

GEORGE GOULD'S VISIT.

The President of the Missouri Pacific Comes to Kansas City.

George J. Gould of the Missouri Pacific railway, one of the most agreeable railroad presidents in this country, arrived at the Union depot at 3 o'clock to-day. When the special train pulled in Mr. Gould was on the platform of his private car "Atalanta" and he was the next man after Conductor Houghton to touch



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the ground. Mr. Gould said he was very glad to reach Kansas City, where he could have some recreation. He has been tramping about freight yards and terminal stations and walking up and down railway tracks in Colorado and Kansas for the last week, and will remain in Kansas City to-night, so as to go to the "Isle of Champagne" at the Coates house and get some relaxation.

"I rather like this annual tour of inspection of our lines," Mr. Gould said. "Of course it is hard work and in traveling about the country this way we are denied some of the comforts of life, but then, on the whole I look forward to these trips with much pleasure.

"The Missouri Pacific is all right. There need be no fear of any receivership and I have been called upon to say so quite often on this trip. The West is a great place with beautiful prospects but the legislation of the Western states has been injurious to railways. We shan't see more railway investments in the West until the law makers look upon such corporations with a greater degree of consideration and justice. There's no use talking, the investors, the moneyed men, are not going to take the chances of Western railway investments under the present conditions.

"I think business is going to be better. It looks better along the Missouri Pacific and I am going back to New York with renewed faith in the road."

"The Union Pacific receivership? Well, that was inevitable. It will preserve the system intact and of course was the wisest thing for the Union Pacific to do. The receivers are good men—the best in the land—and they will do everything to preserve the property that any men could do.

"I have been out to Pueblo and Denver and visited Omaha on my way out. We remain here all night and go to St. Louis early in the morning."

In the special train which brought to Kansas City the son of the late Jay Gould was Mrs. Gould, who was the well known actress, Miss Edith Kingdon. In the party also are Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Gould, C. G. Warner of St. Louis, second vice president and auditor of the Missouri-Pacific; W. B. Doddridge of St. Louis, general manager; C. A. Parker of St. Louis, freight traffic manager. H. C. Townsend, general passenger and ticket agent; E. L. Sargent of El Paso, general freight agent of the Texas & Pacific; L. S. Thorne of Dallas, third vice president and general superintendent of the Texas & Pacific. E. S. Jewett, general agent at Kansas City, and John Hennessey, superintendent of terminals here, met the party at Kansas City.