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THE WEATHER
Forecast for today and tomorrow
with a light breeze from the
west. Clear, with
a few clouds.

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TRIAL MAY
REACH END
SATURDAYForty-Three Witnesses
Already Heard in the
Blackington CaseDEFENDANT HIT
BY HEART ATTACKState Begins Its Rebuttal
After Defense Rests
Case—Arguments Due
Late Today.The attorneys began arguments
in the Blackington trial shortly
before three o'clock this after-
noon.With the testimony of 43 wit-
nesses entered in the voluminous
records of the state's case against
J. C. Blackington—charged with
setting the blaze that ate up \$30-
600 worth of buildings and con-
tents at Imbler the night of May
30—the defense rested at 11:20
a. m. today.The state proceeded immediately
with the rebuttal. Four wit-
nesses, including H. H. Hannan,
court reporter, and H. H. Pon-
croft, of Portland, chief deputy
state fire marshal, had been
briefly questioned and cross-exam-
ined when court adjourned at noon.

One More Witness.

Twenty-six witnesses called by
the defense will be augmented by
another some time this afternoon,
Green & Hess, defendants' counsel,
told the court. Judge Knowles
agreed to the arrangement over
the state's protest against an in-
terruption of rebuttal, when it
was shown that the additional wit-
ness had failed to respond to a
subpoena.Arguments are expected to start
before the afternoon session is
over. Two hours apiece will un-
doubtedly be required for the two
sides to present their theories.
From 45 minutes to an hour more
(Continued on Page 5)THIEVES BREAK
INTO GARAGE AND
TAKE \$1250 CARUNION, July 2. (Special)—Motor
car thieves last Sunday night
made off with a machine for
which Ralph Smith had paid \$1-
250 a few days before, and no
word has since been heard of
either car or thieves.
The car, a 1925 Buick, was
broken into by pulling out staple
holding the padlock, and from evi-
dence figured out, the car was
rolled quietly a couple of blocks
before the engine was started. The
fire and theft insurance on the
automobile had been allowed to
lapse only a day or so before, it
is reported.Early this week a telephone
woman notified police here that she
heard the motor of a light car
running a large part of the night
and when officers investigated
they found a light sedan aban-
doned with the engine still going
but with both license plates mis-
sing. Ownership has not been es-
tablished up to last night, though
some hold the theory that Smith's
car may have been taken by the
parties abandoning the other ma-
chine.Elgin Begins Two-Day Fourth
of July Celebration Today500
Women
ExpectedA minimum of 500 women
from all over the La Grande
territory are expected to at-
tend the sessions of the Ob-
server's Home-makers' Institute,
July 15-16, at the high school.
Plans for the institute, in de-
tail, will be published regularly
and the complete program and
schedule of subjects will be
printed prominently next week
and a comprehensive report of
the sessions will be given each
day as the institute progresses.
Reader-interest in The Ob-
server will be at an unusually high
point during the coming weeks
—a fact that is specially val-
ued by advertisers."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."Program For
Institute Is
Working OutObserver's Free Home-
makers' School Ar-
rangements Are Now
Nearly Complete.Arrangements for the free
home-makers' institute that The
Observer is preparing to conduct
in La Grande July 15-16 in co-
operation with the extension ser-
vice of the Oregon Agricultural col-
lege were practically completed
Thursday when Mrs. Jessie D. Mc-
Comb, state leader, spent the day
here conferring with the publish-
ers on the final details of the
school."We are going to give the wo-
men of the La Grande territory
what amounts to a free chautau-
qua devoted exclusively to sub-
jects of interest to home-makers,"
Frank B. Appleby, publisher of
The Observer, declared this morn-
ing. "The institute will be the most
pretentious thing of its kind ever
held not only in La Grande but
anyplace in the Pacific Northwest
outside of university circles."The people procured for the
institute staff represent the best
talent in their varied lines that
are to be had in this part of the
country, and practically every one
has national standing as well.
Many of the lectures and demon-
strations are those ordinarily cost-
ing from \$75 to \$150 each to bring
to a community.The institute is to be entirely
free, provided by The Observer to
supplement special features of the
paper and to permit the extending
of a service to the women of East-
ern Oregon.

