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## **Subject(s): George C. Strong**

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Wednesday, February 16, 1887**

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4. The board of directors of the ladies Congregational college, located some weeks ago near the corner of Hillside and 17th Street, have decided to call that institution the Fairmount college. Details. ¶Yesterday Mr. G. C. Strong filed an addition of 80 acres called Fairmount addition, lying near the college. It contains between 700 and 800 lots but will not be placed on the market for some weeks. ¶Mr. Atkins also filed an addition of 80 acres yesterday lying near that of Mr. Strong and called Fairmount addition No. 2. ¶The streets running east and west are located in both additions in conformity with the rest of the city and given the same names. The streets running north and south bear the names of leading female educational institutions in the United States. The central ave. is called Fairmount ave.

**Sunday, April 24, 1887**

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4. Note lists directors and officers of the Wichita and Suburban Railway company, elected yesterday. President is J. H. Richards, vice-president George C. Strong, treasurer M. W. Levy, secretary George L. Douglas.

**Sunday, June 12, 1887**

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4. George C. Strong expects to go east in a few days and while there will fully investigate the best kind of motor to use on the Wichita and Suburban motor line. The motor recently received on the Fort Scott railway by the Wichita and Valley Center Motor Line company is not to be used by them except to assist in construction of said lines.

**Wednesday, June 29, 1887**

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4. Messrs. George L. Douglas & George C. Strong are east for the purpose of buying iron, cars and motors for the Wichita and Suburban motor line company. The company has accepted the franchise granted by the city council. Ties have been bought and as soon as rails get here they will commence laying track.

**Friday, August 5, 1887****page**

4. Long article says contract has been awarded to T. K. McLean for construction of line of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line from 13th and Main to the eastern terminus at 15th and Vassar. The bridge across Chisholm creek at 15th Street has already been completed and is wide enough to accommodate both the motor line and public travel. ¶An extension going north on Hydraulic ave. from 15th Street to the Gilbert plow works is being planned. ¶Soon after the franchise was granted, arrangements were made for motors in Philadelphia. A few weeks ago when Mr. Strong visited there, one motor was completed and gave an exhibition trip. That motor and some cars were shipped several days ago and are expected here by the middle of the month. Within 60 days two more motors will arrive and additional cars. The company intends to give 15 minute service. ¶The company have not fully determined the site of the round-house and water tanks, but it seems probable that the round-house will be located on the east end of the line and two tanks will be constructed, one on the east and one on Water Street.

**Tuesday, September 13, 1887****page**

4. Mr. G. C. Strong has returned from a trip to St. Louis in the interests of the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company. The engines have been completed and some of the cars. The coaches will be regular passenger coaches heated with steam.

**Sunday, September 18, 1887****page**

2. Charter filed in Topeka Friday: The Market Street Horse Railway Company of Wichita. Capital stock \$50,000. Directors: H. H. Richards, G. W. Walter, George C. Strong, George L. Douglas, and L. D. Skinner.

**Saturday, October 22, 1887****page**

4. Mr. George C. Strong, of the Fourth National bank, has returned from St. Louis where he bought another motor and some more cars for the Wichita and Suburban Motor Line company. He also made arrangements for some summer cars, which will be made this winter for use in the hot season. ¶The track from 13th Street east is being ballasted. The one motor now on hand is being used in leveling the track, and service will commence in a few days.

**Thursday, December 1, 1887****page**

5. Article about a new cemetery which A. A. Hyde and George C. Strong decided to make out of land lying between the present city cemetery and the Frisco Railroad. A company with capital stock of \$100,000 is being formed to take charge of it. The tract

consists of 60 acres. At present 30 acres on the west side of the tract has been plowed and sown in blue grass, and over two miles of drives made. The grading is almost complete. Details.

### **Tuesday, February 7, 1888**

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5. The Wichita and Suburban and Valley Center commenced work yesterday on the 1st Street extension from Water to Main. It will probably be completed today. Mr. Strong yesterday received a message stating that two passenger coaches for his line had been shipped from St. Louis, and hence they are expected in a few days.

### **Wednesday, February 8, 1888**

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5. Mr. George C. Strong, of the Fourth National bank, is making arrangements to erect 60 residences on Fairmount during the next spring and summer.

### **Thursday, May 3, 1888**

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5. The Fairmount Water Supply company filed its charter with the secretary of state at Topeka Tuesday. Directors are George C. Strong, A. A. Hyde, H. M. Dock, J. W. Parsons, and Peter Getto.

