

1911 - First Well - First Major Fire

- Growth throughout 1911 involved the addition of new businesses and services.
- George N. Holmes opened a shoe repairing shop in the room at the rear of J.W. Heskett's office that was at 1020 Broad Street.
- William Dingle moved his drug store to the west room of the new Hoeft Building which was about 1005 Broad Street.
- Mr. Berkheimer, the manager of the Farmers Lumber Company, moved into the Wesley Adams house.
- Don Wolfe sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. Wright who came from Evans, Colorado.
- Residents were promised to soon be able to use telephones as the switchboard had been installed in rooms in the Bank Building, and most of the town was wired for the use of the phones. Mrs. Hattie Evans was in charge of the office.
- A fire at noon, in January, was discovered in a pile of hay at the south end of Chas. Bechtol's barn. Neighbors aided the family and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.
- Incorporation papers for the organization of the Royal Milling & Elevator Company, with a capitalization of \$250,000 were filed March 3, 1911. The Incorporators were farmers and businessmen of northern Colorado mostly in the vicinity of Milliken.

George A. Hodgson was named President of the \$80,000 elevator that was to have a capacity of 500 barrels of flour per day. David Roberts was Vice-President and General Manager, and R.M. Benton was Secretary-Treasurer. Other directors were George B. Long of Denver and J.W. Heskett of Milliken.

Construction was started in August 1911, and the mill was destroyed by fire in July 1920.

The Royal Milling & Elevator Company was



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