

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 1905 WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita Eagle

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4. Street car Number 130 struck a milk wagon on South Main street yesterday.
5. Arthur Paulline yesterday purchased the three story brick Oldham block on southeast corner of Main and 1st streets for \$27,500. It was put up during the boom for \$20,000 and purchased by Dr. J. E. Oldham in 1898.

Article about a mortgage for \$2,100,000 filed at Winfield by the Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway company. O. A. Boyle is president.

The Wichita Independent Telephone company will soon have connections with Kansas City and St. Louis. The long distance line will be operated by the Union Telephone and Telegraph company, which already, has a line from Abilene to Kansas City and St. Louis and within about two months will build a connecting line from Wichita to Hutchinson and then on to Abilene.

6. The Peerless Machinery and Supply company is building a new stone building on South Mosley, 51 feet by 142 feet, to supplement their two story brick building, 75 feet by 150 feet, at 265-267-269 South Washington avenue, which is no longer adequate for their needs.

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5. Street car Number 152 ran over a fire hose yesterday at corner of Douglas and Sycamore.
6. Judge David M. Dale and S. B. Amidon have formed a new law partnership the 1st of January, known as Dale and Amidon.

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6. The work of extending the platform in the passenger yards at the Santa Fe depot was

resumed yesterday. The platform is being constructed between the tracks from Douglas avenue to a distance of 800 feet south. It is not uncommon for the tracks to be crowded with trains, and some of the time not all of them are able to pull up to the main platform, and when the new platform is completed passengers can be discharged with less delay. Like the main platform, the new extension is composed of brick.

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6. A switchmen's shanty will be erected in the Missouri Pacific yards at 2nd street.

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3. Article on annual report of board of health -- lists death by diagnosis in Wichita in 1904, including consumption -- 53. Total deaths in Wichita for the year -- 501.
5. Article reports charter has been granted to the Wichita Sand and Material company. The company has purchased Ackerman's island and 21 acres directly west across the channel from the island for \$20,000 and will build a brick and cement plant, coal yards, and sand pump. ¶ They also have plans under advisement for making a fine amusement park out of the north end of the island.

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6. Article reports that at the last meeting of the outgoing county commissioners, on January 7, they acted to give up all claim to the Douglas avenue bridge across the Arkansas river, thus throwing the expense of keeping it in repair entirely upon the city.

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5. Article reports Wichita stands good chance of getting into the new Western Association baseball league, which is a successor to the Missouri Valley league. Cities formerly in the league were Joplin, Springfield, Sedalia, Leavenworth, Topeka, Pittsburg, Iola, and Fort Scott.

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5. Article says city council decided yesterday to inform the county commissioners that their donation of the Douglas avenue bridge over the Arkansas river would not be accepted.
6. Contract was awarded yesterday for erection of the annex to the Sedgwick building on Market street. ¶ Edgar Harding of Boston is owner of the Sedgwick block and owns 66 foot front and 140 feet deep on Market street just north of this block, where the new building will be constructed. It will be 52 feet wide by 120 feet long, four stories high, of brick, with cost of \$35,000. A 12 foot driveway will be left between the Sedgwick block and the annex, but an enclosed bridge will connect the two buildings. Completion by July

1 is hoped for.

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5. The East Side Improvement society was organized yesterday. One of the important goals to be taken up first is the paving of Douglas avenue from Washington avenue to Roosevelt avenue, on the top of College Hill.

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5. The Central Christian church has signed a contract with the Kimball Organ company for a pipe organ to be placed in the new church building at Market and 1st streets at a cost of \$3,000. It is to be completed by April 1st. ¶ At present there are five pipe organs in the city. They are in the First Methodist church, the Pro-Cathedral, the Brown Memorial Reformed church, St. John's Episcopal church, and one in Dr. S. S. Noble's residence.
6. The bridge and building department of the Missouri Pacific will be transferred from Eldorado to Wichita in the near future. Offices are being prepared on the second floor of the depot. About 20 men will be transferred.

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5. The foundation for the Mahan hotel building is now completed and the brick work will start as soon as weather permits. The building is to be completed in April.

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6. Th J. W. Metz Lumber company is preparing to build a two story brick office building on their property in the fourth block on North Main street. The office building will be 25 feet by 50 feet.

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5. Plans for the new addition to Mt. Carmel academy are being completed by Architect C. W. Terry. It is to be three stories and the same size as the present building, thus doubling the capacity of the school. Cost about \$35,000.

The office of the street car company at 111 South Main street has been rearranged. Details.

6. Fifty-five tons of steel was ordered yesterday for the building to be erected by O. D. Barnes at Lawrence and Douglas avenues. Plans are being completed by Architect C. W. Terry. To be 75 feet by 120 feet and 76 feet high. Cost \$65-75,000. Will have two passenger elevators.

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6. Orient engine Number 112 is laid up for repairs.

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5. General manager S. L. Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company has been in the city inspecting the company's plant and lines. Changes are now being made at the power house which will double its capacity. The old machinery has all been removed and the new machinery is being installed. ¶ "We expect to add a number of new and larger cars to the line. An improvement to be made in the near future will be the laying of a double track from Douglas avenue along North Topeka avenue for several blocks."

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5. City council yesterday let contract for raising and lengthening of the Griffenstein bridge for \$750.

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6. The street car which is being operated on Cleveland avenue was out of business several hours yesterday. When it was approaching the end of the line at Central avenue, the brakes were applied, but the rails were slippery and the car could not be stopped in time to keep it from running off the track and going across Central avenue. It took about two hours to replace it on the track.

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5. The new brick building under construction for some time for the Kansas Sanitarium is nearly completed.

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5. Article reports committee appointed to plan for new church to replace the old First Baptist church at 1st and Market streets, which was erected in 1874.

Transfer of the toll line of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company from the present quarters in the Bitting block to the building on North Market street started yesterday.

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3. Article recalls early days when the ice company cut ice from the Little river and stored it in their ice houses to sell during the summer months. Billy Polk and George Harris were partners and owned large ice storage houses along the banks of the Little river. Their large red wagons had "Harris and Polk, Ice Company" in gilt letters on the sides. This was

in the years 1884-85-86-87. In the winter of 1885 the ice on the Little river was 13 inches thick and beautifully clear.

5. Plans are being prepared by Architect F. F. Parsons for a fine residence for H. W. Darling, to be located on College Hill at the end of the street car line. It will be two and one-half stories, brick, in Colonial style, with 14 rooms, and cost \$15,000. A large stable will also be built with three stalls and a large carriage room, to cost about \$1,000.
19. "City Regulator": Paving Douglas avenue to the top of College Hill and the building of a viaduct over the railroads, will settle the question of where the final residence portion of the city will be. The paving of a street will be a long stride in that direction, but not until a viaduct is built will the final settlement come.

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5. About 15 leading business men of Wichita yesterday purchased the Pittsburg franchise on the Western Association and turned it over to Frank Isbell, who will have full management. ¶ The question of a park has not been definitely settled.

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21. Article gives some history of Durfee's Trading Post in early Wichita. Says it was built in February 1868 about 600 feet back from Waco avenue along a line from a point about 100 feet north of the intersection of Waco avenue and Park street.

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5. City council yesterday decided that the street car company will be asked to put in crossings between their rails on the new lines laid in the city. The wet weather makes it very disagreeable to pedestrians as it is. ¶ City engineer estimated the cost of removing the island from the 11th street bridge at \$600, and city clerk was directed to advertise for bids.

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5. Article reports Andrew Carnegie has given Fairmount college \$40,000 to build a library building.

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6. The Santa Fe has just ordered 45 passenger locomotives, including 15 Atlantic type and 30 Pacific type, all balanced compounds, and 30 freight engines of the Santa Fe type. Sixty passenger coaches and 5,300 freight cars were also ordered.

