

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

Queen Sophia is traveling in Europe.

Captain A. Westerberg died at Gothenburg at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. E. C. Bjork, of Klockargard, died at the age of 101 years.

Ex-congressman N. Person, of Reslot, died at Lund at the age of 76 years.

A. Nilsson, a property owner of Norrkoping, committed suicide.

Dr. K. J. W. Lundstrom has bought the Upsala paper "Tyris."

Rev. E. Hedlund, of Mora, died at the age of 72 years.

A. Blomberg, one of the most prominent wholesale merchants of Sundsvall, is dead.

The Riksdag has refused to grant any more appropriations for the building of railroads in northern Sweden.

C. Stenbeck, the prominent wholesale merchant of Gefle, has been forced to make an assignment.

The manufacture of stearine candles takes in Sweden a very prominent place. Swedish stearine candles are considered superior to the foreign article in quality and illuminative power, in consequence of which they have, although dearer, displaced the foreign manufacture in the home market.

Mr. Thomas Ferguson, the new American minister to Sweden and Norway, arrived at Stockholm the other day. He was met at the Central Depot by minister W. W. Thomas. Mr. Thomas, who intended to return to America this month, has changed his plans, and will spend the summer in Sweden.

While during the last twenty years the number of mechanical workshops has more than doubled in Sweden, the number of workmen has increased more than three fold and the value of production more than four fold. Out of the 214 workshops and foundries 96 are situated in towns or boroughs and 118 in country districts.

Strawberries grow just as well in Sweden as in other countries, the same varieties occurring as elsewhere. During so-called bare winters, they must however be covered with firbrush etc., so that the frost may not kill them. Several American sorts, such as the Fillmore, Kerr's Prolific, Sharpless, etc., thrive very well in Sweden. Wood strawberries are pretty generally grown under glass, so as to obtain fruit early.

The agricultural societies in Sweden employ so-called master gardeners of the province, who must aid the public with advice and information. The horticultural societies, to the number of about 20, spread all over the kingdom, are active in promoting shows publishing and distributing publications, imparting instruction and supplying plants and seed.

Among private collections of historical art may be mentioned, before all, those at Skokloster castle, where are preserved a great number of objects of industrial art mostly brought together during the thirty years' war by Field

marshal C. S. Wrangel, the then owner of the castle. Several other private castles as Vanaas, Saefstaholm, Finspong etc., possess noteworthy collections of paintings.

Unhealthy habitations are always condemned in Sweden, and public buildings, such as schools, theaters, factories, etc., may be ordered to provide means of proper ventilation, should it be necessary. Offensive trades may not be established in large towns without the permission of the Board of Health which has a right to prohibit the continuation of industrial pursuits, which are found pernicious to the health of the neighbors.

NORWAY.

While staying in Antananarivo, Rev. Stoneland was suddenly taken insane.

The population of Norway is about 2,200,000.

A cotton factory will be built at Hillevaag.

General Booth, of Salvation Army fame, has arrived at Christiania.

The number of Socialists in Norway is increasing.

E. Jakobsen Buaroe and his two sons drowned off Bjornoer.

Rev. O. Larsen, of Hoeland, died at the age of 52 years.

Tourists are flocking to Christiania from all parts of Europe.

E. Berg, a prominent merchant of Skien, is dead.

The history of the "pure" Norwegian flag is now to be seen nearly everywhere in Norway.

The aldermen of Toensberg have granted an appropriation of 300,000 kroner for the building of railroads.

Sigurd Aspestrand is the name of a new Norwegian composer, who has scored quite a success in Germany.

Water power constitutes the motive element in a large number of works in Norway.

The most popular of King Oscar's sons in Norway is Prince Eugen, the artist.

Brun, the druggist, has been elected president of the Trondhjem labor society.

A large farm near Tingsaker was burned down, and several cattle were roasted to death.

Dr. Fredrik Ramm, of Christiania, has been appointed physician at the provincial hospital in Tromso.

The carpenters of Christiansand struck for higher wages, and their demand was granted.

According to law every infant in Norway is to be vaccinated before it has arrived at the age of 2 years.

Prof. R. Collett of the Christiania university, has been elected honorary member of "Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society."

Bjorn Bjernson, the actor and son of Bjornstjerne Bjornson, will soon appear in his father's play "Geography and

Love," which is to be given at the Royal Theater of Copenhagen.

The Bergen Savings Bank had a surplus of nearly 40,000 kroner for the last year. This money has now been donated to several useful and charitable institutions in Bergen.

Strong poisons are sold in Norway only from a chemist's or from technical works on receipt of a physician's prescription, or if for technical purposes, after special permission from the governor of the province.

DENMARK.

Rev. F. Skonboe, of Odense, is dead.

The fishing vessel "Camilla" was wrecked off Horien.

Two new churches will be built in Copenhagen.

King Oscar will spend some part of July in the Danish Capital.

The carpenters of Aalborg have struck for higher wages.

The Roende hotel in Roende was burned down.

Several tourist hotels have been built in Denmark this spring.

The machine factory and foundry in Nykjobing was burned down.

P. Svendsen, the prominent merchant of Aalborg, is dead.

B. Husbye, a prominent citizen of Hjoerring, is dead.

Twenty American men-of-war are to be furnished with dishes of Danish porcelain.

Rev. M. Nielsen Worm, of Odense, is dead. Worm was a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog.

The proposed sugar refinery in Kjoeg will be the largest refinery in the country.

Three fishermen were drowned between the islands of Ialand and Lange-land.

The Swedish system of gymnastics is being introduced into many Danish schools.

Rudolf Tegner, a young Danish sculptor, has scored a success by exhibiting some of his works in Paris.

Joachim Andersen, a flutist at the court opera of Berlin, Germany, has spent a short vacation at Copenhagen.

Juel-Hansen's Reader for public schools has been translated into Swedish. This is said to be the first Danish book of its kind ever translated into a foreign language.

Czar and Emperor William are expected to meet each other on the 28th in Copenhagen, when the celebration of the silver wedding of the Danish crown prince and princess will take place.

The milk retail company of Copenhagen will prepare milk in suitable bottles for children of different ages. The size of each bottle will be such as to furnish just one meal to the child. The empty bottles will be returned and cleaned at the establishment of the company before they are refilled. This new departure is not expected to be a very profitable investment; but a number of philanthropic citizens have agreed to support it, and, if it prove beneficial to the children, a society perhaps will be organized for the purpose of enabling as many poor mothers as possible to obtain this children's food.