

## THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

Prepared from Special Cablegrams.

### SWEDEN.

The actual silver value of one krona is only 44 ore.

The work has been resumed at the big Lindholmen mechanical workshops.

The emigration from Sweden during February was nearly as small as during January.

The largest saw mills in the world are situated at Skutskær, near the city of Gefle.

Their diamond wedding was celebrated by Erik Erikson, of Torby Jemtland, and his wife.

Mrs. Carolina Jansson, of Bodum, Arnaes has committed suicide by hanging herself. She was 80 years of age.

Judge Cedercrantz, formerly of the Samoa Islands, has brought home to Stockholm a large collection of mounted birds.

Captain J. F. C. Ostberg, of Oscarshamn, Sweden, died suddenly while traveling between Boma and Stanley Falls in Africa.

At a church building congress to be held in Berlin, Sweden will be represented by the two architects E. V. Langlet and C. O. Moeller.

The national debt of Sweden amounts at present to about 70,000,000 dollars. The assets of the Swedish state (woods, domains, railways, etc) are calculated at 112,000,000 dollars.

Stockholm has a wealthy society, which supports liberated prisoners till they have had time to get some suitable employment. Similar societies for the protection of liberated prisoners are to be found in every one of the 24 government districts of Sweden.

The Great Lake Falls in Lapland are very beautiful. They are forty meters high, and the immense volume of water leaps perpendicularly over the falls in two streams. In the opinion of many this cataract ranks above the celebrated Harspranget.

For seventeen years women have been employed as extra assistants in the statistical bureau. At present 84 per cent of the total number of extra assistants are women, they enjoy the same wages as their male colleagues, viz. 40 a 50 ore (11-14 cents) an hour.

Thanks to the great decrease in mortality, the duration of wedded life in Sweden has been greatly prolonged. Emigration has likewise helped to keep up the relative number of married people since emigration is chiefly undertaken by single persons.

For questions relating to canon law not only the consent of the king and the Riksdag, but also that of the Lutheran synod is necessary, which synod meets every fifth year. The members thereof are 30 ecclesiastics and 30 delegates elected by laymen, the Archbishop being the chairman.

Swedish marble, especially the green veined variety from Kolmarden and the greyish from Gotland, has a high reputation and has for many years past been worked for grave monuments, table-tops,

urns, etc. The Kolmard marble consists of crystalline limestone containing serpentine which gives a spottish green appearance to the stone. Several parts of the New Opera House in Paris are of the Kolmard marble.

### NORWAY.

Mathias Juell, the Norwegian actor, is dead.

During 1892 1,295 elks were killed in Norway.

Dr. N. Heiberg, of Egersund, died at the age of 75 years.

The Johannes church in Bergen, which was recently dedicated, has cost 300,000 kroner.

The proposed Unitarian church in Christiania will probably not be built on account of lack of funds.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in Lillestrom. All schools have been closed.

The Henriksen Mechanical Workshops at Toensberg were burned to the ground.

Prof. Wald, Chr. Brægger has been appointed a Knight of the order of Dannebrog.

Diphtheria is reported to be raging epidemically in some of the parishes around Christiansand.

Nicolai Hansen, a well-known citizen of Lillesand, who died recently, donated 20,000 kroner to the poor of the city.

Ludvig Munthe, the Norwegian painter, has been appointed a professor at the Academy of Art in Duesseldorf.

The miller Brug has insured his employes—435 people—against accident. The amount of the insurance is 700,000 kroner.

German and English sheep have been imported to Norway, but have not exercised any lasting influence on the native breed.

A sanitarium for sick people, especially those suffering from consumption will be erected at Mosefæk, near Kongsberg.

Several American tourists have already arrived at Christiania, which city they will leave for the northern provinces.

Of small boats there is a great number and variety, most of them being the products of home industry of the fishermen during the long winter months, and water sport is embraced with great interest all along the coast and on the fjords. In the Norwegian yacht clubs and rowing clubs almost every description and type of modern boats are represented.

### DENMARK.

A new church will be build in Harup.

A bank has been founded in Haslev.

New gas works will be built in the city of Næstved.

Dr. Wilhelm Hoffman, the well-known physician of Rudkjobing, is dead.

Four fishermen were drowned off the northwest coast of Iceland.

Several Danish families in the southern part of Schlesvig have of late immigrated to Denmark.

The bark "Vanderer" from Grimstad, Captain Nielsen, was wrecked off Osteragger. The crew was rescued.

A new steamer will be employed for the traffic between Svendborg and Rudkjobing.

K. C. Høier, a mill owner of Lundby and a very prominent citizen, died at the age of 79 years.

The Salvation army is doing a very good work by assisting the poor people of Copenhagen.

A large annual grant has been assigned by the Diet for the topographic work of the staff of generals exclusive of the salaries of staff officers, who are employed in topography.

### IN THE MISSIONARY FIELD.

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I take this opportunity of penning a few items to the NEWS, believing a short account of this part of the missionary field will not come amiss. I left Salt Lake City April 15, 1893, for the Southern States mission, arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., the 18th, and was assigned to labor in the state of Mississippi, in the North Alabama conference. I labored a short time in La Fayette county, was then transferred to Monroe county, where I have labored ever since.

I have been wonderfully blessed in my labors, taking all things into consideration. I have had excellent health most of the time and good treatment. I find the Southerners to be a kind-hearted, hospitable, generous people with very very few exceptions.

When we come to take into consideration the fact that the country is flooded with false stories and libelous literature concerning the doctrine that we teach and our people, it is truly wonderful to me that they treat us as well as they do.

The Lord has wrought a great change in the minds of the people of this part of the world since the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. We are becoming better known and prejudice is being alloyed. Another thing in our favor is that the people are becoming tired of the old song of their minister, "only believe on Jesus and you shall be saved," for they generally sing it to the popular tune of five hundred dollars a year—no money, no preaching, and in these hard times it is about all the people can do to keep from starving let alone purchasing the Gospel.

It is marvelous how the Lord has opened up the way for the accomplishment of His purposes. I wish to mention an incident here which I believe to be worthy of record. There is a young man by the name of James Walker, one of the firm of Slaughter & Walker, picture enlargers, who is a resident of Salt Lake City. He deserves credit for the honorable and truthful manner in which he represented our people to his father, who resides about five miles from the city of Aberdeen, the capitol of Monroe county. This gentleman (the father of James Walker) is a doctor and an intelligent man. He has considerable influence among the people, consequently has