### **Saturday, May 11, 1889**

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5. Mr. G. C. Strong stated yesterday that the wire for the Wichita and Suburban electric line would be in place as far east as Fairmount in three or four days and that the corps would start for Burton and reach that point in a few days. The company yesterday received a dispatch that all apparatus and machinery had been shipped. The motors can be adjusted to the cars in a few hours.

### **Sunday, April 3, 1898**

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11. Article mentions the many uses of the old Turner Hall at 1st and Market, with lettering of 1879 on the 1st Street side and the letters G. H. — said to have meant "German Hall." ¶ In faded letters over the front windows can still be seen "Ladies Waiting Room, Wichita and Suburban Railway." This was George Strong and Lee Taylor's famous steam dummy line running to Fairmount, Burton car works, Union stock yards, and Valley Center.

### **Sunday, April 22, 1900**

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7. A Hartzell mule car, a Powell horse car, a George C. Strong Fairmount car, a Valley Center motor car, a Henry Schweiter motor car, a Wichita street railway car, formed in one train, to be pulled by a new street car over Main and Douglas as one of the great

float attractions for the Karnival.

**Sunday, October 17, 1920**

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Article in Sunday paper about a number of prominent homes with photographs of 11 of them. ¶ Photographs:

W. E. Edwards	1505 Fairview	built 1870 by J. H. Aley (barn built first)
M. C. Campbell	1313 North Emporia	
A. W. Bitting	1157 North Topeka	built early 90s
C. W. Bitting	715 North Lawrence	built 1888
Walter Morris	11th and Riverside	built 1888
C. W. Brown	1104 North Lawrence	built 1892
Dr. Fabrique	503 North Lawrence	begun July 1870
Gilbert Tucker	1105 North Lawrence	built 1886
L. W. Clapp	Wellington Place	built 1887
H. W. Lewis	305 North Emporia	completed January 1884 by A. W. Oliver
A. A. Hyde	3723 East Second	built 1889

Dr. Fabrique's daughter, Mrs. George Nolley, and husband live with him. Mentioned: C. M. Jackson home built by George Strong; Mrs. W. B. Buck home on North Topeka built by the late S. L. Davidson, and Oak Davidson, Charles L. Davidson, and Mrs. Sam Woolard grew up there; Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Ross 821 North Waco built 1886 on the old Munger site; Walter Morris home -- built 1888 by B. H. Campbell built of Kansas stone. Inlaid oak floors. The woodwork was brought entirely from Chicago, and the home was the work of a Chicago architect.

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**Wednesday, October 19, 1881**

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3. George C. Strong has sold his residence property to B. H. Campbell, of Hutchinson.

**Thursday, March 25, 1886**

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4. Article describes a reporter's visit to College Hill today. Besides Mr. Sullivan's \$4000

brick residence on College Hill Mr Paine's fine house is already up and inclosed, and the foundation of Mr. Pallett's is being laid, each to cost about \$4000. "From College Hill we went north past Mr. Moser's place, a part of which is to be laid out and known as Brooklyn Heights, and on past Mr. Cook's place and Mr. Buck's fine residence, and on north to Frisco Heights. This is a delightful location. Already some good residences are going up. Mr. Brook's will be a very handsome cottage costing about \$2500, and the foundation is already completed. Mr. William King is building a residence to cost about \$1000. Mr. Warton will soon build a fine two story brick residence, and Messrs. A. Bosley, L. D. Skinner, Col. Lewis, A. A. Hyde, and George Strong have selected lots for fine residences. Street cars are to be running as far as the cemetery by the first of May."

**Wednesday, June 2, 1886****page**

4. Article about south side developments. Strong and Rogers have already platted their five acres, which lies directly west of Allen and Smith's addition. Mr. Strong is making efforts to have the street railway extended out Main street to his addition and thence east along the entire front of the Allen and Smith addition.

**Friday, December 3, 1886****page**

4. G. C. Strong has just opened up an addition of 40 acres south of Harry street.

**Friday, April 15, 1887****page**

1. A new motor line with Peter Getto and George C. Strong at the head is the latest on the boards. The proposed line will run east on 15th street to Fairmount Park.

**Monday, April 25, 1887****page**

1. The board of directors of the Wichita and Suburban Railway company met Saturday and elected the following officers: President, J. H. Richards; Vice-President, George C. Strong; Treasurer, M. W. Levy; Secretary, George L. Douglas. The line will start from Douglas and Water and run east to Fairmount College, passing through the northeast section of the city.

