

FANGS CUT OUT

Commission Bill Is Very Much Altered.

NO RATE-MAKING POWER

Joint Rate-Question Is Left to the Railroads.

COMPLAINT CAN BRING IT UP

Governor Intimates That He Will Not Allow the State's Money to Be Wasted Under a Law That Can Do No Good.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Staff Correspondence).—Unless there is a slip in the programme between now and tomorrow noon, the celebrated railroad commission bill will then be returned by the subcommittee to the joint committee for consideration. The subcommittee has had a big task, and the measure that emerges from their hands in most respects is not unlike the following—place that was the same old gun with the exception of a new lock, stock and barrel.

The bill has been under consideration by the committee for so long, that the most of its features have become public property through leakage, the main points at issue being printed several days ago. While the bill will be returned to the subcommittee tomorrow, no action of importance is expected until next week. This is on account of the death today of Senator Sharp, of Kittitas county, out of respect of whom both branches of the Legislature will adjourn early tomorrow, not to meet again until Monday.

There has been a steady change in sentiment regarding the measure since it was first introduced and if this continues until it reaches the floor of the House next week, all of the fangs and teeth will probably be drawn. The delay in returning the bill from the subcommittee has been entirely due to the fact that the committee has been unable to reach a decision on the bill, which necessitated a vast amount of work for those engaged in drafting the bill.

The stenographer who is preparing the copy has been at work with it since Tuesday, and will not complete her task until an early hour tomorrow morning. These repeated changes were made in response to new testimony that was being submitted in order to make the measure conform to the committee's idea of what can be passed.

There is no longer a demand of any consequence for a drastic measure, such as the original Kennedy bill, and, strange as it may seem, this clamor has been silenced with very little aid from the Legislature. The importance of the measure is such that the members of the Legislature have given it a pretty thorough study, and the more they study it, the less they are inclined to grant to a commission of three men such unlimited power as is asked.

Robbed of Stringent Features.

First the attempt to grant rate-making power to the commission was abandoned, and now it is practically settled that the joint rate question will remain in the hands of the railroads and will not be touched by the commission, except when complaint is made. These are the two prominent features of the bill for which the rabid commission men have been fighting, but there is no longer a possibility of either of them being embodied in the measure.

Representatives from some of the most strenuous commission districts are being deluged with correspondence urging them to hold out for both of these provisions, and the Spokane Review, largely responsible for the commission case east of the mountains, is still attempting to turn the tide setting against such rabid action, but it is now a certainty that no bill of the McBride-Speke-Review type can pass the Senate, and it is extremely doubtful if it would pass the House.

What Will Commission Men Do?

Opinion is divided as to what will happen when the strong commission men are asked to vote for an emasculated measure, such as now seems certain. A few of the members will smother their disappointment and vote in favor of it, but there are others who will vote against it, partly as a rebuke to those who are responsible for its changed condition and partly to prevent the expenditure of about \$10,000 of the state's money for maintenance of the commission for the two years.

It is perhaps needless to state that no small amount of pressure for the bill is coming from men who would like to hold positions, either as commissioners or clerks, the salary of the former being fixed at \$5000 per year, while the clerks will receive from \$1200 to \$2000 per year. The southeast corner, mentioned yesterday as being rather lukewarm, is a very stringent measure, is, if anything, drifting still farther away from the issue. There is a wonderful lack of unanimity among its members, and if the unit rule which was adopted is enforced, either the bill or the minds of some of the members must undergo quite a change.

Numerous caucuses have been held by them within the past few days, but at none of them have all of the members been present, and nothing definite has come from any of their discussions.

Spokane Wants Martin.

Mr. O. Rockwell, of Spokane, who has been scheduled to aid Mr. Harry Fairchild to carry out the provisions of the commission bill, will not receive the appointment as commissioner, if it is within the power of the Spokane legislative delegation to prevent it. Instead, they will urge Governor Mead to appoint George Martin, of Spokane. Mr. Martin has had over 15 years' experience in practical railroad work with the Corbin interests in Washington and is said to be better

equipped for the position than any man yet mentioned.

