death yesterday of H. W. "Doc" Black, resident of Wichita since 1870 (owner of property at Waco and Douglas where Broadview Hotel later built). Obituary notes.

6. The new track on Douglas from Topeka to Main was nearly completed yesterday. The work on east Douglas will continue until all the track from Main street to the Santa Fe Railroad has been laid.

Note on street car construction work.

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5. Article—petition for street car line on south Topeka.

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5. Article confirming the sale of the Kansas Midland (in hands of receiver) to the Frisco. ¶ The Frisco will now re-open and improve the Midland depot here and build its own terminal facilities in the way of side tracks, depot, switches, etc. After the expiration or annulment of the contract with the Santa Fe for western business by way of Newton the Frisco will use the Midland to Burton and reach Colorado and the west by way of the Union Pacific from Ellsworth. The Midland will be repaired and put in good shape.
6. Annual reports of mayor and city officials. ¶ Mayor Ross mentions the \$14,000 in bonds voted over two years ago for the purchase and improvement of Riverside park. ¶ Street commissioners report says: Wichita has 84,349 square yards of asphalt pavement, 11,666 square yards of brick pavement, and 37,831 square yards of Colorado sand stone pavement.

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5. The mortgage on the Wichita Railroad and Light company was filed in the register of deeds office yesterday. It is for \$300,000, given to the Portland Trust company of Portland, Maine, to secure an issue of five percent 20 year gold bonds. Of these \$250,000 will be issued right away for construction of the street railway and \$50,000 worth will be held as a reserve fund for future needs. The mortgage was given March 31.
6. The average business of each of the new cars since the 1st of April has been 434 passengers on the Topeka car, north Main 299, and West Side 279. Receipts are showing a steady increase on the improved lines. ¶ The next track work will be to finish the curve at Topeka and Douglas so that the Topeka cars can come to Main street. ¶ It has been decided to replace the old bridge across the Big river with a new one.
8. Legal publicity of city officials' annual reports. ¶ Fire department has 21 men. ¶ Police department has 20 men.

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5. Twenty illuminated signs have been ordered from the Hunter Electric Sign company of

Cincinnati to be used on the open cars which will run during the summer months. They consist of a box which contains a lamp and a roll on which are printed, in transparent letters, the names of the different lines. The signs are provided with a handle which extends through the roof of the vestibule so the motorman can place any of the names to the front. The names of the lines will be as follows: Depot, College Hill, Stock Yards, Cemeteries, South Main, Topeka, Riverside, Fair Ground, West Side, Court House, Special. ¶ For the winter cars a ventilator on each side and one on each end will have the name of the line on which the car is running.

Report that Frisco will begin at once to improve the old Kansas Midland depot and terminal facilities and utilize them for its own use, now that it has gained control of the Midland. For a number of years the Frisco has had joint use of the Santa Fe depot with that road. The lease will not expire until February 1901, but it is said that the lease can be and will in all probability be abrogated. ¶ The report is out that the Frisco will greatly enlarge and improve the Midland depot and make it modern in every respect. The terminal facilities at present are by no means adequate and many additional sidetracks, crossings, turntables, and like conveniences will have to be put in.

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8. Annual report of the Board of Health for year ended March 31. Details. "Only 90 cases of smallpox in the entire year in Wichita."

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6. Article reports buildings must be cleared from the site of the new Missouri Pacific depot by April 19 so the foundation work can be commenced. Details.

The street railway people have finished up the track on west Douglas to the river, and the West Side cars are now running through to Main street. ¶ By tonight the trolley at the corner of Topeka and Douglas will be up and the Topeka avenue cars will also come on to Main street. Then all the lines except south Main on the pavement will have good track. ¶ The extension of the Fairview line to the packing house will be the next to be completed. When this is finished, the Topeka line above 13th street will be discontinued.

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13. The name of Court street was changed to Main street by ordinance approved by E. B. Allen, mayor, May 19, 1871.

The old street fair arch is still stacked up in pieces on south Main. The plan to move it to the park has been given up.

The work on the superstructure of the Lehmann-Higginson block has begun.

There are 26 passenger trains in and out of Wichita every day.

Whole page of little items on Wichita—"The City in Brief." ¶ Ties used in construction of new street railway cost 52¢ each and it will take 35,000 to build the road. ¶ Owing to the bad track north of 13th street cars have not been running to the stock yards over the Topeka avenue line for several days. ¶ Note mentions 12th street depot of Missouri Pacific. ¶ It is estimated that on the paved streets one-fourth of the weight of the old street car rails had rotted away. The iron's dissolution was caused by electrolysis. ¶ There are 26 passengers trains in and out of Wichita every day. ¶ The telephone company has 600 subscribers in Wichita.

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6. Article comments on proposal to start a new telephone company in Wichita—mainly against.

Yesterday the new car track to the packing house was completed with the exception of a little work on the loop. This will be completed today. ¶ The overhead work is now being put up. When the trolley is ready, the cars will go to the packing house over the new line and the old track on Topeka north of 13th street will be torn up. ¶ Two of the new cars will be put on the line, making a round trip in 40 minutes, thus giving a 20 minute service. ¶ The loop at the end of the line is only 80 feet in diameter, or what is spoken of as a 40 foot curve. The curve at the corner of Topeka and Douglas is a 50 foot curve. ¶ Yesterday some of the men were laying track on west Douglas and on the east track on north Main.

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5. Article reports the Frisco paid \$2,065,000 for the Kansas Midland. Details. ¶ Article speculates on improvements of the Wichita terminal, passenger station, etc.

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6. A club of eight young men was lately organized and have secured a steam pleasure launch which was placed on the Little Arkansas river last night. This boat is now open to the public.

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6. The street car company is now giving an excellent 15 minute service on north Topeka avenue. As soon as the double track is completed on north Main to Murdock avenue, a ten minute service will be given that far north on Main street.

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7. A Hartzell mule car, a Powell horse car, a George C. Strong Fairmount car, a Valley Center motor car, a Henry Schweiter motor car, a Wichita street railway car, formed in one train, to be pulled by a new street car over Main and Douglas as one of the great float attractions for the Karnival.
13. Article about Charles Payne, Wichita's animal dealer. Details.

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5. The street railway company yesterday began work on the south Main street line. When this is completed work will be started on north Main between 9th and 13th. After this the park line will be built. ¶ The company yesterday received word that four new closed cars would be shipped today. Ten open cars are completed and will be shipped as soon as long vehicle cars can be secured. The open cars will be 28 feet, six inches in length and are fitted with ten reversible seats on each side and two stationary full length seats across one end.

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6. Work was started yesterday on clearing the ground for the new Missouri Pacific depot.

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5. Article reports death in Buffalo, New York, Tuesday of George P. Dold, who came to Wichita in 1888 when the Dold plant here was started and managed it until May 1899. He was 46 (born July 10, 1863). ¶ His father is Jacob Dold, Sr. The sons of Jacob Dold, Sr. are J. C. Dold, George P. Dold (deceased), Albert W. Dold, Edward F. Dold, Fred W. Dold, and Charles H. Dold.
6. The Santa Fe has objected to the patent crossing which the street railway company plans to put in across their tracks on south Main. No reason given.

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5. The Santa Fe and street railway company resolved their differences and the crossing over the Santa Fe track on south Main was put in yesterday. The crossing over the Santa Fe tracks on east Douglas will be put in some night so as to cause the least interference with traffic.

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5. Contract was let yesterday for a cement walk six feet wide in Riverside park from Murdock avenue bridge to the circle. The Dold booth in South Riverside has been substantially repaired, with a new shingle roof and seats for the ladies arranged inside.

