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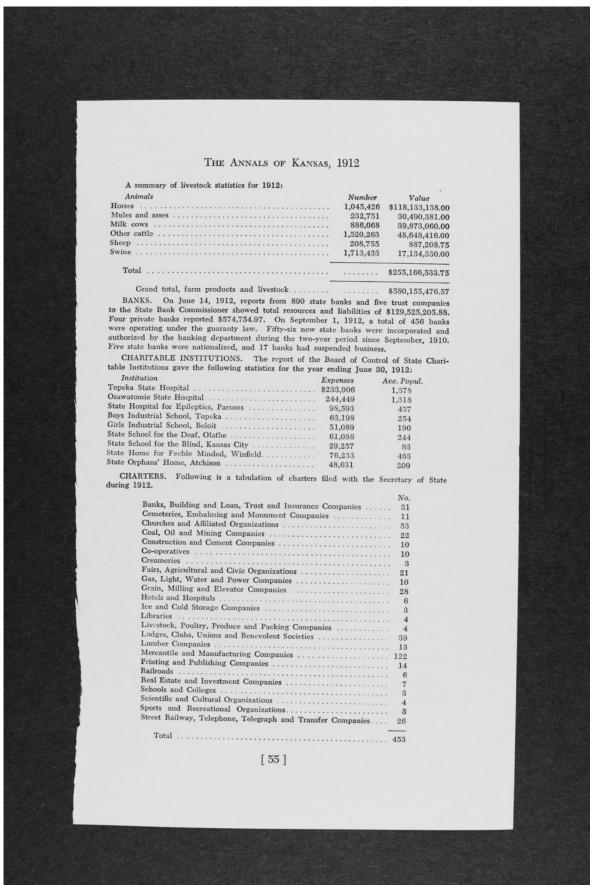
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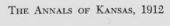
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| Corn | | | 88,384,920 | \$70,842,821.68 |
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| Castor beans | | | | |
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| Tobacco | | | | |
| Broomcorn | | | | |
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EDUCATION. According to the 18th biennial report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction there were 8,717 organized school districts in Kansas with a total average attendance of 298,128. There were 14,103 teachers with salaries ranging from \$52.11 in one-teacher schools to \$97.95 in first class city high schools. The average school term was 28.5 in rural schools and 36.2 weeks in city schools. There were 75 consolidated schools. Expenses for school purposes were \$11,158,255.

Statistics for the five state schools for 1911-1912 were as follows:

| | K.U. | K. S. A. C. | Emporia Normal | Fort Hays Normal | Pittsburg Manual |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Enrollment | 2,737 | 2,523 | 2,591 | 646 | 1,183 |
| Counties represented | 95 | | 94 | 40 | 45 |
| Out-of-state students | 276 | 90 | 79 | 6 | 65 |
| Faculty | 163 | 151 | 88 | 18 | 35 |
| Expenditures | \$603,450 | \$762,555 | \$196,090 | \$41,078 | \$67,160 |

FINANCIAL. The balance in the state treasury on June 30, 1911, was \$1,423,283.42, to which was added during the fiscal year \$3,095,403.79 from direct taxes and \$4,663,422.38 from other sources, or a total of \$9,182,109.59 from all sources, including the original balance. Disbursements totaled \$7,892,900.20, which left a balance of \$1,289,209.39 in the treasury on June 30, 1912. Property value as fixed by the State Board of Equalization included: farm lands, \$1,228,702,127; town lots, \$440,281,647; personal property, \$517,-\$50,932; public service corporations, \$431,209,399; all property, \$2,746,885,505. The total state tax levy was \$3,296,280.35.

INSURANCE. The 43rd annual report of the Superintendent of Insurance gave the following statistics for 1912:

| | Confected | Paid |
|------------|--|--|
| 49,469,578 | \$6,424,067 | \$1,653,406 |
| 01,546,345 | 4,632,416 | 2,868,263 |
| 38,420,006 | 519,536 | 302,983 |
| Not Given | 1,062,339 | 425,841 |
| 38,042,592 | 4,189,734 | 3,378,278 |
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LABOR AND INDUSTRY. The report of the State Bureau of Labor said that general working conditions of factory workers were improved. There were 1,569 inspections during the year, and 1,332 safety and improvement orders were issued. A total of 2,649 inspections made of fire escapes and theaters in 154 towns. Forty-nine prosecutions were made. Fifty-three persons were killed and 270 injured in industrial accidents, and 37 fatalities occurred among 11,348 coal miners employed.

Production value of 1,760 manufacturing concerns had increased four percent, but wages had not increased accordingly. Modern machinery was blamed for lower wages. Twenty industries represented 93.3 percent of the total production value. Among the industries were alfalfa mills, bakeries, boxes and barrels, book-binding, printing and publishing, brick tile and clay, car and shop construction, cement, creameries, coal mining, flour and grist mills, foundries and machine shops, gas and electric lighting and heating, glass factories, ice and cold storage plants, petroleum products, planing mills, salt, slaughtering and meat-packing, smeltering and refining, and soap.

MINERAL PRODUCTION. Statistics on principal mineral products were as follows: Cement—3,225,040 barrels produced. 3,592,148 barrels shipped, valued at \$2,815,113. Coal—6,986,182 tons valued at \$11,324,130. Crude petroleum—1,593,000 barrels valued at \$1,095,698. Wells drilled, 536; wells

Lead concentrate-3.036 short tons valued at \$160,133.

Natural gas-28,068,370,000 cubic feet valued at \$4,336,635. Wells drilled, 435; wells producing, 2,106.
Salt—360,308 short tons valued at \$844,292. Kansas ranked fourth among the states

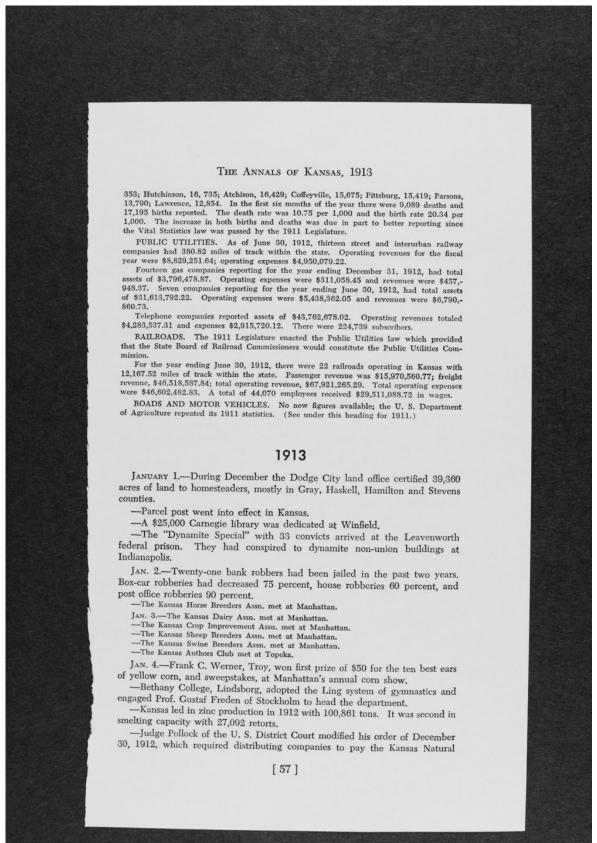
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Zinc concentrate—21,383 short tons valued at \$1,008,661.

