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## **Subject(s): "Peerless Princess" nickname**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Tuesday, May 22, 1888**

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4. Several articles quoting reports in other newspapers about recent visits to Wichita. Editor of Junction City *Union* mentions a visit to the Eagle office, noted as the "most elegant editorial room in the west, fitted up as a present to Marsh Murdock by the real estate boomers of the town at a cost of \$2,500." Article mentions nicknames of the "Peerless Princess of the Plains," the "Windy Wonder," and the "Magic Mascotte (sic) of the Meridian."

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Wednesday, June 6, 1888**

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1. Hyde and Humble have just issued a neat souvenir of Wichita containing photographic views of many objects of interest in the Peerless Princess and a short history and description of the city.

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Saturday, October 30, 1896**

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8. Article about the Union mill, which opened for business on east Oak street in October 1895. J. E. Howard and associates are proprietors. Produces Peerless Princess brand flour and other brands. Details.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Thursday, April 8, 1897**

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5. The first question of importance for the new city administration will be the question of better sidewalks. There is probably no city in the world with worse wooden sidewalks than the Peerless Princess of the Plains. A conservative estimate is that about one out of every four planks has either rotted or been stolen. There is a strong sentiment against all wooden sidewalks and in favor of cinder sidewalks. The present sidewalks are bad in every quarter of the city.

**Wichita Eagle****Tuesday, March 16, 1909**

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5. L. M. Crawford of Topeka has bought half interest from L. M. Miller in new theater now being built in first block on South Lawrence avenue. L. M. Miller will be manager of the theater and has named it the Princess theater in acknowledgment of the title "Peerless Princess" by which Wichita is commonly known.

**Wichita Eagle****Sunday, January 3, 1915**

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11. Article quoting article written by Mrs. Victoria Murdock in 1913 giving alleged origin of the name "Peerless Princess of the Plains" -- supposedly so named by M. M. Murdock in honor of her.

## Wichita Beacon

**Sunday, May 27, 1928**

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- B-1. Article about the Wichita Air Service Provision Company says the company now has four planes including a Travel Air biplane, the "Peerless Princess," which formerly was known as the Oklahoma, under which name it participated in the Dole race. Details.

**Wichita Beacon****Monday, September 17, 1928**

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14. Daily air passenger service between Wichita and Kansas City was started this morning by the Wichita Air Service Provision Company. The "Peerless Princess" cabin plane accommodates four passengers. It left at 7:30 a.m. and will return from Kansas City at 3:30 p.m., arriving at the East Central Air Field two hours later. One way fare is \$19.50 and round trip \$35.00.

## Wichita Eagle-Beacon

**Sunday, January 30, 1977**

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- 18C. Review article of a new book of Wichita postcards, "Peerless Princess of the Plains," by Hal Ross, Hal Ottaway, and Jack Stewart. Initial printing of 5000 copies is nearly sold out. Details.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon****Sunday, February 19, 1978**

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- 1C. Feature article about Historical Museum's exhibit on Wichita history, "Peerless Princess of the Plains." Details. Photos.