Thursday, May 3, 1900**page**

5. Article about closing out of the corporate affairs of the former Wichita University. ¶ The board of trustees of the Wichita university, formerly property of the Reformed church, met yesterday afternoon at the church and closed up the business of the corporation. The building and property was sold to the Catholic church on the 1st of last December for \$5,000. After transferring this sum to the trustees of the synod, the corporation of the Wichita university came to an end. ¶ The university was one of the numerous outgrowths of the boom. It was opened in 1888 and closed in 1893. The building itself cost more than \$30,000. A horse car line used to run from the end of the College Hill trolley line. The material for the line was furnished by the street car company, and it was built and maintained by the university corporation. As soon as the school was closed, the line was turned up and now not the least trace of it remains. ¶ The Catholic church bought the property for the sisters of St. Joseph, who will maintain it as a sisters training school and orphanage.

Work was completed yesterday on the street railway crossing of the Santa Fe tracks on east Douglas, and Mayor Ross then took charge of car number 100 and ran it across the tracks. ¶ The company is now completing the rest of the track on east Douglas (probably meaning the paved portion) except for the Rock Island and Kansas Midland crossings, which will have to be put in by the railroad companies, as they are the juniors at these crossings. ¶ When the work on east Douglas is finished, the south Main line will be completed to Harry street and a loop put in there. When this is done the south Main and the packing house cars will be run together and will turn at each end of the line so the cars will always be run with the vestibules forward. ¶ Yesterday steam pipes for connecting the new boiler with the engine were received.

Saturday, May 5, 1900**page**

5. Four more of the second hand street cars have arrived from Cincinnati. They are the one-end vestibule cars and are numbered 104, 106, 108 and 110. Two of them were unloaded yesterday and the other two will be unloaded today. This makes ten of the winter cars, which is all the company has ordered. ¶ The ten new summer cars, which are being built in Cincinnati, are all completed with the exception of the motors which are made by a different firm. The motor company is behind with its orders, and the cars will not be shipped until they are received.

The Kansas National bank of Wichita changed hands yesterday. J. O. Davidson, A. S. Parks, T. G. Fitch, W. E. Stanley, Elsberry Martin, and C. L. Davidson sold out to W. S. Woods of Kansas City, C. Q. Chandler of Medicine Lodge, E. E. Masterman of Garnett, Kansas, and J. W. Berryman of Ashland, Kansas. The bank was started as a private bank by H. W. Lewis in 1878 on north Main street and was nationalized in 1886. Details.

6. Hutchinson has bought three of Wichita's old street cars for use there after repainting and overhauling. They get three of the open cars, and will take off the motors and rearrange

them for mule attachment.

Tuesday, May 8, 1900**page**

6. Yesterday the county commissioners decided to open Cleveland avenue through the unplatted ground between 3rd street and Central avenue, known as Mathewson's pasture. This is the place where all the circuses for several years past have pitched their tents. People in the area have been very desirous of having this street opened up. All the children who live north of Central and go to the Washington school are obliged to go through the pasture, and this is said to be sometimes unsafe for the smaller ones.

Wednesday, May 9, 1900**page**

5. The South Main loop of street car line at Harry street will be finished today, which will allow the packing house and south Main cars to run as they are intended to—with the vestibule always forward. These two lines have been running together for some time, but have been running backwards half the time on account of not having a loop at both ends of the line. ¶ Yesterday the Topeka avenue and West Side cars were also run through. ¶ The track gang are starting work today on the north Main line between 9th and 13th, which is the only unimproved part of the packing house line. The Missouri Pacific crossing at 12th street will be put in today. With a little more work on Fairview all of the packing house lines will be in first class condition.

Friday, May 11, 1900**page**

5. An addition is to be built to the Children's home. At present there are 19 children being cared for which is the maximum number that can be accommodated. The home was founded about 11 years ago and was first located on Pennsylvania avenue in the first block north of Douglas. About two years later it was moved to the present building on College Hill.

The contract for the brick and stone work on the new Missouri Pacific depot has been let to W. H. Sternberg (later correction on May 12, page 6, says that it was only the plans and specifications that were given to Mr. Sternberg, and the contract was not let).

Saturday, May 12, 1900**page**

6. The Frisco has decided to postpone erection of a passenger station in Wichita until the terminal contract with the Santa Fe expires, which will be in January 1901.

Tuesday, May 15, 1900**page**

6. Commencement exercises of Fairmount college will be held June 1, with ten graduates from the college department.

Wednesday, May 16, 1900**page**

5. Rain is delaying the construction of the street car company. The West Side line will be the next one finished. Just west of the bridge, double track will be put in for some distance. Fifty-five pounds rails, the same as were used on Topeka avenue, will be put in to the corner of Douglas and Seneca, and the rest of the line will be built with the 35 pound steel.
6. The Fairview line was being worked on yesterday from 13th and Main to 16th and Fairview, and passengers had to walk this distance.

Thursday, May 17, 1900**page**

6. The Cone-Cornell laundry building on south Market has reached the second story.

Saturday, May 19, 1900**page**

5. The old Metropole hotel, which stands at the corner of Main and English streets, was sold yesterday to Mr. J. A. Hamilton of Springfield, Missouri. He will spend \$16,000 immediately in remodeling and putting it in shape suitable for a first class hotel in every respect. The building improvements to be made are on the east end where two more stories will be added to make more room. It has 72 rooms at present, but more will be added. ¶ Late in the 1880s the Metropole was built by Colonel Milton Stewart. Colonel Stewart moved away and the building passed out of his hands and during the reaction the boom the hotel closed. ¶ Mr. Hamilton expects to reopen the hotel by September 1st.
6. Mr. Will Garibaldi died at his home on College Hill yesterday.

Wednesday, May 23, 1900**page**

5. The 20th annual commencement exercises of the Wichita high school were held last night, with 47 in graduating class.

Friday, May 25, 1900**page**

5. Mr. W. Q. Church, who has been superintendent of the Wichita street railway for about three years, has resigned and will leave for Kansas City next week to take a position in the freight department of the Pittsburg (sic) and Gulf Railroad. ¶ Some three years ago he gave up a position with the Santa Fe in the city to accept the superintendency of the street railway. He has done an excellent job under very adverse circumstances in keeping the dilapidated cars going and giving some service.
6. All the work on the north Main street line was finished yesterday and the cars can now run through on this and the south Main street line without interruption. ¶ Part of the gang were working on the park line yesterday. The track will be laid on the south side of

Central avenue first, and if the line is well patronized, another track will be put on the north side, making a double track. Two days work on this they will lay track between Missouri Pacific crossing and the north Riverside entrance. Enough switches will be put in on the single track so that five minute service can be run to the park. ¶ Work on the West Side line will start next Monday. Fifty-five pound rails will be used from the end of the pavement to Douglas and Seneca, and 35 pound steel for the rest of the line. ¶ Piling for the bridge between Central and north Riverside was received yesterday and will be unloaded today. Work on this bridge will commence at once. ¶ Manager Nelson says the four of the new summer cars will be shipped from Cincinnati this week and that the other six will be shipped in the near future.

Saturday, May 26, 1900**page**

5. The Palace block, at west Douglas and Seneca, was sold yesterday to Dr. Norton, of Illinois, who moved here recently. Had been owned by Nickolson and Sheckler, who are in the furniture business at that location.

Tuesday, May 29, 1900**page**

2. Contract for new Missouri Pacific depot awarded to H. J. Walln, contractor from Jefferson City. Building will cost about \$46,000.

