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Of Doubtful Utility.
We must confess that we do not fully understand the purpose of the Mitchell bill to establish a state excise commission which was yesterday favorably reported in the senate.

The bill provides for the appointment by the governor of an excise commissioner at \$2,500 a year and expenses up to \$1,200; a deputy at \$2,000, with equal expense allowance; a secretary at \$1,500 and miscellaneous clerical help.

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According to the recent city assessments there are 32,814 taxables in Scranton. To arrive at the population it is customary to multiply a city's number of taxables by three.

An Act of Peace.
That is an interesting example of British promptitude in the assertion of British authority when needed to insure due respect for British citizenship which the Sun cities for the guidance of our own government in its policy toward Cuba.

Much Ado to No Purpose.
The Lexow anti-trust committee of the New York state senate has presented a formal report of its findings in the matter of harmful trade combinations.

Get the Best.
Amidst the vast quantity of nonsense which has been printed in reference to the recent action of congress in putting down the price of armor plate to \$200 a ton, it is refreshing to encounter an item of common sense such as the following from the Chicago Times-Herald.

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right to maintain a civil action against such corporation and its agents,
prohibiting the continuance in this state of news of the transaction of business under the system and by the methods criticised in this respect.

Political oppression is the refusal of equal rights, commercial oppression is the denial of equal opportunities;
both are repugnant to the people. The spirit that resisted the one and wrote the prohibitions which protect the individual in the law of the nation will not permit the other to take enduring root by tolerating the substitution of monopoly for equal opportunity.

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What a strange ambition is that of William H. Hearst, the multi-millionaire owner of the New York Journal. He actually seems anxious to be known as the publisher of the most indecent daily paper in the world.

General Harrison's delicacy in declining to boom his son's candidacy for a

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A MORAL COMPROMISE.
From the Washington Star.
"Young man," said Senator Borah to the protégé of whom he expects to make a practical politician, "don't be afraid that you are drifting toward methods that do not invite the calcium glare of publicity."

Another Fight On.
Harrisburg Dispatch, Phila. Ledger.
There is no doubt that the element in the Republican organization which supported ex-Postmaster General Wainwright for United States senator will endeavor to capture the next Republican state convention and name two candidates for the state office who will not be satisfactory to the Beaver statesman.

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