

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): Turner Hall

Wichita Eagle

Thursday, January 16, 1879

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3. There is no longer any doubt that the Turners of this city will erect a fine public hall the coming season. Lots have been purchased at the corner of 1st and Market streets.

Thursday, February 6, 1879

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3. The Turner Society announces that they have resolved to build a hall on the southeast corner of Market and 1st streets. Building is to be 54 x 130 ft., of brick.

Thursday, March 27, 1879

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3. Article describes the new building to be erected by the Turners. To be 50 x 130 ft. with floor of auditorium 80 x 50 ft. and stage 30 x 50 ft. Ceiling is arched. Plans drawn by J. H. Stem, architect of Indianapolis, Indiana, a brother of Wichita resident, W. P. Stem.

Thursday, October 30, 1879

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3. The Turner's Opera House will be opened formally by the Turners on Thursday, November 6th. Details.

Friday, August 29, 1884

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3. Recent change made in management of Turnverein Opera House (Turner Opera House).

Wednesday, March 7, 1888

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5. Workmen yesterday were tearing down the balcony of the old Crawford opera house (meaning Turner opera house) in preparation for its future use as a market house.

Thursday, March 22, 1888**page**

5. Work still goes on at the old opera house preparing the building for use as a city market house. Ten booths running along both sides of the building will be erected, and the hall in the second story of the building has been furnished for use as a meeting place for a lodge or other club or organization. (this refers to old Turner opera house at 1st and Market).

Sunday, April 3, 1898**page**

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.

Wednesday, September 10, 1902**page**

6. C. A. Reed yesterday bought from Hiram Imboden the old Turner hall at corner of 1st and Market and the 40 feet, immediately south of it for \$17,000. Turner hall is 56 feet by 140 feet and was erected about 1878. At present it is occupied by the Peerless Steam laundry and the Western Lithograph company.

Saturday, November 15, 1902**page**

6. Mr. C. A. Reed has left instructions for the remodeling of the old Turner opera house at 1st and Market streets which he purchased a few weeks ago. Details.

Wednesday, January 23, 1907**page**

6. Article reports impending sale of the Turner building, at corner of 1st and Market, with 56 ft. frontage on Market. ¶ Says the building is one of the old ones in the city. After it was first built it was used as an opera house. This use was abandoned when the Crawford theater was built in 1886. It was then converted into a market house, and later was occupied by the old Market street car lines with offices and waiting rooms. About this time it was bought by Hiram Imboden and Charles Smyth, who owned it until its sale to C. A. Reed of Chicago three years ago.

Sunday, June 2, 1907**page**

19. Article about history of Turner opera house, built 1879.

Thursday, March 31, 1910

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8. Col. H. W. Lewis has entirely remodeled the old block of the Turner Opera House at Market and 1st and yesterday gave the building its new name, The Anchor Trust Building.

Sunday, October 26, 1913

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12. Except for a rummage sale on the ground floor, the old Anchor Trust company building at 1st and Market streets, formerly known to all old timers as Turner hall, was empty last night for the first time since its erection. ¶ At one time it was the finest theatre (sic) in the southwest, but a few years ago Colonel Hiram Lewis remodeled it for his bank. ¶ It is to be torn down the first of the month to permit construction of the new Traveler's hotel.

Sunday, September 16, 1917

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7. Article reporting on the razing of historic Turner Hall, also known as Turners Opera House, to make way for the Lassen hotel. It was built in 1879. ¶ Long article giving history of the hall.