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### **Wichita Beacon**

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5. Mr. Harry C. **Trentman**, real estate man in the Beacon building, has purchased the Merriman estate on College Hill from the Merriman heirs, and expects to plat the tract and open streets within the next six months and place the building lots on sale. ¶ Mrs. Merriman, owner of this tract, died recently and the sale of the property was ordered by the heirs so that a division of the estate could be made. ¶ The Merriman estate is bounded by Douglas Avenue, Kellogg, Clifton, and East 2nd (?) Street. The northwest corner is already dotted by beautiful homes and includes the beautiful Circle Drive district. The present home of the Wichita Country Club is in the center of the tract. The greater portion of the estate has been used by the County Club as its golf course.

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13. Merriman park, one of the dreams of Wichita boom visionaries, has been sold by the Merriman heirs to Harry C. **Trentman**, a Wichita real estate dealer, who will place it on the market. ¶ During the boom, George Merriman had his 160 acre farm on the hill east of the city platted into city blocks and made into an addition to the city. It was platted in a different manner from other additions, with streets laid out in circles and graceful curves instead of checkerboard style. ¶ Only a small portion of the addition was sold before the boom collapsed, and many fine residences now occupy this corner of Merriman park on Circle Drive, etc. ¶ Part of the land is now used for the golf links of the Country club. The club's lease has nearly a year to run, but this area will be sold along with the rest of the addition. The original design of the streets and park reservations will be preserved and the blocks will be platted into large blocks from 200 to 250 feet long.

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11. Drawing of two story residence at 3909 East Douglas purchased by Herbert W.

Goroin, wholesale grain dealer, from the **Trentman** Land Company, which erected it at a cost of \$8500.

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6. Feature article about Charles Lawrence, with photograph. He was a brother of Robert E. Lawrence and came to Wichita in 1872 at age 17, from Berkshire County, Massachusetts, with his parents. Father's first homestead was east of Seneca, between that street and the Arkansas River. Robert E. Lawrence had preceded the other members of the family to Wichita by two years. ¶ Charles worked for three years at the J. P. Allen drug store on west side of Main Street, near 1st Street, and then went into the drug business for himself on the site of the present Schweiter Building, where he was in business 23 years. He started in business for himself on November 1, 1877. He had many calls for photographers' supplies, so in 1900 sold his drug store and went exclusively into the photographic supply business, first at 219 East Douglas. In 1910 he built the building now occupied at 149 North Lawrence. He was born in 1855 and is now age 74. Married Miss Ella A. Wood, a teacher in the Wichita public schools, in 1884, They have one son, Henry W., now with the **Trentman** Land Company. Residence is at 841 North Emporia.