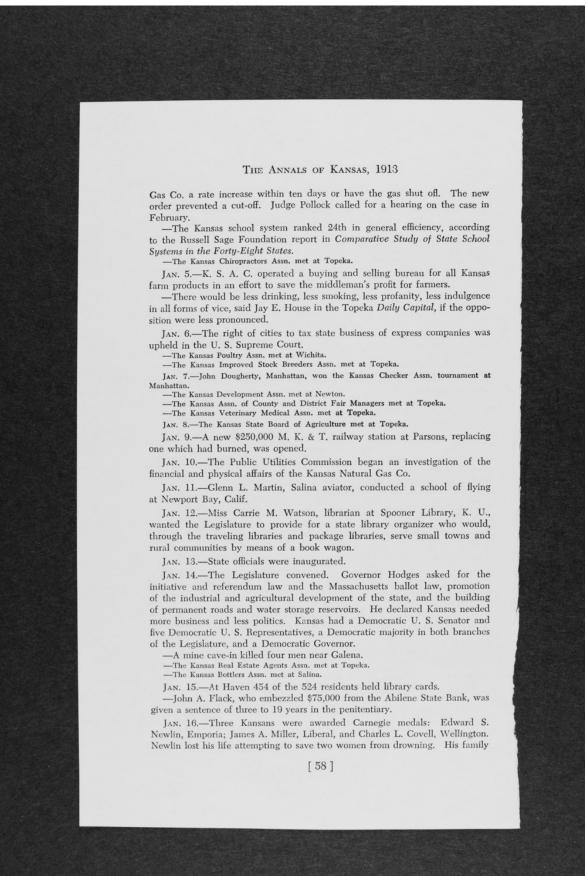
POPULATION. The sixth biennial report of the State Board of Health gave the population for 1912 as 1,690,949, an increase of 4,302 over 1911. The ten largest cities in Kansas were Kansas City, 86,826; Wichita, 56,379; Topeka, 46,385; Leavenworth, 22,-

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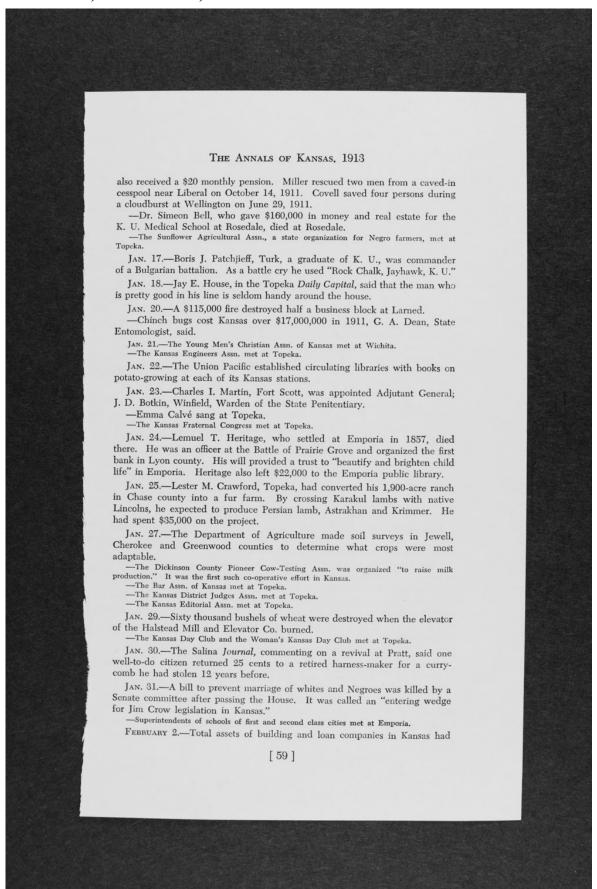




