

THE HERALD

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The office of commiseration in Coxey's army must have been a brain-racking occupation. To procure food for the "soldiers" was almost as troublesome and unaccounted as their efforts to have their grievances righted.

Vedgerianism has received a bad knock since a walking match between a meat eater and a vegetarian, over a course from Berlin to Fredericton, a distance of 270 kilometers, was won by the former. There is hope yet though. Vegetarians are said to be able to make more food disappear than their flesh-eating brothers.

We are not the only people experiencing the pleasure or displeasure of the present cold snap. Boston shivered through Saturday under the influence of a strong northeaster, blowing at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and sending the mercury down in the vicinity of the freezing point. In Scotland the same day heavy snow storms prevailed.

Premier Peters' fax upon the ambassadors of commerce is apparently going to do everything but just what he expected it would. It was altogether foreign to the Government's purpose that Coxey's excursion for the business men should be a consecration of the tax. It was the "rhino" only they were after, but get it in large quantities from the commercial men they are not going to.

Edmund Yates has gone where neither Home Rule nor Rome rule will tend to disturb his peace of mind. Questions of a more burning nature will engage his attention. George W. Smalley now has the field all to himself to vilify the Irish people, the clergy and the just cause for which they contend. He is even a cooler gent at the work than was Yates, but there are hot times in store for him, too.

One of the shining virtues of fiction is consistency. It is of peculiar quality, and thoroughly indigenous. Mr. J. D. Edgar, M. P., exhibited one sample of the article in parliament the other day. He charged that the cotton mills of the Dominion were piling up fortunes for their owners at the expense of the consumer. A St. John's member, however, that the mill owners are disposing of their goods at a loss. Both opinions are from orthodox sources and have the true ring of consistency about them.

The P. F. A. is said to be going to play an important part in the coming general election in Ontario. A brother association across the line was going to carry the election in St. Paul, Minn., with a rush, but were themselves rushed out of sight under an adverse pile of ballots. We believe the electors of Ontario have sober judgment enough, and will use it, to annihilate these Patriotic Political Assocs. The unwary reputation of some of the leaders in the movement—Margaret L. Shepherd, to wit—has been an eye opener to not a few whose eyes were almost blinded with the wool.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes City Government, Street Electric Lights, Police Department, Market House, etc.

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At a largely attended meeting of the Butter and Cheese Association at Montreal, held on Monday, M. P. for Quebec, Mr. J. G. Gauthier, president of the association, for having indicated that the Montreal exporters were guilty of fraud in weight, he was elected president of the association, when the two M. P.'s have to prove their statements.

President Carnot of France will not be a candidate for re-election, preferring to set an example by avoiding ungrateful and unprofitable duties. M. Carnot has been a fairly successful member of the Republic, and his present position is not an insignificant one. He is a man who will not dishonor himself to secure a great office in the man who is elected to it.

Subscriptions have been opened in Rome to defray the expenses of the defence of the editor of the Northern Echo, who was tried last month, and sentenced to eight months imprisonment to pay a fine of 1,500 lire, for publishing hostile criticisms of the Pope's policy. The Northern Echo is a paper which has been the target of the Pope's wrath for some time.

Near Yankton, Ohio, is the most remarkable family on this continent, probably in the world. It consists of father, mother, and twenty-four children, and the mother of the brood is not yet 30 years of age. The father is a farmer and her husband is a Hoosier. The children were born in pairs, and the oldest son, who was tried last month, and sentenced to eight months imprisonment to pay a fine of 1,500 lire, for publishing hostile criticisms of the Pope's policy.

John Hoffmeyer, a somnambulist, was taken to a hospital in New York, where he was found to be suffering from a severe case of insanity. He had been wandering about the streets of New York for some time, and had been found by a policeman. He is now being treated by a specialist in the treatment of insanity.

Rev. James Lloyd Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York, has announced that he will leave his denomination and organize a church of his own. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for many years, and has been a prominent member of the denomination. He is now being treated by a specialist in the treatment of insanity.

The Chicago Tribune, which keeps a record, declared that there were several cases of lynching in the United States in the first five months of 1896. While the Tribune maintains that the number of lynchings is not as high as it was in the first five months of 1895, it is still a record. The Tribune also reports that there were several cases of lynching in the United States in the first five months of 1896.

The Liberal Federation of north of Wales has resolved that, as the Government has refused to pledge itself to carry out the recommendations of the Commission, the federation should take an independent line of action, and advocate Welsh Liberalism in the future. The federation also reports that there were several cases of lynching in the United States in the first five months of 1896.

Rev. Bro. Mandell of De LaSalle Institute, Ont., took a dynamite cartridge from a pupil who was throwing it around carelessly. On examining it with a pencil, the cartridge exploded, and the pupil was injured. The incident occurred in a school in Ontario, and the pupil was immediately taken to a hospital. The incident is a reminder of the dangers of dynamite in schools.

Mr. Henry Waterson calls the U. S. tariff bill in the second stage "a measure of patchwork and partiality, a grotesque jodge of protection and free trade, a monstrous, unworkable, and unworkable measure." He is a member of the House of Representatives, and his speech was a powerful one. He is a member of the House of Representatives, and his speech was a powerful one.

After the announcement of peaceful intent that had been made among the monarchs of Europe of late, some one reports that the great Krupp gun works