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 1906 WICHITA EAGLE

#### Wichita Eagle Tuesday, January 2, 1906 page

- 5. The city has purchased four lots at the southwest corner of Hillside and 2nd street and will build a fire station on the property at an early date. The four lots cost \$500. ¶ In addition to the two downtown companies, the North End has Fire company Number 3 at 18th street and the West Side has company Number 4 in Seneca street. ¶ With the new station, Number 1 will answer every alarm as at present, but Number 2 will not go east of the creek except on a second alarm. Except when both down town companies are called out, Number 4 will not be brought over to protect the down town district.
- 6. Beginning today a new schedule will be inaugurated by the street car company on Topeka avenue, Stock yards, South Main, South Emporia and Riverside lines. ¶ The stock yards and Topeka avenue lines will be operated together, and the South Main and South Emporia lines will be operated together. The Riverside line will be operated with single service, the cars turning around at Douglas and Main instead of running through to South Emporia, and the service will be reduced from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. ¶ Stock yards and Topeka avenue will have an 8 minute service. ¶ South Main and South Emporia will have a 12 minute service.

Article about the new numbering system on Missouri Pacific engines, which went into effect yesterday. ¶ Freight engines are numbered from 1 to 5,000. ¶ Passenger engines are numbered from 5,001 to 9,000; ¶ Switch engines are numbered from 9,001 to 10,000;

#### ¶ Freight engines:

Class 2-8-0 are numbered from 1 to 1,000

Class 4-8-0 are numbered from 1,001 to 2,000

Class 4-6-0 are numbered from 2,001 to 3,000

Class 2-6-0 are numbered from 3,001 to 4,000

#### ¶ Passenger engines:

Class 4-4-2 are numbered from 5,001 to 6,000

Class 4-6-2 are numbered from 6,001 to 7,000

Class 4-6-0 are numbered from 7,001 to 8,000

#### Class 4-4-0 are numbered from 8,001 to 9,000

The division offices of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad company has been moved to 247-249 North Main street from their previous locations over the Schwartz Lumber and Coal company's office and over 204 North Main.

## Wednesday, January 3, 1906 page

5. The Board of Education last night passed a resolution favoring separate schools for white and colored children.

## Thursday, January 4, 1906 page

6. One of the street cars on the South Main line failed to make the turn at the loop at the south end of the Main street run and left the rails.

## Saturday, January 6, 1906 page

5. This morning the deeds of the old court house at 1st and Main streets will be delivered to the trustees of Lodge 86, A. F. and A. M., on payment of the \$24,000 due in addition to the \$1,000 already paid by the lodge.

The Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company building is practically completed and will be ready for occupancy inside of two weeks.

## Sunday, January 7, 1906 page

5. William Mathewson yesterday sold his homestead on East Central avenue to J. S. Nave and T. Reid Ziegler of Attica, Indiana, for \$75,000. He had lived on this property ever since 1869, when he preempted it. The property sold yesterday is the last of the original quarter section he took as his homestead, and contains 38 acres; known to every one in Wichita as Mathewson's pasture. It extends from Wabash avenue to Hydraulic and from 3rd street on the south to Central avenue The Mathewson home itself faces Central avenue Until the last few years the tract was intact, with no streets cut through, but a few years ago Cleveland avenue was cut through and the street car line extended to Central avenue The property for years was left out of the city limits, but recently it was brought into the city limits and made taxable. The Mathewson property is 2,294 feet long and 640 feet wide. The west end of the homestead contains a fine orchard, all of the trees of which were set out by Mr. Mathewson himself. ¶ The house, built in 1874, is a two story frame structure facing Central avenue and located between Ohio and Plumb street The house is surrounded by a grove, east of which is the location of Mr. Mathewson's first house, which was also the first one in Wichita and was built of logs. ¶ Mathewson's pasture, comprising that part of the property extending from Plumb street to New York avenue, has for years been used by all big circuses that came to the city. The east end of the property contains an alfalfa field.

21. Article describing customs of behavior in the elevators in various Wichita buildings.

## Tuesday, January 9, 1906 page

6. City engineer Brown yesterday started the preliminary survey for the straightening of the channel of Chisholm creek. It will take five to six weeks to complete the surveys from 25th street to the mouth of the creek, a distance of 14 miles with the meanderings, which will be reduced to slightly more than seven miles.

Workmen have been remodeling the old depot now used by the Missouri Pacific for offices of the round house force. Details.

8. Article describes annual meeting and financial reports of Wichita hospital yesterday. Many details.

## Wednesday, January 10, 1906 page

6. Reconstruction of the Rock Island bridge across the Arkansas river south of town is progressing rapidly. All the piling are driven and work of placing the big stringers in place will commence immediately.

## Friday, January 12, 1906 page

5. Fairmount college has purchased eight lots at Fairmount and 17th street and plans to build a women's dormitory there.

## Saturday, January 13, 1906 page

5. The Missouri Pacific Railway company yesterday purchased the old Gilbert Plow Works, near the crossing of that road with the Frisco north of the city, for \$1,500 as a site for a new round house and machine shops. Tract contains about 12 acres. It is understood additional ground will be acquired upon which to construct yards. ¶ At one time it was thought the company would construct their roundhouse and machine shops on the West Side, but yesterday's purchase settles all doubt as to the location. ¶ The land was sold by the Keene company bankers through Coler Sim.

## Sunday, January 14, 1906 page

- 4. Charles F. Weber yesterday purchased property at the northwest corner of Douglas and Washington with frontage of 41½ feet on Douglas and extending back to the alley for \$8,200. He will build a two story brick building on the front part of the property.
- 5. Article about preliminary plans for the new Cathedral received by Bishop Hennessy.
- 6. The Missouri Pacific will replace several of its passenger engines on this division with new

ones of the Atlantic type. The engines now in use here will be taken to the White river division and used in passenger service there.

## Tuesday, January 16, 1906 page

- 5. A street car conductor was caught between two cars on the switch on Market street near 17th street Tuesday and was seriously injured.
- 6. The Santa Fe has ordered 24 Atlantic (4-4-2), 20 Santa Fe (2-10-2), 11 compound Pacific (4-6-2), and 25 six wheel (0-6-0) switch engines from Baldwin Locomotive Works. Details.

## Wednesday, January 17, 1906 page

5. Article about survey for straightening of Chisholm creek. Details. The survey crosses Douglas avenue near the present bridge over the creek, a short distance west of Minnesota avenue.

# Thursday, January 18, 1906 page

6. The street car company has announced that when the Missouri Pacific builds its round house north of the city, the stock yards line will be extended to the shops. At present the street car line ends at the intersection of 21st street and Lawrence avenue. The proposed extension would be north on Lawrence to about 23rd street and then east to the shops. ¶ The new cars which were ordered several months ago have been received and are being put in shape to run out. There was considerable work to do on them after being received from the factory. ¶ They will be used on the stock yards-Topeka avenue line. The small cars now being used on South Main-Emporia avenue line will be taken in and the large sized cars similar to the ones on the College Hill-West Side line will be used.

## Friday, January 19, 1906 page

5. It is probable that Fairmount college will have to install an electric lighting system of its own. ¶ At present there are no electric light connections for Fairmount on account of the long distance from the main part of the city and also because there is a large area between the down-town portion and Fairmount which is only sparsely settled, making it impractical for the electric light company to run lines to the hill. ¶ All of the rooms in the new dormitory at Fairmount are wired for electric lights.

Work on the Simmons Hardware company building has progressed to the fourth floor. It should be enclosed within a few weeks.

## Saturday, January 20, 1906 page

5. Henry Lassen has secured control of five acres of land just south of 13th street between

the Santa Fe and Rock Island tracks and will soon start construction of a large mill and elevator. The mill will be the largest in the state, with capacity of 1,500 barrels per day, and the elevator will have a storage capacity of 250,000 bushels. At present the total milling capacity of the mills here is 1,800 barrels of flour per day and the combined elevator capacity is 300,000 barrels. ¶ The joint switch tracks will be extended from 17th street, where the big Nerling elevator stands, to the site of Mr. Lassen's mill and elevator at 13th street. ¶ The North End is being rapidly built up with mills and elevators. The first mill in that section of the city was the Watson mill, with capacity of 1,000 barrels per day. ¶ Simultaneously the Nerling Grain company erected a large elevator in the same part of the city, and this was followed by building of the Stevens-Scott Grain company elevator at 19th street. ¶ Two more institutions located there last summer. These were the Red Star Mill and Elevator company with capacity of 500 barrels per day and storage capacity of 75,000 barrels, and the Robb-Bort Grain company's elevator.

- 6. The Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company announced yesterday that they would use the entire fifth floor of their new building on East Douglas avenue for a shirt and overall factory. ¶ Completion of the company's building is very near, and the transfer of the stock and office force will be made during the latter part of this month.
  - C. R. Allen of Ottumwa, Iowa is visiting in Wichita. He is the city engineer there and is also a draftsman. He made a map of Wichita in the early 1880s, which was one of the first complete maps of Wichita. Many of the maps are now to be seen on the walls of old office rooms.

### Sunday, January 21, 1906

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19. Article about the library at Fairmount college and plans for the new Carnegie building.

## Tuesday, January 23, 1906 page

5. Article reports cornerstone of the Eastern Star chapel at the Masonic home is to be laid today.

Article describes proposed route of the new drainage canal to straighten Chisholm creek. Details.

## Wednesday, January 24, 1906 page

6. Tabulation of death certificates issued by city clerk in past year showed 579 certificates issued, three less than in 1904. The total included 26 colored people.

## Saturday, January 27, 1906 page

5. The stock of the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company is being transferred to their new building on East Douglas.

## Sunday, January 28, 1906 page

- 6. Architect U. G. Charles is preparing plans for a three story brick building to be erected by R. E. Lawrence at the southeast corner of Emporia and Douglas. The building will have frontage of 50 feet on Douglas and 120 feet on South Emporia. A peculiar feature in the construction of the building will be the corner, which will be of a circular design. The corner will be supported by two stone columns.
- 7. Otto Weiss will soon commence work on his new alfalfa mill, which is to be located on Emporia avenue just south of the new Red Star mill and elevator.

