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## HONOR OLD BOYS AS NEVER BEFORE, IS PLAN

G. A. R. Veterans Declare That None Will Be Left When Three Years Have Passed.

The program for Memorial day has been completed. The parade will form at 9 o'clock on Main street east of the railway tracks and the march will start at 9:30. The order of formation will be as follows: Band, G. A. R. veterans, W. R. C., Co. D, fraternal organizations, school children and automobiles. After traversing Main street to the armory, the school children will fall out and be taken to the cemetery in automobiles. Those willing to furnish cars are requested to notify J. T. Smith or George A. Proctor at once. H. K. Metcalf will be the marshal and have charge of the parade.

At the cemetery the assemblage will sing "America" and prayer will be offered. Then will follow the G. A. R. and W. R. C. ritual exercises.

Exercises appropriate to the day will be held at 1 p. m. in the Methodist church. There will be readings by Robert Harrington, Millicent and Jerine Burrows and George McRaymonds.

The address will be by Elbert Bede. Following these exercises the members of the W. R. C. will hold their exercises in memory of the sailor dead at the Main street bridge a few steps from the church.

The meeting of the G. A. R. post Saturday, at which arrangements for Memorial day exercises were discussed, was very touching. A number of the old heroes declared that two more Memorial days will be the most they could hope to assist in observing. Those given charge of the exercises were touched by the remarks of the "old boys" and they appeal to the citizens of the city to make this observation of Memorial day the best attended of any ever held here.

The Memorial day sermon will be preached at the forenoon service at the Presbyterian church Sunday, May 28, by Rev. J. E. Carlson, of the Christian church.

The house of representatives at Washington, D. C., on Friday passed the service pay bill of the national guard, according to a telegram received by Colonel John M. Williams from Congressman Willis C. Hawley, who said in his message that he had worked for the bill and voted for it.

This bill, if passed by the senate, according to Colonel Williams, will mean an increase in the pay of national guardsmen of about 40 per cent for those who have been in the service a certain length of time. They are now receiving one-fourth of the regular army pay and the increase will mean the distribution in Lane county of several thousand dollars annually in addition to the amount already being disbursed to local guardsmen.

**HIGHER PAY IN SIGHT FOR NATIONAL GUARD**

Win. Kelly in Runaway.

Wm. Kelly came near meeting serious injuries in a runaway Saturday forenoon at his home in the eastern part of the city. The horses were hitched to a wagon and became frightened when the wagon passed over an old wagon wheel. Mr. Kelly, who was driving, was thrown from his feet and fell into the fore part of the wagon. The horses stopped after a short spurt when they ran into a fence, the tongue of the wagon snapping off. Mr. Kelly, who is 72 years of age, was bruised but not seriously injured. This is the second runaway he has been in with the same team within a short time.

**Commencement Dates.**

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Methodist church Sunday night, May 21, by Rev. A. E. Spearow, of the Presbyterian church. The class night program will be given in the high school auditorium Wednesday night, May 24, and the commencement program will be given Friday evening, June 2, at 8:30 in the chautauqua tent. The commencement address will be given by Rev. E. V. Stivers, of Eugene.

**J. W. Veatch Saves His Car.**

J. W. Veatch frustrated the efforts of two thieves a few nights ago to get away with his car. They had already taken it from the garage, located some distance from the Veatch home, having broken in the door, and were about to make their getaway when Mr. Veatch, who had been awakened by the noise made by the thieves.

**Weather for April.**

The record kept by Miss Nellie Stewart, cooperative weather observer, shows the weather for April to have been as follows: Mean maximum, 58.5, mean minimum 38, mean 48.25, maximum 71 on the 9th, minimum 27 on the 7th, precipitation 3.45 inches, snowfall .25 of an inch. There were 10 clear days, 11 partly cloudy and 9 cloudy.

