

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): Root Brothers

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, March 19, 1874

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2. The building formerly occupied by the First National Bank has been purchased by Mr. Root and moved south of Douglas Ave. on Main St., where it will be occupied by a millinery establishment.

Wichita Beacon

Wednesday, November 24, 1880

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3. A telephone circuit is about to be established in this city. We believe the wires are up and the members of the circuit are Hacker and Jackson, Root Brothers, the Occidental, and the Douglas Ave. hotels. The instruments were ordered on Monday. Anybody can get into the circuit on payment of \$20 and purchasing an instrument. The subsequent cost will be about \$10 a year.

Wednesday, June 8, 1881

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3. Root Brothers are the sole proprietors and managers of the omnibus line in this city. Orders can be left at their office on Market street, or at the several hotels. They have large and commodious busses (sic), and will be promptly on time at all times and endeavor to accommodate the public to the satisfaction of all. In connection with their buses, they will run a baggage wagon for the prompt delivery of baggage at the depot and to all parts of the city. A well managed omnibus line is a great convenience possessed only by the larger cities in the state, and Messrs. Root deserve credit for their enterprise.

Wednesday, June 28, 1882

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3. Bloss and Davidson have just turned out from their carriage and wagon shop a number one transfer wagon for Root Brothers.

Wednesday, August 15, 1883

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3. Root Brothers have put on the streets one of the handsomest omnibuses ever built. The painting on it is the work of an artist. It was made in Quincy.

Monday, May 17, 1886**page**

4. Article about the Root Brothers bus, baggage, and hack line. Details. The company now have four two-horse and two four-horse busses. They have 16 employees and meet 18 trains daily.

Tuesday, May 18, 1886**page**

4. Report that ground is to be broken next Monday for a large new wholesale grocery house, not yet named, to be built on west side of South Market between English and William on the location of the Root property. The company will be formed by Messrs. R. E. Root, S. Root, H. H. Richards, and two other gentlemen. Building will front 100 feet on Market street, with depth of 72 feet, four stories, with front of Cottonwood stone and pressed brick. Details.

Saturday, March 5, 1887**page**

1. Description of the large new building of the Wichita Wholesale Grocery Company on South Market, built by Messrs. Root Brothers and Richards. The company opens the new building next Monday. Details.