Within 50 years just passed in the history of Japan, the self-erected barriers of centuries gone were broken down by the official visit of Commodore Perry, of the United federal office holders, have practic-States navy.

Then following for a period of 20 years, intercourse was grudgingly permitted by the Japanese govern-ment, antil at last the spirit of commercialism and advancement had its birth in the brains of these clever people and now, at the present time, they are a recognized force and power with the so-called civilized nations.

When it is considered that within the last 25 years these people have overcome the customs and traditions of centuries their rise is among the wonders of the present day.

We learn that the census of 1898 gives them a population of fortythree and three-quarter millions of people, and that there is not the poverty and suffering existing among them as with other nations. Simple in tastes, cleanly in their homes and habits, they are uniformly a happy race, filed with a dominant pride of country that has helped them to win among other peoples.

Mr. Otshi Kohet president of the Yokohama Japanese chamber of com-

merce, who is a very strong friend of the United States, said in one of his recent addresses, among other things:

"While there have been many contributory causes, the most direct and powerful factor in bringing about the present prosperous condition of Japan has been the impartiality and good feeling shown by the government and people of the United States,



ROBERT MITCHELL FLOYD (Noted Boston Publicist and Authority on Trade Topics,)

who have at all times given every en-couragement and assistance in and to the introduction of modern civiliza-

So the opening of the twentieth century shows a welding of friendmost exclusive of nations with the of the system, an office created for youngest and most cosmopolitan of kim.

Names of seaports and commercial towns in Japan were formerly an an known quantity to us but Tokic, with its ivery, silver and includ works and brenzes; Kioto, with cloisonne and lacquer wares; Osaks, with cotton yarns, rugs, fabrics, glassware; Kobe, with rice, bamboo, screens, mattings, straw-braids; Nagasaki, with rishery products and noted as being the first port opened for for-eign torde in Japan, Magora, with porcelain clocks and paper, Shidzuoka, with tea, mushrooms and artistic creations in bamboo; Ashikaga which have been in existence as manufacturing centers since a very ancient period—are now quantumly

known to the business world. Of course there are many other ferred to such as Moji, a port from the numerous mines in that

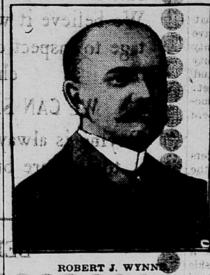
elers, Yokohama. city of Japan, for here the traders meet to buy the products of the country, which are concentrated at this point. Besides the native deal-

There is a growing sale for the Japanese teas in the markets of the United States and Canada, and there seems po doubt, writes Robert Mitchell Floyd, in Trade Press List, that the abrogation of duties by the tral rollroad by rebieb be was em-

Our Latent Nomad Spirit. In our work we get further and fur-ther away from the earliest types of civilization, but in our play we come at times very near to prehistoric life, says the People's Friend. Our picnics are an attempt to satisfy our latent nomad instinct, our games and races are a symbol of the fierce struggle for existence which was a very real literal conflict in those far-off days, but has been modernized under the name of trade competition. And our love of

Relating to Partisan Activity of Office Holders,

The recent order of Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, defining the lengths to which postmasters may go in their desire to render service to the political party of their choice, is based upon a letter written by President Roosevelt, and therefore correctly interprets the views of the administration on this important question. Under some of the presidents, postmasters as well as other ally been deprived of many of their inherent rights as citizens and required to maintain a pose of absolute neutrality and non-combative-



ness in each succeeding political campaign. According to President Roosevelt's way of thinking, however, the federal office holder has rights as a citizen for it. and will be permitted, within certain broad lines, to exercise them. For instance, it will now be permissible for postmasters—and this ruling will apply to all federal employes—to

apply to all federal employes—to he was in receipt of a large income join political clubs, attend political he seldom had any money and was conventions as delegates, and, should they desire to do so, to contribute to campaign funds. They ought not, however, in the president's judg-ment, to become unday active in campaign work. In other words, he would not have them acting as the chairman of political conventions, or of campaign committee, or in any other way setting the pace within their parties as leaders. But as followers-high privates in the rear ranks of partisanthip—they will have full rights and be protected in their exercise.

