

## THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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### SWEDEN.

King Oscar has made a large donation to the Stockholm sloyd school.

No city in Europe has cleaner streets than Sweden's capital, says a Berlin paper.

The combined length of the Swedish railroad lines was about 5,500 miles at the end of 1893.

A railroad will probably soon be built between Hernösand and Sundsvall. The cost is estimated at 3,800,000 kronor.

The high tariff men have distributed campaign literature with a lavish hand in Stockholm and vicinity.

The French journalist, Hugues le Roux, is writing a book about Sweden, which will soon be published.

Judge Cedercrantz, the former chief judge of the Samoa islands, arrived at Stockholm the other day.

Thousands of people are without work in Norrland. Many are willing to work only for food and lodging.

The cost of running the high colleges and public schools of Sweden is more than 17,000,000 kronor a year.

The large clothing firm Edw. Anderson & Company, of Nyköping, has been forced to make an assignment.

The government has asked for an appropriation 679,300 kronor for the purchase of new rifles for the army.

According to a telegram the Crown Prince has arrived at Rome, where she will take a steamer for Egypt.

The parish of Raada in Vermland has no less than nine railroad depots, a larger number than any other parish in Sweden.

Thirteen large guns have been added to the Swedish artillery, and ten more will probably be added before next summer.

Baron V. C. Stjernstedt has been appointed colonel and commander-in-chief of the famous Vermland hunters' regiment.

Paul Segerberg, an old soldier, died at Ratan at the age of 101 years. Segerberg participated in the war against Russia in 1809.

The government has paid 2,000 kronor for a patent on a contrivance by which a mail box may be emptied into the mail bag in such a way that the operator cannot reach the mail matter.

The revenue derived from the tariff, the whisky tax and the surplus of the railroad earnings for the month of January amounted to \$1,350,000 as compared with \$1,231,000 for the same month last year.

In 1891 there was formed at the initiative of Mrs. Ramsey, a society for the care of epileptic idiot children. This society has opened a home for such children at Mariehæll, near Stockholm, which is conducted entirely by women, and is supported by voluntary contributions.

Sewing meetings, where society ladies are coming together in the afternoon for

sewing, are very often held in Stockholm. A great many philanthropic establishments have emanated from them, being first started and afterwards partly supported on the proceeds from sales of things, worked at these meetings.

Mrs. Mathilda Svenson, of Ingårpsberg, the parish of Barkeryd, Smoland, celebrated her 100th birthday. She lives on a farm bought and given to her by her son, the rich New York banker, Swenson, who is said to be worth at least six million dollars, and undoubtedly is the richest Swede in the United States.

No private man in Sweden has more extensive hunting grounds than Baron Oscar Dickson has. His largest tract of land is in Jemtland, near Storlien, and comprises about 40,000 acres. When to this are added half a dozen smaller tracts of land and fishing grounds, it is evident, that Baron Dickson has far better chances as a Nimrod than most of the famous landlords of England.

Some novels by Anne Charlotte Leffler, later Duchess di Cajanella will soon be translated into English. Mrs. Leffler, who died some years ago, was a sister of Arthur Leffler, the royal Swedish commissioner to the Chicago World's Fair. She was one of the best of modern realistic authors, and was also very successful as a dramatist. Her characters are sharply defined and true to life, and her diction is remarkable for excellence of style.

The art of producing tar is very old in Sweden, and has been a remunerative occupation in many remote districts, but is nowadays carried on principally in the two most northern provinces of Norrland. During the winter the resinous timber is brought to the "tar-pit" where it is burnt during the following spring and summer. The prepared tar is floated in barrels down the river to the coast places, whence it is exported to foreign countries. Half of the entire production is shipped from Umea.

The Swedish movement-cure has by degrees been acknowledged as an excellent therapeutic, both at home and abroad. The Swedish gymnasts exercise their beneficial calling all over the civilized world, and the movement-cure has everywhere been called Swedish movements "when the intention is to show that it is really of intrinsic basis. It must, however, be confessed, that the scientific development of gymnastics has not kept pace with its otherwise rapid progress. As yet gymnastics as a science has only found Swedes undertaking new departures.

The free churches are drawing heavily upon the attendance of the state churches of Stockholm. Of the different free denominations the Baptists have six churches and a number of small circles, the Methodists four, the Mission Friends seven, the Adventists one, the Mormons one, the faith cure people one, the Swedenborgians two, the Catholics four, and the Jews one. Besides these there are two mixed congregations with doctrines but little different from those of the state church. The whole number

of church buildings and preaching stations is about 70, only a minority of which belong to the state church.

### NORWAY.

A Unitarian church is to be built in Christiania.

The state debt of Norway amounts at present to \$33,000,000.

A Moderate-Conservative club has been organized in Fjeldvik.

The cathedral of Throndhjem is being restored at a cost of 62,500 kroner.

The grand trunk line of Norway has declared a dividend of 7 per cent.

Mayor P. G. L. Lunoh, of Grimsstad, died at the age of 73 years.

Rev. Rasmus Rolfsen Arnet, of Neo, died at the age of eighty-four.

The state has a dental dispensary at Christiania, which is absolutely free to the public.

During 1893 Norway exported about 1,900,000 cubic meters of timber and 400,000 tons of ice.

Nearly all of the public schools of Christiania are now being lighted by electricity.

The large exporting firm, Tchady & Roehmer, of Christiania, has been forced to make an assignment.

Mrs. Bodit Holst, of Hlomestrand, died at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

The bark Neptunus from Skien, Captain Tobiasson, was wrecked during a storm on the Atlantic. The crew was rescued by a steamer.

Miss Hanna Onekerlony, who recently visited America, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Salvation army in Norway.

Sophus Busch, who in such able way arranged Norway's exhibition in the Fishery Building at the World's Fair, died at Bergen.

The ministers of Christiania are in favor of opening the Sunday morning services in the churches at 10:30 instead of 10:00.

The first regular Jewish congregation in Norway was organized in Christiania a short time ago and has already several hundred members.

Dr. S. W. Odland will probably be appointed professor of theology at the Christiania university, vice Bishop F. W. Bugge.

So called smoked fish sausage is being imported to Germany in large quantities, the Germans having taken a liking to it.

At the international "ski" tournament at Muerzzuschlag, Austria the Norwegian "ski" runners captured to the five first prizes.

A monument of Henrik Wergeland, the great Norwegian poet, will probably be erected in Christianssand some time in the near future.

The expenses of the Norwegian state for 1894-95 are estimated at 54,240,000 kroner, the income at 51,75,000 kroner as compared with 59,664,000 kroner last year.

Thirty-six parties in Christiania are assessed for more than \$270,000, several passing the \$1,000,000. The Norwegian Credit Bank heads the list, its assessed value being \$1,350,000.

It is said that King Oscar will celebrate the 17th of May in Christiania.