

News From The Leading Cities of The Gem State

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW INTRODUCED

Legislature Has Before It a Measure Embodying Best of Others.

CONSIDERING PROHIBITION.

Some Restrictive Bill Will Pass—But Will It Be Local Option or State Wide Restriction?

Special Correspondence.

BOSNE Jan. 20.—In perfect harmony with the pledges of the Republican party platform, a direct primary law was introduced in the house of representatives on Monday by Representatives Woodward, Parsons and Anderson, and is patterned after the Washington and Wisconsin laws, but is declared to remedy the defects of both.

An intended improvement of the Washington law in regard to the election of a United States senator is found in the new measure. In that state a majority of first choice is required to instruct the legislators for the election of any party candidate. This clause is corrected so as to avoid the situation that the legislators shall be instructed by it.

Another section of the bill provides for separate ballots for each party in a primary election and permits any voter to insert the name of the person representing his choice on the blank line, which appears under the name of each candidate.

Permission to candidates to attend party conventions, as is granted in some states, is here forbidden, and delegates previously chosen by the county central committees, which committees have been designated by the business, are the persons upon whom the work of the convention shall rest.

DEMOCRATS TAKE A HAND.

The Democrats of the senate have introduced a direct primary bill through Senators David and Day, setting forth the views of their party in the most important question. The bill has been referred to the committee on privilege and elections.

RATE REGULATION.

Senator Stovely from Twin Falls county has introduced a bill giving any city or village the power to regulate individual, associate or corporate concerns which are serving the public.

It is not intended to take the place of the public utilities measure recommended by Governor Brady in his message, but it is claimed, such a law would well supplement the measure recommended.

LOCAL OPTION OR PROHIBITION?

It is expected that the next measure of importance to be introduced in the Idaho legislature will be a local option bill, in conformity with the pledge of the Republican platform.

The historical association of the state seem now so confident that the local option movement is so well under way and the enactment of a law along these lines so assured, that they are turning their attention to the consideration of the question of statewide prohibition, and it should not surprise any one if a bill providing for state prohibition should find its way into the halls of the law-makers, many of whom it is claimed, already favor such a move.

TARIFF REVISION MEMORIAL.

The house of representatives was the scene of a heated debate on Monday, in which it was divided on a strictly party lines, at the instance of the introduction of a memorial to Congress, declaring against the removal or lowering of the tariff on wool, lumber, lead and hides. The memorial finally passed the house under suspension of rules and rushed into the senate, where it underwent another searching by the Democratic contingency, and was finally referred to the finance committee.

NEW BILLS.

The new bills introduced this week are as follows:
House bill No. 25, by Featherstone

of Shoshone—relating to the liability of employees in the state.

House bill No. 27, by Foreman of Nez Perce—relating to the redemption of state bonds for the purpose of settling and continuing a system of issuing for the Lewiston state normal.

House joint memorial No. 4, by Foreman of Idaho—Petitioning Congress to make a change in the present tariff schedule pertaining to lumber, lead and hides.

House joint memorial No. 5, being a substitute for house joint memorial No. 1, by Anderson of Nez Perce—Petitioning Congress to declare not navigable in order that certain bridges may be built across it. The first purpose of the memorial is said to be to enable the state to be constructed at Lewiston creating a site there for a lumber mill.

House joint memorial No. 6, by the senators and legislative committee—Petitioning Congress and the river and harbor committee to provide for locks on the Ford d'Arville river in the canyon at Liberty Falls.

House bill No. 28, by Foreman of Nez Perce—Amending the revised code relating to the certification of teachers, and prescribing the qualifications for and the life of certificates.

House bill No. 29, by Kert of Kootenai—Creating a state school commission of six members chosen by the governor who shall revise the school laws into more modern form.

House bill No. 30, by Salsbery of Blaine—Providing that the general criminal code relating to poll taxes shall be repealed.

House bill No. 31, by Thompson of Camanche—Relating to the powers and duties of county clerks, and providing that they shall have a vote on all questions coming before a city council.

House joint memorial by Mareback of Shoshone—Directing the state land board to grant relief to the petition of Shoshone whose titles are clouded, was given a second reading.

