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**Subject(s):** 830 East First, Morton-Simmons, Simmons Hardware, Keen Kutter

**Wichita Beacon**

**Saturday, December 17, 1904**

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8. Article reports that a branch of the Simmons Hardware company, of St. Louis, will probably be located in Wichita. Details.

**Monday, January 1, 1906**

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5. Report of final annual party for employes of the Hockaday Hardware company Saturday evening at Carey hotel. On Friday the stock was transferred to the new owner, the Simmons Hardware company, whose trademark is "Keen Kutter." The firm will continue at the old location on S. Rock Island ave., until about March 1st, when the new building on N. Rock Island ave. is completed.

**Wednesday, March 28, 1906**

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5. Stockholders of the Hockaday Hardware company met in Wichita yesterday and officially changed the name of the company to the Morton-Simmons Hardware company. The company's new building on Mosley ave. will be finished next month. The old Hockaday building will be sold or leased.

**Thursday, August 22, 1929**

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2. Final transfer of the Simmons Hardware Company property in Wichita to the A. J. Harwi Company, of Atchison, will take place September 27. Details.

**Sunday, November 17, 1929**

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- B-5. The A. J. Harwi Hardware Company will formally open its Wichita branch Thursday in the former Simmons Hardware Company building at 1st and Rock Island. Details. Photograph.

**Eagle****Friday, March 3, 1905****page**

5. The Simmons Hardware company, of St. Louis, yesterday purchased the entire business block between the Frisco and Rock Island tracks just north of 1st st. for between \$15-16,000. The tract is 300 ft. on 1st st. and 290 ft. facing Mead and Mosely avenues. The land was owned by ten parties.

**Wednesday, August 23, 1905****page**

6. Work on the foundations the new Simmons Hardware company building at 2nd and Rock island will start today. The building will be four stories, 140 x 146 ft., with 80,000 square feet of floor space. It will be a strongly constructed building with capacity of 300 pounds per square feet. Wurster Construction company of St. Louis is the contractor.

**Friday, September 1, 1905****page**

5. The ground has been cleared off at the site of the new Simmons Hardware company building at 1st and Mosley.

**Saturday, September 9, 1905****page**

6. Excavations for the Simmons hardware building are progressing well.

**Wednesday, October 18, 1905****page**

5. The foundation for the Simmons Hardware company building at 1st and Mosley is nearly completed, and brick masons have started work on the walls.

**Tuesday, November 7, 1905****page**

7. It is hoped to have the new Simmons Hardware company building completed by the 1st of January.

**Saturday, December 2, 1905****page**

5. Building permit issued yesterday for the new Simmons Hardware company building, to cot \$150,000, and to be finished by April 1. Building is to be 140 x 146 ft. and four stories high, with walls 21 inches thick up to the third floor. At the rear of the building will be a boiler house and power plant 40 x 60 ft.

**Saturday, December 16, 1905****page**

5. Work on the Simmons Hardware company building has reached the third floor.

**Thursday, December 21, 1905****page**

5. The Simmons Hardware company is purchasing a majority of the stock of the Hockaday Hardware company, located in a three story building on Rock Island ave. and will consolidate the operations of the two firms.

**Saturday, December 30, 1905****page**

5. A majority of the stock of the Hockaday Hardware company was transferred to the Simmons Hardware company yesterday, but company will continue to operate under the Hockaday name.

**Wednesday, March 28, 1906****page**

6. The stockholders meeting yesterday changed the name of the Hockaday Hardware company to that of the Morton-Simmons Hardware company. ¶The company intends to move into its new quarters between the 10th and 15th of April, by which time the new building on N. Mosley will be finished. ¶The building now occupied by the old Hockaday Hardware company will be sold.

**Saturday, July 13, 1912****page**

- ?. Ad of the Morton-Simmons Hardware Co. for Keen Kutter tools.

**Thursday, June 23, 1921****page**

3. Name of the Morton-Simmons Hardware company at 1st and Mosley has been changed to Simmons Hardware company. It is a branch of parent company in St. Louis.

**Sunday, October 23, 1932****page**

- 1-A. Advertisement with photograph of A. J. Harwi Hardware Company building. Article with history of company page 2-A.

**Wednesday, February 5, 1936****page**

5. Western States Grocery Co., now at 119 N. Mead, is scheduled to move into its new quarters in the old Harwi building, 800 E. 1st, as soon as an addition and remodeling is completed. A one story brick addition is being built at cost of \$4,500.