

"Kansas"

A three-minute talk in response to the roll call of States on the New Amsterdam

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In the diadem of the states, the bright central jewel is Kansas.

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Bathed in the blood of martyrs, Kansas won its right to live and to perform a commendable part in the development of our nation.

Lying fallow for untold milleniums, the rich virgin soil of Kansas has made the state first in the production of wheat and in milling products.

Its productive farms have enabled the live stock markets of Kansas City to become second only to those of Chicago.

Known as dry, arid, dusty Kansas, the record for a hundred years kept at Fort Leavenworth, founded in 1825, shows that the average rainfall in Eastern Kansas for the months of April to September inclusive, is greater than for any other part of the country, excepting a few points on the Gulf of Mexico.

The mysterious alchemy of nature working through eons of time, has developed from the beds of prehistoric seas, vast supplies of oil, natural gas, coal, salt and other minerals, which have enabled Kansas to rank fourth in the production of oil and second in salt.

The entire southeastern part of the state is underlaid with coal, lead and other minerals, while in the southwest, there is an inexhaustible supply of volcanic ash, blown in from now extinct volcanoes in New Mexico. It is this ash which enables milady to keep her kitchen and bathroom spotless.

You can walk for miles thru the vaulted chambers of Kansas salt mines, you may burn Kansas natural gas in distant states, and it was Kansas and a Kansas scientist which first brought Helium gas to the attention of the world.

Great as her physical achievements are, Kansas has been still more outstanding for its contribution of brilliant young men and women to places of leadership thruout the world.

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