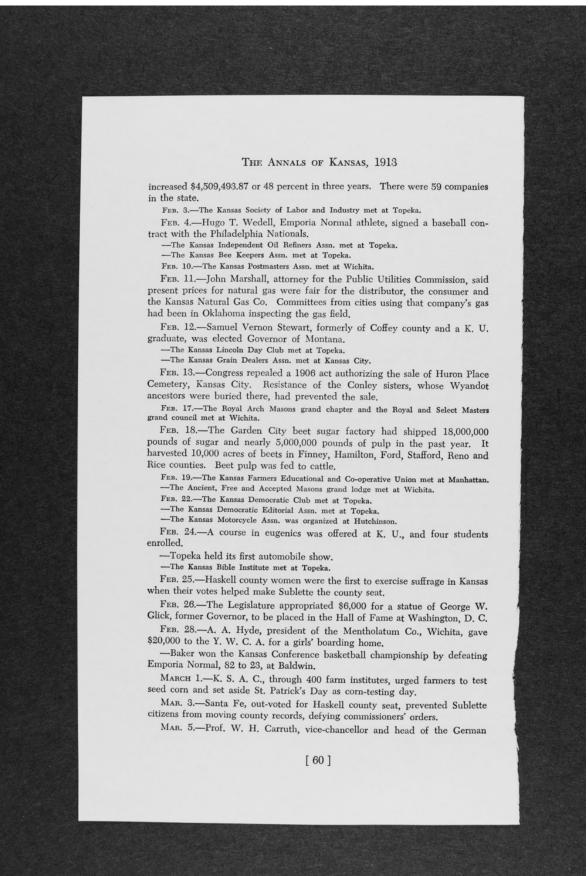




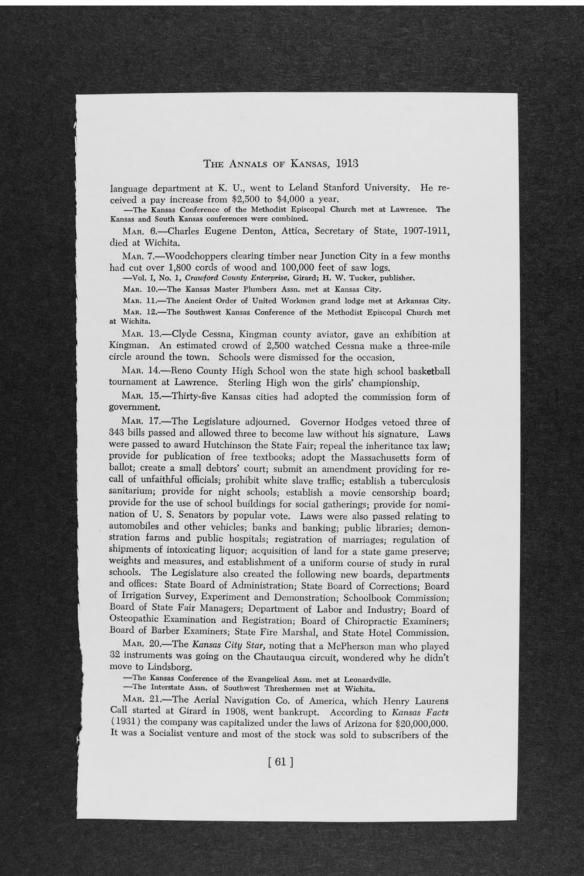




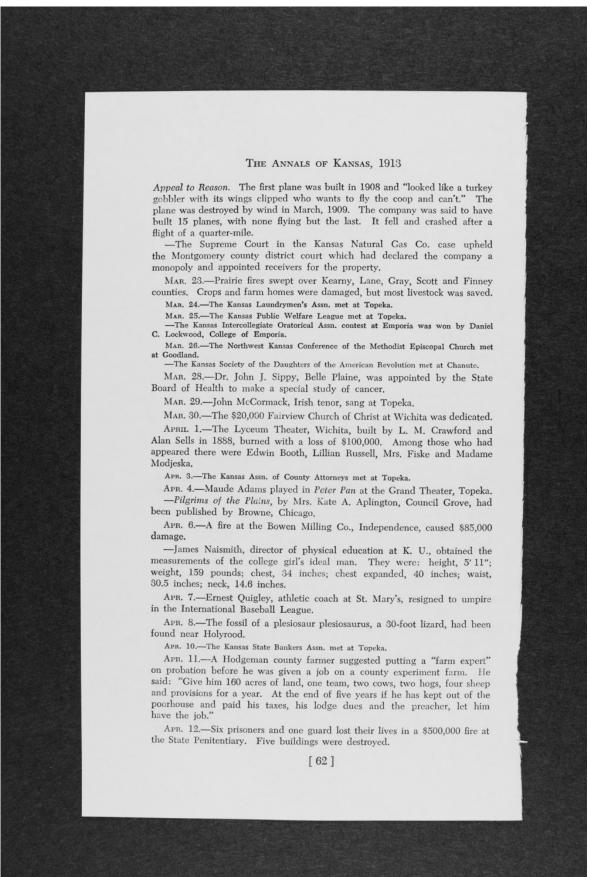




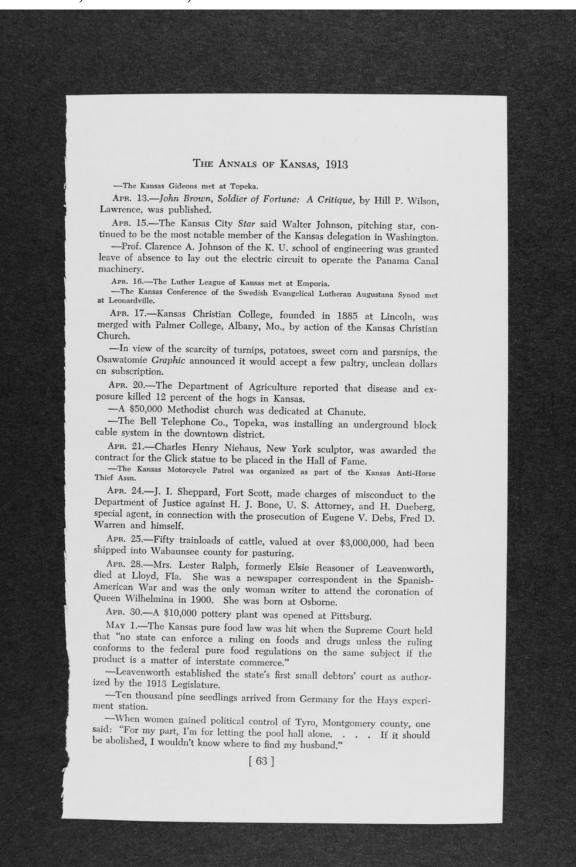




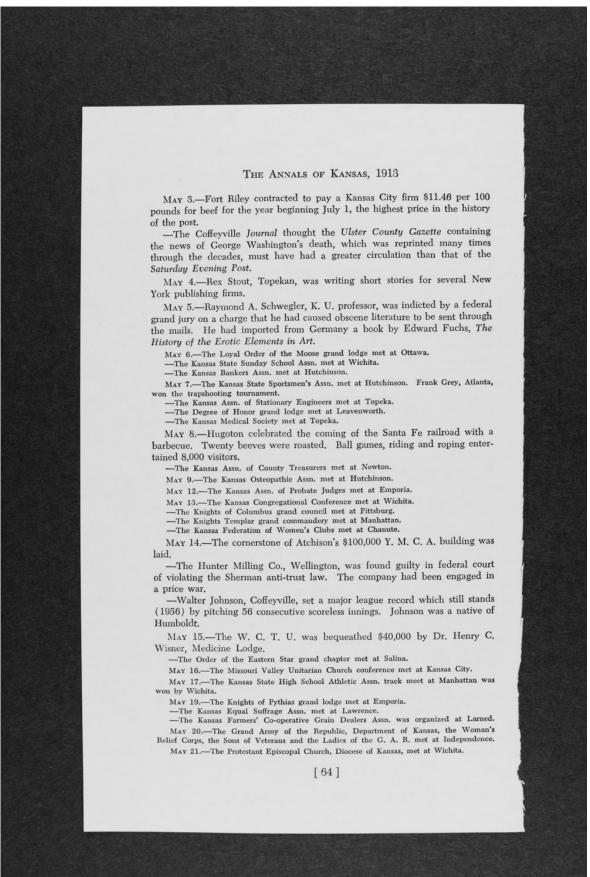




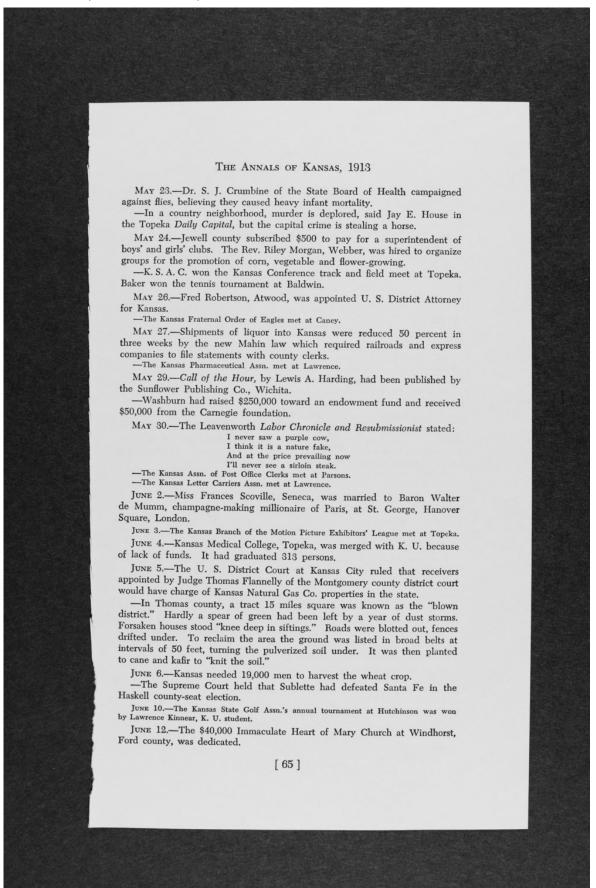




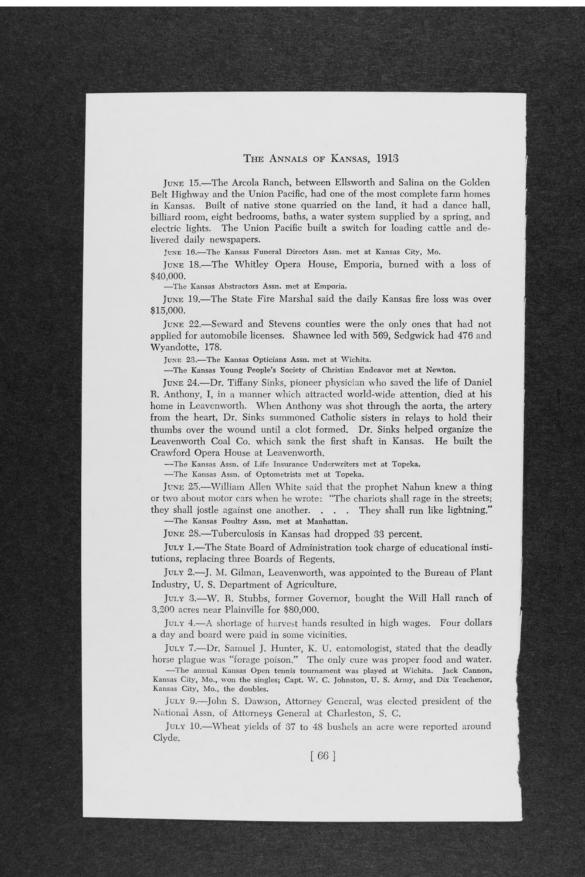




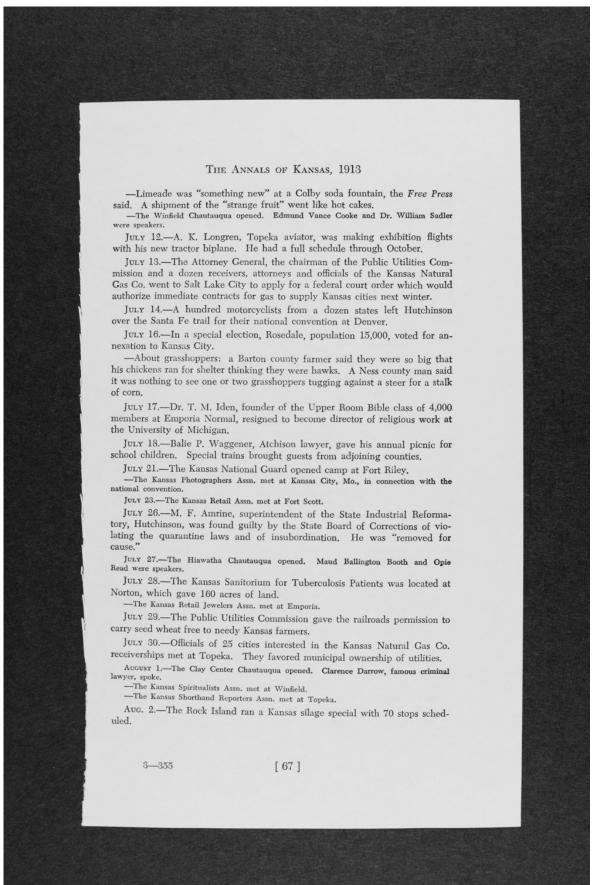




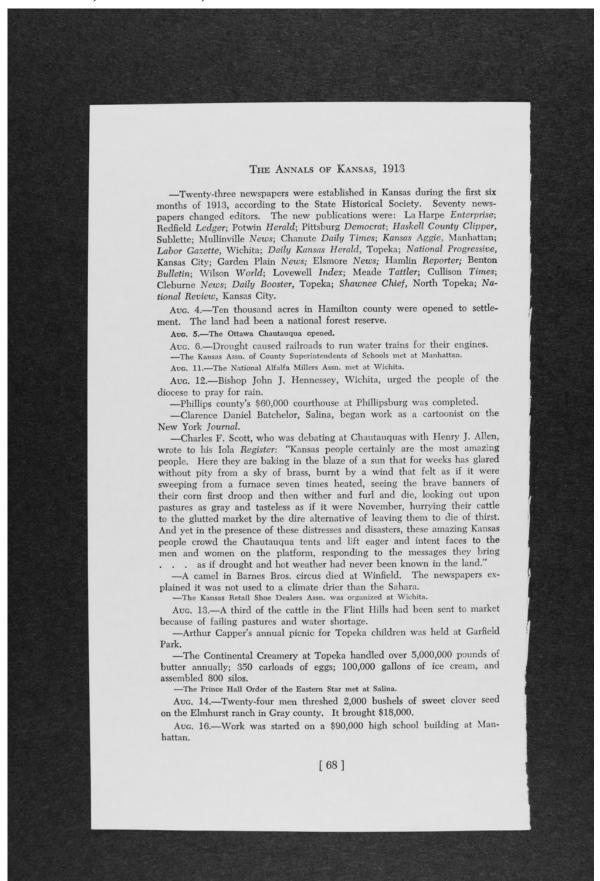




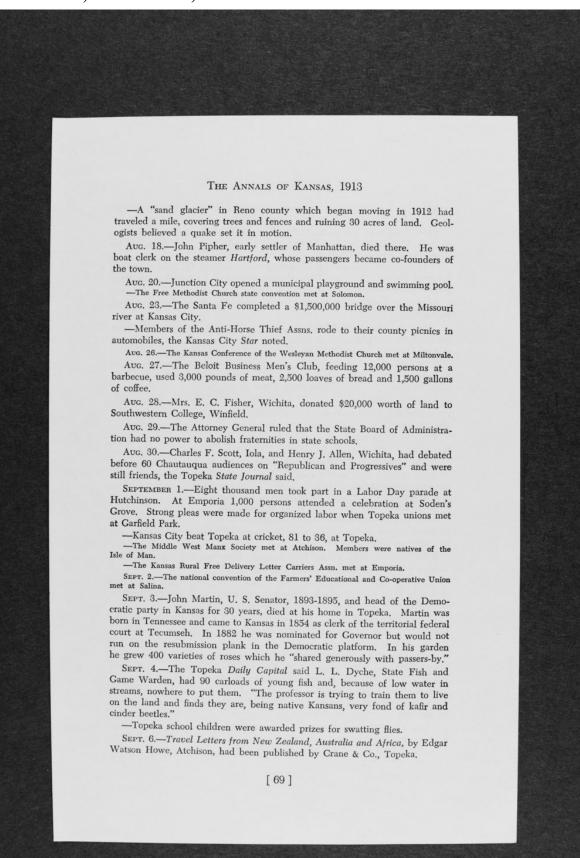




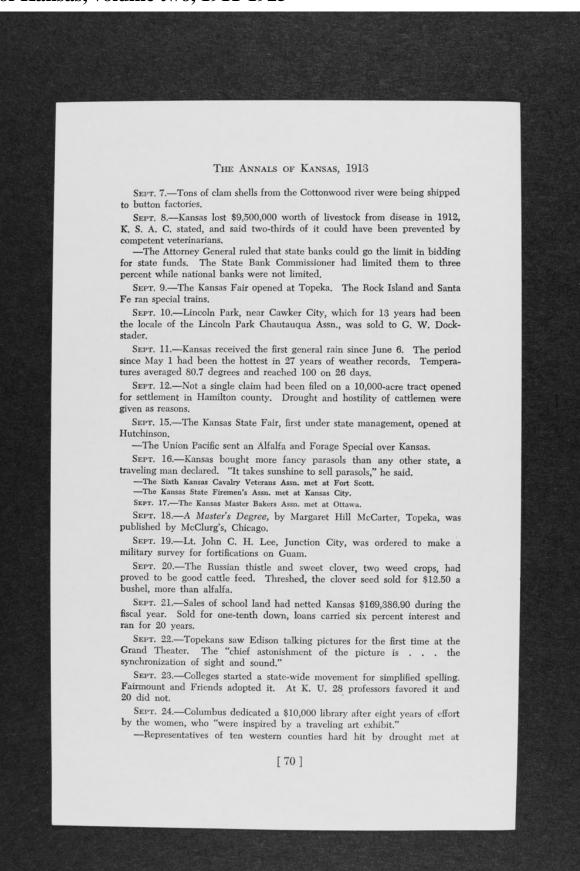




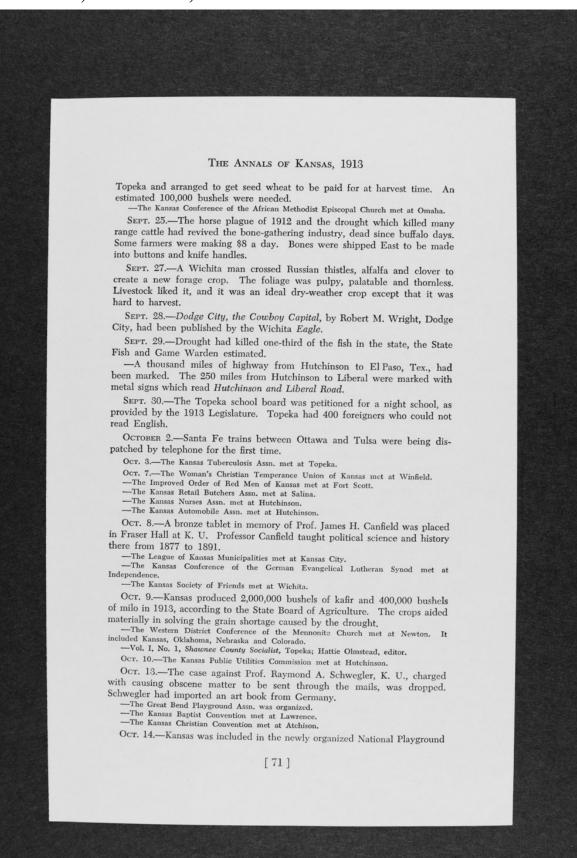