The Governor is not taking much of a hand in the fight, but some of the commission men have been reporting that he would veto any bill which did not give the committee rate-making powers. This the Chief Executive denies. In an interview this afternoon he stated that while the platform on which he was elected did not call for a railroad commission, he had promised to approve any reasonable measure of that nature which the Legislature might pass. And he intended to live up to his promise.

The Governor also intimated that if it developed that the commission was unable to accomplish any good under the law which might be passed, he would not permit them to waste the state's money by continuing in office.

The capital-removal question slumbered today, although a very effective gun-shoe campaign is still in progress against the scheme.

PRINTING BILL IS AMENDED

Local Option Committee Will Present a Divided Report.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—The joint printing committee today accepted the subcommittee printing bill and will introduce it as a committee measure. The bill as outlined heretofore was amended slightly by reducing some of the prices for work and an amendment adding a section requiring the Governor's assent to all resolutions for printing. The local option bill will come out of the House committee on public morals with a divided report. The committee, after listening to arguments for and against the bill, stood five for and three against the passage of the bill. A. Gerbel, secretary of the State Liquor Dealers' Association, was present at the meeting, but did not address the committee.

There was a long and heated discussion in the House insurance committee tonight over a committee substitute bill which prohibits life insurance companies giving rebates to other than authorized agents. A number of insurance men and attorneys were present. The bill is favored by the larger companies. It is alleged by them that small and irresponsible companies sell policies by offering to make the policyholder a member of the board of directors of the insurance company for the state, assuring him that he will receive a rebate from business subsequently secured.

It is contended that the policyholder gets a rebate and often finds that he is insured in a shaky company. They allege it brings the insurance business into disrepute and the bill should be passed in order to protect the policyholder. The opponents of the bill say the measure is being pressed by the larger companies to give them control of all the business. The committee reached no conclusion.

RESTRICTIONS ON OSTEOPATHS

Senator Wilson Would Require Examination and Certification.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Secretary Sharpless, of the State Board of Medical Examiners, appeared before the Senate committee on medicine, surgery and hygiene this evening in support of the bill requiring the examination and certification of osteopaths. Dr. Sharpless disclaimed anything but the best of feeling toward the school of no-medicine, and asserted that it was in the interests of the osteopaths that some restrictions should be placed upon the practice of their profession. He said that persons whose training disqualified them to attend to the bodily welfare of patients. He thought accredited osteopaths should be permitted to issue certificates in the same manner as other physicians.

Representative Booth asked him if he was willing to exclude from the operation of the proposed law osteopaths in actual practice prior to January 1, 1906, and Dr. Sharpless thought that the rights of such osteopaths was a question of law rather than of medicine. Dr. Wilson, author of the bill, declared that he was opposed to any amendment attaining that end.

Further consideration of the bill went over for one week, at the request of Booth.

The committee decided to recommend for passage the Senate bill raising the examination fee of physicians before the board from \$10 to \$25.

ELECTION FOR SENATOR CALLED

Successor to J. P. Sharp, Deceased, to Be Chosen at Once.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Governor Mead issued a proclamation today calling for an election in the thirteenth Senatorial district, composed of Chelan and Kittitas counties, to select a successor to Senator J. P. Sharp, deceased. The Governor directs that the election be held on February 23, and that the electors be called to the polls at 10 o'clock a. m. Sharp was elected last Fall and would therefore have served in the Legislature of 1907 also.

The Governor's proclamation is issued under a law that requires him to call an election immediately after a vacancy occurs in a Senatorial district. Senator Sharp's death occurred in Ellensburg on January 23. He had been in ill-health for a long time, but was in Olympia at the beginning of the session and remained through a portion of the session until his death. His death compelled him to go home, however.

