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## TIHEN NOTES FROM 1903 WICHITA EAGLE

### Wichita Eagle

**Thursday, January 1, 1903**

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5. All the regular employees of the Wichita Railroad and Light company will be given a five percent dividend on the wages they have earned since July 1. The best day man, Mr. Charles Gill, of the Stock Yards line, will receive a bonus of \$15.40 on the \$308.05 he earned. The best late man earned \$289.98 and will received \$14.49, and the best swing man earned \$254.82 and will received \$12.74. ¶ Two of the motormen, Mr. Jerry Brown on College Hill car Number 30, and Mr. James Ziegler on Topeka avenue car Number 140, have had no accidents at all during the year. ¶ Mr. R. G. Williams was promoted to master mechanic. ¶ Mr. A. J. Crow was promoted with the title of inspector.

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6. Rainfall in Wichita during the last 14 years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inches</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Inches</u>
1889	34.67	1896	27.06
1890	34.07	1897	26.01
1891	34.53	1898	39.46
1892	29.94	1899	33.49
1893	18.18	1900	31.85
1894	32.44	1901	27.47
1895	26.46	1902	38.73

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6. The Orient Railroad construction force will be moved Monday from Byron, Oklahoma Territory, to Anthony and will be put to work completing the line from Harper to Milton,

where connections will be made with The Missouri Pacific. It is hoped to haul passengers to Wichita by the 1st of February.

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4. Letter from A. E. Stillwell saying the Orient Railroad will be able to run trains from Fairview to Wichita by the last of February or 1st of March.

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5. Reports of city officers given to city council yesterday for the past nine months. ¶ Police department now consists of a total of 21 persons. ¶ Fire department has four stations: Number 1 - on North Market between 1st and 2nd; Number 2 - on South Topeka between William and English; Number 3 - at corner of 18th and Topeka; and Number 4 - on Seneca near Douglas. ¶ Park commissioners report: ¶ Since our last report we have completed the large arch at the Murdock avenue entrance of Riverside park. The top of the arch has been covered by a good shingle and tin roof and the sides and ends by a veneering of brick, which makes a good substantial structure. ¶ The driveways in the park have benefitted by ten loads of crushed rock either donated or to be donated by each of the four railroads. ¶ We have also established a small zoo in the park. ¶ An artificial lily pond was built in North Riverside park last spring. ¶ The new park north of 15th street has been named McKinley park. ¶ Street commissioners report that a large force of men was employed during the winter to remove the Davis Island in the Big Arkansas at Maple street, and the Stackman Island in the Little Arkansas river.

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6. The dining room at the Rock Island depot will be closed after today. It has been running for two years but has not been a paying proposition since the train schedule has been changed and patronage has fallen off. In the room formerly used as a kitchen a lunch counter will be placed, where light lunches will be served. The dining room will be used as a waiting room, which is much needed as the present waiting room is entirely too small.

After completing the brick work on two stories, Dr. Dorsey has decided to add a third story to his new building at the corner of Douglas and Emporia. The third story will cost about \$3,000 extra.

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5. On January 15, Harry Dockum and H. D. Higginson will dissolve their partnership of the past three years and each will conduct his drug store separately, Mr. Dockum at 128 North Main and Mr. Higginson at 248 North Main.
8. Article gives annual report of the YMCA for 1902.

**Saturday, January 10, 1903****page**

5. Contract has been let for the hotel building to be erected by Henry Schnitzler at the corner of Water and Douglas on the site of the old Orient hotel. When built, the Orient hotel was three stories high, but a fire years ago burned the top story off and a roof was put over the two remaining stories.
6. The five percent dividend of their earnings for the past six months will be paid today to the 50 employees of the Wichita Railroad and Light company including 28 motormen, 12 shop and barn men, and ten track and line men.

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5. Architect F. F. Parsons has almost finished the plans for the big addition to be added to the Carey hotel in the spring. It will be built on the west side of the present building and will be 25 feet wide, 120 feet long, and five stories high, and will cost about \$16,000. Each of the four upper stories will have eight 12 by 16 feet rooms and a large lighted court. Sixteen of these rooms will have modern bath and toilet rooms. A new heating plant will also be put in.
6. Work started yesterday on demolishing of the old Central Christian church at Market and 2nd streets, which is to be replaced by a new brick and stone edifice.

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5. Article describes remodeling of the interior of the Rock Island depot, which will start in a few days. Details.  
  
Improvements are being made in the interior of the Baltimore hotel. Details.

**Tuesday, January 20, 1903****page**

5. Contract let yesterday by city council for building of the bridge across Chisholm creek on 17th street. To be 68 feet long and 46 feet wide and cost \$349.  
  
A charter has been granted to the Wichita Hydraulic Stone and Brick company, a cement stone plant which started in business last October and has already made over 30,000 pieces of building stone, using only the highest grade of Portland cement and washed sand, combined under a pressure of 100-200,000 pounds.

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5. Article says a six story building is contemplated for the Boston store corner at Main and Douglas.

14. City Regulator: I would appoint a historiographer for the city and furnish him with some books and stationery, a desk and cabinet with drawers and other necessary paraphernalia for writing the history and collaborating matter, clipping from newspapers, and in every way possible obtaining matter for a history of the city.

**Tuesday, January 27, 1903****page**

5. Article about progress of the Orient Railroad construction towards Wichita.

**Saturday, January 31, 1903****page**

5. The plat was filed yesterday for the opening of a new addition to the city of Wichita, the Harris and Sim addition of two blocks from 11th to 13th street between Lewellen and Jefferson avenues. 12th street is not open through the addition, but an alley takes its place.

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4. A three story office and store building is to be constructed this spring at 133 and 135 North Main street by J. H. Black and David M. Tipton. The two adjoining buildings will have a party wall and the same type of architecture for the frontage of 50 feet. It is thought that the new building being put up by Mr. Black has been leased by Innes and company to be used in addition to their present quarters.

**Tuesday, February 3, 1903****page**

5. City engineer has been asked by the street car company to set a line for them to build a new street car bridge across the Arkansas river. City council yesterday directed him to give the company the line 25 feet north of the north line of the present wagon bridge.

