

bus fleet with magnificent vessels plying in the harbor about them.

The interest in the World's Fair still increases. This is noticeable in the increased attendance. The attendance for June was double that of May, and July bids fair to exceed June one hundred per cent. The number of visitors from Utah has not been so numerous during the past two weeks, and it is possible that the attendance may fall off until September and October, when a large number of people will doubtless attend. Arrangements for the observance of Utah day are progressing slowly. Governor West has been here making inquiry about the plans for the observance of Utah day, which has now been changed to September 9th. This is also California day. Arrangements have been made for a joint observance of the day, which will make it very attractive. The Tabernacle choir will be one of the main features and will attract a great number of people. The present intention is to give a grand concert in Festival hall. This hall is especially arranged for concerts and will give the Utah musicians an excellent opportunity to display their ability and accomplishments in this particular.

The Utah exhibits are as attractive as ever. Many little changes have been made from time to time, which add to their attractiveness in many ways. A special consignment of Utah grasses for the agricultural department places Utah in the front rank in this class of exhibits. The color of our grasses is richer and the analyses show that they contain more nutriment than grasses grown in other sections. A great throng of visitors constantly surround the irrigation map to hear Superintendent Pyper lecture on the subject. He is becoming a famous speaker, and there is strong talk of having him deliver a lecture on irrigation in one of the large assembly halls, before the close of the fair.

Chief McGuire is still holding his own in the mining department. This important exhibit still outranks that of any other state, and the chief has the reputation of being the best authority on mineralogy in the mining building. Our exhibits in the general building attract the attention of a great many people who are interested, or are on the lookout for some place to locate, and a constant throng of visitors call at the Utah building in search of special information. A great many people are inquiring about different localities. Farm lands seem to interest a great many. A gentleman who has observed the effects of our exhibit, informs me that it is his opinion that Utah will have a great influx of agricultural emigrants during the next year, as a direct result of the agricultural exhibit made at the World's Fair.

The silk exhibit made by the ladies seems to astonish people more than anything else, and they ask all manner of questions. I learned that the National Board of Lady Managers places great dependence on the Utah silk exhibit, and are anxiously waiting until the process of growing and manufacturing the silk can be shown. The work of getting this process exhibit in operation is being pushed as rapidly as possible by the ladies in charge. It will be two or three weeks before everything will be in readiness, but it will be a very attractive feature when once under way.

The officials of the several states are still advocating the question of low rates, and while a satisfactory rate has not been attained, there is every reason to believe that a rate of one fare or less from Utah will soon go into effect. Nothing that will accomplish this end is being left undone by the officials here.

TIMOTHY.

### HORRORS OF A NIGHT.

Fishing and hunting are recognized as Florida's favorite pastimes. Among the many experiences which have been met with recently none excels the horrible ordeal which two men from the North went through a few days ago, says a St. Augustine dispatch. The two left town on a fishing tour to go about sixty miles from here. All along the stream is a barren wilderness of scrubby undergrowth, bowlders, rocks and stones.

Being tired and sorefooted after their day's journey the men made themselves comfortable on the surface of a moss-grown rock. After a hearty meal they both fell asleep. One was shortly afterward awakened by something choking him, and feeling found his strange collar to be cold and slimy. It was a very fine specimen of the snake species which was girdling his throttle. The monster was soon dispatched, and the two men were about to lie down again, after ridding themselves of the intruder, when they found themselves literally surrounded by the reptiles.

They were going to decamp for a more congenial climate but when about to leave the rock, hissing and rattling became more audible, and it was but a few minutes until it was as loud as ordinary toned voices. The men, finding that they were surrounded, broke branches from the stubby undergrowth of pines and commenced lashing the writhing sea of darting, hissing snakes. Realizing that they had an all-night job, they secured rocks and larger sticks and began killing the reptiles in earnest. The noise seemed to awaken the whole barren waste into a hissing and rattling forest.

Each man began the slaughter with redoubled vigor, vainly trying to fight their way to the stream some hundred yards away down a hill. They would gain a few paces of the distance, only to be driven back again to the rock. The rattling and hissing became so loud that their voices became scarcely audible unless close together. The hair on both men's heads stood up like bristles, while the arms were bloodstained to the elbows. The stench from the snaky battlefield was almost unbearable and sickening in the extreme. Within three hours after the first snake had been killed, hundreds, if not thousands, had met a similar fate. Both men were badly bitten and their legs and arms began swelling rapidly. The hours wore slowly by and the slaughter continued. At last morning came and lifted the curtain of night from a most appalling scene.

For fifty feet all around the large rock lay a heap of stunned, squirming and dead snakes, and as far as they could see all around the barren waste was a seething tide of reptiles that came toward the rock with maddening fury. With difficulty they managed to reach the river, and soon arrived at a cabin, where medical attendance was given. The hair on both men's heads had

turned almost white during the night, and it will be weeks before they can fully recover from the effects of this fearful encounter.

### THE FAR NORTH.

SWEDEN.

The Western Jonkoping Match company will build a new match factory.

The Baptist church of Sweden has 37,000 members.

The German Emperor will take part in the yearly elk hunt at Hunneberg.

Swedish flags are used as curtains in Skara.

A new sugar factory will be built in Stora Kopinge, the province of Skone.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in Ofre Adalen.

A new steel bridge is to be built across the Ljusne river near the Bollnaes church.

Olof Staf, a soldier of Svedjebro, the parish of Biuraker, has disappeared mysteriously.

A hospital where epidemic diseases will be treated is to be built in Falkoping by order of the city council.

Dr. A. Wren and Dr. H. W. Tottie have been appointed professors at the university of Upsala.

Dr. Abraham Rundbaeck, the prominent ex-congressman, died at Vexio at the age of sixty-six years.

The Sala brewing company, of Sala, has been forced to make an assignment. Assets and liabilities are about the same.

Aug. Burmester, a prominent merchant of Gothenberg, committed suicide the other day. An incurable disease caused the tragedy.

The emigration from southern Dalarne seems to be larger the present year than ever before. Only young people emigrate.

S. Akeson, of Kullana, the parish of Kyrkhull, committed suicide the other day. Ten years ago Akeson killed his wife while temporarily insane.

Anders Sellergren, of Eslof, and his wife lost four of their children within the course of a few days. They died of diphtheria and scarlet fever.

Albert Paul, a large real estate owner, of Borstorp, has been forced to make an assignment. The liabilities amount to more than one million crowns.

Gustaf Cavalli, the prominent coin collector and druggist, of Skoefde, has been elected corresponding member of Societa Numismatica Italiana, of Milan, Italy.

Carl Aug. Augustson, of Edsberg refuses to serve the regular time in the army on account of his religious views. The laws governing such matters are severe; he has served two terms of three and eight days respectively in jail, and now he is serving a term of six months. He does not complain, but he says he is satisfied with his fate.

The before mentioned victory score by Swedish mechanical genius at a competitive test of Swedish, German and English fire engines at Christiania,