A resolution was presented by Parsons of Idaho, McCracken of Ada, Johnston of Bingham and Miles of Nez Perce, who were appointed as a committee to prepare a bill authorizing the window of the late Nathan Clark.

Bill exempting cooperative irrigation companies from taxation and voided under suspension to third reading.

Among other new bills are the following: For direct primary, \$2,000 for Idaho exhibit at Seattle fair, prohibiting payment of wages in due bill, \$10,000 for deaf, dumb and blind school, \$12,000 for bridge across St. Joe river.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

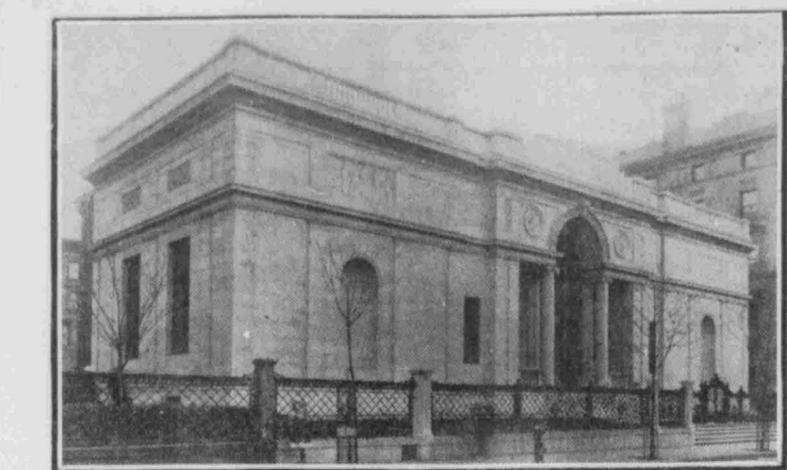
The day on Five Mile creek burst Friday afternoon letting down an avalanche of water. Miss Florence Meade, the school teacher, and Miss Maude were present, which excited the crowd. They drove down the creek in an attempt to locate a crossing. In the meantime a young rancher by the name of Arthur Mann observed their predicament and rode his saddle horse to them. He found a place in the ditch where he thought they could cross with safety, so they drove into it; but as the horses entered the stream, they began to floundering about and finally threw themselves and drowned. The little boy, who was the driver, lost his balance and fell into the stream, and with his ability to swim, and the aid given by Mann, he had been drawn alive from the swift flowing current. When the boy went overboard Miss Meade began screaming frantically, which excited the crowd. Some of the wagon into the stream, but a cool-headed little girl among them quieted them down, and Mann succeeded finally, with the aid of a horse, drawing the wagon and its occupants to safety.

ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY.

Upon complaint of W. R. Chilson, Nathan Roat was arrested on Monday on a charge of burglary. He was unable to furnish a \$1,000 bond and was therefore confined in the county jail to await his hearing. Nathan Roat lives with his parents and neighbors on Dry creek, about five miles out from this city.

The case of Horace E. Neal, former cashier of the distinct capital State bank, against whom eleven counties have returned by the recent grand jury aggregating forgeries to the amount of over \$78,000, will be tried at the present term of court. This question was determined yesterday by Judge Wood, when he ordered the clerk of the court to summon a venire of 35 takers to report on next Monday morning for jury duty.

It is not known what action the new jury will take in the matter of the irregularities of the state treasurer's office as reported by the recent outgoing jury. Nor is it known what will be done in regard to the red light district of this city, which is being permitted to exist under strict violation of law. The outgoing jury submitted a majority and a minority report on the matter, the majority favored repealing the present law and the creation of a new one putting the occupants of the white chapel's under more stringent regulations and confining them to a specified locality, considering them a "necessary evil." The



J. P. MORGAN'S PRIVATE ART GALLERY IN NEW YORK.

ASSESSORS IN CONVENTION.

The assessors of the state met in convention yesterday morning to discuss uniform methods of assessing, and also to assist the state board of equalization in its regulation of the tax levy.

A company of capitalists, railroad men and attorneys, among whom are S. H. Hensley of Chicago, John E. Bell of Detroit, Fred Dolph of Aurora and L. G. Wilkinson of Alton, arrived in this city yesterday morning prepared for business in connection with the proposed new railroad from Butte to Boise.

