

**OIL YIELD DROPS**

**Kansas Produced Three Million Barrels in 1915.**  
**Petroleum Prices Rocketed Above Former Record Point.**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—According to a statement issued today by the United States geological survey, the total yield of petroleum in Kansas during the year 1915 was 3,000,000 barrels, or 102,585 barrels less than in 1914.

The prices of crude petroleum at the wells were uniformly low in all fields from January to August when the permanent decline of the Cushing field resulted in an increased demand for oil produced in other parts of the country with a consequent advance in the scale of prices warranted. The Kansas and Oklahoma grade of petroleum had a rapid recovery in price before the advent of Cushing. From its low level of 40 cents a barrel maintained from February 15 to August 2, the Kansas and Oklahoma grade advanced to \$1.29 a barrel in a little more than four months, passing its former high level of \$1.02 on December 12, and attaining the price above quoted on the following day.

In Kansas active development centered in the August pool, Butler county, and was mostly for gas although a few oil wells resulted. In October a wildcat test near El Dorado in the same county yielded a promising flow of oil but the extent of the productive area had not been proved to the end of the year.

The various pools in Chautauqua, Montgomery, Franklin and Miami counties displayed only nominal activity during the past year.

**LOST RACE AGAINST TIME.**  
 Salina Northern Failed to Finish Lincoln Track by January 1.

Lincoln, Kan., Jan. 4.—The Salina Northern did not build its track into Lincoln by midnight Saturday night but the rails were in by Sunday night. The track lacked less than a mile of reaching the terminal and when night fell was announced by the blowing of whistles the track crew was working at high speed. Many from Lincoln were on the ground to encourage the workmen in their race against the time.

The steel delay prevented the rail-road company from completing the road by January 1. Two days no work was done because no material was on hand. The first link will soon be ready for operation of trains and it is planned now to complete the road to Osborne by June 1.

**INSTALL NEW POWER UNIT.**  
 Belleville Adds \$15,000 Engine to Water Plant Equipment.

Belleville, Kan., Jan. 4.—The new additional \$15,000 Diesel engine purchased by the city of Belleville to furnish additional power for electric light and water plant, has just been tried for the first time.

The new engine, with one of a similar make purchased a few years ago, make the Belleville plant one of the best equipped in this part of the state. The power now furnished will be adequate for many years to come and many additions to both the water and lighting systems in various parts of town not already supplied are being planned.

**JEWELL PIONEER DEAD.**  
 J. O. Brunner Stricken With Heart Disease While Playing Checkers.

Jewell City, Kan., Jan. 4.—While playing checkers with his grandson here Saturday, J. O. Brunner, a pioneer of this city was stricken with heart disease and died a few minutes later. He had been troubled with pains in his heart for some time but on the day before his death had seemed in good health and spirits.

Mr. Brunner came here forty years ago and until a few years past had been a farmer. Lately he had been employed by the Page Wire company. He served two years in the Civil war and was 79 years old. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**WILL GIVE A PIN PARTY.**  
 Senator Troutman to Entertain His Friends at Bowling Tonight.

Believing that a little healthy exercise might be a good thing for some of his friends, Senator James A. Troutman has engaged the exclusive use of the Stag bowling alleys for this evening and will entertain them with a pin party.

The twenty-four man tournament that has been arranged by J. W. Hollinger will begin on the Stag alleys tomorrow night. It is reported that a great deal of interest has been aroused over the tournament and it is possible that two more teams will be added to the league before the close of the week.

**LARGEST MILL IN KANSAS.**  
 Garden City Alfalfa Meal Plant Is Nearly Ready for Work.

Garden City, Kan., Jan. 4.—The Otto Weiss Alfalfa mill at this place is now complete and as soon as the installation of the machinery is completed the grinding of alfalfa will commence. This mill, having a capacity of ten tons per hour, is the largest in the state. It is expected to run at its fullest capacity until the back orders for meal are all filled.

**DIED FROM UNKNOWN CAUSE.**  
 Leavenworth Coroner Makes Decision on Death of Veteran.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 4.—Coroner James C. Davis has announced that he has completed his investigation of the death of Charles F. Peakey, the Spanish war veteran, whose dead body was found frozen in the ice of Five Mile creek and that the veteran came to his death through unknown causes.