The new two story building being erected by Mrs. S. Keefer at the corner of Lawrence and 18th street is nearing completion. The new Odd Fellows lodge will occupy most of the upper floor.

## Wednesday, January 31, 1906 page

6. Otto Weiss announced yesterday the purchase of a site for the new Otto Weiss Alfalfa Stock Food company. It is to be on 13th street and Santa Fe avenue, just across the street north of the site of Henry Lassen's proposed flour mill. Three distinct factory buildings will be constructed (details).

Wonderland park is progressing as rapidly as could be expected. Two new buildings are almost completed, one to contain a pool and billiard room and a bowling alley, and the other to have a penny arcade, shooting gallery, and laughing palace. ¶ Work is under way on two pavilions, at one of which soda water and other drinks will be dispensed, and at the other of which tea will be served. ¶ The summer theater is nearing completion and will seat nearly 1,000 people. The best vaudeville acts will be secured. ¶ The foundation of the dancing pavilion is almost finished.

# Friday, February 2, 1906 page

5. The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company will spend between \$200-250,000 on improvements during the coming spring and summer. The entire system will be rebuilt. An underground system will be installed and all the lines in the business district will be run through underground conduits.

## Saturday, February 3, 1906 page

5. Plans have been made to widen the river drive in North Riverside park and South Riverside park. Details.

# Sunday, February 4, 1906 page

4. The Elks are having plans made for remodeling the three story building they purchased on North Topeka, which was occupied by the Johnston-Larimer Dry Goods company until its recent move to its new building on East Douglas.

## Friday, February 9, 1906 page

- 5. The walls of the Simmons Hardware company's building at 1st and Mosley have been finished, and workmen are now putting on the roof.
- 6. Orient Railroad engines Number 102 left the rails yesterday in taking the curve just south of 2nd street.

## Sunday, February 11, 1906 page

6. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway has transferred engine Number 13 from the Wichita-Fairview run to Sweetwater, Texas, where it will be used in construction work north of Sweetwater. ¶ Three other engines are daily expected here and will be used between Wichita and Fairview. Old reliable Number 11 will remain on the passenger run.

## Thursday, February 15, 1906 page

6. Notice of death of Colonel H. G. Toler yesterday, age 59. Obituary. Says he purchased 515 acres five miles north of the city in 1887 and converted it into a stock farm, breeding fine horses and cattle.

## Friday, February 16, 1906 page

5. Article reports proposal to build a half mile race track on ground just across the river west of Wonderland park.

# Sunday, February 18, 1906 page

5. Article reports two banks are to be opened as soon as the buildings are erected for them. The Wichita State bank is to be located in the Weber building at Washington and Douglas, and another bank is to be located in the building being erected by R. E. Lawrence at Douglas and Emporia.

## Tuesday, February 20, 1906 page

5. City council let contract yesterday for paving 1st street from Market to Santa Fe avenue with coal burned brick block at cost of \$1.83 per square yard.

### Friday, February 23, 1906

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6. The new Catholic church at St. Mark's is to be dedicated Sunday, February 25. At present

it is the largest in the county and was built at a cost of over \$50,000. ¶ The church is built entirely of stone. A large part of the material was secured from the old Wichita watch factory. This building stood for years, unoccupied, on the West Side, a relic of boom days. ¶ Several years ago the Catholics at St. Mark's purchased the building and proceeded to dismantle it. The farmers would bring a load of wheat to the market and then would haul a load of stone back with them. This work was done gratis, and it took several months to remove all the stone to the site of the edifice.

## Sunday, February 25, 1906 page

- 3. Drawing of plan for new Catholic cathedral. To be 167 feet long and 75 feet wide. Total cost to be \$125,000.
- 6. Engine Number 13 of Kansas City, Mexico and Orient returned to Wichita yesterday after being sent to Sweetwater, Texas about a month ago to be used on construction work. Yesterday it brought the Orient freight from Fairview and will be used regularly on this run until the other freight engine has received some needed repairs.
- 24. Article gives history of Western Association baseball league and its predecessor, the Missouri Valley League, which was organized in 1902 and changed in 1905 to the Western Association.

# Thursday, March 1, 1906 page

- 5. Mayor Ross announced yesterday that the Rock Island Railroad has agreed to furnish 45 carloads of crushed rock to be used in resurfacing the drives in the parks. It was pointed out to them that the Frisco has already given 45 carloads, the Santa Fe 41, and the Missouri Pacific 42.
- 6. After years of waiting, the residents near the small Missouri Pacific side track, officially called Yoder, are to receive a depot.

## Friday, March 2, 1906 page

6. Orient locomotive Number 11 is in the shops at Fairview for repairs. The railroad expects to receive two new engines from the American locomotive works within a few days, but in the meantime it is short of engines, and has leased a passenger engine from the Rock Island in order to operate its passenger train. The Rock Island will receive \$15 for each day the engine is in possession of the Orient.

## Saturday, March 3, 1906 page

6. Most of the buildings of Wonderland Park will be finished in hard wood. At present the interior of most of the structures is finished in the rough. The big theater will receive the most attention, with paneled walls and a large amount of ornamental work. ¶ A. P. Cutter,

manager, said yesterday that about \$80,000 had been spent in buildings and improvements, and when the natatorium was finished \$16,000 more would be added to the amount. By May 1st the company will have invested over \$100,000.

## Sunday, March 4, 1906 page

- 5. Work has started on remodeling by the Elks lodge of the interior of the south half of the old Johnston-Larimer building on North Topeka.
- 6. Plans completed for the large two story house, 61 feet by 33 feet, to be built by R. H. Lockwood at 13th and Lawrence avenue.

## Wednesday, March 7, 1906 page

6. Superintendent Walsh of the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company announced yesterday that work would start immediately on the extension of the electric light circuit for residence lighting purposes to the top of College Hill. At present the electric light circuit runs east only as far as Hydraulic avenue. The line should be completed within the next 30 days.

## Thursday, March 8, 1906 page

5. Plans are being drawn by Architect U. G. Charles for the new Salvation Army barracks to be erected this summer in the first block on North Topeka. To be two stories, with frontage 40 feet and 100 feet deep, and will cost close to \$10,000.

Socialists of the city will meet Saturday evening in the Germania hall, 314 North Main street.

Excavations have started for the building being erected by Kos Harris at northwest corner of Main and William.

6. The Orient's passenger train, Number 18, from Fairview, came in last night on time and was pulled by the company's new engine, Number 501.

## Friday, March 9, 1906 page

5. Fire Marshall Brownewell is working on a proposal to connect the main pumping station on the island with the small pumping station on Fairmount in order to improve water pressure on the hill in the event of a fire. ¶ At present the small station on Fairmount is isolated from the rest of the city and supplies only the residents in that area. The rest of the city, including College Hill, is suppled by the big pumping plant on the island. ¶ The main on College Hill runs north in Rutan avenue to Central avenue. From there north to 13th street there is no main. Chief Brownewell proposes to extend a main from College Hill to Fairmount. By placing a large standpipe on top of the hill at Fairmount, there

would always be an adequate water supply to reinforce the big pumps on the island.

6. There are over 12,000 volumes in the public library at the present time.

## Saturday, March 10, 1906 page

6. The Missouri Pacific company yesterday purchased from Samuel Stewart 21 acres of land which the company desired for use in building its yards. Three acres more was sold by A. G. Tjaden on the east of the main tract. ¶ In all the company now has 26½ acres on which to construct its improvements. The cost of the yards is placed at \$60,000 and the round house at \$30,000.

Workmen yesterday started tearing down the old frame structure at corner of Douglas and Emporia, which will be replaced by a three story brick building erected by Robert E. Lawrence.

7. New boxes are being built in front of the grand stand at Association park and the clubhouse is being enlarged.

## Sunday, March 11, 1906 page

5. Article gives details of city engineer Brown's estimates of cost of constructing a canal to straighten Chisholm creek. Total length of canal 6.738 miles, with total of 438,544 cubic yards of earth to be excavated. Estimated cost \$87,709.

## Wednesday, March 14, 1906 page

5. Henry Lassen is waiting for the railroads to build the joint track from the yards at 17th street to the site for his mill at 13th street. The joint track will be built on the east side of the Santa Fe right-of-way and will extend from the joint track at 17th street to below 13th street. ¶Mr. Lassen has purchased the entire block of ground from 12th to 13th street and between Santa Fe and Mead avenues, except for a small track taken by the Rock Island. The land cost him \$4,500.

### Thursday, March 15, 1906 page

5. The lines are being staked out on the ground for the excavations for the new Cathedral at Lawrence and Central.

## Friday, March 16, 1906 page

5. The American Warehouse company has purchased the Burton Car Works from J. H. Bartlett, one of the old directors of the company, and the site and buildings will be remodeled and used for warehouse purposes. Two of the buildings will not be used by the company, but will be occupied by a factory. The other three buildings will be fitted up for

the company, giving Wichita the largest broomcorn warehouse in the United States. ¶ The property cost about \$30,000. ¶ Side track facilities will be obtained from the Santa Fe and the Frisco. ¶ For nearly 18 years the old car works have been unoccupied. They consist of five large buildings and 73 acres of land. Three buildings are 80 by 250 feet, one is 60 by 250 feet, and one is 60 by 200 feet There is also an engine room, two frame buildings, and office buildings.

Article reports Carnegie offer of \$25,000 for endowment of Friends university after an equal amount has been raised locally.

6. Grand opening of Kress' new store at 125 East Douglas takes place today. The building was remodeled by Mr. E. A. Bolte for the Kress firm.

The Missouri Pacific is putting in a side track for the Turner Cement company on the West Side.

# Saturday, March 17, 1906 page

5. Ground has been purchased at southwest corner of William and Wichita streets for a new four story brick building to be erected by the Western Biscuit company. To cost about \$30,000 and have frontage of 150 feet on both Wichita and William streets. ¶ The building on South Market street occupied by the predecessor company, the Bryan Brothers Cracker and Candy company, was sold last fall to the Cox-Johnson-Dimond Dry Goods company, and with the change of location the company was reorganized with increased capitalization and renamed the Western Biscuit company.