Plans for the new Frisco terminals were received yesterday. They call for a roundhouse to house 12 engines, to be erected on Kellogg street, a coal chute, oil house, round house office, and a network of conveniently arranged tracks. ¶ Between Division street and Kellogg there will be 12 tracks. Two will run east of the freight depot for loading and unloading cars. Several switches will be built west of the passenger depot where sleepers will be placed before the departure of the trains. There will also be a beautiful park on the west side of the depot extending the full length of the building and about 100 feet wide. East of the depot a platform 15 feet wide and 300 feet long will extend, to be used in handling baggage. ¶ The new buildings and yards are to be completed by June 1, when the Frisco contract for using the Santa Fe tracks expires.

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6. Master Henry Tihen of Andale has been spending a week with the family of West H. Rauch of North Lawrence avenue.

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5. Article says Stevens-Scott Grain company will build a 75,000 bushel elevator on the joint railroad tracks north of the Nerling elevator. Work is to start by March 1.

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5. Work will start tomorrow on removal of the island in the Little river just below the Griffenstein bridge. When this is completed, the work of widening the dam at Central avenue 40 feet will commence. The dirt will be removed for a considerable distance north of the dam to make the channel wider. This dirt will be used in raising the drives in North Riverside park, and making them wider and stronger so as to prevent the water from overflowing into the park.
7. Reminiscences by a former resident about a large island that used to be in the Big Arkansas river 30 years ago just south of the ford across the river. The river was much wider then, extending about to where Wichita street is now.

**Thursday, February 12, 1903****page**

5. Yesterday the Orient hotel building, one of the oldest structures in the city, was sold. It will be moved to 4th avenue to make room for the new brick hotel to be erected at Douglas and Water by Henry Schnitzler.

Brick were unloaded at the corner of Douglas and Washington yesterday to be used for a two story business block to be erected there by Emil Werner at cost of \$20,000. Building will have frontage of 100 feet on Douglas and 140 feet on Washington.

**Friday, February 13, 1903****page**

6. Article says the Wichita Telephone company now has 1,400 subscribers. Article lists the towns with which it now provides toll line connections.

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5. Article reports Dold plant to be further enlarged with another brick building and refrigerating machinery.

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6. The brick walls of the Frisco freight depot are above the first story of the office. They are buff colored and the mortar used is red, making a very attractive combination. ¶ Material is arriving daily and work above ground on the passenger depot will commence soon.

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5. Article reports plans to organize a local stock company to build an interurban electric line. Details.
6. Article reports Cone and Cornell are planning to erect a two story brick building to expand the plant of their Kansas Steam Laundry. They have recently installed a new collar and cuff machine weighing 6,000 pounds and costing \$1,200, with capacity of 15,000 collars and cuffs per day.

**Tuesday, February 24, 1903****page**

6. Article discusses proposed changes in the Rock Island depot. The big hall in the center of the depot will be remodeled into an office, with a big bay window where the east doors are now. Doors will be cut into the present waiting room, and a waiting room will be made from the old dining room just south of the hall. The telegraph operator will have his desk in the big window on the east. An arch will be cut through the wall just west of the office connecting the two waiting rooms, and the staircase leading to the second floor will be changed.

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5. Material is being hauled for the new building to be constructed by Henry Schweiter on the 2nd and 3rd lots west of Emporia avenue on the south side of Douglas. It will be a three story brick building and with the three story brick recently built on that corner will give that part of Douglas avenue an excellent appearance. It will have a 50 foot front and extend back 120 feet from Douglas.

**Sunday, March 1, 1903****page**

4. The Orient Railroad has started grading work in Sedgwick county just east of Viola. ¶ The grade is completed between Harper and Milton, and the track is laid almost to Milton. The graders are now working also on the connecting strip between Milton and Viola.

The new Wichita Board of Trade is moving into this new room, Sedgwick Music Hall, in the Sedgwick block, tomorrow.

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6. Article says Frisco Railroad has let contract for the round house to be built in its yards here.

**Tuesday, March 10, 1903****page**

6. Vandals Sunday destroyed by throwing rocks every pane of the big stained glass windows on the south side of the chapel at Lewis academy.

**Sunday, March 15, 1903****page**

5. Article says there are four miles of track still to be laid to connect the Orient with the Missouri Pacific at Milton, and this will take about a week under favorable conditions.
7. Article about organizational meeting last night of the newly formed Wichita Academy of Medicine. Details. President is J. West Oldham.

Work is progressing on the new Frisco passenger depot. Brick layers will start work tomorrow.

**Tuesday, March 17, 1903****page**

5. City council yesterday let contract for paving West Douglas from Wichita street to Seneca with asphalt for \$2.25 per square yard plus 25¢ for grading and 50¢ for the curb.

**Wednesday, March 18, 1903****page**

5. Article about suit of Missouri and Kansas Telephone company versus city of Wichita being heard in United States District Court. Details.

**Thursday, March 19, 1903****page**

6. Another article about Telephone company suit against city.

**Friday, March 20, 1903****page**

6. Article says there are now more than 20 automobiles in the city. Sam Hess and Rufus Cone bought new Oldsmobiles yesterday.

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3. Article describes the shifts worked by street car motormen. Three men required for every two cars -- called the day man, late man, and swing man. The day man works from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the late man from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and the swing man from 6:00 a.m. to noon and then again from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
5. Contract let yesterday by Ben E. Eaton to Borden Brothers for building addition to the Carey hotel at cost of \$30,000, to make a total of 147 rooms. ¶ The addition will be on the west side of the hotel, 25 feet wide and 120 feet long and five stories high, with the same architectural design as the present building. To be started April 1 and completed by July 1. The hotel will be supplied with all the modern improvements, including an up-to-date heating system and an electric light plant.

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6. Orient Railroad conductor and engineer in Wichita yesterday to learn road of Missouri Pacific from Milton to Wichita in order to run trains over Missouri Pacific tracks between these points beginning April 1, on which date the construction company has promised to turn the tracks from Carmen, Oklahoma Territory to Milton over to the company. ¶ The passenger train will leave Carmen about 5:30 a.m. and arrive in Wichita about 9:00 a.m. the rear car of the Orient train will then be switched to a Missouri Pacific train and hauled on to Kansas City. The south bound train will leave here about 6:30 p.m. and will arrive in Carmen about 10:00 p.m. ¶ Sunday evening a new engine passed through here for Anthony. It is a Baldwin locomotive with eight wheels and 14 by 28 cylinders and its number is six. Engine Number 7 left Kansas City Saturday and is expected in Wichita today. It also is a new Baldwin. Both of these engines will be used in passenger traffic for the Orient.