Walter M. Olive, of Wenatchee, who is the head of an irrigation company, is out after the position, and there is much talk that Representative George E. Dickson, of Kittitas county, will become a candidate for the nomination. The Kittitas county delegation in the Legislature will therefore control the nomination if it will.

Both Dickson and Olive will go to Ellensburg tomorrow to confer with friends concerning their candidacy.

ESTIMATE IS MUCH REDUCED

Washington State Institution Will Be Compelled to Economize.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—The House appropriation committee tonight appropriated the State Board of Control's estimates for the needs of the state institutions under their management, after making several reductions. The hospital building at the Soldiers' Home, to cost \$10,000, is cut out, and \$4000 asked for increasing the capacity of the electric light plant is not allowed. The library fund is reduced from \$2000 to \$300. The estimate from the Eastern Washington hospital is reduced in the estimate of repairs and improvements from \$5000 to \$2500. The additional buildings for the School for Defective Youth are disallowed and the maintenance is reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

In lieu of these items, however, the Lindsey bill providing for a new school at a location to be selected is approved, together with an appropriation of \$25,000. The total appropriation for the Board of Control and the new school provided for in the Lindsey bill is, as amended, about \$1,500,000. The board's original estimates were \$1,650,000, showing a net reduction of \$150,000.

Cases Set in Supreme Court.

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counties that are extensive in territory and small in population. The movement is only in the formative state, but promises to become one of the important features of the session.

PEPPERED BY A GOPHER GUN

Corvallis Real Estate Agent Gets Surprise in an Empty House.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Doctors are picking birdshot out of the right leg of James L. Lewis, shot this afternoon by the discharge of a shotgun that, it is alleged, had been set for squirrels. The accident happened at the temporarily vacant farmhouse of Spencer Bicknell, five miles north of town, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Twelve of the two dozen shot in the limb have been removed. The wound is not serious and Lewis will recover.

Lewis is a real estate agent and had been showing a prospective buyer over the Bicknell farm. Lewis was ahead when they started to enter the house. As he opened the door and passed inside, the discharge of a shotgun brought him on the floor. Most of the shot took effect above the knee, ranging in their course slightly upward.

TWINS BORN IN A TOURIST-CAR

Oregon City Mother Is Shown Special Accommodations.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Twins were born to Mrs. W. E. Eastburn, on the Southern Pacific train, at Lathrop, about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, while she and her husband were on the way to this city from Twisp, Or. The railroad company ran the tourist sleeper through to this city to accommodate the mother.

ST. PAUL ON THE PORTLAND RUN

Alaska Commercial Vessel Will Supplement Present Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—(Special).—The Harriman lines have chartered the steamship St. Paul to assist the steamers Columbia and Alaska in maintaining service between this port and Portland. The St. Paul is at present laid up in Oakland Creek. She belongs to the Alaska Commercial Company. She is speedy and comfortable, with accommodations for many passengers.

SIX SALOON MEN ARE INDICTED

Accused of Breaking the Sunday-Closing Law at La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—At the February term of the Union County Circuit Court, in session in La Grande, Oregon, six La Grande saloon men were indicted today, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, the first of the six being on trial now. Since the Spring gambling and open saloon on Sundays has been prohibited in the county.

See Men Hold Convention.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—The first annual convention of the Washington State Association of Societies is now in session here, with President J. W. Thornton in the chair. A number of valuable papers were read at today's session. Among them were those of E. E. Tanner, of La Grande, entitled, "Food Values of Honey as Compared with Other Principal Foods," and W. S. Lawrence, assistant biologist of the State Agricultural College, entitled, "The Value of Bees to the Orchard and the Time to Cut Alfalfa."

Mr. Lawrence urged the farmers not to cut their alfalfa until after full bloom, giving the bees a chance to get the honey out of the flower and improving the quality of the hay.