# Sunday, March 18, 1906 page

6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company last week closed the deal for several lots between North Waco street and the Arkansas river (listed) at cost of about \$16,000 and proposes to build a new power plant there in a year or so when their new turbine engines can be obtained for the plant.

# Tuesday, March 20, 1906 page

- 5. Deeds were filed yesterday for purchase by Missouri Pacific of about 25 acres of land in the North End, including 21.85 acres from Sam M. Stewart for \$3,277.50 and 2.83 acres from H. A. G. Tjaden for \$600.
- 6. Contract let yesterday by city council for paving of Topeka from Douglas to English with Pittsburg brick block. ¶ Article says contract for paving alley between Lawrence and Market from William street north to the alley was let last fall but the work has not yet been done.

#### Wednesday, March 21, 1906

5. Street cars Number 104 on the Riverside run and Number 134 on the Stock Yards-Topeka avenue line collided yesterday at Main and Douglas.

## Friday, March 23, 1906 page

6. An extension to the platform at the Missouri Pacific freight house is being built.

## Saturday, March 24, 1906 page

5. Building permit issued to Kos Harris for two story brick and stone building at northwest corner of Main and William streets, to be 25 feet in frontage and 140 feet deep, and to cost \$8,000.

### Tuesday, March 27, 1906

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6. Engine Number 60, drawing the Englewood passenger train, Number 518, was derailed at Nashville yesterday.

## Wednesday, March 28, 1906 page

6. The stockholders meeting yesterday changed the name of the Hockaday Hardware company to that of the Morton-Simmons Hardware company. ¶ The company intends to move into its new quarters between the 10th and 15th of April, by which time the new building on North Mosley will be finished. ¶ The building now occupied by the old Hockaday Hardware company will be sold.

## Thursday, March 29, 1906 page

6. The Wichita Railroad and Light company plans to rebuild the South Main street line. Last month the company rebuilt the Kellogg street switches, making them 120 feet longer than before. ¶ The plans for other improvements are as follows: To tear up the Harry street loop, build another loop 1,200 feet south of Harry street straighten the track south of Harry street, construct two additional side tracks, each to be 400 feet long and south of Harry street, and to resurface the entire line south of Douglas avenue. ¶ Because of delays in obtaining the 60 foot rails, the work may be delayed until late in the summer. ¶ All the track south of the new loop that will be built, will be taken up, and the south terminal of the tracks to the baseball grounds will be located just 600 feet north of the north side of Association park. This will compel people attending the games to walk about 1,000 feet to reach the grounds.

## Friday, March 30, 1906 page

6. Number 2608 is a new Missouri Pacific engine that has been placed in service on the "Buck Shot" run out of Wichita. It is a large and heavy built locomotive.

Work is to start next Monday on the new Missouri Pacific yards.

### Saturday, March 31, 1906

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5. Workmen are now remodeling the old county court house building at 1st and Main streets. Details.

# Sunday, April 1, 1906 page

- 5. The Daughters of the American Revolution of this city have been given a triangle in Central Riverside park and will decorate the grounds a place a large sun dial in the center of the triangle. ¶ The triangle has a base of 40 feet and two sides 60 feet long and is made by the three drives at the northwest corner of the circle and just south of the deer pens. The triangle is made by the circle drive itself and the two drives leading from it and connecting with the river drive, which enters North Riverside park. Details regarding plantings and sundial. ¶ The workmen are busy arranging the triangle at the north end of the Griffenstein bridge with new flowers. They are also draining the lily pond and after cleaning it, will set out new tubs of lilies.
- 21. Article describes impressions of Wichita by a visitor from Ohio -- very laudatory.

# Tuesday, April 3, 1906 page

6. Work started yesterday on construction of the new Missouri Pacific yards in the north part of the city.

The Missouri Pacific has taken up its coach track east of the freight house in order to allow more room for teams to back up to the freight platform.

# Thursday, April 5, 1906 page

5. Contract has been awarded to J. E. Borden for construction of the Lawrence block at southeast corner of Douglas and Emporia. To cost close to \$22,000 and be three stories. Plans were drawn by architect U. G. Charles.

# Saturday, April 7, 1906 page

- 5. The new addition to Mt. Carmel Academy will be dedicated Tuesday, April 17.
- 6. With the \$40,000 in bonds voted at the election Tuesday for additions toward school buildings, the school board plans to build four room additions to the Lincoln and Franklin schools, and will build a new four room structure on the ground recently purchased at Waco and 21st street.

#### Sunday, April 8, 1906

6. G. A. Shup and Son have opened their cigar parlors in the new Barnes building. This is the first room to be opened in the structure. Other rooms will be opened during the week, and it is probable that the entire building will be occupied by the 1st of May.

## Tuesday, April 10, 1906 page

5. Article reports on ground breaking Sunday for the new Cathedral. ¶ Plans for the Cathedral were prepared by the St. Louis architect, Joseph Conradi, and the contractor is Julius Walters. It is to have a frontage of 80 feet and extend back 125 feet. ¶ Yesterday morning, work started on excavations for the structure. The previous plan of having it face west on Lawrence avenue has been changed, and it will now face north on Central avenue. This removes the necessity of tearing down the old brick Mead house on Central half way between Lawrence and Topeka, which will continue to be used by the church.

# Friday, April 13, 1906 page

5. J. F. and J. A. Yungmeyer will build a two story brick building at 120 and 122 St. Francis avenue in next 90 days. To have frontage of 50 feet and extend back 100 feet and cost nearly \$7,000.

The one story brick building at 122 North Main is being torn down and will be replaced by a three story brick building which will also be occupied by C. A. Tanner and company.

## Saturday, April 14, 1906 page

5. The Cleveland-Trinidad Paving company yesterday began paving the canal in Market street, working from the south end at English street. ¶ The paving of the old canal marks the passing of the line of Wichita's first electric railway. The tracks were torn up many years ago and the canal filled with dirt and cinders. It has been an eyesore for years, but the first effort to pave the street was made last fall.

## Tuesday, April 17, 1906 page

5. Annual reports of city officers given at council meeting last night. ¶ Fire department includes 31 men. Eighteen head of horses in the department. ¶ Lists equipment of engine houses. ¶ Number 1 -- on North Market between 1st and 2nd. ¶ Number 2 -- on South Topeka between William and English. ¶ Number 3 -- at 18th and Topeka. ¶ Number 4 - on Seneca street, south of Douglas. ¶ Police department has total of 24 officers. ¶ Street commissioner: Street railway placed a double track on Douglas avenue from Washington to Pattie past year. ¶ Park commissioner: It took the greater part of last summer to redeem Riverside park from the damages of the 1904 flood, but it is now in as good shape as it ever has been. The driveways have been recovered by stone that was procured by the mayor from the railroads. We have replaced the Ross fountain in North Riverside park, the old one having been ruined by the 1904 flood. There are six elk and three deer in

Riverside park. ¶ City engineer: supervision of brick pavement: five and one-half blocks on William street, alley between Water and Wichita north from Douglas; alley between Douglas and 1st, west from Water. Surveys and estimates for brick pavement, not yet constructed; but contracted for: South Emporia, Douglas to William; South Topeka from Douglas to English; South Water from Douglas to William, St. Francis, Douglas to 2nd; 1st street, Market to Santa Fe; alley between Lawrence and Market, north from William.

6. Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway company will spend \$1,500 in repairing and remodeling its depot in Wichita. The lower floor will be remodeled and re-arranged, and the wooden plank in the floors will be taken out and replaced by tiling.

The Walters building at southwest corner of Main and William streets will be completed and ready for occupancy by May 1, at which time the Goldsmith Book and Stationery company will be moved from 115-117 South Main to the new building.

The Missouri Pacific yesterday started work on the Association switch that is to give the Lassen-Jackman mill and the Otto Weiss alfalfa food mill track facilities.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient has ordered eight Alfree-Hubbell type simple (2-6-0) and two Alfree-Hubbell type simple (4-4-0) locomotives from the American Locomotive Company for December delivery. ¶ The 2-6-0 engines will weigh 168,000 pounds with 145,000 pounds on drivers, 63 in diameter drivers, tank capacity 7,000 gallons and coal capacity 12 tons. The 4-4-0 engines will weigh 140,000 pounds with 99,000 pounds on drivers, sixty-nine inch diameter drivers, tank capacity 7,000 gallons and coal capacity of 12 tons.

The Orient received a new engine Sunday, Number 128, of the same class as engines Number 101 and 102 that have been in service between Wichita and Fairview ever since the line was opened, except for slight difference in the valves and a different smoke stack. All new engines of the Orient have the diamond smoke stack, and Numbers 101 and 102 have not. ¶ Number 128 has been placed in service on the Orient freight train between Wichita and Fairview.

Sunday afternoon the street car company had 32 cars in operation, the most it has had since having control of the lines here, and two more than the maximum of 30 last summer. Big excursion crowds were in the city, and 2,884 passengers were carried on the line to the ball park.

## Wednesday, April 18, 1906 page

5. Article reports on dedication of new addition at Mt. Carmel yesterday.

# Thursday, April 19, 1906 page

7. Workmen yesterday started to put the scenery in place in the Wonderland park theater.

¶ The theater when finished will be one of the neatest in the state. Pleasing in design, the building is set among trees at the north end of the island in such a way as to give it a most attractive appearance. The main auditorium has a seating capacity of about 800, while almost 300 more can be seated in the balcony.

## Saturday, April 21, 1906 page

5. The Waco Avenue United Brethren church will have their first service Sunday in the new church building at 11th and Waco. The services will be held in the basement, and it is hoped to have the building completed within this conference year.

## Sunday, April 22, 1906 page

- 5. Contract signed yesterday with Wurster Construction company to erect a six story building at southeast corner of Douglas and Main, the entire structure to be occupied by Wallenstein and Cohn with a large department store. To cost approximately \$175,000. Work to be started August 1 and the building completed by March 15, 1907. ¶ The Boston store building now standing on this property will be torn down. The new building will have frontage of 90 feet on Douglas and 120 feet on Main. ¶ Plans for building drawn by C. W. Terry, architect.
- 9. Park employes yesterday began macadamizing of Murdock avenue from Main street to the bridge, using five cars of crushed stone -- Joplin Flint -- furnished by the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The Missouri Pacific has agreed to furnish 15 cars of the crushed stone for the park drives and approaches this year, and the Rock Island will furnish 45 cars. During the past year 55 cars have been laid, and since the park became owned by the city more than 200 cars of the Joplin flint has been used in macadamizing the park drives.