WANT CAREY ACT PROVISIONS.

The state land board yesterday heard a delegation of petitioners and employees under the Great Western Sugar Beet company's irrigation project, near Mountain Home, in Elmore county, for the creation out of the project one which would come under the provisions of the Carey act, thus affording them protection of their rights, which under present conditions seem not to be guaranteed them.

This is the project over which there has been so much litigation during the past two years, but which was recently sold by Mr. Garrett, the promoter, to Seattle capitalists. The legal questions involved in the matter have been referred to the attorney-general.

MORMON BATTALION VETERAN BURIED.

PARKER, Ida., Jan. 21.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Phoebe Ledema Thompson were held in the meetinghouse yesterday, under the direction of Bishop Miller. The speakers of the occasion were Elders T. J. Winter and James Young of Rexburg, Bishop James E. Fogr of St. Anthony and President Thomas E. Russell. A brief account of Mrs. Thompson's life was read by Bishop's Counselor Jackson.

The deceased died Monday morning, after a long and painful illness. She was one of the two surviving women of the Mormon Battalion, and her life was in many ways an eventful one. She was born at Elba, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1832, and was the daughter of Samuel and Phoebe Merrill. Her father was a captain of heavy artillery in the war of 1812, serving the entire length of time that his country was engaged with its second war with England. Mrs. Thompson is survived by the following children: Mrs. Dora Clegg of Rexburg, Mrs. Ella Raymond of McCammon, Samuel Collett of Wilford, D. F. Collett of Salt Lake, Marlon Collett of Butte and Miss Mame Collett of Rexburg. She leaves also many grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren. Interment took place in the Rexburg cemetery.

DRIGGS HAS NEW ROAD TO TAP COAL MINES.

DRIGGS, Ida., Jan. 21.—For the past four days this place has had a chinook, which has taken nearly all the snow off. The streets are nothing but slush.

The M. I. A. association gave a charitable ball Friday, the 19th. Mrs. Sallie Green and John Davidson were awarded prizes for taking the best parts. A large representation was in attendance from Fruit, Cassion and Darby wards. I. C. Driggs and N. C. Edelson, not

with the new county commissioners

relative to getting an appropriation for a new road to be made straight across the valley from Darby to Pates, passing through the center of Driggs. The commissioners were favorable to the proposition and promised to assist in the construction of the road. This road will make a difference of three to five miles for the people of Driggs in getting their coal from the mines on the west side of the valley.

On the 21st, Mr. Douglas Redoback will issue the first number of the Jackson Courier. This is the name given to a paper that Mr. Redoback is editing in Jackson valley. He has been in business in connection with the proposed new railroad from Butte to Boise.

The Driggs ward conference was held Saturday, the 20th, President L. C. Driggs, George S. Young, members of the high council and representatives of all the state auxiliary organizations were in attendance. There was a large attendance of the people of the ward. Reports from the officers showed that the Driggs ward was flourishing both temporally and spiritually.

The singing of the choir under the direction of James P. Driggs was immensely enjoyed and commended by the speakers. The children's singing class that was begun a week ago last Saturday is growing fast. This class is under the direction of Mrs. Driggs. The regular meetings of the ward were held on Monday, the 19th. A select company attended. Games, etc., were indulged in.

Smallpox has broken out in a number of families in Darby and Driggs wards. The school has been closed and it will be checked before it spreads further. It was brought here from the lower valley by a person who had been at work there.

ONEIDA COUNTY NOW HAS BUT ONE SALOON.

PRESTON, Ida., Jan. 20.—As fore-shadowed in last week's correspondence, the commissioners, sitting in regular session at Malad, took drastic measures relative to temperance reform in Oneida county. Several saloonmen, particularly those who engage in the traffic of strong drink in Malad, Preston and American Falls, made application for a renewal of license, but each and every one got a negative reply. Sheriff A. W. Stephens, the newly-elected county executive officer, received explicit instructions from the selection to camp incessantly upon the trail of every man suspected of running a "blind tiger," to go out immediately (Jan. 16) and close up every saloon in Oneida county with the exception of "Leigh's Saloon" in Preston, Ida., the proprietor of which has a license that expires until July 1, 1909. Geographically, Oneida is one of the largest counties in the Gem state, politically she cuts a big figure, and now in a moral way she is being reformed. The prohibition unit of the state of Idaho. The only complaint lies in the direction of wishing that "Leigh's" license should read Jan. 1, 1909, instead of July 1, 1909.