**Saturday, February 11, 1888****page**

1. Yesterday afternoon the officers of the Wichita and Suburban Street Railway Company invited several prominent citizens to take a trip with them over their line. The trip was made in one of the new Brownell and Wight (sic) cars, of which make it has received two just from the factory. Boarding the car at the corner of Market and William streets, near the federal building and taking on two or three persons as they proceeded,

it was not long until the 15th street station was reached. The new car received many flattering remarks. Among the passengers was Mr. George M. Dickson, superintendent of the Wichita Street Car Company, who was elated with the car and roadbed of the Wichita and Suburban. Among the officers of the road on board were Mr. George C. Strong, president, Judge Little, vice-president, G. L. Douglas, secretary, and Lee Taylor, manager. When the 15th street station was reached the motor was attached to the cars and the journey was continued to Fairmount. Although this street car line is fairly new, the bed is smooth and the ride behind the motor, which makes the run at a 12-mile rate, was very comfortable and but little jarring or jerking is noticeable. ¶ One of the most important features of the new cars, and one which was enjoyed by those on the trip yesterday, is the stove which each contains. The cars are kept warm and comfortable by this means, and although the weather was cold, the trip was made with no inconvenience occasioned by the weather. ¶ The Wichita and Suburban have nearly completed their line to the stock yards and extend their line down 1st to Main street, and will thus have a very convenient point for all persons to leave for the north end of town. ¶ Mr. Strong, president, has made arrangements whereby he can assist anyone wishing to build along the line, by making a real estate loan for them.

**Friday, March 16, 1888****page**

4. George Strong says engineers of the Wichita and Suburban have gone out (i.e., on strike), but that the mules are so well trained that they keep excellent time of their own accord.

**Wednesday, May 2, 1888****page**

4. Mr. George C. Strong, of the 4th National, is now perfecting arrangements in the East for the completion of Fairmount Ladies college. Once work is recommenced it will not again cease until the entire structure has been completed.

**Tuesday, May 22, 1888****page**

1. Report that Mr. George C. Strong, of 4th National Bank, has placed the bonds of the Central Avenue and Eastern Motor Line company.

**Friday, August 3, 1888****page**

1. Mr. George C. Strong has well under way a two story brick business building, 50 by 80 feet, on the corner of 15th and Vassar. The upper part of the building will be used as a school house and the lower part as business rooms.

**Wednesday, May 1, 1901****page**

5. Charles Cleinheim, of Kansas City, yesterday purchased from M. Harrod the old

George Strong property on Fairmount for \$4,500. The residence was erected by George Strong, a number of years ago, he being one of the original promoters of Fairmount addition. Mr. Cleinheim and family will move here from Kansas City.

### **Thursday, August 13, 1903**

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6. Report of arrest of George C. Strong, former prominent Wichita business man during the boom years, in Arkansas on charges of embezzlement from Bank of De Vall's Bluff, of which he was cashier until recently. Details. Says he is a brother-in-law of H. W. Lewis.

### **Monday, March 27, 1916**

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3. Communication from George C. Strong about history of early brick plants in Wichita. ("Made Brick Here 40 Years Ago")

### **Sunday, January 2, 1927**

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#### **Magazine**

6. Article about the streets between Washington and Hydraulic with girls' names. This area was laid out by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hyde. Mr. A. A. Hyde was born March 2, 1848, and on January 19, 1875, he married Miss Ida L. Todd of Wichita, so they will have their fifty-second anniversary on January 19. ¶ When Mr. Hyde first came to Wichita in 1872 he bought several tracts of land in what was then the easternmost part of town, including the area in question. ¶ East of Washington, the streets are:
- Ida -- named for Mrs. Hyde.
  - Laura -- named for Mrs. Frank Todd, of Chicago, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Hyde.
  - Pattie -- named for a half-sister of Mrs. Hyde, now Mrs. George C. Strong, of Los Angeles, who once lived in a stone house north of the residence of Dr. S. E. Swartz, on Fairmount Avenue.
  - Lulu -- named for a cousin, Lulu McCabe, the late wife of the Rev. Dr. Hewitt, at one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.
  - Ellis -- (?)
  - Fannie -- appears to have been named for Miss Fannie Lewis, a close friend of the family, now Mrs. S. P. Hathway, of Denver.
- ¶ Mr. Hyde owned 80 acres of the 160 which formed the southeast fourth of Section 21, bounded by Hydraulic, Kellogg, Washington, and Douglas. ¶ Five of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde's children were born in the house which stood at 2nd and Topeka, where the Shirkmere is now. In 1886 the family moved to its present residence at 2nd and Roosevelt.