Business Men Favor Dance Halls.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—After two trials, Harry Smith, a dance-keeper, has been acquitted of the charge of running a dance hall. A license. Smith had his license revoked by the Council, but alleged that he was not summoned for a hearing, but his license was taken away from him after the statement of the police only. On this defense the second jury acquitted him. The first one disagreed.

The members of churches have been making considerable headway in denouncing business men are in favor of them as a rule, as they maintain it helps business. The church people may take up the fight.

Centralia in Need of Sewers.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—It developed at the Council meeting this week that Centralia was better fixed, financially, than any other town of its size in the state. The outstanding indebtedness of the city is less than that of many smaller towns. This is caused no doubt by the fact that many of the towns have complete sewer systems. This being the case, and the fact being brought to the attention of the Council that Centralia needs sewers, it may be decided to start on a sewerage system in the near future.

Teams for Albany College Debate.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—March 3 has been set as the date for the annual intercollegiate debate between the literary societies of Albany College, which will take place at Chehalis, and for places on the intercollegiate debating team. The teams are: Albany—Ralph W. Knotts, of Albany; Edwin B. Tilton, of Springfield, and Ross B. Miller, of Portland. Literary society—Laurence A. Hunt, of Oakland; Evert L. Jones, of Albany, and Oliver M. Hickey, of Latourel.

Allen Released on Bonds.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—B. F. Allen returned last evening from Portland and this morning was served with the warrant sworn to yesterday afternoon by John Hahn and charging him with criminal libel. Mr. Allen was arraigned in the Justice Court and released on \$200 bonds to appear for a preliminary hearing on next Tuesday morning.

Youthful Forger at Old Game.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Louis Norton, aged 20 years, is held under a bond of \$500 on a charge of forgery, having attempted to cash a spurious check for \$45 on the First National Bank of Roseburg. Norton has already served a two-years term in the penitentiary for a forgery committed in Coos county. He is a member of a highly respected family.

Requisition Honored for Hoke.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Governor Chamberlain today honored the requisition papers of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, for the arrest and return of Henry Hoke, wanted in Minnesota, in answer to the charge of grand larceny in the first degree. Hoke was arrested in Portland.

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CHARLOT WILL CO

Flathead Chief Determined to See the President.

TRIBE HAS PRESSING WANTS

Aged Indian Says Roosevelt Is Only Man Who Understands the Conditions, and Who Will Give Relief.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 9.—Chief Charlot, of the Flathead Indians and their allied tribes, intends to proceed to Washington despite the orders to the contrary issued by the Indian Department. The chief expects to find here today all ready for his journey.

Through his interpreter, Chief Charlot sent a telegram to the department today asking that Agent Bellow be allowed to accompany him. If permission is refused, Charlot will take the first train for the East accompanied by his interpreter.

Charlot told the Associated Press through the interpreter today that President Roosevelt is the only man who understands conditions in the West and when he hears what he tells him Congress will certainly act. Charlot wants the Indians' rights now used by Indians protected. They are not even recorded at present. He also wants timber set aside and some alteration made in the allotment law relating to the stock in the hands of the Indians. The condition of the sick, old and feeble, he says, must be looked out for and counts on the President looking at things in the same light.

Chief of a session by the authority of the full council. He expects to leave for Washington by tomorrow night, at the latest. Agent Bellow is here waiting instructions from Washington.

VICTORIA PARLIAMENT OPENS

Extension of Railway Systems Indicated as Government Policy.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9.—The second session of the tenth Parliament of British Columbia opened this afternoon by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joli de Lotbiniere, with the usual ceremony. The speech from the throne indicated a policy aimed at the development of the province by extensions of the railway system. It was announced that the extensive works undertaken some years ago for the protection of the lands in the valley of the Fraser River have been completed.

The financial relations of the province and the Dominion was the subject of a memorial presented to the Dominion government showing the strong grounds that exist for a recognition of the claims of British Columbia for better terms.