**Small Fire at Foundry.**

A small fire at the foundry at about 8 o'clock Friday night was extinguished before any great damage resulted. The fire is presumed to have started from hot ashes pulled from the brass furnace. The woodwork inside the building was badly scorched at the point where the fire started.

**C. of C. Helps Rest Room.**

The chamber of commerce has contributed \$50 to the support of the rest room, at the same time heartily endorsing the work being conducted by the Mothers' club.

## SMART BIDDY KNOWS THE ALPHABET AND EGGSACT MIDDLE OF THE ALPHABET

Blue Mountain, May 16.—Joe Perkins Jr. has a hen who is demonstrating her college education. A few days ago she laid an egg with the letter "M" engraved on one side and the letter "N" on the other side. Quite evidently she knew the order of the letters in the alphabet. Mr. Perkins does not know eggactly but he thinks the hen started in the eggset middle of the alphabet so as to demonstrate her proficiency by working both ways in future exhibitions of her erudition. Of course it is possible that bobby merely wished to leave her mark.

## VALLEY CITIES COMPLETE LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

Six Teams Are Members and Schedule of Games for the Season Has Been Completed.

Organization of the Upper Willamette Valley Baseball league was perfected at a meeting held in Eugene Saturday, representatives of Eugene, Cottage Grove, Yoncalla, Roseburg, Goshen and Harrisburg were present. The new six-team league will get under way with the first games of the season May 21 and according to the schedule now being drafted each team will play three games with each of the other cities in the league during the season. Games will be scheduled for Sundays only, leaving the holiday dates open for the teams to arrange contests with outside teams.

The games for the opening day, Sunday, May 21, will be Yoncalla at Eugene, Goshen at Roseburg, and Harrisburg at Cottage Grove. Each team has posted a cash bond with the newly elected board of directors to guarantee the completion of the season's schedule and ample financial backing has been obtained in each of the cities to assure the success of the new league, according to the announcement of the promoters. The team representatives present at the meeting also went on record for clean baseball and the observance of all the rules and regulations that govern a well-organized professional league.

George J. Wilhelm, of Harrisburg, was elected president of the new organization with the following board of directors, representing each city entered: H. H. Weiss, Eugene; R. C. Roney, Goshen; V. M. Peterson, Roseburg; A. L. Lasswell, Yoncalla; George M. Scott, Cottage Grove; E. G. Huston, Harrisburg. An umpire from each of the six cities will be appointed before the opening of the season, the board announced.

A general admission of 35 cents has been agreed upon for all the cities of the league and boys under 12 will be admitted free, as the promoters believe that the youngsters should have the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of the contests as the guests of the management.

Much enthusiasm has been manifested over the prospect of a season of professional league baseball in the upper valley. All the teams have been organized and have played several games with outside teams and are in condition to get away to a flying start at the opening.

**DORENA.**

(Special to The Sentinel.)

May 16.—Mrs. G. E. Pitcher returned to her home in the Grove Thursday, after visiting at the J. H. Kirk home. Her sister, Mrs. J. H. Kirk, accompanying her home for a few days visit.

Miss Bennetta Teeters, of Eugene, came up Saturday and spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teeters.

Mrs. S. O. VanSchoiack and Sarah Riley motored to Ashland Saturday to visit at the home of Mrs. Van Schoiack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCugle. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lee Thomason and children motored to Eugene Saturday afternoon. J. H. Kirk spent Friday night at the G. B. Pitcher home in the Grove.

A number motored up from Eugene Sunday evening to the Chas. Teeters' home.

Earl VanValin, of Upton, spent the week end at home.

Thelma Thomason, Arna VanSchoiack, Raymond Wicks and Fletcher Harlow were among those who attended the show in the Grove Saturday evening.

C. M. McLain and son Charlie motored to Eugene Monday to consult a doctor.

Mrs. J. E. Holstrom and children, of Marcola, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirk.

Walter W. Watson, of Eugene, spent Monday night and Tuesday at the C. A. VanSchoiack home. Mrs. Watson accompanying him home for a few days' visit with friends and relatives.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Redford Friday evening was well attended and much enjoyed.

