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LARGEST TREE IN THE WORLD.

Called the Hurricane Tree, and is in Nassau, Capital of the Bahamas. In Nassau, the capital city of the Bahama Islands, they say "the tree in the public square"—not the trees. Now, the public square of Nassau is quite as large as most cities of its size, but there is only one tree in it, and that tree literally fills the square and spreads its shade over all the public buildings in the neighborhood. For it is the largest tree in the world at its base, although it is hardly taller than a three-story house. It is variously known as a ceiba, or a silk cotton tree, but the people of the low islands of the West Indies call it a hurricane tree. For, no matter how hard the wind blows, it cannot disturb the mighty buttressed trunk the cedar. In the hurricane of last spring all the palms and many of the other trees of Nassau were overturned, but the great hurricane tree, although it lost all its leaves, did not lose so much as a branch. Its trunk throws out great curving, wind-like braces, some of them twenty feet wide and nearly as high. These extend into the ground on all sides and brace the tree against all attack, while the great branches spread a thick shade overhead. In the tropic sunshine of mid-summer, hundreds, even thousands of people may gather in the cool of its shadow. No one knows how old the great tree is, but it must have been growing hundreds, if not thousands of years. A very old picture in the library at Nassau shows the tree as big as it is at present, and even the oldest negro on the island cannot remember when it was a bit smaller.

The Trail of the Boer.

"Did I understand you to say that one of your ancestors fought during the Revolution?"

"Yes, my great-great-grandfather fell at Bunker kopje."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE PLACE FOR A POOR MAN.

A Homestead Clear and Money Ahead in Two Years. Alameda, N. W. T., Canada, Dec. 22, 1899.

Mr. B. Davies, Canadian Government Agent, St. Paul, Minn.—Dear Sir: As I promised you about two years ago that at some future time I would let you know what I thought of western Canada and the chances of a poor man making a start and supporting a family at the same time, so will write a few facts concerning my own experience the past twenty-one months; and what I have done, any able-bodied man can do, provided he will work.

I left Traverse country March 20, 1898; landed in Alameda at noon the 21st with \$3.55 in my pocket, a stranger and among strangers, and when my family came in October, 1898, my wife had nearly \$10, or barely enough to pay freight on her stove, sewing-machine and clothes and beds. I commenced work March 28; also made entry for homestead same day (the man I started work for loaning me \$15 to pay entrance fee), and I have earned or at least received \$478.10 in wages since then and have been idle at least two months of the twenty-one since I came. The homestead I took had twelve acres broke by a former occupant. I paid \$20 to have it replowed in July, '98, and the seed wheat for it cost me \$8.25. I let it to a neighbor for one-half in elevator, clear of all expense except the seed, and this fall I received \$70.10 for my part of the crops off the twelve acres, so my total receipts the past twenty-one months have been \$548.10, and my expenses, besides living for self and family, have been as follows:

Entrance fee (\$5 being paid for cancellation)	\$ 15.00
Summer following 12 acres.....	20.00
Seed for same.....	8.25
Cost of house, besides my own labor on same.....	75.85
20 acres of breaking and double-discing same.....	60.00
My half of wheat.....	\$70.10
Net expense on homestead.....	\$109.00

We moved on our homestead July 10, 1899, have thirty-two acres in good shape for crops in 1900. My wife joins with me in sending best wishes to you and yours. You can truly say to any poor man who pays a big rent to get a farm (somebody else's land) or works for wages to support a family, that I have personally tried both in Minnesota and tried hard to make a success of it, but found to my sorrow that after working hard a poor living was all I could get out of it, and after nearly two years of western Canadian life I will say that I am very thankful to you for helping me to decide to try it in Canada. Yours respectfully, W. H. KINKADE.

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In Far Northland

Tid-Bits of News for Scandinavians.

TO DISPLAY MACHINERY.

Consul Bordenwicz Tells of a Norsk Undertaking.

Henry Bordenwicz, United States consul at Christiania, has sent to his government a programme of the permanent machinery exhibition which parties are invited to exhibit. The metal, wood-working, spinning and weaving industries will be represented, as well as works in paper, leather, rubber, clothing, etc.; also, engines. The programme sets forth that machinery, tools, etc., can be exhibited at a low rent in centrally located rooms. Appliances can be shown in operation without extra expense for driving power. New and patented machinery and appliances may be exhibited and advertised cheaply and effectively. Catalogues of the exhibition will be distributed without extra expense to the exhibitors.

Mr. Bordenwicz advises that new inventions be patented in that country before they are shown. Applications for patent in Norway should be made within six months after patent is granted in the United States.

Mr. Bordenwicz is from Granite Falls, Minn., and is the father-in-law of M. J. Dowling.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Only a Mockery and Empty Words in Schleswig.

Kosegarten, a German magistrate in North Schleswig, has notified Gustav Johansen, Haussen-Nerremolle, Editor of Hans Petersen of Fremad, and Thade Petersen, formerly of Helmsdal, that they are prohibited from speaking at any public or private meeting. It is further announced that owners of places in which these four men might speak will be summarily dealt with. Similar orders will no doubt be received by other subjects of Danish parentage.

STOCKHOLM'S POOR.

Applications for Relief Are Numerous.

A cablegram to the Chicago Record from Stockholm says:

Queen Sophia has arrived in England, accompanied by her youngest son, Prince Eugene. It is considered probable that her majesty has gone to arrange a marriage between the prince and some English princess.

Much distress prevails among the poor of Sweden. Applications for relief at the Stockholm poorhouse were never more numerous than this winter.

