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## **Subject(s): Eaton Hotel, Carey**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Saturday, April 17, 1886**

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1. Note reports that Capt. J. B. Carey intends to build a four story hotel on southwest corner of 4th and Douglas avenues.

**Thursday, April 22, 1886**

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4. Long article about the plans for Capt. J. B. Carey's new palace hotel to be built at corner of Douglas and 4th avenues, 125 by 140 feet, not less than four stories high. Agreement signed yesterday by him with Hacker and Jackson and H. F. Friend. The present building on the ground will be removed and work commenced within 50 days. Details.

**Saturday, June 19, 1886**

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4. Ground is being turned up for the Carey Palace Hotel.

**Thursday, August 26, 1886**

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4. The foundation of the Carey hotel is being laid.

**Friday, October 15, 1886**

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1. Work has commenced on the first story of the Carey Palace Hotel.

**Tuesday, August 16, 1887**

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1. The palatial building on Douglas avenue has at last been named "The Hotel Carey," after its immortal proprietor.

**Monday, October 31, 1887** (special booster issue)

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5. Drawings of Sedgwick Building, Carey Hotel, Fletcher block, Wichita Mercantile Company, Fairmount college, First Methodist Episcopal church, Fechheimer block, watch factory, Judson university.

**Saturday, November 5, 1887**

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1. Messrs. W. J. Wilson and Company have secured the contract for furnishing the Carey Grand hotel.

**Friday, January 6, 1888**

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4. Quote from *Kansas City Star*: "The Carey Grand hotel at Wichita, the finest hostelry in the state of Kansas, was opened to the public on New Year's day. If there was anything Wichita needed more than a sweeping revival in religion, it was a comfortable hotel."

**Monday, January 9, 1888**

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4. The formal opening of the Carey hotel will probably take place on January 25.

**Wednesday, April 8, 1891**

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4. Report of city election yesterday. John B. Carey elected mayor, defeating ex-mayor Clement. Details.

**Friday, August 2, 1895**

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4. B. L. Eaton will take charge of the Carey on the 15th.

**Monday, August 5, 1895**

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5. The Carey hotel was leased today for a term of five years to B. L. Eaton, of the Manhattan. Mr. Eaton also purchased the furniture and fixtures belonging to the Carey. He will conduct both houses for the present at least and will take permanent charge this evening of the Carey

**Monday, December 26, 1898**

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8. Mr. F. G. Van Duyn leased the Manhattan Hotel on December 17 for two years and will spend \$3,500 on repairs and refitting. Hotel formerly was under management of Ben Eaton.

**Monday, November 20, 1899**

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6. Report of death yesterday of John B. Carey, ex-mayor of Wichita, at San Jose, California. Born in Ireland June 21, 1828. Came to United States as young man to Cleveland, Ohio, then Bloomington, Illinois, then Maron, Illinois until coming to Wichita in 1874, where he became a prominent lumber dealer. Married first wife, Miss

Bennett, of Clinton, Illinois in 1858 and had three children, only one of which, William P. Carey, now of Chicago, is living. After death of first wife he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Myers, of Maron, Illinois, in 1865. She survives, as well as their six children, Charles W., Lulu M. Dawden, Edward, Joseph G., and Miss Elizabeth Carey (who is 17).

**Tuesday, December 5, 1899**

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6. Report of funeral and burial of former mayor John B. Carey in Illinois. Details.

**Tuesday, December 12, 1899**

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8. Will of John B. Carey printed in detail as filed with the probate court.

**Wednesday, December 27, 1899**

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5. Report that B. L. Eaton will buy the Hotel Carey for \$70,000 from Charles W. Carey, representing Carey heirs.

**Thursday, January 4, 1900**

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6. There is no longer any question that the sale of the Carey Hotel to B. L. Eaton will be consummated some time this month. Mr. Eaton has decided to spend \$20-25,000 in repairs and refurnishings. If the trade demands it, Mr. Eaton says he will in time build an addition on the vacant lot west of the hotel, which he purchased with the building.

**Tuesday, January 16, 1900**

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6. Mr. B. L. Eaton, proprietor of the Carey hotel, has already begun his hotel improvements. Painters and paper hangers are at work in the upper stories and men today began laying a cement floor in the kitchen. In a few days work will start on the new marble floor in the hotel office.

