

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): 17th Street Bridge

Wichita Beacon

Friday, August 12, 1898

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6. People complain that the 17th Street bridge is unsafe to walk across.

Saturday, August 27, 1898

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6. The 17th street bridge is now being repaired and fixed up for wagon travel. The bridge is seldom used, but a petition with many signatures was presented and it was decided to fix it up. It is used mainly by children who cross it to go to school.

Friday, October 14, 1898

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6. Filling in of the approaches to the 17th street. bridge was completed this week following the rebuilding of the bridge this summer, and it is again opened for traffic.

Thursday, July 14, 1904

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5. 17th street bridge over the Little river was wrecked by the flood and will have to be practically rebuilt.

Monday, July 25, 1904

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6. City Engineer Harding is establishing the grade for the new bridge to be built across Little river on 17th street to replace the one partly washed away by the flood.

Tuesday, August 16, 1904

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5. County commissioners yesterday proposed to city council that if the city will abandon the rebuilding of the bridge across Little river at 17th street, the county will build a bridge at 18th street Details.

Tuesday, September 13, 1904

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5. Long article about protest to county commission against building of bridge across Little river at 18th street and abandonment of the 17th street bridge. Details.

Wichita Eagle**Thursday, October 6, 1898****page**

5. Reconstruction of the wagon and foot bridge over the Little river at 17th street is nearly completed at a cost of between \$400 and \$500. A new floor, rails and stringers have been put in. Only the old piles are left.

Tuesday, October 11, 1898**page**

2. The 17th street bridge over the Little river will be opened to the public today following extensive repairs at a cost of \$400-\$500.

Tuesday, April 19, 1904**page**

8. Annual reports of city officers--Fire Commissioner, Chief of Police, Street Commissioner, Park Commissioner, etc. ¶Street Commissioner says "The island in the Little river was taken out and a levee built to keep the water from flooding the park." Also says the Woodman bridge and 17th street bridge were repaired during the year. ¶Park Commissioner says Riverside park was badly demoralized by the flood in May 1903 but has now been restored at a cost of \$1,500. There are five elk and four deer in the park. The Frisco, Missouri Pacific, and Santa Fe RRs have kindly furnished Joplin shale for our driveways free of charge and Supt. Morrison of the Street Railway company has provided a large amount of cinders. ¶Improvements are now being made to protect the parks and the city from flood waters. The driveways and banks are being raised. The driveways along the river bank from Griffenstein bridge to 11th street should be widened and the holes filled with sand from the river bed to prevent stagnant water accumulating in them and breeding mosquitoes. ¶Mayor says contracts have been let for paving of entire length of Rock Island ave., and Water street from 1st to Douglas, and petition granted for paving William street from Wichita to 5th ave.

Sunday, August 21, 1904**page**

8. County commissioners yesterday appropriated \$4,500 for four new bridges in Sedgwick county. Of this \$2,000 will be for a bridge across the Arkansas river at or between 18th or 21st streets. The bridge at 17th street has been abandoned since the high water, at which time a section of it was washed out. Instead of replacing it, a new pile bridge will be built.