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WILL RECOUNT
SCHOOL VOTEPetition Asking Canvass
of Close Race Between
Eakin and Weeks Filed
Today.A petition calling for a recount
of the votes cast in the school
election of June 21, 1925, in which
Robert S. Eakin defeated L. W.
Weeks, incumbent, by one vote for
the office of director on the board
of education of District No. 1, was
filed in the circuit court today.
George T. Cochran appears for
Weeks, the contestant. Eakin,
contestee, will be represented in
the action by Tingo & Wright.The report of the election gave
R. P. Landis, candidate for elec-
tion, 481 votes; Eakin, 433; Weeks,
432; and John S. Hodgins, whose
name was not on the ballot, 198.
Charles H. Reynolds' name was
written in on one ballot.The complaint filed this morning
alleged that there was an error
in the count and canvass of the
ballots cast for Weeks at the elec-
tion, in that the judge of the elec-
tion, who performed the duty of
calling out the numbers of persons
voting failed to call the name of
L. W. Weeks from at least two of
the ballots that had been properly
marked. It is further claimed that
the numbers were called off so
rapidly that confusion in the count-
ing resulted at least three times.Judge J. W. Knowles has not yet
set a time for hearing on the pe-
tition.NEW LIGHT
ISSUED ON
AIMEE CASE
EX-HUSBAND
KILLS TRIO
IN EUGENEMayor of Agua Prieta
Signs Statement as to
Shack StoryBELIEVES CAR WAS
USED AS CARRIERMexican of Opinion That
Mrs. McPherson Was
Taken to Hut Day Be-
fore She Was Found.TUCSON, Ariz., July 2. (AP)—
A signed statement from Ernesto
Soublon, mayor of Agua Prieta,
Sonora, Mexico, stating his belief
that Mrs. Aimee Temple McPherson,
Los Angeles evangelist, was
taken out of Douglas in an auto-
mobile to a shack about four miles
east of Agua Prieta on June 22
and later returned to a spot near-
er town, when she found her way
into Agua Prieta was published in
the Arizona Star today. Mayor
Soublon said he arrived at his
conclusion after an investigation
made the following morning at his
request by Chief of Police Silvero
of Agua Prieta. The investigation
involved an examination of
trucks which the Agua Prieta
mayor declared failed with the
shoes worn by Mrs. McPherson.Believes It Took One Day.
He expressed the view that the
entire transaction was consum-
mated during the afternoon or eve-
ning of June 22, the day before
Mrs. McPherson appeared in Agua
Prieta.Mayor Soublon said that he
spoke to Mrs. McPherson on one
occasion in the morning of June
23 and that she declined his offer
of food and drink made at the
home of one of his neighbors.