**Wednesday, March 25, 1903****page**

5. Article announcing plan of Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company to build new five story warehouse building on Douglas near Santa Fe.

**Thursday, March 26, 1903****page**

5. The room in Rock Island depot which until a short time ago was used as a dining room has been converted into a ladies waiting room. The two waiting rooms make the depot much more convenient.
6. Site for new club house for Country club was selected last night and is to be located just east of Number 8 green on the golf links on College Hill on a four acre site, which was bought for \$4,000 and has been under cultivation. Club house will cost about \$6,000 and will face west with a porch on three sides.

**Friday, March 27, 1903****page**

5. Yesterday morning the Orient Railroad made connection with the Missouri Pacific at Milton. The Orient line will be continued into Wichita as soon as possible. Until it is finished the Missouri Pacific tracks will be used. The Orient will run her first trains into Wichita April 1st.

**Saturday, March 28, 1903****page**

6. Material unloaded in the Frisco yards yesterday for the new round house and construction will begin at once. The building will be located about one-half block south of Kellogg on Mosley avenue and will cost \$10,000. It will be built almost entirely of brick and its capacity will be eight engines and will have an iron turntable. ¶ The Frisco freight depot is almost completed and work on the passenger depot is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

**Wednesday, April 1, 1903****page**

5. "First Orient Train Today." Schedule as described on March 24. ¶ Contracts have been let for grading 14 of the 37 miles between Milton and Wichita.

Contract let yesterday for masonry on the Carey hotel annex and excavations will begin today. This will add 34 more rooms to the Carey, already the largest hotel in this part of the state. The addition and repair will cost around \$30,000.

**Thursday, April 2, 1903****page**

5. The first incoming Orient train was welcomed by over a thousand people yesterday morning. When the train arrived at the Missouri Pacific depot at 9:35 a.m., almost every whistle in the city blew long and loud. ¶ The train consisted of Orient coaches numbers 131 and 132 and a Missouri Pacific combination car. Car Number 132 was taken to Kansas City on the Missouri Pacific train, which leaves here at 9:45 a.m. The Orient coaches Numbers 131 and 132 are good coaches, but are very much like the ordinary railway coach. They are painted in olive green, with a beautiful design embracing the flags of the United States and Mexico on each side. Across the design are the words, "Port Stilwell Route." The double seats are upholstered in dark green plush. They are finished in polished oak and lighted with gas lights.

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6. Article about progress by the Orient Railroad in grading its line in Oklahoma between Red river and South Canadian river and laying track south of Carmen towards Fairview.

**Wednesday, April 8, 1903****page**

5. Charles Guyer yesterday purchased the Baltimore hotel from J. W. Laswell?

**Thursday, April 9, 1903****page**

5. The work of paving West Douglas from Wichita street to Seneca with asphalt is to start by May 1 and be completed within four months.

**Saturday, April 11, 1903****page**

5. Article reports the United States district judge remanded the suit of Telephone company against city of Wichita back to Sedgwick county district court for trial. Details.

**Thursday, April 16, 1903****page**

5. Article about building projects on East Douglas. ¶ Contract let yesterday for two story brick building being built at corner of Douglas and St. Francis by L. S. Naftzger for

\$13,000. To be 50 by 138 feet. ¶ Work has already started on Henry Schweiter's three story building west of Emporia on East Douglas. ¶ Dr. Dorsey's three story brick building at corner of Douglas and Emporia is just completed. ¶ The building of Mr. Bronston east of Emporia on East Douglas is almost completed.

6. Street car motorman held up last night at the loop in front of Friends' university.

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6. Work started Tuesday on the excavations for the new St. Mark Catholic church. The plans are furnished by Elbert Dumont of Wichita and John Rickington, a contractor of Hoisington, is supervising the work. The stones to be used in this building are those used in the construction of the old watch factory on the West Side in the boom days.

### **Sunday, April 19, 1903**

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4. The frame car barn of the Wichita Railroad and Light company caught fire shortly after midnight last night and 13 cars were badly burned or damaged. Cause of the fire is unknown. It started near the east end of the barn which was half consumed by the time firemen arrived. ¶ There were eight summer cars on the south track. All of these were burned or damaged badly. They were worth about \$3,000 each. ¶ There were five summer cars with the motors taken off and the damage to them will not be so heavy. ¶ Total damage will amount to over \$30,000. ¶ The barn was nothing more than a shell, but it was in good repair and had been lately painted. ¶ The people of Wichita will have to ride in the closed cars most of the summer. Eight of the ten summer cars (sic) were destroyed. The company has seven cars that can be used for both summer and winter. They have extra large windows. But only two cars besides these can be used until new cars reach this city.

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5. The cause of the fire in the street car barn is now generally believed to be sparks from a Missouri Pacific engine passing beside the barn. ¶ The company has only one extra car. Thirteen were destroyed or damaged beyond use. Sixteen were in the brick car barn. Fifteen is the regular number on the lines, leaving but one as a spare. The company carried \$28,000 insurance on the cars and \$1,000 on the barn.

### **Saturday, April 25, 1903**

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5. James Allison has received the plans for his fine new residence to be erected at the corner of University and Martinson. Details.

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4. The Eagle press has just delivered to the Wichita Telephone company 2,100 copies of the

new directory.

7. Commodore Nelson says he will ask the city council to extend the franchise of the Wichita Railroad and Light company to 30 years from the present time, or to 1933 instead of the present 1920. ¶ The company plans within six months to build a line on South Emporia from Douglas to Lincoln. Within a year it is planned to build a line one-half mile north and one-half mile south of Douglas between Hydraulic and Washington, perhaps on Pattie and Cleveland. ¶ They also plan to sell 24 street car tickets for one dollar.

### **Tuesday, April 28, 1903**

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5. The city council yesterday extended the life of the franchise of the Wichita Railroad and Light company from 20 to 30 years.
6. Paving of West Douglas with asphalt from Wichita street to Seneca will start today.  
  
Crushed rock will be spread on the drives of Riverside park again this year.

### **Wednesday, April 29, 1903**

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5. Grading work is in progress on the Orient between Milton and Wichita.
6. Plans for new club house of Wichita Country club were accepted yesterday. Architect is Mr. Hunter, of St. Louis. To be two stories and face the north.