## Monday, April 23, 1906 page

5. The Rock Island will start work this week on a side track just north of Douglas avenue on Mosley avenue, that is to furnish switch facilities for the W. S. Grant Produce company's new warehouse. The switch will also be extended to the warehouse that is to be built by T. T. Cox.

## Wednesday, April 25, 1906 page

6. Article says College Hill residents are protesting the reported plan of the street car company to abandon its line in Rutan avenue and build a new one in Hillside avenue.

## Thursday, April 26, 1906 page

6. Laying of rails will start today on the association switch track to the Lassen-Jackman mill and the Otto Weiss mill.

About one-half of the grading for the new Missouri Pacific yards north of the city has been completed.

## Friday, April 27, 1906 page

6. Article reports rumor that the Missouri Pacific will move its division headquarters from Eldorado to Wichita.

The South Main street car line is temporarily being operated as a stub line from Main and Douglas. This is because the line has been cut into by workmen building a switch.

Former Santa Fe ticket agent visiting in town and recalls that the day after the cyclone in Wellington in the early 1890s the sales that day of tickets to Wellington numbered 1,200 tickets and stock cars were coupled to the passenger coaches to provide room for the sightseers.

## Saturday, April 28, 1906 page

- 5. Although it is not entirely completed, the gates of Wonderland Park, with its 33 acres of enjoyment, will be thrown open to the public today. Details.
- 6. The Rock Island ran a test freight train from Caldwell to Herington yesterday made up of 82 box cars with a total of 1,800 tons. Engine Number 1664 pulled the train.

### **Sunday, April 29, 1906**

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- 4. Article reports on opening of Wonderland Park yesterday.
- 7. Building permit issued to Lassen and Jackman for flour mill and elevator 200 feet by 42 feet with engine house 26 feet by 72 feet. Cost \$125,000.

## Tuesday, May 1, 1906 page

6. Workmen are busy building the concrete foundations for the new Cathedral at Lawrence and Central avenues.

### Wednesday, May 2, 1906

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- 5. A man fell to his death yesterday from the Santa Fe Railway company's water tank on North Santa Fe avenue.
- 6. The street car company has a large force of men working on the South Main street line, which runs to Association park. The switch north of the railroad was lengthened several weeks ago. Now another switch is being laid in the 10th block. When this is completed it will make three switches between Douglas avenue and Harry street Another switch will

be placed south of Harry street, making a total of five (sic) switches between the park and down town. ¶ The loop at Harry street will be taken up and moved down to the north end of the ball park. The car line will end at the north end of the park, instead of going to the gate, as at present. This will make the patrons walk about 1,000 feet after they leave the cars. ¶ When the loop is moved down to the park, all cars will be operated clear through, thus increasing the general service south of Harry street.

## Thursday, May 3, 1906 page

6. Six Missouri Pacific passenger engines, Numbers 8724, 8740, 8509, 8911, 8510, and 8503, were brought to Wichita from Eldorado yesterday in connection with the move of the division from Eldorado to Wichita.

### Sunday, May 6, 1906 page

11. President Morrison of Fairmount has returned from his eastern trip and reports that he has secured enough pledges to make up the \$40,000 to be raised by the school in order to receive the \$40,000 promised by Mr. Carnegie for the new Carnegie library.

## Tuesday, May 8, 1906 page

- 5. City council yesterday passed the ordinance declaring it necessary to construct the ditch to straighten the channel of Chisholm creek and provide for a storm water sewer system for the city. City clerk instructed to advertise for bids for constructing the ditch from 21st street to the south limits of the city.
- 6. Thousands of excursionists took advantage of the excursion rates to visit Wichita Sunday.

  ¶ It was big day for the street car company and 34 cars were kept running all day. Eight cars were kept running on the South Main line to the ball game, and 5,400 fares were collected on that line, the most ever taken out for a ball game. ¶ Four car loads of steel rails arrived here yesterday, but Superintendent Morrison said he did not know where they would be used until he heard from Mr. Nelson.

# Thursday, May 10, 1906 page

- 5. E. H. Ellsworth was elected principal of the high school for another year by the board of education yesterday.
- 6. The dance pavilion at Wonderland Park has been completed and will be opened to the public this evening. It is on the banks of Big river, near the theater.

## Friday, May 11, 1906 page

5. Petition signed yesterday to have the canal in 1st street, from Main to Market, left by the old street car company, paved with asphalt.

6. Grading for the new Missouri Pacific yards is nearly finished.

### **Sunday, May 13, 1906**

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- 5. Trustees of Fairmount college yesterday voted to choose for the Carnegie library a preliminary design prepared by Albert Randolph Ross, a prominent architect of New York city.
- 11. Drawing of a proposed building for the Salvation Army to be erected on their lot at 118 North Topeka, which was purchased for \$3,500. The building will cost \$8-9,000. Architect is U. G. Charles.
- 18. Ad with drawing of Barnes building.

### **Tuesday, May 15, 1906**

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- 5. The Harding estate, owners of Sedgwick block and the Sedgwick annex and 50 feet of ground immediately north of the annex, have purchased the adjoining 25 feet on North Market, which is just south of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company building, giving them 75 feet of ground on Market north of the Sedgwick Annex. The Sedgwick block has a frontage of 100 feet on Market and 150 feet on 1st street. The Sedgwick annex has a frontage of 60 feet on Market and extends back 120 feet.
- 6. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient has ordered 400 box cars of 40,000 pound capacity, 100 flat cars of 80,000 pound capacity, and 100 stock cars of 60,000 pound capacity from the American Car and Foundry company.

### Wednesday, May 16, 1906

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- 5. R. F. Knight was reelected superintendent of schools by the board of education last night.
- 6. The Santa Fe is to build additional switching facilities leading from the Wichita and Western line just east of the Arkansas river bridge to the Jackson-Walker brick plant and sand yards.

## Thursday, May 17, 1906 page

5. Workmen yesterday started excavations for the paving of Water street from Douglas to William with brick.

## Friday, May 18, 1906 page

5. The high school commencement will be held next Wednesday at the Toler Auditorium. Graduating class has 66 members, the largest number ever graduated from Wichita High School.

Commodore Nelson, general manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company, who arrived yesterday to look over the plant here, announced that a new engine and generator for improvement of the power plant would be shipped here in a few days. The new engine is of 1,000 horsepower and the generator has a capacity of 500 kilowatts. They are expected to be more reliable than the present machines.

## Saturday, May 19, 1906 page

- 5. Work on the Lawrence block, at Emporia and Douglas, is progressing rapidly. The excavations have all been completed and the foundations laid. Bricklayers are now building the walls for the first story.
- 6. Article says the Bell telephone company issues a new telephone directory every three months.

#### Sunday, May 20, 1906

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4. Article reports plan to build two story apartment house at Lewis and Main streets with frontage of 130 feet on Lewis and 40 feet on Main.

## Wednesday, May 23, 1906 page

6. Superintendent Morrison announced yesterday that beginning next Friday morning the South Main street cars would run as far south as Francis street, two blocks south of the old loop on Harry street. The new loop has been completed and only a little more work remains to be done on the extension.

#### **Thursday, May 24, 1906**

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8. Article reports on 26th annual commencement of Wichita High School last night at the Toler Auditorium with 63 graduates.

## Friday, May 25, 1906 page

5. The Rock Island Railroad will start shipping two car loads of crushed stone to Wichita each day beginning June 1 for use in surfacing the drives in Riverside park, and will continue shipping two car loads each day until 45 car loads have been shipped.

## Saturday, May 26, 1906 page

6. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient has just completed the removal of its car repair shops to Fairview. These shops have been located at Anthony up to the present.

# Sunday, May 27, 1906 page

- 4. The refreshment stand at Wonderland Park installed a new soda fountain and counter yesterday that is one of the latest and most expensive on the market.
- 21. Drawing and description of Fairmount's new Carnegie library. Details.

## Tuesday, May 29, 1906 page

- 5. The foundation has been completed and brick masons are now building the walls for the first story of the new three story Tanner building in first block on North Main.
- 6. Article gives details of remodeling of old Sedgwick county court house building at 1st and Main.

# Wednesday, May 30, 1906 page

5. Thirty-one acres of land have been purchased for the construction of a race track and stables just west of the Arkansas river on 2nd street. The track will be built within the next few months. ¶ For some time it was thought that the old fair grounds south of the city would be fitted up and used, but the distance from the business section led the men in charge to decide on the new location west of the river.

Repairing of the asphalt pavement on Market street, including the paving of the "canal" in the center of the street, was finished yesterday.

The brick walls are being built on the first floor of the W. S. Grant Produce company building in the first block on North Rock Island avenue.

# Thursday, May 31, 1906 page

- 5. Yesterday was a big day with the street car company. During the forenoon 16 extra cars were on the cemetery line and in the afternoon it was necessary to run five extras continually.
- 6. Brick are being unloaded to pave South Topeka from Douglas to English.

## Friday, June 1, 1906 page

5. Work of paying Water street with brick from Douglas to William started yesterday.

Superintendent Morrison announced that henceforth during the ball games all South Main street cars would be run to the end of the line at the north fence of the ball park. When there are no games at the park, the cars will run regularly to the new loop, two blocks below Harry street.

#### Saturday, June 2, 1906

5. The state attorney general has ruled that there can be no separate schools for colored students in Wichita until the legislature gives the board of education specific power to so organize the schools.

The Wichita Telegraph college has moved into the third floor of the new Walters building at southwest corner of Main and William and is the first firm to occupy this new building.

## Sunday, June 3, 1906 page

6. The new yards of the Missouri Pacific in the north part of the city will be laid with 56 and 60 pound steel rails, which are being taken out of the main line track of the Missouri Pacific this side of Pueblo and replaced there with heavier rails. They will begin to arrive here during this month.

