

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1887 THE NEW SCANDINAVIA.

There are to-day in the United States about one and three-quarter millions Scandinavians. Of this 1,750,000 about half were born in the three kindred Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark; the other half are their children, born in this country.

There are some noticeable features connected with Scandinavian immigration to America.

The official immigration records of this country begin in 1820. During the 60 years from 1820 to 1880 there came from Scandinavia but 450,000 out of a total European immigration of 10,600,000. But since 1880, about 500,000 Scandinavians have come across the sea. The past seven years have seen a larger immigration of Scandinavians to the United States than the preceding sixty years.

Sweden has about 4,500,000 inhabitants; Norway about 1,900,000, and Denmark about 2,000,000; so that the proportion of Scandinavian immigrants is at present greater than that of any other European country.

Of the present Scandinavian population here there are about 875,000 Swedes, 625,000 Norwegians, and 250,000 Danes.

With only one-fourth of the population of Europe, the countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark have, in the past seven years, sent one-eighth of the entire number of European immigrants to the United States. That is, 2 1/2 per cent of Europe's population has in that time sent 12 1/2 per cent of the total European immigration.

The Scandinavians have concentrated in the northwest, and there are areas in that section of the American Union that have a denser Scandinavian population than parts of the Scandinavian peninsula itself. Of the cities, Minneapolis and Chicago are notable illustrations of the truth of this assertion. There are more than 60,000 Scandinavians in the city of Minneapolis; more than 50,000 in Chicago; more than 30,000 in St. Paul.

One-third of the population of Minnesota and Dakota, one-sixth that of Illinois and Wisconsin, and a large percentage of the population of Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Oregon and Washington, come from the kingdoms of the Baltic.

They come for the same reason that impels so many millions to look westward across the Atlantic—to better their condition, and they are generally successful.

The Scandinavians are a hearty, many race on whom the yoke of home manurely has borne lightly, and who make good citizens of the American republic. They almost unanimously believe in American ideas, become American citizens, take prominent part in politics and government, work hard and intelligently and accumulate property. By reason of this they form a valuable addition to our nation and have in this new western world a bright future.

Sometime, in the next century maybe, will begin to be developed the typical American, the man who made up of the best of the traits of all who have come here from the old countries, will be in every sense American. In him will unite that which deserves to survive of the Norseman, the Saxon, the Celt, the Teuton and the Latin, and when that typical American does appear he will have in his make-up considerable of the industry, thrift and common sense that so strongly mark the Scandinavian immigrants of our day.

The federal government of Switzerland has gone into the liquor business on the principle that has already been tested in the Scandinavian kingdoms. The distillers are required to sell only to the government, which will guarantee the quality of the liquor it sells in regulated shops. The plan includes only rectified spirits or concentrated alcohol. Diffused alcohol, such as is contained in wine and in cider, is not considered in this legislation. As Switzerland has the credit, by statistics, of being the drunkenest country in Europe, the new plan is an effort to regulate prices, number and quality of the drinks sold to habitual consumers. It looks like a very remote stage of repressive control, but is considered to be a beginning in that direction.

The East Oregonian makes just and sensible comment on the recent decision of Judges Sawyer and Deady in the case wherein Judge Denny sued J. C. Dodson, the res gesta of which was the question whether the government grant to the Northern Pacific railway conferred a present title. Our eastern state contemporary pertinently asks: "What was the necessity of providing for patents, if the grant itself conferred a present title?"

The government experiments this year in making sugar from sorghum are said to have been very successful. On fair soil the yield of cane was twelve tons. The average yield of sugar per acre was about fifteen hundred pounds, and of syrup 180 gallons. It is claimed that at this rate, even at the present low price of sugar, the business of making sugar from sorghum would be very profitable.

SCIENTISTS claim that a tide-mill located at the Bay of Fundy would generate 700,000-horse-power twelve hours in a day. This distributed electrically and sold to every state in the Union would save the coal supply.

A New Life-Saving Station. PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 2.—There arrived this morning on the Olympian Lieut. Chas. A. McClellan, inspector of life-saving stations, Major Blakeley, superintendent of the 12th district life-saving service, and Mr. Von Beyer, civil engineer. They were received by Capt. Russell Glover, of the revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott, who took them on board that vessel and proceeded down the straits to Neah bay. Lieut. McClellan is under instructions from the chief of the life-saving service, Sumner I. Kimball, to report upon the practicability of removing the station now at the Indian village to Wauadah island, which is nearly opposite.

Where the station is now situated it would be an impossibility to launch a life-saving boat in case of disaster to a vessel, owing to a ledge of rocks which make off from the station seaward. The placing of the building in a position where the boat could not be used has been a matter of conjecture to all who are acquainted with maritime matters, and who have the interests of the seafaring class at heart. Every mariner who enters and departs from the straits knows that at Neah bay is located a life saving station, and believes that in time of disaster the life boat would be manned and immediately sent to the relief of those in imminent danger.

What would be their astonishment if they knew that although the station is kept in first class order by keeper Koopman, and the boat is in its place, it could not be launched excepting in the smoothest of weather, on account of the ledge of rocks. This island already referred to belongs to the war department, and after Lieut. McClellan's report has been acted upon by the secretary of the treasury, a site will be asked for from the war department and a new station built.—Tacoma Ledger Special.

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Resolutions C. R. F. P. U. At a meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union held at Liberty Hall on December 6th, 1887, it was unanimously resolved that the established price of labor, as adopted last season by this Union, be upheld this coming season, to wit: for Knitting, 1/2 cent per mesh; for Hanging and Selving a net, \$15; for a Day's Work of 9 hours, \$2.50; and that no machine or Chinese made nets will be tolerated or used by any member of this Union. It was also further resolved that any nets made by non-Union men will not be fished by members of this Union. BY ORDER OF THE C. R. F. P. U. ALEX. SUTTON, Secretary.

GRAND Christmas Festival And Ball By The Scandinavian Benevolent Society. At Ross' Opera House, December 29th, 1887. Children's Christmas Festival from 4 to 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Grand Ball after 8 o'clock. The Western Amateur Band has been secured, etc., etc. Admission, Children - - - 50 cts (Each Child will Receive a Gift) Spectators (from 4 to 8) - - - 25 cts Tickets for the Ball - - - \$1.00 COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: MARTIN OLSEN, AUG DANIELSON, ERIC JOHNSON, J. M. OLSEN, FRANK EKLUUD.

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