### **Thursday, April 30, 1903**

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6. Town of Derby wants to be incorporated, but its name is in dispute. It is commonly known as Derby, the name given by the Santa Fe Railroad because there is another El Paso on the same line in Texas, but on the county records the original name of El Paso still stands as the legal name.

### **Friday, May 7, 1903**

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5. Wichita Railroad and Light Company offered lease to park commissioners on 13 acres just west of Central Riverside park to be added to park, making total of 125 acres. Lease was taken for ten years.
6. Owner of Baltimore hotel building plans to build addition in the rear 50 feet wide and extending to alley, i.e., 120 feet long, which will add 20 more large rooms to hotel. It has already been renovated, including repapering and repainting. ¶ Carey hotel is being enlarged by addition 25 feet wide, 120 feet long, and five stories high at cost of about \$30,000. ¶ Manhattan hotel has recently been remodeled.

### **Sunday, May 16, 1903**

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5. Arrangements made to move old frame building standing just west of the old City mills, and then construction of five story warehouse for Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company will begin. Building will be 75 feet on Douglas and 100 feet deep. To be completed about 1st of October. ¶ Several years ago the old mill was burned, and the ruins have stood as an eyesore at corner of Douglas and Santa Fe avenues.
6. West Douglas being graded between bridge and Seneca preparatory to asphalt paving.

**Monday, May 17, 1903****page**

7. Report that half of grading for Orient Railroad completed from Milton to Wichita and graders are working within 13 miles of the city.
14. City Regulator: I would place cow-catchers or fenders on the street cars. They are in general use on street cars and have proved to be a great protection to life.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1903****page**

6. Yesterday workmen began tearing down the old elevator just west of the old city mill building on East Douglas in order to clear the ground for the new Johnston-Larimer warehouse.

**Wednesday, May 26, 1903****page**

5. Bridge over Chisholm creek on 17th street is to be constructed within the next few weeks.  
  
Superintendent Morrison of the Wichita Electric Street Railway company will inaugurate, for a trial experiment, the selling of 24 street car tickets for a dollar today, just to see how people will take it.

**Friday, May 28, 1903****page**

5. Annual report of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway received yesterday with details of progress of construction.

**Saturday, May 29, 1903****page**

5. Grading Douglas from Seneca east started yesterday. The street car company has many piles of ties to be used in reconstructing the street car line on the West Side.
6. Frisco will start handing business from the new freight depot on Monday, June 1, 1903. The depot is just south of Douglas on Rock Island. The desks and papers of the company now in the Santa Fe depot will be moved Saturday and Sunday.

**Tuesday, June 2, 1903****page**

6. J. J. Ackerman seeking injunction to prevent Ackerman's Island from being brought into the city limits. City surrounds it on all sides, but because of fact that it is located in a navigable stream it has never been taken into the city limits and is taxed at the rate of all other township property. It contains 56 acres and is valued by the owner at \$6,000. He states that the island, which lies in the Arkansas river just north of the Douglas avenue bridge, is not connected with the city in any manner and that even the bridge which formerly ran to it was removed by a council years ago.

**Wednesday, June 3, 1903****page**

5. Little Arkansas river is still at the danger line -- rose four inches yesterday -- long article about areas of flooding, danger to bridges, etc.
6. Monday evening the overflow from the Little Arkansas river was cutting a great channel across Lane's island and threatening the destruction of the water works' splendid pumping station.

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5. Further article about the flood situation.

**Saturday, June 6, 1903****page**

5. Yesterday workmen began tearing down the old stone mill at the corner of Douglas and Santa Fe avenues. The old City mills were burned some time ago but the walls have stood, an unsightly ruin. No plans for the property have been announced yet.
6. Article about consideration of plan to build a drive along bank of Little river from 11th street to 17th street and build up the bank five feet.

**Sunday, June 7, 1903****page**

5. Commencing today the Wichita Railroad and Light company will give a 15 minute service to Riverside. The summer cars will be put on the Riverside line today.

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2. Bids are being received in Fort Smith for construction of the Midland Valley Railroad which recently secured a charter in Arkansas. The road is to run from Fort Smith to Hartford to Greenwood and then northwesterly to Wichita. A number of surveys for this road have been made out of Ft. Smith and it is stated that everything is in readiness for immediate work on the line.

**Wednesday, June 10, 1903****page**

5. Article about plan for the banks of Little Arkansas river to prevent future flooding.

Wichita Railroad and Light Company has ordered 800 horsepower engine and 400 kilowatt generator, which will double their capacity and provide sufficient power to run 60 cars instead of present capacity of 30 cars. ¶ New cars due in July or August. ¶ The new machinery to be installed in about three months.

**Thursday, June 11, 1903****page**

5. The state charter board yesterday issued a charter for the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company, with headquarters in Wichita. The capital stock is one million dollars. ¶ The board of directors for the first year is: C. L. Davidson, J. M. Knapp, O. A. Boyle, James Allison, J. E. Howard, C. G. Cohn, C. H. Smythe, S. S. Noble, J. L. Johnson, John Diehl and R. L. Holmes, all of Wichita; W. W. Spencer of Geuda Springs; ? E. Wilcox of Arkansas City; George E. Hunter of Wellington; A. L. Barner of Belle Plaine; A. H. Barnes of Oxford; S. C. Arnett of Belle Plaine. ¶ This is the company that will build the electric line from Wichita to Arkansas City, with branch lines to Wellington and Winfield.

**Sunday, June 14, 1903****page**

5. Contract let yesterday for new Country club house on College Hill.

**Wednesday, June 17, 1903****page**

5. Work on South Emporia street car line started yesterday. All of the material is either here or ordered. It is hoped to have cars running by September 1. ¶ The proposed line will be a mile long and will extend from the corner of Emporia and Douglas south to Lincoln street.

**Thursday, June 18, 1903****page**

5. Article on paving boom this summer. Movement is on foot to pave Douglas from Washington avenue east to street car loop on College Hill.

**Friday, June 19, 1903****page**

5. Manual and industrial training to be adopted by Wichita schools.
6. Corner stone laid yesterday at St. Marks for the new Catholic church to be constructed from the material of the old Wichita watch factory. ¶ Dimensions are 45 feet by 145 feet, built entirely of stone, and will cost about \$30,000. ¶ Three years ago the church bought the old watch factory. The building was torn down and many men with teams and wagons loaded the stone and hauled it to St. Marks at no cost to the church. All of the stone was

hauled away within a week. It is expected that the roof will be on the church by the 1st of next January.

