

## Populating of the Great Plains.

Government to Pump the Kansas Overflow.

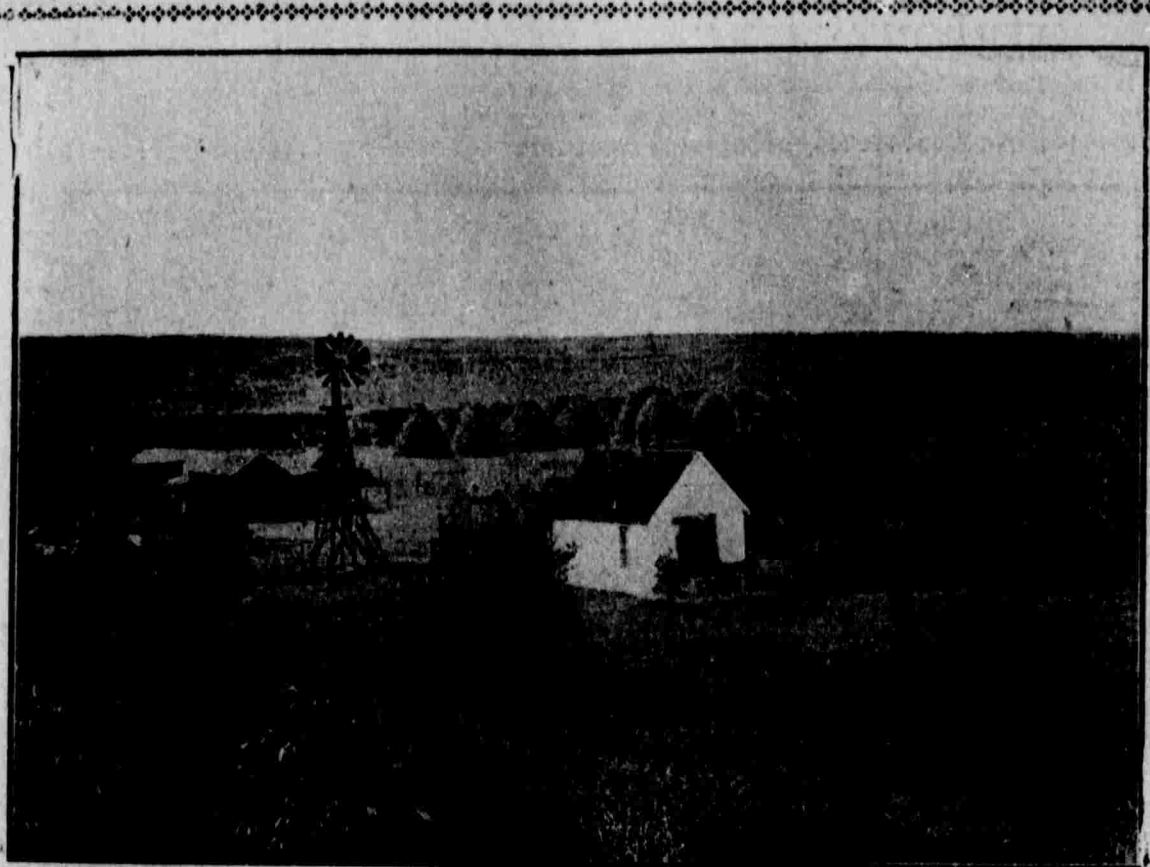
(GUY ELLIOT MITCHELL.)

THE very mention of home building in western Kansas and Nebraska will call up painful recollections today in more than one household in New England. The disastrous attempt of years back to inhabit and farm these semi-desert prairies lends much interest to the first government irrigation works to be located in the Great Plains region—the Garden City project. Contracts will be let in May and the work will doubtless be completed in time for irrigation in the spring of 1907.

Unusual interest attaches to this project not alone because it is the first which involves pumping from underground sources, but because it is believed that its successful operation will usher in a new era for the great plains. The importance of this project is more fully realized when it is remembered that the division of the United States known as the great plains comprises 700,000 square miles or over one-quarter of the total area of the whole country. Over a vast portion of this region the settlers are few and far apart. It is the "short grass" country and is today furnishing forage and grazing for great herds and flocks. West of the 100th meridian the climate belongs to the semi-arid region and general farming without irrigation is not successful, except in years of unusual and timely rainfall. The history of this section has been marked by a number of disastrous failures, most of which resulted from a lack of knowledge of the climatic conditions, and from a fever of speculation in western mortgages.

