

## THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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## SWEDEN.

An international convention of engineers is to be held at Malmö in 1896.

Ex-congressman S. Johanson, of Nödinge, died at the age of 74 years.

H. Edlund, a prominent citizen of Östhammar, was drowned at Örtala.

Several citizens in the parish of Mark are one hundred years of age.

J. P. Rang, probably the most wealthy wholesale merchant of Vimmerby, died at the age of 74 years.

The Swedish schooner "Venus" was wrecked off Grimsby. The captain, first mate and one sailor were drowned.

A terrible explosion occurred at the Marieberg powder mill, near Stockholm. One person was killed.

F. Hægglund, one of the most wealthy ship owners of Hernösand, died at the age of 66 years.

A report is out that the next Riksdag will be asked to grant an appropriation for the building of seven new torpedo boats.

C. J. Caderwall, a wealthy manufacturer of Lönngby, committed suicide by shooting himself. He was 60 years of age.

J. Lindgren, a farmer of Skog, has been elected congressman from the southern election district of Angermanland.

At the latest earthquakes in Italy Z. L. Nordstrom and his wife, an old Swedish couple, were among those who perished.

The small steamer "Minnet" from Halmstad was wrecked off the southern coast of Skone. Two of the crew, C. E. Nilson and A. Eliason, were drowned.

Lieutenant Westmark, who has lectured in America on Stanley and Africa, has returned to his native land after having spent several years in foreign countries.

While quarreling the other day a laborer, named Alander, of Näsby, near Bollnäs, was killed by S. Persson, of the same place. The murderer was arrested by the police of Bollnäs.

Mr. Theodor Sjöquist, a well-known Swedish-American newspaper man, arrived the other day at Hållanda, Småland, where he is to spend a few months with his relatives. It is probable, that Mr. Sjöquist will deliver a few lectures on "America and the Americans" in the principal cities of King Oscar's domain, before he returns to the United States.

Norrland "the America of Sweden" is on the whole but little cultivated, only the seaboard and the river valleys being settled, at least in the extreme north. Here the manors so common in southern Sweden are almost entirely wanting; but the farm buildings, often remarkable for their picturesque situation, are so well constructed that few parts of Europe can show their like.

## NORWAY.

Jonas Lie is reported to be far from well.

Rev. O. Olsen, of Bergen, died at the age of 82 years.

The bakers of Christiania have struck for higher wages.

The opera singer Ch. Fahlstrom died at Christiania.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in Christianssand.

The Christiania Art Association now numbers 1,190 members.

A Norwegian brig from Australia was wrecked off Åyr. Three sailors were drowned.

Minister Qvam has been elected governor of the Nordre Trondhjem province.

Two statues of Bjornson and Ibsen will be placed in the new theater to be erected in Christiania.

Ex-minister Rygh has been elected president of the Royal Society for the welfare of Norway.

It is possible, that the city of Christianssand will be made a free harbor some time in the near future.

The Engelbrecht Theater company of Sweden is playing at present in the Norwegian towns, everywhere meeting with great success.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson tries very hard to get the radical left and the moderates reconciled, but so far he has not met with any success.

Mme Emma Nevada, the American cantatrice, made Henrik Ibsen's acquaintance while stopping at Christiania. The dramatist admired her magnificent voice, and made her a present of his portrait.

## DENMARK.

The crown princess will leave for Italy in February.

The number of Germans in Denmark is about 23,000 or 24,000.

Rev. O. Hansen, of Odense, died at the age of 73 years.

The Danish queen is suffering at present from a severe skin disease.

A new regiment will be added to the Danish army.

Minister Christian Lund, died at Christiania at the age of 58 years.

Crown Prince Frederik has arrived at Vienna to pay the emperor a short visit.

Count H. H. Platen-Hallermund, died at the age of 64 years at Thorshavn on the Fær Islands.

Congressman Rasmus Claussen, has been elected speaker of the Danish Folketing.

The Lamnæs farm on the island of Fyen was burned to the ground. Many cattle were lost in the flames.

Cashier Steffensen, of the Aarhus National Bank, was arrested the other day, accused of having stolen 50,000 kroner from the bank.

## ICELAND.

Secretary Olaf Halldorson, was made Knight of the Dannebrog, September thirteenth.

The government paid last summer

9,000 kroner as a premium for improvements on hay lands and vegetable gardens.

Thirty-three thousand head of sheep were shipped last fall from Iceland to England. The average price was about four dollars.

Several ice companies were organized last fall for the purpose of preserving fish and meat for shipping to foreign lands.

The people in several districts last fall agreed neither to feed nor shelter way-laying men, in the future, except for reasonable pay.

An Icelander going by a name of Fri-mann B. Anderson, because his parents failed to furnish him with a name more suitable to his greatness, has spent several years in Canada and the United States, and tried most everything, from editing a newspaper to peddling patent medicines. Now he is back to his native land, airing his eloquence in forcible language against the rich people in the United States. At the same time he appears to be an agent of a well-known millionaire firm, trying to induce the people of Reykjavik to buy an electric light outfit through him. He is very indignant because the *Isafold*, the most influential paper of the country, advises the people to be sure not to make any arrangements until Mr. Anderson has named his terms definitely or before an electrician has made an estimate of the costs.

## BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

The enrollment for the semester, which began early in January at the Brigham Young Academy, is now above eight hundred. This does not include the kindergarten pupils. The academy is literally filled to overflowing, and Probert's hall, a commodious building of fourteen rooms west of the academy, has been secured, and the little ones under Mrs. Oralg are domiciled there. The musical conservatory has also been removed to the new quarters. Many people were inclined to think when the academy was in process of erection that it was extravagantly large, but already a new building is needed; one that shall be large enough to accommodate all the grades and the normal training school, together with the necessary rooms for library, laboratory and offices. There is ample room on the grounds and it is to be hoped that the building will be in course of erection before another year. The citizens of Provo propose to enclose and lay out the grounds in a suitable manner next spring, which will add much to the general attractiveness of the school.

Recently there have been sixteen missionaries called from this institution. Some of them will go to the Southern States and others to the various countries of Europe. Of these missionaries thirteen were from among the pupils and three of the faculty. The entire school feel that the First Presidency have paid them a very great compliment. One of the most enthusiastic classes is the class taking a special course. These young people have been called by the Bishops of the various wards, with a view to having them capable of systematizing the instructions given on religious and moral subjects in the ward organizations.