**Saturday, June 20, 1903****page**

5. First spike drive in yesterday in the South Emporia street car line.
6. Directors of Arkansas Valley Interurban to meet Tuesday and organize.

**Tuesday, June 23, 1903****page**

6. Yesterday the street car company began tearing up their tracks on the West Side preparing to lay new rails on West Douglas. The section from Sycamore to Seneca was torn up and a block has been prepared for laying ties this morning West Side cars run to Sycamore and the passengers are transferred to the corner of Douglas and Seneca, where the cars run to the University. It will require but a week to lay all the track.
8. New transfer track between Rock Island and Frisco tracks to be put in just south of United Sash and Door company building in about ten days.

**Wednesday, June 24, 1903****page**

5. The board of directors of the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company met yesterday and elected Mr. O. A. Boyle president and general manager; James Allison, vice-president; J. E. Howard, secretary; C. L. Davidson, treasurer, and R. L. Holmes, attorney. All but two of the 16 directors were present at the meeting. ¶ The directors commissioned the general manager, Mr. Boyle, to go to Indiana, Ohio, and New York within the next few days to make a thorough investigation regarding interurban lines in those sections. ¶ The company has decided to extend its line south from Arkansas City to the Chilocco Indian school.

**Sunday, June 28, 1903****page**

5. Street car company will pave between the rails of their track on the West Side with asphalt. A layer of concrete will be placed four inches below the ties and the ties covered with concrete up to the regular level. A flange of vitrified paving brick will be laid next the rail. The track will be a permanent affair, as the ties will be covered with cement and crushed rock.

**Friday, July 3, 1903****page**

5. Park commissioners to spread crude oil on drives of the parks. Also have ten cars of crushed rock for use on the drives.

**Saturday, July 4, 1903**

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6. New Frisco depot to open August 1st. Article discusses building.

**Sunday, July 5, 1903****page**

7. South Emporia street car line to be completed and in operation by August 1st. Rails have been laid almost to the loop. ¶ Article also covers work on West Side line.

**Tuesday, July 7, 1903****page**

5. Article about work on dikes along river.

**Thursday, July 9, 1903****page**

6. Superintendent Morrison announced that cars would be operated on the South Emporia line by next Sunday. The track is completed to the southern terminus except for the crossing over the Santa Fe tracks. The connection with the Douglas avenue line was made yesterday. All that remains is the crossing of the Santa Fe tracks and stringing the trolley wires, which will require but little time. The first service will be 20 minute service.

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5. South Emporia line to be operated beginning at 9:00 a.m. today. To be operated in connection with stock yards line. Sixty pound rails were used. It was just three weeks and one day from the time ground was broken until the line was finished. South Main and South Emporia cars will run alternately to the stock yards, giving 20 minute service on former two lines and ten minute service on latter, the best paying line in the city. ¶ As soon as the steel rails can be had the North Main street line will be built from 12th street to Market along east side of Missouri Pacific right-of-way and thence north on Market, connecting with the present line at 17th street.

**Sunday, July 12, 1903****page**

7. Article about opening of South Emporia line yesterday.

**Tuesday, July 14, 1903****page**

6. Article regarding petition for election to vote \$30,000 aid to Arkansas Valley Interurban project.

**Thursday, July 16, 1903****page**

5. Article about progress on new Frisco station and facilities. Round house has been completed but cannot be used until the new turntable arrives -- it's expected any day. A new freight track for teams is being put in, so that goods may be unloaded directly from

the cars to the wagons. It is located along Rock Island avenue, just south of the freight depot. ¶ Second story of passenger station is completed and windows and doors are all in. Interior work being done, hoping for official opening on August 1st.

6. New independent electrical plant being installed by Carey Hotel. Also a new elevator.

General manager Nelson of street railway company here from Galesburg, Illinois for visit. Material for Pattie avenue and Cleveland avenue lines promised for delivery in August, but the mills are away behind in their orders. ¶ He is helping to start the West Side line again. Cars run from Douglas avenue to Seneca street at present, and the switch at that point will be completed today so that cars can be run through to the university.

### **Friday, July 17, 1903**

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5. Orient line located 60 miles northeast via Cassoday and Matfield Green.
6. Two new summer cars, larger than any in use at present will arrive in Wichita today. Four were ordered immediately after the fire. Two are expected today and two more within a week or ten days. Four more cars have been ordered and will be here within the next few weeks, making a total of eight new cars. ¶ It will then be possible to resume ten minute service on South Main and also give quicker service on Emporia avenue, and the winter cars will be sent to the barn. ¶ The new summer cars are wider and longer than those in use at present, another row of seats being added. ¶ The company's carpenters are at work on a car specially designed for trolley parties. It is being remodeled from one of the summer cars burned early in the spring. It has no roof and the seats extend entirely across the car. It will make its first run within a short time.

### **Saturday, July 18, 1903**

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5. South Emporia line to be extended to Bayley street at once, Manager Nelson announced last night, "if we can secure enough ground for the loop at Bayley street." If this can be arranged, the company will begin work next week.

### **Tuesday, July 28, 1903**

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6. In 1902 Wichita street railway carried 1,810,000 passenger at average fare of 1.99¢ per car mile. System is 18.5 miles with 31 cars. ¶ Article gives same data for all street railway systems in Kansas (Topeka is largest).

### **Wednesday, July 29, 1903**

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6. City purchased strip of land along Little Arkansas river west of Griffenstein bridge. One thousand seven hundred feet long and 30 feet wide on the bank of the river -- for \$500. Trees and underbrush in bed of river will be cleared out.

**Saturday, August 1, 1903****page**

8. New Frisco depot will be officially opened to the public today. First passenger train will arrive at 8:15 this morning. The down town Frisco office at corner of Main and Douglas will be closed.

**Sunday, August 2, 1903****page**

6. The new Frisco passenger depot was opened to the public yesterday. The formal public opening will be next Wednesday between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m., August 5.

**Tuesday, August 4, 1903****page**

5. The Santa Fe is repainting and remodeling its passenger and freight depots. The freight office was enlarged by taking out the partition between it and the old Frisco office.