### HOW THE EAST WAS BUNCOED.

During a cycle of wet years agriculture was extended far across the plains, the movement being greatly facilitated by companies formed to place loans and take mortgages on real estate. The east was the treasury from which the funds were drawn. During the continuance of several years of ample rainfall the profits of these loan agencies were great, and prudence was thrown to the winds. A series of dry years and the consequent failure of crops forced the settlers to abandon their farms, and whole counties were practically depopulated. Today here and there on the plains the deserted and house or the more substantial farm dwelling are framed against a level landscape, lonely reminders of the pioneers' failure. Occasionally the remains of dozens of structures mark the site of what was once a prosperous town or county seat, but what is now only the haunt of the coyote or the gaunt gray wolf. Mortgages were foreclosed and the makers of loans became burdened with large areas of lands practically valueless. Attempts were made to construct irrigation works to insure crops, but the results as a rule were not successful.



(Photographed for the Desert News.)

GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION-AIDED COMMUNITY NEAR GARDEN CITY, KANSAS.

and the stockholders lost their investment.

### WINDMILLS SAVED THE DAY.

Some of the pioneers heroically hung on to their homes and when the drought failed they sunk wells and irrigated small tracts from windmills. The yields from these small ditches were phenomenal, and sufficed to the needs of the farmers over the years of drought. Farms of 10 and 20 acres in gardens and orchards and irrigated from wells now support whole families in comfort. Systematic irrigation of this kind not only embraces intensive cultivation, small farms and orchards, but it increases and specializes production, calling into play the educated brain and the trained hand and massing the cultivators into highly organized communities.

The well in Kansas has been a most potent factor in establishing a number of the best communities in the state. These facts are recited to explain why the Garden City project is attractive to a public interest greater than would follow the construction of a project of this kind in other sections of the west. The water for this project must be recovered from the underground waters of the Arkansas valley, which lie in gravel deposits existing below the bed of the river. The plans of the government provide for the sinking of several hundred wells from which the water will be pumped and discharged into a collecting conduit. These wells will be scattered along a line nearly five miles long.

### BIG PUMPING PLANT.

The power is generated at a single central plant situated on the railroad, and is then distributed by electricity to the wells. Applications for water under this project have been made by the owners of more than 12,000 acres of land to be benefited and the community is very

enthusiastic concerning the future success of irrigation in the Arkansas valley. The private pumping plant erected three years ago in this neighborhood at a cost of more than \$10,000 supplied water to 1,000 acres in wheat. The first crop harvested was not more than the original cost of the pumping plant.

### FAMOUS FOR ALFALFA SEED.

The Garden City country has long been famous as an alfalfa center and the location seems to be especially well adapted to the maturing of the seed crop of alfalfa which has always paid well there. Garden City alfalfa seed brings a high price all over the irrigated west.

A sugar factory is now being constructed at this point and a considerable acreage has been promised to the beet as soon as the project is completed.

The important bearing which the success of the project has upon the future of millions of acres of the Great Plains is thoroughly appreciated by the landowners. Vast areas are still the giving careful attention to the subject. With the development of numerous pumping plants along the broad valleys of the Plains' streams and the extension of successful dry farming over areas on higher levels, the Great Plains region will become the home of thousands of prosperous farmers.

No pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These Famous Little Pills are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing action. The best strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Never gripe—Sold by F. C. Schramm, druggist, where the cars stop.

Easter Fashions in Every Degree of Luxury and Simplicity at Special Prices that spell a Message of such Unmistakable Economy that Only one Verdict is Possible—

# "AUERBACH VALUES ARE GREATEST!"

This week we offer Exceedingly Strong Price Inducements to Conference Visitors and Resident Buyers, and the feature that makes the special concessions just as valuable as figures indicate is the positive guarantee that every Purchaser shall find Quality and Style right and pleasing. The Auerbach Store never suspends its absolute protection to its patrons.

### EASTER SPECIAL!



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### Fine Easter Clothes for Boys

At Very Special Prices.



The lines of AUERBACH'S CLOTHING FOR BOYS were never quite so broad and handsome as they are right now—by far the best made and best looking clothes for boys to be found in Salt Lake, and the very special Easter offerings now prevailing are doubly interesting to economical parents.