The names of the commissioners are P. W. Harding of Malad, H. S. Geddes, bishop of Second ward in Preston, Ida., and Thomas W. Roe, bishop of Stone, Oneida county. License holders from Oneida, all clean, temperate men, absolutely pledged to temperance legislation, are: L. E. Evans of Samaria, W. H. Phillips of American Falls, in the state house of representatives, and Thomas Preston of Weston, Ida., state senator. The Republican party is strongly pledged to local option and notwithstanding the strenuous campaign inaugurated by the liquor men in Idaho,

whose craft is in danger, the strong

drive is sure to be shackled and bound securely within the next 60 days.

Last Wednesday David Jensen, an aged resident of Preston, a pioneer in Oneida county and a veteran in the church, closed his eyes upon the scene of earth. General debility occasioned the demise. For nearly a year he has been bedfast. Interment was in the city cemetery.

J. C. Jensen went to Denver Wednesday. W. P. Mouson, proprietor of the Superior Lumber company, leaves Preston on the 24th prox. for Great Britain to perform a second mission in the interests of the Church.

INCESSANT RAINS AND IMPASSABLE ROADS.

OAKLEY, Cassia Co., Ida., Jan. 20.—This valley, like other parts of the country, has been soaked and saturated with rain to an interminable depth, so that the roads are nearly impassable. Goose creek has been "booming" for the past 10 days, and has covered several miles of country down on the flat. If the reservoir had been complete there is no question as to the supply that would have been stored during the present wet spell.

Hon. Thomas H. Clark celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday on the 12th inst., and on the 14th a company of close friends met at the Clark residence, where a sumptuous supper was partaken of, after which the home was dedicated by Stakes President William T. Jack.

State Senator H. C. Haight made a brief visit to Oakley last Saturday, returning to Boise on Sunday.

The bishopric of the Oakley Fourth ward has arranged to celebrate the third anniversary of the organization of the ward Thursday, Jan. 21, with a reunion of all the members.

It is feared that the condition of the roads will interfere with the attendance at the state conference to be held at Oakley, Feb. 6 and 7.

A meeting of all the bishops of the Cassia stake has been called for Sunday, Feb. 7, at 12:15 p. m.

PEOPLE OF MANARD ALL BUT SNOW-BOUND.

MANARD Idaho, Jan. 15.—The people of Manard have almost been out of commission for the last week on account of the continuous snow storm which has given about an additional foot of the beautiful, making sixteen inches in all. So far as a winter moisture is concerned there is an abundance, which practically assures a good season next summer.

Jan. H. Jenkins and Edith Hartman were recently united in wedlock, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Louis Laird, by Bishop J. E. Thurber. Their many friends at Manard and Soldier join in wishing them a prosperous and happy life.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Co. was held the 14th inst. A new board of directors was chosen for the ensuing year.

Mrs. W. Slett, J. L. Butler and H. L. Jenkins who had acted as president, vice president and director for the last four years, were released from

IONA MERCANTILE WILL STOP CREDIT SYSTEM.

IONA, Jan. 20.—The past two weeks have witnessed almost a continuous rain. The weather is exceptionally warm for this season of the year. Grass is looking green and it is like April weather. The roads are almost impassable and stock men are having trouble in getting hay and pulp to their fattening stock and keeping them out of the mud for a bed is well high impossible.

The Iona Mercantile company held its annual stockholders' meeting Sunday on the 19th and a fairly good dividend is expected. The company has been doing a large credit business which is working a hardship on the institution. It has been compelled to compete in prices with the merchants of Idaho Falls who are doing a cash business. It was decided by a unanimous vote of the stockholders to discontinue the credit system and do the business on a cash basis as far as practicable.