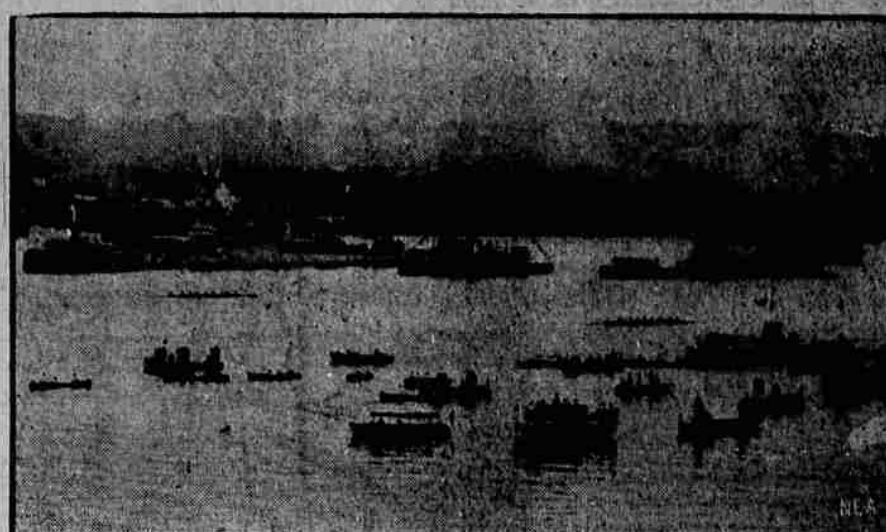
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New Game Code Being
Drafted by AverillPORTLAND, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
A new game code which will cor-
rect conflicts and inconsistencies
in the Oregon law is being drafted
by E. F. Averill, state game
warden, sportsmen's organiza-
tions, game wardens and individ-
ual sportsmen, have been request-
ed to send in any suggested
changes. When all the proposals
are in the list will be sent to
sportsmen's organizations for their
approval and then will be passed
on by the state commission. The
new measure if passed, will take
effect in 1927.Regulation of bullfrog hunting
is one of the proposals. The law
will probably be modeled after that
in effect in Idaho. The spawning
season will be closed. Hunters
will require fishing licenses. The
frogs were introduced about 10
years ago and are most plentiful
in Multnomah and Grant counties.
Multnomah county will probably
have an open season on humpback
partridges similar to that on
chickadees. Wild turkeys will
be mentioned in the code.An open season on elk in the
Blue Mountains has been asked
and is believed by Averill to be
feasible.Anti-Saloon League's
Expenditures RecitedWASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
The campaign funds committee
was told today by Wayne H.
Wheeler that the Anti-Saloon
League spent \$100,000 in the
celebrated republican senatorial
primary contest in Pennsylvania
this year, although it already had
sent money into Oregon, Wiscon-
sin and Minnesota for use in pri-
mary campaigns.Nothing was spent in Pennsylv-
ania, the witness said, because
league officials were unable to
agree what candidate to support
in the three-cornered race between
Governor Pinchot, Senator Pepper
and Representative Vane. Of the
three only Vane, the victor, was
running on a wet platform.Drives 72 Miles Per
Hour, Fined \$300 by JusticeEUGENE, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
W. H. "Moore" Murrehead, former
athlete at the University of Ore-
gon, and now an auto race driver,
was fined \$300 in justice court
here yesterday. In addition his
driving license was suspended for
a three month period.
Murrehead was charged with
speeding at the rate of 72 miles
an hour on the highway.Mrs. Roy E. Hogan Shot
to Death in Back Yard
of Brother's HomeSUICIDE FOLLOWS
ATTACK ON WOMANCrime Premeditated, the
County Coroner Be-
lieves—Former Threats
Made by Hogan.EUGENE, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
Chester E. Edwards, shot last
night by Roy E. Hogan, died this
afternoon shortly before 1:30
o'clock. No inquest on the triple
slaying will be held, according to
County Coroner W. W. Branstet-
ter.EUGENE, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
Two are dead and a third is lying
critically injured at a local hos-
pital as the result of a shooting af-
ray here last night.Roy E. Hogan, 53, who is be-
lieved to have been brooding over
family troubles shot and killed his
estranged wife, Clara Hogan, 43,
wounded her brother, Chester E.
Edwards and then walked into the
Edwards woodshed and killed him-
self. Hospital attendants held lit-
tle hope for the life of Edwards.
Mrs. Edwards is also in a serious
condition from prostration and
shock.Since June 18, Mrs. Hogan and
her three little daughters had lived
with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards at
1388 Seventeenth avenue east. A
complaint for divorce was filed
against Hogan about the middle of
June.Shooting in Back Yard.
The shooting occurred in the
back yard of the Edwards home.
According to the story told to the
sheriff, Hogan appeared in the
yard and demanded to see his wife.
Mrs. Hogan came out of the house,
the children and Edwards remain-
ing inside.Hogan, after heated words, seem-
ed trembling with rage. As Mrs.
Hogan turned her back on him, he
shot her twice. One bullet en-
tered the back and passed close
to the heart. The other severed the
spine at the base of her head, and
passed out her right cheek.Edwards leaped toward Hogan,
but was stopped by a bullet that
entered his side, tore through the
liver and left a gaping hole in his
back. He turned and went into
the house, seized a rifle, loaded it,
and returned to the yard.While Edwards was in the house,
Hogan ran into the woodshed and
sent a bullet into his own brain.
The shot entered at the back of
his left ear and came out over the
right temple.Mrs. Edwards, hearing the shots,
ran from the house. Neighbors
telephoned for help.Hogan's Threat Remembered
The shooting was premeditated,
according to the belief expressed
by County Coroner W. W. Bran-
stetter.

