

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS.

Stockholm has for the past week been celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of King Oscar to the throne. The capital has been thronged with pleasure-seekers from the provinces and from abroad. The programme, as outlined in these columns two weeks ago, has been followed closely, opening on the 15th with a chanting of a "Te Deum" in the royal chapel. The services, which were conducted by Bishop Billing, the king received deputations of citizens. Last Sunday there was a military parade and an open-air field service, which was also attended by the officers and crews of foreign warships. The festivities during the week included a soiree tendered by the crown prince, gala performances at the royal opera and a grand singing festival. Among the Americans attending the jubilee festivities were noted the Astors and Vanderbilts, who are registered at the Grand Hotel. The jubilee fund raised by popular subscription and aggregating the neat little sum of 2,000,000 crowns, will be devoted by the order of the king for hospitals for consumptive persons.

Oscar II. bears the enviable reputation of being the handsomest and most gifted monarch in Europe. He is the fourth monarch of the house of Bernadotte, founded by that upstart of the French Revolution, Marshal Bernadotte, the son of a Jewish-Glasgow hankerer, who served his advancement to his personal worth and ability, and who was adopted by and succeeded Charles XIII. Johan, the last of the great house of Vasa, whence sprang Sweden's great soldier-kings Gustavus Adolphus and Charles XII. King Oscar II. ascended the throne at the age of 42 years. Being the youngest of three brothers, he had entertained no hope of wearing the crown, and devoted his youth to studies, hoping to make his mark in some other line than that of a ruler. His reign has been one of peace, at least externally. As king of Sweden, his position has at times been painful and humiliating. Egged on by the Swedish nobility, which does not seem to comprehend the spirit and genius of the Scandinavian constitution, which is desirous of trotting his advance of democracy, fearing lest the Swedes should follow in the wake of the Norwegians and abolish the nobility, the king, though at times unwillingly has opposed the will of the Norwegians. But his vetoes have been overridden by succeeding statures, and the measure of the king's veto. It must be remembered in this connection that the king of Sweden has an absolute veto, while the king of Norway has only a suspensive veto. The most humiliating and most crushing defeat suffered by the king in his attempt to carry out a Swedish policy in Norway and refusing to sign the treaty was the impeachment of the king's ministry, the person of the king being holy, and as irresponsible as a minor or an idiot, and their being found guilty and punished for their master. Premier Selmer drove up to the east entrance of the storting building on that bright summer afternoon to receive the verdict seemingly confident that the storting did not dare to find him guilty of high treason. As the carriage stopped, liveried footmen opened the door and soldiers presented arms as he passed quickly across the grounds and entered the hall. When he emerged, twenty minutes later, the color had left his cheeks, his gray hairs seemed white, his hands were trembling as though he were suffering from lack of delirium and his knees refused to support him, as two friends, one on either side, carried him to his carriage. The people, speaking through their chosen representatives, had found him guilty of treason. The king then formed a liberal Norwegian ministry. The struggle between the crown and the Liberals has created much bitterness between Swedes and Norwegians, engendered by newspapers, who have appealed to national prejudices, rather than reason. The struggle is on today, although everything apparently calm on the surface. But it is the calm before the storm. There is an element in Sweden in whose ears still resound martial music and the clashing of the sword of Charles XII. The dreams of the days when Sweden was one of the great powers of Europe. This element seems oblivious of the fact that Norway and Sweden are two independent and separate kingdoms, and insists upon Sweden asserting at least in form, a sort of suzerainty over Norway. The two countries have a foreign minister, who always has been a Swede, although he may be a Norwegian. The Norwegians demand a separate foreign minister and separate courts. In this demand they are supported by the Democrats in Sweden, while the royalists oppose it, ostensibly for economic reasons, but virtually for the reason that it will deprive Sweden of the last vestige of suzerainty over Norway. This week the king will celebrate his jubilee as king of Norway at Christiania, and has notified the foreign courts of his intention to do so.

During the reign of Oscar II. both kingdoms have made rapid strides forward. While Sweden undoubtedly has outstripped Norway in industrial progress, Norway has left her brother country far in the background in the field of art, literature and science. The progress in educational matters during the past twenty-five years has been wonderful in both kingdoms, and unsurpassed by that of no other country in the world during the same period. The king, being himself a man of a literary and scientific bent of mind, has contributed liberally toward all such enterprises. Generations started in other countries. Much has been accomplished during his reign for the amelioration of the conditions of the agricultural and working classes. Commerce has flourished, transportation and communication have been facilitated, postal savings banks established, fisheries promoted and sub-treasury loan offices inaugurated for the relief of the less fortunate classes. In 1887 Sweden abandoned free trade, and her finances have been in a flourishing condition since. Last spring Norway also enacted a protective tariff law, although less stringent. As a man, King Oscar is respected by all his subjects, and no scandal attaches to his fair name. Oscar II. ascended the throne September 15, 1872, and was crowned in Sweden May 12, and in Norway July 15, 1873.

