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HAD NEVER HEARD OF DR. HOLMES. A young man of literary tastes strolled into a temporary book store a few even-ings ago, where cheap books are sold for to sell his warss. He put up sets of the works of nearly all the modern writers Kipling and labored hard to make a saic, but without success. It was rather late, about 10 P. M., and the crowd in attendance did not appear to want books at any price. Finally, a Bible with flexible covers ful, and then peered about among a lot of second-hand books, and finally asked to have the title of the book repeated. He searched a while longer, but could not but I do not know what his name is. Thereupon the literary young man with-

MADE FIRST ORRIGON BULLIARD TABLEzen. He says the paragraph is probably years, but probably has become old lum-ber before this time.

of their own property, but the number who care to pay the expense of having such trees removed in front of another's

this ordinance was one of the prelimin from probably every state in the Union on the occasion of the Lewis and Clark

excellent cake, will be tendered to Hawkins, will giorify in exhibiting to on and all his late museo acquisitions. All Magamas are invited to be present and join in our conviviality and merrymak-

first-class musical programme has been arranged and all who attend are assured an instructive and enjoyable evening.

nber availed themselves of an oppor tunity to inspect the United States tran The big vessel was visited from courteous and obliging reception committee. Late in the afternoon a party from the Seamen's Institute visited the vessel and held a gospel service for the crew, and visitors.

and went to his home on Corbett street The police reported that nothing had been stolen from him at the time, and that he only remembered falling on the street.

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LARCENT FROM THE PERSON. Stella Ward was arrested yesterday by Police-Roberts, charged with stealing 505 from John Smith, on First street near Couch street. Smith and James Dickerson

BICYCLES HAD NO BELLS.-These three soys will have hearings today in the Municipal Court, charged with riding bibells were not attached; Earl McMichael, J. Sexton and Robert

TOR LINE STEAMERS, FROM CAK-STREET DOCK DAILY, AT 7

TRIBUTE TO KING ALFRED

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE PREACHED ON ENGLAND'S GREAT RULER.

His Stainless Career as a Warrior and Statesman Reviewed at Temple Beth Isrnel.

"King Alfred the Great" was the title of the Friday night sermon of Dr. Steplen S. Wise at the Temple Beth Israel. There was a large congregation present, in-cluding many members of the British societies and British Consul James Laidlaw, who were interested in the celebration of the King Alfred millenary. Dr. Wise spoke in part as follows:

groundwork of his character which led him to look upon 'his life as a trust to be used for the benefit of his people, to live for his people and for his people's good One serious fault might have marred and blemished his character. In his youth he was of strong and almost ungovernable passion, but he conquered himself and his lusts. The trial of his flesh became the triumph of his spirit. A very divinity among men!

"I have spoken this night of King Al-fred because he merits our tribute and wishes it; that is, he wished so to live that he might deserve it, for he has said; "This I can now most truly say, that I have desired to live worthly while lived, and after my death to leave to the men that should be after me a remembrance in good works."

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hose cart. Most of the wood has been donated by the representatives of

lumber mills in the section, and the hose tower at the rear adds a finish

to the main building. Underneath the engine a pit has been dug for

the heater, which is used to keep up steam for the engine. Electric light

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sleep, or until an alarm of fire rings, the building is dark, but at the

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ington is our Alfred, for Washington's, as ours was the inspiration of this memory

and model. In the Appellate Court build

ing at New York, a statue of heroic size

one hand, with book in the other.

portrays Alfred with uplifted sword in

that he was like Mahomet, terrorizing men with the sword unless they accepted

the book, the Bible of Islam. Alfred's sword was never unsheathed and never raised saye for purity and truth, for

honor and righteousness. His book symbols the light that he brought to his age, the light and leading which he is to

be to ages still unborn. It is the book of life, and in that glorious scroll of the

COMING NORTHWEST EVENTS

Thurston County Teachers' Institute, Olympia, October 28-November 1.

Crook County Teachers' Institute, Prine-ville, October 31-November 2.

Meeting of Lincoln County Farmers' Association, Toledo, November 1.