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STAMPEDE OPENS
AT HAINES, ORE.;
RACES FEATUREDThe annual Haines, Ore., stam-
pepe opened today at the race
track south of the town and, from
morning indications, a large crowd
fills the stands this afternoon.Racing is the chief attraction,
including several feature runs.
Today's program follows: boys'
pony race, one-quarter mile; uti-
lity race, quarter mile under mid-
dle, quarter mile to cart; saddle
horse race, half mile; girls' sad-
dle horse race, quarter mile; spot
race, for cow horses; quarter mile
free-for-all; relay race, one mile,
each horse run a quarter.In addition to the racing buck-
ing contests and calf roping com-
pletes the program with a dance
to round off the day.Saturday's races include a walk-
test and run affair, a cow horse
race, a cowboy race, girls' pony
race, grassed pig contest, relay
race, free-for-all, and finals in the
bucking contest.Pendleton "40-8" Bunch
To Support La GrandePENDLETON, Ore., July 2.—
The 40 and 8 society of Pendleton
went on record at its regular meet-
ing this week to support La
Grande in its efforts to secure the
1927 American Legion convention.
La Grande will make a strong
bid for next year's convention, at
the sessions which will be held at
Murfreesboro August 5, 6 and 7.

Washington Wins Crews Race

Here is the first picture of the great Foughkeape regatta, on the Hudson, where eight
college crews battled in one of the most exciting boat races in the history of rowing. The Wash-
ington university crew, which won by a scant half length, is shown crossing the finish line at the
right, with the naval academy crew at the left. Due to the angle at which the picture was taken,
the distance between the shells at the finish appears greater.HALL EXPLAINS
HIS STATEMENTPresident-Elect of Uni-
versity Misquoted—
Regents in Oregon Are
Feeling Better.CHICAGO, July 2. (AP)—Dr. Ar-
nold B. Hall, of the political sci-
ence department of the University
of Chicago, and president-elect of
the University of Oregon, has de-
clared that his remarks relative
to prohibition at the common-
wealth conference at Iowa City,
Iowa on June 22 had been mis-
interpreted. He was reported as at-
tacking the 18th amendment as a
national scandal, but explained in
a statement he had referred to
failure to enforce prohibition as a
scandal.He questioned the wisdom of the
prohibition amendment on the
grounds that prohibition could be
achieved better through state and
local option rather than through
national legislation. His Iowa City
remarks, he said, were in part as
follows:Remarks Quoted
"The problem of areas of legisla-
tion as applied to the United
States is the problem of determin-
ing whether a given legislative
policy can be best administered by
the local community, the state, or
the nation. If it is a matter of
the regulation of personal habits
deeply entrenched and therefore
difficult to enforce and where dif-
ferent states may think differ-
ently about this wisdom, it would
seem to be wiser to leave that re-
gulation to the states of the com-
munity rather than to the nation.
For the reasons I have stated,
the wisdom of the 18th amend-
ment is in doubt."I have always tried my method
of accomplishing things by local
option first, and then by state
prohibition. I believe in the
achievement of a state wide
prohibition.I think by this method we
might have had a dry country
dry today, save for five states,
and that they would ultimately
have followed the movement
of the whole. The only reason I re-
sist is whether we have followed
the most scientific and enlightened
method."PORTLAND, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
Regents of the University of
Oregon have expressed their
pleasure with the Chicago
speech of Dr. At-
noid B. Hall.

