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WHY THEY ARE IN POLITICS. The New York Times, a Democratic paper with strong Republican leanings, but with a powerful and intelligent journal, is sorry for President Taft, because he voted the wool bill.

THE SENATE AND ARBITRATION. Any person who examines the text of the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France cannot but come to the conclusion that the United States is amply protected against the risk of being forced to submit improper subjects to arbitration.

WHY PUNISH CRIME? (To the Editor.)—The comment of the Oregonian on the sentence of Jess Webb has shocked a number of your readers who are ardent advocates of a more lenient and merciful system of punishment.

AN INTERESTING EPISODE. The Washington, D. C., correspondent of the State Capital Record, of Olympia, Wash., has a story in connection with the services early in the Civil War of the late General I. I. Stevens, first Governor of Washington Territory, which is of more than passing interest.

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