**White goods at the lowest prices of the year**



**January White Sale**

**THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY**

**Miss Davis announces 25% discount**  
 on the making of all suits, gowns, blouses and separate coats—where the materials are purchased here this month.  
 (Miss Davis is now on the 5th floor)



**Coats at 1/2-price**  
 While every coat is not on sale at 1/2-price, yet all are reduced—every one 1/4 or more. In the 1/2-price sale are all odd coats, all small lots and all one-of-a-kind.

\$10.00 coats	\$ 5.00	\$25.00 coats	\$12.50
12.50 coats	6.25	27.50 coats	13.75
15.00 coats	7.50	30.00 coats	15.00
17.50 coats	8.75	32.50 coats	16.25
20.00 coats	10.00	35.00 coats	17.50
22.50 coats	11.25	40.00 coats	20.00

Taking the lot as a whole, there are most all styles, all colors and all materials—every coat in stock is materially reduced, and many of them are 1/2-price.

**All suits—1/2-price**  
 Every suit in stock is included—The advance Spring models just the same as the others. And while there are not all sizes in all styles, yet there is an excellent line of sizes.

\$10.00 suits	\$ 5.00	\$30.00 suits	\$15.00
12.50 suits	6.25	35.00 suits	17.50
15.00 suits	7.50	40.00 suits	20.00
18.75 suits	9.38	45.00 suits	22.50
19.75 suits	9.88	50.00 suits	25.00
25.00 suits	12.50	65.00 suits	32.50

No matter what style, what color or what material you want, you will undoubtedly find it here. Every suit in our entire stock is on sale at exactly 1/2 the plainly-marked, regular price.

**All furs—1/3 off**  
 In spite of the ver heavy selling last week, there is still an excellent line to choose from. Included are furs of all kinds from Coney to Sable; sets, scarfs, muffs and coats.

\$12.50 fur sets	\$ 8.37	\$100.00 fur sets	\$ 66.67
15.00 fur sets	10.00	150.00 fur sets	100.00
25.00 fur sets	16.67	200.00 fur sets	133.33
50.00 fur sets	33.33	300.00 fur sets	200.00
75.00 fur sets	50.00	500.00 fur sets	333.33

We will break any set (except children's) and sell either the muffs for the scarf separately. Every set, every muff, every scarf and every coat are now on sale at 1/3 off.

**All dresses reduced**  
 The most of them are 1/4 off, a great many are 1/3 off and quite a few are 1/2-price. There are street, afternoon and evening dresses and dancing frocks of taffetas, messalines, velvets, serges, chiffons, etc. The styles are all new; plain tailored dresses, Russian blouse effects, and high and low neck models trimmed with fur, braid and buttons. Every dress in stock is reduced—1/4 or more.  
 (Apparel section—3rd floor.)

**Women's up to \$5.00 shoes \$2.29**



—suede  
 —cravenette  
 —patent with cloth tops  
 —gunmetal with cloth tops  
 —patent with light buck tops

Broken lines; plenty of all sizes in the lot, as a whole, but not all sizes in every style.

All the small lots of women's up to \$5.00 shoes will go on sale Wednesday morning at... **\$2.29**  
 (Shoe section—main floor.)

It is but the mere simple statement of a fact to say the lowest prices of the year, and this is particularly true this year for we doubt if we shall be able to duplicate these January White Sale things at the prices quoted here. Wise, indeed, therefore, are the women who take full advantage of these rare chances to save—who buy for future as well as present needs.