Wednesday, May 30, 1900**page**

5. New street railway bridge across river at Douglas avenue is nearing completion. Rails will probably be put down tomorrow and cars running over the bridge Saturday. ¶ Track gang has completed 600 feet of the track west of the river. The passing track is placed at the turn of the avenue at Sycamore street. If no train, track should be completed to Masonic home early next week. ¶ New boiler at power house was fired up yesterday. It is expected that the new generator will be ready for use soon.

Friday, June 1, 1900**page**

5. Street car bridge over big river at Douglas avenue will be finished today. It is about 700 feet long. ¶ Yesterday the track to Fairmount was put in shape so that one of the new cars could run to the hill. The last one of the old cars has completely given out. ¶ The company employed 159 men on construction alone during month of May with payroll of about \$2,500.
6. J. Q. Hamilton, the new owner of the Metropole hotel, arrived in the city yesterday, and is making plans for the remodeling and improvement of the building, which he hopes to re-open on September 1.

Saturday, June 2, 1900**page**

5. The street railway company finished the new bridge across the big river yesterday except for the guard rails, and cars are now running over it to within 200 feet of Douglas and Seneca. ¶ Guard rails will be placed one foot outside the regular rails and safety rails one foot on the inside. These are to keep the cars from running off the bridge in case they should jump the track. ¶ The Fairmount car ran regularly all day yesterday. ¶ There is about two and one-half days work left to finish the West Side line, and then the park line will probably be next and take about a week.

Sunday, June 3, 1900**page**

5. Architect Dumont is working on plans for the remodeling of the Metropole hotel. The east addition, which is only one story and is 42 by 68 feet, will be built up to four stories to conform with the other part of the building, and this will give 30 more rooms, all equipped with private baths.

Tuesday, June 5, 1900**page**

5. Work has begun on the addition to the Children's home.

Article on new Missouri Pacific depot. When it is completed the old frame structure (depot) on 2nd street will be torn down. It is also proposed to remove Superintendent Webb's office and the dispatcher's office from 12th street to the yards near the freight depot.

Wednesday, June 6, 1900**page**

6. The Santa Fe Railway company has adopted the Pullman brown or drab as the color for its passenger coaches. Since the establishment of this road all the passenger coaches were red, but red will no longer be the official color of this road, and all the old cars will be repainted.

Thursday, June 7, 1900**page**

2. The street railway yesterday put benches at 13th and Main for the accommodation of the passengers who transfer there.

Friday, June 8, 1900**page**

5. Excavations for the foundations of the new Missouri Pacific depot started yesterday.

The Santa Fe Railroad company has very generously consented to donate 20 car loads of crushed rock to the city for the purpose of improving the walks and driveways of Riverside Park. ¶ The Missouri Pacific Railway company has also consented to furnish 15 car loads of macadam free of charge.

6. The Santa Fe railway has put in a platform between the first two tracks at the depot owing to double service.

Sunday, June 10, 1900**page**

6. Yesterday the street car company practically finished the West Side line. The end of the line, instead of being at the corner of Maple and Hiram streets, is at the corner of Hiram and University avenue, directly in front of the university. A loop was put in yesterday, but it will be several days before the trolley wire is put up. When finished, this line and the Topeka avenue line will be run together. The Topeka avenue line will be extended to 14th street and a loop put in there. The old track on Topeka between Douglas and 3rd will be replaced with entirely new track as soon as the company can get more ties. In the mean time, work is continuing on the park line.
7. Fifty new park seats have been placed in Riverside, half of them four and one-half feet long and half six feet long.

Tuesday, June 12, 1900**page**

6. Article about the "Sullivan Dam case"—gives some history of the dam—long article.

Thursday, June 14, 1900**page**

5. Manager Nelson received telegram that four new summer cars had been placed on board for shipment from the factory at Newark, Ohio on June 9, to arrive over the Frisco. ¶ The company contracted for ten open cars, four of which were to have been delivered on March 15, two on March 25, and the remaining four on April 5, but to date none of the last order have been delivered (sic.) ¶ If weather permits, cars will run to the park by next Sunday. Rails have been laid on the bridge recently erected in the park. ¶ West Side line extended to Friends University but wires still to be strung.

Friday, June 15, 1900**page**

5. Workman are tearing down the old Hydraulic mill on Hydraulic avenue, and the building is about half torn down. The work will be completed in a few weeks.
6. Article about new improvements to be made to the Metropole hotel by Mr. J. Q. Hamilton, to cost about \$25,000. A new four story addition is being built on the east (the previous one story addition there was torn down.) The addition will be 60 by 42 feet, extending to the alley. To the north of this will be a one story building 60 by 22 feet for the kitchen, and north of this a three story addition 50 by 25 feet. Details.

Sunday, June 17, 1900**page**

5. Article says the burdensome \$20,000 mortgage which has been held against Lewis

academy for many years will be taken up soon and institution will be free from encumbrance. Details. Five thousand dollars of the debt is being paid by Colonel H. W. Lewis, and \$15,000 by the board of aid for academies and colleges of the Presbyterian church.

Tuesday, June 19, 1900**page**

5. Two more of the new summer cars arrived over the Frisco this morning. Two are already here and are being equipped for service. They will not be put into service at once, as the motors for them have not yet arrived. ¶ The new cars are fine ones and have just been built in one of the Ohio factories. They are painted white and yellow and are similar to the ones now in use. There are 16 seats in each car, all but the end ones being reversible. On each side of the cars is a bar which can be lowered to prevent people from getting on and off the left side of the car. ¶ The new engine and generator is in place in the power house and will soon be ready for service. ¶ Work is being done on the Park line in spite of the rain. Yesterday the crossings of the Missouri Pacific were put in at Central avenue. In two or three days the line may be finished from Central to South Riverside. When the trolley can be put up, a car will be put on from corner of Main and Douglas. Rest of the line may not be completed for some time, as ground in the central park is still too wet for work to be done.

Saturday, June 23, 1900**page**

2. The park line was connected up to the Main street line yesterday, and cars should be running to the park in a few days. ¶ The ties for the short piece of old line on Topeka avenue have arrived and been distributed along the line. ¶ The company is still looking for the rest of the new summer cars to arrive. ¶ After park line is completed, work will commence on Fairmount or College Hill line.
5. Mount St. Mary's, on south College Hill, is already occupied and will be dedicated next Thursday.

Sunday, June 24, 1900**page**

7. People on Carlos avenue are asking Manager Nelson to extend the street railway line to that street. It is the present intention to extend the line to 10th and Bitting.
9. City Regulator: Makes reference to the canal in north Market street.

Tuesday, June 26, 1900**page**

5. The Wichita fire department yesterday demonstrated its new Babcock aerial ladder, which reaches 65 feet high and on which a ten foot ladder can be slipped on, making a total of 75 feet, or about five stories.

Friday, June 29, 1900**page**

5. Article about dedication yesterday of Mount St. Mary's, the convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph, on College Hill. The building has been repaired from top to bottom. Details. They have recently purchased a number of acres of land around the building and now have a campus of 50 acres.

Tuesday, July 3, 1900**page**

5. Article about 15 minute stop and speech in Wichita yesterday by Theodore Roosevelt, Republican vice-presidential candidate. Details.

Wednesday, July 4, 1900**page**

5. The last gap in the long distance line of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company between Wichita and Kansas City was closed yesterday.
6. Contract awarded for moving the Burton school building to 9th and Cherry streets and building two additional rooms.

