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): “Peerless Princess” nickname

Wichita Eagle
Tuesday, May 22, 1888
page 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
page 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
page 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
page 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
page 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
page 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
page 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
page 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
page 18C.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon
Sunday, February 19, 1978
page 1C.
Feature article about Historical Museum’s exhibit on Wichita history, “Peerless Princess of the Plains.” Details. Photos.