**Towels at special prices**

12 1/2c bleached towels; the 17x37-inch size in neat stripe effects, on special sale... **10c**  
 25c bleached Turkish towels; the 22x42-inch size, extra heavy weight woven of 2-ply yarns and very durable... **19c**  
 65 per cent linen, bleached towels with red or blue borders, hemmed ready for use... **22c**  
 17-inch, bleached damask crash for kitchen and dish towels; very absorbent, per yard... **6 1/2c**



**White goods—special values**

27-inch white goods; Madras effects, dimity checks and stripe effects—per yard... **10c**  
 15c pajama cloth, 36 inches wide; small checks suitable for undermuslins and children's dresses... **11 1/2c**  
 38-inch sheer white voile for dresses and waists—a most exceptional value at, per yard... **14 1/2c**  
 25c mercerized nainsook, 36 inches wide; a beautiful fabric for undermuslins and children's dresses... **19c**  
 10-yard bolts of fine, sheer nainsook with a very soft finish—a rare bargain at... **\$1.19**  
 (White goods, towels and linens—main floor)

**Muslin underwear**

Table after table of dainty, snow-white undermuslins; as well made and as daintily finished and trimmed as though you had done the work yourself. And the prices are unusually low—very much lower than they will be when present stocks are gone. The women who buy all their Summer undermuslins NOW—and hundreds of them are doing this very thing, too—are showing excellent judgment and foresight.



**Gowns**

**50c** Twelve different styles of high-neck, V-neck and slip-over gowns of good quality long cloth attractively trimmed with laces and embroideries.

**75c**—a special lot of gowns worth up to \$2.00; slip-over styles of fine long cloths and soft-finished nainsooks.

**98c** Twenty different styles of high-neck and slip-over gowns of sheerest lingerie cloth and organdy trimmed with embroidered medallions and the daintiest of laces and embroideries.

**Drawers**

**25c** Drawers of excellent quality long cloth finished with plain hemstitched or embroidery trimmed flounces.

**50c** Choice of ten different styles of drawers; plain and circular, of long cloth with lace or embroidery trimming.

**75c** A special lot of drawers worth up to \$1.50. In the lot are both straight and circular styles of finest nainsook and long cloths with the daintiest of lace and embroidery trimmings.

**Corset covers**

**25c** Just arrived, a special lot of corset covers of fine quality of long cloth attractively trimmed around the top and the armeyes with lace and embroideries.

**50c** At this popular price you can choose from eight different styles of corset covers; plain tailored and fancy models trimmed with organdy medallions and laces and embroideries.

**Silk camisoles**

**59c** A special under-price purchase by our New York office. Of flesh color crepe de chine attractively trimmed with broad bands of net and shadow lace and finished with Val lace edge.

**Envelope chemise**

**69c**—just arrived yesterday. Two styles of envelope chemise of long cloth, attractively trimmed with lace and embroidery—rare values at this very low price.

**Petticoats**

**50c** The petticoats this season are quite a little wider than they were last year. There are three styles at this price; fine cambric tops with nainsook embroidery, pin tucked and Val lace trimmed flounces.

**98c** Five styles to choose from at this popular price. One has an extra deep flounce of scalloped edge embroidery, two have embroidery flounces and the other two are trimmed with Val lace.

**\$1.25** Fine long cloth and sheer cambric tops with extra deep flounces trimmed with the daintiest of laces and embroideries; choice of ten different styles at this price.  
 (Muslin underwear—1th floor)

**In the Basement**

**Gowns worth 75c, on special sale—49c**

Dozens of styles and thousands of gowns—yes, thousands of them; cash-captured at practically a third less than their real worth, and to be sold the same way. Included are crepes, longcloths, cambrics and muslins; and as for styles, there are high-neck and V-neck gowns with long sleeves and there are slip-over gowns with V-necks, round necks and square necks. They are all cut liberally full and long, are carefully made and finished and are attractively trimmed with dainty laces, embroideries and embroidering—the choicest styles from several makers' lines of 75c gowns, on special sale... **49c**

**Gowns on special sale—25c**

Speaking about bargains, how's that, Women's full-cut, slip-over gowns of good quality bleached muslin, trimmed around the neck with embroidery heading through which wash ribbon is inserted... **25c**

**Up to \$1.25 gowns on sale—79c**

In this lot are colored crepe gowns, dainty pinks and blues with lace trimmings; fine quality floral flisse crepe gowns elaborately trimmed with shadow laces; long cloth gowns attractively trimmed with the daintiest of imported laces and embroideries; both high-neck and slip-over styles—a lot of up to \$1.25 gowns on special sale... **79c**