L. G. VanSchoiack, of Anlauf, is spending several days at the home of his parents.

Bobbie Wagner has been quite sick several days but is now improving. A number from here attended the motorcycle hill climb in the Grove Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Lingo, of Arlington, came Saturday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Isaac Land and brother, Roy Garoutte, and other relatives.

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The Sentinel is issued one day early this week in order to carry political advertising, which should not be circulated on election day.

## THREE BIG SPORT EVENTS HELD SUNDAY

Salem Man Wins Hill Climb, Corvallis Takes Ball Game and Shoot Goes to McMinnville.

Cottage Grove was the center of sporting activities for this part of the state Sunday.

The event which attracted the largest crowd was the motorcycle hill climbing contest. More than 300 machines were here from all parts of western Oregon and 25 participated in the contest. Probably 1500 people witnessed the event. A 300-foot course on the side of Mount David with a pitch of 75 to 80 per cent had been selected and the machines with their tractor shoes put it in shape for agricultural use. Howard, of Salem, on a Harley-Davidson, one of the first to make the try, covered 161 feet of the distance and no others were able to touch the distance, the next nearest being 140 feet. Many of the machines fell with their riders but none was seriously injured. A picnic dinner was held.

Another large crowd was attracted by the ball game with Corvallis. The local champs were not up to their usual form and took the short end of the 12 to 8 score. Medley was in the box for six innings, being replaced by Cellers, whose reliable wing helped to hold down the visitors, but he also was out of condition, having a torn ligament. King was at the receiving end as usual.

Earned runs were few. The locals were credited with 5 hits and charged with 7 errors. The visitors were credited with 11 hits and charged with 6 errors.

The battery for Corvallis was Spence, Anderson and Armstrong, Rankin.

The third event was a shoot with members of the McMinnville rod and gun club, the locals being defeated by the visiting scatter gun artists with a score of 419 out of a possible 500, while the locals knocked down only 359 birds. The score by individuals was as follows:

McMinnville—A. Cellers, 49; B. Martin, 39; G. DeWaren, 44; H. Cockerlin, 44; G. Christensen, 44; H. Hobbs, 47; R. Thompson, 43; D. McCann, 34; E. Martin, 38; A. Jacobson, 37—a total of 419.

Cottage Grove—Vench, 45; Helliwell, 45; Lasswell, 36; N. J. Nelson, 45; P. E. Nelson, 42; Titus, 30; Glass, 39; Pitcher, 36; Bartell, 25; Enderly, 46—a total of 389.

**MOUNT VIEW.**

(Special to The Sentinel.)

May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arne and children and Leon Arne were Sunday guests of Mrs. Arne's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Shields, at Dorena.

Mrs. Roy Spangh, of Bremerton, Wash., Mrs. George Ganger and Mr. George Sherman, of Pendleton, arrived last week and are at the home of Mrs. Amanda Sears.

The Mount View school will close with a program Thursday night and a picnic Friday on the river bank.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson and Mrs. Frank Wilson, of Springfield, visited Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Mosby, of Blue Mountain, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Heath.

Mrs. Hillman, of Eugene, has been staying with Mrs. Amanda Sears during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frost and Harry Frost, of Blue Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Long, of Cottage Grove, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Heath.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Vaughn and Mr. and Mrs. Oppel attended a dance in the Grove Saturday night.

W. D. Heath and sons William and Addison, Fred Frost, Harry Frost, L. R. Long and Horatio Mosby attended the baseball game in Cottage Grove Sunday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Sears, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived Sunday and will make an indefinite visit with Dr. Sears' mother and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaton, of Wildwood, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downes.

Miss Mary Layng visited Monday night with Misses Ruth and Hattie Lebow in the Grove.

Clarence Sears has been ill during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesten Downes, of Row River, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downes.

