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The New State.

The all-absorbing question in Dakota at the present time is the division of the territory on the 46th parallel and the admission of the southern half into the union as a full-fledged state.

Most of the railways built in Dakota in the last year were through the free government lands; consequently, they are being settled very fast, and the five hundred or more miles that the company propose to build in 1881 will nearly all be through the same kind of lands.

With this showing, congress should not hesitate to pass the bills now before that body dividing the territory on the 46th parallel, and granting the southern half authority to form a constitution and state government, and to elect senators and representatives, preparatory to admission to state rights at the next session of congress.

Before the lapse of many years, not only will southern Dakota have the necessary population for a state, but northern Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico will have populations sufficient for admission to the Union, and possibly all the territories but Alaska.

The division of Dakota and the admission of the southern part as a state are an imperative necessity. The judicial districts are so large that it is now impossible for the judges to hold the terms of court in them. One of these districts has an area of 75,000 square miles,

containing twenty or more counties; another has 50,000 people and sixteen counties (more population than several of the territories), with a single judge to hold all the courts, besides attending two terms of the Supreme court of the territory.

Nature's Big Gas Tanks.

Philadelphia Telegraph. Bradford, Pennsylvania, and neighboring places are lighted and heated by natural gas. In 1875 an oil company was sinking a well on a high hill west of Bradford. At the depth of several hundred feet they struck a vein of gas. No oil was found. The force of the gas was such that when it was ignited a pillar of fire more than fifty feet high was formed.

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The Term Foolscap.

The New York World gives a very pretty fable about the origin of "foolscap" paper. It says that at Lee, Massachusetts, a half-witted youth sat upon a rock, on the top of which was a shallow depression containing some water. In this puddle the boy dropped his linen turban, and with a stone, foolishly and idly pounded it into pulp. The sun dried the "stuff" or fiber, which had spread itself through the water upon the bottom of the puddle, and soon it was lifted out a sheet of paper—foolscap, in fact. This yarn, like the foolscap, is evidently made of whole cloth. The term is derived from the watermark, a fool's cap and bells, that was the distinguishing characteristic of that class of paper for many years.

Nutricine. Attention has been directed by M. Moride to a new kind of food to which the name "nutricine" has been given. Its preparation is thus described: Raw meats, from which bones and tendons have been carefully excised, is passed into suitable machines along with nitrogenized alimentary substances, such as bread, to absorb the water of the meat, and possibly to form new combinations with it. After the mass thus prepared is dried in a stove under a mild heat, it is pulverized and sifted. A powder of an agreeable taste, and varying from yellow to gray in color, is the result. When albumen, fats, or gummed water is added to this powder, solid cakes or cubes may be made of it, and these solid forms may be broken up, as occasion may require, for soups or sauces. This nutricine is admirably qualified to sustain physical vigor, and can be preserved for any length of time if it is kept from the deteriorating influences of an atmosphere change with moisture and from the action of heat.

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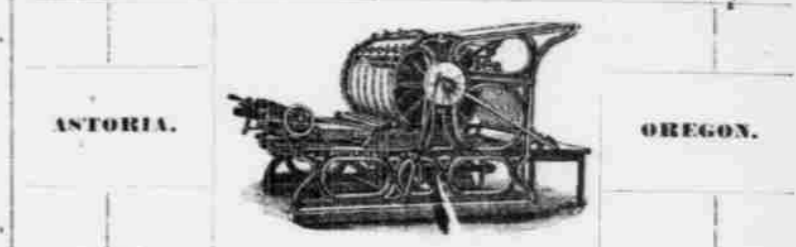
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