**25c to 35c corset covers—19c**

These corset covers are carefully and neatly made of

**excellent quality bleached cambric, attractively trimmed with pretty laces and embroideries—regular 25c and 35c corset covers for... 19c**

**\$1.00 combinations on sale—69c**

Only a few hundred of them, so come down early in the morning if you would share in this most remarkable bargain. They are the popular corset cover-drawer style of fine nainsooks and fancy checked materials and are neatly trimmed with bands of lace insertion with edge to match—regular \$1.00 combinations in the 69c January White Sale at... **69c**

**50c and 75c corset covers—29c**

Corset covers of best quality, soft-finished, bleached cambric, elaborately trimmed with handsome pattern laces and embroideries—regular 50c and 75c corset covers, on special sale... **29c**

**Drawers—two lots at 25c and 35c**

These drawers are made of best quality, soft-finished cambric, cut liberally full and carefully finished. Some have ruffles of embroidery and others **25c** and **35c** are tucked and lace trimmed. Special at... **25c**

**Up to \$1.00 white petticoats for 59c**

These are all this season's styles, cut very much fuller than they were last year. They are of best quality bleached cambric with deep flounces of dainty pattern embroidery, finished with dust ruffle—a special lot of regular \$1.00 white petticoats on sale... **59c**  
 (On Sale in the Bargain Basement)



**A great purchase and sale of curtain materials**

Hundreds and hundreds of bolts, thousands and thousands of yards of curtain marquisette closed out direct from an Eastern mill at practically 1/2-price—and to be sold the same way. If you plan to have any new curtains this Spring, NOW is the time to buy the materials—both the marquisettes and the lace edges.

**25c marquisette—15c a yard**

This is a nice, firm quality of plain marquisette—the most popular of all curtain materials. It comes in white, cream and ecru and sells regularly for 25c a yard—during the January White Sale it will be... **15c**

**35c marquisette—19c a yard**

This is 40-inch, fine quality mercerized marquisette with either the plain selvedge edge or with a neatly hemstitched border; choice of white, cream or ecru—regular 35c-a-yard marquisette, on sale... **19c**

**50c marquisette—25c a yard**

This is a beautiful quality of highly mercerized marquisette finished with fancy hemstitched and imitation drawn-work borders; choice of white, cream or ecru—regular 50c-a-yard marquisette, on sale, per yard... **25c**  
 (On sale in the Bargain Basement)

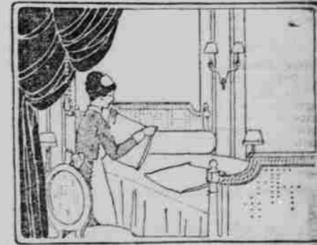
**Our greatest sale of spreads**

This is the largest lot of spreads we ever bought at one time—and they are by far the best values.

The famous Zion City Mills entire line of "seconds" of satin spreads on sale in two big lots.

Spreads worth up to \$4.25 **\$2.49**

Spreads worth up to \$6.00 **\$2.98**



If you are going to need any spreads, now's the time to buy them for this is without doubt the greatest bargain of its kind, ever offered in Topeka. Never before, to our knowledge, have spreads been offered at such remarkably low prices. These spreads are from the Zion City Mills—the makers of the finest spreads in this country—and included are some of every kind they manufacture; hundreds and hundreds, in all. The most of them are white satin spreads with embroidered, scalloped edges, and many have cut corners. Included, too, are a few ecru and a few pink, blue and yellow spreads.

**15c pillow cases—10c**

Because they are made of the part of the muslin on which the brand was pasted—and which will come out when the brand is washed—... **10c**

**19c pillow cases—12 1/2c**

This is a special lot of pillow cases that were used as salesmen's samples and are slightly soiled—that is how it comes we can sell regular 19c pillow cases for... **12 1/2c**  
 (ON SALE IN THE BARGAIN BASEMENT)

**DOLLAR SHOE SALE**  
 5 hundred pairs women's shoes up to \$5 value at Payne's ANNEX  
 515 Kan. Ave.