Mrs. Ann Sears, of Creswell, Mrs. Kate Sears and Mrs. Alma Sears, of Cottage Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sears, of Walker, were at Mrs. Amanda Sears one day last week.

Miss Pearl Layng spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downes.

Miss Evalina Hoffman, of Eugene, visited Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Amanda Sears.

**High School Play Tonight.**

The play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," will be presented at the high school auditorium tonight by the Euxian or Amicitia club under the direction of Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway.

Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. A. E. Burrows and daughters Millicent and Jerine, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harlow, Miss Netta Hazleton and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barney were among visitors in Eugene from here Saturday.

## BARNARD SAYS STATEMENT BY RONEY INCORRECT

Finds That State Taxes for 1921 Were More Than Twice the Amount for Preceding Year.

County Judge C. P. Barnard takes exception to the statement made in the paid advertisement of L. N. Roney, candidate for county commissioner, that the county's state taxes in 1920 and 1921 were practically the same. In a statement issued Monday Judge Barnard said:

"It has been called to my attention that one of the candidates for county commissioner makes the statement in a paid advertisement that Lane county's share of the state taxes were practically the same in 1921 as in 1920. I presume this was an oversight, as the facts are that the state taxes from Lane county in 1920 were \$176,096 and in 1921 were \$374,645. This is a difference of \$198,549, or \$224,553 more than twice as much—an increase of over 54 1/2 mills—and is a matter over which the county court has no control.

It is the intention of the county court to let all road and bridge work by contract when reasonable bids can be had but a small job is not attractive to a contractor as the overhead (moving to and from the job) is very heavy, whereas our outfit is always within reach and does not lose much time in moving.

"Some people seem to have the idea that the county's business is loosely handled but this is not a fact. The county expenses are kept just as accurately as contractors or corporations keep their accounts. The cost of every job done is kept separately and every part of the job and the names of the parties doing the work or furnishing the materials can be had by inquiry at the clerk's office and also the amount paid each one. No warrant is issued except to the one actually doing the work or furnishing the material."

**HAND AND RAY ON FOR SATURDAY NIGHT**

Two Past Wrestlers to Contest for Opportunity to Meet Champion of the World.

Ralph Hand, of this city, and Tom Ray, of Oxnard, are staging a wrestling match for Saturday night, the winner of the event to meet Walter Miller for the middleweight wrestling championship of the world, the date and place yet to be fixed. The event is to be held in the armory.

Hand and Ray met recently at Gold Hill, Hand winning the event after a grueling match of holds which it seemed it would be impossible for him to break. The Gold Hill newspaper described the event as an exhibition of the keenest wrestling ever seen in southern Oregon. Hand was rapidly becoming tired and Ray seemed certain of a decision, when Hand slipped from what seemed a dandy hold, got a double toe hold on Ray and pinned him to the mat.

Ray is a protégé of Farmer Burns and described by his friends as the man of a thousand holds. He rushes his man from the start and there is no rest until the match is over. Wrestling fans here are looking forward to the best match ever staged here.

Police Gazette rules are to govern and there will be two preliminaries. The preliminaries will be at 8:30 and the main event at 9:30.

**LONDON.**

(Special to The Sentinel.)

May 16.—Henry Combs returned Monday from Corvallis.

Mrs. Emma Barnes and two daughters motored up from Albany Friday and visited her mother, Mrs. Foreman. Reese & Brumfield, of Cottage Grove, are papering the hotel this week.

Cecil Roberts finished an eight months' term of school Friday and returned to his home at Murphy Monday.

Jessie Pruet, Dorothy Abene, Joy Fredericks and Erwin Small took eighth grade examinations.

Levi Geer returned Friday from his fruit farm at Wilber.

Will Townsends are moving into the J. N. Hogue house this week.

J. E. Bazton is suffering with a carbuncle on his nose.

George Sutherland lost quite a valuable dog in the woods while chasing coyotes a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Pruet and daughter Jessie motored to the Grove Saturday evening.