Teachers' institute, Kalama, Novem-

Farmers' institute. Chehalis, November

Pendleton Exchange Fair, Novem

La Grande Exchange Fair, November 6.

Baker City Exchange Fair, Novem-

Farmers' institute, Montesano, Wash.

Meeting of Sherman County teachers

Wasco, November 16.
Meeting of Harney and Malheur Coun-

ty woolgrowers, November 20. Oregon poultry fair, Oregon City, De-cember 30-January 4.

Convention of Western Oregon teach-

Washington poultry fair, Seattle, Janu-

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Eugene, January 1-4

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history are the common pos-

construction has largely been done by the firemen themselves.

The new fire-engine house of Company 6, on Nicolai street, near

There was a large congregation present at the First Unitarian Church yester

day morning to hear the Rev. George W. Stone, of San Francisco, Pacific Coast field secretary of the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Stone announced that the Rev. George Crosswell Cressy, D. D., had been assigned to temporary service at the church, and would begin his ministry next Sunday. Mr. Stone spoke on "The Crisis in Religion," and the sermon was suggested by the following sentence con-tained in a private letter written by an

> denominations: "We are going through a crisis, certain-ly, and I do not see how there can fall to be at least temporary damage in the loss of old-fashioned religion, which you and I know enough about to know that it was a wonderfully good thing, in spite of all the misjudgments it involved."

eminent theologian of one of the largest

REV. GEORGE W. STONE'S SERMON

AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH.

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Fill the Church Pulpit.

Mr. Stone said:
"In this quotation the presence of a crisis in religion is clearly recognized. A crisis in religion is a crisis in the lives and conduct of men. Why need we ago-nize over this crisis? Why do we not sing the songs of deliverance? There is no good reason; but there is an explana-tion for it. It is a lack of general faith is the Divine beneficence, in the Father-hood of God. The good ship Progress has carried us past the shoals and rocks. the sandbars and shallows, out into the fathomless and boundless sea of God's eternal goodness. Jesus prepared the chart for us 2000 years ago, and humanity has all these weary years been trying to

"I am sure that the great masses of ministers and people are as anxious as we can be to know what is the right thing to do. It is not a question of mo-tive, but of method. The issue is not which church is nearest right. The world needs all the churches. Spiritual educaion is the great object sought after. The education of mankind in the knowledge of spiritual laws, the successful adjustment of all human relations to the Divine will, this is the object, aim and end of all religion. To do this work success fully we need all the churches. Ther are two principles in the world of religion and theology upon which there may be unity, namely, 'the Fatherhood of God' and 'the brotherhood of man,' expressed in any phrase. These comprehend all the principles of theology and religion which are needed as a basis, not for theo-logical agreement, but for common work. I know of no religion which includes thes wo principles and reduces them to practice, that will not admit of co-operation

in public work by all who profess it. "There are two principles which will save religion from overthrow during this crisis; namely, freedom and honesty. One of the heaviest weights the churches are now carrying, and the one which is most interfering with their prosperity is that of opinions. That is, the insistence upon uniformity of opinions concerning theology. That is in reality an insistence upon an impossibility, and is, therefore, bound to fail. It has already falled. Therefore the basis of church membership should be shifted from belief to purpose."

Then followed a plea for honesty, with illustrations from the business world, the teacher, the physician, the lawyer. Concerning the minister, the preacher

"The preacher is under a sacred obliga tion to proclaim the whole truth, not to pick and choose such truth as he shall think his people ought to hear. He has no right to reject a truth because it was not taught him at the seminary, or because it is not set forth in the authorities upon theology published by the book concern bearing his denominational name. The channels of truth are not controlled by any finite trust. There is no denominational monopoly of truth. The only authority binding upon the preacher is the authority of his own conscience, enlightened by his own reason. faith, and faith is reason resting upon