Street railway company is rushing work on the College Hill line, which will be completed about the 10th of the month. ¶ All the proposed lines will then be finished with exception of the Park and Fairmount lines. ¶ The line to the fair grounds from Harry street will be put in after the other lines are completed. ¶ Word has been received that the balance of the summer cars have been shipped and should arrive in a few days. They have the motors already on them. The motors for the summer cars already here have been shipped with the cars and will be put on the cars already here as soon as possible. ¶ The two summer cars which were put on last Sunday are proving very popular. ¶ Supt. Nelson reports the last payroll for the company was \$2569.78. ¶ The cars will be run later at night by one hour, than heretofore. Last car leaving Main and Douglas on the different lines is:

College Hill	10:00 p.m.
Park Line	10:30 p.m.
South Main	10:20 p.m.
North Main	10:40 p.m.
Topeka Avenue	10:50 p.m.
West Side	10:40 p.m.

¶ The last Fairmount car will leave Main and 13th street at 9:10 p.m.

Thursday, July 5, 1900**page**

5. Letter to editor from J. R. Mead about the little lake in Griswold park, which he says has always been there since Wichita was founded, and to which Captain Payne has now donated a colony of swans. ¶ Article describes the growth of various trees in Riverside park area in early days of Wichita.
6. The cars on the park line were crowded yesterday afternoon on every trip until it rained.

Friday, July 6, 1900**page**

5. The street railway company did its greatest business on the 4th of July carrying 4,700 passengers including 1,000 on the new park line in spite of the rain storm. Had it not rained there would probably have been 10,000. ¶ On the 4th the cars were run only to the entrance of the park, but it will only be a short time until people can be taken into the park. ¶ Word was received yesterday that two more new summer cars have been shipped. The remaining two will follow later.
6. The number of phones in Wichita is now in the neighborhood of 1,000, and an extension of the switch board is to be added soon.

The Maple street bridge has been closed for several months except to pedestrians, awaiting repairs.

Sunday, July 8, 1900**page**

4. The new building at Market and William for the Kansas Steam laundry is about completed and will be ready for occupancy next Saturday.
5. Street Commissioner Allen has just completed distributing six cars of crushed rock, or macadam, have been distributed on the driveways at Riverside park. This has been donated by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, which gave 15 car loads, and the Santa Fe, which gave 20 cars, of which 14 are still to be received. Mayor Ross is also using his influence to get the Rock Island company to donate some macadam.
8. Article with history of the Herman and Hess clothing store with drawing of the building it is in.

Tuesday, July 10, 1900**page**

6. The new street car track to College Hill reached Grove avenue last evening.

A carload of marble tile arrived yesterday for the new floor in the office of the Carey hotel.

Wednesday, July 11, 1900**page**

5. Temporary injunction obtained yesterday by James S. Campbell, owner of property along

east 15th street, to restrain the street railway company from removing the old Fairmount line which runs from Washington avenue to Fairmount avenue along that street. Says the line was constructed in 1888 and was to be operated for a period of 20 years and that he had given \$4,000 to the company to help build the line plus \$125 towards building the wooden bridge over Chisholm creek, which the present company is now using. Details.

6. Workers yesterday started moving the Burton Car Works school building to its new site at 9th and Cherry. The building will be remodeled and two rooms added, making six in all. The name of the new school has not been determined as yet.

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6. The street car company are putting on their new summer cars as fast as they can be equipped with motors. They are all in and five of them are now in service. It is thought that two or more additional cars will be ready for use by Sunday and the others by the first of the coming week. ¶ The work on the College Hill line is nearly completed. ¶ The park line continues to pay, and the company is anxious to get the balance of the line completed.

Friday, July 13, 1900

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5. Article about a base ball game to be played today at the Fairgrounds.

"Where is Griswold park?" asked Mayor Ross of a reporter yesterday. "It's funny," he continued, that the people of the city can't learn the name of our park. I don't know of any Griswold park around here. There is a riverside park; that is a very nice place, but the people don't seem to understand that there is no Griswold park or Griffenstein park any more. Even the newspaper men sometimes refer to Griswold park and I also notice that the city regulator, whoever he is, says "Griswold park." Everybody should bear in mind that there is but one park and that is Riverside park. It doesn't make any difference how many entrances the park has, there is but one park proper.

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2. Work has started on the long distance telephone line between Wichita and Oklahoma City which is badly needed by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company.
5. The Moore Brothers, proprietors of the Wichita Stove and Iron Works, will immediately start erection of their new foundry building at 1st street and Santa Fe avenue. The lot is 300 by 200 feet. Details.

Article about the plan by which the city will vote \$30,000 in bonds and Sedgwick county about \$80,000 in return for location of the shops of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad in this city along with construction of about 40 miles of the road through this county. Details.

Superintendent Nelson has announced that the probable route of the Fairmount line will be over the College Hill line to Hillside avenue and up Hillside, through the cemeteries, to the college. ¶ The College Hill line will be completed today as far as Hillside avenue, and on Monday the force of men will be transferred to the park line in order to complete the latter as soon as possible.

6. Article says the Kansas Midland Railroad company, while still in the hands of a receiver, has been operated for some time by the Frisco, and the latter company is expected to buy it when it is sold at public auction in Wichita on July 25.

Thursday, July 19, 1900

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6. Residents on College Hill are objecting to the proposed location of Fairmount line on Hillside avenue.

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5. The board of directors of All Hallows academy, just west of the city, have decided to build an addition to the present building. Plans have already been drawn and contract is to be let soon. The addition will conform to the main portion of the building, which is four stories high. To cost at least \$15,000. ¶ The institution is for young ladies and is maintained by the Catholic church.

William B. McKinley filed suit yesterday against the Jewett Car company for \$2,792 damages for failure to deliver cars at time specified in contract. ¶ Four of the cars to be here on March 15, two on March 25, and the remaining four on April 5. The first consignment was 60 days late, the second 51 days date, and the third 47 days late.

6. The Auditorium yesterday passed into the hands of the Mutual Real Estate association, having been sold at a sheriff's sale after the recent foreclosure of a mortgage. The mortgage with accrued interest amounted to \$3,800. ¶ The Auditorium building was erected a few years ago by popular stock subscription at a cost of about \$7,500 for holding of large conventions and entertainments, but sufficient funds could not be realized from its operation to offset the cost of construction, and a mortgage on the same was executed. ¶ The Auditorium was never wholly completed, but it has on many occasions accommodated large crowds, it having a seating capacity of about 3,000.

Sunday, July 22, 1900

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4. Street car company have completed their park line to the north end of the Griffenstein bridge and cars will run there today on a 30 minute service. The line will be completed this week to 11th street and the loop will probably be put in there later after construction of some other lines. Eight of the new summer cars are running and other two will be in a few days.

5. College Hill car, number 100, ran over three year old girl at Douglas and Ida.

Tuesday, July 24, 1900**page**

6. City council yesterday ordered the discontinuance of the present street lighting on August 1, so that the street railway company, which was granted the street lighting franchise, could commence the erection of a line.

Thursday, July 26, 1900**page**

6. The Kansas Midland railway property was sold at a special chancery sale yesterday by the clerk of the United States Court to the first mortgage bond holders for \$500,000, but it will soon pass into the hands of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway, who have been operating the line by agreement since its passage into the hands of a receiver.