Maintain the Union.

The Conservative party of Norway, in announcing its platform for the coming election, reiterates its faith in the union with Sweden as a guaranty of the peace and neutrality of the country. The party has enjoyed since 1814. Hence, the party will labor for a speedy solution of the difficulties with Sweden, based on Norway's equality in the union, the appointment of a joint minister of foreign affairs and certain reforms in the consular service, as Norwegian interests may demand, but without any disruption in the joint diplomatic service. The party speaks for the rights of private ownership of property as against the attacks of Socialism; the freedom of labor; the advancement of sobriety through proper legislation; the advancement of agricultural interests and minor reforms in several directions.

As Bad as Sango.

The chief of police of Christiania has conceived the idea that the police must take a hand in purifying the morals of the stage. Recently he called the directors of the Second and Central theaters before him and aired his views in extenso. Then he warned them that they must not permit such performances as had recently held the boards at their respective theaters. It is assumed that he referred to "De Smaa Lam" ("The Small Sheep," at the Second theater, "Damen fra Natkafeen" ("The Lady from the Night Cafe.")

To Show Sweden's Forests.

In the Swedish display at the Paris exposition will be a picture map of Sweden, showing with exactness the location and size of Sweden's forests and the proportions of evergreen and deciduous trees. The heaths and sterile lands will also be shown. The natural topography will be closely followed, and the map will virtually be an interesting picture of the country. It will be 10x13 1/2 feet in dimensions.

Of General Interest.

Fred Braastad, a Norwegian, and Elias Pikkonen, a Finn, are the opposing candidates for Mayor of Ishpeping.

President E. E. Gynild, of the Norwegian Free church, has issued a call for the fourth annual conference to be held at Montevideo, Minn., June 6-12. Bjornstjerne Bjornson is about to publish a new book, which he has christened "Arbeidet" ("Work.") In his opinion, it will be one of his best products.

A large Finnish colony is growing in Northwestern Iowa. Should the czar's government continue its oppressive measures the emigration from Finland will steadily increase.

Among those who will profit by the prosperity of the big Carnegie company is P. T. Berg, a Swede, who holds considerable stock, but is not telling any one just how much.

The biggest power station in all Europe, and second only to the one at Niagara in the world, is being constructed at Kykklesrud, Norway, on Glommen river. It will develop upward of 50,000 horse power.

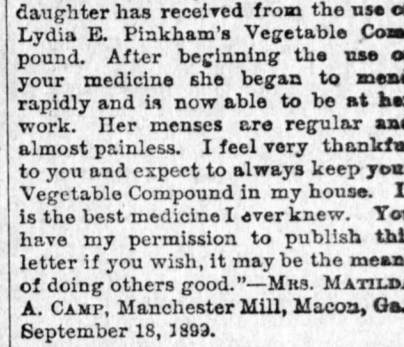
Sandefjord, one of the popular seaside resorts in Norway, has been partially destroyed by fire. About fifty houses are in ashes and 1,000 persons are rendered homeless. Among the buildings destroyed were the principal business blocks and the church in the heart of the city. The insurance companies lose about 2,500,000 crowns.

A MOTHER'S STORY.

Tells About Her Daughter's Illness and How She was Relieved—Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

"MRS. PINKHAM—I write to tell you about my daughter. She is nineteen years old and is flowing all the time, and has been for about three months. The doctor does her but very little good, if any. I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I want your advice before beginning its use. I have become very much alarmed about her, as she is getting so weak."—Mrs. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., May 21, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit my daughter has received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After beginning the use of your medicine she began to mend rapidly and is now able to be at her work. Her menses are regular and almost painless. I feel very thankful to you and expect to always keep your Vegetable Compound in my house. It is the best medicine I ever knew. You have my permission to publish this letter if you wish, it may be the means of doing others good."—Mrs. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., September 18, 1899.



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Stranger Neighbors. "Mrs. Snitzer visited you yesterday, didn't she, Della?" "Oh, no; she sent in her card, with a message that she wasn't calling on me—she just wanted to use our telephone."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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A REMARKABLE SCHOLAR.

Even His Illness Did Not Interfere With His School Attendance.

Perhaps the record for school attendance belongs to a Walworth lad named Thomas Ward, who was never absent or late during his eleven years of school life, beginning his fourth year. The local member of the school board for London tells the story that when the proud boy received the attendance medal for the eleventh year—which had to be specially struck to meet his case—the mother was questioned as to how the boy had been able to make so remarkable a record.

"Has he had the usual children's complaints?" she was asked.

"Yes, sir." "The measles?" "Yes, sir." "Whooping cough?" "Yes, sir."

"How is it, then, that he has never been away from school?" "Well, sir, he had them in his holidays," was the interesting reply.—Washington Gazette.

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A TRYING EXPERIENCE.

The Girl Found What She Wanted, But Still She Was Not Happy.

"Some people have no sense," said the girl shopper, as she sank down upon the chair in front of the counter.

"What is it?" asked a sympathizing friend, "can't you find what you want?" "Oh, it isn't that, but I can't find it in the way I want. They're bound to proclaim it from the house-tops. You see, I've been wanting to wear hip-pads for a long time—it gives a girl so much better shape, don't you think, and I'm not very large. Everybody seems to think it's so foolish, and so I've never had the nerve to ask for them. But to-day, when I found myself right up on the same floor with them, I screwed up my courage, and asked a clerk up there about them."

"Next counter," she cried, and then she called out "Hip-pads, and, oh, dear, I know everybody is looking at me now, and I never shall be able to buy them!"

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