God.' because I would have England and our country allied-for no ignoble end-for the In conclusion Mr. Stone said: "The chasm between the intelligent and purpose of emulating and perpetuating in the popular thought about theology will brotherly rivalry the virtues and the graces of this King. Who would not favor soon be bridged, when the preacher is set free to preach the whole truth as it is revealed to him, and the people are liband further such an alliance?
"I have spoken of King Alfred in the erated from creedal bonds, and left free pulpit of the synagogue, because it is owing to such tolerant and noble rulers as Alfred that Anglo-Saxondom has come appropriate all the truth they can ap-We want covenants, not creeds Go back to Pilgrim days. Let the bond to stand for the largest and fullest libof union be a common purpose, rather than an identity of opinions. Do not let us have one test for the ministers and refuge for many centuries in the English Isles, because in the Anglo-Saxon, lands, our own and Great Britain, the Jew enjoy the largest measure of personanother for the people. Let us have liberty enough to go around. We do not need to revolutionize the ecclesiastical "Alfred, seeker after God, his were the world; we only need to Christianize it King-becoming graces. He lived as though to him had come the counsel glor-We need only to 'let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works (not our accurate opinions), and

FAREWELL SERVICES.

Rev. W. O. Forbes Takes Leave of His Congregation.

glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Rev. W. O. Forbes preached his fare well sermon yesterday morning to the congregation of the Forbes Presbyterian Church, after acting as paster in all about 13 years. He spoke earnest words on the subject, "The Ideal Life." It is about 17 years since Mr. Forbes began his work the Albina Presbyterian Church. first pastorate extended over a period of 10 years, when he resigned to accept the place of synodical missionary of this state. At the time of his resignation, in order to show appreciation of his 10 years' service as pastor, the name of the charge was changed to the Forbes Presbyterian Church. After remaining in the missionary field for about three years, Mr. Forbes received a unanimous call to

ome its pastor again, and he entered on his work under happy auspices. Recently some opposition having devel-oped he resigned, but the congregation declined to accept the resignation by a large majority. Four members of the session then called for an investigation of the church, when Mr. Forbes placed his resignation in the hands of the presbyters in such a form that it left no other al-ternative but to accept. At the meeting of the presbytery Mr. Forbes held in his possession a written protest against his resignation, signed by 75 members, but he would not allow it to be read, although urged to do so. Generally the members of the presbytery had no knowledge of the document's existence until the resignation had been accepted. Nearly every minister voting for the resignation explained his

vote and expressed high appreciation of the work of Mr. Forbes. He leaves the church in good condition financially and otherwise. Debts have been paid and about 125 members have been received into the church during his last term as pastor. At the service yesterday morning there were many ex-pressions of regret that he was closing ils pastorate. Next Sunday Rev. J. V

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as much as can be gotten for them. He amused himself for about an hour looking over the books laid out for inspection, and watching the efforts of the auctioneer of fiction, from Marie Corelli to Rudyard was put up and, after much expenditure of patience and lung power, was knocked down to a decidedly irreligious-looking person for six bits. Then the literary young man approached the auctioneer and asked him if he had "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." He looked though? This was done, and it was stated that the book was by Oliver Wendell Holmes. find the book desired, and said he did not believe he had it. The literary young man then asked him if he had any of Dr. Holmes' books. His reply was, "All this pile of books was sent in by some doctor, they had departed without contributing

ew in disgust. A paragraph published a short time ago in regard to the first billiard table imported into Oregon caught the eyes of Peter Taylor, a well-known pioneer citicorrect, but that he made the first billiard table ever made in Oregon. It was built for Cooley Barrell. There being no slate bed for it, the bed was made of wood, in each section. This was in the Fall of 1854. Mr. Taylor was a patternmaker in an iron works at the time, but business being dull in the Fall he made the billiard table and also a bagatelle board for Mr. Barrell. The object of having the bed in three sections of 35 panels each was to prevent it from cracking, springing, or warping. The bed answered every pur-pose, and the table was in use for many