**BOYS' BUSTER BROWN SUITS**—Every pattern decidedly original, with snappy effects in plain blue and gray mixtures in greys and tan, handsomely trimmed. Suits that are worth \$4.50, will be on sale at, per suit, **\$3.00**

**BUSTER BROWN SUITS**—The cleverest designs strikingly handsome assortments of Oxford greys and brown mixtures. All wool chevrons and tweeds, suits that are worth \$5.00 will be on sale at, per suit, **\$3.50**

**BOYS' BUSTER BROWN SUITS**—Genuine imported Cheviots and Tweeds. Every suit has the stamp of fashion and first class workmanship. A perfect assortment of fancy mixtures and plain colors. Findings and trimmings the best. Suits that are worth \$7.50, will be on sale at, per suit, **\$5.00**

### Important Silk Special!

1500 Yards of Noire Taffeta Silk.

Owing to a shrewd bargain made by our Silk buyer, we are enabled to place these Silks on sale at practically one-half less than their regular selling value to those who wish an extremely stylish Silk, we recommend these as being all pure Silk of the highest grade, and of the very best wearing and dependable quality. Remember, these Silks can not be duplicated elsewhere at any price, and we advise an early choice, the colors are Browns, Tans, Champagne, Bisquit, Reseda, Coral, Navy, Lt. Blue, Greys, Alice Blue, Cream, White, Black and others, 22 inches wide and the regular value is \$2.00 per yard. Monday they will be on sale at, per yard, **98c**

### CREPE DE CHENE.

\$1.25 Crepe De Chine, 24 inches wide, in all the wanted colors, per yard, **95c**

**SILK FINISH HENRIETTA**—Fine German make, 38 to 40 inches wide, best all wool quality, in all the light and dark colors including Cream and Black. Regular price 80c a yard, extra special, **62c** (per yard)

**NEW FANCY GREY SUITINGS**—A big assortment, the latest styles in indigo-check, plaids, stripes and plain Greys, 50 to 56 inches wide, worth \$1.50 to \$1.75 a yard, special this week at, per yard, **\$1.25**

### Rare Values in New White Goods!

It is enough to gladden any woman's heart to see these beautiful new Goods and to note their extremely low prices.

40-inch wide White India Linen—a smooth linen finished quality, sheer in texture; value 25c—special for this week, per yard, **16 1/2c**

White Embroidered Dotted Swisses in pin dots, which are in greatest demand this season—value 30c—go this week, per yard, **16 1/2c**

White Togo Cloth—the most wanted fabric for Lingerie Waists and adapted for fine Gowns; highly merized; value 25c—this week, a yard, **24c**

White Real Silk Persian Lawn—value 45c—special for this week, a yard, **32c**

White Embroidered Robes (semi-made) of fine White Lawn, with deep embroidered hemstitched flounce—enough plain material for Waists with trimmings to the skirt; value \$10.00; special for this week at, **\$6.40**

### Two Great Easter Neckwear Specials

Nobby styles in tailored tab and other fancy collars, in a superb variety of the newest shapes; a showing that will surpass all former sale offers in variety of styles and excellency of qualities—the Easter week sale prices are (each):

**50c and 25c**

### ESTABLISHED 1864

# F. Auerbach & Bro.

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD



### Important Showing of Easter Millinery!

Description in detail is impossible. There is lavish showing of both richness and delicacy. There is art and refinement everywhere. There is faithful reflection of the very best of the late millinery ideas. There is dignity, gentility and becomingness, and in all the quality fits the price. Discriminating wearers of millinery will feel amply repaid any effort necessary to see this full and satisfactory exhibit before purchasing the spring and summer headwear.

WELCOME TO BUYERS AND SIGHT-SEERS ALIKE



## Women's Easter Apparel = Many Beautiful Styles!

With Easter but one week away it behooves every woman who contemplates the purchase of new wearing apparel to make her selection this week. We are showing the very latest effects and sweetest styles in Suits, Skirts, Coats and Waists. There is an endless variety of the new things, and we can safely say that we have never been better prepared to supply your wants.

### SHOWING OF TAILORED SUITS

AT \$22.50—These beautiful suits are made of fine broadcloth, Panama and best quality English worsteds in Alice blue, reseda green, light greys, pretty checks, old rose and black. Very special at **22.50**

**PEAU DE SOIE SILK COATS**—32 inches long, full plaited, collarless style, unlined, full length or elbow sleeves, worth \$12.50, Monday and week **\$9.75**

**PEAU DE SOIE OR TAFFETA COATS**—27 inches long, with loose back, full length or elbow sleeve, neatly trimmed with braid, all sizes, Monday and week **\$5.98**

**SILK SHORT WAIST SUITS**—In plain or changeable taffeta silk, new 1906 models, waist plaited front and back, come in all leading colors. (Alterations free) at **\$10.00**

**SILK SHIRT WAIST SUITS**—Very newest ideas, waist elaborately trimmed with small tucks and self covered buttons, skirt to match, every imaginable color **\$13.75**



**WOMEN'S FANCY WALKING SKIRTS**—In the new circular style, double row of buttons down front, two rows of folds at bottom, in fancy greys only, very special **\$5.75**

**HANDSOME NEW VOILE SKIRTS**—In black or navy with excellent taffeta silk drop, new circular effect, trimmed with small tucks; very stylish and suitable for **\$13.50**

