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Berkson Bros. May Reduction Sale  
The Season's Greatest Value Giving Event

# Coats and Dresses

Coats

Polotones  
Tweed  
Silvertones  
Wool Velours  
Goldtones

\$19

Dresses

New Taffetas  
Smart Satins  
Beaded Georgettes  
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Daintily conceived, but practical dresses for street, informal and general summer occasion wear. The fabrics are remarkable, and the workmanship is splendid.

The Coats are fashioned like higher priced selections in straightline, flare, polo styles and feature every authentic length and shade.

Only stores can duplicate our prices—but only our values

## PLEADS FOR ROADS

Secretary of Kansas Highway Commission Before Congress.

Wants Present System Continued by New Law.

### WESTERN STATES FAVORED

Eastern Part of U. S. Already Has State Highways.

Law Would Give Kansas \$3,000,000 Per Year.

Washington, May 11.—A plea for continuance of the present system of building hard surfaced highways with federal aid, but under supervision of the state, rather than a national highway commission, Mr. Markham reviewed the advantages of the state road building plan and cited alleged disadvantages of the national highway project.

It has been brought to the attention of the congressional committee that many western states insist that the plan of building up state systems be continued; while several eastern

states have displayed favoritism to a national highway system. Mr. Markham pointed out that that was a natural attitude for the eastern states because they already had perfected state systems thru state aid.

Make System Fair to All.

"Kansas is building roads on the theory that the property owner adjacent to the roads receive special benefits; his property is enhanced in like degree and therefore he should pay for its construction in proportion to the special advantages secured," said Mr. Markham. "To this end the state has before it an amendment to the constitution whereby the state may aid in the construction of many roads. It is not her purpose to give them to the lucky fellow, who by the shuffling of the dice, secures an improved road by his farm."

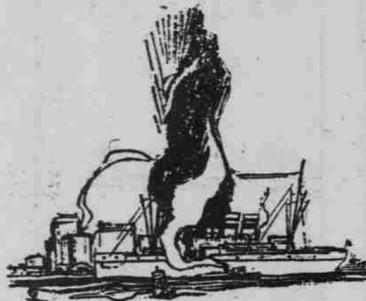
The Kansas system, mapped out by the state highway commission, consists of 8,500 miles, one-fifth of the total road mileage in the state. It reaches 85 per cent of the population and passes thru townships embracing 32 per cent of the state's taxable property. Mr. Markham said federal aid has proven a boon to road building in Kansas, the state's portion of federal aid having been appropriated to aid in building 833 miles of highway in many counties.

\$3,000,000 Per Year To Kansas.

"If the bill now before congress asking for federal aid to the extent of one hundred million dollars per year is passed, Kansas would receive in round numbers three million dollars a year," said Mr. Markham. "This would assist in building under our plan, two hundred miles a year. Should this three millions dollars be expended on a federal road, it would construct, at present prices, less than fifty miles a year."

Must be BEST to be FIRST

**LIPTON'S TEA**  
LARGEST SALE IN THE WORLD



This is the second of a series of advertisements published by the Committee of American Shipbuilders to assist in bringing about a right solution of questions vital not only to the future prosperity of shipbuilding but equally vital to the safety and prosperity of the Nation.

## Why our ships should not be sold now

TO meet the needs of war a great American merchant fleet was created; we spent \$3,000,000,000 for 10,000,000 tons of shipping.

For the first time in half a century the American flag is back upon the sea. Shall we keep it there?

These ships are now owned by the United States Government. It is agreed that they should be sold to private American owners.

But the United States should not sell its ships until the conditions under which they are to be operated are determined.

These conditions will only be known when shipping legislation now under consideration becomes a law. This law will affect ship values as

well as settle our future on the sea.

If our ships are sold in advance of Congressional action the Government must accept less than it would receive after Congress adopts a progressive policy.

Bargain prices to present purchasers would give them unearned profit if new laws make American ships more valuable than they are at present.

Pending legislation declares that our policy is "to do whatever may be necessary to develop and encourage" our merchant marine.

American ships cost more to build and to operate than do foreign ones. Congress is planning to overcome these disadvantages.

Until this is done, it is evident that the ships we now have should not be dispersed to face competitive conditions which, prior to the war, resulted in the decline of our merchant marine to insignificance.

Send for free copy of "For an American Merchant Marine"

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## CATTLE LOSS LOW

Livestock Damage Last Winter Lightest in Years.

Edward C. Paxton Report Covers State of Kansas.

