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## **Subject(s): Coleman Company**

**Tuesday, May 19, 1908**

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3. The Hydro-Carbon Light company, 311-313 North Main street, has purchased from Dr. E. E. Hamilton, the second 50 feet north of the Western Planing Mill company's factory on St. Francis for \$3400 to be used as a site upon which a \$20,000 factory will be erected. The company started in Wichita seven years ago and has outgrown its present quarters. The new building will be 50 by 140 foot and four stories high. ¶ The company was incorporated a year ago with a capital of \$26,000. W. R. Dulaney is president, J. F. Shearman vice-president, and W. C. Coleman, secretary, treasurer, and general manager.

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12. The Hydro-Carbon Company, of W. C. Coleman, yesterday commenced excavating for foundation for its big new building to be erected just north of the Western Planing Mill on 1st and St. Francis. To be two stories, 50 by 140 feet, and cost \$25,000.

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5. Advertisement of the Hydro-Carbon company, featuring Coleman lamps.

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Booster section for Peerless Prophets show next week.

9. Advertisement for Hydro-Carbon company's Coleman reading lamp, says the company will be at 220-24 St. Francis after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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6. The state charter board today granted a change of name of the Hydro Carbon Company to the Coleman Lamp Company, with increase in capital stock from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Details.

**Thursday, August 28, 1913**

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Special Southwest Development Number. One hundred pages tabloid size paper boosting Wichita.

73. Photograph of the Coleman Lamp Company.

**Wednesday, April 29, 1914**

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6. The Incandescent Light and Supply Company will be merged into the Coleman Lamp Company effective May 1. Former company organized in Wichita in 1903, three years after the Hydro-Carbon Light Company, now the Coleman Lamp Company. It has rented the Yungmeyer Building at 120-122 North Market, and the mantel making department will be moved from 125 North Market to that building at once.

**Saturday, February 5, 1916**

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12. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased two lots just north of the company's plant at 220-224 North St. Francis and one lot just east of them and extending to the Santa Fe tracks and plans to build an expansion of its plant thereon to double the size. To cost nearly \$35,000. Details.

**Monday, February 11, 1918**

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3. The Coleman Lamp Company has let contract for a two story brick and concrete warehouse building 50 by 40 feet in second block of North St. Francis just north of the lamp company's plant. To cost \$20,000.

**Saturday, May 18, 1918**

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6. The United Millwork Company has purchased two lots north of its plant in second block on North St. Francis and will use it for a lumber shed. In connection with this the present 75 foot frame shed will be torn down and replaced with a brick building, giving the company a 225 foot frontage on St. Francis. ¶ The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased another tract of ground 100 by 140 feet in same block, which will be covered by a one and two story brick building. The new building will be east of the alley and just north of a building the company erected last year. Three months ago the company let a contract for a two story building facing on St. Francis just north of its main factory and office building. This building is not yet completed, but already more room is needed by the company.

**Tuesday, July 1, 1919**

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8. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased 100 foot frontage on North St. Francis as site for a large addition to its plant. The lots are just north of the company's building and cost \$12,000. New building is to be two stories, 50 by 140 feet, and cost \$40,000. The new building will give a total frontage of 225 feet on St. Francis.

**Thursday, November 20, 1919**

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14. John H. Graham, former mayor of Wichita, will move to Los Angeles on Monday. He will have charge of the Coleman Lamp Company branch there. Came to Wichita in 1897 from Dubuque, Iowa, working at first for the Santa Fe and then for the Missouri Pacific. From 1901 to 1907 he managed the City Transfer Company. Was elected mayor in 1907 and staged a historic cleanup of saloons. Details.

**Monday, January 5, 1920**

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8. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchased from W. M. G. Howse the site of the old pro-Cathedral building at 2nd and St. Francis recently purchased by Mr. Howse from Bishop Hennessy. It will be used as the location for a new factory building. Details. Coleman Company now employs 255 in Wichita.

**Thursday, June 24, 1920**

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4. The addition to the Coleman Lamp Company, now under construction, should be ready for occupancy by August 15. Details.

**Sunday, April 3, 1921**

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- B-3. The Calvary Baptist Church at Elm and Water has just been completed with the installation of a pipe organ. Total cost \$60,000. Among larger contributors were A. A. yde, W. C. Coleman, C. Q. Chandler, and many others. Small photograph.

**Wednesday, August 23, 1922**

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5. George Hamilton resigned as mayor yesterday and W. C. Coleman was elected to fill the vacancy.

**Wednesday, October 17, 1923**

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7. The Coleman Lamp Company will build a four story addition to its plant in the second block of North St. Francis next year. It will be between the main plant and the old church building north of the plant, now used by the company. Details.

**Thursday, February 14, 1924**

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7. The Coleman Lamp Company will start at once to erect an addition, two stories, 60 by 90 feet, overlooking the alley east of St. Francis and extending 90 feet north of the present factory building. Building will contain an auditorium on the second floor. To cost \$60,000. Details.

**Friday, July 31, 1925****page**

13. Another four story unit is to be added to the Coleman Lamp Company's plant on North St. Francis, extending from the present building north to the old church on the corner of 2nd and St. Francis. The tower of the church is in the way of the construction and is being torn down. Addition to be 60 by 90 feet and cost about \$60,000.

**Monday, August 31, 1925****page**

6. The Coleman Lamp Company has purchase a tract of ground 132 by 150 feet between 1st and 2nd and between Mead and Moore streets and has let a contract to John M. Denny to put up a factory building at once.

**Monday, November 30, 1925****page**

3. The Coleman Lamp Company is planning to build another unit of its plant soon. It will be on the site once used for a tennis court on 2nd Street at the rear of the old Catholic Church, extending from the alley to the Santa Fe right-of-way. To be four stories, 60 by 130 feet, and cost \$125,000. The contractor will be John M. Denny, who has already built several buildings for the Coleman Company. He has now completed the exterior of the new four story administration building, 60 by 90 feet, with entrance on St. Francis Avenue, and is at work on the interior. This building will cost about \$60,000. Later the old Catholic Church, which stands on the corner, will be torn down and replaced by another four story Coleman Company building.

**Monday, August 9, 1926****page**

10. The Coleman Lamp Company is taking steps toward the building of the last unit of its plant in the second block of North St. Francis. Bids are being asked for the wrecking of the old Catholic church building which occupies the southeast corner of 2nd and St. Francis; this will than be replaced by the final unit of the company's plant, four stories, and 60 by 140 feet, at cost of approximately \$60,000.

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2. Feature article on W. C. Coleman, with photograph.

