

STRAWS.

London (special).—Rand mines are now 31½; were 29½ a short time ago.

The Great Northern has declared the regular dividend of 1½ p.c. on the preferred stock.

Most of the zinc mines of Missouri, Kansas, have stopped work, so as to force the smelters to terms.

Beet sugar crop this year will be 110,000 tons as against 40,399 last year, and 31,871 tons in 1897-98.

Atchison is said to have sold to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company ten thousand acres of coal lands in New Mexico for \$1,000,000.

It is said that Canadian capitalists purpose building a narrow-gauge road from Grand Forks, B.C., to the Republic mining region in Washington.

The gross earnings of Canadian Pacific from Jan. 1 up to date, of last statement, are \$20,005,000 an increase of \$1,990,000 on the same period last year.

A steamer sailing from New York to Europe, took out, it is said, 450,000 ounces of silver, 400,000 ounces by Lewisohn Bros. and 50,000 ounces by J. & D. Seligman & Co.

It is now admitted that there is to be a "Melon" for the stockholders of the Pullman's Palace Car Co. No details are available, but it is expected that there will be an extra distribution equivalent to 10 per

A phenomenal situation has developed in the dry goods trade. A boom prevails of as large proportions as that in the iron trade. The demand cannot be supplied and this, too, after repeated advances in prices. The depression in woolen goods which continued so long, has entirely vanished; in fact, there never was a better promise for woolen goods than at this time. The returns of earnings by railroads day by day tell a story of widespread business activity, which is fully confirmed by the enormous bank clearings throughout the country. cent. on the stock.

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