This new ruling is much more libral than any that has been made on this question for many years, and it will be welcomed by thousands of postmasters, big and little, in all parts of the country.

WARREN B. KNISKERN.

Position of Passenger Traffic Mann. ger Created for Him by the Northwestern System.

It was announced recently from the Chicago & Northwestern railway headquarters that W. B. Knis-loons, for I do not remember that I ever saw him take a drink or kern had been promoted to the position of passenger traffic manager

Mr. Kniskern's long service in Chicago with the Northwestern and his connection with other railroad com-panies of the country have given him



Pessenger Traffe, Manager Chicago Northwestern System.) a wide acquaintance. His standing in the railroad world has been of the

highest. ers, business houses from every section of the world have their representatives, and the tongues that are heard on the thoroughfares are as numerous as leaves upon a tea plant. connected is an evidence of the ability and business qualifications which have won him his reputation, Mr. Kniskern has devoted his en-

tire business life to railway, work. He was first with the Illinois Cento 1876, during which period he filled various clerical positions with the general passenger and general tick-

et departments of that company. From 1875 to September 1, 1885, he greater conveniences for his art was employed by the Douisville & studies, for he is thoroughly Amer-Nashville Railroad company at Louis-ville, Ky., and New Orleans. He reentered the service of the North, western on September 1, 1885, coming to Chicago as assistant general passenger agent I He was appointed assistant general passenger and tickno doubt been inherited from those passenger and ticket agent January who long ago hunted, not for pleasure, 1, 1895. He has held the last named but for dinner.

ABBEY'S EARLY LIFE

Famous Artist Was an Indolent and Careless Youth.

Finished Sketches Only When Necessity Knocked at the Door-Always Was Abstemious, But an Extravagant Dresser.

That success does not alter inborn character is proved to the satisfaction of C. R. Kelley, of Chicago, at all events, when he reflects on the habits and customs of Edwin Austin Abbey, R. A., and compares them with that famous artist's recent utterances.

Years ago, before Mr. Abbey ever thought to be selected to paint the coronation scene by royal command, he and Mr. Kelley roomed together, and the latter consequently had ample opportunity to study the painter's many idiosyncrasies.

That was 25 years ago, a time long enough to win the one fame on two continents as a mighty wielder of the brush and to elevate the other to a high place in the ranks of Chicago republicans.

"I well remember Mr. Abbey as & youth of 18," said Mr. Kelley to a Chicago Chronicle reporter. "He was my roommate in Williamsburg then and seemed to spend more time in dreaming than in work. Often he would say to me: 'My board bill will be due to-morrow, and I must get out a sketch for Harper's tonight. Then he looked over a pocket sketchbook in which he was day be a prominent figure among continually jotting down what European royal women. She has seemed to me to be mere lines, but reigned as one of the belles of the to him incidents found in his daily life. Something would be selected and the next morning Harper's would hand him a check for \$100 in return house, which Lord Burton loaned to

"Abbey found a sale for all the sketches he could do for Harper's Weekly, and much of his work found its way into the monthly. Yet while



EDWIN AUSTIN ABBEY. (Appointed by King Edward to Paint Cor-

indolent to the degree of being

"His money, however, was not spent with evil companions or in saof wearing apparel that pleased him would be purchased without regard to price. Silk underwear, hose and fine furnishing goods were his hob-

"His particular forte was in facial expressions, and I imagine that this specialty will be well brought out in his work on the 15 panels depicting the 'Search for the Holy Grail,' which he is working upon for the new Boston public library.

"I can see Abbey now as he used to appear to me in the old boarding thouse, sketching our a piece property 010 board with some 50 faces traced out under his skillful hand and he two lights [ of them at all slike; When he had finished he would sit back and laugh at his work.

