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## **Subject(s): Fletcher, Northern Building**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, February 18, 1887**

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4. Mr. William Fletcher has decided to build a four story brick building, 50 by 140 feet, on the northwest corner of Main and 2nd.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, February 23, 1887**

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4. Excavating was commenced yesterday for the Fletcher building on corner of 2nd and Main.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, March 16, 1887**

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4. Plans for the William Fletcher building on northwest corner of Main and 2nd have been completed by architect Terry. To have 50 foot front on Main and 150 foot on 2nd, four stories. Excavating has been completed and work will start soon. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, May 1, 1887**

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4. Workmen were engaged yesterday on the foundation of the Fletcher building at North Main and 2nd streets.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, May 15, 1887**

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4. The foundation for the William Fletcher building at corner of 2nd and Main streets has been completed.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, July 7, 1887**

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4. The rear and north side walls of the Fletcher building at 2nd and Main are almost up to the second story.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, October 9, 1887**

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1. Drawings of the William Fletcher building, 2nd and Main.

**Wichita Beacon**

**Thursday, November 3, 1887**

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4. The Fletcher building, Main and 2nd, has reached the fourth story.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, February 16, 1888**

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5. Work on the interior of the Fletcher block is now being rapidly pushed to completion.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, April 13, 1888**

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5. Workmen yesterday were working on the Fletcher building preparing it for occupancy.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Friday, August 10, 1888**

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5. The elevator of the Fletcher block was started yesterday.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Sunday, August 12, 1888**

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5. Article reports the Fletcher block is nearly completed. Built by Mr. William Fletcher opposite the Occidental hotel at 2nd and Main. Plans drawn by Architect Terry. Has east front of 50 ft. and south front of 140 ft. and is four stories. Cost is \$100,000. Many details.

**Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, September 14, 1905**

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5. Work has been started on a four story building of pressed brick trimmed with granite, being built by L. W. Clapp on a 25 foot lot just north of the Fletcher block on North Main street.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, August 26, 1906****page**

5. Death notice of William H. Sternberg, contractor, who died yesterday at age 75. He was contractor for the county court house, government building, south wing of Mt. Carmel Academy, Royce block, Fletcher block, Levy mansion at 1st and Topeka, so long the home of the Commercial club, the fine home of C. R. Miller, the residence of Charles Smyth on Waco avenue, Geroge Pratt house on North Emporia, home of A. W. Bitting, etc., and the many additions to the Masonic home. Came to Wichita in 1877. Survived by two sons, William O. and Oscar E.

**Wichita Beacon****Monday, May 20, 1907****page**

7. L. W. Clapp is remodeling the Fletcher block and fitting it up in modern flats.

**Wichita Eagle****Friday, July 24, 1908****page**

5. A "boyless passenger elevator" is the latest innovation in office building appointments to be installed in the city. The Northern building, formerly known as the Fletcher building, is the innovator in this instance. The bells of the Northern building are being completely remodeled.

**Wichita Beacon****Friday, August 7, 1908****page**

8. The Northern building will be one of the most handsomely equipped in the city when the improvements presently being made are completed. It is to have the first "boyless" elevator in Wichita. Details.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, May 12, 1912****Special Issue for Booster Trip****page**

1. Photograph of the Northern Building.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, July 5, 1914****page**

11. Article giving history of Northern building at 2nd and Main, which has been rebuilt and remodeled and modernized from the former Fletcher block, the first five story brick building in Wichita, built by William Fletcher in 1887. L. W. Clapp bought it in 1905,

and built an addition on lots to the north, increasing its size from a 50 foot frontage to 75 feet.

**Wichita Beacon****Tuesday, January 3, 1939****page**

16. The Clapp Mortgage Company has been newly organized and granted a state charter and took over the business of the First Trust Company, in the Northern Building on January 1st. Officers are same as those of the latter company and include Marc C. Clapp and R. D. W. Clapp. Details.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Sunday, September 19, 1971****page**

- 1G. The old Northern Building at northwest corner of 2nd and Main Streets, is to be razed some time this winter in clearing of the site for the city-county-federal building complex. Ownership of the building was transferred to the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency on August 1, and the building is to be vacated by October 31. The original building was built by an Iowa farmer and designed by a Kansas City architect (sic -- Wichita architect C. W. Terry designed it) in 1887. L. W. Clapp later acquired the building and built a 25 foot addition to the north in 1909. Details. Photos.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Sunday, January 14, 1979****page**

- 1C. Feature article about plans to house the Wichita Historical Museum in the old City Hall. Details. Photos include old Northern Building skylight over central rotunda.