Losses of livestock in Kansas from disease and exposure in the winter have been the lightest in many years, according to estimates released today by Edward C. Paxton, field agent for the federal department of agriculture. Correspondents of the department estimate that mortality among horses has amounted to eleven per thousand in the year ended May 1. Similar estimates show an average loss of sixteen per thousand during the last five years.

Mortality of cattle was unusually light the last winter in comparison to the heavy losses suffered in the winter of 1918-19. Only nine cattle per thousand died last winter from exposure as compared with thirty-five per thousand in the previous year, and an average of twelve in the last five years. Loss of cattle from disease during the last year amounts to fourteen per thousand as against nineteen a year ago and a five year average of eighteen.

Thirty-one sheep and thirty lambs died per thousand last year from either disease or exposure. The five year average loss has been thirty sheep and twenty-seven lambs.

Swine Fared Well.

Swine mortality reached the lowest ebb in fifteen years, being only twenty per thousand. In the year ending May 1, 1919, before any measures were taken by the state or federal government to eradicate hog cholera, the losses mounted to 132 per thousand. The loss of hogs during the past five years has averaged twenty-seven per thousand.

All classes of livestock are reported as being in nearly average condition of healthfulness on May 1. Cattle in the central and south central counties are reported as coming thru the winter quite thin due to shortness of rough feed last winter. Elsewhere in the state conditions are better, and spring generally. Western range cattle are fatter than usual owing to abundant pasturage all last winter.

Paxton's report further shows that farm work was considerably delayed up to May 1 this year. Reporters indicate that only 85 per cent of the spring plowing and 52 per cent of the spring seeding had been done up to that date. This is fully 5 per cent less than had been accomplished up to May 1 last year. Delay is partly attributed to inclement weather and partly to shortage of labor.

The heaviest carry over of hay in the last five years is recorded as of May 1. Thirteen per cent of last year's crop or 742,000 tons is estimated as still on farms. Holdings of wild hay in the long grass section are unusually heavy. Backwardness in marketing is attributed to shortage of cars and unsatisfactory markets. The outlook for the new hay crop is not flattering. Meadows are reported in 84 per cent of normal condition as compared with 94 per cent a year ago, 91 per cent in 1918, 88 per cent in 1917 and 89 per cent in 1916. Alfalfa suffered a severe setback from the freezes of April and made slow recovery and growth. Wild hay meadows were slow to start because of the cold and are much behind the usual in development. Pastures are rated at 82 per cent of normal for the season.

### GASOLINE IS UP AGAIN.

Standard Sets New York Price at 30 Cents Per Gallon.

New York, May 11.—The Standard Oil company of New York has announced that the price of gasoline to garages would be raised to 30 cents a gallon, an increase of 11.2 cents, while independent dealers were reported to be quoting "gas" as high as 32 cents. This, it was said, would mean that the retail price would be at least 34 cents. This advance brings advances since January 1 to 22 per cent.

Advances for oil products were not confined solely to gasoline. Prices on virtually all oil products continued to rise in various sections of the country.

Reports from the middle west and southwest, as received in the financial district, indicated further upward revision of price schedules for practically all grades of crude and refined products.

### BODY HIDDEN IN BARREL.

Letters Found in Clothing Indicate Remains Those of St. Louis Man.

Atchison, Kan., May 11.—A body of a man believed to have been A. E. Larkhan, a St. Louis carpenter, was found in a barrel in a corn crib on a farm owned by William Boone, west of here, Monday.

The body was past identification, but letters in a coat pocket were addressed to Larkhan. The letters indicated he had three brothers, Gus and A. A. Larkhan of Clifton, Kan., and George Larkhan of Centerville, Mo.

A deep gash in his head indicated violence and a two by four timber covered with blood, which lay near the body, may have been the weapon, local authorities believe. George Larkhan is expected here today.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the Columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL.

May 11, 1895.

Chief Wilmarth has bought a new horse for the North Topeka station. He is a sorrel and weighs 115 pounds.

The county commissioners will hold a special session next Tuesday for the purpose of considering proposition for a new bridge across the river on Kansas avenue. William Tweeddale and other representatives of the Melan Arch Concrete bridge company of New York, will appear before the commissioners and tell why their bridge should be the one selected. This company proposes to build, just what the people want, for a sum not to exceed \$100,000. The legislature passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$150,000, but bonds will be voted for the whole amount.

