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**DIVISION OF KANSAS.**  
 It appears that the movement looking to the forming of a new state out of the western portion of Kansas is earnest. Such a division is urged by its promoters on the ground that the western half of the state is poor and its people are borrowing farmers. It is asserted that the populist tendency of the state operates to prevent the loaning of money and that the farmers who are in debt are unable to meet the demands made upon them. It is also pointed out that the western portion of the state gave a rousing republican majority at the November election and the two ends of Kansas are not in love with each other anyway. To the people of the United States outside of the borders of the state there would be one objection to two state governments ruling in the present territory of Kansas. Two more members would sit in the senate of the United States, and, with manifestly less behind them of local or national interests, would neutralize the senatorial representation of some such state as New York, Pennsylvania or Illinois. By the division of Kansas into two western states recently mentioned has been swollen in size by a lot of members who represent constituencies that by their isolation are swayed by purely local interests to a degree that is not beneficial to the nation at large.

The secession originated in the 7th congressional district, where a syndicate has been organized to work the project through the legislature and then through congress. If the advent of the people's party into power destroys the credit of the state, as has been predicted, the west will be the greater sufferer. Eastern Kansas has for the last four years looked upon the western half of the state as a great drawback to its development and progress, and if the demand for division becomes general in the west, as now seems probable, there is little likelihood of objections being offered by the east. If a division were made on an extension of the west boundary of Harper to the state line on the north, each state would have an area of 40,000 square miles.

Taking everything into consideration the wonder is that there are not more failures on the farm than there are, says the Live Stock Journal. No business in the city would long stand the easy-going management of the average stock raiser, and the man who would make a real success of it now-a-days must be a good business man. Besides buying and selling and the employment of labor there are the planting, cultivating and harvesting of the crops, the selection, breeding, mating, feeding and care of live stock, the use of machinery, and a hundred other important things that require intelligence, skill and executive ability of a high order. There are a thousand little details of the business to be carefully looked after to make the ranch do its best.

The fact of Gould's death was known before the opening of the New York stock exchange yesterday. The effect on the market was less marked than expected. Missouri Pacific declined only 1/8 to 54; Western Union only 3/8 to 85; Manhattan Elevated, 1/2 to 128; Union Pacific, 1/2 to 35 3/4. These are known particularly as Gould's properties, to which he paid special attention. On the London board there was practically no marked effect. Union Pacific declined fractionally, but immediately recovered. Secretary Foster says he does not believe the death of Gould will have any appreciable effect on the finances of the country, as his son George may be depended on to pursue a safe, conservative policy.

Lieut. Peary is reported as declaring that he can find the north pole if the government will give him time to do it. If the gallant lieutenant can suggest what he or the government can do with the north pole after he has found it, he may be given liberty to make the attempt. Trips to the arctic regions are interesting for the tales of adventure they develop, but secretary Tracy appears to be of the opinion these are not essential to the welfare and happiness of mankind in this latitude. Lieut. Peary will try our climate for a while at least.

Blaine's present illness demonstrates anew that his lucky star was in the ascendant at Minneapolis. The defeat which overtook Harrison would have killed Blaine had he been the nominee, and his nomination could not have averted the tidal wave of democratic victory.

There is no accounting for the strange methods in which suicides take leave of this world. The latest tragic end is that of a Milwaukee man who hanged himself in the belfry of a church while the organ was below ready for the begin.

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