STILL APTER THE TREES.—The capitalist mentioned a few days ago as having gone to an expense of \$60 to have a dozen old oplar trees removed from in front of a t be bought in the northern part of the city, has since invested more money in a similar project. He has no trees in front of his house, which stands on the corner of a block. A short distance away were two large trees in front of another man's property, which obstructed his view down Fourth street. He besought the owner of these trees to have them cut down, but the request was not granted. Finally he obtained permission to remove them at his own expense, and paid \$11 to have it done. Be is well satisfied with his investment. Few care to remove shade trees in front

property is very much smaller. BAD SIDEWALK REMOVED.-The worst plece of wooden sidewalk in the city is no ionger to be seen on Front street, bitween Pine and Ash streets. Since mention was made of it a few days ago it his been replaced by a fine cement walk, which makes a continuous cement walk in the block, with the exception of 25 feet. This will probably soon be laid with cement. The ordinance passed by the Common Council a short time ago, requiring cement sidewalks within a certain district, including the business part of the city, has been the cause of many such walks being laid of late. The passage of aries looking to have the streets of the city put in decent condition before 1965, when the city will be visited by thousands

eighth annual reception of the Mazarmas will be held tomorrow evening at their rooms in the City Hall. All the Mazamas and those who went on last Summer's outing, are invited. The secretary has sent out the following announcement. "That most palatable and luxurious comestible 'ice cresm,' frigorific as a Mount Hood glacial, together with a relay of super-During the interregnum that diadem of courtesy and congeniality, Colonel L. L.

Don't miss the joint open meeting of the four camps of the Modern Woodmen of America, of this city, which takes place at the Exposition building on next Wednesday evening. Hon. W. A. North-cott and Major C. W. Hawes, head consul and head clerk of the order, will deliver instructive addresses on fraternal insur-ance and what it has done for the American people. Mayor Rowe, Hon, C. M. Idleman and other noted orators have accepted an invitation to participate. A

TRANSPORT'S VISITING DAY,-A large port Rosecrans yesterday, and during the afternoon there was a constant stream or stem to stern, and the officers constituted

RECOVERED FROM STUPOR.-Charles Lane, the tailor's cutter who was thought to have been drugged early yesterday morning when he was found on Alder street, near Fourth street, recovered from his stupor in the course of the morning

C. H. LANE, of the Lane Tailoring Company, 270 Stark street, was not the party referred to in Sunday's Oregonian, as be-ing drugged, but he will be at the old stand on Stark street, ready to show you all the intest novelties in Fall and Winter suitings, overcoatings and trouserings,

were detained as witnesses.

THE DALLES-PORTLAND ROUTE, REGULA-

the trusts are increasing the price of about everything people eat or wear or use, the sufferers are in self-defense taking to the style of living in flats, room ng-houses and boarding-houses, which is something in the nature of forming a trust in the matter of boarding and iodging. As some landladles begin to imagine, there is rather too much trust connected with the business. Living in flats often effects a considerable saving to persons who have to rent houses, but there are some disadvantages connected with this style of residence. For instance, A and style of residence. For instance, A and B, who live in the same tier of flats, found a few days ago that their supply of wood had run out. A told his wife to buy a load of wood from the first woodhauler who came along, and B told his wife he would send a man un with a load wife he would send a man un with a load wife he would send a man up with a load of wood. Presently B's load of wood ar-rived, and Mrs. A went out and shows the man where to put it in her wood-room, and, asking the price, paid for it. When B came home and found no dinner ready and no wood on hand, there was rouble. The telephone was burned out before the reason for there being no wood in the "house" was ascertained, and now there is a coolness between the As and Bs which no ordinary wood fire can dispel.

THE CRITIC AT CHURCH.—In a certain East Side church yesterday, a woman, accompanied by three small children, walked with emphasis into the building, during the delivery of the prayer after the first hymn had been sung. She was a worried looking mother and no soone. a worried-looking mother, and no sooner had she taken her seat in one of the pews than her troubles began. Her two little girls started to talk aloud and it took them some little time to understand what "hush" meant in church. Then the baby girl began to sing a solo, and when the minister started to preach his sermon and made a fervent appeal for better financial support, that baby cried in the most heart-breaking fashion all the way through. It at last dawned upon the congregation that the affair was getting to be a vocal contest between the minister and the baby. Although the minister has a powerful bass voice, the baby beat him and was walling in a shrill treble when the good pastor finished his discourse, Then the minister asked for a special collection, but before the collectors reached the mother with the troublesome babies,