Dr. Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, has since his return from Asia been engaged in writing a book on his travels in the unknown regions of Asia. The work, which will be published next spring, will be richly illustrated and will contain several maps. Several English and American publishers have applied for rights to the English edition. Dr. Hedin has been invited to lecture by the geographical societies of Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt-on-Main, Leipzig, Halle, London and Christiania, and will start in October on a lecture tour through Sweden, Russia, Germany, England and Norway.

The dailies in Christiania pay a tax on the following income valuation: Morgenposten, \$5.00; Aftenposten, \$4.00; Morgenbladet, \$3.00; Verdens Gang, \$2.00; Dagbladet, \$1.00; and Intelligenssedlerne, \$1.00.

The queen of Holland has awarded the big silver medal for brave conduct at sea to Capt. J. A. Soderstrom, of Glette, Sweden, master of the vessel Atlantis.

The list of the prizes awarded at the Stockholm fair has been published. The number of awards amount to 230, of which number about 2,500 have been awarded to Swedes, 80 to Norwegians, 23 to Danes and 10 to Finlanders and Russians. Swedish exhibitors have received 25 gold medals, 60 silver medals and 75 bronze medals. Norwegian exhibitors were awarded 35 gold medals, 141 silver medals and 70 bronze medals, while the

Danes captured 43 gold medals, 53 silver medals and 67 bronze medals. Russia and Finland carry home 6 gold medals, 51 silver medals and 35 bronze medals. All other prize winners received honorable mention.

Rev. Helberg is authority for the statement that Swedish preachers visited Northern Norway during the recent campaign, telling people that the aim of the Norwegian Liberals was to abolish Christianity and dechristen the king.

Mr. F. G. Jackson, the English explorer, who has just returned from Franz Josef land, has established several depots and food stores on Franz Josef land, so that if Andree should land there, he would find several good ladders. Mr. Jackson says that he is not a balloonist, and that although of reaching the pole never entered into his calculation, but he can see nothing to prevent Andree, with good luck, from accomplishing his project. At Elmwood, Cape Flora, where he met Nansen, he stored a quantity of supplies, including tobacco, cheese and butter, in case Andree should turn up in that region. Another supply depot was established at Skell Hill, where he stored large flagpoles which he left with the flag floating from the mast-heads.

Prof. L. Reque, ex-United States consul at Rotterdam, Holland, has returned to Decorah, Ia., where he will resume his work as professor at Luther college.

The following anecdote at the expense of an American is circulating in Scandinavian newspapers: "An American came to Stockholm recently to take in the exposition and assist a friend, who held some position at the court. While walking in the palace garden one day they saw the king approaching. 'Remove your hat' said the friend. 'No, I am a free American and will not remove my hat for a king,' answered the Yankee. 'Yes, but the king is a multi-millionaire.' 'The d— you say' and the hat was removed at once."

J. C. Hanson, of Madison, Wis., has been appointed head cataloguer in the Congressional library at Washington, D. C. Mr. Hanson is a graduate of Luther college and has taken a past graduate course at Cornell university.

Capt. Wiborg, who was captured and sentenced to imprisonment at Philadelphia for being in charge of a Cuban filibustering expedition, will be released shortly. Capt. Wiborg's family resides in Copenhagen, but as soon as his wife heard of his capture and imprisonment for violating the neutrality laws, she immediately left for America. She is a daily visitor at the jail. Capt. Wiborg praises the treatment he receives at the hands of the officials and has gained hosts of friends among the citizens of Philadelphia, who consider him a martyr for a cause which will eventually triumph.

The Liberals have carried the elections in Tromsø, Nordland and Finnmarken districts. Finmarken, however, has been a Conservative stronghold, and the Liberals conceded the elections in that district to the Conservatives. Bjornson is stumpng Bergenhus district. The attendance everywhere is immense. Old men away up in the diehtles, who years ago gave up the hope of ever seeing or hearing the post-actor, walked several miles to attend his meetings, then push their way through the crowd to shake hands with the great poet and walk home as happy and light as children.

BRANCH BANKS.

A Proposed Feature of Currency Reform. Boston Herald.