The Boston Store's removal sale this week will precede the tearing down of the old building to make way for the new six story one. ¶ The old building now standing was built in 1873 and was then the largest building in Wichita. An interesting feature was the native stone, which was procured out near Chisholm creek. ¶ The post office at one time was in the old building. So too was the "Eagle hall," in which was held many an early day court trial; at other times it was used as an opera house and at one time a printing office. Many different business firms occupied the lower floor before the Boston Store began business 20 years ago.

# Tuesday, June 5, 1906 page

5. The city council yesterday voted to install an elevator in the City building, on condition that the board of education pay half the expense.

# Wednesday, June 6, 1906 page

- 5. The new men's dormitory at Fairmount is to be dedicated this afternoon.
- 6. After 34 years the Santa Fe has decided to ballast its line through this city. The road was first built into Wichita in 1872, and every since then the old dirt roadbed has remained the same. The company now has 90 Mexicans working near Mulvane putting in rock ballast, which is being taken from the limestone rock quarries near Augusta. About 2,800 cubic yards per mile is placed under the ties, raising the track an average of nine inches. It will take nearly a year to complete the ballasting from Arkansas City to Newton. South of Arkansas City the roadbed has been ballasted for some time.

Rock Island engine Number 1661 was derailed in the yards here yesterday. It is of the largest type run on the Rock Island in this area and was the second engine of two pulling a south bound freight. The smaller forward engine, Number 1851, was also derailed.

Work started yesterday on paving South Topeka from Douglas to English with brick.

#### Thursday, June 7, 1906

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5. Article reports on dedication of new men's dormitory at Fairmount.

### Friday, June 8, 1906

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5. Charles W. Brown, president of the National Bank of Wichita, yesterday bought the property on the southwest corner of Douglas and Lawrence avenues for \$41,000 from James M. Davis of St. Louis. He plans to erect a seven story building on the site.

#### Saturday, June 9, 1906

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5. Article reports plan of YMCA to raise total of \$75,000 to build a new building.

#### **Tuesday, June 12, 1906**

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6. Article reports the Wichita Natural Gas company has been chartered. Details.

The Hockaday Paint company had its formal opening yesterday.

## Wednesday, June 13, 1906 page

5. The Wichita Railroad and Light company is constructing a second track between Cleveland and Hydraulic avenues in order to get the line equipped with a double track as far as the planned pavement will extend. The rails now in use between Cleveland and Hydraulic are not the right type for a paved street, so they will be taken up and replaced with heavier 65 pound rails. The rails being taken up will be put in the South Main street line, below Harry street, where the present rails are very light. This will greatly improve the condition of that line also.

## Thursday, June 14, 1906 page

5. Judge J. N. Haymaker yesterday purchased the three story building at 618 East Douglas avenue and the adjoining lot on the west, for \$25,000. He plans to build a building on the west lot similar to the one on the east.

## Friday, June 15, 1906 page

5. Good progress is being made on construction of the new Lassen-Jackman mill. The foundation for the elevator has been built and framework built up several feet. Another force of men is building the foundation for the mill buildings.

The sun dial purchased by the Daughters of the American Revolution is now being placed

in Central Riverside park.

## Sunday, June 17, 1906 page

5. The census of Wichita taken by city assessors this spring showed a population of 35,541, an increase of 4,414 from the 31,127 reported in 1905.

A count by mail carriers showed 707 new houses built in Wichita during the past year.

## Tuesday, June 19, 1906 page

5. Contract let yesterday by city council for construction of the Wichita drainage canal and storm water sewer to the Northwestern Construction company at price of 16.95 cents per cubic yard, or a total of \$48,477. The city engineer had estimated that 286,000 cubic yards of earth would have to be moved at approximate cost of 20¢ per cubic yard, so the bid was \$8,723 below his estimate of \$57,200. ¶ Contract also let for paving East Douglas from Washington to Hydraulic with Bitulithic.

The foundation for the new Cathedral is nearly completed, and workmen will soon start on the walls of the building.

6. John Grady will construct a two story brick building with 25 foot frontage on Douglas at 812 East Douglas, the northwest corner of Rock Island and Douglas avenues. Cost \$5,000.

Freight engine Number 3664 of the Missouri Pacific is being used as a switch engine, owing to failure of one of the regular switch engines.

### Wednesday, June 20, 1906

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6. H. A. Hockett has purchased a tract of land 127 feet by 200 feet located 200 feet north of Central avenue between the Rock Island and Santa Fe tracks and plans to build a three story brick broom corn warehouse.

## Thursday, June 21, 1906 page

- 5. Article reports organization meeting yesterday of the Southwestern Fair association, with officers elected (named) for the purpose of establishing a race track west of Wonderland park.
- 6. Two freight engines for the Missouri Pacific, Numbers 851 and 820, arrived yesterday, and passenger engine Number 8509 will arrive today.

# Friday, June 22, 1906 page

6. The Orient Railroad completed its bridge across the South Canadian river and opened its line to Thomas, Oklahoma yesterday.

### Saturday, June 23, 1906 page

- 5. City engineer Brown stated yesterday that work on the Chisholm creek drainage canal would start about August 1 and be completed by the 1st of November. The Northern Construction company has two large dredge boats at its headquarters in Elkhart, Indiana and will bring them here to dig the canal.
- 6. Workmen are laying the brick for the paving of South Topeka from Douglas to English.

Contractors have started work on the four room additions to Franklin and Lincoln schools and on the new eight room school building at Waco and 21st streets. Only four rooms of the latter school on the lower floor will be finished at present.

## Tuesday, June 26, 1906 page

- 6. At present there are 29 engines running out of here on the Missouri Pacific. Eight more will be added within the next ten days. Number 806 has already arrived, Number 3669 will arrive today, and Number 852 is on the way from Ft. Scott.
- 10. Article reports there are 44,661 unimproved lots and only 11,623 improved lots within the city limits.

## Thursday, June 28, 1906 page

5. A large addition to the switchboard is being installed at the North Market street plant of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company. The switchboard just installed in the building last year has a capacity of 1,200 telephones and has six positions. When the addition is completed, there will be a capacity of 5,000 telephones and 20 positions.

The electric light circuit being built to College Hill by the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company, is being delayed by the non-arrival of material. The poles have been set out to the top of the hill, but sufficient wire is not yet available.

# Friday, June 29, 1906 page

5. Article reports appropriation of \$50,000 by Congress for an addition to the Wichita federal building.

The walls are up on the north half and half way up on the south half of the new Western Biscuit company building on South Wichita street.

Article gives details of remodeling (extensive) of the old county building at 1st and Main.

6. Drawings of the present YMCA building and the proposed new one for which fund campaign is under way.

The north track of the double track being built by the street car company on East Douglas between Cleveland and Hydraulic has been completed, and the track men will soon begin work on the south track.

## Sunday, July 1, 1906 page

- 2. Ad announces by Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway company the inauguration today of through train service between Wichita, and Thomas, Oklahoma Territory.
- 5. The Wichita State bank, at corner of Douglas and Washington avenues, will open for business July 9.
- 7. Commodore Nelson, general manager of Wichita Railroad and Light company, visiting in Wichita for three or four days, says the company is considering building a line to Wonderland park, but no definite decision made yet.

## Tuesday, July 3, 1906 page

5. School board last night voted to establish separate schools for white and colored by setting apart the west wing of Park school for the use of the negroes.

City council yesterday let contract for paving of Rock Island avenue from Douglas to 3rd street with Coffeyville gas burned brick blocks at \$1.78 per square yard.

6. Four cars of steel rails arrived from Joplin, Missouri yesterday for use in the new yards of the Missouri Pacific north of the city. The grading and ditching has been done for over two months.

## Wednesday, July 4, 1906 page

6. The YMCA building campaign closed last night with a total of \$82,578 pledged. One hundred thousand dollars is needed for new building.

# Thursday, July 5, 1906 page

- 5. Nearly 12,000 people passed through the turnstiles at Wonderland park yesterday, although in the early evening about 2,000 people did not wait to be admitted, the crowds in front of the entrance became so dense that it was impossible to handle them. ¶ Of the 12,000 people, 8,500 rode on the roller coaster.
- 6. The Midland Valley has order five simple consolidation locomotives and one simple tenwheel (4-6-0) locomotives from the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Details.

7. The Rock Island sent one of the largest engines on the system over the line through Wichita yesterday. It is of the Atlantic type and probably the heaviest engine that has ever been in Wichita. It is Number 1734 and has the record of pulling out of Kansas City over 2,100 tons. The Rock Island engines of the 1600s series are small compared with this. Another engine of the same type, Number 1733, will also be used between Herington and Caldwell.

## Friday, July 6, 1906 page

5. There is a great deal of building going on in the east end of town. The Weber building at northwest corner of Douglas and Washington has just been completed. W. R. Jones is building a two story brick building with frontage of 25 feet in ninth block on East Douglas on south side of street.

### Saturday, July 7, 1906

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6. Map of proposed fair grounds and race track west of Wonderland park. Money is to be raised by the Southwestern Fair association to build the one-half mile race track, stables, etc.

## Sunday, July 8, 1906 page

- 5. New schedule in effect beginning tomorrow by Wichita Railroad and Light company will extend night service on several lines from 11:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. On North Topeka avenue the first car will leave the 11th street loop at 6:20 a.m. When the double track on East Douglas from Cleveland to Hydraulic is completed, service on that line will be increased from present 12 minute to ten minute service.
- 21. Biography of "Old John," a Wichita fire department horse for over 16 years.

# Tuesday, July 10, 1906 page

5. Article about campaign to raise \$50,000 for new fair grounds and race track.

The large elevator for the Lassen-Jackman mill at 12th street and Santa Fe is almost completed, and the bricklayers have started work on the mill building. The mill will have capacity of 1,500 barrels per day with storage capacity of 350,000 bushels in the elevator.

6. Street car Number 152 was derailed at Hydraulic and Douglas yesterday.

## Wednesday, July 11, 1906 page

5. Street car Number 127 was derailed on South Main street yesterday.

#### Thursday, July 12, 1906

- Yesterday the Wichita base ball club passed out of the hands of Lawrence Milton and W.
   J. Kimmel and was taken over by the local company which has been formed and is known as the Wichita Baseball company.
- 6. Material has arrived for the long switch from the Santa Fe to the old Burton Car Works that was purchased about three months ago by the American Warehouse company. The switch will be nearly a mile in length and cost about \$5,000 and will be built at once. ¶ The Frisco has also decided to build a switch to the property, but its switch will be shorter and cost less.