Tuesday, July 31, 1900**page**

5. Professor Isley of Fairmount college seeking some way to compel street car company to repair or reconstruct the line to Fairmount college.
6. Nearly 4,000 fares paid on street car lines last Sunday. One thousand two hundred fifty people were on the College Hill and Park lines, mostly to the park. Line on West Side and Topeka avenue hauled over 1,300 people. One thousand two hundred fifty people used Main street lines. ¶ Construction has started on the line from Harry street south to the Fair Grounds. There is a loop at Harry and the cars will be run from the loop. Work should be completed by latter part of the week. After trolley wires are strung the cars will be run to the fair grounds whenever there is any demand. The park line is nearly completed.

Wednesday, August 1, 1900**page**

5. Court grants permanent injunction against removal of the old 15th street car line to Fairmount.

Thursday, August 2, 1900**page**

2. Another article about the controversy over location of Fairmount line. Details.

Saturday, August 4, 1900**page**

6. Young women to serve one day as street car conductors with collections going to charity.

Sunday, August 5, 1900**page**

5. Article about the injunction suit against street car company. Company offer to sell the old 15th street line and equipment for \$5,000 to James S. Campbell, plaintiff in the injunction

suit.

Tuesday, August 7, 1900**page**

6. The usually dusty driveways in Riverside park were in excellent condition Sunday owing to Mr. O. C. Daisy, who generously sprinkled them for Sunday use free of charge. Six sprinklers were used in laying the dust.

Wednesday, August 8, 1900**page**

6. Another article on matter of the Fairmount line route. ¶ Line to the fair grounds has been completed but needs trolley wires connected. This line connects with south Main line at Harry street will only be used on special occasions. ¶ No agreement yet in regard to proposed buying of old 15th street line by James S. Campbell.

Thursday, August 9, 1900**page**

5. Work on Fairmount line to begin today or as soon as the ties come, beginning at the Fairmount end of the line. ¶ Company has completed Douglas avenue line to the hill and formed a loop, which is the eastern terminus of the line and only three blocks from Hillside.

Friday, August 10, 1900**page**

6. The stone work on the new Missouri Pacific Depot is completed and the brick work begun.

Saturday, August 11, 1900**page**

5. James S. Campbell will ask city council for a franchise to operate old 15th street line to Fairmount.

Sunday, August 12, 1900**page**

4. Work on new Fairmount car line started yesterday at corner of 9th and Hillside and line will be built north to 13th and Hillside, then one block east to Fairmount avenue, then north to Fairmount college. ¶ The new track is being placed on the east side of Hillside avenue and leaves a wide place for teams to travel.

Thursday, August 16, 1900**page**

5. Cudahy's have taken over the Whittaker Packing Plant and will operate it.

Friday, August 17, 1900**page**

5. One of the hardest worked grafts in Wichita is beating the street car company. There are grown men in Wichita who, if they want to go anywhere from the corner of Main and Douglas, will stand around till a crowd gets off a car to get transfer tickets. They walk up by the car, join the crowd and rush to the transfer man. In this way they get tickets for a ride without giving up any money. This is done every day. On Monday six men, all in one bunch, got tickets this way.
6. Nearly 3,000 people used the street cars last Sunday as a means of transportation to Riverside park, the largest number ever taken by the present street car company. ¶ To the citizen, who three years ago viewed what is now Riverside park, the transformation seems almost miraculous. ¶ The article then goes on to describe Riverside park—formerly and now—in great detail.

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4. Letter by William Ross of Mesa City, Arizona describing Wichita 30 years ago.

Tuesday, August 21, 1900

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5. Sixty-five hundred people used the street cars last Sunday as follows:

Park and College Hill line	3,500
Packing house and South Main	1,600
West Side and Topeka avenue	1,400
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Total	6,500

Means company took in \$325 for their day's business. The two previous Sundays were August 4—4,500 and August 12—5,500.

Wednesday, August 22, 1900

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5. Fairmount route is decided—from the cemeteries it will go over Hillside to Douglas avenue, connecting with College Hill line. Construction of this part started yesterday with 40 men and seven teams at 9th and Hillside, working south. Upper part of the line is completed except for placing trolley poles and wires, which will be done within next few days. The track on Hillside all the way from 13th to Central and perhaps to Douglas will be on the east side of the street. When permission was given by the county commissioners for the use of the portion of the road which belongs to the county, this was one of the stipulations and is being adhered to by the company in the entire length. There will be one small bridge at the bottom of the hill on 9th street.

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6. Article on proposal by Cudahy presented to city council—to operate old Whittaker plant if city will buy the building (\$50,000), repair it and place new machinery (\$40,000). Stock yards company has offered to buy the plant and provide \$10,000 of the remaining \$40,000, leaving only \$30,000 for city to raise. ¶ Twelve years ago citizens of Wichita raised over \$150,000 for the bringing of the Whittaker plant to this city.

Friday, August 24, 1900**page**

5. New poles on Douglas are down to the Rock Island are new light wire poles, and after the street car lines are completed over the city, the iron poles in the middle of the street will be taken up and the light poles used to hold the trolley wires.
6. Yesterday track layers on Fairmount line crossed the Frisco track and reached 500 feet south on Hillside.

Saturday, August 25, 1900**page**

5. New Metropole hotel to open September 10—will have nearly 90 rooms for guests.

Sunday, August 26, 1900**page**

5. Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company planning new building in Wichita to cost \$75,000. At present the company's headquarters are in the Bitting block.

Water works company have sunk two new wells on the island in the big river. During last week the company has been sending out 5,000,000 gallons of water per day.

6. Article about trolley parties.

Tuesday, August 28, 1900**page**

5. Missouri—Kansas Telephone Company ask permission to lay wires in conduits.
6. Real estate activity increasing on College Hill—new golf club is in operation in this vicinity.

New Fairmount line will be completed as far south as Central by tonight.

Friday, August 31, 1900**page**

6. Announces location of Fairmount line from Central to Douglas. It turns on Central to Jersey avenue, formerly known as Park avenue, and goes down Jersey avenue to Douglas. Work should be done within a week. ¶ The route followed by the Fairmount line conforms to the nature of the ridge, which is known on the north as Fairmount and on the south as College Hill. The hill is in two benches, and south of the cemeteries the lower bench, on

which is located the railway, recedes eastward a block. By turning east on Central and going down Jersey avenue, the elevation is kept the entire distance; and the road will come within a block of the College Hill school.

Saturday, September 1, 1900**page**

5. Article saying the Orient shops will be probably located here—visitor says, "I have reliable information that the American shops of the road will built here"—employing 800-900 men.

Tuesday, September 4, 1900**page**

3. Note about new mirrors placed in street cars in front of motorneers (sic) so they can survey the car and its contents without turning around.
5. Board of education proposal for new high school building.

Wednesday, September 5, 1900**page**

6. United States Commissioner James Allison returned from Paris yesterday (school named for him??).

Saturday, September 8, 1900**page**

6. Construction on Fairmount line stopped by non-arrival of ties.
- Article refers now to the new Hamilton hotel (ex Metropole).

Sunday, September 9, 1900**page**

4. People along old Fairmount car line on 15th street now asking that a cinder or gravel pike be constructed on the old track east from St. Francis to Campbell avenue and thence to Fairmount.

Tuesday, September 11, 1900**page**

5. Street cars today to be run by King's Daughters and Children's Home board for substantial donation by company to those charities. ¶ Conductors for each car is listed. Cars are:

- 101 Topeka Avenue
- 103 Park and College Hill
- 105 Extra
- 107 Main Street and stock yards

- 109 Main Street and stock yards
- 111 Park and College Hill
- 113 Topeka Avenue
- 115 Extra
- 117 Stock yards
- 119 Topeka Avenue

Wednesday, September 12, 1900**page**

- 2. Fairmount college opens this morning. For a few days until street car line is completed students will ride College Hill line to Hillside and there transfer to hacks for the remainder of the trip.
- 6. Golf club is now ready for play on Fairmount. About 50 applications for membership have been received.