**Thursday, December 13, 1900**

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5. Miss Pearl Janet Murdock, daughter of Colonel Murdock, eloped and was married without previous notice yesterday to William Paul Eaton at the office of Probate Judge J. N. Haymaker. Details. Mr. Eaton is a nephew of B. L. Eaton, owner of the Carey hotel.

**Friday, February 5, 1904**

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5. New private Dutch dining room of the Carey hotel was dedicated last night with a private banquet given by B. L. Eaton, proprietor of the hotel. Guests listed -- included J. Oak Davidson, Colonel Murdock, Judge D. M. Dale, Dr. Fabrique, S. B. Amidon, H. J. Hagny, Father J. H. Tihen, etc.

### **Friday, December 11, 1908**

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1. Article reports plan to add one story to the Carey hotel and to lower the lobby and dining room to the ground floor. Plans are being drawn by Architect MrCracken, of Independence, who drew the plans for Carey hotel when it was built (?). Would cost \$50,000. For years the elevation of the dining room and lobby of the Carey has been a stumbling block in the way of the hotel's success. S. G. Humphrey, manager, says no definite plans have been decided on by Mr. Eaton and themselves, but their idea is to completely modernize the house.

### **Monday, March 8, 1909**

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5. Mr. B. L. Eaton has signed contracts for the \$50,000 improvements to the Carey hotel and work will start when weather permits.

### **Thursday, April 22, 1909**

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6. B. L. Eaton left today for Chicago for a final conference with architect Frank V. Newell regarding the planned improvements to the Carey hotel.

### **Tuesday, August 3, 1909**

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6. The Eaton Hotel Company has been incorporated and will take over the property of the Carey hotel as a holding company, for \$150,000, including the property, lots 63, 65, 67, 69, and 71 Douglas avenue, English addition. Officers of the new corporation are G. E. Eaton, president, Warren Brown, vice-president, and B. L. Eaton, secretary and treasurer. ¶ Yesterday B. L. Eaton, formerly sole owner of the Hotel Carey, formally deeded by warranty deed the property of the hotel to this new Eaton Hotel company. ¶ The work of remodeling is expected to be done by November 1st. The big new Otis freight elevator will be installed by August 15. ¶ The management of the Hotel Carey is also a corporation now known as the Daniels Hotel company with officers S. G. Humphries, president, E. B. Humphries, vice-president, and H. G. Humphries, secretary and general manager.

### **Monday, January 3, 1910**

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12. The Eaton Hotel company, owner of the Carey hotel, has leased it to the Humphries Hotel company for ten years for \$195,000. S. G. Humphries took charge of the management this morning. It will be known from now on as the Hotel Eaton. B. L. Eaton, president of the Eaton company, is spending \$55,000 in remodeling the building. The Humphries company will spend \$25,000 on new furnishings for the hotel. Remodeling is to be completed by March 1.

### **Thursday, July 7, 1910**

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5. Photograph of interior of remodeled Eaton Hotel lobby.

**Tuesday, March 25, 1913**

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5. S. G. Humphreys, president of the Humphreys Hotel Company, which controls the Eaton Hotel, closed a deal last week for the Del Norte Hotel in El Paso, Texas, and will make his home in El Paso. He leased the Eaton Hotel seven years ago.

**Tuesday, June 17, 1913**

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4. The lobby of the Eaton Hotel is being enlarged this week to include two rooms on Douglas Avenue previously occupied by other businesses. The partitions have been torn out.

**Saturday, August 1, 1914**

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18. Oscar S. Shirk has purchased from Ben Eaton a half interest in the Hotel Eaton for \$100,000. The deal was completed yesterday. No change will be made in the management, which is under lease to Horace Humphrey until 1930. Article with details. Photograph.

**Wednesday, October 7, 1914**

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5. Report of funeral today at the residence, 3326 East Douglas, of Mrs. Ben Eaton, who died of typhoid fever.

**Monday, June 7, 1915**

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6. O. S. Shirk purchased the second half of the Eaton Hotel Building Saturday from Ben Eaton for \$100,000. He had previously bought one-half of the building one year ago. Horace Humphreys has the hotel leased for fifteen years.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1917**

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4. Report of death yesterday of Ben L. Eaton suddenly while attending baseball game, at age 57. Born in Greenfield, Indiana in 1860 and graduate from Depauw University in 1884. Came to Wellington, Kansas, then to Coldwater and Hutchinson before coming to Wichita in 1890. Operated first the Metropole Hotel, then the Manhattan, and finally the Carey, renamed the Eaton. Sold the Eaton to Oscar Shirk a year ago. Survived by a son, James, and two daughters, Mrs. Reece Lewis and Miss Monnie Eaton.