### Sunday, July 15, 1906

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12. Drawing of the old Boston Store building, which is to be torn down.

## Tuesday, July 17, 1906 page

- 5. City council yesterday adopted resolution to pave Wichita street from Douglas to William and Emporia from Douglas to William.
- 6. Brick is being unloaded for paving of 1st street from Market to Santa Fe avenue with brick. ¶ The paving of South Topeka from Douglas to English with brick has been completed.

## Wednesday, July 18, 1906 page

5. Deposed manager of baseball team, W. J. Kimmel, who owns 61 foot strip of ground extending across north end of Association park between Main and Water, built a barbed wire fence around his property yesterday cutting off 20 feet inside the north fence of the ball park.

# Thursday, July 19, 1906 page

5. Article describing new church to be built by First Baptist church at northwest corner of Lawrence and 2nd.

Building permit issued to J. Grady, 628 East Douglas, for two story brick and stone bakery to cost \$5,500.

The Goldsmith Book and Stationery company's office supply department has been moved into the new Walter's building at William and Main.

6. Bricklayers have started to build the walls of the Otto Weiss Stock Food company's building at 13th and Santa Fe.

## Friday, July 20, 1906 page

5. Article reports settling of Wichita's "base ball war" (see July 18) between W. J. Kimmel and the Wichita Baseball company.

Wichita's steamboat ran down a rowboat last night on the Little river near Central avenue.

6. The new Tanner building at 122 North Main is nearly completed.

The Rock Island will use its largest type of passenger locomotives on its line through Wichita. They are Pacific type, with series Numbers in 800s, with weight on drivers of 216,000 pounds and total loaded weight of engine and tender nearly 170 tons.

William Mathewson, who sold the remainder of his old homestead in Wichita a few months ago, has purchased a new home at 605 South Topeka.

#### Wednesday, July 25, 1906

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6. Missouri Pacific freight engine Number 3636 sideswiped a box car on a siding on the West Side Monday.

## Friday, July 27, 1906 page

6. Excavation has been started for paving of 1st street from Market to Santa Fe avenue with brick.

The double track being put in by the street car company on East Douglas between Cleveland and Hydraulic avenues is almost completed. Only the switch at the east end remains to be put in. When this section is completed, the street car company will have 18 blocks of double track on Douglas avenue.

### Saturday, July 28, 1906

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6. Street car Number 105 yesterday went cross-wise on the switch in first block of South Emporia. Coming north, one set of wheels took the east switch and the other set the west switch.

#### Sunday, July 29, 1906

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- 5. Street car Number 136 on Stock Yards-Topeka line struck a man yesterday at 2nd and Main.
- 21. Article about ailments of trolley cars including flat wheels, and the frequent servicing they require.

## Wednesday, August 1, 1906 page

5. The Boston Store has been moved to its temporary home in second block on South Main street, and the old building at Main and Douglas will be turned over to the wreckers today.

# Friday, August 3, 1906 page

5. Brick work is nearly finished on the new Grady building in 8th block on East Douglas at corner of North Rock Island.

Reminiscences about the old Boston Store building, formerly known as the Eagle Block, which is now being torn down.

## Saturday, August 4, 1906 page

- 5. The new engine and generator recently installed in the power house of the street car company, have been running since last Sunday. The engine is a Hamilton-Corliss cross-compound of 850 horsepower and is directly connected to the Western Electric 500 kilowatt generator. The fly wheel alone weighs 20 tons and the armature and shaft weighs 30 tons. ¶ With the two older engines and generators having 650 kilowatt capacity, the total combined capacity now is 1150 kilowatt. ¶ Superintendent Morrison commented that the smallest of the three "was all that was needed when we started up here with nine cars." ¶ He went to St. Louis last night to meet Commodore Nelson for the purpose of purchasing eight new cars for use here.
- 6. Five different street car derailments occurred yesterday -- two on the Stock Yards line near 12th street and three on the College Hill line. ¶ The oldest track in the system is located on Main street between 9th and 12th streets. Ever since the street car system has been owned by the present company, this track has been the same. All other parts of the system have been reconstructed.

## Sunday, August 5, 1906 page

- 4. Street car company had many misfortunes yesterday, with several derailments, two cars put out of service by lightning, and several other breakdowns. ¶ Car Number 201 was crippled by lightning. ¶ Superintendent Morrison had to act as motorneer on Car Number 202 due to company being temporarily shorthanded. ¶ Car Number 40 left the track about four times yesterday, one time being while turning the loop at north end of Topeka avenue line. ¶ Superintendent Morrison said only 19 cars can be used today out of the 34 cars they generally have ready for service.
- 6. Missouri Pacific passenger engine Number 8811 has just arrived from the shops at Ft. Scott and will be used on the Wichita-Kiowa passenger run.

#### Tuesday, August 7, 1906

- 5. Plans for new central fire station approved by city council last night. Details. To be built just east of city building on William street, 71 feet by 110 feet, two stories high. To be of Augusta stone, like that of the city building. A small tower on the northeast corner will house the fire bell. Estimated cost \$15,000.
- 6. Article reports criticism of street car company at city council meeting yesterday.

## Wednesday, August 8, 1906 page

5. Article about progress of construction on the mill and elevator of the Kansas Milling company on the Santa Fe tracks at 12th street, commonly called the Lassen mill.

### Thursday, August 9, 1906 page

6. The large sales barn on the new fair grounds west of Wonderland park is now under construction and is being built of cement stone, the same as used in building the substantial buildings at Wonderland Park. ¶ Fifteen teams are at work building the race track.

Not counting the day service on 16 passenger trains including main line and branches, the Santa Fe last night on two trains in six sections carried 74 coaches full of people, including 2,000 land buyers en route to the Pecos Valley. ¶ Train Number 405 in two sections for Ft. Worth and Galveston carried 20 coaches. ¶ Train Number 501 in four sections for the Pecos Valley carried 54 coaches.

All the drives in Riverside park have received a top coating of crushed stone, 41 car loads having been furnished free by the Rock Island Railway this year, and are in fine condition. The big circle drive is a beauty and it pleases all who see it.

# Friday, August 10, 1906 page

6. The Santa Fe will soon build an additional extension of 100 feet to its platform south of the freight depot for the accommodation of increasing business.

### Saturday, August 11, 1906 page

6. Article reports four new brick buildings to be built on West Douglas avenue. Details.

## Sunday, August 12, 1906 page

4. Jones and Clinesmith have started construction of their two story brick building in ninth block of East Douglas just west of their present mill building.

# Tuesday, August 14, 1906 page

5. The fair association executive committee yesterday decided to rush the completion of its barn, using patent cement rock in its construction. It will be 180 feet by 137 feet and have a capacity of 200 single stalls.

## Wednesday, August 15, 1906 page

- 5. H. G. Landis, who has the contract to put a passenger elevator in the city building, began work yesterday.
- 6. Article reports a "farewell party" last night held in the half wrecked former "Eagle Hall" building, more recently known as the Boston Store building.

## Thursday, August 16, 1906 page

5. Material is being hauled for the new Boston Store building. The outer wall will be constructed of buff brick with trimming of Massachusetts gray granite.

## Friday, August 17, 1906 page

5. Contract let yesterday for construction of the big barn at the fair grounds. To be 180 by 184 feet and built of cement stone. ¶ Work of putting the surface on the track will probably begin next week.

Superintendent Morrison returned to Wichita yesterday from St. Louis, where the street car company purchased six new street cars for use in Wichita. "It is not unlikely that four others will be ordered of the same type." They are larger and better than the cars on the Topeka avenue-Stock Yards line and will seat 32 people. They are to be completed by December 15.

# Sunday, August 19, 1906 page

13. Drawing of new Salvation Army citadel, being erected at 118 North Topeka. Contract was let the past week. To be completed by November 15. Two story, 40 feet by 80 feet. Building to cost \$10,500.

# Tuesday, August 21, 1906 page

- 5. City council yesterday refused to permit street car company to build line across Waco avenue between 1st and 2nd streets until its present service and rolling stock are improved.
- 6. Dodge Avenue Methodist church, being built at Martinson and Maple, is using new feature in construction, i.e., the use of cement stone throughout.

# Wednesday, August 22, 1906 page

5. Article reports criticism by city council of the gas "blinker" lights operated by the Welsbach Light company.

## Thursday, August 23, 1906 page

5. The street car company is now replacing the short stretch of single track line on East Douglas between Pattie and Cleveland avenues with a double track to connect the double track sections east and west of this point. It will be necessary to put in some double switches to accommodate the cross-town cars on Cleveland avenue and Pattie avenue.

## Sunday, August 26, 1906 page

- 5. Death notice of William H. Sternberg, contractor, who died yesterday at age 75. He was contractor for the county court house, government building, south wing of Mt. Carmel Academy, Royce block, Fletcher block, Levy mansion at 1st and Topeka, so long the home of the Commercial club, the fine home of C. R. Miller, the residence of Charles Smyth on Waco avenue, Geroge Pratt house on North Emporia, home of A. W. Bitting, etc., and the many additions to the Masonic home. Came to Wichita in 1877. Survived by two sons, William O. and Oscar E.
- 6. Western Biscuit company expects to start business in its new building on South Wichita street by September 1. Machinery is now being moved into the three story building with frontage of 144 feet on Wichita street and extending back 80 feet to the Missouri Pacific tracks at the north and 110 feet at the south.

## Tuesday, August 28, 1906 page

5. Death notice of Warren H. H. Lawrence, one of the Topeka men who formed the Wichita Townsite company about 1869 along with Mr. Munger, who occupied the land and had it platted into town lots. (Lawrence avenue named for him??)

## Wednesday, August 29, 1906 page

5. The new chapel at the Kansas Masonic home will be dedicated September 10, which is the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Kansas Masonic Home. Details. (Later -- date was delayed.)

## Thursday, August 30, 1906 page

6. The Cleveland avenue line was connected up Tuesday and the Pattie avenue line will be connected tomorrow where the new double track has been under construction between Cleveland and Pattie avenues.