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5. Work has been started by the street car company on improvements which will cost about \$15,000. ¶ Remodeling of the power house and installing of new machinery is now under way. A new 200 kilowatt generator will be installed to supersede the three 62 kilowatt generators which have been in use ever since the power house was built. These were used for the street car circuit until the traffic became too heavy for them. They were connected by belt and shaft with the old Corliss engine, which has been in constant use for several years. ¶ When the traffic became too heavy for the Corliss engine, a directly connected 400 kilowatt generator with a compound engine was installed. This was used to pull the street cars and the old Corliss was used to furnish the power for the motors in the elevators about the city. ¶ A 200 kilowatt alternating circuit generator was connected with the compound engine by means of a belt and is used to furnish the street lights. ¶ A few years ago a large tandem compound engine was installed. It is directly connected on the shaft with a 400 kilowatt generator. The engine develops about 835 horsepower. The new generator being installed will be connected with the fly wheel of this engine by means of a belt. This will do away with the old 62 kilowatt generators and the old Corliss engine, which will probably be sold. ¶ The transformers have been moved from the east side of the building to the west side. A fireproof brick wall will be erected between the engine room and the old repair track, and this space will be used as a paint shop. ¶ A new return current wire will be run over to the Topeka avenue line, enabling keeping a stronger current on this line. Another line will also be run to the East Douglas avenue line. ¶ One of the bridges in the park will be torn out and a new one built in its place, and the other bridges will be rebuilt. ¶ Other improvements will be made in the track in various places.
21. Historical article about early physicians in Wichita.

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5. Wichita has a new gun club, known as the Wichita Ideal Gun club, with about 33 members. Its initial shoot will be held this afternoon at the grounds at 21st street just west of Lawrence avenue.

G. F. Morrow and J. J. O'Rourke, of Topeka, yesterday purchased the fixtures of the Carey hotel and leased the building for five years for a yearly rental of \$11-12,000. B. L. Eaton, who has managed the hotel the past ten years, will transfer it to the new proprietors tomorrow, March 1st. ¶ The Carey hotel was built in 1887 by John R Carey. Soon after, he disposed of a half interest to Mr. Stough, and the two continued the business until 1892, when C. W. Carey became proprietor. Two years later B. L. Eaton purchased it and has since continued the business. ¶ A \$35,000 addition was added to the building two years ago. It is 125 feet by 120 feet.

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5. Work started yesterday on excavations for the new Sedgwick block annex.

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5. The Simmons Hardware company, of St. Louis, yesterday purchased the entire business block between the Frisco and Rock Island tracks just north of 1st street for between \$15,000 and \$16,000. The tract is 300 feet on 1st street and 290 feet facing Mead and Mosely avenues. The land was owned by ten parties. A new building is to be erected.

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6. Work started yesterday on the new building being erected by the United Sash and Door company just north of Warehouse "A" on South Rock Island avenue. To cost \$15,000 plus \$10,000 for machinery. Will be three stories, 100 feet by 125 feet. With Warehouse "A," the completed sold building will be 125 feet by 175 feet.

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21. Article gives history of early druggists in Wichita.

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5. Work has started on installing of the plant of the Wichita Sand and Mercantile company on the property purchased by them in December including Ackerman's island (57 acres), 21 acres on the west bank of the Arkansas river, and lots on the east bank of the river from 2nd street south. A sand barge 24 feet by 60 feet with a centrifugal pump with capacity of 300 yards per hour or 36 car loads per day is now under construction. The Missouri Pacific will put in 1,500 feet of side track from the bridge up to 2nd street along the east side of the island. ¶ Arrangements are now under way for establishment of an amusement park on the island.
6. Work has been resumed on the new St. Paul's Methodist church. The walls have almost reached the second floor.

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6. New gates have recently been placed at the Rock Island crossing at Douglas avenue.
11. The park proposition for Wichita's new baseball team in the Western Association has practically been closed. Quarters in the northeast corner of the fair grounds have been secured, and the erection of the new \$1,500 grandstand and other improvements will begin next week.
14. Article about buildings to be constructed in Wichita this spring. Says the Bissantz-Schweiter building is almost completed as is the Cone-Cornell building on South Lawrence. Brick work on the two story Davidson building, of Silex brick, is nearing construction. Work on the Barnes building will start in late June or early July.

21. Article on history of early dry goods stores in Wichita.

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5. L. S. Naftzger yesterday announced plans to build a new three story brick building at 612 East Douglas, 25 feet by 120 feet, at cost of \$12,000. He also owns the building immediately to the east, now occupied by J. C. Dunn and Brother's queensware store.
7. Appraisers appointed by the county commission yesterday for the extension of Douglas avenue one-half mile beyond where it now terminates.

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6. The C. L. Davidson block being constructed on East Douglas is being increased to three stories from the planned two stories. It is of Silex brick, a pure white in color. Cost about \$20,000.
7. Excavations have started for the office building of the Metz Lumber company at 3rd and Main streets.

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7. Work on the fence and grandstand for the new baseball park on South Main street will start today. Very little grading will have to be done.

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7. Work started yesterday on building the new grand stand, bleachers, and fence at the baseball park in South Wichita. If the weather remains good, it will be completed in time for the games with the Chicago White Sox on March 29 and 30.

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2. A good start has been made on the new baseball park. The grand stand will have a seating capacity of 1,500.
21. Article on history of the legal profession in Wichita.

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5. Articles of incorporation of the new mill and elevator company, to be known as the Red Star Mill and Elevator company, have been drawn up. Incorporators listed. The new mill will probably be located on the joint tracks north of 18th street.

The Wichita Gas, Electric Light, and Power company yesterday purchased the property

on Wichita street immediately north of the Missouri Pacific depot, for \$12,000. It fronts 200 feet on Wichita street and is 138 feet deep. There are presently three large residences on this property. ¶ Not less than five miles of new mains will be laid during the year. Improvements are also being made in the gas plant itself. A new 1,000 horsepower heater has been installed and a new 275 H. P. boiler will be installed in the next three weeks. The company plans to erect a new gas hose on its new property, probably 130 feet by 30 feet. New machinery will also be added.

6. Work started yesterday on tearing down the old Howard stables at 325 East Douglas, in preparation for construction of the three story brick building to be built by A. H. and R. C. Bolte, of the Henry Bolte Furniture company. Building to cost over \$14,000, and will be occupied by the Henry Bolte Furniture company, now at 125 East Douglas. Construction to start about first week in April and take four months.
7. The new baseball park should be completed by Saturday and be ready for practice the first of next week. ¶ The street car line runs on two sides of the park. The ticket office and entrance gates are only a few feet from the car line. The entrance gates will be placed at the west of the park, one used for carriages and automobiles. The grandstand is directly behind home plate at the south of the grounds. The bleachers will be built to the west and north of the grand stand.

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6. Grading and ballasting the Rock Island line from Wichita to Elbing was resumed yesterday, after being interrupted several weeks by bad weather. The line has already been ballasted from Herington to Elbing and from Wichita to Caldwell, leaving only the stretch from Wichita to Elbing uncompleted. This work will take about three months.

Article reports on concert on new pipe organ just installed at Plymouth Congregational church.

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5. The new river gauge of the weather bureau has been installed on the street car bridge over the Arkansas river. It is 12 feet high and was placed on the south side of the bridge on the second pier from the east end of the bridge. It replaces the old gauge, which was washed out during the flood of last year.

Remodeling of the power house of the street car company is progressing rapidly. The fire wall erected to separate the engine room from the paint shop has been completed. It is a brick wall which cuts off the old repair track in the north end of the power house from the engine room and extends four feet above the roof of the building. ¶ The new generator for the power circuit was shipped on the 18th and is expected here by the first of next week.

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6. Street car Number 146 was struck by a Missouri Pacific switch engine at 9th street last night as it was going to the barn. Damage was slight.
7. Finishing touches will be placed on the new baseball park today.

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6. Work has begun laying new steel on the Santa Fe between Wichita and Wellington.
21. Article on history of photography in early Wichita.

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6. Article reports G. C. Christopher, of Wichita, has purchased at auction in a bankruptcy sale, the plant and business of the Wichita Bridge and Iron company, at 2nd and Santa Fe, for \$15,750, and will conduct the business under his own name.

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6. The brick work on the annex to the Sedgwick block has been started on Monday morning.

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5. Work has started on a two story building at 125 North Emporia avenue for the Western Lithograph company. It is being built of Wichita Silex brick, and will cost about \$10,000.
¶ This is the first season the new Silex brick has been used.

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6. The foundation for the two story brick Mead building, to be erected on North Market street, will begin in a short time.

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7. The new baseball park will be dedicated this afternoon when the Regulars and the Yannagans will meet in an exhibition game.

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5. City council last night passed an ordinance taking the bed of the Arkansas river from southern to northern limits into the city. This includes Ackerman island and is done with that special property in view.

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21. Article on early newspaper history of Wichita.