A Sunday school was organized in the north part of the ward last Sunday. It will be known as the Ritchie Sunday school. Albert Jeppison was chosen superintendent with Adam H. Tracy as first and Louis Magley second counselors. President Heber E. Anderson, of the Bingham stake, C. L. Warrick and others of the stake Sunday school board, Bishop Rockwell and Counselor E. J. Williams were present at the organization. This move will be fully appreciated by members of the part of the ward, as owing to the distance but few of the children of the vicinity have had the advantages of Sunday school. The local priesthood meetings of the ward are being held on each Monday evening with good attendance. The lesser priesthood have been fully organized, the meetings are well attended and a general course of study, as outlined, is being taken up.

MRS. E. S. HARMISON BURIED AT TWIN FALLS.

KIMBERLY, Idaho, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sanberg Harmison, a much esteemed resident of this place, died at Hanson, Ida., Jan. 15, and was buried in the Twin Falls cemetery. She was a native of Stockton, Sweden, and was 48 years of age. She was the wife of J. S. Harmison, who survives her, and had four girls and three boys. At the funeral services the speakers were Elders Wilkins and Madison Fisher.

The convention strongly endorsed the present tariff on wool, and will keep a watchful eye on those at Washington having charge of tariff revision. From the testimony of Mr. Harding of Pueblo delphia, representing the wool manufacturers, it developed that considerable wool is smuggled into the United States listed as "tops," a commercial name for wool waste. Prime wool is being put up in a manner similar to common wool waste.

Fault was found with the manner of running the national forest reserves. Methods in modifying these conditions were suggested, including grazing fees and appeal from burdensome penalties for violation of reservation rules.

OLD FASHIONED PARTY INDULGED IN AT CAREY.

CAREY, Jan. 18.—An old-time party was held a few evenings ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stanford, which proved to be a very novel and interesting affair. The or more persons who attended were dressed in lincey, calico, corduroy or denim, and on many costumes patches were much in evidence. A supper of old time fare was partaken of, and the room were lighted with candles and gas. The dances were the order of the evening, and much amusement was afforded by the old-time exercises.

The same evening the boys of the Amateur Basketball league played a match game, followed by a dance, which was well attended.

The first of a series of weekly priesthood meetings was held here Monday, and about 30 members in attendance. The books of the ward were audited this week by President William T. Jack, who was here but one day.

About all available hay has been bought by cattlemen and sheepmen for winter feeding, at from \$4 to \$4.25 per ton. A few days the ground was all but bare, but today eight inches of snow covers the ground, and more is falling.

There is still considerable sickness, mostly resulting from colds. Assessor A. Albertson, who was badly hurt in a runaway, was taken to Halley for treatment, but he did not seem to improve fast. His present condition is satisfactory.

If you will take Foley's Orino Laxative until the bowels become regular you will not have to take purgatives constantly, as Foley's Orino Laxative positively cures chronic constipation and sluggish liver. Pleasant to take. F. J. Hill, Drug Co., ("The Never Substituted.")

MONTEPELIER WARD MAY BE DIVIDED.

MONTEPELIER, Idaho, Jan. 21.—The storm wave struck this section about two weeks ago since which time there has been one continuous down pour of rain and sleet, making the roads in many localities next to impassable and present indications are that this kind of weather may continue for an indefinite length of time. As a result of the bad weather and roads business is exceptionally dull.

The bishop's annual report of the ward for the year just closed shows an increase in the population of the ward also an increase in the amount of tithes and other donations paid, while the death rate has been materially decreased over that of the previous year. There have been 14 but nine deaths during the year, and the number two were aged people, five were children and two were people in their youth. The report also showed an increase in the record of baptisms, there having been 21 as against 15 for the year previous.

During a recent visit of the stake presidency they expressed themselves as feeling that the time was most opportune for the dividing of this ward, at the present one of the largest wards in the Church. It has been demonstrated that more effectual work may be accomplished in smaller wards. It is very probable that a change may be perfected at the next quarterly conference, which convenes the 6th and 7th of March.

The Burroughs Mercantile company has closed out its business. The manager, Wilford Williams, has purchased a residence at Ogden, Utah, and intends taking his family to that point in the near future. Just what line of business may be followed by himself and other members of the firm has not been fully decided upon. Most of the groceries were taken over by W. W. Clark, who is now carrying over a complete line of staple and fancy groceries.