**Tuesday, September 2, 1919**

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6. The Hotel Eaton yesterday began business under a new owner, W. H. Gaines, who recently purchased it from S. G. Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey will move to El Paso, Texas.

**Tuesday, February 6, 1923**

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1. Report of fire at Eaton Hotel at 10:00 p.m. yesterday that caused \$50,000 damage. To be repaired at once according to J. O. Bowers, lessee of the hotel.

**Sunday, March 4, 1923**

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- B-1. Repair of the Eaton Hotel following damage by fire the night of February 5 has started. To cost about \$40,000. It is planned to re-open April 1.

**Saturday, March 31, 1923**

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3. The Eaton Hotel will be reopened this evening after repairs of fire damage on February 5, and remodeling. The famous barroom attacked by Carrie Nation June 26, 1901 was entirely destroyed by the fire and has been replaced with a large banquet room. Details. O. S. Shirk is owner and R. R. Bowers is manager of the hotel.

**Monday, August 20, 1923**

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2. W. H. Gains, 516 North Lawrence, has purchased the lease on the Eaton Hotel from J. O. Bowers for \$50,000. Mr. Bowers has owned the lease on the hotel for the past two and a half years. He purchased it from Mr. Gains, who has now repurchased it. The lease runs for seven years. The building is owned by Oscar S. Shirk.

**Friday, November 21, 1924**

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2. N. M. Brown, of Topeka, has purchased the lease of the Hotel Eaton from W. H. Gaines for upwards of \$30,000. Details.

**Tuesday, August 3, 1926**

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1. Article about vice found in the Eaton Hotel by the chief of police. Details.

**Monday, February 4, 1929**

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1. Announcement of plans to build a sixteen story hotel on the site of the Eaton Hotel, to be named the Hotel Roxy. Details. (Was never built.)

**Tuesday, December 31, 1929**

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7. Article reports George H. Siedhoff becomes the owner of the Eaton Hotel on January 1st. He purchased the equipment from M. N. Brown, who has operated the hotel for several years, and whose lease expires December 31. Mr. Siedhoff will operate the Eaton as well as the Broadview and has deferred his plans to build a new hotel on the

Eaton site because of plans for building two other new hotels in the city. Details.

**Sunday, April 16, 1933**

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6. The newly remodeled and redecorated Eaton Hotel will be opened tomorrow according to W. R. Shirk, who has owned it for the past 20 years. The rooms are also largely refurnished. R. L. Steele will continue as manager of the hotel. Advertisement with photograph.

**SUBJECT: Carey (aka Eaton) Hotel**

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**WICHITA EAGLE**

**SELECTIONS FROM DR. EDWARD N. TIHEN'S NOTES FROM WICHITA  
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Wichita Eagle

**Friday, January 1, 1886**

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4. And now comes a report that Capt. John B. Carey contemplates erecting a fine hotel on the corner of Douglas and 4th avenues, in the spring.

**Thursday, June 17, 1886**

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4. Terry and Dumont yesterday received the contract to draw plans and specifications for the hotel Capt. Carey is going to build at the corner of Douglas and 4th ave.

**Saturday, June 19, 1886**

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4. Ground was broken yesterday for the foundation of Capt. John B. Carey's new hotel at Douglas and 4th ave.

**Wednesday, July 21, 1886**

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4. Capt. Carey commenced yesterday moving buildings off the hotel site.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1886**

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2. Long article describes in detail the plans, by architects Terry and Dumont, for the new Carey Palace hotel.

**Friday, August 6, 1886**

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4. Capt. J. B. Carey commenced excavating yesterday for his fine hotel.

**Thursday, August 12, 1886**

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4. The City scales that formerly stood near where Capt. Carey is erecting his hotel have been moved two squares east of the railroad track.

**Wednesday, August 25, 1886**

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8. Contracts for Capt. John B. Carey's new hotel let yesterday: Stone work let to Wood and Company, brickwork to N. Hartell and Company, and carpentry to W. H. Sternberg.

