

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

A STRAW.—The Illinois Central reports a net increase of earnings of \$86,231 for the month of February.

HOW WAGES HAVE GROWN.—Carroll D. Wright points out that wages have increased from an average of \$2.47 in 1850 to \$2.48 in 1880, \$3.02 in 1870, \$2.46 in 1880, and \$4.44 in 1890.

NEW STEEL PLANT ASSURED.—John H. Inman, of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, says about \$500,000 of the \$800,000 required to construct the new steel plant at Birmingham, Alabama, has been raised.

BRITAIN'S FOOD CROP.—Official returns make the total wheat crop of Great Britain and Ireland 28,283,105 bushels for 1907, against 29,704,382 the previous year; barley, 75,824,129 bushels, against 78,900,625; oats, 174,476,139 bushels, against 190,862,714; and potatoes, 7,065,015 tons, against 4,621,147.

STOCKTON COLLIERY CHANGES.—On the 30th of this month the extension of the lease of the Stockton colliery operated by Lindeman & Shaver will expire, and at the end of that time they will positively retire. As to who will operate the colliery after the lease of Lindeman & Shaver expires is not known, but from present indications the Lehigh Valley Coal company may take hold of it.

WORLD'S GOLD PRODUCTION.—The output of the South African mines in 1907 was \$25,000,000. Since then many new mines have been opened, and it is estimated that there is still from three to four million tons of unmined coal, and which could be taken out with profit.

EUROPE'S PUBLIC DEBT.—A European statistician whose data receive the approval of the Statist, puts the public debt of the European nations at \$23,320,000,000, or about \$64 per capita for the population. The heaviest per capita indebtedness, \$160, is found in Portugal. Next comes France with \$135 per head of its population.

LEHIGH VALLEY DIVIDENDS.—It is, says the Philadelphia Stockholder, an open secret that a resumption of dividends on Lehigh Valley is conditional upon the fairly prosperous coal trade. Developments thus far in connection with the combine certainly point to a material increase in revenues.

FACTS ABOUT FUEL.—A Great Change in Its Use During Recent Years. There has been a great change in the use of fuel. Five years ago 90 per cent. of the coal brought into Philadelphia was delivered to manufacturers.

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