

STRAWS.

Drought in the cotton belt is reported.

Time Money N. Y.—The time money market is very firm and unchanged. Rates are quoted at 6 p.c. for all dates.

Cowboys are said to have seized an Atchison train in Kansas to get coal which they could not buy.

Exchange—Foreign exchange market opened strong and very active. Sterling demand is 4.85½ bid against 4.85¼-½ at Wednesday's close.

In woolen goods the market is very strong. The mills are well sold ahead, most of them having their output engaged up to March, and some of them beyond that time.

The Salt Lake Herald says: The banks of Salt Lake City have on deposit between \$15,000,000 and \$16,000,000, the largest amount in the history of the city. This is largely the product of Utah's mines.

Despatch from Galveston, Tex., says:—“Europe has to face the problem of supplying her requirements of 7 million bales with a possible supply from here of 5 million bales. Japan is taking 200,000 bales more than last year.

Missouri Pacific's increase in earnings for second week of November is \$58,000. Net earnings have been expended on grades, track terminals and equipment. Action on dividends will not be acted on till next year.

Mr. A. N. Brady, of the People's Gas Co, Chicago, says: “It is true that the People's Gas Co. has sold its Manhattan Oil Co. to the General Industrial Development Syndicate, London, England. The London syndicate is another name for the Standard Oil Co.

At next session of Parliament the C.P.R. will apply for an act authorizing the construction or purchase of the following railways from Deloraine, Manitoba, to a point between Manitou and Pilot Mound, thence to the international boundary; from McGregor to Varcoe; from West Selkirk to Lake Win-

nipeg; from Molson Station to Winnipeg River; from New Westminster, to Vancouver.

Representative brokers say there is increasing evidence of liquidation in the high priced standard stocks like Burlington, St. Paul, Rock Island and Pennsylvania, and that 7 p.c. money, with a good prospect of the legal rate being obtained for many weeks to come is beginning to tell against stocks that return only about 4 p.c. on the investment. Then it is argued that the high prices for iron, steel and other necessities of the railroads is bound to affect net earnings adversely.

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