An Ottawa dispatch received today says: W. Sloan, member for Comox-Alton, announced that he is very of the claims of British Columbia for better terms. He intends bringing the matter up again in the House.

SENATORS MAY NOT TESTIFY

District Attorney Says It Would Prevent Legal Prosecution.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 9.—In anticipation of a session in connection with the Senate bribery scandal, a large crowd assembled in the Senate Chamber this afternoon. The four Senators accused of receiving bribes, Emerson, Wright, Bunkers and French, were in their seats when the Senate was called to order. The special committee which has been investigating the charges against the Senators, through its chairman, Senator Belshaw, asking whether it should refuse to swear the accused Senators and receive their testimony under oath. Through the debate, Mr. Emerson, Attorney of Sacramento that this would prevent their legal prosecution. Several resolutions intended to cover the question at issue were presented, but without action the Senate took a recess.

When the Senate reconvened this afternoon, the same large audience was present to listen to a continuation of the debate on the question of whether the Senators are to be sworn for the purpose of taking their evidence. After several arguments pro and con, Senator Emerson, one of the accused men, took the floor and in his own behalf, closing an impassioned appeal by saying:

"There is a simple way out of this predicament. Say to the grand jury and the House adopted: 'Get out your indictments, but give us the right of a hearing.' We are innocent until we have been proved guilty." Through the debate, Mr. Emerson sat by her husband's side. The Senate decided not to allow the four accused Senators to testify under oath.

FLAX PLANT TO BE AT CHEHALIS

Citizens of Washington Town Have Guaranteed Spur to Track.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—George Nolan, general manager and consulting engineer of the American Flax Fiber Company of San Francisco, has just started for San Francisco where he will remain about ten days and then return to Chehalis and begin construction of the company's flaxworking plant at Chehalis. A sufficient acreage of flax has been pledged by the Lewis County farmers to secure the construction of the works.

A seven-acre site has been taken south of town near the Northern Pacific Railway track on which the plant will be erected. The citizens of Chehalis have guaranteed the building of a spur to the site from the railway. There will be four big buildings erected and the outlay will be about \$20,000. The process building, in which will be the power plant, the retting mill, the bleaching and baling mill, of dry kiln and 'dinger-house' will be brick, covering about 65,000 feet of ground. Two hundred feet south of the main building, used for a threshing-house, seed storing, flber-room and office. The two other principal buildings will be 40x150 feet and 40x100 feet.

The American Flax Fiber Company of San Francisco has a paid up capital of \$250,000. The officers are Theodore Postexter, president; Oliver Haslett, secretary; George D. Greenwood, treasurer; George Nolan, general manager and consulting engineer. The company owns patents for working flax which are being used in other mills, but the Chehalis mill will be the first plant of their own which they will operate.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Mrs. Susan M. Wirt, wife of Augustus C. Wirt, died at her home in Skipsnap at 8 o'clock this morning after a long illness, aged 72 years. Mrs. Wirt, who was formerly Miss Susan M. Kimball,

Bricks for Cold-Storage Plant.

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was an Oregon pioneer of 1847 and was a survivor of the Whitman massacre. She came to Clatsop County in 1848, and with the exception of a few years spent at Oysterville, Wash., has resided in this county since that time. In 1850 she was married to Mr. Wirt, who survives her. She left two daughters and two sons.

Mrs. Anna M. Linser. ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Mrs. Anna Marie Linser died at the home of her son, G. R. Linser, in this city yesterday, aged nearly 82 years. Deceased was born in Germany, coming to this country about 40 years ago. The family came to Roseburg from Portland in 1892.

UNION MEN CHARGE BAD FAITH

Delegation in Legislature Will Not Work for New County.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Because Pierce county is not ready to accept the Hot Lake County proposal, the name of the new county, made an advertisement of Pierce's suitorship to please him, will be changed, for the citizens from the towns of Union and Clifton, nothing from their delegation. The citizens' committee, now working here, rely upon outside support for the creation of the new county, and declare the strongest pledges have been made them.