**Sunday, October 17, 1886**

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4. Article summarizes construction progress on major business buildings in Wichita. Oliver building is up to third story. Exterior of Hacker and Jackson block is nearly complete. On Carey hotel brick work on rear and side walls underway yesterday and on the magnificent cut stone arch that will span the west entrance of the front. Joists of roof being put on Bitting building. On South Market work is on first story of the Mercantile building with 6 of the 10 large arches of the front completed. Kos Harris building has first story up, and Col. Stewart's building on South Main soon ready for occupancy. Getto building on North Main has just been commenced, and walls of Clement building are nearly complete.

**Saturday, April 30, 1887**

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4. The plasterers have completed the two upper stories of the Carey hotel and yesterday were engaged on the rooms of the third story.

**Saturday, May 14, 1887**

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4. Windows were being put in the upper stories of the Carey hotel building yesterday.

**Friday, July 1, 1887**

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4. Carpenters were yesterday engaged on the wood work of the arch of the Carey hotel building.

**Sunday, September 18, 1887**

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2. Long article describing the Carey hotel, which can now be stated to be completed. Work was commenced in July 1886. Front of 100 ft. on Douglas and 120 ft. on 4th ave. Cost not less than \$120,000. Has 130 guest rooms, steam heating, gas fixtures, and electric return call bells. Bath rooms on every floor. Has an hydraulic Hale elevator.

**Sunday, September 25, 1887**

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4. Article says Mr. W. P. Carey has rented the Carey hotel building to Captain R. P.

Miller, of Cherryvale, for operation. Furnishing will take some weeks and cost \$40-50,000. It is hoped to get it in operation by the middle of December.

**Sunday, October 16, 1887**

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1. Drawing of the Carey hotel.

**Tuesday, November 1, 1887**

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4. Note says the Carey hotel has been rented and will be opened in about four weeks.

**Wednesday, November 2, 1887**

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4. Article reports the contract was signed yesterday leasing the Carey Grand to Messrs. C. L. Stough and Co. Details.

**Tuesday, December 6, 1887**

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5. Work on the interior furnishing of the Carey Grand is rapidly advancing.

**Friday, December 16, 1887**

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5. The furniture for the Carey Grand was being received yesterday.

**Saturday, December 31, 1887**

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5. Today the new Carey is ready to receive guests. The hotel is hardly yet completely fitted up owing to delay in arrival of furniture from Michigan.

**Wednesday, January 4, 1888**

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5. The Carey Grand is starting out with a large list of arrivals.

**Saturday, February 4, 1888**

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5. The gas fixtures were put in position in the office and dining room of the Carey yesterday.

**Wednesday, February 29, 1888**

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5. Furnishing and interior decoration of the dining room of the Carey Grand has commenced.

**Friday, March 30, 1888**

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5. "Hotel Carey" in big white letters now looms up on the west side of this magnificent hotel.

**Sunday, June 29, 1890**

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5. Article describes the Carey Grand hotel. Drawing.

**Tuesday, August 6, 1895**

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5. A deal was closed yesterday whereby Mr. Eaton, present proprietor of the Manhattan hotel, secured a lease on the Carey hotel for five years and paid \$6,000 for the furniture. Mr. Eaton will take charge of the hotel on August 5th.

**Thursday, August 15, 1895**

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5. The Carey hotel will be taken charge of today by B. L. Eaton, who has leased it for five years.

**Sunday, February 13, 1898**

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11. The Carey hotel accommodates between 15,000 and 18,000 guests a year. The Manhattan entertains about 2,500 and the Occidental between 5,000 and 6,000. Other hotels and boarding houses will have about 20,000.

**Tuesday, November 21, 1899**

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5. Article reports death Sunday in San Jose, California, of John B. Carey, former Wichita mayor and builder of the Carey hotel, at age 71. He was last in Wichita in the fall of 1896. Obituary.

**Tuesday, December 12, 1899**

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5. Article about will of John B. Carey. Says that the Carey hotel, now under management of Mr. Ben Eaton, is willed to the eldest son, William P. Carey, of Chicago.

**Wednesday, December 27, 1899**

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5. The Carey hotel has been sold by the Carey heirs to Ben L. Eaton for \$70,000. Details.

**Thursday, February 22, 1900**

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5. Ben Eaton, manager of the Carey hotel, has decided to put in a tile flooring in the lobby of the hotel. It will be of white marble in blocks six inch square. Mr. Eaton has never liked the present board floor in the lobby and decided to change it when he purchased

the hotel.

