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Readers will do well not to become unduly agitated these days by the same headlines in our evening contemporaries. It does not take much of an item to throw the average evening journal writer into convulsions. For reliable news always consult the exclusive Associated Press dispatches.

The Future of Cuba.

THE PECULIAR assertion is made that while the conservative business interests in the island of Cuba are practically unanimous in favor of annexation, believing that the conditions of stable independence have not yet appeared, and that to resort to that experiment would imperil the security of business investments and handicap orderly development of the island's resources, yet these interests have taken no practical steps to give their opinions representation in the convention which has been framing the proposed republic's fundamental charter. The merchants and planters, who constitute the substantial element of the island's population, and pay a great majority of all taxes contributed to the support of the government, have abstained from all participation in insular politics, and have left the field free to the revolutionary type of agitator and place-hunter in command.

An Index of Public Sentiment.

AMONG the interesting freak bills of the present legislative session is one before the general assembly of Illinois providing for a "public service commission" to regulate the control of corporations of a quasi-public character. By its terms the control of all railroads, telegraph companies, telephone, electric light, power, heat, express and water companies would pass into the hands of seven men to be named by the governor. This commission is to fix the rates the corporations shall charge, the wages they shall pay, the number and kind of people they shall employ. It would also have power to prescribe the amount of stocks and bonds to be issued, and one of its duties would be to see that no corporation paid a higher dividend than 5 per cent.

Not That Kind of "Tarrier."

OFFICER NEB SCARLETT, of the Second police district, was riding to his home on an electric car recently, long since, when the car stopped up at a crossing to allow some passengers to alight a woman rushed out from a neighboring house, screaming shrilly and beckoning to the car to stop. Scarlett jumped out of the car and hurried to the woman's assistance.

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method of standing pupils up in a row and letting them "spell" each other down, would, in a few years, elevate the standard of spelling in our public schools to a plane that would leave no cause for regrets.

An additional restriction upon immigration is proposed by Congressman Adams in a bill providing that foreigners who have been confined in an asylum for the insane, idiotic and epileptic, before landing in the United States, or who, within two years after their arrival in the United States, shall become insane shall be returned to the country whence they came.

Instead of taxing savings banks' surplus one per cent, as originally proposed, the Odell programme in New York state has been changed to put a tax of one per cent on the par value of the securities held by savings banks as surplus. This, it is estimated, will yield \$750,000 of state revenue and yet represent not more than seven cents on every \$100 of deposits—too small a tax to warrant the banks in reducing the rate of interest.

The tests of the recently invented emergency tablet, intended for an armory, have demonstrated a deficiency in nutriment. This has verified the predictions of the unscientific. The tablet invention may be all right for medicine, mineral water and circus lemonade, but there is little nutriment or enjoyment in food consumed without mastication.

It is to be regretted that the report that King Edward had pardoned Mrs. Maybrick is unfounded. The guilt of this woman, who claims to be innocent, has never been fully established, and it would seem that after the many weary years she has suffered in prison she could, with propriety, be given the benefit of the doubt.

of Westminster's and the Australian "bock" was bidding for a filly by the Prince of Wales. The bidding had reached 4,000 guineas when suddenly the filly was withdrawn to secure the filly.

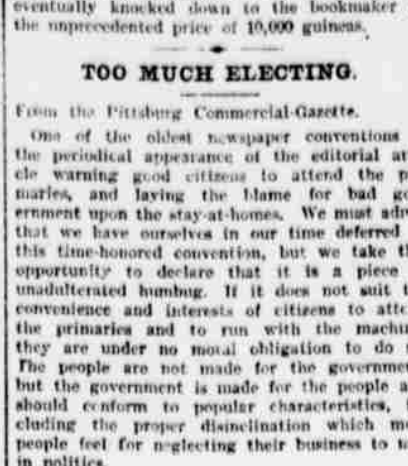
From the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette. One of the oldest newspaper conventions is the practical appearance of the editorial article warning good citizens to attend the primaries, and leaving the blame for bad government upon the stay-at-homes. We must admit that we have ourselves in our time defiled this time-honored convention, but we take this opportunity to declare that it is a piece of unadvised humbug. It does not suit the convenience and interests of citizens to attend the primaries and to run with the machine, they are under no moral obligation to do so.

It is singular how this fallacy that everybody should have a hand in administering the government coexists with the idea that our politics have degenerated since the days of the fathers, for popular participation in politics is far more extensive now than then. The truth of the matter is that by so many as the people are themselves called upon to administer the government, the less real control they have. The case verifies the proverb that the truth of the matter is that by so many as the people are themselves called upon to administer the government, the less real control they have.

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From the New York Sun. It may interest statisticians and perhaps others to know that the aggregate amount of money appropriated by congress for pensions since the year 1860 to 1900 is \$1,000,000,000. The amount carried by the pending pension bill for the fiscal year 1901, is \$1,200,000,000. Another year will carry the total beyond the three-billion mark.

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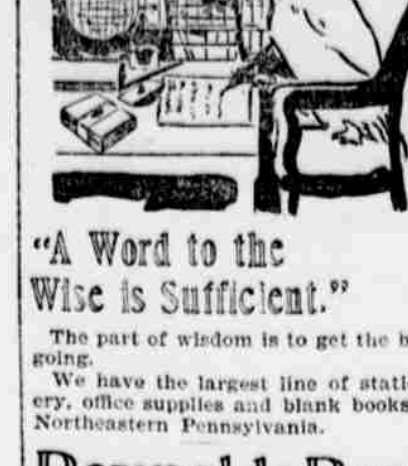
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9:38 a. m., week days, for Hazleton, Pottsville, Reading, Norristown, and Philadelphia; and for Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburg.

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Lehigh Valley Railroad. In Effect Nov. 25, 1900. For Philadelphia and New York via D. & H. R. R. at 6:45 and 11:55 a. m., and 2:18, 4:27 (Black Diamond Express), 11:20 p. m.