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6. When necessary repairs and improvements Emporia avenue-Riverside car line are completed, the service on this line will be improved to a 15 minute service instead of present 20 minutes. ¶ Work on the south bridge in Riverside park is nearing completion. When this is done another switch will be put in on Emporia avenue. When this is finished the men will return to the park and overhaul the north bridge.

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6. The offices of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company have been moved from their old quarters in the Bitting block to their new building in the second block on North Market. The toll line board was moved to the new building several months ago.

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6. Rear end of street car Number 152 was struck by rear end of a Frisco freight train backing south at crossing on Douglas. Car was derailed, but no injuries.

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6. Work on the Sedgwick annex is progressing rapidly. To be four stories and will take all summer to complete.

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5. The force of men who have been at work on the street car bridge in Riverside have been transferred to the South Emporia avenue line. A new switch is being put in just south of Douglas avenue. This will allow the company to operate a 15 minute schedule on the Emporia avenue-Riverside line. At present only a 20 minute service is being maintained. ¶ While the work is being done on the South Emporia line the Riverside cars are being turned back at the corner of Douglas and Main. The work is anticipated to be completed by the first of the month.

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5. Father Tihen receives appointment as papal chamberlain with title of Monsignore.

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5. Child struck and killed on South Main by street car Number 132.

Five story brick building will be erected in near future by Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company on the lots immediately west of the new Mahan building near Santa Fe tracks on East Douglas. Will cost about \$35,000. Hope for completion by 1st of November.

6. Track laying has commenced on Orient Railroad north from Sweetwater, Texas, and rail is on the way to lay the track south from Fairview, Oklahoma.

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6. Work on buildings for Red Star Mill and Elevator company is progressing rapidly on Emporia avenue just above 18th street. ¶ Another elevator is to be built on St. Francis just above 19th street ¶ At present there are the Watson mills at 18th on the Santa Fe tracks and below this the Nerling elevator, one of the largest in the state. On St. Francis above 20th street is located the large elevator of the Stevens-Scott Grain company.

Work has started on clearing out the old frame shacks on the site of the proposed Burns building at Lawrence and Douglas. Barnes building is to be five stories and cost about \$75,000.

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5. Two story brick office building being built for Metz Lumber company at corner of Main and 3rd.

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6. Work will start soon by street car company on laying of a double track on East Douglas from Frisco Railroad to Pattie avenue. At present there is a double track from Main to the Santa Fe Railroad. Then from Santa Fe to midway between Rock Island and Frisco there is a single track. Just west of the Frisco a switch was installed last year extending one block. At Wabash another switch is in operation. Only about a block intervenes between these two switches. From the Wabash avenue switch to Pattie avenue is three blocks, so it will require about four more blocks of double track to complete the plans of the company on this end of the line. ¶ When this is done the double track on North Topeka from Douglas to 2nd street will be put down. At present there is a switch at 2nd street but cars frequently have to wait at this switch for three or four minutes for the other car to arrive. ¶ As soon as the material arrives we will complete the other bridge to Riverside park. We will probably then install a 15 minute services on Riverside-Emporia avenue line instead of present 20 minute service.

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5. Sixty-three graduates in this year's class at Wichita High School.
6. Middle of this month the Rock Island is putting on new Atlantic engines and increasing

speed of trains 11 and 12 from Herington to Caldwell from 32 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour.

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8. Description of Wichita Silex Brick company plant on east bank of Arkansas river at Orme street.
22. Article on the "Progress and Prosperity of Fairmount as a Residence Portion of Wichita."

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5. Excavation started Monday for the new Barnes block.

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6. State charter board at Topeka granted a charter yesterday to the Midland Valley Railway company of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Has capital of \$1,885,000 and is building a line of railroad from Ft. Smith to a connection with the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf in the Indian Territory.

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6. City council: City attorney instructed to report if the street railway company could not be required to use fenders on their cars.

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5. Addition to be built on to grandstand at ball park (Association Park). Addition will seat 800, giving the grandstand a seating capacity of 2,500.

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5. The 18th annual commencement exercises of Lewis academy will be held today in the First Presbyterian church. There are 15 graduates.

The city assessor's report of personal property held by Wichita residents includes: 2,288 horses, 1,124 carriages and wagons, and 63 automobiles.

6. President Hurley of the Santa Fe was in Wichita yesterday and reported that the Santa Fe will complete its double track between Kansas City and Newton during 1905. Eighty-nine miles are now finished and the entire 184 miles will be completed in the next few months.

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5. The new St. Paul's church is ready for its roof to be constructed. The side walls are completed and the entrance will soon be finished. Nearly all of the large blocks to be used in the columns have been received. The exterior is of Silex brick with trimmings of Carthage limestone.

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6. The city council yesterday awarded a five year contract for blinker lights to the Welsbach Light company, of Chicago. It calls for 200 lights of 60 candle-power each, at a cost of \$2.25 per light per month. The lights are to burn all night, instead of only until midnight, as has been the case the past three years. They are to burn 25 nights each month, instead of the 20 nights under the old contract. They will be in use by the 1st of July. ¶ The Frisco railway company notified the council of their intention to install gates at their Douglas avenue crossing. ¶ Regarding the street car fenders, which the council has requested the company to place on all of their cars in Wichita, Commodore Nelson has stated that the matter would be brought up at the next meeting of the company, to be held soon in Chicago.

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5. Article reports progress on construction of the new buildings of the Red Star Mill and Elevator company. The mill building, five stories high, has been enclosed and the roof put on. The work house for the elevator has reached the third story, and the foundation for the steel elevator tank has been put in. ¶ The new steel elevator tank bin for the Watson Mill company, is also progressing rapidly. It is to be 40 feet high and 40 feet in diameter.

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6. Excavation for the Barnes block has been hindered by the heavy rains of last week.

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8. The formal opening of the new Battle Creek Sanitarium will be held next Wednesday. It is four stories high, 80 feet long and 44 feet wide, with a three story extension 32 feet by 36 feet, and is located on 20 acres of ground opposite Mt. Carmel academy. The capacity is 40 room patients. Seventeen nurses have been employed. The cost is about \$35,000.

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7. The work of laying the foundation for the Barnes block, at Douglas and Lawrence avenues, has been started at last.

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6. F. G. Smyth and Sons, implement dealers, have started the erection of a new warehouse

on North Santa Fe street, immediately north of the old warehouse, which stands near the corner of Douglas and Santa Fe. The new building will be 210 feet by 90 feet and will be flush against the Rock Island tracks at the rear and the Santa Fe tracks in front. The front will be three stories, of terra cotta, and the rear will be two stories, of brick. It will be built flush against the old building, with a 10 foot driveway between the two under the roof of the new building. The Santa Fe track will be flush against the front of the building and a track will be run into the building from the north. A Rock Island siding will be built at the rear. The two structures will be connected, making a large building 280 feet by 140 feet. Cost of new building is \$30,000.

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5. Article reports on dedication and formal opening of the Kansas Sanitarium yesterday. Details.

The county commission let a contract yesterday for a new steel bridge over Chisholm creek at 21st street, to replace the one which collapsed Tuesday with a heavy traction engine. It will be on a concrete base with girders of steel. The length is 40 feet and the cost \$1,075.

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5. The new edifice of the St. Boniface Catholic church (sic) is nearing completion at Ohio and 2nd streets. All the exterior work has been finished and the interior is now being completed. It will be ready for dedication some time in September.

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5. The street car company has begun laying the double track on East Douglas from the Frisco Railroad to Pattie avenue. At present the double track system is in operation on Douglas avenue from the Missouri Pacific depot to the Santa Fe depot. From the Santa Fe to a half block east of the Rock Island there is only a single track. Here a switch extending to the Frisco was put in last year. There is also a switch extending from Washington avenue to Wabash avenue. By connecting these two switches and laying another line of track east from Wabash avenue to Pattie avenue, the company will have five more blocks of double track on its Douglas avenue line. ¶ The rails being used are seven inches high.

Sunday, June 18, 1905**page**

5. The Butts Lumber company has sold its yards in Wichita and in eleven other Kansas and Oklahoma towns to the Long-Bell Lumber company for \$225,000.
11. Fairmount college will institute an innovation this fall by playing the home football games by electric light. This is new to the western region, but has passed beyond the experimental stage in several eastern states. ¶ The games will be played in Association

park, which is easier of access than the Fairmount field.