Wichita was the victim last night of one of those bug visitations which make people wonder what an all-wise providence is driving at any way. The bugs which arrived number 678, 985, 657, 438, 900, not counting the crippled ones. ¶ They are tiny little things with hard green wings, a biter and four legs. Under the microscope they looked like an animated ear of corn. They congregated around lamps indoors and lights outdoors, and made life a howling waste for all nervous people.

Thursday, September 13, 1900**page**

- 2. Lights burned all night so street car company could change their trolley wires on the south Main line. Trolley was in place in morning when cars commenced running. ¶ The old wire taken off the down town streets will be used in the construction of the Fairmount line.
- 6. Charles Lawrence to open photographic goods house.

Workmen are busy on the new Maple street bridge. Bridge has been closed six months. New structure has a slight arch. This bridge, when opened, is used more than the one on Douglas avenue.

Friday, September 14, 1900**page**

- 3. It takes eight men to lift the old Spanish cannon. It may be seen at the Wichita entrance of the city building.

Saturday, September 15, 1900**page**

5. Messrs. Stewart and Burns, who have charge of the Auditorium, are making a number of improvements on the interior of that building. Five hundred new chairs have been ordered to take the place of the hard benches which have caused much weariness for Wichita people. Estimates are being obtained for the proposed raising of the floor so as to make it slope toward the stage. The floor at present is on the level except for the raise in the rear under the balcony. ¶ The heating apparatus will also be improved. ¶ Outside of the building, new cement walks have been put in.

Sunday, September 16, 1900**page**

13. Article about the Spanish cannon, secured for the Wichita's park by Mayor Finlay Ross, and on display for some days past at the west door of the city building. ¶ It is described as a "six pound rifled bronze field gun," and the 800 pound piece was cast at Seville, Spain in 1794. It is unusual, in that before 1800 rifled cannon were very rare.

Tuesday, September 18, 1900**page**

3. Some splendid views of the river scenes in Riverside park were being exhibited around the city yesterday. They were taken by James Lillie, the view artist.
5. Construction of the last part of the Fairmount car line was resumed yesterday after a delay of several days due to wet weather and lack of material. The line will be completed within a few days. The track will be finished tomorrow and then the trolley poles and wire will be put in. The trolley wire being removed from downtown lines will be used on the Fairmount line. In the meantime the hack service from Hillside and Douglas to the college will be continued.
6. The frame work of the splendid new arch on Main street for the carnival was placed in position yesterday. It is much larger than the structure used at the same place last year. Details.

Wednesday, September 19, 1900**page**

5. The attendance at the high school is 435 now, which is the greatest it has ever been, and the building is crowded.

Thursday, September 20, 1900**page**

5. On the 15th of October, Mr. Charles Lawrence will occupy the Roys building at 219 east Douglas with his stock of wholesale photographic goods, the two story building having been bought recently by his brother, Mr. Robert Lawrence.

The Fairmount car track has been connected with the College Hill line on Douglas avenue,

and the crossing over the Frisco is now being put in. The poles are in position, but there is a delay now while awaiting the arrival of poles for the downtown streets. When these arrive the iron poles will be removed from the center of the streets, and the arms on the poles will be placed on the poles along the Fairmount line to hold the trolley wire in position.

Saturday, September 22, 1900**page**

5. Although some parts of the building are still not finished, the first guests will be received in the new Hamilton hotel tonight. Details.

Dr. J. G. Dorsey yesterday purchased the Goodyear property at southwest corner of Douglas and Emporia for \$6,000. The frame building on the corner, occupied by a drug store, occupies about half of the lot, and behind it is the brick Emporia avenue hotel, better known as the old Goodyear hotel, built by John Goodyear in the 1880s.

Article about progress on construction of the Missouri Pacific depot. Details about the interior.

Foundation now being laid for the new Walterscheid Brothers building on north Mead, one-half block north of the Rock Island depot. To be one story, 52 feet by 150 feet.

Sunday, September 23, 1900**page**

4. Mr. F. A. Amsden, who has been in the lumber business in Wellington, is moving to Wichita to establish his lumber business here. Details.
5. Article about the new Wellington European hotel to be opened here October 1 by Mr. M. A. McClellan in the first block on south Lawrence. Details.
7. Excavation was completed yesterday for the new building of the United Sash and Door company, two blocks south of Douglas on Mosley. To be two stories, 75 feet by 120 feet.

Tuesday, September 25, 1900**page**

5. City council voted yesterday to notify the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company that their franchise would expire within six months.
6. College Hill residents are asking for the street car company to erect a waiting pavilion at the end of the College Hill car line. Years ago when the other line was running private citizens spend \$125 in erecting a picturesque waiting place there. When the new loop was put in, the company tore the old pavilion down. Mr. Nelson said last evening that the lumber in the old pavilion was so rotten that it could not be put up again.

Thursday, September 27, 1900

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5. Workmen yesterday began stringing the trolley wire for the Fairmount line. Work started on Jersey avenue and continues north to Central. It will take about two days more to complete the stringing of the wire, and the cars should be running next week.

Friday, September 28, 1900**page**

5. Article reports that the Sheetz building, on corner of Market and Douglas, was sold yesterday to W. R. Tucker and O. C. Daisy for \$35,000. ¶ The building was commenced by Mr. L. G. Sheetz just at the end of the boom, and construction was stopped with the walls just up to the second floor and surrounded by a board fence which was used as a billboard. After several years the Cherokee and Pittsburg Coal and Mining company took the property on a lien. Tax adjustments were made and construction of the building was resumed.

The two winter cars recently ordered by the street car company are scheduled to reach here on the 10th of next month. They are of the same pattern as those now in the car barns and will have the electric heaters. ¶ The winter cars will not be put on as a regular thing until after the carnival (which is first week in October).

6. The trolley wire is strung as far north as the Frisco track, and in two days of work the cars will be running to Fairmount college.

Sunday, September 30, 1900**page**

5. Commissioner Nelson announced yesterday that the cars would be run over the Fairmount line today as far as the cemeteries on Hillside.

Tuesday, October 2, 1900**page**

2. Letter to editor from A. A. Hyde complaining about the street car company's action in refusing to repair the summer house which has stood so long at the end of the College Hill line and which the residents there built at their own expense of \$125 from a special design of Proudfoot and Bird. During the previous street car administration of the Mr. O'Neill, profitable band concerts and ice cream socials were given there on summer evenings. ¶ When it was recently moved by the new company, he states it was mishandled by the track force, causing it to fall over and break the center pole and part of the roof.

Article reports the opening yesterday of the new Wellington hotel and cafe. Has 32 rooms on second and third floors. Proprietor is Mr. M. A. McClelland. Details.

5. Fairmount street car number 100 jumped the track Sunday afternoon 25 feet east of the Chisholm creek bridge, rolled part way across the bridge and then fell off the south side of the bridge partly in the stream and partly on the west bank. A number were injured, but few seriously. ¶ It was the day of the opening of the new Fairmount line as far as the

cemeteries. ¶ The car was raised from the creek bank yesterday and taken to the power house. The sides were battered up and one of the steps was knocked off, but the motors were all right and the car can be repaired.

Wednesday, October 3, 1900

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6. Articles describe the booths at the street fair.