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Forest Fires
Klamath ControlledKLAMATH FALLS, July 2. (AP)—
Forest fires, which have been
burning since Monday, are now
under control and fire fighters
have nearly all been relieved of
duty.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURG (AL) 2 7 0
St. Louis 2 7 0
Pittsburgh 2 7 0
Batteries—Alexander and O'Far-
rell; Kremer and Smith.
BOSTON (AP) 2 3 0
Philadelphia 2 3 0
Boston 4 11 1
Batteries—Mitchell and Hannan;
Benton and J. Taylor.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
F. Trubee Davidson, of New York,
was nominated by President Coolidge
today to be assistant secretary
of war in charge of aviation.NANCY, France, July 2. (AP)—
Dr. Emile Coues, the famous ad-
vocate of auto-suggestion in the
treatment of illness, died today.PORTLAND, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
At the request of the Northwest
Outdoor conference held last week
in Spokane, E. F. Averill, state
game warden, is drafting a stream
pollution bill to be presented in
legislature of northwestern states.
He also plans to try to add more
teeth to the Oregon anti-stream
pollution bill.SALEM, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
By scaling the prison wall there-
before 1 o'clock today Alvin
Karpis, one of the worst men in the
country, escaped from the Oregon
penitentiary made their escape. They
were: Richard Moore, Multnomah
county; Walker Fisher, Jefferson
county; Richard Franzen and Elliott
Mittchen, Multnomah. All were
doing time for the crime of se-
dition while armed with a dangerous
weapon. A convict, whose name is
not yet known by the officials, es-
caped from the penitentiary shortly
after noon today by scaling the
wall.SACRAMENTO, July 2. (AP)—
Four men were cremated in a
catastrophic fire which destroyed
a story bank house on the E-
ranch two miles south of
land today.WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
The cooperative marketing bill
setting up a division in
the department of agriculture to
active farm organization
today by President.OFFICERS MEET
RESISTANCE IN
ARRESTING WETSEUGENE, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
Plata flew, a jug of alleged moon-
shine was spilled on the ground
floor of a dugout, and a lantern
casting a flickering yellow light
overhead, when Lane deputies
found their way into a subterranean
distillery near Cloverdale last
night.The officers fought their way
into the dugout, under a chicken
house. Edward Kirkpatrick is
said by the officers to have at-
tempted to destroy alleged evi-
dence. In the dugout was a 30-
gallon distillery set up and ready
for operation, the officers said.After the one Kirkpatrick was
subdued, two brothers drove up
and they were also taken. In
their car was a sack of sugar, a
sack of corn, and some alleged
liquor and some groceries.

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Senator Nye's Lead
Is Steadily GrowingFAIRBO, N. D., July 2. (AP)—
Senator Gerald P. Nye, non-parti-
san incumbent, continued to pile
up a substantial lead over L. B.
Hanna, independent, for the re-
publican senatorial nomination
early today as returns from Nye's
rural strongholds were tabulated.
Returns from 1,251 out of 2,567
precincts gave Nye 25,822, Hanna
14,925 in the regular term race.In the short term contest, to fill
the vacancy caused by the death
of Senator Ladd, Nye also led.
The vote was Nye 32,763; Hanna 25,
275.PETITIONS IN
FOR 4 BILLSSix Proposed Initiative
Measures Fail to Make
Grade—Another One in
Doubt.SALEM, Ore., July 2. (AP)—
Four out of 10 initiative measures
attempted for various organi-
zations in Oregon will go on the bal-
lot in November, only that number
having sufficient signatures on their
petitions to be filed with the sec-
retary of state yesterday. The fifth
day allowed by law for the filing
of the petitions.The four successful measures are
the public service league's income
tax bill, grange income tax bill,
Bum and truck license bill and a
measure to regulate fishing in the
Columbia river, initiated by the
state grange, the state federation
of labor and the state fish com-
mission.There is a shadow of doubt about
the hydro-electric bill of the Pub-
lic Service League. The peti-
tions were filed but a check by
the secretary of state indicated the
signatures were short about
100.The measures failing to get the
necessary signatures were: Auto-
mobile certificate of title repeal,
old age pension bill, grange hydro-
electric bill, anti-capital punish-
ment, and the Enquist fish bill.
The state department announ-
ced today that another check will
be made.

