

English pennies; and left him sleeping sweetly on the murmuring beach, as his wits and the tide went out together.

Perhaps in the whole world this is the only instance where Gipsy royalty is so sadly enthroned in witless wantonness. The name of Prince Robert of Scotland is a byword of contempt in every Gipsy camp or community in every land. All other Gipsy rulers of royal blood or those chosen to power that I ever knew held absolute sway. Their power is absolute because it is never exercised save in essentials. They are beloved because, strange as it may seem, to those who know not, their lives, from the standpoint of Gipsy ethics, are lofty, good and true.

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THE FAR NORTH

SWEDEN.

Prof. A. E. Nordenskiöld, the famous Arctic explorer, has been elected a member of the Swedish Academy.

The new profits of the Southern Sweden Steamship company for 1892 were \$45,000.

The riksdag has raised the bounty for the killing of wolves from 25 to 50 crowns (\$13.50.)

Fifty-five societies participated in the 1st of May demonstrations at Stockholm.

Seventy Swedes went in a body from Gothenburg to Hull to take the place of striking dockers.

The expenditures of the public schools of the city of Stockholm for the year 1892 were \$265,761.

The population of Stockholm Jan. 1, 1892, was 249,246, and Jan. 1, 1893, it was 250,441. This is an increase of only 1195 persons during the year 1892, and is the poorest showing for any single year since 1867.

Some students of the university of Lund are organizing a peculiar temperance society. The nucleus is to consist of total abstainers; the next division or circle will only abstain from distilled liquors; and the third circle pledge themselves not to get drunk.

The bill permitting any person over 18 years of age to withdraw from the state church without stating what church he or she intended to join, would have received a safe majority in the lower house, but the upper house rejected it as it did a bill of the same nature last year.

The lower house of the Riksdag has passed a bill abolishing the translation from Swedish into Latin at the examinations preparatory to entering the universities, and a committee of the upper house has sent the bill to the king requesting him to return a favorable report upon it.

A poor sewing woman of Stockholm is compelled to spend three days in jail every year in order to save her dog. The *modus operandi* is this: She is unable to pay the tax, and is fined; she is incarcerated for a term of three days, and her dog is saved for another twelve months.

The enthusiasm of the "friends of defense" borders on fanaticism. At Stockholm they are not only having their "week of denial," but on a fine Sunday they put ten contribution boxes along the most popular thoroughfares of

the city. It was a surprise to everyone that the majority of the contributors were ladies.

Prof. P. T. Cleve has donated an unusually rich and splendid collection of specimens of fresh and salt water mollusks to the zoological department of Upsala university. The most valuable part of the collection is a number of fresh and salt water snails from Madagascar, Australia, India, South America and other tropical countries. No less than 4,000 species are represented in the collection.

NORWAY.

A geographical society of France has awarded Dr. Nansen a gold medal for his celebrated trip across Greenland.

Forty thousand dollars have been raised at Bergen for the erection of a permanent exposition building, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

The export of timber for the months January-March was 284,500 cubic meters, that of ice 49,000 tons, as compared with 548,000 cubic meters of timber and 64,000 tons of ice for the corresponding period last year.

According to our latest information by mail the cabinet of Emil Stang was to consist of Mr. Gram, minister at Stockholm; Prof. Bang, minister of public worship and instruction; Prof. Hagerup, minister of justice; Captain Olson, minister of war; and P. Nilsen, of Hammar, minister of public works. It is not definitely stated who will be minister of the interior, nor is it stated on what condition the new cabinet will enter upon its duties, whether it is the understanding that the consular service question is simply to be postponed or that it is to be dropped.

Four fishermen were drowned while fishing off Hemraes the other day.

DENMARK.

The poor people's restaurants of Copenhagen served in all 330,000 meals last winter, as compared with 200,000 in 1892.

The buildings of the Selso estate near Roskilde were destroyed by fire the other day. Four hundred head of cattle and a number of horses and hogs perished in the flames.

Nearly one-third of the poorer classes of tenants in Copenhagen owe more or less of their house rent, the delinquencies being four per cent larger this year than last.

The municipal government of Copenhagen is agitating the question of disposing of the sewerage of the city by carrying it some 3,000 feet into the sea by means of an immense pipe and central pumping station. The plant would cost over \$1,000,000.

The Temperance Home of Nykjobing (Mors) secured an unexpected amount of free advertising by neglecting to show its colors on the king's birthday, although the home has both a flag and flagstaff of its own. The leaders of the temperance society afterwards explained that the society is so strong that it can afford to dispense with demonstrations of that ilk.

Mr. Johansen, of Copenhagen, who is seventy years old, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as dancing master. In spite of his age he can still trip a waltz with grace.

IN MILLARD STAKE.

SCIPIO, Millard Co., Utah, June 2, 1893.—On Sunday and Monday, May 21st and 22nd, I attended the Millard Stake quarterly conference, held in Hinckley ward. Elder B. H. Roberts was the only representative of the general authorities of the Church present. Quod instructions were given during the conference, and the hearts of the assembled Saints were made to rejoice under the mellowing influence of the Holy Spirit which rested upon both speakers and hearers throughout all the meetings. Considering that the Hinckley ward is situated off to one side, and that some of the local visitors had to come a distance of nearly forty-five miles to attend conference, there was a good attendance, every ward in the Stake having several representatives present. The bulk of the congregations, however, consisted of the Saints residing in the Hinckley, Deseret and Oasis wards.

Since conference I have visited all the wards in the Stake, and have held special meetings in Leamington, Oak Creek, Holden, Fillmore, Kanosh, Meadow and Scipio. I have also been successful in obtaining data and such other information as is needed for Church history.

The Millard Stake of Zion comprises all of Millard county, Utah, and embraces most of the great Parowan valley, which consists chiefly of a barren desert, unclaimed as yet by the husbandman, except a few spots near the base of the mountains on the east where most of the settlements are situated on the small mountain streams, which have been diverted from their natural course onto the adjoining lands, taken up by the settlers for agricultural purposes. The settlements in Millard county are just so many oases in the desert; and at this time of the year when the trees, appearance of the lucern and grain fields, and the vegetation generally in the watered districts, clad in spring's beautiful attire, please the eye, they point out to the visitor in a most effective manner the difference between that part of our Utah which has been redeemed from the desert and that part which is yet to be redeemed.

The Millard Stake of Zion consists of ten fully organized wards, with a total membership of 3586 souls, numbered in 561 families. There are one Patriarch, 134 Seventies, 112 High Priests, 217 Elders, 32 Priests, 50 Teachers, 206 Deacons, 1811 members and 1003 children under eight years of age. Ira N. Hinckley, of Fillmore, is President of the Stake; and Daniel Thompson, of Scipio, is his first and D. R. Stevens, of Holden, his second counselor. The Stake clerk is Elder Christian Andersen, who also presides over the High Priests' quorum; Joseph D. Smith, formerly Bishop of Fillmore, is the Stake Patriarch.

Fillmore City, the first capital of Utah Territory, and now the county seat of Millard county and headquarters of the Millard Stake of Zion, is pleasantly situated on Onah creek, near the base of the mountains, which separate Pauvau valley from Sevier valley lying eastward. Of the principal public buildings of Fillmore may be mentioned the old state house erected at the expense of the government in