21. Report of a sea voyage aboard the S.S. Arabic.

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5. City council yesterday let contract for resurfacing the asphalt paving on Main street and Douglas avenue for over \$30,000. About 19,500 square yards of asphalt required at \$1.54 per square yard.

Commodore S. L. Nelson, general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company, arrived here Sunday from Fort Wayne, and will leave for his home this morning. ¶ He reported that while in St. Louis last week he saw the new cars which have been ordered for Wichita. "They are splendid ones of the same pattern as the best which are in use in the larger cities of the east. They are 40 feet in length and have a greater seating capacity than the cars now in use. They are also wider and the platforms larger. The cars were ready for the paint shop and will be completed and sent to Wichita not later than July 5 or 6."

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6. Architect C. W. Terry has just completed the plans for the large building to be occupied by the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company. To be five stories, with 75 foot frontage and 150 feet deep. Will be brick trimmed in terra cotta. Details. ¶ Men are already making excavations for the structure and work on the building will be started immediately.

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10. Legal publication: City council has ordered constructed permanent sidewalks, including: four feet on west side of Bitting from 10th to 11th; four feet on east side of Jefferson from 10th to 11th; five feet on east side Spalding from Park avenue to Riverside avenue.

Legal publication: Council has adopted resolution for paving with brick of alley between Douglas and 1st from Water to Wichita streets, and also alley extending from said alley south to Douglas. ¶ Also the alley between Market and Lawrence from William north to the alley running east and west between Market and Douglas.

Saturday, June 24, 1905

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5. Article reports C. W. Terry, architect, is drawing plans for a three story brick building to be erected by J. A. Walters, of Illinois, on the southwest corner of Main and William streets. To be 25 feet by 143 feet and cost between \$15 and \$20,000.

The motormen and conductors of the street car company presented Superintendent Morrison with a seal ring last night. It has a diamond setting and cost \$50. The motormen

and conductors presented the ring to Mr. Morrison as a token of their appreciation for the many favors they have received at his hands.

Sunday, June 25, 1905**page**

5. City assessor yesterday announced the official census of 1905 gives Wichita's population as 31,122, an increase of 6,451 over the 24,671 of the 1900 United States census. Many of the citizens have doubt the figures and believe Wichita is a city of 36,000.
7. The beautiful fountain in North Riverside park presented by Mayor Ross during his former administration is being raised and reset on a much better foundation. The change became necessary owing to the high grade made at that point.

Another elk was born in Riverside park on Thursday. The park now contains four elk and five deer.

Tuesday, June 27, 1905**page**

5. City council yesterday awarded contract to Wichita Railroad and Light company for furnishing 217 arc lights every night until one o'clock for \$14,543 per annum. Contract, to be dated July 1, 1905, is for five years. The lights are to be 2,000 candle power.

Thursday, June 29, 1905**page**

7. The brick and steel work on the first floor of the Bolte building, under construction on East Douglas avenue, has been completed.

Friday, June 30, 1905**page**

6. The Missouri Pacific is extremely busy on the southern Kansas division. At present, from 25 to 30 freight trains are resuming daily between Wichita and Ft. Scott. ¶ Ballasting work is being carried out. The entire track from Wichita to Ft. Scott has been ballasted with zinc tailings from the Joplin mining district, and crews are now working on the McPherson-Eldorado branch. A steam shovel is operating 20 hours each day with two crews in the Joplin-Webb City mining district turning up the zinc tailing and over 120 cars of the material are sent out each day to be put down on the tracks.

Sunday, July 2, 1905**page**

6. The middle of this week the Santa Fe will start relaying its tracks in the Wichita yards with 74 and 80 pound steel. The main line will be relaid first and then the sidings. The work will take approximately two months. ¶ Steel of this weight has recently been put down by the Santa Fe from Newton to Arkansas City with the exception of the tracks within the Wichita limits. The track in the yards here in of 65 pound steel, the lightest in weight on the division. ¶ Superintendent Easley says another change to be made in Wichita is an

automatic alarm system at all the street crossings on the Santa Fe north of Douglas, which will do away with the flagmen at the street crossings.

Tuesday, July 4, 1905**page**

5. The board of education last night elected E. H. Ellsworth, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as principal of the Wichita High School. The salary of the principal was increased from \$1,300 to \$1,500. He succeeds Professor B. F. Dunkin, who has held the position for the past four years.

Thursday, July 6, 1905**page**

5. The Carey hotel has again changed hands. A. Danielson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will take charge this morning after purchasing the business, furniture, and fixtures for \$30,000 yesterday from J. J. O'Rourke and G. F. Morrow, who have been the proprietors since last March, when they purchased the furniture and fixtures for \$18,000. B. L. Eaton still owns the building.

Saturday, July 8, 1905**page**

6. Work has started on the double track for the street car line on North Topeka, which will extend from Douglas avenue north to 2nd street. At present there is a switch at 2nd street. ¶ The company has just completed the double track on Douglas avenue from the Frisco tracks to Pattie avenue. Heretofore the cars on this line east of Santa Fe avenue have had to pass either at Wabash avenue or at the Frisco, where a switch was put in last year. ¶ The rails on East Douglas were replaced with seven inch rails so that if pavement is put down there in the future, it will not be necessary to relay the track. ¶ The rails which were taken up from East Douglas are in good condition and will be used in putting down the track on Topeka avenue double track, as there is no pavement on that street.

Tuesday, July 11, 1905**page**

6. George Theis, Jr., the founder and owner of the Farmers and Stockgrowers' bank at Ashland, Kansas, has sold his bank to J. Q. Chandler, and moved his family to Wichita, where he will devote his entire time to his numerous enterprises.

Wednesday, July 12, 1905**page**

5. Murdock avenue is to be macadamized from Main street to the entrance to Riverside park. Arrangements were completed yesterday with Mr. Frazier of Eldorado for 100 car loads of stone slag from the Frazier quarries at Prospect. The stone will be used for paving Murdock avenue and to resurface the drives in Riverside Park. Mr. Frazier has donated the stone to the city of Wichita if Wichita will pay the cost of loading and hauling. The cost of loading will be three dollars per car, and low rates have been secured from the railroads for hauling. ¶ A considerable amount of the stone will be used in resurfacing the

drives in Riverside Park, which were washed out by the flood last year. In North Riverside Park, from the Ross fountain to 11th street, the drive was made from the silt and sand from the bottom of the river. A part of this will be removed and the stone used instead.

6. Superintendent Morrison, of Wichita Railroad and Light company, received a message from St. Louis yesterday stating that the two new cars for the Wichita street railway had been shipped and would be here in a few days. They are 40 feet in length high speed cars and are equipped with air brakes. They also have double trucks.

Friday, July 14, 1905

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5. The Sedgwick Annex brick work has been finished and the roof has been put on. All that remains to be done is the interior finishing. It is of buff colored brick, four stories high.
6. The expense of the public school system of Wichita for the year ending June 30, 1905 was \$104,019 including \$61,869 for teachers' salaries. Details.

Saturday, July 15, 1905

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6. Yesterday a new engine to be known as Number 13 are shipped out of Omaha and will arrive in Wichita tomorrow for use by the Orient Railroad in freight service.

Tuesday, July 18, 1905

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5. City council yesterday passed resolution to pave with brick Water street from Douglas to William.

Building permit issued to H. W. Darling for a brick and stone residence at Roosevelt and Douglas avenues to cost \$16,000 including barn.

6. The new double truck street cars ordered by the street car company several weeks ago arrived Sunday, July 16, and yesterday the first one was run on the tracks. The other car will be ready for service today. They have double trucks and four motors, giving a higher speed than the other cars now in use. They are also equipped with air brakes, air whistles, and arc headlights. Their seating capacity is 40 people. Mr. Morrison said it would be necessary to rebuild a few of the curves before the cars could be operated on all of the lines. (Cars Number 201 and 202 -- from *Beacon* July 20, 1905, page 8.)

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8. Car Number 202 of the street railway company was out on the line yesterday. This is the first time it has been in service. The other car is Number 201. This is the beginning of a new series of numbers, the old cars beginning with 100 and running on up.

Friday, July 21, 1905**page**

5. The trustees of Fairmount college yesterday let the contract for completion of the men's dormitory at Fairmount for \$23,176. The basement has already been completed. The walls will be of dark red vitrified paving brick and the roof of red tile. Completion is scheduled by November 1.

