CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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COLUMBIA

MARQUAM SRAND THEATER—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, the Bostonians in "Robin Hood."

How Untrained Doos Annoy.—Many people who live in cities and keep dogs, not because they have any use for them, but because they have a right to and want to, neglect to train them not to make themselves nuisances to neighbors, and thereby lay them liable to misfortune. The poisoning of three dogs, among them a magnificent St. Bernard, in Albina a few days ago, is an example. There are not many who can descend to such a dastardly deed, but many who have been dastardly deed, but many who have ocen annoyed by untrained dogs are not sorry when some less scrupulous person does descent to it. Another case in point which will amuse many is that of a fine coille dog on the East Side, who, having nothing to do, took up chasing after street.cars and snapping at persons standing on the steps and platforms. It may be that his intentions were good and that he thought he could scare the perons who stand in the way of people setting on or off the cars and make them to inside, in which case he was deserving of encouragement, instead of the treatment he received. One day when he was anxious to show that he had some excuse for being on earth he snapped at a motorman, who was opening a switch, and he swung around his iron switchpener and laid the dog out senseless. It as several weeks before the dog felt like chasing cars again, and when he did he could not be hit with a switch-rod again. Finally he enapped at a track-greaser, who was standing on the front steps of a car with his bucket of dope and a stick in his hand with a large gob of the dope on it, ready to grease a curve as the car went around it. He made a vi-clous lunge at the dcg with the stick and thrust it into his open mouth, and on account of the dope on the end it passed down his throat till it touched bottom. Now this dope is a very cheap and nasty lubricant, made of anything which is fit for nothing else, and is, as the saying, enough to make a dog sick. It made this dog so sick that he laid down and vomited till he was nearly dead. He is still in poor health, and is not likely to chase cars any more, and his owner is thinking of parting with him, as he is sick too often and is considered an

SPRUCE LOGS SCARCE AND HIGH.-Spruc logs are scarcer and dearer than they used to be, and proprietors of box fac tories find that it is a waste of material and money to saw them with circular saws. The mill of the Multnomah Box Factory, at the foot of Bancroft avenue, is therefore to be remodeled and enlarged and band saws to be put in to saw spruce lumber for boxes. It has been ascertained that a bulk of timber four feet square when cut up by a band saw will make il more boards than when cut up by a cir-cular saw, a gain of some 15 per cent or thereabouts, which is quite a saving. There is likely to be a great demand for fruit boxes of all kinds next year at higher prices than usual. Already veneers for berry boxes are being cut for next season's crop, and the increased price does

not lessen the demand

ment of this deposit will be a great bene-fit to Portland and the whole Northwest. SPORTSMEN CELEBRATE.-The club of sportsmen who have their preserve on the Gertz place, on Columbia Slough, and who style themselves the "Gertz Push," have had such excellent sport this year have spent so many happy hours at their quarters on the preserve that they have determined to visit the place on New Year's eve and to see the old year out and the new year in there with appropriate ceremonies. A fine banquet with the necessary liquid accompaniments has been arranged, and the members of the club are to meet in town in their hunting clothes, but wearing plug hats, in honor of the occasion, and proceed to their shooting box in a body. The largest punch bowl procurable has been secured, and there will be hilarity gh at the banquet to scare, all the ducks away from the slough.

FINISH SIDEWALK ON SUNDAY .- A num ber of Inen were at work yesterday finish-ing up the concrete sidewalk in front of the Hohenstanfen, Henry Weinhard's handsome new building at the corner of Fourth and Alder streets. It threatened to be cold Saturday evening, and as the sidewalk, which is constructed in arches, was partially completed. Contractor Langford was afraid that the concrete might be frozen and smalled as the told and the concrete might be frozen and spoiled, so he told the men that he would pay them double price if they would work yesterday and complete the job, which they did. Nothing now remains to be done to complete the building, except putting in the plate-glass fronts, and it will very soon be ready for

DEMOCRATS WILL MEET.-The Demo cratic city and county executive commit-tee has issued a call for a mass meettee has issued a call for a mass meet-ing of all Democrats to be held in the rooms of the Mining Stock Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The object of the meeting. Secretary Ryan said last night, was to make sultable arrangements for Jackson day, which occurs January & Mr. Ryan said no other business was set for con-sideration, but other matters might be brought up, but they would be of only a

FOOTBALL. FOOTBALL.

RELIANCE, OF CALIFORNIA.

