

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): Natatorium

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, June 19, 1889

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4. The natatorium opens for business today.

Tuesday, June 25, 1889

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4. The Natatorium is nearing completion and will soon be opened to the public.

Monday, July 1, 1889

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1. The Natatorium opposite Crawford's Grand opera house is now open and ready for business.

Thursday, December 24, 1903

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6. The old natatorium building in second block on S. Topeka has been purchased by M. and Fred D. Aley for \$3,100 and will be made into a modern hotel. It is a relic of boom days and was put up in 1888 by Joseph Koenig and contained a large swimming pool and a gymnasium. Later H. G. Toler and sons converted it into a skating rink, but it fell into disuse and was unoccupied for years. At present it is being used as an implement storage house. Mr. Aley is a wealthy farmer living near Wichita on the S. Seneca road and is a nephew of Fred D. Aley, superintendent of the Wichita Water company.

Wichita Eagle

Friday, June 27, 1890

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5. Article describes the Wichita Natatorium, opposite the Crawford Grand on S. Topeka. Drawing.

Thursday, June 25, 1891

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5. The swimming club held their first social at the Natatorium last evening.

Thursday, May 11, 1893**page**

5. The Wichita Creamery company has commenced business. They have located in the natatorium building on S. Topeka.

Thursday, December 24, 1903**page**

5. F. D. and M. Aley yesterday purchased the natatorium building and 50 ft. of ground in second block of S. Topeka opposite the Crawford building for \$3,100. The two story brick building was built about 15 years ago for \$7,000 as a natatorium and gymnasium. At present it is used as an implement warehouse.

Wednesday, July 6, 1910**page**

10. Mayor Davidson proposes the building of a natatorium, or public swimming and bathing pool in this city. The only available places now are along the Little Arkansas river but the water is muddy and not conducive to bathing. ¶ In the 80s Wichita possessed a natatorium which was well patronized, but in later years it was discontinued. It was located in a brick building in the second block on South Topeka avenue, and is now used as an armory.