**Wednesday, August 5, 1903****page**

6. A petition is being circulated asking for construction of a pile bridge across the Arkansas river at Harry street.

Article about public opening of the new Frisco depot tonight. Details.

**Thursday, August 6, 1903****page**

6. Article reports on the public opening of new Frisco depot last evening. At one time a solid mass of people filled Douglas avenue from the Rock Island tracks to Washington avenue.

**Friday, August 7, 1903****page**

6. The Panhandle division of the Santa Fe from Mulvane to Amarillo will soon be equipped with second hand 60 pound rails obtained from the western division, where they are being replaced with 85 pound rails. They will replace the very light rails now in use on the Panhandle division.

**Saturday, August 8, 1903****page**

5. Rock Island engine Number 1510 of the Mogul type is being tested for the number of cars it can handle in this area and came through the city pulling a train of 80 cars.

The new addition to the Carey hotel will probably be completed by September 1. The roof and walls are completed, the plastering is finished, and the carpenters are working on the woodwork.

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6. Missouri Pacific Superintendent A. H. Webb says regarding the crowded railroad switches in Wichita: "The present switch yards between 9th and 12th streets were established about fifteen years ago when the business of our road in this city was about \$16,000 a month, and now we are simply trying to do \$80,000 worth of business on the same room."

**Wednesday, August 12, 1903****page**

5. Tonight will be the opening night for the new Lincoln park on South Lawrence avenue.

Laying of asphalt pavement on West Douglas avenue will start tomorrow.

**Thursday, August 13, 1903****page**

5. Driving of piles for the abutment of West Douglas avenue will be done today, and then work will start on the new street car bridge across the Arkansas river. ¶ The new bridge will be one third stronger than the present one in use for 12 years. It will be built 10 feet north of the iron bridge, which will bring the south line of the new bridge very close to the north line of the present bridge. The bridge will be 520 feet long and one bent of the bridge will be under the pavement at either side of the river so that no danger would result from washout of the banks. ¶ The present bridge is made of bents 16 feet long with timbers 5 by 12 inches. The new one will have bents 20 feet long with timbers 6 by 16 inches. It will carry one-third more weight than the old one, so as to carry the heavier cars operated on that line. ¶ It will require about a month to complete the work.

**Sunday, August 16, 1903****page**

5. The Street Car company has begun work on the extension of the Emporia avenue line from Lincoln street to Bayley. When the line was built the school board objected to having the loop placed in front of the Lincoln school, so the company then decided to extend the line to Bayley, where there is plenty of room for a loop. At present the Emporia avenue cars run to Lincoln street and return without turning, and will continue in this manner until the line is extended and the loop completed at Bayley.
6. Report by Miss Anna Weigand, city librarian, of the activities of the library. It has 4,484 members and 10,894 volumes.

**Tuesday, August 18, 1903****page**

5. Superintendent Morrison gave notice that he would have two new summer cars with new tracks and motors yesterday, but the cars did not come yesterday and he was disappointed. He did not know that the railroads had so much business in the city that they could not get the cars into town, so they are sitting out on the prairie southeast of the stock yards. The cars look mighty pretty sitting out there on the county switch. ¶ They will be run on the Riverside and College Hill line, and the combination cars will be returned to Topeka

avenue.

6. Contracts let by city council yesterday for paving with asphalt of Seneca from Douglas to University, University from Seneca to Hiram, 1st street from Main to Water, and Tremont street from Douglas to William.

City council yesterday gave M. R. Diver permission to move his barn on Waco avenue from north of the Missouri Pacific tracks to the south side.

### **Friday, August 21, 1903**

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6. Rufus Cone of Cone and Cornell laundry said yesterday he has decided to add another story to his two story brick block at corner of Market and William.

### **Sunday, August 23, 1903**

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4. The Schweiter building, being constructed in the fourth block on East Douglas, will be completed this week. The cost of the three story brick building, 50 by 120 feet, is almost \$25,000. Charles H. Daniels will occupy all three stories with his furniture store.

7. Article about plans for additions to the John Cudahy packing plant here.

### **Wednesday, August 26, 1903**

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6. Another article about congestion in the Missouri Pacific yards in Wichita, which are inadequate for the present business. Most of the time the road is working four switch engines, which could handle the traffic if they had enough switch tracks.

### **Thursday, August 27, 1903**

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5. The school buildings of the city of Wichita use something over 800 tons of coal per year.

### **Friday, August 28, 1903**

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5. The street car company has a gang of men at work tearing up the old track on Seneca from Douglas to Maple and relaying it with the six inch rails. This was made necessary by the paving which will be put in on that street.

### **Saturday, August 29, 1903**

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5. General Agent Burrows announced yesterday that the Orient will begin regular passenger service from Wichita to Fairview a week from tomorrow.

### **Tuesday, September 1, 1903**

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5. The Dodge Avenue Methodist church trustees have purchased ground at the corner of Maple and Martinson avenues, opposite the Masonic Home property, as a site for their new church building.

**Wednesday, September 2, 1903****page**

5. Article says the Wichita Railroad and Light company has invested \$50,000 more than the earnings of the line in improvements in Wichita this year. ¶ The material for the new line from 12th street along the Missouri Pacific tracks to Market street and up Market street has been ordered and will soon be here. The new line will connect with the present line at 17th street. The company intends to complete the line by November 1. ¶ Some people on Fairmount have protested against the taking up of the line on that street, and the company may leave it in for the present, since it is using new material for the new line. There is consideration of obtaining a franchise on Waco from 9th to 13th street, and then run east on 13th street to Fairview and then operate the Fairview line in connection with the Waco line. ¶ The construction force are putting in the loop on the Emporia avenue line at Bayley street, one block south of the Lincoln school building. It is one of the best loops in the city, being the only one built of 50 pound rails. ¶ Plans have been reported that there will be changes in the running of the lines: that Riverside and South Emporia would be made one line, that College Hill and the West Side would be made another line, and that Stock Yards cars would run through to South Main street. This would make Topeka avenue a short line from Main and Douglas. However, Superintendent Morrison yesterday said the company had not decided to make these changes.

**Thursday, September 3, 1903****page**

5. Coler Sim has purchased two lots at the northeast corner of Douglas and Emporia for \$15,000.

**Friday, September 4, 1903****page**

6. Passenger service between Wichita and Fairview, Oklahoma Territory will be delayed beyond the planned starting date of next Sunday owing to delay in shipment of frogs for the "Y" at Fairview.