It is not improbable that when the question of rearranging our banking system is taken up the utilization of local credit through the bank agency system will receive a consideration that has not been accorded to it in the past. This, it may be added, is something which can be treated quite apart from the question of the issuance of paper money, for if a bank like the Chemical Bank of New York concluded not to be a bank of issue, and if it is at present time such a bank only in a minor degree—it could, if it had a branch established at Elmhurst or Denver, arrange for its business as a means of granting to the people near at hand the credit facilities that their business operations require has been employed for years with highly satisfactory results. Thus the Bank of France has ninety-four branches outside of Paris. The Imperial Bank of Germany has 220 branches. There are only ten banks in Scotland, but they have in the aggregate 28 branches. Canada has thirty-eight banks, which have 48 branches. Ireland has nine banks, and these have 353 branches in the various cities and towns of the kingdom.

The bank business in nearly every civilized country other than our own is carried on something as the fire insurance or life insurance business is carried on in the United States; that is, a great corporation located in a central section, having command of large financial resources, seeks the utilizing of these by establishing agencies wherever business can be done, and profitably so. This brings about an equalization of conditions between the different sections of the country that is to the social, industrial, and moral political benefit of all. The shareholders in the Bank of Montreal have a much larger profit out of their \$18,000,000 of capital and surplus by utilizing it in forty branches than if they carried on their business as an American bank would, within the confines of the city of Montreal. On the other hand, the farmers in the Saskatchewan valley are afforded an opportunity of getting the credit that they need on much better terms than they would if such bank agencies did not exist and they were in their absence compelled to depend for accommodation upon cross-road dealers and local capitalists.

RUSKIN'S ROMANCE.

Dreaming Awaits the Evening Hours of Life. Leslie's Weekly.

Very little is heard nowadays of John Ruskin, but the venerable sage is still living in retirement at Brantwood, while the years pass on and age increases without his heed. He is dreaming away the last days of his life peacefully, planning always for more work to be done "tomorrow."

His twilight time is passed by a wide window looking out from his library across the English landscape, so beautiful always in his sight. He receives no visitors excepting a few old friends, and these come but rarely. His hair and long beard are white, but his features scarcely show his great age, while his eyes are as keen and brilliant as when they gazed upon the beauties of Italy or the fresh canvases of Turner.

The public has known but little of Ruskin's private life, and there has always prevailed an idea that it was filled with sorrow, from the fact that he was divorced from his wife because of her having fallen in love with Sir John Lubbock, his friend. The story is really a sad one, and yet it was not taken to heart by Ruskin. It should be remembered that the young Mrs. Ruskin was not his first love, the object of the ardent passion of his youth having married another. That was when the heart-break came.

Years after his divorce Ruskin met another woman whom he loved, and to whom he was engaged for several years,

but the engagement was broken because of Ruskin's unorthodox religious beliefs. She was resolute, but it is said the grief of it all killed her. When she was dying Ruskin came to her, but was not admitted, for she sent out this message: "Can you say you love God better than me?" And when his answer came, "No," the door was closed upon him forever.

Ruskin's early life was not one of great enjoyment, yet in no way particularly sad. He was born in Bournemouth in 1818. He was reared on Puritanical principles, his mother having been a stern woman, with little affection, while his father was tender, loving and sensitive, with high principles, but devoid of ambition. He was a wine merchant of means.

DOROTHY'S BARGAIN.

Dorothy's own dearest auntie Anne Leaned over Dorothy's bed: Clad all in pink, to her feather fan, She looked as sweet as an amaranth can, With roses pink on her head.

"Go right to sleep," said her auntie Anne, "Shut up your bonnie brown eyes; I'll bring a breeze with my feather fan That will take you off to Yucatan, And give the flowers surprise."

Dorothy's eyes but the bigger grew: She laughed at her auntie Anne; "You is big 'nuff; why, I sought you knew But breeze only took ting that flew, And Dowfey nebbber tan."

"Then I'll bring a breeze from a cold, cold land"— The fan waved high and fast—" To freeze you asleep with icy hand, And quilt of snow that will last."

"But I like it too, dear auntie Anne, An' to feel my flees go cweep, I'll shut my eyes if your foddler fan Will make our baby run off with a man, An' let poor Dowfey seep."

—Elvira Floyd Froemcke.

A GOLF LEARNER'S GEOGRAPHY.

Burnsville, N. C., Eagle. A golf got into a schoolhouse in an adjoining county and took up the study of geography. He found he had taken a liking to one of the school charts, for which this country was canvassed some months ago by agents, had eaten Mexico, destroyed the Gulf of Mexico, pawed several big holes in Cuba, and ran out of the house with the United States in his mouth.

Auction Sale of Turkish Rugs. A collection and direct importation of Sahag Courian native Armenian, from Constantinople, stock of rarest and largest assortment of Turkish, Persian, Circassian, Daghestan, Kurdistan and many different kinds of rugs and carpets just arrived in this city. The entire shipment on exhibition at 310 Pike street on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, September 27, 28, 29, and will be sold at auction following Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 310 Pike street.