Sunday, October 7, 1900

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2. The Thursday Afternoon Cooking club will commence its 10th year with a Picnic in N Riverside park on Thursday afternoon. Please meet near the children's fountain.
4. The new Cleveland avenue school at corner of 9th and Cleveland was destroyed by fire last night. The nearest fire plug was 2500 feet away. ¶ The building was formerly the school house for the Burton car works and used to stand up by the Santa Fe tracks. The building was moved down some weeks ago and was being fitted up and an additional wing built on, all of which was destroyed by the fire.
5. Attendance at the street fair the past week was over 29,000. Details.

Manager Nelson reports the business of the street car company during the fair up to 4:00 p.m. yesterday, in total number of fares and transfers, as follows:

Monday, October 1	4,371
Tuesday, October 2	6,012
Wednesday, October 3	10,897
Thursday, October 4	13,078
Friday, October 5	17,273
Saturday, October 6	<u>12,598</u>
Total	64,229

¶ Details.

Article says Manager Nelson is opposed to the idea of putting in trailers.

Tuesday, October 9, 1900

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6. W. B. McKinley, of Champaign, Illinois, is visiting in Wichita and gave reporter his favorable views of Wichita's future prospects.

Wednesday, October 10, 1900

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5. Yesterday the street cars for Fairmount college were running within one block of the college building for the first time. The wires had been placed in position and the circuits connected up on Monday.

Mayor Ross has announced that the Spanish cannon will be mounted on a cement base and placed in Riverside park in the near future.

Thursday, October 11, 1900**page**

5. Article reports plans of the Frisco to improve the track and facilities of the Kansas Midland line.

Saturday, October 13, 1900**page**

5. The McCormick Harvester company is soon going to put up a brick building on its lots on the north side of Douglas avenue just east of the Santa Fe tracks. To be 74 by 140 feet and cost about \$30,000.

Sunday, October 14, 1900**page**

4. The arch for the fall carnival on Main street will be taken to the entrance to the park on Murdock avenue tomorrow. Through the efforts of Mayor Ross and other officials, the arch was secured by the city and in its new location will be a thing of beauty to be admired by citizens and visitors alike.

Man sues street car company for injuries from striking his head on the old iron center poles along north Main street on September 25 this year.

Thursday, October 18, 1900**page**

5. The putting in of the new rails at the corner of Main and Douglas by the street car company is nearly finished.

The Frisco have put six solid extension vestibuled coaches on their service between Wichita and St. Louis.

6. Article about new long distance lines being put in by the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company.

The exterior work of the new Missouri Pacific depot is nearly completed and people are beginning to remark about its beauty. ¶ Work on the interior will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

Friday, October 19, 1900**page**

5. The Moore Brothers of the Wichita Stove Works yesterday purchased property on 1st street between the Santa Fe tracks and Mead avenue for \$3,700. It was owned by the Nashua Savings Bank, of Nashua, New Hampshire, and was secured during the boom. It is 225 by 230 feet.

Saturday, October 20, 1900**page**

5. Article reports contract has been signed between the city of Wichita and the Cudahy Packing company by which the Cudahy company will operate the old Whittaker packing plant as soon as necessary repairs can be made.
6. Work on the Fairmount bicycle track has been commenced. The track is on the grade of the old 15th street car line.

Tuesday, October 23, 1900**page**

6. City council yesterday approved a special election to vote \$30,000 in bonds for the Orient Railroad.

Wednesday, October 24, 1900**page**

3. Article says title to the Kansas Midland was transferred to the Frisco yesterday. At the Master's sale last July the road was bought by representatives of the bondholders instead of by the Frisco, as first supposed. A new company was then formed, with the name of the road changed to the Kansas Midland Railroad company and the title of the old company was transferred to the new. The transaction yesterday transfers the title of the new company to the Frisco.

Friday, October 26, 1900**page**

5. Mr. John Cudahy yesterday inspected the old Whittaker plant and determined that repiping and other repairs to the old plant will be necessary, at cost of \$12,000. Details.

Workmen are now putting the roof on the new Missouri Pacific depot.

Saturday, October 27, 1900**page**

5. Mr. Scott E. Winne, as owner of the building known as the Zimmerly block on east Douglas avenue, has decided to change the name of the property to that of the Winne block. The building was secured some time ago by Mr. Winne.

Manager S. L. Nelson stated that two new vestibuled cars were shipped from St. Louis yesterday and ought to arrive here today. He says they are better finished than any of the cars now in use.

Sunday, October 28, 1900**page**

13. City Regulator: I would certainly move that Main street arch. It is not a thing of beauty any more.

Tuesday, October 30, 1900**page**

5. Article reports work starts today on the new addition to the Dold plant, to cost \$46,000. Details.

Work started yesterday by the Cudahy people on the renovation of the old Whittaker plant. Details.

6. The two new street cars arrived in the city yesterday over the Frisco. They are similar to the cars in use and will be placed on the West Side and Topeka avenue lines when the summer cars are taken off.

Plans are out for a \$6,000 addition to the north side of the Hamilton hotel in front to be 25 by 40 feet, four stories, brick and contain 12 rooms on the upper floors. It will be similar in size to the addition recently built at the rear on the north side.

Thursday, November 1, 1900**page**

2. Deeds filed yesterday conveying the Whittaker packing house to the Louisville Packing company (Cudahy).
6. Effective today, the management of the Baltimore hotel has been sold by Colonel S. Billings, who has been proprietor for over a year, to Messrs. McVeigh and Keen. ¶ Before Mr. Billings took over, the hotel was known as the Occidental. The Baltimore house is leased from Henry Stunckel. Some needed redecorating will be done. There are nearly 80 rooms in the building.

Tuesday, November 6, 1900**page**

3. The new vestibule street cars were running yesterday and they have on them bells having a tone on the same note as the gongs on the fire wagons, causing many people to rush to their windows to see the fire department, only to see a street car instead.
5. The board of education yesterday voted to build a new eight room brick ward school building to replace the burned Ingalls building on Cleveland avenue, formerly known as the Cleveland school. Estimated cost is \$18,000. ¶ Two room additions are also to be built on the Franklin school, Park school, and the high school. The ward school additions are estimated to cost \$3,000 each and the high school addition \$4,000.

Wednesday, November 7, 1900

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6. The slate roof of the new Missouri Pacific station is three-fourths completed, the cement walks will all be completed this week, and wiring of the building for electricity is in progress.

Friday, November 9, 1900**page**

3. Construction of the United Sash and Door company's new building on south Mosley avenue has reached the second floor.
5. The winter cars have been placed in use and within a few weeks the electric heaters will be placed in operation. The summer cars will be stored away until the end of the winter.
6. Article about improvements to be made to the Whittaker plant by Cudahy's.
8. Legal publication of the petition requesting the city to issue \$30,000 in bonds to the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway company.

Saturday, November 10, 1900**page**

5. Lewis Academy enrollment for the fall term is 215.

Sunday, November 11, 1900**page**

5. Yesterday the last block of track on the Fairmount car line was completed, and the street cars now run to Fairmount college. ¶ This practically winds up the track building for the company and no more will be done until next spring.

Tuesday, November 13, 1900**page**

5. Article about the Orient Railroad special bond election to be held one week from today. Details.

Wednesday, November 14, 1900**page**

5. Article reports the Rock Island plans to establish an eating house at the station here. At convenient times the trains will stop here to allow passengers to secure meals there. ¶ At a former time there was an eating house in the depot here, but after a time it was taken out and the fixtures removed. The kitchen still remains however and the dining room will be in the south waiting room of the depot, which is not now being used.

The work of moving the south Main street fair arch is in progress, and within a few days the frame work will be placed in the position at the Murdock avenue entrance to Riverside park.