When Senators Pierce and McDonald and Representative Dobbin return to their respective headquarters they will find a big bunch of trouble awaiting them, for the Union men here charge them with bad faith. It seems that at a mass meeting in Union a few days before the opening of the Legislature, Senator Pierce declared he would support the new county bill if it was backed by a strong petition from the district and an industrial lobby at Salem. McDonald and Dobbin said they would do the same. But now with a petition of \$2.2 per cent of the voters in the district behind them, the citizens' committee is given a cold shoulder, and whisper of underground politics.

FACES SEEN IN THIRD HOUSE

Smiles That Lighten the Gloom of an Overcast Day.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Among the celebrities whose smiles gladdened the lobby today and took the place of sunshine beneath the cloudy sky were: J. C. Patterson, of Portland, who is in charge of the Multnomah "machines"; H. H. Harty, who is attorney for the Pacific States Telephone Company, which is fighting the gross earnings tax, who piloted the Mitchell "organization" through the last part of the session; and who placed most of the members of the Multnomah delegation.

J. H. Atkin, of Huntington, who is an attorney for the Treasurer and who was awarded the courtesy of the House today on motion of Representative Smith of Baker.

D. D. Lee, of Portland, ex-Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

H. E. Ankeny, of Eugene, said to be a candidate for Governor.

W. C. Francis, of Portland, who has an eye for big slices of lumber.

E. S. J. McAllister, who would cut off the tail of the Jayne local-option bill right up to the ears by eliminating all but the enacting clause.

Adverse to Mining Bureau Bills.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—There will be no mining bureau created by this session of the Legislature. This conclusion the committee on mining reached today and reported all the Senate mining bureau bills with adverse recommendations. The mining men, who would like to have some geological survey work done as a means of furnishing information which would be of value to the state in the development of mining.

The irrigation committee has decided to report a bill carrying an appropriation of \$5000 for hydrographic and topographic work along the Columbia and the United States Geological Survey, and this is all the appropriation the Legislature is likely to make along this line. The Government will spend \$100,000 for the same work in the survey, and in this manner a great amount of work will be accomplished.

Bank Will Resume Business.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Adjuster for an insurance company today visited and settled the loss of P. M. Scroggins & Co., Lebanon bankers, whose vault and safe were burglarized Wednesday morning. The bank will resume business as soon as a money box can be secured.

Two tricycles were used by the robbers who cracked the Lebanon bank safe and it is now believed four men were engaged in the crime. The stolen vehicles were stolen from Tallman and Goltra, two miles west of Tallman, and dumped into the Santiam canal at Albany. Four tricycles were seen walking along the track toward Lebanon about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. These men are believed to have boarded the train early yesterday morning.

Robbed on a Coast Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The detectives have vainly tried to find a clue to the mysterious disappearance of \$385 alleged by A. S. Calder to have been stolen from him on the coast steamer Francis H. Leggett between Los Angeles and this city. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Calder is on the way to Portland, Or.

Calder is a farmer and went from Denver to Los Angeles where a short visit preceded his trip on the steamer.

Logging Road Along the Coast.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—The assertion is made that the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company will soon begin work on the construction of a logging railroad south from Seaside. Rails for one and one-quarter miles of road are said to have been purchased. The proposed road is to run on the survey already made by the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad to Nehalem, if desired.

Action to Prevent Sewer-Building.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special).—There is a probability that an action will be commenced in the courts to prevent the city from going ahead with building the new sewer. Ex-Councilman Thorp is behind the movement. He alleges the election was illegal, but City Attorney Forsythe said today that the vote was legally printed as any ever used here.

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WON'T STAY DOWN ITS MERIT IS PROVED

Firemen's Relief Bill Reconsidered at Olympia.

AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE

Important Revenue and Taxation Bill Passes House by a Large Majority After Some Lively Debate.

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