Saturday, July 22, 1905**page**

5. The preliminary surveys for straightening of the channel of Chisholm creek from 25th street to its mouth were completed by City Engineer Brown yesterday and approved by Mayor Ross. The meanderings of the stream from 25th street to the Arkansas river add up to a length of a little over 14 miles, and the plan will reduce this to seven miles and make the channel almost perfectly straight.

Sunday, July 23, 1905**page**

4. Mayor Ross announced yesterday that the street car company had agreed to haul any amount of dirt to South Riverside park free of charge to fill in the low places caused by the flood of last year and the raising of the levee along the river.

Tuesday, July 25, 1905**page**

6. The Missouri Pacific in Wichita has lately been shipped a new switch engine, Number 297, to be used in the city yards.

Saturday, July 29, 1905**page**

6. The street car company is rushing the work on the double track on North Topeka avenue. The old track has been torn up and relaid farther west, so as to make room for the new track. The second track has been put in as far as 1st street and will soon be extended to its ending at 2nd street.

The Red Star Mill and Elevator company's plant will be ready for operation about the first of September. The buildings have been completed and the material is on hand for the steel grain tank. Machinery is being installed with a capacity of 500 barrels daily, but later it is planned to install more machinery to double the capacity to 1,000 barrels daily.

Tuesday, August 1, 1905**page**

5. General manager Nelson of the Wichita Railroad and Light company announced yesterday that an addition would immediately be built to the power house to make room for additional boilers to furnish power. ¶ The "Seeing Wichita" service will be inaugurated this evening using one of the two new cars. The car will start from Main and Douglas at seven o'clock for the first trip and at nine o'clock for the second. The two hour ride will

cost 25¢ and will go over all the lines it is possible to take the big cars over and return in two hours.

Wednesday, August 2, 1905**page**

5. The Wichita Canoe club has been organized and plans to build a small club house.

Sunday, August 6, 1905**page**

5. The new boilers at the Wichita Railroad and Light company power plant have been installed and are now in working order. ¶ For the big crowds expected in the city today the company will use 30 cars including the two new ones.

Wednesday, August 9, 1905**page**

6. The Wichita Canoe club yesterday leased a plot of ground on the Little Arkansas river below Murdock avenue and will build a boat and club house as soon as the plans can be made. The boat house will have room for 32 boats. The club was organized about two weeks ago and now has about 25 members. ¶ The land was leased from R. E. Israel and is just south of the Murdock avenue boat house. The ground leased is 26 feet by 50 feet, for a time of five years, and the building planned will be about 20 feet by 36 feet and cost about \$400. Stairs will lead from the building to a platform, to which will be attached a floating platform from which the boats will be launched. A chute will be installed to take the canoes easily into the club house.

Friday, August 11, 1905**page**

5. The Barnes building is up to the second story. Excavation for the Johnston-Larimer building has been finished, and laying of concrete for the foundation is well under way.

Sunday, August 13, 1905**page**

5. Article reports contract to be let August 30 for addition of a dining room and 11 other rooms to the Kansas Masonic Home, as well as a new chapel. Details.
6. Mrs. Fisk, an eastern benefactor of Fairmount college, has contributed \$1,000 for the purpose of finishing six more rooms on the third floor of the college building. This is the unfinished portion of the building, and will be fitted up for use of the art and music departments.

Friday, August 18, 1905**page**

5. W. F. and G. W. McIntire have purchased the two lots at the corner of Main and 3rd streets and will erect a two story brick building there. Frontage of 52 feet on Main street and 140 feet on 3rd street. To cost about \$10,000.

6. The Rock Island pulled the heaviest train pulled with one engine in some time through Wichita yesterday. The tonnage was 1,500 tons and it was pulled by engine Number 1636.

Tuesday, August 22, 1905**page**

5. Petition presented to city council last night asking for extension of the Pattie avenue car line to Linwood park. ¶ The Pattie avenue line now extends only to Kellogg street.
6. The maps of Wichita and Sedgwick county which were contracted for one and one-half year ago are being delivered, but yesterday the county commissioners refused to allow the bill, saying that the maps were incorrect and not up-to-date. A number of new additions have been platted in the past few years, which are not on the maps, and some of those given are said to be incorrect.

The amusement company which plans to build an amusement park on the north end of Ackerman island has been assured by Mr. Nelson that the street railway company would build a loop to connect the Douglas avenue and Main street lines. Mr. Nelson also agreed to furnish the park company free light. ¶ The amusement company will start work at once on new bridges across the river at 2nd street, and on the roller coaster and dancing pavilion. The two will be finished some time next month. Work on the balance of the park will be continued all this winter in order to have it finished by April 1, 1906.

Wednesday, August 23, 1905**page**

6. Work on the foundations of the new Simmons Hardware company building at 2nd and Rock Island will start today. The building will be four stories, 140 feet by 146 feet, with 80,000 square feet of floor space. It will be a strongly constructed building with capacity of 300 pounds per square foot. Wurster Construction company of St. Louis is the contractor.

Thursday, August 24, 1905**page**

5. Excavations are nearly completed for the three story brick Walters building to be erected at corner of William and Main.
6. The Red Star Mill and Elevator is nearing completion, and should be ready for business within two weeks. Details.

Sunday, August 27, 1905**page**

3. Ad for sale of stock in Wonderland Park -- "The Coney Island of the West" -- to be operated by the Wichita Amusement Park company. Capital stock \$65,000. Shares, \$25.00. "Stock will pay annual dividends of 20 to 50 percent."
6. Article reports filing of incorporation papers by the amusement park company.

Thursday, August 31, 1905**page**

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company has purchased a 400 horsepower boiler, which should reach here in a short time. They had purchased a large electrical machine and engine but for several weeks have had trouble getting power enough because there was not enough steam available. The new boiler will end this trouble. ¶ The company has also purchased a 350 kilowatt street railway machine to be used as a reserve machine at the power house when a large number of cars have to be operated to handle large crowds, etc. ¶ Improvements are also being contemplated on several lines.
6. Missouri Pacific engine Number 297 headed a train that blocked the 13th street crossing for 23 minutes yesterday.

Friday, September 1, 1905**page**

5. The ground has been cleared off at the site of the new Simmons Hardware company building at 1st and Mosley.

Sunday, September 3, 1905**page**

2. The new addition to Mt. Carmel is well under way but may not be completed as soon as expected because of delays in getting brick and other material. It is to be 115 feet by 68 feet and in architectural harmony with the addition of two years ago.
5. The repairing of pavement on Douglas avenue and Main street with new asphalt will started Wednesday and be completed by October 1.

The new stoker in the boiler room of the street car company power house was repaired last night and the full capacity of the boilers can be used today, providing plenty of power for about 30 cars in operation including those to the park and ball game.

Wednesday, September 6, 1905**page**

5. Article reports S. L. Nelson, general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company arrived in the city yesterday. Discussion of recent problems in power house in maintaining adequate power output-attributed it to poor water causing much scale accumulation in the boiler tubes. ¶ Says "we made a mistake in getting the two big cars. The track here is not built for them but the people wanted them and we got them. It would have been better to have used that money in getting four of the smaller cars. The people would have gotten better satisfaction and it would have been better for us."
6. Long list of sidewalks approved by city council yesterday.

Friday, September 8, 1905**page**

5. City council yesterday let contract for lighting in the city to Wichita Railroad and Light company for a term of five years. Company to furnish 217 arc lamps with current of 450 watts each, to be lighted from dusk until 1:00 a.m. Cost per light is \$66 per year, or \$14,453 for 217 lamps.
6. An innovation for the West is to be introduced by Fairmount college this season, in that the games will be played at night under electric lights instead of in the afternoon. The games will be played at Association park, where a large number of arc lights will be placed to light up the field. The first game will be September 30, with University of Kansas.

It is planned to open Wonderland park for one week in October. Work on construction of bridges to the island will be started Monday.

Saturday, September 9, 1905**page**

6. Excavations for the Simmons hardware building are progressing well.

Sunday, September 10, 1905**page**

8. Article reports there are about 50 automobiles owned by Wichitans, including three steam autos and one electric auto. Lists the owners.

Tuesday, September 12, 1905**page**

6. The Santa Fe is building a new carpenter shop south of the roundhouse to replace the one destroyed by fire a year ago.

Wednesday, September 13, 1905**page**

6. The brick work on the Fairmount college dormitory has reached the second floor. The building is being constructed with vitrified paving brick, which is a new material for building purposes in Wichita and is attracting a great deal of attention.