Thomas Ore made a business trip to Eugene last week.

Farmers are busy finishing spring grain and planting gardens these nice days.

**Six Deaths; Nine Births.**

According to the report of Health Officer Job there were 6 deaths and 9 births for the month of April. Of the deaths, 4 were males and 2 females. Of the births, 5 were males and 4 females.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coffin motored up from Roseburg Sunday and visited at the home of Mrs. Coffin's sister, Mrs. J. A. Elledge. Miss Eva Brooks, niece of Mrs. Coffin, accompanied them home Sunday night.

## MOTOR TRIP TO PORTLAND RESULTS IN 13 PUNCTURES AND RELAY RETURN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bede and daughter Beth, Mrs. H. W. Titus and daughter Marjorie Ellen and Miss Elise Price returned Sunday night from a trip to Portland. Those are the main facts and the minor details are almost too painful for telling. They are connected with 13 punctures in tires on the right rear wheel. Eight miles into Corvallis on the return trip was made on the rim and the car had to be left there for repairs to the wheel, no mechanics being on the job at the time of night the arrival at Corvallis was completed. G. L. Hurd, of Corvallis, was prevailed upon to take the party as far as Monroe, where they were met by Dr. Titus, who answered an S. O. S. call by meeting the ill-fated party there.

## LEGALITY OF STATE CLAIM IS IN DOUBT

Lane County Roads Wait Until Commission Gets Money Which It Says Is Due.

The question of the legality of a bill of approximately \$60,000 which the state highway commission claims is due it from Lane county for grading a portion of Pacific highway through this county has been left to J. M. Devers, counsel for the commission, and Clyde N. Johnston, district attorney of Lane county.

The indebtedness was contracted in 1919 and 1920 by a former county court when the highway commission began to pave Pacific highway through Lane county. It was the understanding that the county was to pay for the grading and the state for the surfacing. At that time the county had no money for the purpose and the county court made an agreement with the commission that it would pay the sum at a later date.

No provision has ever been made to meet this indebtedness and now the state highway commission is demanding the money. Word has been sent to the county court that it will proceed no further on any of the cooperative road contracts here until a settlement is made. Attorney Devers came up from Salem and held a conference with the court but no agreement was reached. As there appears to be doubt as to the legality of the bill it was agreed to leave this question to Mr. Devers and District Attorney Johnston.

Not only will the surfacing of the Goldson-Blaichly portion of the state highway from Eugene to Florence and certain work on the McKenzie highway be held up by the state commission because of Lane county's inability to pay the much discussed \$60,000 Pacific highway grading bill, but the bigger project of building the Rainrock-Blaichly section of the Florence highway will be postponed, according to word received Monday from the state commission.

Clyde N. Johnston, district attorney, has stated that the bill is illegal and that he will give a written opinion upon the subject in a few days. Both Judge Barnard and Commissioner Harlow say that in the main the bill is legally and morally all right and should be paid, but Commissioner Sharp declares that the county should not pay more than half of the amount.

A contract or agreement between the state commission and the county, covering the payment of the \$60,000, was sent to the court Monday, but the district attorney advised the court not to sign it.

"This is a serious matter and should be settled as soon as possible," said Judge Barnard Monday. "The contractors on several of the jobs are ready and willing to start in at once and some of them are asking that their bids be immediately accepted or rejected so that they may know what to do with their equipment and crews."

Judge Barnard said he was very much in favor of settling the controversy at once. He said that the difference between the figures and those of the county on the bill was only a matter of a few thousand dollars and that he thought there could be found some means of paying it.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN.**

(Special to The Sentinel.)

May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Moody have moved to Cottage Grove, where Mr. Moody has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leston Downes, newly-weds, visited at the George Downes home last week.

Gladys Whippis spent the week end at the home of Doris Brauer in Eugene.

A large number attended the gathering at the cemetery Saturday. It will take another day to finish the work and the date has been set for Decoration day.