The furnishings for the waiting rooms of the new Frisco passenger station have arrived and were set in place yesterday. Details.

**Saturday, September 5, 1903****page**

5. The new addition to the Carey hotel is almost completed. About half of the rooms are now ready to be furnished, and a few of them are being fitted out. The new elevator and engine have been installed.

**Sunday, September 6, 1903**

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3. C. S. Daniels has moved into his new three story building at 415-419 East Douglas, occupying all three floors.
  
6. Article about business expansion in the North End. The great Stevens-Scott elevator is nearing completion. The railroad companies are putting in the switches to it and it will be running in less than a month. ¶ The Watson mills have been increased to a capacity of 500 barrels of flour per day.

The new Frisco switch engine Number 3618 has been assigned to duty on the joint switches in the North End.

**Tuesday, September 8, 1903****page**

9. Contract let yesterday for inside finishing of the new club house of Wichita Country club. Details.

**Wednesday, September 9, 1903****page**

5. The five buildings of the Burton Stock Car company and 73 acres of land around the plant were sold yesterday to the A. C. Randolph company, of Newton, Iowa, threshing machine attachment manufacturers. The Frisco Railroad runs within a few hundred feet of the buildings and will put in a switch to the plant. The Santa Fe will also put in a switch track during the winter. The five large buildings of the plant range in size from 70 by 222 feet to 80 by 250 feet

The Wichita Paint and Color company's three story brick building at 134-136 St. Francis avenue was destroyed by fire early this morning.

**Sunday, September 13, 1903****page**

5. General manager Nelson reports the street car company now has orders in for six new winter cars for the Wichita lines like the new ones now in use on Topeka avenue. The car company has agreed to deliver four of them in Wichita by the 15th of next month. ¶ Work will start tomorrow on changing the stock yards line to run along the east side of the Missouri Pacific right of way from 12th street to Market street and thence north on Market street, intersecting the present line at 17th street. This change avoids the Missouri Pacific switch yards at 12th street and also shortens the line to the stock yards.

The first regular train to Fairview, Oklahoma Territory, on the Orient Railroad will leave Wichita at 7:30 this morning.

7. Contracts have been signed for the new asphalt paving on Seneca from Douglas to University, on University from Seneca to Charles, and on 1st street from Main to Water. To be completed by January 1 or penalty charged.

**Thursday, September 17, 1903****page**

6. Legal publications of petitions and ordinances regrading the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company, which proposes to build a line of railroad from Wichita to Arkansas City.

**Saturday, September 19, 1903****page**

5. The Hamilton hotel at Main and English was sold yesterday by J. Q. Hamilton to W. V. Lippinsott, of Kansas City, for \$87,000. It was built in the boom times and for years was almost vacant. Several years ago it was used as a rooming house and was known as the Metropole. Mr. Hamilton bought it about three years ago and later built an addition.

Work may have to be stopped on the National Bank of Commerce building because of a shortage of brick.

**Sunday, September 20, 1903****page**

5. The first rails were laid yesterday on the new street car bridge across the Arkansas river. The piling have all been driven, the heavy timbers laid, and ties have been laid about half way across from the West side of the river. It will take only a few days to complete the bridge.

**Tuesday, September 22, 1903****page**

5. The Orient Railroad graders are working within 11 miles of Wichita.

**Friday, September 25, 1903****page**

6. Article reports new club house of Wichita Country club will be finished by October 15. Meeting of club in two weeks is expected to adopt membership limit of 275 and to raise the entrance fee for club membership to \$25 instead of the present ten dollars.

**Saturday, September 26, 1903****page**

5. The Rock Island Railroad has started work on ballasting its track between Herington and Wichita with crushed white stone from its quarry at Marion.
6. The old landmark sign which has been located just north of the Santa Fe depot ever since that building was erected, has been taken down, since it was misleading now that the Frisco has moved to its own quarters. A new sign has been ordered.

**Sunday, September 27, 1903****page**

5. New iron mains have been ordered by the Wichita Water company to replace the last 24

blocks of the old wooden mains that were in use when the present company bought the plant. This will cost about \$20,000.

7. Orient Railroad graders are working within five miles of Wichita. They are working on miles 113 and 114, and Wichita is in the 119th mile.

### **Tuesday, September 29, 1903**

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6. The Pacific Express company yesterday began work on an office and warehouse which is to be erected just north of the Missouri Pacific depot. It will be of brick trimmed with Carthage stone, 30 by 40 feet, and will face the east.

A son was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Campbell.

### **Tuesday, October 6, 1903**

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6. Street car companies set the new record last Thursday during fair week with 30,000 fares collected that day including transfers. The manner in which people piled onto the street cars and hung on the sides, it was nothing short of a miracle that no accidents occurred.

For hauling long freight trains the Orient Railroad yesterday received in Wichita two big new ten wheeler Mogul engines from American Locomotive works.

### **Saturday, October 10, 1903**

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5. Wichita voted \$30,000 bonds to assist Arkansas Valley Interurban in special election yesterday.

Stock yards street car Number 125 collided with one horse vehicle yesterday evening.

### **Sunday, October 11, 1903**

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4. Frisco will add 75 to 100 feet of cement platform to its present one at depot here.
6. Baltimore hotel will build \$9,000 addition to extend it to the alley, distance of 140 feet, instead of present 100 feet.

### **Saturday, October 17, 1903**

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6. New manual training school opens Monday in basement of Webster school.

A new sand dredge has been put in operation on the river at Sherman and 2nd streets. ¶ These dredges or sand pumps were almost unknown to this part of the country until about two years ago. They are now becoming a very useful and paying machine.

**Sunday, October 18, 1903****page**

21. Full page of reminiscence regarding Wichita history in letter to editor by "Crowquill."

**Friday, October 23, 1903****page**

5. Viola is the name of a new town which has been located by right of way man for Orient Railroad. It will be the first station this side of Milton.

**Saturday, October 24, 1903****page**

6. Through car service to West Side from Topeka avenue line will be re-established Sunday, as it was before paving of West Douglas was commenced.

**Sunday, November 1, 1903****page**

3. Article says the Orient Railroad is laying 75 pound steel in Oklahoma. The roadbed is graded almost all the way from Fairview to Sweetwater, Texas, and by January 1 the track should be laid 150 miles or half the distance. By spring the steel should be down all the way to Sweetwater.