**Tuesday, July 10, 1900**

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6. A carload of marble tile arrived yesterday for the new floor in the office of the Carey hotel

**Tuesday, January 22, 1901**

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5. Mrs. Carrie Nation attacked two more Douglas ave. saloons yesterday and was arrested. Details.

**Sunday, March 22, 1903**

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5. Contract let yesterday by Ben E. Eaton to Borden Brothers for building addition to the Carey hotel at cost of \$30,000, to make a total of 147 rooms. ¶ The addition will be on the west side of the hotel, 25 feet wide and 120 feet long and five stories high, with the same architectural design as the present building. To be started April 1 and completed by July 1. The hotel will be supplied with all the modern improvements, including an up-to-date heating system and an electric light plant.

**Saturday, May 7, 1904**

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5. Excavation has begun for a three story brick building being erected by Jacob and Fred Bissantz immediately adjoining the Hotel Carey on the west. Will have frontage of 50 feet on Douglas and extend to the alley in the rear. Two stories may be added later if desired. The second and third floors have been leased by B. L. Eaton, proprietor of the Hotel Carey, and will be fitted out for use by that hostelry, giving a total of 160 rooms. Two frame shacks will be removed from Douglas avenue to make way for the new building.

**Tuesday, February 28, 1905**

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5. G. F. Morrow and J. J. O'Rourke, of Topeka, yesterday purchased the fixtures of the Carey hotel and leased the building for five years for a yearly rental of \$11-12,000. B. L. Eaton, who has managed the hotel the past ten years, will transfer it to the new proprietors tomorrow, March 1st. ¶ The Carey hotel was built in 1887 by John R Carey. Soon after, he disposed of a half interest to Mr. Stough, and the two continued the business until 1892, when C. W. Carey became proprietor. Two years later B. L. Eaton purchased it and has since continued the business. ¶ A \$35,000 addition was added to the building two years ago. It is 125 feet by 120 feet.

**Thursday, July 6, 1905**

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5. The Carey hotel has again changed hands. A. Danielson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will take charge this morning after purchasing the business, furniture, and fixtures for

\$30,000 yesterday from J. J. O'Rourke and G. F. Morrow, who have been the proprietors since last March, when they purchased the furniture and fixtures for \$18,000. B. L. Eaton still owns the building.

**Sunday, June 20, 1909**

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- 5A. Carey hotel to be completely remodeled at cost of \$50,000. B. L. Eaton is owner and Humphries and Humphries are lessees. The present American plan will be continued. A mezzanine floor will be inserted by lowering the present first floor to the street level. ¶ Detailed descriptions.

**Wednesday, August 4, 1909**

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5. The Eaton Hotel company has been formed with capital of \$150,000 to finance the improvements of the Hotel Carey. B. L. Eaton, formerly sole owner of the Carey, has deeded the hotel property to the new Eaton Hotel company.

**Sunday, January 2, 1910**

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- 5A. Beginning this morning the name of the Carey Hotel will be changed and it will be known as the Hotel Eaton. The Eaton Hotel company, with Ben L. Eaton, president, was organized last spring as a holding company for the hotel's real property, and this company yesterday leased the property to the Humphries Hotel company, Samuel G. Humphries, president, to be managed as a public inn for a period of ten years. Lease figures for the ten year period are thought to be \$195,000. Rehabilitation of the hotel will be completed within 30 days at cost of \$100,000, and the Humphries company will spend \$25,000 for new equipment and furnishings for the new rooms. There will be 150 rooms in the new rebuilt hotel.

**Sunday, April 3, 1910**

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3. Article describing improvements now being added to the Eaton hotel, which will be completed May 1. Improvements to the building costing \$75,000 are being made by the Eaton Hotel company, the holding company of the building, and interior furnishings are being provided by the Humphreys Hotel company, the operating company. ¶ The front of the building has been "shored," the office floor lowered and placed on a level with the street, a modern glass front added, a mezzanine floor installed, with 25 rooms added. At the main entrance on Douglas avenue is a handsome revolving door. Further details given. ¶ Hotel has 160 rooms and 75 bath rooms. ¶ To "shore" the building, the front of the building was torn out and massive steel beams placed in position.

**Sunday, July 17, 1910**

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Special "Advancement Number" of *Eagle* with articles and photographs.

Photographs include Eaton Hotel -- exterior and main lobby.