Thursday, September 14, 1905**page**

5. Work has been started on a four story building of pressed brick trimmed with granite, being built by L. W. Clapp on a 25 foot lot just north of the Fletcher block on North Main street.

Contract for the Masonic Home additions was let two weeks ago. The excavations will be completed this week, and work on the foundation will start the first of the week.

Street car Number 146 collided with a grocery wagon yesterday on Douglas avenue just west of the Chisholm creek bridge.

A new combination hose and chemical wagon arrived yesterday and was installed in Hose House Number 4.

Saturday, September 16, 1905**page**

5. Street car Number 132 was disabled by a lighting bolt yesterday.

Sunday, September 17, 1905**page**

4. Article reports the new St. Anthony's German Catholic church building at 2nd and Ohio will be dedicated this morning. It has taken three years in building it and is already paid for.

Tuesday, September 19, 1905**page**

6. Work on the west bridge to Wonderland park island has been finished and work on the east bridge has been started. It will be a substantial structure with a 16 foot driveway with five foot walks on each side. Work on the "figure 8" roller coaster will be started today. ¶ The Wichita Amusement Park company has received plans for a coliseum 75 feet by 140 feet to be built of cement blocks and seat 2,500 people. It can be used for meetings, conventions and for a roller skating rink.

Article reports on dedication Sunday by Bishop Hennessy of the new St. Anthony's church.

Thursday, September 21, 1905**page**

8. Legal publication: Resolution to pave Emporia from Douglas to William with brick.

Friday, September 22, 1905**page**

5. Twenty-one cars of crushed stone have been received from the railroads this year for use on the park driveways.

A petition is being circulated to pave St. Francis from Douglas to 2nd with brick. This is the first step in the general movement among the business men to pave all of the down town streets.

Saturday, September 23, 1905**page**

6. Motorman of car Number 100 on Pattie-Cleveland line was robbed of his change box Thursday night while in back of the car setting the switches on Douglas avenue in place for the through College Hill and Fairmount cars.

Wednesday, September 27, 1905

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5. The street car company has inaugurated a new schedule giving the Pattie avenue and Cleveland lines a through service from 8:45 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., utilizing the car which operates a through service to Fairmount at 7:45 a.m. to accommodate the students. It is not practicable to keep up this through service on the Fairmount line all day, but it can easily be done on the Pattie and Cleveland lines as there is a double track from Main street to Pattie avenue, while east of that point it is only a single track with two passing tracks between Pattie avenue and the hill. ¶ Previously the company has had a car running from the north end of the Cleveland avenue line, at Central to the south end of the Pattie avenue line at Kellogg.
6. Article reports ground broken yesterday for the new Dodge Avenue Methodist church.

Thursday, September 28, 1905**page**

5. The bridges to Wonderland park were opened last night to the public. Work is being pushed on the roller coaster and 20 of the bents are now up. The foundation of the large coliseum is under way.

The brick work on the Johnston Larimer Dry Goods company's building on East Douglas is several feet above the first floor.

Saturday, September 30, 1905**page**

6. During the first week of October the Missouri Pacific will create a new division. The name of the Southern Kansas division will be transferred to the one newly created, and the local division changed to the name of Wichita division. ¶ The new division will have headquarters at Coffeyville and lines controlled by it will include the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic from Coffeyville to Larned, the road from Coffeyville to Osowatomie, and from Nevada to Coffeyville, and all branches to these lines. ¶ Because of the decrease in mileage of the Wichita division, Superintendent Webb has lost his private car.
8. The 1905 decennial census of the state board of agriculture gives population of Kansas City -- 67,613; Topeka -- 37,817; and Wichita -- 31,978.

Sunday, October 1, 1905**page**

21. Letter to editor about General John Sedgwick from a man who served with him.

Tuesday, October 3, 1905**page**

5. The school board yesterday bought for \$1,700 a site for a new school on 21st street, from Wichita to Waco streets fronting 230 feet on 21st street and 230 feet on Wichita street. New school is needed to relieve overcrowding at Irving school.

Contract awarded by city council yesterday for paving Emporia from Douglas to William with brick. Cost is 27½¢ per cubic yard for excavation and \$1.80 for the paving.

6. President Stilwell of Orient Railroad announced that the grade between Eldorado and Emporia, 63 miles, is practically finished. The line between Wichita and Canton, Oklahoma, 146 miles, is in operation. The track is completed from Sweetwater, Texas, 25 miles north to McCauley, Texas, and material is on hand to finish the line 35 miles farther, to Rule. Grading is actively under way from Sweetwater 77 miles south to San Angelo, with 20 miles being completed.

Article report the Bijou theater on East Douglas opened last night. The building it is in has been thoroughly remodeled.

7. Article describes progress of the Wichita Amusement Park company in building Wonderland park. Majority of the stock is held by Wichita people. ¶ The ticket offices are to be of cement block 12 feet by 15 feet over which a half circle sign will span the entrance. A cement walk 20 feet wide and 70 feet long will extend to the entrance of the coliseum, which is to be 75 feet by 140 feet in the clear, with balcony in the front and elevated seats in the rear and a 20 foot by 40 foot stage, the building to be constructed of cement block. The corners of the building will be round, with towers and flag pole, and it will seat 2,500 people and be equipped for a roller skating rink. ¶ Further details.

Wednesday, October 4, 1905

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6. Article reports the Frisco plans to replace the light steel on the line from Wichita to Neodesha with heavier rails. The rail now are only 56 pounds to the yard and require the use of light engines. ¶ The work of ballasting the track between here and Neodesha is very nearly done.

Thursday, October 5, 1905

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6. Work is being pushed on Wonderland park, with 65 men being employed there. The company is making its own cement blocks, which are being used for nearly all the buildings. Foundations are now being placed for the coliseum, restaurant and confectionary stand. The band stand is nearing completion, and will be 64 feet in diameter, built of cement block stone, with a large canopy top of Japanese design. The roller coaster figure 8 is nearing completion and the track is being laid. ¶ The street railway company will at once erect a large platform at the Douglas avenue bridge until the track is laid to the park, and the Amusement company will build a walk through the lower part of the island, to the park.

Friday, October 6, 1905

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7. Things are in readiness for the first night football game in Wichita, to be played tonight between Fairmount and Cooper at Association park (a previously scheduled game with

University of Kansas on September 30 was canceled). Twenty-eight lights will be used -- one every ten yards on the sides of the field and two at each end.

Saturday, October 7, 1905**page**

5. Article reports that a five story building is to be erected for \$125,000 on the southeast corner of Main and Douglas, now occupied by the Boston store, and the entire structure will be occupied by Wallenstein and Cohn, with the largest department store in the middle west. Details given.
7. Work in the parks has been practically completed for this year. The river drive from Central avenue to the Griffenstein bridge has been resurfaced, and the loop drive in North Riverside has been resurfaced and rolled.

Article reports the night football game last night between Fairmount and Cooper college of Sterling, was a success. Fairmount won 24-0.

Sunday, October 8, 1905**page**

5. There will be a band concert in North Riverside park this afternoon. The band will use the stand near the car tracks, just north of the lily pond.
21. Article gives history of St. Paul's Methodist church in Wichita which will move into its new building at 13th and Lawrence one week from today (drawing).

Article on early history of Haysville.

Friday, October 13, 1905**page**

5. Charles E. Weber yesterday purchased the lot on the south side of Douglas 50 feet east of Emporia avenue and plans to erect a three story brick and stone building there. The lot, which cost \$7,500, has an old feed mill which has been there for many years, and adjoins a two story building recently erected.

Saturday, October 14, 1905**page**

5. Brick work on the front of the Barnes building has reached the third floor. The rear half of the building has been completed to the fifth story.

Sunday, October 15, 1905**page**

5. Arthur Paulline has purchased 84½ feet adjoining the Firebaugh building on North Market street on the south, for \$4,000. He already owns the stone front three story Firebaugh block, and will build a three story building adjoining it on the lot he bought yesterday. ¶ Plans are being prepared for a three story brick factory building 25 feet by 120 feet to be

erected on North Santa Fe avenue for the Hockaday-Bennett Paint company.

Tuesday, October 17, 1905**page**

6. Article reports on opening of the new St. Paul's Methodist church the past Sunday.

Wednesday, October 18, 1905**page**

5. The foundation for the Simmons Hardware company building at 1st and Mosely is nearly completed, and brick masons have started work on the walls.