"Abbey could always see some thing worthy of his pencil in the serio-comic side of life and this little notebook was full of such eccentricities. The value of his work was shown in a roving commission given him by Harper's to go abroad on a salary of \$10,000 a year. Specimens of his early work may be seen in the draperies for the Vanderbilt library, for which it is said he received \$50;-000, I was not surprised to learn that he had been selected to paint the coronation scene, for I always believed him to be destined to become the greatest painter of modern times.

"This further reminds me," continued Mr. Kelley, "of his early hopes" to some day sttain the fame and money necessary to become a mem preme court of the state and has taken ber of the famous Artists' club in just sufficient interest in practical money necessary to become a memher of the famous Artists' club in just sufficient interest in practical New In Brief.
New York. His marriage to Miss politics to put him into touch with the The Oration severe with the range Gertrude Mead, of Greenwich, Conn. whom I had known as a child and who I had no knowledge that he and be of great assistance to the teatrainer of Japan.

North first that ever met, is another link in our lifelong acquaintance. While he was Northwestern railway was from 1873 indolent in his early career, possibly a characteristic of Philadelphia

birth, I believe his objection to living in America is due to a desire to study English home life and obtain ican.

tribute is paid the American artist in the following terms:

"Saturated with English literature, domiciled in an English village, fond in Aveyron, France, which is often misof English rural life. Mr. Abbey taken for an active volcano because stands out as more British in sym- a pillar of cloud arises from it by day

CROWN PRINCESS MARIE.

Young Matron Who May One Day Be the Queen of Roumania Is Popplar in London.

It isn't every European country with a queen so genuinely popular as "Carmen Sylva" which is lucky enough to possess as promising a successor to her as Roumania does in its crown princess.

Prince Ferdinand's handsome wife, who was Princess Marie of Edinburgh, came to London with her husband to represent Roumania at the coronation, and her beauty, cleverness and general "style" have confirmed the belief of those who prophesied when the princess was a young girl in England that she would one



CROWN PRINCESS OF ROUMANIA. (She May One Day Succeed the Famous "Carmen Sylva.")

season.

When the princess and her hus band arrived famous old Chesternet the king for the coronation season, was placed by his majesty at their disposal.

The crown princess and her greatest rival have been in London at the same time and they must have met often, for both of late have frequently been the guests of Queen Alexandra. The other lady in this case is the beautiful Helene Vacaresco, the queen of Roumania's lady in waiting, whose enslavement of Crown Prince Ferdinand made such a to-do in King Charles' domain sev eral years ago.

Dress is a great weakness with the crown princess of Roumania. At the reception recently given by the marchioness of Lansdowne to the Indian princes Princess Marie was the most noticed of the women. When she was married the crown princess trousseau was the most sumptuous ever provided for an English princess.

Besides being the niece of King Edward, Princess Marie of Rou-mania bears the same relationship to the czar of Russia, her mother, the duchess of Edinburgh, having been one of the Russian royal princesses The crown prince and princess have an annual income of \$150,000. This is by no means a regal sum but it is spent lavishly.

ALTON BROOKS PARKER.

idential Candidate.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker, whom some of the leading democrats of New York are quietly pushing to the front as a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1904, is the chief judge of the New York court of appeals and



JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER. (Mentioned as a Presidential Possibility by New York Democrats.)

one of the most eminent and influen tial jurists in the entire east. Judge Parker is in the very fullness of his mature manhood. He has just passed the age of 50, has served in the suvarious strats of his party. A native of Cortland, Judge Parker has lived altogether in the state, although he is well known in the city. He has been chief judge of the court of appeals since 1898.

The Car's Elaborate Kitchen. The czar's kitchen in St. Petersburg the finest in the world. Its walls are of black marble, and are lavishly ornamented. Some of the kitchen pots nd pans are of solid gold, and origin-In a recent magazine a notable ally belonged to the Empress Cath-

Pillar of Cloud and Fire. The "burning mountain" of Montet, of English rural life, Mr. Abbey stands out as more British in sympathy and manner than the British and a pillar of fire by night, it in rethemselves. In the coronation is his great opportunity.