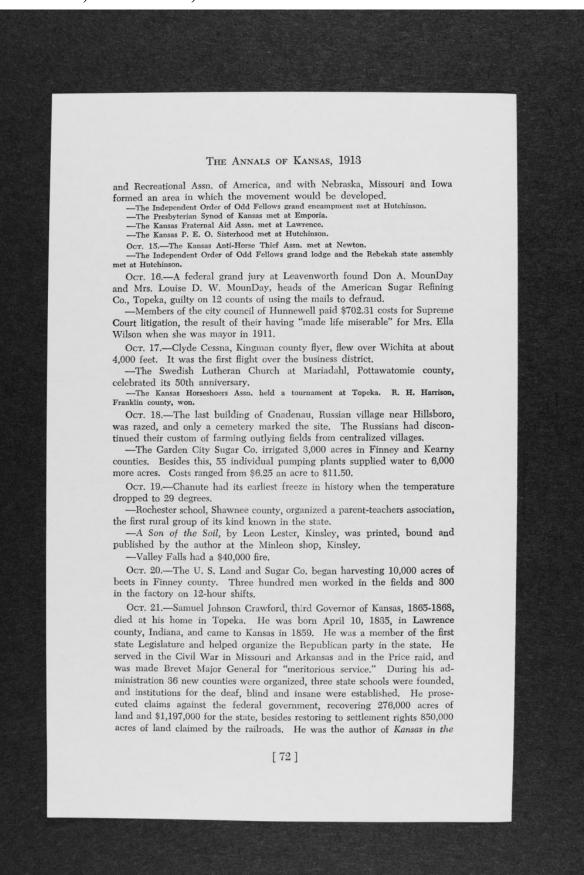




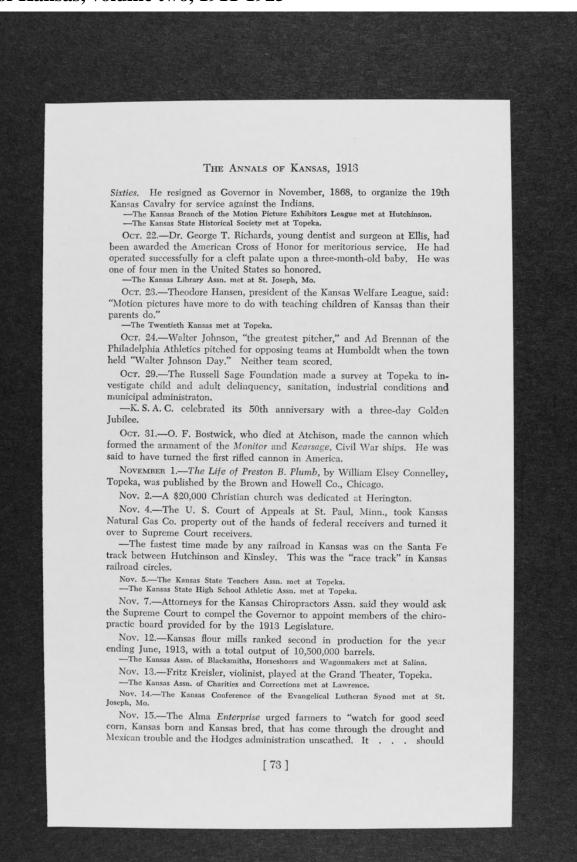




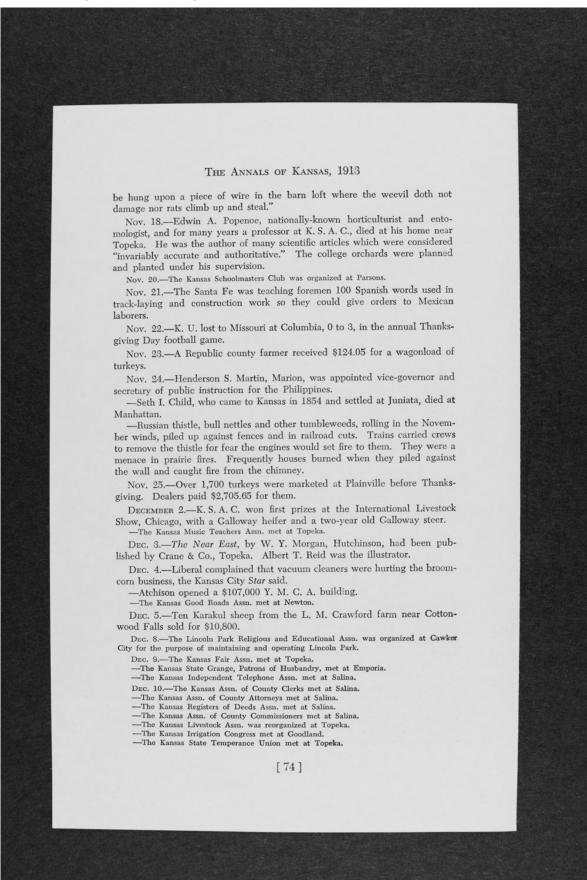




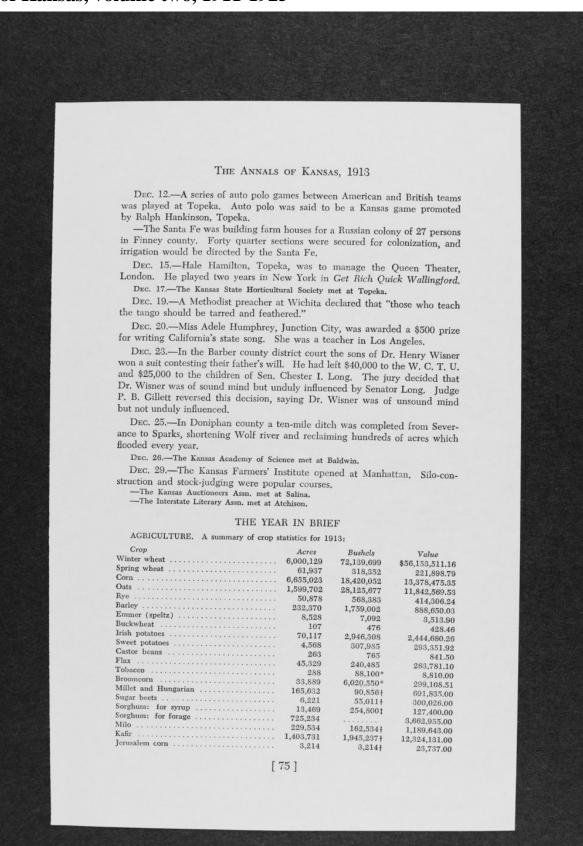








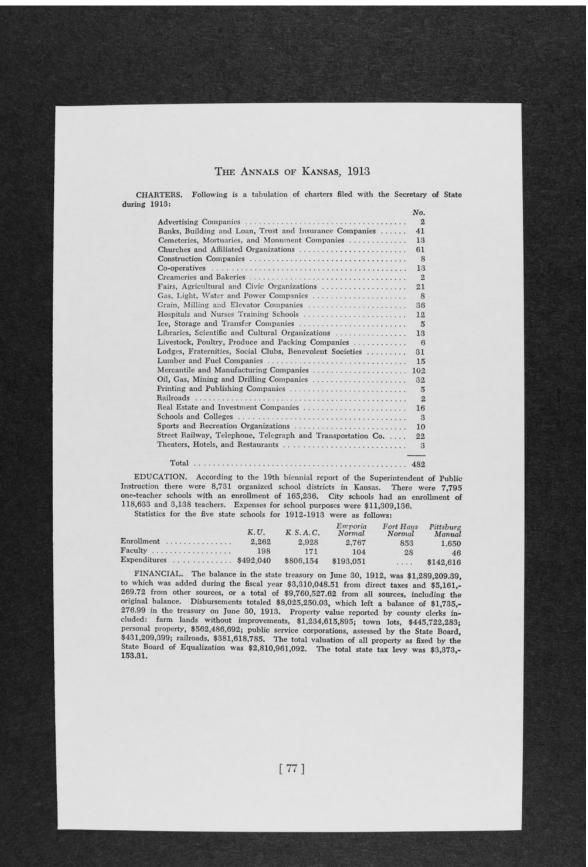




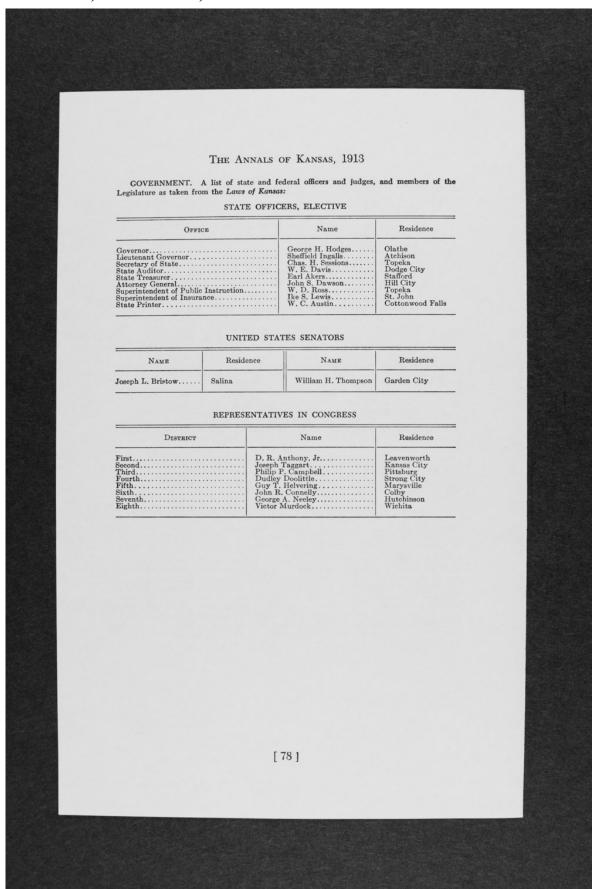


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| | Other Products Quantities Value | |
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| | Butter 44,622,671 lbs. 12,560,469,06 Poultry and eggs sold 11,041,950.00 | |
| | Milk sold | |
| | Garden and horticultural products marketed 3,299,639.00 Wood marketed 87,488.00 | |
