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Wichita Beacon

Thursday, January 26, 1893

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4. L. S. **Naftzger** became president of the Fourth National Bank last week succeeding Major Powell, who has been the president of the bank for the past three years. Major Powell will give his attention to the Crystal Ice plant, of which he was elected manager the first of this year.

Thursday, April 16, 1903

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5. Contract let yesterday to Sternberg and Walters for construction of the **Naftzger** building at corner of St. Francis and Douglas, to be 50 x 140 ft. and three stories high.

Monday, May 30, 1904

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Special World's Fair Souvenir Edition, including many articles about Wichita people and business. Six photos.

24. Photos of seven more residences -- L. S. **Naftzger**, J. M. Knapp, H. E. Case, J. D. Houston, James Allison, N. Steffen, and W. D. Moore.

Thursday, November 10, 1904

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5. City council yesterday gave a franchise to L. S. **Naftzger** and A. C. Jobs to pipe natural gas into this city. Details.

Monday, December 5, 1904

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6. L. S. **Naftzger** has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Highland Cemetery association to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. M. Allen. Appointment was made by Judge Thomas C. Wilson of the district court after petition presented by Finlay Ross, Coler Sim, and Charles Lawrence asking him to do so.

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1. L. S. **Naftzger** has retired from presidency of the Fourth National bank and has sold his stock in the bank. B. F. McLean will likely be the new president. Details.

Wednesday, September 14, 1910

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1. Levi S. **Naftzger** and Frank S. Burt indicted by federal grand jury for receiving stolen stamps. Details.

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Friday, October 25, 1912

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1. U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Paul, Minnesota has reversed the rulings of Judge John C. Pollock, of Kansas, and found L. S. **Naftzger** not guilty on the charge of traffic in stolen postage stamps. Details.

Sunday, July 16, 1922

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Magazine

1. Photos of recent new colonial style homes in Wichita, including Thomas Griffith, 3903 East Central; Cliff **Naftzger**, 312 North Belmont; C. H. Montgomery, 3rd and Quentin.

Monday, January 16, 1933

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14. Report of death yesterday of Levi S. **Naftzger**, age 78, former president of the Fourth National Bank, at his home, 217 North Crestway, from a stroke. Born in Worster, Ohio February 15, 1854. Grew up in Hickory County, Missouri. To Wichita in 1880s. Organized Southwest National Bank and sold interest in Fourth National to Ben McLean in 1909. Survived by wife, two daughters and one son (named). Photograph.

Saturday, July 2, 1932

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1. Report of death this morning of Mrs. Marie Edith **Naftzger**, at her home, 146 S. Fountain, age 51, after an illness of four years. She is the wife of Sam **Naftzger**. Was

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born in Wichita, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Houck, of the old Houck Hardware Company at 116 E. Douglas. Survived by husband, a son, Samuel, Jr., and a brother, Adrian Houck, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Wednesday, June 21, 1933

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1. Report of suicide by hanging of Samuel O. **Naftzger**, former Wichita banker, at the home of his brother at Albany, Illinois, this morning at age 53. Had stayed with his brother in Illinois past seven months, moving there soon after death of wife, former Marie Houck. Grew up at Albany, Illinois, son of Samuel and Amelia **Naftzger**. Survived by one son, Samuel, Jr. Obituary. Photograph.

Sunday, August 5, 1934

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4. Magazine
M. C. **Naftzger**, president of Southwest National Bank, urges abandonment of street cars and inauguration of a five cent bus fare in Wichita. Says the local buses and street cars hauled in excess of five million people in 1933.

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Monday, September 21, 1936

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1. Report of death yesterday of Joseph D. Houston, age 78, well known Wichita attorney and judge, at his home at 1131 N. Market. He practiced law in Kansas for more than 50 years. Born in N. Middleton, Kentucky, on February 17, 1858. After education in law at Cincinnati, he came to Wichita after four years of legal work in Arkansas City and Winfield. Married Miss Fanny Eddy April 8, 1885. She had come to Kansas with her parents from Michigan. Survivors include the wife, two daughters, Mrs. T. P. Kahoe of Philadelphia, and Mrs. M. C. **Naftzger**, 312 N. Belmont, and four grandsons including Lee and John **Naftzger** of Wichita and two in Philadelphia (named). Further biography. Photo.

Thursday, January 6, 1938

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1. Report of death of Mrs. L. S. **Naftzger** today at age 79. Born in Iowa, married L. S. **Naftzger** in 1885 and accompanied him to Wichita in 1887. Husband died in 1932. Survived by one son, M. C. **Naftzger** and two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Evans and Mrs. William Lautz of Chicago. Photograph on page 4.

Monday, February 14, 1938

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1. Report of death today of Lee **Naftzger** age 22, junior student at University of Wichita, from a sudden illness. He was son of M. C. **Naftzger**, president of Southwest National Bank. Details. Photograph.

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Friday, March 22, 1901

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5. Article reports L. S. Naftzger is heading a movement to obtain a Carnegie library for Wichita.

Thursday, April 16, 1903

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5. Article about building projects on East Douglas. ¶Contract let yesterday for two story brick building being built at corner of Douglas and St. Francis by L. S. Naftzger for \$13,000. To be 50 by 138 feet. ¶Work has already started on Henry Schweiter's three story building west of Emporia on East Douglas. ¶Dr. Dorsey's three story brick building at corner of Douglas and Emporia is just completed. ¶The building of Mr. Bronston east of Emporia on East Douglas is almost completed.

Tuesday, March 14, 1905

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5. L. S. Naftzger yesterday announced plans to build a new three story brick building at 612 East Douglas, 25 by 120 feet, at cost of \$12,000. He also owns the building immediately to the east, now occupied by J. C. Dunn and Brother's queensware store.