**Tuesday, November 3, 1903****page**

6. Mr. Coler Sim is clearing the ground at northeast corner of Douglas and Emporia in preparation for building a new brick building there.

**Sunday, November 8, 1903****page**

21. Letter by A. W. Stearns describing Wichita in the very early days, beginning when he first came here in December 1869.

**Wednesday, November 11, 1903****page**

5. The Wichita Telephone company is spending \$10,000 on extending its system, both in Wichita and in making new connections with the surrounding towns. The number of operators has been increased from 25 to 38 and the number of subscribers has increased from 1,600 to 2,000. The company has between 60 and 70 employees.

**Thursday, November 12, 1903****page**

5. The Rock Island force ballasting the track out of Herington will move to Wichita soon to commence the ballasting of the track out of this city with crushed white stone. All of the company's main line track between Herington and Caldwell is being so treated. ¶ Large new engines of the 1,600 series are expected to arrive in Herington November 15. Each can draw 2,000 tons of freight. They will be used in freight service between Herington and

Caldwell.

Rock island depot's dining room, now in the south part of the building, will be moved to the north part in space now occupied by the baggage department. Change will be about December 1st, and both parts will be renovated.

### **Friday, November 13, 1903**

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5. The Stevens-Scott company grain elevator was opened for business yesterday. Capacity is 75,000 barrels, in a large frame building situated south of the stock yards.
6. Santa Fe engine Number 290 started running away from a side track just north of Douglas yesterday, but was boarded just in time and stopped before any collision.

### **Saturday, November 14, 1903**

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6. A man fell from West Side street car number 134 yesterday.

### **Sunday, November 15, 1903**

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7. Article reports on visit to Wichita yesterday of Commodore Nelson, who recently was elected vice-president of the company as well as general manager of the Wichita system. He says the new engine for the power plant has just arrived. It is a tandem compound condensing engine of 1,000 horsepower, weighing nearly 100,000 pounds and with automatic stokers which will feed the furnaces without opening the doors. The generator now in use is 225 kilowatt, but they are going to put in a new 500 kilowatt one. This will provide plenty of power for the busiest days.

### **Tuesday, November 17, 1903**

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5. The city council yesterday adopted a resolution accepting the donation by property owners along the east bank of the Little Arkansas river of a strip of 30 feet wide from 11th street to Jefferson street for use as a driveway. ¶ Contract also let for paving Rock Island avenue with brick.

### **Saturday, November 21, 1903**

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6. Instead of being moved to the north part of the building as announced recently, the lunch room at the Rock Island passenger station has been abolished.

### **Sunday, November 22, 1903**

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5. The Eagle job office has just finished printing 2,500 directories for the Wichita Telephone company.

6. Article says residents on North Market street are upset over plans of Wichita Railroad and Light company to build a double track line on that street.

**Tuesday, November 24, 1903****page**

6. The Barber Asphalt company completed the work of paving West Douglas avenue yesterday.

**Wednesday, November 25, 1903****page**

6. The Frisco Railroad will install a park immediately west of the company's passenger station about 200 feet wide facing Douglas avenue and 300 feet long facing Rock Island avenue.

Formal opening of the new club house of Wichita Country club is to be held December 7.

**Sunday, November 29, 1903****page**

5. Article about plan to build a large flour mill here, known as the United Mill and Elevator company. Details.

A count yesterday showed that 1804 teams passed over the Douglas avenue bridge between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 2, 1903****page**

6. Work on Mr. W. H. Bretch's new two story building immediately west of the Rock Island passenger station is progressing rapidly.

**Tuesday, December 8, 1903****page**

6. Work on the Central Christian church is progressing nicely and it will be completed in another month.

**Wednesday, December 9, 1903****page**

5. Work started yesterday on the paving with brick of the first block of Rock Island avenue south of Douglas.
6. Carpenters yesterday started erecting a 10 foot high steeple on the Lehmann-Higginson Wholesale Grocer company building on Santa Fe avenue. This work had been postponed when the building was completed several years ago.

Laying of the asphalt pavement on Tremont street between Douglas and William is nearly finished.

**Friday, December 11, 1903****page**

6. A new smoke stack, said to be the largest in the city, was put in place yesterday at the power house of the Wichita Railroad and Light company. It is 100 feet high and 5 inches in diameter. From the ground to the top of the stack is 125 feet, since it stands 25 feet above the ground in its position on top of the boilers.

**Sunday, December 13, 1903****page**

3. The United Brethren church yesterday purchased the four lots on the northeast corner of Waco and 11th street for \$1,500 as a site on which to build a new church.

**Wednesday, December 16, 1903****page**

6. Because of the many calls for Wichita souvenir postal cards, C. A. Tanner and Company have issued a beautiful set of ten cards of various scenes in and around Wichita. Separate cards show a fine scene of the court house, two park scenes, and a view of the Masonic Home. The remaining six cards contain groups of the prominent buildings, churches, and residences in the city, and one shows two scenes in Kansas wheat fields and a group of Kansas cowboys on their ponies.

**Sunday, December 20, 1903****page**

3. Note about Salvation Army kettle on corner of Main and Douglas with a placard over it reading "Keep the pot boiling."
8. Article says membership in the City Library has increased from 300 to 4,900 since it was made a free library a little over two and one-half years ago.
13. Article about improvements at the John Cudahy packing plant here. Details.

**Thursday, December 24, 1903****page**

5. F. D. and M. Aley yesterday purchased the natatorium building and 50 feet of ground in second block of South Topeka opposite the Crawford building for \$3,100. The two story brick building was built about 15 years ago for \$7,000 as a natatorium and gymnasium. At present it is used as an implement warehouse.

**Friday, December 25, 1903****page**

5. The work of moving the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company's office from the Bitting block to the company's new building in the second block on North Market opposite the hose house began yesterday and will be completed within a week.

**Saturday, December 26, 1903**

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6. Article about gas and electricity furnished by the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company. Details.

**Tuesday, December 29, 1903**

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5. Judge Dale denied a permanent injunction requested by Mr. Ackerman to restrain the city of Wichita from annexing Ackerman's Island into the city.

**Thursday, December 31, 1903**

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5. The two story brick building at 1205 East Douglas was completed yesterday.