The several years are several years and brass knowing that it had been burning for several years.

## NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

A visit to the factory of the Heine Manufacturing company at Wahpeton brings one into contact with the superintendent and inventor who is the real brains of the enterprise, A. J. Heine. Nine years ago near Ellen-dale, N. D., be made from old scrap iron and pieces of binder his first self-feeder and attached it to his threshing machine. The following year he took up a farm a few miles from Wahpeton and made another machine which did well. Business continued and a year ago Mr. Heine made about twenty-five of his selffeeders, the work being done at Fergus Falls. All of these found a ready asle, but the process of hiring work at a factory belonging to a company not directly and fully interested in the new invention was not really adequate to the needs of the machine. and during last fall the various towns of the Red River valley were canvassed with a view to raising capital for equipping a special factory.

Wahpeton was selected as the most suitable city for such a location be-cause of its railway advantages and its location in the heart of a great farming industry. Mr. Heine ceeded in interesting two or three of the business men of Breckenridge and Wahpeton who called a meeting of citizens. F. E. Kenaston, president of the Minnesota Threshing Machine company, and of the Citizens National the departing American generals, bank of Wahpeton, happened to be in said that of all Americans he admired town and his practical experience and president Roomvett. Seth Low and enthusiasm over the enterprise inspired confidence in others so that a week's canyass succeeded in raising a capital stock of \$25,000, all locally subscribed.

Macaroni Wheat. 2011 "Over 5,000,000 bushels of macaroni wheat will be produced in the West-ern states next year judging from present indications, and Mark A. Carleton, chief cerealist of the United

States department of agriculture. "This year over 1,00,000 bushels were produced in this country. This is twenty times more than was raised last year, so that it is easy to perceive that the acreage for this wheat

is increasing.

The important point is that it can
be rejied there four wheat each be
grown. It weeds very little moisture and in dry countries it thrives the

of the Mississippi river with any success, for the climate is too damp. North and South Dakots are the chief producers. It is being introduced in the dry sections of Texas with success.

"It is the hardest wheat in the world." It is entirely an arroneous tricks in increasing Transportation facilities on all sides are badly imported and communication with many The grain can not be grown east idea that macaroni is consumed entirely or mostly by foreigners. One of the principal reasons that it is not used as ruch as it should be is that we don't know how to cook it properly."

The New Ballre The Farmers' railroad has already hid its steel as far as Webster, and off.
the construction work is being Casells Col Sept. 15.—The largest pushed rapidly forward. The two hew towns of Webster and Stark-weather are attracting a good deal of attention, and both places are as-sured of many good buildings this season and a permanent steady season and a permanent steady this county tapped by the Farmers road is the very best section of North Dakota, and that is saying a good deal. It opens up a large stretch of country to market at these towns, which has long been settled, and which has a population composed of

gent, progressive and saving.

They Like It. The reports from the farmers who used the twine made from the flax fiber secured in this state are beginning to come in. With scarcely an exception, the farmers were well pleased with the twine. Many report it worked more satisfactorily than the sisal or manila, and the general consensus of opinion was that there is a great future for the industry. The twine can be ntade lighter and smaller than the other kinds, and consider-



Gift for the College.