### **Thursday, September 15, 1910**

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2. Article about raid on a hidden room at Eaton hotel with confiscation of beer and whiskey, etc.

### **Saturday, January 7, 1911**

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8. W. S. Sherman, manager of the Eaton hotel, has sold his interests to S. G. Humphreys, president of the firm, and resigned as manager. He will spend the winter in San Antonio. He will be succeeded on January 15 as manager by Colonel Eaton, a cousin of Ben Eaton, owner of the hotel building. Colonel Eaton at present is manager of the Billings hotel at Enid, Oklahoma.

### **Thursday, April 10, 1913**

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12. Eaton Hotel sold by S. G. Humphreys, proprietor for past seven years, to his son, Horace G. Humphreys, of Topeka. A thorough remodeling and refurnishing is planned.

### **Friday, May 16, 1913**

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5. Contracts for redecoration at Eaton hotel let, including widening of lobby, rebuffering of first story of building on outside and repainting of remaining stories. Two new elevators were recently installed at cost of \$6000, and the other improvements are expected to be at least \$10,000. When complete the lobby will be surrounded, except the entrance, by wide plate glass windows.

### **Sunday, August 2, 1914**

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24. Oscar S. Shirk, real estate dealer, yesterday bought a half interest in the Eaton Hotel from Ben L. Eaton for \$100,000. Mr. Shirk offered \$220,000 for the entire property, but Mr. Eaton declined to sell his entire interest but then agreed to sell the half interest for \$100,000. ¶ The five story building facing 125 feet on Douglas avenue and 130 feet on South St. Francis avenue was purchased in 1900 by Mr. Eaton for \$63,000. Since then he has made improvements at a cost of \$55,000. The furnishings in the building are the property of the Humphrey's Hotel company, which has a lease that does not terminate for sixteen years.

### **Sunday, June 6, 1915**

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5. O. S. Shirk yesterday became sole owner of the Eaton hotel property. About a year ago he had bought a half interest in the building from Ben L. Eaton for \$100,000, and yesterday he paid a like amount for the remaining half interest. ¶ The building covers

five lots, with 125 foot frontage on Douglas avenue and 120 feet on South St. Francis. It has 135 guest rooms including 75 with private bath. Mr. Eaton expanded \$55,000 three years ago in improving and remodeling the building. ¶ Horace Humphrey will remain the tenant and operator of the hotel. He has the hotel leased until 1930.

**Thursday, September 30, 1915**

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5. Two paving projects will be started this morning: the 18th street brick pavement between Lawrence and Topeka avenue and the wood block pavement in the alley at the rear of the Eaton hotel.

**Thursday, March 22, 1917**

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5. Article says Wichita's hotel rooms nearly all taken last night. Lists hotels with capacities as follows: Eaton 140 rooms, Hamilton 65, Manhattan 70, Coronado 60, Jefferson 50, Pacific 40, Penn 40.

**Tuesday, June 19, 1917**

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5. Ben L. Eaton dropped dead at the baseball park yesterday "due to apoplexy," very unexpectedly, age 56. Came to Wichita in 1890 to take charge of the Metropole hotel, now the Hamilton. Two years later he leased the Manhattan hotel and operated the two for about a year before securing control of the old Carey in 1894. He operated all three about two years, then bought the Carey, which he owned and operated until 1905, when he leased it because of failing health. A year ago he sold the Eaton (former Carey) to Oscar Shirk. His old affliction was locomotor ataxia. He bought the old J. C. Rutan home at Rutan and Douglas. One son and two daughters survive.

**Saturday, April 26, 1919**

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5. Eaton Hotel coffee room in room 32 by 60 feet off east side of hotel lobby is to be opened by May 1.

**Tuesday, August 19, 1919**

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5. The Eaton Hotel was repurchased last Saturday by S. G. Humphreys from his son, H. G. Humphreys, to whom he had sold it in 1913. It had been purchased by S. G. Humphreys in 1902.

**Saturday, November 27, 1920**

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5. J. O. Bowers, of Dallas, Texas, has bought the Eaton hotel from W. H. Gaines, who has been proprietor since September 1919. Mr. Gaines sold the business because of poor health, it is said.

**Tuesday, February 6, 1923**

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1. Fire damaged rear part of Eaton hotel late last evening.

**Wednesday, February 7, 1923**

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8. Article about damage from the fire at the Eaton Hotel on February 5.