The Oxford club, the youngest society dancing club in Topeka, closed its series of dances last evening with a dance at library hall. About eighty were present. Music was furnished by the Melan Arch Concrete company of New York, which will appear before the commissioners and tell why their bridge should be the one selected. This company proposes to build, just what the people want, for a sum not to exceed \$100,000. The legislature passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$150,000, but bonds will be voted for the whole amount.

The duplicate Whist club will hold its last afternoon meeting of the season tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Lingard at her home in Western avenue. The members of the club for the past winter have been Mrs. Elmer Quinton, Mrs. E. Holliday, Mrs. W. Norton, Mrs. Harold Chase, Mrs. Arthur Copper, Mrs. Harry Ashby, Mrs. L. H. Hildebrand, Mrs. Frank Jarrell, Mrs. Tom Pounds, Miss Margaret McInnis, Miss Mamie Houston and Miss Irene Berner. Mrs. Arthur Copper holds first place in the greatest number of points won during the year.

## Save The Difference!



THE tremendous buying power of this store was never more in evidence than today. Our big Four Store Buying Power organization will prove to you that in our ordinary business life our prices are cheaper; values better; goods more desirable, than when other stores are making super-efforts for business.

Comparison is your true guide.

Men's and young men's fine new Spring Suits, Blue Serge, fine Cheviots, and silk mixed Worsteds, every suit a most wonderful value, being offered you here at a saving of \$10.00. This means at least a saving of \$15.00 over other stores' prices. We want you to investigate these wonderful values at... **\$35**

High School Jr. Spring Suits In snappy models for the young chap just going into long trousers. Mothers with whom economy is essential should take advantage of this offer at... **\$35**

Young Men's Suits on Special Sale (Save \$10.00) at \$25.00

These Suits at this price mean more than the saving that we claim for them, they mean extra values, spring styles, surprising qualities. If you want an unusual bargain, don't miss this offer at... **\$25**

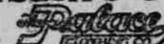
Men's \$8.50 to \$12.50 Trousers Special lot of high-grade quality, including H. E. & M. odd lots of both fancy and Blue Serge, all sizes, until sold we offer them at... **\$7.95**

Men's Rain Coats \$8.50 to \$12.50 Values, are small lots, and we are going to close them out, while they last at... **\$7.45**

Boys \$18 to \$22.50 2-Pant Spring Suits \$15.75

MOTHERS! This is an unusual and exceptional value. The price of boys' clothing is going up, and we are taking the opposite stand and reducing them. We advise an early visit from you because the savings are certainly to your advantage, all ages 5 to 15, choice while they last... **\$15.75**

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## Painted Walls are Best

Acme Quality No-Lustre Finish on your walls will give you more lasting satisfaction and better service than any other finish. It is cleaner and more sanitary than wall paper. It is more economical because it lasts longer and it forms a hard, smooth coating that is a protection to the plaster itself.

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### No-Lustre Finish

It is made especially for finishing walls and ceilings. It is offered in delicate tints and rich colors that will harmonize and enrich the furnishings of any room. Dust and dirt do not adhere to its smooth surface. It is easily kept bright and clean by wiping with a damp cloth. It is more beautiful and sanitary than wall paper, stuck in place by gummy breeding paste and more durable than Kalsomine.

Let us show you colors and estimate cost. Our Home Decorating booklet or Acme Quality Painting Guide Book gives a lot of useful information about paints and finishes. It's free.

Acme Quality Paints and Finishes may be secured in Topeka from the following dealers—

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| H. Breitenstein Howe Co.  | 825 N. Kansas Ave. |
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"20 Years' Experience." It Counts!

## It's Easy to Peel Off All Your Freckles

The contrast between the freckles and the clear skin usually is so great that no bleach can be more than partially successful in obliterating the blemishes. Ordinary mercurials was far better; it literally peels off the freckles. Get an ounce of it at the nearest drug store and tonight spread on enough to completely cover the face; remove in the morning with warm water. Repeat daily until every freckle has disappeared.

## Baby Shunned Because of Eczema!

John M. Shontz, 903 Main St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes: "My baby boy contracted a severe case of Eczema which covered his face and head. Visitors to our home would shun my child because he looked so terrible. I received a box of D. D. D. in an incredibly short time my boy was cured. Thousands of letters from grateful mothers of D. D. D. prove its wonderful results in healing torturing skin diseases. The very first application stops the itching and burning. Why not try a bottle of once and be convinced? Your money back if the first bottle does not bring relief. See and \$1.00. Try D. D. D. See, too. THE Lotion for Skin Diseases. GEO. W. STANSFIELD, Druggist."