The secretary of the Congregational Educational society, Rev. E. Stead, announced a vote of the society appropriating \$12,000 to Fargo college Fargo, N. D., to help secure the pledge of \$50,000 by Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago, made on condition that \$150,-000 be raised by the management and friends of the college.

for use by November 1, and many residents and business places are being

from a trip to the coast. He says the accommodations, talent, and general entertainment at the North Daneta Chantauqua are superior to those at any similar gathering in the West. The Bottineatt court house our all awoT vistuth Omaha, Neb., Sept. 13. ready for occupancy, with the excep-tion of a few frills which have not yet #55, constant heifers, \$2.256, 25; western it until everything called for in the

## THE NEWS BOILED DOWN.

Josef Rennalfe, an Italian violinist, went insane from homosicimess at

New York.
Passage by congress of a bill for a new department of commerce is regarded as certain. Gov. Taft has released many pris-

oners from Manila jails who were held without arraignment. Soft coal prices in Chicago reached nine dollars a ton and anthracite is almost unobtainable, with cooler

weather predicted. "Ted" Roosevelt, the president's eldest son, reached Oyster Bay from a western hunting trip, and told of catching a 22-pound muskellunge. Prince Henry of Germany will at-

tend the Frederick the Great statue unveiling at Washington in April. Field Marshal von Waldersee Is also to come next year. Mrs. Ella Hall Parker, of Sparks, Ga., was allowed to cut down the body of a negro who murdered her

father after being refused permission to spring the trap. A paper mill trust, including all mills in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, will be promoted by Dewar & Yerks, Chicago brokers. Capital of

\$30,000,000 is proposed. The German emperor, in addressing

Ambassador White most. Robert P. Porter, in an address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in Belfast, showed that American cities derived the same income from street railways as British, which have municipal own-

## ership. WESTERN POREST FIRES.

Sixty People Homeless ht Springwaten Ore.-Fires to Washington.

Oregon City, Ore., Sept. 15,-Late reports from Springwater state that 0 people are homeless. All of the country known as the Rocky Point lection is burning.

Elma, Wash., Sept. 15 .- Forest fires are raging over a large area of country east of Elma. Several large mills

paired and communication with many counties is cut off.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 15 .- Forest fires are raging along the Great Northern between Skykomish and Wellington. Telegraphic communication between here and Seattle is cut

and most destructive forest fire in Col-orado is raging between Chase and Shawnee. This is the opinion of A. J. Wells, state timber inspector, and United States Government Agent Nicholson, who are on the ground.

Admits Favors from Andrews. Detroit Mich., Sept. 15.—At Satur-day's sepalon of the hearing of the mo-tion for a new trial for Frank C. Andrews, the convicted former vice president of the wrecked City savings bank of this city. the prosecution drew from Miss Kittie Nichols, a witness, admissions that both she and her family were indebted to Frank C. Andrews for favors. Miss Nichols had previously declared she was prejudiced against Andrews.

Americans the Best Markamen. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 15 .- At the 800 yard range shot in the Palma trophy match the total score of the American team was550; Canadian, 508; British,

## THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

Chicago, Sept. 13. Veaker, Schimber, 724 a by 1886 194c; May, 694 a OATS-Also weak. September. new. 24%, 624%; old, 26026%; May, new, 31%, 631%c. BUTTER-Firmer. Creamerles, 10/9/22/20

per pound: dairies, 15@20c. EGGS-Holding firm. At mark, cases included, 17@174c; loss off, cases returned, LIVE POULTRY-Dull and weak. Tur-LIVE POULTRY—Dull and weak. Turkeys, 13c; chickens, spring, 12c; old, 11c; ducks, 104@11c.

POTATOES—Lower. Early Ohios. 32@ 34c; White Stock, 31@35c; Rose, choice,

New York, Sept. 13. FLOUR-Steady and quiet. Buckwheat lour quiet; \$1.75@2.25 bld, according to de-WHEAT-Opened steady, but weakened. September, 76%@76 5-16c; December, 73%@ 74c; May, 74%c. RYE—Steady. State, 551/2000 c. i. f. New York; No. 2, western, 591/20 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2, 564561/20 track.

CORN-Opened steacter, but soon clined. December, 49%@49%c; May, 45%@

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for use by November 1, and many residents and business places are being connected.

A \$30,000 hetel is to be built at linton. The material used will be sandstone quarried within a mile of town.

Professor Charles F. Craig, who enternanced large growds at the Chautauqua this season, has just returned from a trip to the coast. He says the