| | Honey and beeswax | |
| | Total | |
| | Total value, all farm products | |
| | A summary of livestock statistics for 1913: | |
| | Animals Number Value 1,039,860 \$109,185,300.00 | |
| | Mules and asses 242,398 30,299,750.00 | |
| | Milk cows | |
| | Other cattle 1,551,782 58,967,716.00 Sheep 196,151 882,679.50 | |
| | Swine | |
| | Total\$265,669,196.50 | |
| | Grand total, farm products and livestock | |
| | BANKS. On December 4, 1913, reports of 920 state banks, three private banks, and seven trust companies to the State Bank Commissioner showed total resources and liabilities of \$141,800,811.47. Five banks failed during the year. Receipts and disbursements of all state and private banks and trust companies for the year totaled \$12,026,052.07. | |
| | CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS. Control of the Kansas Institution for the Education of the Blind, Kansas City, and the Kansas Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, Olathe, was turned over to the newly-created State Board of Administration. The report of the Board of Control of State Charitable Institutions gave the following statistics | |
| | for the year ending June 30, 1913: | |
| | Institution Expenses Ave. Popul. Topeka State Hospital \$251,170 1,438 | |
| | Osawatomie State Hospital | |
| | Larned State Hospital 74,718 40 State Hospital for Epileptics, Parsons 87,417 466 | |
| | State Home for Feeble Minded, Winfield | |
| | Girls Industrial School, Beloit 50,865 176 Boys Industrial School, Topeka 61,231 253 | |
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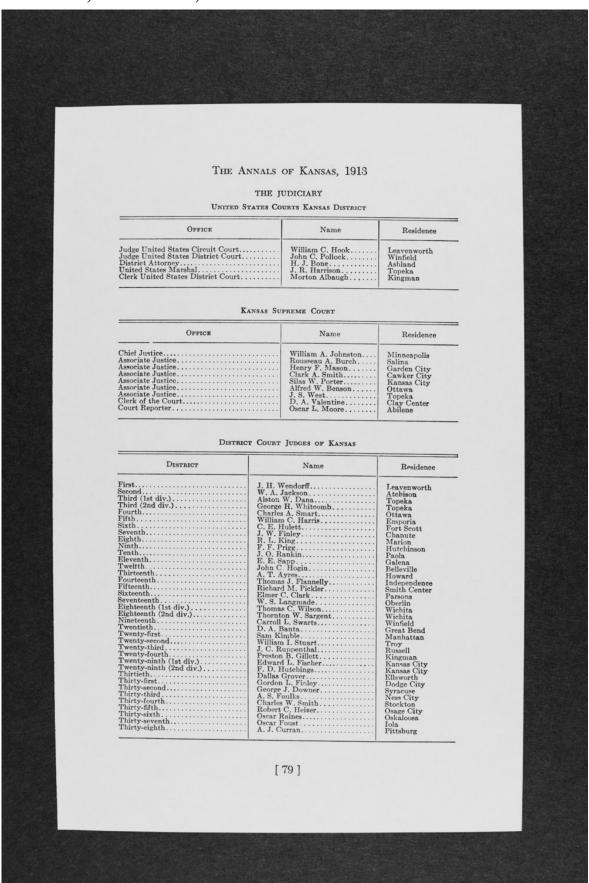