There has been considerable illness during the past four weeks, due to the very unsettled conditions of the weather.

WOOL GROWERS' MEETING AT END.

Ogden Chosen as the Next Gathering Place of the Society.

WOMEN FIND A DEAD INDIAN.

Occupation Tax To Be Imposed or The Bell Telephone Company.

Special Correspondence.

POCATELLO, Jan. 21.—The forty-fifth annual convention of the national wool growers terminated Saturday afternoon, with a very successful session. It was decided to erect a wool warehouse in Chicago, on the co-operation plan, wool depositors to be allowed 5 per cent cash on wool certificates. The convention recommended that the Omaha plant be made an auxiliary to the Chicago market.

A telegram was ordered sent to President-elect Taft, at Augusta, Georgia, asking for the retention of Hon. J. M. Wilson as secretary of agriculture.

OGDEN CHOSEN.

Ogden was selected as the meeting place of the wool men next season. F. W. Gooding, president; George S. Walker, secretary; Servis Penwell, treasurer, were all re-elected. Mr. A. J. Delfetter of Wyoming was elected western vice president, and A. J. Knollin of Chicago was elected eastern vice president.

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Fault was found with the manner of running the national forest reserves. Methods in modifying these conditions were suggested, including grazing fees and appeal from burdensome penalties for violation of reservation rules.

DELEGATES FEASTED.

A smoker was given the wool men Friday evening at the Eagle hall, when light refreshments were served. Joe Flaisted, the popular O. S. T. traveling freight agent, held the board as a right royal entertainer. His fest consisted in singing sentimental and comic songs, while at the same time his nimble fingers were tearing fine holes in many fine cloths and other strange and fantastic paper designs. The sum of \$1,500 was awarded in prize. The silver trophy cup was awarded to the Butterfield Live Stock Co., which captured seven prizes out of twenty lots.

INDIAN FOUND DEAD.

A Bannock Indian named Arthur Tyler, aged 29, a graduate of the Fort Hall Indian school, well known about here, having at one time been performing in the play "A Modern Bohemian" together with Emma Ralmer, an Indian girl of this place, in the city role, was found dead in the county road, five miles north of here Monday by Mrs. F. L. Wallin and Mrs. Dan Wood as they were going to the Wallin ranch.

The circumstances indicate death from drunkenness due to falling off the horse he was riding in the woods, and supposedly furnished him by a white man, as the Indians are not so whisky directly by the saloon element.

TO TAX TELEPHONES.

The city council is convened this evening in a regular session, discussing with representatives of the Bell telephone company the proposed city ordinance levying an occupying tax of 50 cents each on every plant used locally by the company. The case of the latter is represented by General Supt. Somers, and Publicity Agent Mackenzie of Salt Lake, and by Division Supt. Armstrong.

At a meeting held yesterday by the county commissioners, three physicians were named for Bannock county, as follows: Dr. J. H. Bean, Pocotelli district; Dr. Howard; Dr. George Cooper, McCammon; Dr. Kackley, Soda Springs.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The funeral of Frederick Thomas, the 5-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Woodland, was held Sunday noon at the Lindquist chapel, under the direction of the bishopric of the Porterville First ward.

Cecil Datsman, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. R. Datsman, died on the 13th inst. of malignant scarlet fever, after five days' illness. The interment occurred Wednesday afternoon.

Harold Sanderson, one month old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sanderson, died Saturday of pneumonia. The local occurred Monday afternoon from the residence. Bishop Henry E. Redding of the First ward directed the funeral services.

The day schools and Sunday school benches close on account of sickness among children. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Harrison entertained at a family dinner this afternoon. The occasion was the 21st anniversary of Mr. Harrison. Relatives only were present.

At a meeting held Monday evening by the Pontello Commercial club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. W. Church, president; Fletcher B. Burrus, secretary; John J. Hull, treasurer.

James J. Marley and Ellen May Walters, both of this city, well known and popular among young folks, were married last night at the home of the bride's parents, 246 south Main street, 13:30 P. M. The bride wore the gown that made them husband and wife.

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