

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

Rev. A. G. Pahlman, of Norra Hærene and Hofby, died at the age of 74 years.

A church for Laplanders will be built in northern Bergnæs, Arjepploug.

Mrs. Elna Nilson, of Ystad, died at the advanced age of 97 years.

Dr. Jacob Spangberg, one of the most able botanists of Sweden, died at Sundsvall.

A railroad will be built between Lyckey and Bergqvara in the province of Blekinge.

The riksdag has granted 1,470,000 kronor for the purchase of railroad material.

A small cyclone struck Ystad and vicinity the other day. Several people and many cattle were injured.

The large Hammarby works near Storvik were burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at about \$300,000.

The Swedish crown princess is still in Rome, her condition being such that her death may be expected at any moment.

The rich brewer Lyckholm of Gothenburg, has donated 25,000 kronor to his employes, and insured all of them against accidents.

The Continental Hotel in Helsingborg has been sold by consul C. G. Stewenius to A. Tijlander, a merchant of Boastad. The price paid was 300,000 kronor.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by Sergeant Lars Wessling of Vesslingby, Fellingsbro, and his wife. The old couple is in the best of health.

The heirs of the Swedish missionaries, Wickholm and Johansson, who some months ago were murdered in China, have been paid 60,000 kronor damages by the Chinese government.

Patrik Larson, of Skar, the parish of Fjaeras, killed his father, because the old man refused to give him money. Larson who was arrested soon after his terrible crime, is only 19 years of age.

Prof. Borjeson, the famous sculptor, who was represented at the art exhibition at the Chicago exposition by several large and elegant groupes, has been awarded the first prize for his model of the proposed monument of Charles X.

Ronneby in southern Sweden in one of the very strongest iron springs in the world, containing sulphate of iron and alum in considerable quantities. Ronneby is the Spa in Sweden, which attracts most visitors, and more than 2000 persons annually take the waters here.

One of the greatest fire calamities which has occurred in Sweden for a long time, occurred in the parish of Moensteras the other day, when the Forsa school building burned to the ground. Twelve of the young pupils were roasted to death in spite of the most heroic efforts to rescue them. The grief of the parents can hardly be described.

Albert Nobel, the inventor of the dynamite, has bought the Bofors iron works in Vermland, where experiments

will be made with Dr. De. Laval's new invention to reduce metals direct from the ore by means of electricity. Nobel, who is a Swede, is the owner of immense petroleum wells near the Caspian sea, Russia, and is said to be worth considerably more money than the American multi-millionaire Rockefeller.

The government railroads have three classes of passenger cars. The first class is limited to some express trains only and generally very little patronized, giving a reason for the tendency to do away with it entirely on all lines as has been done in the North, and on the greatest number of private roads. The night expresses carry sleeping cars of first and second class, where a berth may be obtained for the small additional sum of \$1.35 and 80 cents respectively.

Tool manufacture in Sweden has of old its principal homestead in Eskilstuna, where, in about a hundred workshops with in all about 2000 workmen, great numbers and varieties of tools for working metals and wood are yearly produced. Modern working methods have been largely adopted. The yearly value of production from the Eskilstuna tool shops amounts to nearly \$1,000,000. But the large foreign tool making establishments, not the least those in the United States, somehow have succeeded in finding a way for their products to the Swedish market, while, on the other hand, a good quantity of Eskilstuna articles is yearly exported.

The export of tallow from Sweden is on the increase, and in 1893 rose to the value of \$110,000. Margarine of good quality is manufactured in Sweden, and the value of the annual output is about \$140,000. Vegetable oils are made in Sweden in large quantities. The value of the product of 13 oil mills at work in 1892 was \$650,000, the manufacture of pressed oil cakes for fodder alone amounting to \$227. During the same year different kinds of vegetable oils were exported to a value of \$42,000. Among other vegetable products to be included in this group are rosin, turpentine, wool-oil and lamp-black, these products being made at nine factories.

The manufacture of machinery in Sweden has shown a steady and relatively rapid progress during the last decades, and the engineering shops are at present able to compete successfully in several branches with foreign establishments of high standing, as regards both working methods and the quality of the products, albeit they are, of course, still behind in quantity. This great development appears to be principally due to the extended use in the workshops of modern improved machinery, especially machine tools—a good number of American origin—but is of course also in great measure attributable to the fact, that the works nowadays devote themselves more to specialties than they used to do.

NORWAY.

A new theater will be built in Bergen. Electric works will be built in Lillehammer.

Many families in Ringsaker are going to emigrate to the United States.

A large bath and massage establishment will be built at Sandelfjord.

Olai Fæster, of Rognaldsvaag, and his wife were drowned off Florø.

A society of the left has been organized in Porsgrund. The society has already 200 members.

Bjornson's drama "Over Evne" made a grand success when performed at a theater in Paris the other night.

Lawyer Lous has been elected president of the Christiania Conservative Society.

The Liverpool *Evening Express* says, that most English tourists will visit Norway the present summer.

Captain Magnus Andersen, the former commander of the Viking, is at present holding lectures in Norway.

Prof. Lieblein will represent Norway at the oriental congress, which is to be held at Geneva next September.

The storting has been asked to grant an appropriation for Norway's participation in the art exposition at Antwerp.

Miss Elisa Wiborg, the Norwegian songstress is meeting with great success during a concert tour through Germany.

Jakob Sverdrup spoke at a political meeting in Drammen, which was attended by a large number of his admirers.

A large national work on Norway will soon be published by some of the most prominent Norwegian artists and authors.

During his present stay in Christiania King Oscar has enjoyed himself more than ever. The king has fully regained his health.

It has been discovered that Sigurd Matzow, a merchant of Trondhjem, has made embezzlements, amounting to about 70,000 kroner.

A snow-slide occurred at Bredevangen, and a house on the Scendra Ganter was buried under the avalanche. Two people were killed.

Jonas Lie's novel "Den Fremsynte" has been translated into English, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Saturday Review* and several other papers give it the most flattering praise.

A book on Scandinavian literature, especially Norwegian authors, will soon be published in Paris. The author, or rather authoress, is L. Bernardine, alias Mrs. Sjostedt, the French wife of Erik Sjostedt, the correspondent to the Stockholm *Allehanda*.

The government has asked the Norwegian Storting to grant an appropriation of 600,000 kroner for the proposed building of a new gun-boat of the first class. A former Storting granted 400,000 kroner for the purpose, and as 540,000 kroner will be needed, the total cost of the man-of-war will amount to 1,540,000 kroner.

DENMARK.

Herman Bang, the famous author, is reported to be dangerously ill in Paris.

An emigration en masse is going on from Iceland to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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