

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.

Subject(s): Deffenbaugh

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, March 24, 1881

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3. Article reports that the water-mill, which was destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt. Colonel H. W. Lewis, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, who is owner of the site, dam, and franchises, this week formed a partnership with the Messrs. Deffenbaugh Brothers for the purpose of building and operating a large grist mill at the site of the old water-mill on Chisholm Creek. The mill will be a "four run" with capacity of 100 barrels of flour per day. The dam will be repaired but not raised fully to its old height, as cleaning out of the race plus introduction of improved machinery will not require nearly the amount of water used by the old fashioned turbines. In fact, a 40 inch turbine wheel of 80 horsepower will take the place of the three old style mechanical powers. It is expected that the new mill will be completed and ready for business by the time the new wheat crop is ready for market, about the middle of July.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, August 3, 1881

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3. The Water Mill, H. W. Lewis and Deffenbaugh Brothers, proprietors, will be in running order in five or six weeks. The building is five stories high with capacity for four run of stone and a storage capacity of 12,000 bushels of wheat.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, September 6, 1882

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3. Messrs. Deffenbaugh, Lewis and Company, proprietors of the Wichita Water Mills, have recently introduced the gradual reduction system now in use in the best mills in the country, notably those of Minneapolis. The Water Mills have just put in two sets of Weeggmann's patent porcelain rollers and is now putting on the market their "Roller Patent" brand of flour.

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, March 20, 1884

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1. Article says Messrs. Deffenbaugh, Lewis and Company of the hydraulic mills have just completed installation of one of the finest roller mills to be installed in the state. The mill has been shut down for three months during which the new machinery was installed. Details.

Wichita Beacon

Tuesday, April 20, 1886

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1. Deffenbaugh, Lewis and Company proprietors of the Hydraulic flour mills, have recently sold 16 car loads of flour at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Wichita Eagle

Sunday, December 9, 1888

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5. Article summarizing Wichita's progress and prospects. The Riverside electric motor has been put in successful operation. The Deffenbaugh brick vinegar factory on North Hydraulic has reached the second story. Track material has been distributed along the line for the Central Avenue Motor line. Garfield university's south, east, and west wings have been placed under roof.