Going East? The Northern Pacific railway will sell tickets to St. Louis \$44, Chicago \$47, and all intermediate points not exceeding above rates on each Tuesday and Thursday up to and including October 21, 1897. For full particulars call at the Northern Pacific depot, Western avenue and Columbia street; city ticket office, First avenue and Yeer way, I. A. Nadeau, general agent.

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- 50 dozen Women's Heavy Natural Merino Underwear, pants only, no vests, usual retail price 50c..... Sale Price 15c Garment.
- 50 dozen Women's Natural and Silver Grey Jersey Ribbed Fleece Lined Cotton Union Suits, all sizes, 3, 4, 5 and 6, heavy winter weight, our regular price has always been 50c, never less Sale Price 25c.
- 50 dozen Women's Extra Heavy Cream Jersey Ribbed Cotton Underwear, in out sizes, 7, 8 and 9, for stout people, a garment that would be excellent value at 50c..... Sale Price 25c Each.
- 100 dozen Women's Silver Grey Swiss Ribbed Vests and Pants, satin front, crocheted neck, pearl buttons, extra fleeced, all sizes, 3, 4, 5 and 6, a garment that we considered most excellent value last season at 50c; in spite of advanced prices for this sale they will be 25c Garment.

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THE FOLLOWING LIST WILL GIVE AN APPROXIMATE IDEA OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THIS OFFERING, AND WE ASK YOU PARTICULARLY TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE SAY A GARMENT IS WORTH 50c OR \$1.00 YOU MAY RELY IMPLICITLY ON THAT STATEMENT.

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At 39c 10 dozen—a small lot this, but like many other small things, worth looking at—Women's Natural Wool Underwear, guaranteed 75 per cent wool and worth 75c.... Sale Price 39c Each.

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At 50c 50 dozen Women's Pure Natural Wool Underwear Vests and Pants in the following sizes only, 28, 30, 32 and 34; every thread and fibre guaranteed pure wool; a garment we can heartily recommend, having sold it for five years at \$1.00, and you don't meet its equal everywhere at that money..... Sale Price 50c Each.

At 50c 75 dozen Women's Non-shrinking Jersey Ribbed Wool Vests and Pants, two qualities in this lot, one that is worth 75c and the other worth one dollar; you can use your own judgment and make your choice At 50c Garment.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.

Sorry we haven't much for the children this time. We know you'll be disappointed, but it isn't our fault. Tried the best we knew and didn't succeed in getting anything special except just this one lot: (We'll make it up to the children when Doll time comes.)

At 10c 25 dozen Children's Natural Wool Vests and Pants, middling fair quality, sizes 16, 18, 20 and 22, worth a great deal more money, but you can have them..... At 10c Each.

At 19c 25 dozen Children's Natural Wool Vests and Pants, same kind as above, middling fair quality only, but in sizes 24 and 26 and worth ever so much more, but the price will be 19c a Garment.

WOMEN'S HOSE.

All told, there will be in the neighborhood of 100 dozen Stockings, some cashmere, a great many domestic wool of a good quality and any quantity of heavy fleeced-lined cotton, black, guaranteed perfectly fast; this is how we will sell them:

At 15c Women's Wool Hose, some all wool, some part wool, plain and ribbed, black and Oxford grey, not a pair worth less than 25c, many worth a good deal more; all at..... One Price, 15c Pair.

At 15c Women's Heavy Black Cotton Silky Fleece Hose, some out sizes amongst them, regular price 25c and 39c pair; all at..... One Price, 15c Pair.

Men's Underwear.

At 25c 75 dozen Men's Extra Heavy Wool Fleece Cotton Underwear in Jaeger and other grey colors, splendidly finished; a garment you can't buy anywhere for less than 75c, we offer them while they last, and strictly on the principle of first come first served..... At 25c Garment.

At 25c Men's Heavy Jaeger Colored Fleece Lined All Cotton Underwear, extra warm weight, satin front, pearl buttons, another 75c garment For 25c Each.

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At 25c Men's Natural Grey Merino Underwear, heavy winter quality, wool finish, also used by some stores as a wool garment, but is strictly all cotton; good enough value at 45c, but the price here tomorrow will be..... 25c a Garment.

At 50c Men's Double-Breasted Natural Wool Underwear Shirts and Drawers; a great many large sizes in this lot, 42, 44 and 46—quality you have rarely seen equalled at \$1.00, and more frequently have paid \$1.50 for..... Sale Price 50c Garment.

At 50c Men's Single-Breasted Natural Wool Underwear, heavy winter quality, two grades in this lot, one that we sold last year for \$1.00 and the other for \$1.00; sale price for both grades 50c Each.

At 50c Men's Camel's Hair Wool Underwear, all sizes, vests and drawers, fine, soft quality, regular \$1.00 goods..... Sale Price 50c Garment.

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