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## **Subject(s): 610, 612, Haymaker, Renfro, Alton, Minnich, Layle, Levitt**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Friday, March 13, 1908**

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9. Judge J. N. Haymaker will soon construct a three story brick building adjoining on the west the building at 614 East Douglas, which he owns and which has been occupied by J. C. Dunn but will soon be vacated. The new building will cost about \$15,000. Details.

**Monday, June 29, 1908**

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4. M. A. McClellan is planning to build a three story brick building in the sixth block on East Douglas costing \$10-14,000. To be on side adjoining the Haymaker building, now under construction. To be 25 foot front.

**Saturday, August 22, 1908**

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12. W. G. Layle has leased the three story building now under construction at 610-612 East Douglas from J. N. Haymaker, and will operate a new 50 room hotel there.

**Friday, June 8, 1923**

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8. Frank M. Dean, real estate dealer, is taking a 99 year lease on the three story building at 610-612 East Douglas from J. N. Haymaker, local attorney. Building is 50 by 140 feet. First floor occupied by B. M. Levitt Clothing Company and office of the Alton Hotel, which occupies the other two floors.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1923**

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2. The Palace Clothing Company, 420-422 East Douglas, has been purchased by Henry Levitt, formerly of Levitt's at 610 East Douglas, for \$35,000. It was purchased from Joseph B. Fractman, who has operated it for the last seven years. Mr. Levitt came to Wichita five years ago and entered the clothing business with his father, B. M. Levitt.

**Saturday, February 22, 1930****page**

1. Report of death yesterday of noted Wichita judge, Jesse Newton Haymaker, age 71, at his home, 3754 East Douglas. Had been Wichita resident 43 years. Survived by wife, one daughter and one son (named). Obituary. Photograph on page 2.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, August 23, 1908****page**

5. W. G. Layle has leased the three story building at 610-612 East Douglas now being constructed by J. N. Haymaker and will occupy it with an European hotel when it is completed about October 1.

**Sunday, December 12, 1915****page**

10. The 50 room Layle hotel, 610-612 East Douglas, has been remodeled at cost of \$6500.

**Thursday, April 12, 1917****page**

5. The Layle hotel, 612 East Douglas, was purchased yesterday from W. E. Ault by S. C. Adair, hotel broker in the Butts building, for \$10,000. ¶ The Pennsylvania hotel on West Douglas was also sold yesterday to W. B. Beverly by Mrs. L. H. Kistler for \$8000.

**Wednesday, July 11, 1923****page**

5. Henry Levitt, who for the past five years has been associated with his father, B. M. Levitt, in the clothing business at 610 East Douglas, has purchased the Palace Clothing company, 420-422 East Douglas from Joseph Fractman, who has operated it the past seven years, for \$35,000 and took charge yesterday.

**Monday, July 25, 1949****page**

5. Report of death yesterday of Roy Minnich, age 65, of 1337 South Broadway, a Wichita hotel operator. Born in Wichita April 13, 1884. Started as a bell boy at the Carey Hotel. From 1922 to 1942 was owner and operator of the old Jefferson Hotel, and from 1942 to 1945 he supervised the Jefferson hotel and operated the Minnich Hotel, which is now the Renfro Hotel, 612 East Douglas. Details. Photo.