## Friday, August 31, 1906 page

- 5. The new two story Kos Harris building at northwest corner of Main and William has been completed and the entire building rented by the United Gas company for office use. It will be occupied in the next few days.
- 6. Missouri Pacific engine (freight) Number 877 was damaged in a collision at Geneseo Wednesday.

# Sunday, September 2, 1906 page

5. The new school year at Fairmount will begin September 12. The most important addition is Fiske Hall, the dormitory for men.

## Wednesday, September 5, 1906 page

5. The Fairmount Conservatory of Music, a branch of the main school out at Fairmount, is moving into its new down town studios on South Main street, across from the city hall.

The Bitulithic Paving company began excavating yesterday for the paving of Douglas avenue from Washington to Hydraulic.

# Thursday, September 6, 1906 page

5. C. A. Tanner and Company are now in their new three story building on North Main street

The United Gas company expects to start laying mains in Wichita for natural gas distribution. With 30 men work will start the coming week and at least one mile of pipe will be laid per day until the entire 60 miles is laid. ¶ The gas will cost 30¢ per 1,000 cubic feet with ten percent rebate for prompt payment of bills. The gas will be delivered through alleys to the property line. Connection from there to the house should cost less than 20¢ per foot. ¶ Gas company says there are 8,022 houses in Wichita. ¶ The trunk line will come into Wichita near Fairmount college from a point near Independence, Kansas, and will carry about 20 million cubic feet of gas per day. A reducing station at Hydraulic and 21st street will reduce the trunk line pressure of 200 pounds per square mile to 50 pounds. From there a belt pipe line will be run in the shape of a quadrangle enclosing the business part of the city, or about four square miles. In this quadrangle there will be five reduction stations to bring the pressure down to about six ounces (?) to square inch.

6. The race track of the fair association will be completed within ten days. Construction of the grand stand for the races will be under way next week. ¶ Carpenters are now working on the exhibit stable for horses, which will cost \$9,000 and be 184 feet square with 126 single and 26 box stalls. The walls are of cement stone. The roof on the building is nearly finished. ¶ Work has been started on the cattle stable. ¶ A concrete bridge will be built from Ackerman's island to the east entrance of the fair grounds. The entrance on Seneca street will be near the grand stand at the southwest turn of the track. ¶ A cement walk will be constructed between the grand stand and the big exhibit barn. This walk will be nearly

a quarter of a mile long. The Missouri Pacific will construct a spur track from its line to the stables. ¶ Drawing of the show barn at new fair grounds.

## Friday, September 7, 1906 page

6. Missouri Pacific switch engine Number 9824 collided with box cars in the yards at Murdock avenue yesterday.

## Saturday, September 8, 1906 page

- 5. The big cattle barn at the new fair grounds is rapidly progressing with six feet of cement stone walls constructed yesterday. Carpenters will start on the roof Monday. It is 78 feet by 100 feet, with stalls for 150 head of cattle. ¶ Stalls are now being built in the big horse barn, which is nearly completed. ¶ Only 450 feet of the half mile track is yet to be surfaced.
- 6. Excavation for the Boston Store building will be completed in ten days.

## Sunday, September 9, 1906 page

- 3. Ad with drawing of three story American Hat Factory and Dye Works building at 617 East Douglas.
- 6. Santa Fe yard switch engine Number 2213 collided with a freight train at 17th street yesterday. The freight train was pulled by Engine Number 472.
- 21. Long letter to editor boosting Wichita and referring to Rea Woodman's lines in a recent *Sunday Eagle*.

# Thursday, September 13, 1906 page

6. Superintendent Webb says the Missouri Pacific will start work on its round house and other terminal facilities about October 14.

## Friday, September 14, 1906 page

5. The board of education has selected the name "Waco Avenue School" for the new school in the north part of the city. The building may be ready for occupancy by November 1.

Laying of the first pipe for natural gas in Wichita by the Wichita Natural Gas company was done yesterday with ceremonies and Mayor Ross making the first connection.

## Sunday, September 16, 1906 page

5. Plans are being drawn for a two story brick building being erected by Miss Eva Minnich

at southwest corner, of Lawrence and William with 50 feet frontage on Lawrence and 140 feet on William. To cost between \$16 and 20,000.

### Wednesday, September 19, 1906 page

- 5. County commission let contract for the first concrete bridge to be built in this county -- across the Cowskin between sections 29 and 30 in Waco township. To be 60 feet in length with 16 feet roadway and cost \$2,200.
- 6. It is expected that work will start on the Wichita drainage canal and storm water sewer by the middle of next month.

In order to take care to its increased business, the Frisco has added a night switch engine here, Number 314.

### Thursday, September 20, 1906 page

- 5. Corner stone of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, at Maple and Martinson, will be laid next Sunday. Total cost will be about \$40,000.
- 6. Ground will be broken today for the new three story brick building for L. Hays Saddlery company, in first block on West William. Will be 49 by 100 feet and cost \$14,000.

## Saturday, September 22, 1906 page

6. Elaborate plans have been drawn for the addition just north of the Scottish Rite temple at 1st and Topeka. To be 75 feet by 140 feet with first floor used for banquet hall with 20 foot ceiling and second floor constructed as a theater. To be constructed of natural stone and cost \$85-90,000. Article gives history of Scottish Rite masonry in Wichita.

## Sunday, September 23, 1906 page

- 3. The YWCA is now at home in its new rooms at the corner of 1st and Main streets.
- 4. The Santa Fe is operating eight special reduced rate excursion trains to Wichita today. Details.

Corner stone of new Salvation Army citadel was laid yesterday.

## Tuesday, September 25, 1906 page

5. Contract let by city council yesterday for the new central fire station on William street just east of the city building. Cost is \$17,173. To be built of Eldorado or Augusta limestone and conform in a general way to the style of the city building. Will take the place of the old hose houses Number 1 and 2.

## Thursday, September 27, 1906 page

6. The Missouri Pacific is constructing a switch about half a block in length from the ice house to the fair grounds to be used in unloading exhibits and stock.

## Friday, September 28, 1906 page

6. The Santa Fe ballast train is working south and is stationed in the north part of the city. The track will be ballasted from Newton to Arkansas City.

## Sunday, September 30, 1906 page

- 5. Ringling's circus will arrive here today from Parsons in six sections, about 30 minutes apart, totaling 85 cars. To be unloaded in the Frisco yards just off 1st street.
- 6. Report that Smyth Brothers will erect a six story building at northeast corner of Lawrence and Douglas in next few months.
- 21. Article from Fort Wayne paper regarding Commodore S. L. Nelson moving from there to Peoria. Some history of McKinley syndicate.

## Wednesday, October 3, 1906 page

5. Superintendent Morrison reports street car company handled about 9,000 people for the circus on Monday. "We operated 12 cars between Main and Douglas and the show grounds and all were well filled nearly every trip for two hours in the afternoon and again in the evening."

## Thursday, October 4, 1906 page

5. Mrs. Mary Goodson yesterday purchased the south half of the three story building at 338 North Main street known as the Halcyon block.

The amphitheater at the new fair grounds is assuming shape and should be ready for the roof by next Tuesday. This grand stand will be 45 feet by 300 feet and 38 feet high in front. The rear row of seats will be 30 feet from the ground. It will seat 5,000 people and has four entrances. ¶ A 200 foot hog shed has been built the past few days, and a high board fence is being built along the east side of the grounds.

The Wichita Railroad and Light company is making some needed improvements on the Fairmount line. The light steel in the track north of the Frisco railway is being taken up and heavy steel put in its place.

6. The Orient railway yesterday added a new 30 minute strip of road to its line, from Thomas to Clinton, Oklahoma Territory.

### Saturday, October 6, 1906 page

5. Dredge boat 24 feet by 80 feet is being constructed near the stock yards for use in digging Wichita's new drainage canal.

## Sunday, October 7, 1906 page

- 5. Work on construction of the new Boston Store started yesterday.
- 6. Active work on the new Missouri Pacific round house and terminal facilities will start on October 15. These yards are located on what will be known as 25th street. The Missouri Pacific owns 40 acres of ground in that vicinity besides their right-of-way. Six tracks are now in course of construction. ¶ Superintendent Webb states they will build a 16 stall round house.

## Tuesday, October 9, 1906 page

6. City council yesterday decided it was necessary to pave Lawrence and Topeka avenues from Douglas to 1st street.

## Wednesday, October 10, 1906 page

5. A man was injured yesterday by Missouri Pacific engine Number 8704.

## Thursday, October 11, 1906 page

6. A new Missouri Pacific engine, Number 8564 (or 8654) arrived from Kansas City and will be used on the night passenger train from Wichita to Durand.

Santa Fe train drawn by engine Number 37 was delayed by a burst pipe under the fire box yesterday. A switch engine, Number 2185, brought the train back to the depot, where another engine, Number 432, was attached to the train.

# Friday, October 12, 1906 page

6. The new passenger elevator for the city building arrived yesterday. It will be operated by electricity.

## Saturday, October 13, 1906 page

5. Workers are laying an average of one-half mile of pipe daily for the natural gas system, and 15 miles have already been laid, about one-third of the total distance to be covered. By November 15 it should be possible to supply natural gas to the people of Wichita.

#### Sunday, October 14, 1906

5. Article reports Wichita's fair and horse races of the Wichita and Southwestern Fair association will open tomorrow. Details about the rapid progress of the organization in the past four months.

## Tuesday, October 16, 1906 page

5. Plans adopted last night by city council for the new fire station at Hillside and 2nd street. To be 25 feet by 50 feet, two stories, brick. City clerk to advertise for bids.

#### Wednesday, October 17, 1906

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5. The Wichita and Southwestern fair opened for visitors yesterday despite rain.

### Thursday, October 18, 1906

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6. Article reports corner stone of the new Catholic cathedral was laid yesterday. Monsignor J. Henry Tihen was master of ceremonies and speaker of the day.

## Friday, October 19, 1906 page

5. Article reports the Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power company plans to supply natural gas through its mains in Wichita from a field 20 miles east of Wichita, in competition with the new company now laying pipe in the city for natural gas distribution.

## Saturday, October 27, 1906 page

6. The foundation of the new Hays Saddlery building was put in this week.

Superintendent H. F. Clark of western division of the Frisco, with headquarters at Neodesha, is in Wichita in his private car, Number 800.

