

near Stockholm. The reporters who have interviewed her declare that she is just as young and beautiful as ever.

In a long distance bicycle race around Lake Mælaren, John Larson covered 240 English miles in twenty-one hours, fourteen minutes, thus winning the prize, consisting of a costly drinking horn with appropriate inscriptions. At the recent bicycle race at Malmo, Mr. Henie, of Christiania, took the first prize in the one mile race, and the second prize in the half-mile race.

NORWAY.

Kittelsen's wood works factory was burned to the ground. Loss, 300,000 crowns.

It is stated that English services will be held in the church of Ulvik, Hardanger, during the months of July and August.

It is suggested that the government ought to secure land for the Værdalen sufferers instead of furnishing aid in the shape of cash as those who receive aid will go to America and thus be lost to Norway.

Ove Hangskot, the owner of the Kroy farm, Værdalen, noticed, it is now stated, a small land-slide the day before the great disaster occurred, but did not pay much attention to it. This farm was the first one that slipped out when the catastrophe came.

In an editorial on the political situation the Verden's Gang says: "Such political activity as we now witness throughout the country we never had before. The Left anticipates an exceptionally large majority at the next election. For the first time the Left makes systematic preparations for carrying the Storting elections in Christiania, and harmonious activity and confidence prevail in the ranks of the party in this city. A victory here would decide the position of the whole country. With such a great possibility in view, the Left of this city ought to exert its utmost strength. If every man does his duty, the victory will be ours. We shall see that even with a limited suffrage the heart of the capital can beat freely and proudly, and as a good Norwegian heart ought to beat."

DENMARK.

The sugar refineries of Denmark cleared \$275,000 in 1892.

It costs over \$5,000 a year to carry the fire insurance on the royal theater of Copenhagen.

One out of every five persons in the town of Taars, Vendsyssel, is said to receive aid from the poor board.

Heldum, at Lemvig, is said to be the smallest parish in Denmark. It consists of eight freeholds, with a population of 76 persons.

Two fishing smacks were lost off the coast of Iceland. Several members of the crews, consisting of twenty-nine men, leave families in destitute circumstances.

The inhabitants of the island of Fæno some years ago succeeded in exterminating every fox on the island. Meanwhile the rats and mice have increased in numbers at an alarming rate, and a fox family, which emigrated to the island across the ice last winter, is now let severely alone in order that they may repopulate the island with their kind, and again take up the battle with the prolific rodents.

COMPLAINT FROM BEAVER.

BEAVER, July 15.—After the luxuries in southern Utah of a daily mail for over twenty years, we are finally compelled to submit to the mandates of the U. P. railway without judge or jury, trial or hearing, and without cause. We have been cut down to a tri-weekly mail service and don't like it a bit. We expect shortly to hear of the sun giving us a tri-weekly service as regulated by the same powers; and Mount Baldy is refusing to give up its usual plentiful supply of water—wonder if the same authorities are interfering?

Well, the upshot of the whole matter is that the entire southern Utah is red-hot with indignation over the "scabby" treatment of the Union Pacific generally, and the country is full of circulating petitions, in effect asking that the entire business of this section—so far as it pertains to railroads—be transferred from the Union Pacific to the Denver & Rio Grande. The bloated bondholders of the universe and directors of the Union Pacific may snap their fingers at this transfer, and think they have a mortal "clinch" on all the people down here, and that our trade is too insignificant for their consideration—having originally built the road for the millions of the Horn Silver; but when we consider that the little town of Beaver alone expends some \$200,000 annually in railroad traffic, to say nothing of what the other towns and avenues afford, such as cattle, sheep, horses, wool, ore, etc., it may become apparent that we have a right to "squall." These railroad gentlemen know these facts, undoubtedly, although continually complaining that the business here does not justify them in running daily trains as heretofore. The fact of the matter is, they think they have us cornered and can compel us to come to any terms they may dictate, but a year from now may change their opinion; for among others of these petitions circulating through the south, are some urging the department to change the mail service for all southern Utah from Milford to Salina, and from thence establishing a daily mail route which will also of course reduce the passenger traffic from Milford. We don't think there will be any great difficulty in this, as already there are hints that the next advertisement for bids from the department will be to run from Salina and Beaver, and all southern Utah will receive mail just as soon each day, and our eastern mail much quicker, than is now the case. The people of southern Utah are in earnest about this matter, and you may watch for results. It is not often that we get woke up down here, but when we do, we are upon our hind legs and make Rome howl!

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AT SOUTH COTTONWOOD.

SOUTH COTTONWOOD, July 25.—Pioneer day was celebrated in old time style by the citizens of Murray, South Cottonwood and adjacent settlements. Nothing on so grand a scale has heretofore been attempted in that locality, it almost rivalled the never to be forgotten celebrations in Salt Lake City in years gone by. All classes of

citizens seemed to vie with each other in doing their part to commemorate the eventful day in a proper manner. The grand parade was in line about 9 a.m. and marched a distance of about seven miles. As many as thirty different trades were represented on floats embracing domestic accomplishments. Ladies were busy carding wool and spinning the same, while rag carpets were hammered out to the amusement of the crowds of citizens. A model kitchen on wheels with the legend, "The Kitchen is Our Home," attracted much attention. Blacksmithing, carpentry and the vocations that make up the needs of a country settlement were fully represented while the storekeepers of Murray got in their ads as well as an old time dentist and artist. The procession was headed by a mimetic representation of the father of our country and Martha Washington, next four or five wagons in appearance as near as possible to the horse teams seen in the days of slow transit of the plains, but the ox team was not represented; the committee could not borrow any; then followed twenty extemporized Indians, next thirty minutemen well armed and mounted, dressed in white clothes—the make-up of the Indians was very good. Then came the young recruit band from South Taylorsville, a carriage containing Bishop Rawlins his counselors and the ever welcome George Goddard; next C. R. Savage the orator of the day and ladies, four beautiful floats filled with joyous Sunday school children singing the songs of a happy people. But the most beautiful of all was the carriage bearing the Goddess of Liberty surrounded by a bevy of lovely children. The general effect did credit to the artists who arranged the exhibit. About twenty couples on horseback representing the Mutual Improvement associations came next, their animals ornamented with plumes of pampas grass, making an attractive picture. Minstrel troupes from the sugar beet plantation, as well as a number of grotesque rigs filled up with carriages made a very creditable display, reaching nearly a mile in length.

At the grove speeches, feasting and a picnic, such as only the poor grangers can afford was indulged in, interspersed with music. The Indians and minute men gave a sham fight representing an attack on an emigrant train; racing, baseball, jumping in sacks, and all sorts of games made your correspondent forget that the cry of dull times was abroad, for never did a people seem to have more money, more food and more genuine fun than did the citizens assembled there. Keep it up every 24th, and let the other settlements beat it if they can.

ROTARO.

CHINESE BIG GUNS.

On June 2nd a successful test of a big fifty-ton gun recently constructed at the Kiangnan Arsenal, China, was made before a gathering of leading Chinese government officials and prominent foreigners. The event was looked upon as one of great importance. China is gradually adopting the great military inventions of America and Europe in their latest and most approved forms. This will be seen