Mrs. Thelma Miller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams were Grove visitors Saturday.

Rev. Her, of the Baptist church in Cottage Grove, will hold services here at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rissne visited at the Floyd Jones home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen visited at the Rich Martin home Sunday.

**Camp Entrance Gravelled.**

The chamber of commerce has had a number of loads of gravel placed on the stub of Washington avenue leading into the auto camp. The camp grounds have been cleaned up during the past week and a number of improvements are about to be made by the chamber of commerce.

## THREAT OF INJUNCTION IS CAUSE OF FEELING

Holding Up of Building of Bridge Can Not Affect Route for Pacific Highway.

Considerable feeling has been caused by the threat made during the past week that injunction proceedings will be started if an attempt is made to spend any of the market roads funds upon the bridge to be erected over the Coast fork just north of this city. Members of the chamber of commerce and other road boosters are surprised by the statement that such proceedings are to be started in Cottage Grove, which is to get so much benefit from the proposed improvement and when the building of this bridge would complete the route through the city for which residents of the city have worked for so many years.

This also is one of the last links in completing Pacific highway for the entire length of the state.

There is considerable speculation as to who may be behind such a move.

Injunction proceedings against the expending of market road money on this work can only delay a job that will be completed this year if the citizens of Cottage Grove are a unit in wishing the improvement. The injunction proceedings can in no way change the location of the highway through the city. The state highway commission has definitely settled upon this route as the best, the most direct, the safest and the most economical. In reply to a letter from the chamber of commerce asking as to comparative costs of building by this new route or by the present route, the commission answered that no other route would be considered and pointed out that two bad curves are eliminated, that a bridge can be built in a straight line and that even were the old route used the present bridge at Ninth street would have to be discarded, as it is not wide enough to handle the state traffic.

Judge Barnard has explained that the court's reason for allotting a portion of the market road fund to the highway is that there is no bond money available, the general fund is all allotted elsewhere and the court deems it a wise expenditure of funds inasmuch as the state proposes to expend seven or eight dollars to the county's one on the projects to which the county money is allotted.

**DATE OF PICNIC FOR MERCHANTS CHANGED**

The date of the Lane county butchers', grocers' and merchants' picnic, to be held here, has been changed from July 4 to August 3. Those in charge of arrangements decided that it would be better not to interfere with celebrations of the national holiday and it is thought Cottage Grove will stage its customary Fourth of July observation.

While plans are not complete for the big picnic, a feature will be a barbecue, for which eight or more cattle will be provided to care for the some 5,000 to 10,000 people expected. An elaborate sporting program is being arranged and many valuable prizes will be offered.

Brother of George Wilson Dies.

George Wilson and Mrs. Charles Shelburne returned Tuesday from Portland, where they were called by the death of A. B. Wilson, brother of Mr. Wilson and father of Mrs. Shelburne. Mr. Wilson, who lived at Oswego, Kans., visited here two weeks ago in company with his daughter Helen. They had left their trunks at the home of R. B. Wilson in Portland and had made a trip by boat from there to Seattle. On their return to Portland, they stopped over night in Tacoma. The daughter, who had an adjoining room, heard her father about his room the next morning and a short time afterwards he was found dead from heart trouble. The body was brought to Portland and from there shipped to the family home in Kansas. He was aged 72 years.

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**W. B. COOPER HAS PRETTY PICTURES TAKEN OF HIS RANCH NORTH OF CITY**

W. B. Cooper has just had made pictures of his Elk Horn ranch. Three views were taken, showing the unique entrance to his place, the fruit trees in bloom and the pretty landscape setting. One of the pictures, taken from the east, is an especially artistic piece of landscape photography. Mr. Cooper is rightfully quite proud of the attractiveness of his farm home, located just outside the city limits to the north, upon which he has expended considerable to get the esthetic surroundings to suit him.

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—perhaps it is a wanted, offering real estate for sale, or a position, or an investment opportunity.

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