## Wednesday, October 31, 1906 page

6. Contract for new Missouri Pacific round house, machine shops and terminal facilities in Wichita was let yesterday in St. Louis. Round house of brick, will have 16 stalls. To be finished by January 1. Six tracks have been laid on the company's ground in north part of the city and the seventh will be completed in a few days.

## Thursday, November 1, 1906 page

5. The big elevator and mill building of the Kansas Milling company at 12th and Santa Fe will soon be ready for the machinery.

#### Tuesday, November 6, 1906

6. The Wonderland Amusement Park company yesterday decided to put in a thoroughly equipped natatorium.

City council yesterday accepted petition to pave 10th street from Lawrence to Topeka with brick.

## Tuesday, November 13, 1906 page

5. The John Cudahy Packing company of Wichita is no more. It was sold yesterday to the Cudahy Packing company.

County commission yesterday let the contracts for the long awaited bridge across Arkansas river at Harry street. To be 380 feet long, built upon cedar piling, and will cost \$1,980. To be completed in 120 days.

6. The Scottish Rite Masons will hold ground breaking ceremony today for the new addition to their present temple at Topeka and 1st street To cost \$100,000. Addition will front 75 feet on Topeka, and entire building when complete will be 150 feet by 150 feet.

Street car Number 148 collided with a steam roller yesterday in 14th block on East Douglas.

## Wednesday, November 14, 1906 page

6. Roller skating at Wonderland Park Coliseum is very popular and attracting large crowds nightly.

## Friday, November 16, 1906 page

6. F. J. Easly, superintendent of middle division of Santa Fe with headquarters in Newton, is in Wichita in his private car Number 405.

# Tuesday, November 20, 1906 page

5. City council yesterday granted permission to the street railway company to lay a double track on Waco avenue connecting with its Douglas avenue line. The ordinance becomes effective when the Missouri Pacific spur leading to Howard's mill is moved nearer the gas works, which will permit enough space for a driveway being saved after the street car tracks are laid. ¶ From Waco avenue the street car lines will run to the river across the company's property lying north of Diver's barn. The Wichita Amusement Park company has donated space on the island for terminals. The street car company will built a bridge across the river from its lots to the island.

City council let contract yesterday for paving Lawrence and Topeka avenues from Douglas

to 1st street with brick. ¶ Several alleys were ordered paved with brick: first alley south of Douglas from Main to Market; Alley between Main and Market from English and alley at rear of city hall.

## Sunday, November 25, 1906 page

- 4. Deed filed yesterday conveying the property of the John Cudahy Packing company to the Cudahy Packing company an Illinois corporation, for \$225,000. The property includes 40 acres less 50 feet along the west side.
- 5. Ninety-nine of the 224 colored children enrolled in Wichita schools are attending the separate Park school district for negroes. The remainder are assigned to white schools because the pupil lives too far from the colored school as designated by the board of education.

Hyman Wolkow yesterday purchased the property at 504 East Douglas with 25 feet front and two story brick building from E. Bronston for \$19,500.

## Thursday, November 29, 1906 page

5. The 67 married employes of the Wichita Railroad and Light company received a gift from the company of a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner, while the 39 unmarried men each received a silver dollar. There are 106 employes in all.

## Friday, November 30, 1906 page

5. Street car conductor Wycoff Wright, on College Hill street car Number 142, shot and killed Edward Hoehle on the street car just west of Grove street, on Douglas last night. Done in self-defense when the drunken passenger aimed a gun at him.

## Saturday, December 1, 1906 page

6. Contract awarded yesterday for designing of the new YMCA building to J. C. Holland, of the firm of J. C. Holland and Squires, of Topeka. Estimated cost \$80,000.

Arrival of natural gas in Wichita has been delayed by a 30 minute gap in the 12 inch pipe bringing the gas here from the gas fields, but this 12 inch pipe is now en route and the United Gas company expects to have the gas here by December 20.

## Sunday, December 2, 1906 page

5. The Carey hotel was sold Friday by August Danielson, who has managed it for the past 18 months, to S. G. Humphrey, of El Reno, Oklahoma, a relative of C. Q. Chandler, president of the Kansas National bank. Mr. Humphrey will spend \$15,000 in improving the hotel.

- 11. Article about the ladies of the Highland Cemetery Improvement association, which was organized some seven years ago when Highland cemetery was in a woefully neglected condition, and has raised a \$5,000 fund to maintain the cemetery. Details.
- 21. Article describes Mt. Carmel academy at length. Steady growth since organized 16 years ago. Details.

## Tuesday, December 4, 1906 page

5. City council voted yesterday to advertise for bids on large Storm Sewer Number 5, with estimated cost of \$320,000.

Contract let by city council yesterday to Topeka Iron and Bridge company for construction of ten arch-type cement bridges across the drainage canal for \$19,987.

Petition present to city council yesterday asking that street car company be required to build a line on Waco avenue from 9th street north to city limits.

City council yesterday awarded contract for construction of new College Hill fire station at 2nd and Hillside for \$3,956.

## Thursday, December 6, 1906 page

5. The Cox-Johnston-Dimond Wholesale Dry Goods company will move during the holidays to the four story building at 217 to 223 South Market formerly occupied by the Bryan Brothers Candy company.

## Friday, December 7, 1906 page

5. Workmen have started the renovation of the Carey hotel being carried out by the new proprietor, Mr. Humphrey.

## Saturday, December 8, 1906 page

6. The new Merchants' State bank will open for business Monday morning in the new Lawrence block at corner of Douglas and Emporia.

A petition was presented to the mayor and street car company yesterday asking that the company extend the South Emporia line from its present terminus at Bailey (sic) street to Harry street, a distance of three blocks. ¶ The Orient Railroad intends laying tracks across ground now occupied by the street car loop at Bailey street, and it is the intention of the street car company to extend its tracks one block south when vacating the present terminal.

#### Sunday, December 9, 1906

- 6. Formal opening of the new St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at 13th and North Lawrence is to be held next Sunday. The corner stone was laid November 20, 1904.
- 11. Article discusses building permits taken out in Wichita in 1906, totaling about \$2,100,000. Details.
- 21. Article discusses the ten concrete bridges to be constructed across drainage canal -- at Murdock, Central, 1st, 2nd, Broadway, Kellogg, 10th, 13th, 17, and 18th streets. Will be from 36 to 62 feet span, the largest being on Broadway. Cost \$19,987.

## Tuesday, December 11, 1906 page

- 5. Article reports opening yesterday of the new Merchant's State bank in new Lawrence block at Emporia and Douglas.
- 6. About 25 miles of pipe remains to be laid to bring natural gas to Wichita. The Wichita Natural Gas company is piping the gas to the city limits, from which point the United Gas company will take it and distribute it over the city. The reducing station is on a 200 foot by 300 foot tract of land at 21st and Hydraulic.
- 8. The city council will accept the bitulithic pavement on East Douglas between Washington and Hydraulic after it has first been cleaned.

## Thursday, December 13, 1906 page

6. Article reports death the past week in Vallejo, California of Colonel J. W. Hartzell, at one time operator of the street railway in Wichita. ¶ The storm sewerage of the city was built by him. ¶ The south fraction of Riverside park was once owned by him called Hartzell park.

## Saturday, December 15, 1906 page

6. Division superintendent G. W. Rourke, of the Rock Island, passed through Wichita yesterday in his private car, Number 912.

## Sunday, December 16, 1906 page

- 2. Article about dedication today of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church.
- 5. The Domestic Laundry has organized as a stock company and has signed a lease for the whole first floor of the new building, 50 feet by 140 feet, which is being erected by Miss Eva Minick at the corner of Lawrence and William.

#### Tuesday, December 18, 1906

5. Article on street car ordinance passed regarding lines on Waco to Wonderland Park and north of 9<sup>th</sup>.

The dredge boat lying for some weeks on the northern banks of Chisholm creek yesterday started its work of digging Wichita's new drainage canal.

8. Article describes remodeling and renovating work under way in the Carey hotel. Details.

## Sunday, December 23, 1906 page

4. Plans for new YMCA building were adopted yesterday by building committee. Architect is J. C. Holland of Topeka.

Residence costing \$8,000 to be built by Frank C. Wood, of the firm of Jett and Wood, at 1125 North Emporia.

- 17. The Cox-Johnston-Dimond Wholesale Dry Goods company has changed its name to the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company. Article gives history of the company.
- 22. Ad with drawing of the four story building at 217-19-21-23 South Market to be occupied by the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods company beginning January 1, 1907.

## Wednesday, December 26, 1906 page

5. Topeka avenue street car Number 156 going east on Douglas ran into the rear of Emporia avenue street car Number 134 at Douglas and Topeka last evening.

## Thursday, December 27, 1906 page

- 5. Article reports a fight occurred last night in an Emporia avenue street car at the Bailey (sic) street loop.
- 6. Workmen began yesterday to clear the Mathewson pasture property to prepare for platting it into a new city addition. It was purchased from William Mathewson about a year ago by an eastern syndicate, which will begin a lot sale when the ground is prepared. A large number of trees will be cleared away and streets will be cut through.

## Saturday, December 29, 1906 page

5. The roof is now being put on the new Hayes building at corner of Water and William streets. Mr. Hayes expects to move into the new structure on January 15.

Work started yesterday on excavation for a new three story building on a lot just south of 150 North Market street. Building is being erected by W. S. Brown with frontage of 31

feet and extending 140 feet back to alley. Work on the building will not start until spring -- possibly about March 1.

## Sunday, December 30, 1906 page

#### Special year end articles and photos

- 9. Photo of Kos Harris building at Main and William and adjoining building.
- 11. Photo of steam dredge at work on drainage canal.
- 17. Photos of cattle barn, horse sales and show barn, and grand stand at new fair grounds.
- 19. Photo of new Lawrence block at Emporia and Douglas.
- 29. Drawings of several new church buildings.
- 30. Article about packing plants and stock yards with photo of stock yards and drawings of Cudahy and Dold plants.
- 31. Article about mills and elevators with photos of several mills.

Photo of Western Biscuit company's new building.

32. Article about educational institutions with drawings.