Thursday, October 19, 1905**page**

5. J. O. Davidson has accepted franchise granted by city council one week ago giving right to lay mains and build plants to provide natural gas to the city brought from Montgomery county, Kansas. Franchise is for 20 years.

Friday, October 20, 1905**page**

6. The "Figure 8" roller coaster is expected to be completed by Saturday evening. The Coliseum is up two stories and the fine band stand is about completed at Wonderland park.

Saturday, October 21, 1905**page**

5. The brick work of the men's dormitory at Fairmount is nearly completed.

Sunday, October 22, 1905**page**

5. Work has started on the new church being built at 11th and Waco by the United Brethren church.
7. Mr. Charles Mueller, florist, recently moved his greenhouse to Hydraulic and Central to secure more room.
11. Article about overcrowded conditions in the high school, which now has an enrollment of 559.

Tuesday, October 24, 1905**page**

1. Article reports death yesterday of former congressman Jerry Simpson at age 63.

Thursday, October 26, 1905**page**

6. Wonderland park will be opened Saturday afternoon with the roller coaster and carrousel in operation. A band concert will be given Saturday evening and Sunday.

Friday, October 27, 1905**page**

6. The Salvation Army yesterday purchased a lot in the first block on North Topeka for \$3,000 and plan to build a two story citadel, 50 feet by 100 feet, there next spring.

Saturday, October 28, 1905**page**

5. Article reports J. P. Mahan is preparing to build a four story building with only 15 foot frontage on Douglas avenue between the three story Mahan hotel building at Douglas and Santa Fe avenue and the five story Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company building.

Tuesday, October 31, 1905**page**

5. Article reports the sudden death yesterday of Edgar Harding, of Boston, who has owned the Sedgwick block since 1894 and has just completed a \$50,000, four story addition to the building.

Wednesday, November 1, 1905**page**

6. The Orient received several of their new freight cars yesterday from the shops at St. Charles, Missouri.

Saturday, November 4, 1905**page**

5. Article reports the first active step was taken yesterday in the campaign for a new high school building. Letters sent to leading business men asking opinions on advisability of voting bonds to build a new high school.
6. Article reports on visit to Wichita yesterday of officers of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, including George F. Duncan, president, Edward T. Woodman, secretary and treasurer, and G. L. Nelson, vice-president and general manager.

Sunday, November 5, 1905**page**

5. A contract was signed yesterday by the county commissioners and the trustees of the Sunflower Masonic lodge, Number 80, A. F. and A. M., for the purchase by the masons of the old court house at Main and 1st streets for \$25,000.
6. Article reports people in vicinity of 2nd street and Waco avenue objecting to plan of street car company to build only a stub line to Wonderland park running north on Waco from Douglas to 2nd street and west on 2nd street to the park.
13. Ad offering for sale lots in "The Oaks" addition located north of 11th street and three blocks west of car line. Diagram shows curved streets named Lee's road, Lincoln road, Lowell drive, and Edison avenue. Prices \$125-250 per 25 foot lot.

Tuesday, November 7, 1905**page**

5. The board of education last night requested the mayor to call a special election for the purpose of voting bonds to construct a new high school building.

City council yesterday let contract for paving Water street from Douglas to William with brick block.

Petition being circulated asking city council to pave the strip in the center of Market street from English street to Elm street. When Market street was paved there was a street car track in it. The track has since been torn up and removed, but the center of the street has never been paved, leaving a five foot unpaved strip in the middle.

7. It is hoped to have the new Simmons Hardware company building completed by the first of January.

The old Lincoln street show grounds are to be platted and brought into the city. The addition is between Lawrence and Topeka avenues and between Lincoln and Bailey (sic) streets and will be known a Harris and Sim's Lincoln street addition.

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6. Santa Fe Railroad announced yesterday that the division freight office is being moved from Newton to Wichita.

Article reports that Wonderland Park was opened last night and many people took a ride on the roller coaster. The carousel will be in operation within a short time. This evening the new band stand will be used for a band concert for the first time. The park will be open every evening this week.

7. Work has been started on the walls of the three story building being erected by Mr. Walters at corner of Main and William streets. The first and second floors will be occupied by the Goldsmith Book and Stationery company's office supply house.

Thursday, November 9, 1905**page**

6. Street car Number 128 was derailed last night on the North Main street line when turning on the switch just above 9th street.

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6. The brick work on the new men's dormitory at Fairmount has been completed and the building is ready for the roofing.

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5. Article reports the death yesterday in Irvington, Indiana of the Reverend W. B. Hendryx, founder and builder of Garfield -- now Friends -- University. ¶ In 1886 he purchased 120 acres of land from R. E. Lawrence for \$12,000, with \$2,000 paid in cash and Mr. Lawrence taking a mortgage on ten acres for the remaining \$10,000, giving Dr. Hendryx and the trustees 110 acres free from encumbrances. A friend of the institution paid off the mortgage on the ten acres a few years later. ¶ The 120 acres were platted in town lots and the majority sold during the boom. The Garfield University was built at a cost of \$182,000, with less than half of the structure completed. A mortgage of \$65,000 was given so that part of the building could be used for school work. ¶ A fine residence costing more than \$15,000 was built for the president of the university on lots at University and Hiram avenues and Dr. Hendryx lived there until 1893 when he moved to Indianapolis. At that time the house caught fire and burned to the ground, although the foundations remain. The university had been closed the year before. In 1898 the building was purchased by James M. Davis of New York and given to the Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends, who opened the Friends University in that year.

Tuesday, November 14, 1905**page**

5. F. G. Smythe and Sons yesterday sold their retail implement business to J. H. Butts and Son of Augusta and announced that they will erect at the northeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas an office and stone building not less than five stories high.

Another large office building is to be erected at the northeast corner of Main and Douglas by Henry Schweiter, although the time and size have not yet been decided on.

The south half of the three story building on North Topeka avenue now occupied by the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company was sold to the Elk lodge yesterday for \$16,500 and will be used by them as a club house after remodeling.

Thursday, November 16, 1905**page**

5. Ira F. Elliott owns the property on southeast corner of Douglas and Emporia with 50 foot frontage on Douglas, and announced plans to join with Charles E. Weber to build a three story brick building on the two lots adjoining the corner lot on Douglas, each of the two buildings having a 25 foot frontage on Douglas. Later the present frame building at the corner would be torn down and a three story brick building built on the corner lot.

Saturday, November 18, 1905**page**

5. Article reporting the Santa Fe plans to build a new depot in Wichita. Details.
6. The Frisco is working on ballasting of the line between Wichita and Beaumont.

The Missouri Pacific placed engine Number 283, one of its latest types, on the passenger

run between Wichita and Ft. Scott.

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5. Mayor Ross will soon present to the city council a plan to consolidate fire stations Numbers 1 and 2 and build a central fire station on the lots just east of the city building facing William street.

Tuesday, November 21, 1905

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5. City council yesterday passed resolution to pave St. Francis from Douglas to 2nd with brick.

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6. The Santa Fe has just completed building a new larger turntable at its roundhouse in Wichita.

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6. The Orient Railroad has ordered the following locomotives from the American Locomotive Company for November and December delivery:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Weight on Driver's</u>	<u>Diameter of Driver's</u>	<u>Water Capacity</u>	<u>Coal Capacity</u>
3	4-4-0	123,500	84,000	69 inches	7,000 gal	12 tons
3	2-6-0	165,000	143,000	63 inches	7,000 gal	14 tons
2	2-8-0	200,000	180,000	57 inches	7,000 gal	14 tons
2	2-8-0	180,000	160,000	57 inches	7,000 gal	14 tons

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32. Ad with drawing of new Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company building, now nearing completion.

Tuesday, November 28, 1905

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6. The congregation of First Baptist church on Sunday raised enough money to compete payment on the lots they bought last fall at northeast corner of Lawrence and 2nd for \$8,000.

Friday, December 1, 1905

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6. The Orient Railroad received one of their new engines from the American Locomotive Works yesterday. It is of the Alfree-Hubbell type and weights about 90 tons and has eight drivers. It is constructed for either coal or wood and has a diamond stack. The engine will make its first trip today.

Saturday, December 2, 1905**page**

5. The coliseum at Wonderland park will be opened to the general public Monday evening to be used as a roller skating rink. The building is completed and is one of the largest halls in the city. The skating surface on the coliseum is 50 feet by 94 feet.