**A GREAT SILK PETTICOAT SPECIAL AT \$4.45**—Every economical woman of Salt Lake can afford a new silk petticoat for Easter, they are made of heavy, rustling taffeta, in colors and black. Regular \$4.50 value, as a special **\$4.45**

**NEW JAP SILK WAISTS**—In black or white, made with dainty tucks and lace trimming, elbow sleeves, very special at **\$3.98**

**DAINTY LACE WAISTS**—Made of all over lace, with various yoke effects in white or ecru, long or short sleeves to harmonize, price **\$3.95**

**GIRLS' COATS AT SPECIAL PRICES**—In nobby, fancy mixtures, loose back and front, velvet collar, turned back cuffs, unlined, patch pockets, our regular \$5.50, for Monday all day **\$3.75**

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### New Gloves For Easter!

Every number represents a matchless value, the line is complete in styles, qualities and sizes, our new spring importations having just been received, there is a price and a quality reason for buying your Easter Gloves here.

AT 59c A PAIR—Ladies' Pure Silk Gloves with warranted double finger tips, in all sizes, Black, White, Navy, Green, Reds, Brown, Mode and Slate, the very best 75c grade in the market. Our special Easter sale price **59c**

AT \$1.00 A PAIR—The Famous Glace Kid Glove in all colors and sizes unsurpassed by any 1.25 Glove made. Our exceptional value **\$1.00**

AT \$1.50 A PAIR—Trefousse finest French Glace Kid Gloves in all colors and sizes in over-seam or pique sewed; there's not a prettier fitting Glove in the market, it's a regular \$2.00 grade; our price, a **\$1.50**

AT 75c A PAIR—Ladies' Pure Silk Elbow Length Gloves, with double finger tips in Black or White, best **75c**

AT \$2.25 A PAIR—White fine quality French undressed Kid Gloves, 16 B length wrist, in all sizes, a Glove you can't duplicate for less than \$2.25, our Easter sale **\$2.25**

At 69c a pair. The Crown Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves in Black, Brown, Tan, Mode and White, all sizes, this is an excellent \$1.00 grade, our Easter sale price a **69c**

### SHOES For EASTER!



AT PRICES WAY, WAY BELOW THE ACTUAL EVERY DAY VALUE OF THE GOODS.

**MISSIE'S FINE SPRING AND SUMMER OXFORDS** in black or Brown, (sizes 11 1/2 to 2) worth \$1.75, our Easter price, (per pair) **\$1.48**

**CHILDREN'S FANCY STRAP SLIPPERS** in black or Brown, (sizes 5 1/2 to 7), worth \$1.50, our Easter price (per pair) **\$1.15**

**YOUNG LADIES' KID LACE SHOE** with medium weight sole and low school heel, (sizes 2 1/2 to 7), worth \$2.00, our Easter price **\$1.48** (per pair)

**LADIES' OXFORDS IN BLACK** with fancy vesting top, (sizes 2 1/2 to 7), worth \$2.00, our Easter price, (per pair) **\$1.69**

**BOYS' PATENT KID OXFORDS** with neat dull upper, blucher cut, (sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2), worth \$2.00, our Easter price, (per pair) **\$2.50**

**SLIPPER AND OXFORD DEPARTMENT IS NOW COMPLETE WITH ALL THE NEWEST STYLES AND AT PRICES UNMATCHABLE.**

### The Entrancing New Wash Fabrics

The pen of even a gifted writer could do but little justice to the sheer, almost ethereal beauty of the New Wash Fabrics. We try again and again, and the very next time we see the Goods we feel ashamed of our efforts. But the one thing we can do is to ask you to see them—then we are sure they will captivate you.

20 pieces Voile Suitings—a tub fabric in mannish suiting effect, in five of the prettiest shadings; value 20c—special for this week, **8c** per yard

1,000 yards plain Silk Mulls in the most popular colorings; value 25c; special for this week, per yard, **12c**

The New Belfast Linen Cambrics—a close imitation of fine Butcher's Linen—in the popular black and white checks, **12c** at

The New Yachting Suitings, the most novel fabric for smart walking suits, costumes and out-door dresses; special for this week, **18c** at yard

Choice New Printed Silk Organdies, soft, dainty, clinging materials for stylish gowns, value 60c, at, **30c**

**Great Easter Special—Ladies' Extra Fine Pure Silkatine Hose** When you observe the fine texture, exceptional quality and the low price we have attached to this special line, you'll wonder how it happened; also remember that this line is unequalled for wear, made of finest red and blue silk—come in fast black, tan, brown, champagne shown in pearly gray, in all sizes. It's the very best 75c grade ever shown in this city, the sale price, a pair, **53c**