

STRAWS.

Kansas City reports a car famine at stock yards, 800 cars being the shortage.

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Metropolitan Street Railway's earnings on Monday, Sept. 25, were the largest in the history of the company.

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Atchison is making extensive improvements including five miles of side track at La Junta, Col.

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Minnesota reports tell of farmers holding their wheat to a much greater extent than during any previous season.

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Canadian trade returns for August show imports increased \$3,000,000 and exports increased \$6,000,000 over corresponding month last year.

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It is stated that Standard Oil interests loaned to Berlin six months ago from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 gold and they are arranging for the return of the same through the National City Bank.

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Canadian Pacific has made an appropriation of \$30,000 to complete the work of straightening and improving the Columbia and Kootenay branch between Nelson and Robson.

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Mr. Charles Child Wheeler, pig iron broker, reports that he made a sale this week for 100 tons of No. 1 Foundry Pig Iron at \$18.62½, upon which the seller made a profit of \$1000 on an outlay of about \$800.

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The Canadian Minister of Public Works says that it is the intention of the Canadian Government to push the completion work on the system of deep waterways between the great lakes and Montreal and to erect large elevators at Port Colborne and Montreal.

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The business done in B. R. T. on the floor of the New York Exchange for week ending September 23rd exceeded that of any other stock four times over. The transactions were 1,050,637 shares or 2-1-3 times the entire capital stock.

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The statement of August earnings of the Atchison far exceeded the sanguine expectations of the friends of the property. Gross increased earnings \$585,738, and net gain \$707,504. Operating expenses were reduced from 83.9 p.c. last year to 67.2 p.c.

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Last week there were shipped from Newport 422,406 bushels of grain and 54,034 bbls of flour. Aggregate shipments of corn, wheat and oats during the month of September were 3,682,877 bushels, both week and month being the greatest on record.

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Mr. W. L. Hogg has left for British Columbia, where he has large mining interests. He intends visiting the Montreal Boundary Creek Company's properties in Deadwood Camp, Boundary district, to superintend the erection of the large mining plant which is now being shipped.

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The number of passengers carried on lines of Metropolitan on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when traffic was affected by the Dewey celebration, showed an increase of 1,042,820 over the corresponding days last year. On Third Avenue, the increase was 572,500. The receipts of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit for Friday and Saturday amount ed to \$75,000.

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