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UNABLE TO MEET ITS DEBTS.

THE KANSAS GRAIN COMPANY FORCED TO SUSPEND.

It Had Scores of Elevators Throughout the State With Principal Offices in Kansas City and Hutchinson—Many Small Dealers Will Be Affected.

There was a flurry on 'change this morning when the announcement was made that the Kansas Grain company had suspended payment. The news was a surprise to nearly all the members on the floor, most of whom considered the company solid and able to meet its obligations. The report of the failure quickly spread and several of the company's small creditors hastened to levy attachments in the hopes of realizing something from the wreck.

The Kansas Grain company was formerly known as the Kansas Grain and Live Stock company, but changed its name in June, 1892. It is said that it purchases more grain from producers than any other firm in the world. It has 106 elevators in Kansas, located along the lines of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Missouri Pacific and Rock Island railways. The largest of the company's elevators are at Hutchinson, Newton, Douglass, Caldwell, McPherson, Conway, Galoa, Windom, Sterling, Sylvia, Belle Plaine, Coldwater, Kingsley, Concordia, Augusta, Mulvane, Kiowa and Ellinwood. The elevators represent an investment of \$151,000. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000, fully paid up and the surplus is placed at \$30,000.

The company has two principal offices, one in the Exchange building in this city under management of H. M. Kirkpatrick, secretary and treasurer, and the other in Hutchinson, Kas., under the supervision of T. J. Templar, the president of the company. C. W. Templar is vice president and L. B. Young assistant secretary.

CAUSE OF THE FAILURE.

The suspension of the company is attributed by Mr. Kirkpatrick to the tightness of the money market which prevented him from hypothecating warehouse receipts so as to meet maturing paper.

The branch has been doing a general receiving and brokerage business, and Manager Kirkpatrick claims it has been making money, but he was obliged to suspend or sacrifice the wheat on hand. With a little extension of time from creditors he believes he could pay 100 cents on the dollar. Regarding the Hutchinson branch, which does the main business of the company and has charge of the elevator accounts, he claims not to be informed, but it is known that the company this morning gave a chattel mortgage to the First National bank in Hutchinson for \$20,000, and another was filed in Abilene for \$12,000. Rumors were current this morning that the company was hard pressed and was mortgaging its property throughout Kansas. These reports were confirmed later in the day by telegrams received in this city.

Manager Kirkpatrick claims not to know the liabilities of the company and will be able to give no information on that point until he communicates with President Templar. The principal books of the company are kept in Hutchinson. The company owes \$50,000 to the bankers in this city, which is secured by collateral. Many other creditors, who are unsecured, called at the office this morning and were informed that for the present the com-

DR. LEWIS IS OUT.

By His Withdrawal Mr. Keel Will Probably Continue as Assessor.

City Physician E. R. Lewis has withdrawn from the contest for a reappointment and it is believed that by so doing he has practically broken the long deadlock between the mayor and the upper house. His letter of withdrawal was placed in the hands of Mayor Cowherd after the council meeting Monday night by Alderman Butler. The letter is addressed to the mayor and upper house and states that the writer sacrifices his own feelings in order to contribute his share in the interest of harmony and economy. He thanks the upper house for its firm support of his candidacy. The letter will go to the council to-night, Mayor Cowherd says.

Dr. Lewis withdrew knowing that, while he was the choice of the upper house, Mayor Cowherd had determined not to appoint him under any circumstances. The mayor has been making suggestions of compromise to the upper house for some days and it was given out Friday that he had offered to allow the house to select the assessor if it would first confirm a physician of his choice. The second choice of the house is said to be Dr. Crow. His name was voted on twice Friday night and both times he received five votes. One more would have confirmed, but Dr. Lewis had not released his friends at that time. Saturday night he received four votes, President Tierman being absent, and it has been said that his name will go to the council first to-night. If he is confirmed aldermen understand that the next nomination will be J. A. Keel for city assessor. Dr. W. F. Morrow has also withdrawn from the race.

The names rejected Saturday night were: For city physician A. M. Crow, M. A. Bogie and W. F. Morrow; for city-assessor John T. Wilson. Dr. Morrow is said to be the mayor's first choice and consequently the last choice of the council. His withdrawal, it is thought, leaves the way open for a compromise.

Saturday night the upper house received but took no action upon a letter from Thomas Wolfe in which he repeated the proposition made not long ago to the board of public works to put up an electric light plant and furnish the city 700 or more arc lamps for street lighting for \$6 a month a lamp. Wolfe wants a franchise for commercial lighting and offers to furnish incandescence light at three-quarters of a cent per obm per lamp, practically three-quarters of a cent per hour for ordinary incandescence lights.

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Chief Hale and His Men Have Reached Scotland.

A special cablegram to THE STAR from Greenock, Scotland, says that Chief Hale, T. R. Tinsley and the Kansas City firemen, on their way to attend the congress of the International Fire Brigades' unions at London, arrived at Greenock on the "City of Rome" last night, after a pleasant passage. All members of the party are well. They go direct from Glasgow to London.

Thieves in Christ Church.

Thieves yesterday broke into Christ Episcopal church, at the corner of Teuth street and Park avenue, of which the Rev. R. R. Fisher is rector, and stole the Sunday school contribution box. Several windows in the church were broken by stones thrown from without, a bookcase drawer was wrenched open and the rector's robing closet entered. The robes, however, were not disturbed. The stolen savings box contained only a few dollars, but the damage to the stained glass windows is more serious.

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