**Friday, April 20, 1923**

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5. Contract let yesterday to George Siedhoff Construction Company for construction of the Shirkmere apartment house at 2nd and Topeka by Oscar S. Shirk, owner of the Eaton hotel. To be seven stories, of brick and Carthage stone, containing 105 apartments, and costing approximately \$450,000. Building to be 100 by 140 feet.

**Saturday, November 22, 1924**

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14. W. H. Gaines has sold his lease on the Hotel Eaton to N. M. Brown, of Topeka, for approximately \$30,000.

**Thursday, January 31, 1929**

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1. Article about reports that Eaton Hotel will be torn down and replaced by new 300 room hotel. Photograph.

**Tuesday, February 5, 1929**

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10. Article reports Eaton Hotel site was leased yesterday to George Siedhoff, who plans to build a new sixteen story 350 room hotel there. Details.

**Tuesday, March 12, 1929**

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5. Marvin N. Brown, who operates the Eaton Hotel, has obtained an injunction temporarily restraining the city from condemning the Eaton Hotel.

**Tuesday, January 21, 1930**

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5. Article on twenty-ninth anniversary of Carrie Nation's destruction of saloons in Wichita. Details.

**Sunday, April 16, 1933**

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16. Eaton Hotel has been completely remodeled and redecorated the past several weeks and is being re-opened tomorrow. O. S. Shirk has recently taken over the hotel. Photograph.

**Sunday, January 21, 1951**



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4. Article about Carrie Nation's attack on the Carey House bar in Wichita 50 years ago on January 21, 1901. Reviews history of the episode. Photos of bar after the attack. Details.

**Sunday, August 22, 1971**

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- 1E. Feature article about the Eaton Hotel, which was acquired this summer by Carey House Square, Inc. Built by John B. Carey. Leased in 1895 to Ben Eaton and purchased by him in 1900. Then sold in 1914 to O. S. Shirk. Details. Photos.

**Sunday, October 31, 1971**

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- 4G. Carey House Square, Inc., has started first phase of restoration of the Eaton Hotel, 523 East Douglas, primarily structural work. Wooden beams in the lobby area are replaced with steel.

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- 7F. Review of commercial construction. ¶ A motel-turned-dormitory on North Broadway again became a motel -- the Aristocrat Motor Inn. ¶ Hanson Development Company, of New Jersey, is building a 300,000 square foot shopping center on southeast corner of Amidon and 21st. To do this they are filling in part of Marine Lakes sand pit. The fill will take another five months, and then construction of the center will begin. The shopping area will feature a Woolco Department Store. ¶ During 1971 Sears completed a remodeling and enlargement of its Twin Lakes store. ¶ Further east of 21st Street, Cloth World opened another fabric shop in River Bend Shopping Center. ¶ Canterbury Inn, a Best Western affiliate, is being constructed for over \$2 million at 5700 West Kellogg. To be completed in July 1972. Has 150 units. ¶ Farm Credit Banks Building at 1st and Main neared completion in 1971. ¶ Boulevard State Bank began construction in September of its new building at George Washington Boulevard just north of Lincoln. ¶ Medicenter opened its doors at 932 North Topeka in August. ¶ The new Midian Shrine mosque will open in February. Their old building is being demolished to make way for the new Fourth National Bank building. ¶ Occupancy of the new seven story Wesley Medical Center East Tower could come in late 1972. ¶ A new Wichita corporation, Carey House Square, Inc., purchased the Eaton Hotel and the majority of the structures on the south side of Douglas between St. Francis and Emporia. Work is under way to refurbish the Lawrence Block at Douglas and Emporia as new studios and offices for KFH and KBRA radio. ¶ Photos of Farm Credit Banks Building (exterior completed) and new Wesley Tower under construction.

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- 1C. Feature article about Wichita buildings on National Register of Historic Places. Total of eight, with four registered in 1971 (Eaton Hotel, Old Courthouse, old City Hall, and University Hall at Friends University), three in 1972 (Scottish Rite Temple, Campbell

Castle, and Henry J. Allen's Frank Lloyd Wright home), and one in 1973 (Rock Island depot). Details. Photos.

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3B. Photo of the Eaton Hotel.

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1D. Feature article about plans of Phil Kassebaum for renovation of the Eaton Hotel and other buildings in the same block on East Douglas. Details. Photos.