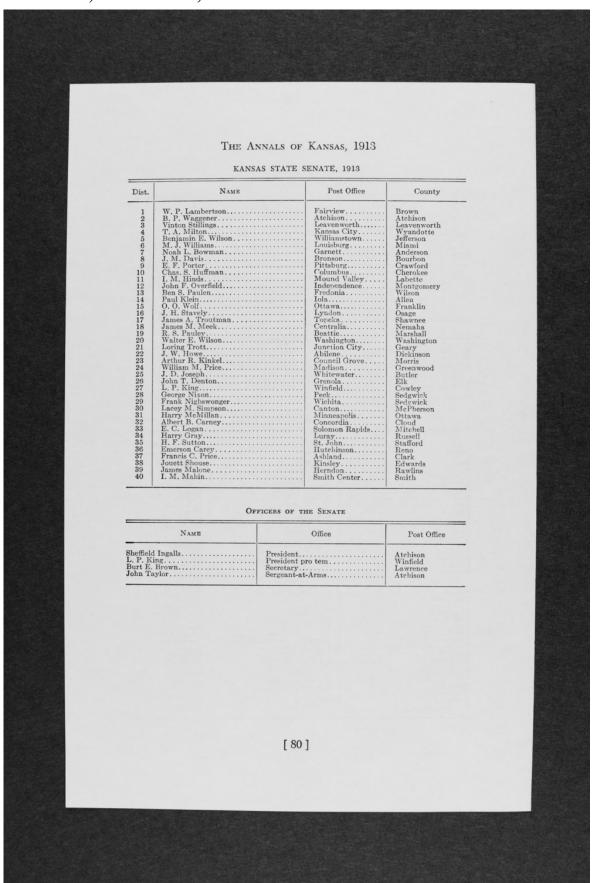




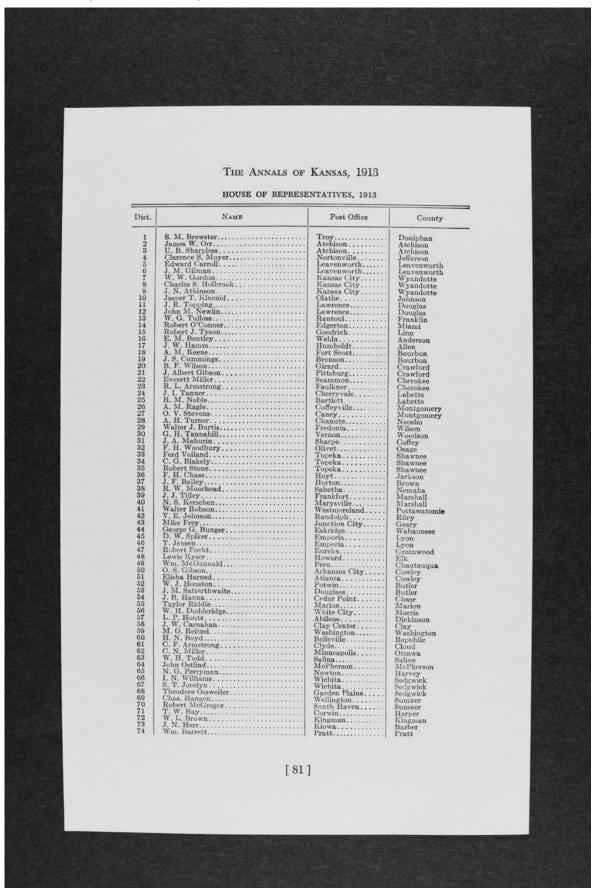




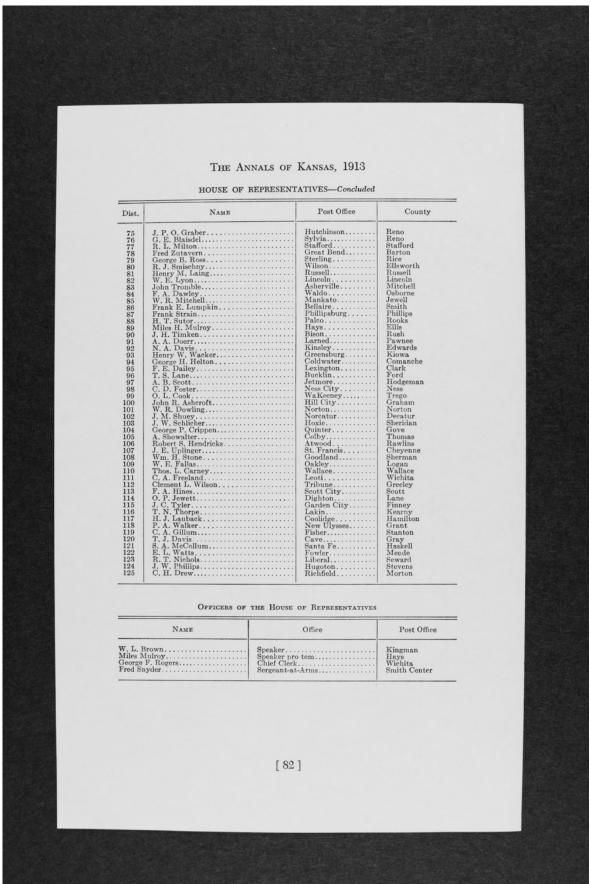






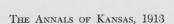








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INSURANCE. The 44th annual report of the Superintendent of Insurance gave the following statistics for 1913:

| Type | No. | Risks Written | Premiums Collected | Losses Paid |
|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Life | 72 | \$48,174,877 | \$7,156,078 | \$1,556,891 |
| Joint Stock Fire | 81 | 417,540,588 | 4,786,462 | 2,615.652 |
| Kansas Mutual Fire | 20 | 48,393,753 | 582,000 | 263,904 |
| Casualty | 67 | Not Given | 994,721 | 434,130 |
| Fraternal | 63 | 48,503,765 | 4,428,499 | 3,573,705 |

LABOR AND INDUSTRY. The increasing number of women employed, and the conditions under which they worked, was made the subject of a special investigation by the State Bureau of Labor and Industry. Recommendations included: a wage commission with power to regulate wages in industries which employed women; a maximum-hour law to apply to all women employed in gainful occupation; a mothers' compensation law; the organizations of women workers.

Wage-earner statistics for the year showed that the average annual earnings for industrial workers was \$630.58.

There were 492 local labor unions with a total membership of 29,724. No serious strikes were reported, and only a few violations of labor laws.

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The coal mining industry had its most prosperous year in 1913. During the year 12,506 miners produced more than 7,000,000 tons of coal. There were 28 fatal accidents. The labor bureau recommended that a law be passed to provide for three rescue stations in the southeast Kansas coal field and that an additional deputy inspector be added.

MINERAL PRODUCTION. Statistics on principal mineral products were as follows: Cement—3,374,836 barrels produced. 3,291,818 barrels shipped, valued at \$3,286,861. Coal—7,202,210 tons valued at \$12,036,292.

Crude petroleum—2,375,000 barrels valued at \$2,248,283. Wells drilled, 1,442; wells producing, 3,054.

Lead concentrate—3,104 short tons valued at \$158,062.

Natural gas—22,884,547,000 cubic feet valued at \$3,288,394. Wells drilled, 506; wells producing, 2,297.

Salt—377,731 short tons valued at \$860,404. Kansas ranked fourth among the states in quantity and value of salt produced.

Zinc concentrate—20,231 short tons valued at \$796,228.

POPULATION. The seventh biennial report of the State Board of Health gave the population for 1913 as 1,685,621, a decrease of 5,328 since 1912. There were 17,861 deaths reported and 35,382 births. The death rate was 10.6 per 1,000, and the birth rate 20.98. A total of 11,372 marriages was reported during the last seven months of the year.

PUBLIC UTILITIES. The natural gas industry was investigated by the Public Utilities Commission during 1913. The commission hoped to establish rules, regulations and standards from the information gathered.

The 1913 Legislature enacted a law requiring that all bridges or obstructions of any kind on navigable streams be approved by the Public Utilities Commission, and all new construction work carried on under its supervision.

Another law provided that a second or third class city which owned its own waterworks and wished to make improvements, could issue bonds to cover the cost without holding a bond election. Six towns took advantage of the law during the year.

RAILROADS. The report for 1913-1914 inclusive will be found in "The Year in Brief" for 1914.

ROADS AND MOTOR VEHICLES. No new figures on road mileages available. This year the Legislature, in enacting the first Kansas law requiring registration of motor vehicles, provided an annual automobile license tax of \$5 per car. Of this amount \$4.25 was to be credited to the county road fund to be used for road maintenance. The balance was to be used by the secretary of state for purchasing number plates and for other expenses incurred in administering the law. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported that the state spent \$5,165,860 on roads during the year. Motor vehicle registrations totaled 34,550. (See under this heading for 1911.)