one cent toward the expenses of that particular church. FUCHSIA SLIPS FOR WHOLE NORTHWEST -The mention made a short time ago of the magnificent fuchsia plant growing in the grounds of Robert Foulkes, 821 Front street, has caused him to receive visits from a large number of people, and communications without number from all parts of the Northwest, from persons asking for slips from the plant. The first persons to call after reading the notice were two gardeners from Minnesota, who were lost in admiration of the plant, having never seen anything like it in their lives. They took some slips home with them, but in Minnesota's "sultry cilme" these are never likely to attain the growth of Mr. Foulkes fuchsia "tree," which is over seven feet in height and measures considerably over "measures to the considerably over "measures". considerably over 20 feet in circumference, Mr. Foulkes has sent away so many slips from his plant to correspondents from all parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, that he is not likely to have so much trouble as usual in getting it through the door into his cellar this Fall. He has taken much pains to pack them

for mailing in cardboard cylinders, but has been obliged to draw the line on per-sons who forget to enclose stamps for paying postage, TO FACE FEDERAL OFFICIALS.-Lydia Knartson and Ike Louisignaut, who were arrested last week Friday by Detectives Ford and Cordano, and charged with being implicated in the larceny of missing bank checks, have been handed over to the United States officials. Ralph W. Hoyt, of the Merchants National Bank, recently drew two checks on the Keiso State Bank and mailed them, but the checks never reached their destination. Five days ago Lydia Knartson arrived here from Kelso, and then made the acquaintance of Louisgnaut, who lives in this city. It is charged that the couple presented Mr. Hoyt's missing checks to a teller of a Third-street bank, who in turn sent them to the Wells, Fargo & Co. Bank. Here the missing checks were recognized, and the police notified. The

BAD CROSSINGS AND THEIR EFFECT. Late Saturday evening, after it had been raining for several hours, a citizen and his wife were on their way home from spending the evening with some friends. In crossing a street they found a puddle of water where the last half of the cross-ing should have been. This was in front of a piece of property owned by the man, and his wife knew it. She at once began scolding and guying him because there was no crosswalk there. "My dear." said, "there is a good five-plank crossing there, but three of the planks are worn out, and the other two were never down." While his wife was trying to understand this, he led her through the mud and water to the sidewalk, and she

tory and her temper. At last accounts she had not recovered either. There are a number of crossings about town which appear to be in about the same condition as the one mentioned. Missing Man.-The police have been asked to find J. Lanquist, who roomed in the Hamilton block, and has been missing for three days. He is 37 years old weighs 170 pounds, is five feet 10 inches tall; has light hair, mixed with gray, and

got her feet wet and lost the thread of his

was expecting to receive money which did not arrive from Denver, Colo. BAILET GATZERT WINTER SCHEDULE, DALLES ROUTE-Leave Portland Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 7 A. M., foot Alder street. Leave The Dalles every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 A. M., stopping at way landings for both freight

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CLEOMENES CHALLENGE. Want to Meet All Portland in Associ-

ation Football Game. The game of association football played last Saturdy between the officers and crew of the British ship Cleomene, and the Portland Seamen's Institute, in which the sallors won by one goal, was so enjoyable an affair that the Cleomenes have decided to challenge any association foot-ball team that Portland can produce, Last week's institute team cannot play again intact, as Stewart has gone home Eastern Oregon. Certain changes are therefore necessary in its composition, and Rev. Mr. Cumming-Bruce, of the Seamen's Institute, or Alexander C. Rae, 224 Stark street, will be giad to com-224 Stark street, will be giad to com-municate with experienced association football players. Both Rue and Rev. Mr. Cumming-Bruce played excellently in the recent match. An association football team representing the City of Portland will probably be formed this week, and as nearly all the officers and crews of British ships visiting this port play association football, a series of match will be arranged. Several of the hardy satiors, especially Barnard, outplayed the civilians Saturday. An American Associ ation Football Union is organized in the Eastern States, and live, energetic clubs exist in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania One of the most famous clubs in this country is that of the Fall River Rovers,

