

THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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SWEDEN.

Alderman C. F. Strom, of Oscarshamn, died at the age of 60 years.

Spring has made its appearance in Sweden earlier than has been the case for many years.

A bill asking for universal suffrage will soon be discussed in the Lower House of the Riksdag.

The Swedish crown prince had a friendly interview with his holiness, Leo XIII, the other day.

King Oscar will leave Sweden some time during this month, and make a short trip through southern Europe.

Captain C. H. Schroeder of Ringaby, has been elected a member of the Upper House of the Swedish Riksdag vice H. M. Ericson, deceased.

The Swedish paintings and articles, which are to be exhibited at the World's Fair in Antwerp, were shipped from Gothenburg the other day.

The model of a Swedish gymnasium, which was exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago, will soon be erected at Agram, Austria, in its natural size.

Captain J. E. Martensson, one of the best known and oldest commanders of the Swedish mercantile navy, died at Stockholm at the age of 67 years.

Only 308 people emigrated from Sweden to America during February as compared with 993 persons during the same month in 1892 and 2,348 in 1893.

In the city of Eskilstuna, "the Sheffield of Sweden," there are no fewer than 128 cutlery factories, being private establishments as well as companies. Amongst the more widely known manufacturers may especially be mentioned the Eskilstuna Iron Manufacturing Company (Tunafors), which chiefly produces table knives, forks and scissors.

In temperance literature calculations are often made concerning the expenses of a nation for different important articles of consumption, and the sums paid for intoxicating liquors. Similar calculations have been made for Sweden, and it is computed that the annual value of the consumption for the entire nation is: Bread \$43,000,000; milk \$27,000,000; cheese and butter \$20,000,000; sugar and syrup \$12,000,000; potatoes \$11,000,000; coffee, tea, cocoa \$3,000,000, while the expenses for ardent spirits and beer run to \$21,000,000, and for tobacco to \$5,000,000.

NORWAY.

Alexander Kielland is writing a new novel, which will soon be published.

The estate owner Hans N. Bratberg, of Biri, was drowned in Lake Mjosen.

The population of Christiania is 167,145, according to the latest statistics.

The fishermen of Lofoten complain that the times are harder than for many years.

Most of the famous Norwegian painters are at present staying either in Paris or Munich.

Congressman Hans Storeng is dead.

He was, in regard to his political views, a member of the so-called national left.

Dr. Eyes, of Haugesund, who died recently, donated 70,000 kroner to the poor people of Stavanger, especially widows of sailors and merchants.

The women of Norway have up to date collected about 550,000 kroner which will be used for the building of a new modern war-ship.

Consul Job. Hartman of Trondhjem, who has committed several forgeries, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of three and a half years.

Mr. Astrup, the well-known member of the Norwegian cabinet, is now the richest estate owner in Norway, since he has also bought—some time ago—the Meraker farms.

DENMARK.

Small-pox has now been stamped out in Copenhagen.

The number of Baptists in Denmark seems to be decreasing.

Three large farms near Helsingor were burned to the ground.

The Hess foundry in Veile was partly burned to the ground.

H. A. Lorenzen, the large estate owner of Oestedgaard, is dead.

Rev. N. Jorgensen, the well-known preacher of Marvede and Hyllinge, is dead.

A shooting tournament, the cost of which will be 35,000 kroner, will be held at Odense this year.

On account of the small emigration, the business of the Thingvalla Line is much poorer than last year.

The wholesale merchant Jens Lund, the former owner of the Bodrofgard steam saw mill, died at Copenhagen.

Herman Bang, the young excentric author, who is living in Paris, has regained his health, and is said to be busy writing a new novel.

The health of the crown princess is so bad, that some people believe that she will not live to celebrate her silver wedding this summer.

M. K. Allerups large works in Odense were sold to Engineer Hansen and contractor Hansen, both of the same city, at a price of 162,000 kroner.

THE NORTH AND EAST.

The News acknowledges a pleasant call from Elder Chas. W. Stayner, who has just been released from the presidency of the Northern States mission, which position he has held during the past four years. Elder Stayner left this city for his field of labor on April 21, 1890, and has made his headquarters in Washington, D. C., where he has also done business for his clients in the courts and departments, and before Congress. During his presidency the field has been prosperous, and several hundred souls have been added to the Church. In the winter of 1892-3, the mission,

which comprised the range of northern states, and extended from Nebraska to Nova Scotia, and the eastern part of Canada, was divided and an eastern mission formed, comprising the New England states and Canada, with headquarters at Brooklyn, New York, and since that time the Northern States mission has included Pennsylvania, part of West Virginia and Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, North and South Dakota and part of Missouri.

The work is gaining ground in most places, and notwithstanding the division of the field, the last report of the mission in charge of President Stayner showed over twice the number of baptisms in the preceding half year, and nearly double that of any preceding six months during his presidency.

Being asked as to persecutions and the general feeling in regard to the Gospel, Elder Stayner said that some threat had been made at times in various places, both against the Elders and the friends who entertained them, but no whippings or mob violence of any kind had been experienced. The conference meetings had been generally well attended, and although some school houses had been refused, buildings had been secured suitable to hold the conferences twice a year, and also for the assembling of the Saints as the Elders visited from place to place. Much ignorance still prevails, however, in regard to the people in Utah, and notwithstanding the labors of the Elders, many, especially in country places, cling to their prejudices and preconceived notions concerning the Latter-day Saints. The reading population are not so ignorant of our doings, and politicians everywhere make themselves acquainted with our movements in Utah, and the status of our Territory in the political field. In fact, there is greater interest manifested in our position than in our religion, and the richness of our resources is more sought after and studied than other reasons for making this the gathering place of the Saints.

Elder Stayner's health has been excellent, and he expressed his thankfulness for this, and for the fact that although a few of the many Elders who have labored with him, had to be released on account of ill health, not one had died in the field or since returning home.

WHAT A JOLLY TIME IT WAS!

Thinking that a few lines from Randolph would be interesting to quite a number of your readers, I trust you will find room for this communication.

We are about thawed out after long winter just passed. I am glad to say our losses in stock have been quite light; we having had plenty of feed, and some to spare to our neighbor ranches to the amount of \$1,500 for hay alone. Our prospects were never better for crops, both hay and grain, the ground being in good shape, and the snow in the mountains piled in huge drifts for irrigation.

Our valley is fast filling up with home and outside emigration. The sagebrush is fast disappearing, and in its place are fruitful fields dotted with happy homes. While the country at