Building permit issued yesterday for the new Simmons Hardware company building, to cost \$150,000, and to be finished by April 1. Building is to be 140 feet by 146 feet and four stories high, with walls 21 inches thick up to the third floor. At the rear of the building will be a boiler house and power plant 40 feet by 60 feet.

Sunday, December 3, 1905**page**

4. William H. Bretch has sold out a part of his holdings in the Steffan-Bretch Ice company to C. M. Beachy of Newton, who will move to Wichita and assume management of the company. As Mr. Beachy has acquired a controlling interest in the company, he was elected president and manager at the annual meeting last week.

Beginning Monday the Wichita Railroad and Light company will inaugurate a new time card with changes on the Stock Yards, South Main, and the Emporia-Riverside lines. A seven and one-half mile service will be operated on the Stock Yards line, which is the best paying line in the city. The service on South Main will be reduced from ten minutes to 15 minutes until more cars are secured. Service on the Emporia-Riverside line will be changed for 20 minutes to 15 minutes. ¶ The four new cars which were ordered November 17 for 30 day delivery will probably not arrive before the first of the year. They will be of the same pattern as those now operated on Topeka avenue except that they will have one more seat on each side of the aisle and will have larger platforms.

5. R. E. Lawrence yesterday bought for Ira F. Elliot the lot at the southeast corner of Douglas and Emporia having a 50 foot frontage on Douglas and extending back to the alley. The price was \$21,500. ¶ Mr. Elliott then turned around and bought the adjoining lot on the east from L. F. Weber for \$8,600. ¶ The two of them plan to go together to build a substantial building on the lots.

Excavations are completed and work on the foundation will start this week on the three story building for the Hockaday-Bennett Paint company being built in the first block on North Mead. Building to be 25 feet by 120 feet and cost about \$12,000.

Tuesday, December 5, 1905

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6. More than 1,200 people attended the opening of the Coliseum in Wonderland park last night.

The Rock Island Railroad is placing new warning bells at every important street crossing of their tracks in the city where a regular signalman is not stationed.

Thursday, December 7, 1905**page**

5. Twelve granite blocks, each nine feet long and three feet in diameter, to be used in construction of the Catholic cathedral to be built on Central avenue between Lawrence and Topeka, were unloaded yesterday. They are highly polished and are to be used in building the columns that will stand in front of the edifice. Three blocks will be used in each column, which, with the base, will be 30 feet high. They were bought at this time on account of the fact that they were secured at a bargain. Plans for the new cathedral will be finished in about a month. It is to cost close to \$100,000.
6. Brick work on the Johnston and Larimer building has reached the fifth story and the walls will be completed by the last of the week. The building will soon be under roof.

Friday, December 8, 1905**page**

5. The Cleveland Trinidad Paving company yesterday completed the repairing of the pavement on Douglas avenue and Main street, during which 19,660 yards of asphalt were laid.

Saturday, December 9, 1905**page**

5. City officials were notified yesterday that J. G. Winne had built a fence across the north end of Yike's Island, in the Arkansas river below the Maple street bridge, and had shut out the teams from reaching the city's dump ground on the island. He owns the property abutting the old channel of the river and directly opposite the island, and he claims that he owns all the island facing his property. ¶ The channel of the river has changed within the past few years, and it is very seldom that water goes down the old channel between the island and the main land. The city claims the entire island, and has been using it as a dump ground for some time.

Sunday, December 10, 1905**page**

5. The old fair grounds, located just south of the city limits on Main street, were sold yesterday to a group of Wichita men for \$10,000. The property formerly belonged to the Keene Syndicate of New Hampshire. The track has not been used for a number of years, being allowed to pass into disuse after the trouble over the record of Creseus arose.

Wednesday, December 13, 1905

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6. The big engine of the Orient pulled the local freight up from Fairview yesterday. On the initial trip of this engine it broke about \$500 worth of ties, besides mashing the track into the ground so deep that the brake beams dragged the dirt in many places. ¶ The steel gang has been placed at work on the track between Wichita and Milton replacing the light steel that was laid on the line when the regular grade could not be obtained. The work of ballasting the track has also commenced.

Street cars Number 142 and Number 140 collided last night at Main and Douglas.

Saturday, December 16, 1905**page**

5. Mrs. Cora E. Casey yesterday purchased the Baker building, a three story brick and stone building on Douglas just west of Water, built by the Baker Brothers in 1898, for \$21,000.

Work on the Simmons Hardware company building has reached the third floor.

6. Battery A of Kansas National Guard has asked the city to allow them to use the old fire station at 13th street and St. Francis as an armory.

The Missouri Pacific has decided to re-number their engines. Most will have a higher number than now.

Sunday, December 17, 1905**page**

4. Contract let for erection of a chapel at the Masonic home for \$7,300. To be 47 feet by 53 feet and be completed by May 1.
5. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is preparing to transfer the local central office from the Bitting block, where it has been located for several years to the company's own new building on North Market street. It will take 30-60 days to complete the transfer. The toll lines have been operated from the new building for several months. ¶ With the changeover, the instruments now in use will be taken out and replaced with automatic phones. With them, to call central it is only necessary to take the receiver from the hook instead of turning the crank, as is now done. ¶ There are over 800 telephones belonging to the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company in use here.

Tuesday, December 19, 1905**page**

5. City council yesterday instructed the city engineer to begin making the surveys for straightening of the channel of Chisholm creek.

City council let contract for paving of St. Francis from Douglas to 2nd street with brick. ¶ Also let contract for paving the canal in Market street from English to Pine street with asphalt.

The city now has 18 horses in the four fire stations.

6. The work of renumbering the engines on the Missouri Pacific is almost completed.

Wednesday, December 20, 1905

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6. The addition to St. John's Academy and Institute, four story brick 90 feet by 45 feet, is practically complete and will be dedicated December 27. The institute and academy were opened about four years ago in the building on the West Side used for many years on the residence of the bishop. A frame addition 25 feet by 45 feet was also made to the Institute, which is a preparatory school for boys under 14.

Thursday, December 21, 1905

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5. The Simmons Hardware company is purchasing a majority of the stock of the Hockaday Hardware company, located in a three story building on Rock Island avenue and will consolidate the operations of the two firms.
6. The second section of Rock Island train Number 13 southbound yesterday morning contained 13 passenger coaches and one baggage car and carried 1,137 passengers, of which about 100 were unloaded here.

Sunday, December 24, 1905

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5. Wichita Railroad and Light company announced yesterday that the Pattie avenue line would be extended to Lincoln street and possibly to Zimmerly street before the 1st of July.

Street car Number 132 on the Stock Yards line collided with a wagon yesterday at 3rd and Main.
7. The roof on the men's dormitory at Fairmount has been completed and the interior of the building is now being completed.

Tuesday, December 26, 1905

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6. The Rock Island started work yesterday on a new bridge across the Arkansas river just south of town. It will replace the old bridge and will contain 32 bents.

Thursday, December 28, 1905

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5. Article reports dedication yesterday of the new addition to St. John's Institute and Academy on the West Side. The building which originally occupied the property was used as Bishop Hennessy's residence for several years. A few years ago he secured the old Garibaldi property on College Hill, and at that time the property southwest of the city was fitted up as a boys' academy.

Saturday, December 30, 1905**page**

5. A majority of the stock of the Hockaday Hardware company was transferred to the Simmons Hardware company yesterday, but company will continue to operate under the Hockaday name.
6. The Midland Valley depot at Arkansas City is completed and ready for occupancy.

Sunday, December 31, 1905**page**

6. County commissioners yesterday let contract for repairs to the Hydraulic avenue bridge across the Arkansas river at cost of \$8,000.
21. Article discussing Wichita's water works. The water is taken from a large underground cistern 25 feet in diameter and 30 feet deep, with sides and bottom of cement. The top is covered with a shingle roof. ¶ The water works company have purchased Lane's island entire, on which the plant is located. The only persons living on the island are the chief engineer and his family. ¶ The water in the reservoir is supplied by a large main pipe, which is supplied from 20 eight inch wells with strainers, sunk to a depth of 40 to 46 feet below the river bed. ¶ The pump house is one of the most completed in the west. There are three sets of pump engines, driven by steam from the boiler room, with capacities of five, four, and three million gallons per day. The largest amount Wichita has ever used in the dryest season in between five and six million gallons in a day.