

Johan Lauritz Eitzen, ex-postmaster of Tonsberg, died at the age of 80 years.

It is now reported that Bishore Heuch probably will be elected bishop of the Christiania diocese.

*Forretningsposten* will be the name of a new commercial paper, which will be published in Christiania.

M. Martinsen Strand, one of the most prominent citizens of Hof. Soloer, is dead.

S. C. Hammer the new editor-in-chief of the *Stavangeren*, will probably make it an organ of the left.

The Roedfos match factory, which was burned down last summer, has now been rebuilt on a larger scale.

A special hospital for patients suffering from consumption has been built in Christiania.

Kathinka Nilsen of Christianssand who was recently proved guilty of arson, has been sent to an insane asylum.

Clara Mathiesen, of Christiania, is only 14 years of age, but has already met with great success as a singer in that city.

Ex-Minister Aimar Sorensen, one of the former members of the Sverdrup cabinet, has separated from Steen and the Radicals.

Jacob Dybwad, the publisher, has donated several hundred books to the Norwegian Seaman's Homes in Newcastle, Cardiff and Antwerp.

The bark Evvivæ, Captain Bruhn, of Grimstad, was wrecked off Fishguard. The crew was saved with the exception of one man, who was washed overboard.

The proposed commercial treaty between Norway and Switzerland will probably not go through, the Norwegian government having refused to give protection to Swiss drummers.

#### DENMARK.

Three fishermen were drowned off Helsingør.

Several houses were burned to the ground in Skive, and the loss is heavy.

H. O. Lieungh a well-known druggist of Lawrvik, died at the age of 65 years.

A new novel by Herman Bang, the eccentric author, will soon be published.

Mrs. M. C. Mortensen, of Silkeborg, died at the age of 96 years.

Small-pox is reported to rage epidemically in northern Jylland.

The Duchess of Chartres and her daughter are visiting in Copenhagen.

The Royal Library of Copenhagen has celebrated its 100th anniversary.

A Cremona violin was sold at a public auction at Copenhagen for \$304.

Ex-sheriff Christoffer Kriegbaum, of Resentelde, died at the age of 94 years.

Nicolai Petersen, a well-known building master of Nakskov, died at the age 70 years.

Ferdinand Schmidt, the director of the Norrebro theater, died in Copenhagen.

At an exhibition of chrysanthemums at Copenhagen 125 varieties were represented.

Station master M. Nansen, of the Lunderskou railroad station, died at the age of 68 years.

Prof. Eugen Warming, a Danish botan-

ist, has been appointed corresponding member of the academy of Munich.

From January 1st 1894, a tariff of 16 cents per pound will be levied on imported bicycles and parts of the same.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess are paying a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, in Gmunden.

A bill permitting laymen to preach in the churches at the discretion of the pastor has been discussed by the riksdag.

Christmas Roses, a holiday publication, was printed in 53,000 copies this year, and every copy was sold weeks ago.

Jonas Lie, the famous Norwegian author, left Copenhagen for Paris the other day. He was accompanied by his family.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by Niels Nielsen and his wife, of Nygaard. The old couple is in the best of health.

A direct steamship line between Copenhagen—Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Pernambuco will be opened next March.

The steamer "Riberhus" left Esberg the other day, having aboard 1692 sheep, that had been bought by three Frenchmen. The steamer was bound for Dunkirk.

The telephone connections between Denmark and Sweden—Norway will be opened with a conversation by the kings, Christian and Oscar.

The Society "The Blind of Denmark" has secured about 7,000 signatures to a petition to the government for appropriations for a school for the blind.

The liberal voters' union at Copenhagen celebrated the 10th anniversary of its establishment by an entertainment, which was largely attended.

Every year 45 soldiers are sent to the Danish possessions in the West Indies. This year it took some time to induce that number to pledge themselves to remain six years in the colonies.

The government has issued a warning to the public not to use smokeless powder for common guns, its explosive power being so much greater than that of common powder as to burst many ordinary guns.

The households store's movement will perhaps be continued on a somewhat different plan. A number of substantial farmers have commenced to discuss the practicability of organizing a co-operative union for the sale of farm products in Copenhagen.

The opening of the new free harbor at Copenhagen took place the other day, and was accompanied by imposing ceremonies. The minister of the interior delivered an address, and Prince Waldemar opened the lock, thus permitting the sea to rush into the vast basin.

A number of Frenchmen, who have made a contract with the French government to furnish certain quantities of provisions for a period of ten years, recently bought 1500 sheep in Denmark, and if the bargain proves satisfactory the same parties may import a cargo of sheep from Denmark every month.

Some eight months ago a rash young man at Copenhagen made a bet, that he could drink a certain quantity of sulphuric acid without any serious result. He swallowed the dose in the presence

of some of his friends, and his gullet and stomach were so fearfully burned that the doctors expected him to die in a few hours. But he survived, and is still eking out a life of excruciating pain.

#### OUR STOCKHOLM LETTER.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 2.—[Special.—"S. M. le Roi Oscar II." is the heading of an article which appeared in *Le Figaro*, the famous French paper, a few days ago. The article was written by Hugues Le Roux, the well-known journalist, who several times has visited Scandinavia.

As the reader probably may remember a rumor was started through Europe some time ago to the effect that Sweden had joined the triple alliance. Some French papers commenced soon to write editorially on this subject, making the grave mistake to style the rumor as a *fait accompli*. At the same time King Oscar was greatly taken to task by the unscrupulous French journalists.

In order to offset these stories and show them to be false the article in *Le Figaro* was written.

The author begins his essay with referring to the speech of King Oscar made at the banquet in Christiania on the last 4th of November, and quotes especially the words the king used while speaking of his aim to uphold the peace and neutrality and have full liberty to act. "I hope," says the writer, "that the French press may analyze this declaration with all the attention it is deserved of."

At the same time he criticises a letter published in *Le Journal des Debats* and signed Un Norvegien, in which it is said among other things: "It is in Norway's autonomy a part of the nation sees the counterbalance of the warlike tendencies, which still sometimes take hold on the Swedes and the champion of which the Bernadottes seem to be by cause of their atavism." Mr. Hugues Le Roux ridicules those who, like the writer of the letter, believe or seem to believe, that high-important matters were discussed during the famous elk hunt at Hunneberg. "I do not know," says the French journalist, whether the author of the letter is quite sincere or not, but I am perfectly sure that he is no hunter. Otherwise he could not have believed that the same man can shoot five elks, and discuss a treaty of alliance at the same time."

The article in *Le Figaro* mentions further how those who have talked so much about the German emperor's hunt, have forgotten to tell of the visit the Czar paid to the Swedish crown prince, and holds forth also that the representatives of the English squadron were nowhere received—not even by the Russian emperor at St. Petersburg—more friendly and enthusiastically than by King Oscar at the Drottningholm castle.

Mr Hugues Le Roux thereupon described his audience with King Oscar, and calls attention to the kindness with which the king treats the most modest of his French guests, and to Oscar's literary and artistic gifts. Continuing, he says: "The Norwegians have, notwithstanding their republican inclinations and depth of ideas, which always captivate us as to art and morals, in regard to politics rather German than French sympathies. I think especially