

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.

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Wichita Beacon

Friday, July 15, 1887

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1. Arrangements completed yesterday for construction on South 4th between Indianapolis and Gilbert streets of St. Luke's (sic) Hospital. The plan by W. R. McPherson shows building 68 by 111 feet with large verandahs on each floor encircling the building.
Details

Tuesday, August 16, 1887

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1. Mr. W. R. McPherson, the architect, is showing with pride the plans of the Smith, Skinner, Walters and Snively block, for which the foundations are now going in on North Market street. It is 100 by 130 feet and four stories high, of Bedford, Indiana, limestone, with estimated cost of \$50,000.

Friday, August 26, 1887

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1. Contracts were today signed between the contractor, Mr. W. H. Sternberg, and Messrs. Smith, Skinner, Wallace and Snively for the erection of the Market street block. W. R. McPherson is architect. To be completed by January 1.

Wednesday, March 28, 1888

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1. Sedgwick County bonds in amount of \$200,000, for building of a court house and jail, were sold yesterday to the Wichita National Bank at a premium of \$3230.

Saturday, July 7, 1888

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1. Long article describes in detail the plans for the new court house, now on view in architect W. R. McPherson's office.

Tuesday, July 31, 1888

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1. Photographer Baldwin is showing a very fine photograph, 22 by 26 inches, of the proposed Sedgwick county court house. The picture will be sent to the Cincinnati exposition to join the rest of Wichita's exhibits.

Thursday, August 30, 1888**page**

1. County commissioners today let the contract for the new court house to W. H. Sternberg, on bid of \$197,329 in Grouse creek stone. Mr. W. McPherson is the architect. Details and list of bids received. All bids were approximately \$10-15,000 higher for Bedford, Indiana stone in comparison with Grouse creek stone.

Monday, November 19, 1888**page**

1. Report of ceremonies on the laying the corner stone of the new court house today. Details. Building to be 191 feet 6 inches by 90 feet 6 inches, not including the corner pavilions and porticoes, which will project about 20 feet each way from the main building. It will be built of Grouse creek stone.

Wichita Eagle**Sunday, May 6, 1888****page**

5. Article says county commissioners yesterday employed Mr. W. R. McPherson as architect for the court house. He came here about one year ago from Indianapolis and has made court house designing a specialty. Details.

Saturday, March 22, 1890**page**

5. The last stone in the building proper was laid yesterday on the tower of the new court house. The mason was John Bamburg, the same that laid the first stone. There are 99,676 stones in the structure, weighing 85,000 tons.

Friday, April 11, 1890**page**

5. Article describes the Wichita Steam Stone works of Ballance and Jaus, estimated in May 1887 on 10th st. near Water. Missouri Pacific switches run into the yards. Drawing. Article lists source of stone in various Wichita buildings. Says Court House is of Grouse Creek stone.

Sunday, April 20, 1890**page**

4. Drawing of the new court house.
5. Note says Mr. McPherson is architect of the county building.

