

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): Fairmount Institute

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, July 27, 1892

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4. The Fairmount Institute announces that the school will open September 15, 1892 for the ensuing year. Officers and Board of Trustees listed.

Wednesday, August 31, 1892

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4. Fairmount institute will open its doors on September 15. Fairmount institute is a corporation under the laws of Kansas by virtue of a charter filed February 24, 1892, and is an outgrowth of Fairmount college corporation, which was organized about five years earlier. Details.

Monday, October 3, 1892

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4. The Fairmount institute building will be dedicated tomorrow evening. Street cars will leave Main and Douglas at 7:10 p.m. and return at the close of the exercises.

Wednesday, October 5, 1892

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4. Fairmount institute was formally dedicated last evening. Details.

Thursday, April 5, 1894

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4. The Fairmount Institute has the promise of enough money to run the school provided the people of Wichita will furnish the building and provide dormitories. Subscriptions are now being solicited, with gratifying results.

Thursday, May 3, 1894

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4. The photographer visited Fairmount Institute yesterday and obtained a picture of the

school, pupils and teachers.

4. Fairmount has a senior class which numbers ten.

Saturday, June 2, 1894

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4. The first annual commencement exercises of Fairmount Institute will take place the second week in June. Details.

Wednesday, July 25, 1894

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4. Report of a meeting last evening to discuss the future of Fairmount institute - whether it should be developed into a college, with cooperation of the citizens, or should continue as an academy. The entire debt is \$12,000. The American Education society, of Boston, will continue to provide some financial aid. A stirring talk full of enthusiasm was made by M. W. Levy. Details.

Tuesday, August 7, 1894

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4. The soliciting committee of Fairmount Institute is meeting with encouragement, and one of the large unfinished rooms of the building is to be plastered and made ready for the commercial department at once.

Saturday, August 18, 1894

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4. Fairmount institute will open September 5. Prof. Isely, a graduate of Ottawa university and Harvard college, will act as associate principal and will teach mathematics and the natural sciences.

Tuesday, September 18, 1894

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4. Fairmount institute has an enrollment of over 60 students.

Saturday, May 18, 1895

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3. The senior class at Fairmount institute gave a reception last Monday evening.

Wichita Eagle**Wednesday, July 6, 1892****page**

5. Article gives details of the sale of the Fairmount college building and campus on February 17, 1892 to Mr. H. W. Erving, trustee for the bondholders, and satisfying of the previous mechanics lien and reduction of the mortgage debt. On February 24, 1892 the Fairmount Institute was incorporated. money has been raised allowing work on the interior of the building to be resumes, with a view to opening the school on September 15. The Fairmount college was intended exclusively for young ladies, but in this reorganization the scope has been broadened to include both sexes. Details.

Tuesday, August 30, 1892**page**

4. Ad announces the fall term of The Fairmount Institute will open September 15, 1892.

Thursday, September 8, 1892**page**

5. Finishing touches are being put upon newly finished rooms at Fairmount Institute, and all will be ready for the opening on Thursday, September 15.

Saturday, September 10, 1892**page**

5. Letter to Eagle from Prof. R. M. Tunnell, principal, outlines his aims for Fairmount Institute. Details.

Tuesday, September 13, 1892**page**

5. Letter to Eagle summarizes in detail the history and negotiations regarding Fairmount Institute. ¶ "The Fairmount Institute is an outgrowth of Fairmount college, which had its inception nearly six years ago. The beautiful building erected by he Fairmount College corporation was simply inclosed and could not be completed for want of funds. For nearly five years the building stood in its unfinished condition, when its loss became imminent through the foreclosure of a mechanic's lien." Further details.

Saturday, September 17, 1892**page**

5. Article reports the formal opening of Fairmount institute yesterday morning. Details.

Wednesday, October 5, 1892**page**

5. Article reports on dedication of Fairmount Institute last night. Drawing. Details.

Sunday, June 11, 1893**page**

5. Friday will be the last day of the term at Fairmount Institute.

Sunday, November 19, 1893**page**

5. Article reports that Garfield university has closed its doors. Most of the Garfield students and faculty will transfer to the Fairmount Institute effective tomorrow, Monday, November 20, 1893.

Sunday, November 26, 1893**page**

6. Article about Fairmount Institute. Says it first opened its doors as a permanent school September 15, 1892, and the second year began September 25, 1893. When Garfield University closed its doors on November 16, 1893, the students and faculty moved to Fairmount. Today there is a faculty of seven plus two assistant teachers, and 80 or 90 scholars. There is a graduating class of 6.

Thursday, February 1, 1894**page**

5. Letter to Eagle correcting above implication by pointing out that "Fairmount College" is the name of the old boom days corporation which now owns only a few scattered lots over the city, and the fine building and campus of 20 acres is owned by "Fairmount Institute," which has been running now for two years and is financially healthy, with an enrollment of nearly 100. The above suit was against the old Fairmont College corporation only.

Sunday, June 24, 1894**page**

6. Article reports resignation Friday of President Tunnell of Fairmount institute. Details.

Thursday, July 26, 1894**page**

5. Article reports on meeting held yesterday to discuss the future of Fairmount institute. Details.

Friday, July 27, 1894**page**

5. Report of a committee of the Board of Trade appointed to confer with trustees of Fairmount institute and report on the needs of the same. Says the bonded debt is \$12,000 bearing 5% interest. Reduction of the original debt of \$25,000 and current expenses of the institute for two years have been provided by gifts of the American Education society and eastern philanthropists, and the society will nearly double its appropriation for the ensuing year. The trustees have voted to elevate the institute to

the rank of a college as rapidly as practicable, but at its expenses increase the people of Wichita are expected to support the school to an increased extent. Details.

Sunday, August 5, 1894

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5. The staff of instructors for Fairmount institute has been completed by the election of William H. Isely to the chair of mathematics and natural sciences. He is a graduate of Ottawa university and has taken a post-graduate course at Harvard.

Wednesday, August 29, 1894

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4. Ad for Fairmount institute with drawing. Fall term begins September 5, 1894.

Thursday, May 30, 1895

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5. Report of commencement exercises of Fairmount Institute yesterday. Details.