6. Long article urging people to vote in favor of the Orient Railroad bond issue.

Street car number 106 struck a Missouri Pacific freight train at the Central avenue crossing yesterday and damaged the vestibule.

Thursday, November 15, 1900

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6. The new street car crossing at the Rock Island tracks is being put in today. The new crossings of the other railroads are already in.

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17. Article about the amount of snow and coldest temperature during past 12 winters in Wichita. All time low temperature was -22 on February 12, 1899.

Article discusses the reason why Douglas avenue east of the river is not in alignment with Chicago avenue west of the river, etc.

Wednesday, November 21, 1900

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5. Orient Railroad city bond issue of \$30,000 carried yesterday by 3,797 to 201. The county bond issue of \$80,000 carried in the city by 4,012 to 229 but lost in the rural areas counted so far by 323 for to 919 against.

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6. Contracts let yesterday for the new plant of the Western Planing Mill company at corner of 1st street and St. Francis. Building to be 54 by 120 feet, fronting on St. Francis, and two stories high.

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6. The street cars were crowded yesterday afternoon by people who were riding for pleasure and to the football game on the West Side. The system was taxed to its utmost capacity to handle the crowds. The cars were so crowded on the return from the football game that many of the people who were anxious to get to town rode on top of the cars.

Saturday, December 1, 1900

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6. Article reports new telephone switchboard at the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company was put in service yesterday. Details. Says there are 725 phones in Wichita.
8. Article says the new dining room installation work at the Rock Island depot began yesterday. Details. To be opened December 15.

Sunday, December 2, 1900**page**

5. The three story Hacker-Jackson block at southeast corner of Douglas and Tremont was bought Friday, by Judge J. N. Haymaker from P. J. Conklin for \$15,000 and resold by him the same day to Mr. W. H. Haynes of Chicago for \$16,000. The building was built about 12 years ago by Messrs. Hacker and Jackson.

Tuesday, December 4, 1900**page**

6. United States census yesterday announced Wichita's population as 24,671.

Mr. Wiggins of this city has drawn a new map of Wichita. The city has needed one for some time. The business portions of the city are shown in black. It shows every lot in the city, most of the principal buildings, and in locations where tracts are of considerable area, the name of the owner and the amount of land. All the street railway and railroad lines are shown.

Commissioner Nelson returned yesterday from the east where he consulted with officials of the Wichita Street Railway company (sic) and announced certain improvements decided on at the meeting. ¶ The company has placed an order with the Laclede Car company of St. Louis for two additional closed cars similar to those recently placed in service here. They will operate on north Main street to the stock yards, improving the present 20 minute service to a ten minute service. ¶ Another improvement will be a double track from Douglas avenue north on Main street to 17th street. ¶ Within the next few months the company will construct and operate a commercial lighting plant and power circuit, which will also be the principal generating station for the street car system. ¶ The new car barn at 10th street is now completed and has a capacity of 19 cars. It is a frame structure 54 by 140 feet. Now that extra cars have been ordered, work will commence on an addition to accommodate the new rolling stock. ¶ Plans are being considered for building a new street car route south on Topeka avenue.

Wednesday, December 5, 1900**page**

6. Article reports the entire stock of thoroughbred horses owned by H. G. Toler and Sons will be sold at public auction tomorrow at the Fair grounds and Colonel Toler will quit the horse raising business. The list includes some 75 horses. Colonel Toler has been well known as a stock breeder for 15 years.

The newly reconstructed Maple street bridge is now open for traffic.

Thursday, December 6, 1900**page**

6. The Catholics of the Wichita Diocese are planing to erect a \$20,000 mansion for the residence of Bishop Hennessy. Location not yet decided. ¶ The building now occupied by Bishop Hennessy, situated near All Hallows academy, will be remodeled and converted

into a boarding college for boys, to be opened next September.

Long article about the old Douglas avenue hotel, which has changed hands and is to become the Orient hotel on January 1. ¶ Gives some history of early Wichita hotels.

Friday, December 7, 1900**page**

6. Lady on bicycle was struck yesterday by street car number 116 on east Douglas avenue.

Sunday, December 9, 1900**page**

5. Yesterday the Toler Opera House came into existence and the Auditorium passed away. Colonel H. G. Toler, purchased the building and will start the changes in the building on December 15. ¶ The Auditorium was built several years ago, largely by popular subscription, became the property of a stock company, finally passed into other hands, and now becomes the property of an individual. ¶ It will be equipped with a modern stage and other improvements made. Details.

Yesterday the track gang of the Missouri Pacific was put to work on Wichita street re-arranging the tracks leading to the new station. The tracks will make a slight curve near 1st street and go to the west side of the street along by the station platform. The east side of the street will be used by vehicles.

9. The new car barns of the street car company have been completed and have been painted a color which is nearly like that now on the street cars.
18. Article about bows and arrows in early days of Wichita. "In the 70s and up until 1885 the Wichita boy had his bow and arrows as unfailingly as he had his pony." Details.

Thursday, December 13, 1900**page**

6. Article reports plan to build a new \$100,000 Catholic cathedral and high school building on Central avenue between Lawrence and Topeka. ¶ When the new Cathedral is built, the Pro-Cathedral will be utilized as a parochial school and as a large hall for entertainment purposes.

Tuesday, December 18, 1900**page**

6. Article gives list of objections presented to city council yesterday to the proposed new franchise for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company.

The work of grading Hamilton park began yesterday. The band stand has been placed in position and faces Main street, being located on the east side of the park. The rubbish has been cleared away and the new park will be in splendid condition for the summer months.

14. City Regulator: The arch at the entrance of Riverside park ought to have a flag pole in the center.
15. "The arch which has been put up on Murdock avenue at the entrance of Riverside park will have to be spruced up some to make it look half way imposing.
20. Article reminiscing about Wichita's first jail, now at 12th and the Missouri Pacific tracks.

Article giving detailed history of Mathewson's additions, platting of his 160 acres between Douglas and Central and between Washington and Hydraulic, except for 38 acres between 3rd and Central and between Wabash and Hydraulic reserved as a homestead. ¶ On this reserve stood for many years the famous relic, the claim house, a cottonwood log cabin, which stood just east of the present home in a clump of cottonwood trees. After many years there it finally tumbled into decay and was removed a few years ago.

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6. The stone mounting for the Spanish cannon which is to be placed in the park, is almost completed. The contract for the mounting was given to Park and Marsh.

The steam was turned on in the new Missouri Pacific station yesterday to test the apparatus. Trains will be running from the new station on the morning of January 1.

Saturday, December 29, 1900

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5. The four story brick Getto block, at 2nd and Main, erected in 1888 by Peter Getto, 50 by 140 feet, was sold yesterday by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company to the Wichita Mutual Real Estate association, a syndicate of Wichita business men.

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5. A syndicate of Wichita business men headed by C. Q. Chandler and E. E. Masterman yesterday purchased the Kansas National Bank building, which was owned by a syndicate of eastern men, for \$35,000. ¶ It was erected some ten years ago.
9. Article describes in detail the new Missouri Pacific depot, which will open on January 1. ¶ It is 142 feet long and 66 feet wide. The tower at the corner has a height of 88 feet from the walks, including weather vanes. ¶ The building cost about \$50,000 complete. ¶ All trains from the west will back into the station. Trains from the east will head in and back out. ¶ Trains Numbers 5 and 6 (sic) from Kiowa at 7:40 a.m. and 4:55 p.m. will take the second track. All others will take the first track, next to the platform.