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Fair, Summer Weather
Forecast for HolidayWASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
The weather bureau forecast typi-
cal summer weather "for week-
end holiday makers, who plan on
observing Independence Day this
year both by the calendar, Sun-
day, July 4, and on Monday, on
which America's national day ce-
lebrations will actually be held."The bureau says that "no gen-
eral storms are in prospect for
these days," although local thun-
derstorms are forecast in scat-
tered territories for Monday af-
ternoon.All things considered, the bu-
reau thinks that over the country
the holiday weather outlook is
"generally fair."

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Senate Passes Bill To Turn
Back \$4,907,000 To 18 CountiesWASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
The senate last night passed the
Stanfield-Sinnot bill authorizing
by the government to the state of
Oregon of an amount equal to the
taxes that would have accrued on
Oregon-California grant lands
since 1916 when the land reverted
to the government, thereby be-
coming non-taxable.The bill which has already passed
the house provides that all
money received by the state be
pre-allocated among the school road
districts.The government paid the Ore-
gon-California railroad and its
successor and assignee, the South-
ern Pacific, for the land when it
reverted to the government in
1916 under the terms of the
Chamberlain-Forbes act. The bill
passed provides that the state of
Oregon be reimbursed for an
amount equal to taxes that would
have accrued on the land between
1916 and 1926 had it remained un-SOLONS TO
PACK GRIPS
ON JULY 3Legislative Throttle Is
Opened Wide Today to
Dispose of BillsDEFICIENCY BILL
QUICKLY PASSEDSlate Clearing as Con-
gress Plans for Ad-
journment Since Dis at
8 P. M. Tomorrow.WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
Congress opened the legislative
throttle wide today and prepared
to head for home.While leaders arranged the for-
malities of ordering a final ad-
journment late tomorrow legisla-
tion was whizzed along a clear
track, and bills that have been
months in the making were passed
with hardly a word of debate.The deficiency appropriation bill,
the last major project of the ses-
sion was put through a conference
committee and then finally accept-
ed by both senate and house with-
in the space of an hour and a half
after the day's session began at
noon.Then the house adopted 193 to 35
a resolution for adjournment since
die at 8 p. m. tomorrow and met
it to the senate, where plans al-
ready had been made for quick
concurrence.Nadle Bill Passed.
Meanwhile the senate also had
passed the Dill radio bill setting up
machinery for government control
over radio, and a House measure
sponsored by southern democrats
with a view to preventing the sale
of federal patents.The senate also passed a bill
authorizing the state to sue for
damages in the case of a fire
caused by a defective fire alarm
system.WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
Unsettled plans have changed.
President Coolidge will leave for
his summer home in the Adirond-
acks next Wednesday, arriving
at White Pine camp Sunday
forenoon.WASHINGTON, July 2. (AP)—
Any senator spending more
than \$10,000 in either a primary
or general election would be sub-
ject to disbarment proceedings be-
cause of a senate resolution ap-
proved today by the senate rules
committee.The resolution was offered by
Senator Nease, Democrat, West
Virginia, and was amended by the
committee so as to extend conde-
mnation of large expenditures made
by senatorial candidates.13 JUDGES WILL
DECIDE ON WHEN
TO TRY GAINESSEATTLE, July 2. (AP)—Wal-
lace C. Gaines pleaded not guilty
when arraigned by Superior Judge
Jones here today on a charge of
murdering his daughter Sylvia.SEATTLE, July 2. (AP)—Judge
of the King county superior court
announced today they would meet
to consider whether to summon a
special jury panel to expedite trial
of Wallace C. Gaines as the
slayer of his daughter Sylvia. The
judge's number thirteen.Robert S. MacFarlane, Gaines'
attorney, said a plea of not guilty
would be entered. Ewing D. Col-
vin, county prosecutor, announced
last night that he would not op-
pose a request of MacFarlane for
an early trial.

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