ABDICATION OF A CATTLE KING.

Grant Gillet, the Most Spectacular Ranchman of the Western Prairies, Flees from Creditors—Farmers and Financiers Alike Duped by Him.

When sikh business men, shrewd westernish home owners, conservative bankers and investors can be induced to lend their money and name to the schemes of a man of only 31 years old, who these years ago was a farm boy, and find that they are out pretty ROBBINS, there is reason for wonder. Such has been the experience of some of the best business men in the West in connection with the cattle king, Grant Gordon Gillet, who left his ranch in Kansas a few days ago and dropped out of sight in a day. His spectacular career and the methods methods marked for history are among the striking interests of the West and he will rank with Cecil Oil Johnny and other pioneers of financial record.

Forty years ago a young Canadian came to the Republican valley in central Kansas and settled on the Oak Lawn creek bottom. His name was James A. Gillett, and he married, raised a family of five children, made a fair living and was one of the county officers. On his place the creek island started the town of Woodston, and he became a leader in the town. Two years ago he died. A few months later a woman came from Kansas and claimed the estate for herself and another young man, who she said was her husband. Some of it is paid, a little is spent, the remainder will be tangled.

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YOUNG GILLETT'S ANTECEDENTS.

Grant, the youngest child, took his father and in two years left home. At 20 he met his first love with the pretty waitress at the station and they were married, he working at building an station hand in a little town in Marion county, while his wife was operator. One day he disappeared, and it was said that he had defrauded a firm of Chicago commission men. In a year he was back, the matter was fixed up, and he went to work on his mother's farm. His wife left him, and he secured a divorce, marrying the village schoolmistress, Amanda Sauerbaugh, the daughter of a River Brethren farmer, Illinois people, strong.

Things went a long quietly until three years ago, when stories began to circulate that Grant Gillett was cutting a big ass of cattle. He came to the county seat one day and went to a number of businessmen and showed them his bank books, showed that he was in the cattle business, and he was the talk of the county. He showed his bank book to everybody, and brogged a great deal about the money he was making.

He had done this. He went down to Texas and contracted for 2,500 head of feeders. Then he went to Kansas City and borrowed the money to pay for them. He got it, shipped them north and sold them to farmers in small bunches. Cattle were taking the first smart upward jump in years, and he knew it he had to do is hold on them, and had started on a career of plunging.

ESTABLISHED AS CATTLE KING.

His name also was in his home head by a bank. When it came time to go after them he did not offer his note to be sure, but went in person. He explained to the cashier or his south a band of cattle he was buying and showed the cashier pictures. On the day that he offered for city cattle he took a party of friends to a special car, took them down to the stockyards, showed them the cattle and then gave orders for the train to wait on the Kansas side. Arrived in Fort Worth he went to the best hotel and the bills and had the band play in the grounds. He married a young woman and frequently ordered them to play new airs.

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The marvelous fetters about his character to the that he was able to fool the farmers of his own county, who had known of the free standing of his family and had faith in his success. It was that he could borrow money from the conservative business men of Kansas City, St. Louis and other western cattle centers without any investigation that amounted to a complete showing of his real standing. Only a month ago he went into the office of a firm that had doubt of his ability to meet his debts and made out a statement of his assets and liabilities. He showed that he was worth $150,000 some any liabilities. He readily he was not worth a dollar. The firm took him at his word. A week ago he was in the Indian nation of Kansas City talking about the cattle of a banker.

"He did right," he declared, "and I would do the same if I should have to do the same, and also be more so over Lincoln, and also be more under my wandered if he would carry out his threat.

BURGLARIOUS, UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

He was hard pressed for the time, not spending, but to make his affairs in his favor. He hired a special train to go to Kansas City, a new business, and he left Kansas City, he was to pay him. He was to leave and drive to Kansas City, on the 15th of the month. He was to be at Kansas City, and he left the old ranch, he wanted to disembark on the Kansas side over his mother. He had, and he had cause the farmer presented deal. This was one of the acts he did done on the change in the cattle history of the West.

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PUBLIC-PROUD AND OBTRUSIVE.

In his home town he was a real king. There is one barber shop in the place, and he was always "in." No matter how busy he was he could spare a half hour to take the first vacant chair. He had a small array of salesmen, and all were sent out in his look and call. He drove around in a buggy, and he would stop and hold the horse of the law, giving the man that the wind would come out. He gave the cowboy preacher the use of his car, and he said: "Go on, Lewis, preach," he said, "and, although I don't go to church, I think it is a good thing and will push it along."

He helped the young man had his press. He often boasted that he could go to Congress some day—he said he could buy his way if he wanted to. But he declared that he was tired of the responsibility he did not have the power to do it, and gave up to another man. He was afraid of what the opposition would say probably, if he opposed the committee. One day he had a big lawsuit on hand and went to the attorney in the other side.

"Say," he said, "what are you going to do in this thing, anyway?"

The attorney did not know what to reply, and the plaintiff went on: "I give you $1,000 if you will tell that man to lay down and quit this suit." The lawyer showed him the door.

The cattle in white chiefs dressed others down with him, is not to be seen. In his home country he and those of his family and people associated with him are on record as the most generous cattle paper unprecedented. Much of this has been paid and not renewed, and other is blanket paper that will realize income, to a duplication. But there is less than $1,000,000 worth of paper out there. Then there is the Oregon deal and the Oklahoma deals that will make the totals not less than $2,000,000. There are to be cattle for this at least 30 to 40 cattle, but it is going to be very lucky if there are 40,000 to be found, owing to the system of depositing warrants for the cattle in the Indian own name to an over 40,000 worth in central Kansas, and no one knows how much elsewhere.

MAD SCRAMBLE FOR SALVAGE.

The minute the news came on the part of the commission firm to hold their cattle and get all they could after the failure, was a very remarkable one. Some of the men with they have been guaranteeing farmers with mortgages and now have been called upon to foreclose, exercised great leniency. They did not always find the beast they were looking for, some in one instance at least they found that there was a change. The D. V. Beck had been exhausted by the addition of an X, and the new brand remarkable. One firm, Kodge & Dake of Denver, went to the little town of Keyesville to secure 2,000 head of cattle on which they held paper. Four men stood at the gate of the corral with guns ready to shoot at the first one who tried to leave. The old man was ordered to stay out, and threatened that if he did he, the man, would be a dead man. He did not get in. Mr. Kodge offered anything from $100 to $500 to tell where the herds are located, but the farmers are for the most part loyal to one another, and few have been willing to disclose any secrets of the kind. It will take weeks before the whole of the cattle are found. The obligations are coming due, and if the stock is not found in time to meet them, there will be a great loss to the farmers.

Gillett went to Texas on Monday before Thanksgiving, saying nothing to his wife or friends—except one. In one man's hands he left a deed of trust and bill of sale. He is located in Fort Worth on the following day and was there again on Thanksgiving. Since then he has dropped out of sight. It was rumored that a person who has met with him was he found there. The man from New York is in Southwestern saying that he had just mailed for $500, it was the money he had to pay for the trip. He is a Dick, and that he had sent a check to the detectives of his bank. Old Grant is more likely to be his trying state.

GILLETT'S THE PRIDE METHODIST CHURCH.

Kansas has had some notorious cattle kings, business men, politicians, but Gillett has been the most prominent of those all of and in the cattle World. Gillett was a member of the Methodist church in his home, for which reason he was looked upon as the pride of the church. He was a member of the Epworth League, and was very proud of the Methodist church. He was a member of the Epworth League, and was very proud of the Methodist church. He was a member of the Epworth League, and was very proud of the Methodist