

OLE MAKES A GOOD CITIZEN.

The Scandinavian Readily Adapts Himself to American Institutions.

There is no nation in Europe that is more adverse to violence and has less sympathy with Utopian aspirations than the people of Norway and Sweden, says a writer in the North American Review. They have been trained to industry, frugality and manly self-reliance by the free institutions and the scant resources of their native lands, and the moderation and self-restraint inherent in the cold blood of the north make them constitutionally inclined to trust in slow and orderly methods rather than swift and violent ones. They come here with no millennial experience, doomed to disappointment, but with the hope of gaining, by hard and unremitting toil, a modest competency. They demand less of life than continental immigrants of the corresponding class, and they usually, for this very reason, attain more. The instinct to save is strong in the majority of them, and save they do, when their neighbors of less frugal habits are running behind. It is therefore a fact, which all students of the social problem arising from immigration have remarked, that the Scandinavians adapt themselves with great ease to American institutions. There is no other class of immigrants which is so readily assimilated and assumes so naturally American customs and modes of thought. And this is not because their own nationality is devoid of strong characteristics but because, on account of their ancient kinship and subsequent development, they have certain fundamental traits in common with us, and are therefore less in need of adaptation. The institutions of Norway are the most democratic in Europe, and those of Sweden, though less liberal, are developing in the same direction. Both Norsemen and Swedes are accustomed to participate in the management of their communal affairs, and to vote for their representative in the national parliament; and although the power given them here is nominally greater than that they enjoyed at home, it is virtually less. The sense of public responsibility, the habit of interest in public affairs, and a critical attitude toward the acts of government are nowhere so general among rich and poor alike as in Norway and Sweden, notwithstanding the fact that the suffrage is not universal.

NOT SO VERY REMARKABLE.

Army Officers Have Made Harder Rides Than the Germans.

The recent test of speed of horses and that of the endurance of officers and men in which a hundred German officers engaged from Berlin to Vienna, and a hundred Austro-Hungarian officers from Vienna to Berlin, have been freely commented upon, but are not considered by army officers as so very remarkable.

In 1877, says the New York Tribune, Capt. Ezra Fuller, of the Seventh United States cavalry, during the pursuit of Chief Joseph, was sent out by Gen. Miles from Fort Keogh to ascertain and give warning as to the route which Chief Joseph was taking over the mountains. Capt. Fuller rode his own private horse, his guide had two Indian ponies, and an extra horse was taken along to carry the rations for the party.

They were gone twelve days, during which they rode more than six hundred miles—not over the king's highway, but through an unknown mountainous wilderness. During this twelve days Capt. Fuller was unable to procure more than three feeds of grain for his horses. The Indian ponies gave out on the third day, and the guide then rode the extra horse.

Capt. Fuller once rode sixty-six miles in nine hours in search of deserters.

Adj. Bell, also of the Seventh cavalry, rode through the Bad Lands, in North Dakota, in 1882, one hundred and five miles in twelve hours.

Many instances of long rides of United States cavalry officers might be mentioned in which the endurance of both men and horses was tested, and comparisons would show that American men and horses are second to none in tests of this character.

A MODEL CLUB.

Scheme to Entertain Clubmen Within Jackson Park Next Year.

The "World's Fair Club" is the name of an organization now being formed by the most prominent clubmen of the city. The idea is to conduct within Jackson park a model club house, which will be open during the fair to members and their guests. The club is intended for the accommodation of the ladies as well as the gentlemen of this city, and for the members of recognized clubs in other cities who may visit the fair.

The appointments of the club house will be of the highest class, and the accommodations will include dining, reading, reception, billiard and smoking parlors; also a central court and a roof garden.

For the further convenience of visiting members, it is contemplated to open a branch of the club in the center of the city, where information and assistance can be rendered in relation to the cashing of drafts, securing of hotel and other accommodation, transfer of baggage, etc.

A list of the best clubs of the country will be prepared, and members of those recognized will be welcomed to the club house.

Perpetual Motion Abroad.

The search has been continued throughout the centuries. It sent many a scholar to an asylum. But now, at last, has been discovered at Constantinople the secret of perpetual motion. Two respectable tradesmen write from that city: "We are clockmakers by trade, and have just invented an automatic mechanism of a force of forty pounds which will work continuously in whatever position it may be, and without being moved either by a spring, or by steam, or by electricity, or by any motor power whatever that could impart an impulse to it. It is, in fact, perpetual motion, pronounced undiscoverable until this day."

The Chinese and Drowning.

The Chinese not only believe in spirits, but consider them endowed with all the evil dispositions of men. When a man is drowned they believe that his spirit is spell-bound to the water, unable to leave it until he has succeeded in drowning another man, whose spirit must take his place. Having found such a substitute, the spirit is liberated from the spell and can depart to higher spheres. That is why a Chinese will under no circumstances rescue a drowning man. The rescue would deprive the restless spirit of his substitute. The revengeful spirit would then leave the water in order to follow and haunt the rescuer, which to avoid the Chinese prefers never to go to the rescue of anybody.

Frauds by Telegraph.

An ingenious fraud was recently committed in Victoria, New South Wales. A man claiming to be a telegraph operator ingratiated himself into the favor of a postmistress in a country district and took advantage of the opportunity by telegraphing two money-order telegrams to Melbourne to pay two sums of £20. His accomplice in Melbourne applied at the post office and received the money in each case.

A Prelate's Wicked Brother.

It is rumored that one of the brigands who have been making havoc in the Campagna is a brother of the vicar general, says the Baltimore American. Not long ago he headed a party of desperadoes that attacked the vehicle of a church dignitary on the outskirts of Rome. The divine was horribly frightened, but was reassured by the highwayman, who declared that he would not harm so well-meaning a man as himself. In a short while monsignore and the masked man were in deep conversation, the former having been completely won over by the distinguished manners of the brigand. A few days later monsignore received a courteous note explaining that a fur-lined cloak was needed and stated that it might be left at a certain spot.

Blue-Eyed Great Men.

Among great men of the world blue eyes have always predominated. Soerates, Shakespeare, Locke, Bacon, Milton, Goethe, Franklin, Napoleon and Renan all had blue eyes. The eyes of Bismarck, Gladstone, Huxley, Virchow and Buchner are also of this color, and all the presidents of the United States except Gen. Harrison enjoyed the same cerulean color as to their optics.

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