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around the story of his life, but myth is however compelling; than any statue to the truth in the life of Alfred as the astral bodies, which, by but little, add to the brilliancy and splendor of the circling sun as it absorbs them. When all that is mythical is amply allowed for own noble William McKinley. Let us look and all that is legendary is subtracted there remains a shining, blazing sun-like body of facts and truths and achievements, borne out by historic record and of unmistakable authenticity, showing that we are speaking tonight of one whom Freeman calls the most perfect character. if we are to have the inspiration of a great example we must in turn be strength and support to him, ashamed to Freeman calls 'the most perfect character In history, . . . The most complete embodiment of all that is great, all that fault-find, because the President, looking deeper than a man's skin, invites the is lovable in the English temper.' leader of the negro race, and one of the most useful citizens in our land, to his of contemporaneous judgment, namely, home and table. We must glory in the courage and uprightness of our public

the passing of the centuries which dim the luster of many one-time radiant fames. Today the most critical and discerning historians are agreed that his land's Kings in this American pulpit, be-personal character comes as near to per-cause we of the United States are the fection as that of any recorded man.'

Never Lived a Worthier Man. "Voltaire thinks 'never lived a man worthier of respect.' Herder calls Alfred 'a bright star in the history of mankind." Both Herder and Mirabeau compare Al-fred with Charlemagne, and to Alfred award the palm. Truly, he outshines even Charles the Mighty and Louis the Saintly, and may be compared only to one other earthly King, the almost more than human, the God-like Marcus Aurelius. Coming to the rule of an impoverished and devastated country, he mediately found it necessary to begin a heroic war of defense of West Saxondom against the invading Danes and pirate Northmen, who were called 'the locusts of the Baltic.' He won back the sea as well as te land, and thus fathered England's long-time supremacy on the seas. After 12 years of warfare he fought and won the battle of Ethandune, and, best of all, won over his foes to the love and service of England. The story of these years of struggle is of shameful and unspeakable contempt, save for the stainless chivalry of Alfred, who was heroic and daring in battle, hopeful and undis-

mayed in defeat, generous and forgiving few years that now remained to his death in 901 at Winchester were not given over to bootless celebration of his victory, but to unwearying pursuit of the arts of peace, in which he excelled in the end, even as he was supreme in the art of war. After giving one-eighth of his income for the support of the poor, he de-voted another eighth of the royal revenue to the cause of education. He gave one-third of his time every day to study, al-though he was afflicted with a burdensome and painful disease all his life. Nothing in all his career is more memorable than his decree that all free-born youths apply themselves to the study of the English language. Verily, he was a thou-sand years before his age, and even before our age,' for he wished to educate the whole people; he desired to inaugurate the era of universal education. His dream was not realized for 1000 years, until our own splendid Victorian era. Prophet of

the future, aye, more than prophet, who wrought in part what e'er he "England's Spotless King." "Carlyle treats of the hero as divinity, prophet, poet, priest, man of letters, king. If any man can be, Alfred was all of these. Prophet, foreteller and forthbringer of a better day; poet, singing his peo-ple's songs that they might right their wrongs; priest, who gave men a law founded upon the law of God; man of let ters, teacher and educator of his people; king, mighty captain of his armies ing warrior, withal furtherer of his peo-ple's peace. His versatility is matched only by his character. His character was behind and before, beneath and above all he wrought in word and in work. England's poet laureate calls him the 'spot less King,' rightly saying:

And none are truly great that are not good. "All that need be said has been said when we again make mention of his title. 'Alfred the Truth-Teller.' I had rather go to my grave bearing that name than any other under heaven. It is this genius for truthtelling which has been a tower of strength to the Anglo-Saxon race—the want of which has undermined the Latin race; witness the diabolical falsehood re-cently uttered by the head of the Roman Catholic church, 'We must be resolute against the four perils of modern society, socialism, anarchy, freemasonry and Juda-

"At the basis of that granitic character

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