

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

Small-pox is raging in Linköping, Östergötland.

The largest village in Sweden is Trollhättan, which has 5,600 inhabitants.

Sweden has 93 cities with a combined population of about 900,000 inhabitants.

The government has asked the riksdag to grant an appropriation of 375,000 kronor for the building of railroads.

The population in southern Dal is still decreasing because of the large emigration to the United States.

Two large wood pulp factories will be built on opposite sides of the Hissma Falls, near Krokum, Jemtland.

During 1893 31,822 people emigrated from Sweden to America, as compared with 33,240 in 1892.

The expenses of the Swedish state, according to the budget for 1895, will amount to 101,539,000 kronor.

At the funeral of the hotel owner, Kramer, of Malmö, the wreaths on the coffin represented a value of 6,000 kronor.

C. J. Akerman, the mayor of Trelleborg, died at the age of 68 years. He had been mayor of the city all the time from 1868.

The messenger boys of Stockholm will be furnished with bicycles for the purpose of being able to deliver quicker their telegrams.

The steamer "Christina" from Gothenburg, was lost during the last storm off the coast of England. The whole crew was drowned.

H. Grenander the champion skater of Stockholm, has taken the first prize at the international skating contest at Berlin, Germany.

John Thomson, a Swedish-American, who returned to Gothenburg the other day, was found to be insane, and was taken to an asylum.

Large numbers of Siberian wolves are said to have immigrated to northern Sweden from the utmost northern part of Finland.

The government will ask the riksdag to grant an appropriation for meeting the expenses of an industrial exposition to be held in Stockholm in 1897.

Swedish telephones, manufactured by M. Ericsson & Co., of Stockholm, are in large numbers being exported to Yokohama, Bombay and Shanghai.

Ex-minister von Ehrenheim has been elected speaker in the Upper house of the Swedish Diet, and Governor De la Gardie speaker in the Lower house.

The Congo state in Africa has offered still more Swedish and Norwegian officers good and paying positions in the Army of Congo. The government is very satisfied with the Scandinavian officers, who are at present serving in its army.

Crown Princess Victoria, who has again left Sweden for countries with a warmer climate, is a very sick woman. Information as to the true condition of

the princess is, of course, not given to the public, but it is a public secret that she is suffering from consumption.

The Working Home at Falun, founded by a ladies' society, is one of the best institutions of its kind in Sweden. It brings up poor young girls into useful servants. The Home, established in a house of its own, is maintained by gifts, among which are fixed annual contributions, the profits of the Associations of Brandy Retailers.

Preparations are being made for a large shooting tournament, which will take place at Stockholm this fall, and in which only pupils of the high colleges will participate. Such tournaments have been held once every year during the two last decades, but the one announced for next fall will be held on a larger and grander scale than ever before.

There are at present in Sweden a great number of Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The object of these societies is to effect a kinder treatment of the domestic animals and also to inspire the growing up generation with interest in animals, and to make them care for their good usage. The societies have also been solicitous to introduce improvements in the mode of killing, and, to gain this object, special instructive courses on new methods in this have been given free of charge, and a great number of papers on the same subject have been distributed.

Some novels by Mrs. Victoria Benedictsson, who died in 1888, will be translated into English. She was perhaps the most original and most gifted among the female realistic writers of Sweden. Her "non de plume" was Ernst Ahlgren. There is something of George Eliot's deep insight into human nature and sympathy with mankind in her tales, especially in those of present life in Skone, with their under-current of humor. In contrast to modern pessimism, her writings bear the stamp of love to and confidence in life. "Mrs. Marianne," her last work of greater latitude which caused much sensation, is all through a eulogy of labor as the true joy of life. The great expectations she had raised make her untimely end still more tragical; an intense suffering made her commit suicide.

Veterinary surgery is supported by the Swedish government through a large veterinary institute situated in Stockholm, and by the appointment of a veterinary surgeon in each province. The provinces are divided into several districts, each one with a district veterinary surgeon, who is paid by the Agricultural Society and the Provincial Council. The agricultural societies chiefly busy themselves with the development of those branches of live stock breeding of vital importance to each separate province, and consequently worthy of encouragement. This is effected by the purchase and sale of breeds, suitable for the province, by contributions to prize competitions, by the arrangement of smaller district meetings, exhibitions of fatted cattle,

horse fairs and exhibitions of dairy products, etc.

NORWAY.

Electric works will be built at Kongsberg.

The fishing of stock fish was very large in 1893.

A national fishery exhibition will be held at Bergen in 1896.

A new landslide is reported from Vaerdalen. No lives were lost.

Light earthquakes are reported from a great many places in Norway.

Faaberg was visited by two big fires. The loss of property is considerable.

Congressman Rev. Thorleif Fretheim died at Christiania, only 43 years old.

The Total Abstinence Association of Christiansand numbers now 900 members.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in some of the parishes in the Trondhjem diocese.

King Oscar has donated several thousand crowns to charitable Institutions in Christiania.

Johan Thorsen, the prominent ship-owner, has donated nearly 70,000 kroner to the Skaare county.

Their golden-wedding was celebrated by Emil Nielsen, a well-known citizen of Beraas, and his wife.

The Norwegian Missionary Society which has head quarters in Stavanger, celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by Olaf Nielsen, a prominent ship-owner of Throddhjem and his wife.

Mrs. Ingeborg Tannes, the oldest inhabitant of Roras, died at the advanced age of 102 years and 2 months.

Harald Hagen, the famous skater, has departed for Zwolle, Holland, where he will compete with the Dutch skaters.

The number of members of the conservative clubs of Christiania has materially increased during the last ten months.

Mrs. Eina Oselio-Bjornson, the songstress, has not met with much favor in Rome. The Italian papers criticize her very severely.

The Norwegian bark "Ran" collided with a steamer in the British channel and went to the bottom. Seven people were drowned.

The second edition of Jonas Lie's novel "Niobe" has been issued. The first 10,000 copies of the book were sold in a few days.

Only male assistants were employed in the printing offices 30 years ago, but at present several such establishments are superintended or owned by women.

Many of the largest young Ladies' Colleges in Norway are founded and chiefly managed by ladies, and the number of lady teachers increase with every year.

The bark "P. M. Petersen" from Porsgrund is supposed to be lost, as nothing has been heard of the ship since last summer. Her crew numbered twenty-one men.

All the employes of the late banker, N. A. Andresen, have received one year's extra salary by order of consul general Aug. Andresen, only son of the deceased.

The population of Norway belongs, with very few exceptions, to the Luth-