

## THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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### SWEDEN.

A railroad will be built between Vansbro and Engelsberg.

Prince Eugen is busy with two new and large paintings.

Rev. Carl Gustaf Hammar died at Holmo at the age of 88 years.

A railroad will be built between Fridstad and Ulricehamn.

Queen Sophia is reported to be very sick, suffering from bronchitis.

Ex-sheriff A. L. Behm, of Sunne, Jemtland, died at Vals at the age of 83 years.

P. Elison, of Vanstad, died at the advanced age of 98 years.

G. Tholen, one of the most prominent citizens of Gefle, died at the age of 75 years.

M. S. Iversen, a prominent citizen of Gothenburg committed suicide by hanging himself.

The government will ask the next Riksdag for new and heavy appropriations for the naval defense.

G. W. Hallstrom the inspector of the Marieberg steam saw mill, committed suicide by drowning himself.

Many thousands of old coins were discovered by people digging in the cemetery at Ofverkalix.

Mrs. M. S. Sjogren, of Stockholm, celebrated her 95th birthday, still in the best of health.

One thousand men are working on the Uddevalla-Selanger railroad line, which will soon be opened to the public.

"Rev." Erik Boden, of Ostersund, has been discharged from the state church on account of drunkenness.

Up to the first of October, 35,035 people had emigrated to America from Sweden during the present year.

All the telegram messengers in the city of Gothenburg conduct now their business by means of bicycles.

While temporarily insane, Mrs. H. M. Olsson, of Lemne near Linkoping, drowned her two little children in a well.

J. Wedin, a farmer of Sjagom, the parish of Hætra, died the other day. Only a few hours after his death his wife expired also.

P. Jansson, of Samskartorp, Nerike, and his daughter-in-law were drowned near Fellingsbro. J. was 55 years old, and leaves eleven children.

The American box system has been introduced at the post office Sundsvall, and will probably soon be adopted by all the post offices in Sweden.

Diphtheria is raging epidemically in many parishes of northern Halland, and a great number of deaths from the disease has been recorded.

Carl Hellgren, a farmer of Myrænde in Allingbo, discovered, while digging the other day, nearly 2,000 old coins, some of which were between 800 and 900 years old.

The relief-medallion of Jennie Lind, the famous Swedish songstress which is

being placed in "the poets' corner" in Westminster Abbey in London will soon be unveiled.

The wholesale merchant Nordling of Sundsvall, has sold his large forests in Medelpad, Jemtland and Herjedalen to the Tunadal Stock company. The price paid was 800,000 crowns.

The Swedish Sloyd system is being introduced in the public schools of Naples, Italy, by Miss Victoria Appeltoft. Miss Appeltoft will stay in Naples for at least one year.

Dr. Gustaf de Laval, whose steam turbine was one of the wonders of the Chicago exposition, has made a new invention, the purpose of which is to reduce ores by means of electricity.

Dining cars will soon be introduced on some of the Swedish railroad lines. At present the passengers take their meals at different stations where the trains stop from 15 to 20 minutes.

Gothenburg will soon be made a free harbor. As known, Copenhagen was recently opened as one, and the Danish competition has already made the good people of "Sweden's Liverpool" a little anxious.

Swedish files are generally more carefully made than the foreign article and are consequently paid for by a somewhat higher price. They are usually cut by hand. In Sweden there are at present ten file factories.

The two oldest inhabitants in the parish of Bjursås, Dalecarlia, were buried in the same grave the other day. They were Mrs. Wahlborg Jansdotter, who was born in 1795, and Mrs. Anna Jansdotter, who was born in 1796.

About 200 emigrants returned two weeks ago, on account of the hard times in America. The last few days nearly two hundred more have returned. The people seem all to have their homes in the northern provinces of Sweden.

The smallest printing press in the world is probably one in Lund, which was recently constructed and manufactured by a compositor named J. Gustafson. The press is not longer than it will find room in a person's vest pocket.

It is said here that King Oscar has decided to appoint John R. Lindgren, the Swedish banker of Chicago, Swedish-Norwegian consul in that city. The public announcement of the appointment will probably be made some of the first days of next year.

Jakob Aldersson, a peasant of the parish of Munsala in Oesterbotten was murdered by his wife and son. Both have been arrested. The motive for the crime was a horrid one, the mother having for a long time been intimate with her son.

Court officials, who use to be very well informed in regard to the doings of royalty, have given out that King Oscar is not at all pleased with the Crown Prince's hostile attitude as to a friendly solution of the Norwegian consular question. The Crown Prince is said to have

expressed some opinions of his own, which prove that he is far from the diplomat his father is.

There are several establishments in Sweden, where women receive instructions in dairy work. The government has given a grant to two Dairy Schools with a course of instruction of one year, and to 18 so called Dairy Stations where the course lasts two years. Besides these there are dairy schools, both private and established by the Agricultural Societies.

A patent is granted in Sweden for a period of fifteen years. On giving in the application for a patent, a sum of 50 crowns (\$13.40) is paid, which sum, however, dating from 1894, will be reduced to 20 crowns (\$5.36.) The number of patents granted during 1891 was 706, and during 1892, 699. All authority concerning patents in Sweden is held by the Royal Patent Office, consisting of a head chief engineer, besides other officials and assistant engineers. It devolves on the patent office to register trade marks.

The manufacture of toys in Sweden has of late years risen to a considerable importance. In 1890 there were four large toy factories. In 1892 the number of factories had increased to seven. Swedish toys, which are usually made of wood and are marked by durability and appropriate forms, have won prizes at many exhibitions and are today exported, especially to Norway and Denmark. The imports have in the same period very considerably diminished and decreased from \$134,000 in 1883 to \$43,000 in 1892. The principal toy factory in Sweden is Gemla, founded in 1866 and situated near the town of Vexio in the province of Smoland.

### NORWAY.

A railroad will be built between Eker-sund and Flekkefjord.

Sloyd is now being taught in all the Norwegian public schools.

A board of trade will soon be organized in the city of Christianssand.

Franz Rummel is the name of a Norwegian pianist who is rapidly coming to the front.

Bjornson's "Maria Stuart" is being played at the Christiania theater to crowded houses.

The fishing of herring is very rich, and the supply is larger than the demand calls for.

Carsten Smith, one of the most prominent citizens and merchants of Moss, died at the age of 81 years.

The Norwegian schooner Felix was wrecked off the French city Barfleu. The crew was saved.

The Holmen paper mill, which was recently burned down, will soon be rebuilt on a larger scale.

A building and loan association has been organized in Christiania by the members of the Effata Labor Society.

Norwegian marble from the Anker grinding factory is said to very favorably compete with foreign marble.

The defense societies of Norway have now collected 600,000 crowns which will be used for the building of a torpedo cruiser.

Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" was performed at a Paris theater the other night, and scored a *succes pyramidal*.