Saturday, June 13, 1908

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3. Contract let for two story building in first block on North Market being built by L. S. Naftzger for Mueller undertaking company. Cost \$12,000.

Wednesday, August 31, 1910

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1. Chief-of-police Frank S. Burt and banker L. S. **Naftzger** implicated in scheme to dispose of stolen postage stamps.

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1. L. S. **Naftzger** (photograph) retired yesterday after eighteen years as president of Fourth National Bank and was replaced by Ben F. McLean.

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Friday, February 19, 1915

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5. Application for charter has been filed in Topeka by the newly organized Southwest State Bank, with L. S. **Naftzger**, president and Henry Schweiter vice-president. The bank will be located in the corner room of the Manhattan Hotel building, Topeka and Douglas avenues. Doors to open for business on May 1. Capital stock \$100,000.

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Sunday, April 8, 1917

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- B3. Photograph of new home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff **Naftzger**, recently completed on College Hill (only two houses visible in photograph).

Friday, September 24, 1920

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5. The old City hotel building, 128-130 North Market, has been sold to S. O. **Naftzger** for \$55,000.

Saturday, June 13, 1925

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1. Dr. S. S. Noble has purchased the west 25 feet of the Manhattan Hotel building, known as 320 East Douglas, for \$100,000. The Manhattan Hotel has a frontage of 100 feet on Douglas, with the corner 50 feet owned by L. S. **Naftzger** and the next 25 feet by Mason Nevin. ¶The hotel was built by Robert Black in 1884. On his death the property went to his widow, Mrs. Mason Nevin, a grand-daughter, and grandsons Kirk and Johnnie Johnson. Johnnie, now of Kansas City, bought his brother's interest and acquired title to the West 25 feet, which he has just sold to Dr. Noble.

Thursday, March 11, 1926

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5. The Manhattan hotel lease and furnishings was sold yesterday to Mrs. C. Taylor by Mrs. J. L. Stiff, who has operated the place for some time, for \$10,000. A three year

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lease was given Mrs. Taylor on the upper floors of the building by L. S. **Naftzger** and Newt Edwards, owners. The hotel has 60 rooms.

Wednesday, July 14, 1926

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5. The Wichita theater building and ground was leased yesterday by L. S. **Naftzger**, owner, to the Peerless Amusement company for 20 years at an annual rental of \$10,000. The theater, at 308-10 East Douglas, was erected eight years ago. Mr. **Naftzger**, president of the Southwest National Bank, purchased the 50 feet of ground in 1905 for \$3,100.

Monday, January 16, 1933

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1. Article reports death yesterday of Levi S. **Naftzger**, 79, president of Southwest National Bank. Photograph and obituary. Survivors include wife, one son, M. C. **Naftzger**, and two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Evans, of Wichita, and Mrs. W. L. Lantz of Chicago.

Friday, January 7, 1938

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5. Article reports death yesterday of Mrs. L. S. **Naftzger**, 70, widow of L. S. **Naftzger**. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Florence Evans, wife of Dr. J. L. Evans of Wichita, and Mrs. Pauline Lantz, of Chicago, and one son, M. C. **Naftzger**.

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Friday, June 23, 1961

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- 8A. Biographical article about John E. **Naftzger**, president and trust officer of Southwest National Bank. Born in Wichita October 18, 1918. Graduated East High School in 1937, and later from University of Kansas. Returned to Wichita September 1, 1943. Further biography. Photo.

Saturday, February 26, 1977

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- 1C. Article about possibility of having the old Johnston and Larimer Building at 623 East Douglas, now housing the Men's Social Service Department of the Salvation Army,

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designated as a historic landmark. At present it is owned by the Urban Renewal Agency and is slated for destruction in connection with building of the new M. C. **Naftzger** Memorial Park. Photo.

Sunday, June 26, 1977

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- 16D. Feature articles about Wichita patrons of the arts, including the **Naftzger** family, Harry Litwin, Gladys Wiedemann, and S. O. Beren. Details. Drawings.

Tuesday, June 28, 1977

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1. The Victory Theater, 607 East Douglas, has closed after 39 years of continuous operation, sold to the Urban Renewal Agency to make way for **Naftzger** Memorial Park. Harold and Dorothy Gibbons built the Victory in 1938 in partnership with George L. Gottschick. Admission then was 15 cents, and initially it was called the New Theater. Details. Photos.

Sunday, October 2, 1977

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- 16D. The buildings at 601 to 607 East Douglas, occupied by Watkins Sundries, Club Bar, and the Victory Theater, are to be razed after November 1 to make way for **Naftzger** Memorial Park. Details. Drawing.

Friday, April 21, 1978

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- 2C. Editorial about the recycling of paving bricks under way on North Main between Elm and 13th Streets (to be re-used in the Union Station and **Naftzger** Park area and for sidewalks on Douglas from Topeka to Washington, etc.). ¶ Similar renovation is going on on Market Street between 18th and 21st Streets, and a similar reconstruction project is planned this summer on Fairmount Street between 13th and 17th Streets. ¶ Photo of Birney car with College Hill sign at the Stock yards turnaround (number not visible) and of street car tracks being removed in 1935 near library site.

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Saturday, May 20, 1972

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8B. Report of death Friday of Maurice C. (Cliff) **Naftzger**, 88, of 312 North Belmont, after a long illness. Was chairman of board at Southwest National Bank and Wichita arts patron. Came to Wichita in 1885. Survived by his widow, Gwen H., a son, John E., Wichita, and a sister, Mrs. William H. Lutz, New York City. Further biography. Photo. Cremation.