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Back From Arizona Mines.—J. B. Hammond, mining expert, has just re-turned from a five weeks' trip through Northern and Eastern Arizona, where he has been examining various mining properties in the interest of Seattle people. The mines generally in that region are producing well, and the country is in a producing well, and the country is in a prosperous condition, and a great deal of Eastern capital is being invested there. Mr. Hammond looks brown and healthy from the effects of the Arizona climate. He says the weather was bright and sunshiny all the time he was in Arizona except for 30 hours when it raises.

zona, except for 30 hours, when it rained in torrents and flooded the country, to the great delight of the people. It was not as hot there, however, as usual, as a cold wave had visited that region. There has been a continuous drouth there for two years, and all vegetation has disappeared. Cattle and sheepmen are driving their stock out, as there is nothing for them to eat. There is not has disappeared. Hammond found some fine mineral prospects with good natural facilities for operating mines. As a place to live in he says he is perfectly satisfied with Oregon, and if those who have been complaining of raise who have been complaining of raise was the says he is perfectly satisfied with Oregon. plaining of rainy weather and lack of sunshine here could only see the effects of too much sunshine and no rain in Arizona and the joy of the people when rain came and their longing for more, they would better understand and appreciate the value of the rainfall of Oregon, which produces such a vast wealth of vegetation and makes the country a garden, while sunshine alone makes a desert of

MAY DWELL IN MARBLE HALLS.-The ick of fine building stone in the vicinity of Portland has been a drawback to the erection of stone buildings here, as those who desired such material have had to bring it from some distance, and the cost of transportation formed an important item in the cost of a building. There is to be nothing of this kind here in the future, ro says F. Clarno, who has his office piled up with samples of marble of many kinds and colors from a vast deposit in Alaska in which he is interested. He says that the work of developing this deposit is to be commenced in the Spring, and blocks of marble will be brought here by the shipload, and per-sons desirous of erecting buildings can get all they want at such favorable rates that the prospect is favorable for Portland becoming a marble city in the near future. He cares nothing for the demand for marble for tombstones and monuments but wants orders for hundreds or thou sands of tons for building purposes. The supply in Alaska is said to be inexhaus-tible, and if it can only be laid down here cheap enough Mr. Clarno's prediction may come true. In the meantime the people of Portland may dream that they swell in marble halls.

FUNERAL OF ISAAC STEINHEISER,-The uneral services of Isaac Steinheiser were held yesterday at the residence of his family on Eighteenth and Hoyt streets. Tamer to a superstant of the Beth Israel cemetery, near Riverside. Mr. Steinhelser had been prominently identified with the commercial men of the Pacific Coast, and the members of the Trav-elers Protective Association attended the funeral in a body. A large number were in the city to attend the annual conven-tion of the association, and there were over 75 members at the funeral. They met at the Exposition building and marched to the house. There the services were conducted by Dr. Stephen S. Wisc, after which the procession standard were conducted by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, after which the procession started for the cemetery. The T. P. A. delegation headed the line of march. From the house they marched to Seventeenth street, up Seventeenth to Washington, down Washington to Fourth, up Fourth to Taylor, where the ranks parted and allowed the carriages to ness between these carriages to pass between them. Mr. Steinheiser was also a member of a number of fraternal organizations, and there were delegations from each at the

FUNERAL OF MURDERED MAN.—The funeral of Joseph Guglielmo, the Italian saloonkeeper, who was stabbed to death Christmas morning by Joseph Castronueve, took place yesterday from St. Michael's Church, Fourth and Mill streets, and was an impressive occasion. The fire clay of the best quality has been discovered in this state. The location of the deposit has not been made public, as the discoverer is desirous of securing title to the ground before others have an opportunity to interfere. One who has seen the deposit says that the discoverer has had the clay analyzed and that it was found to be first-class, much better than most of the imported clay. The development of this deposit will be a great benefit. uneventful, quiet time yesterday at his cell in the police station, and had nothing further to say in addition to his con fession printed in yesterday's Oregonian.

Log Boom Proves Profitable.-The owners of the log boom near Lay Camas are doing a land-office business this season. The boom is some 350 feet in length, and was constructed for the purpose of catching extending the control of the purpose of catching stray logs floating down the Columbia. There has been so much rain this season that there have been freshall the small streams and conse quently a large number of logs have gone adrift and have found their way into this boom. In all, over 2,500,000 feet of logs have been corralled by the boom this season, while only 500,000 feet were caught last year. The boom is built un-der a charter from the Legislature, and the owners are received. the owners are required to assort the logs caught, according to the marks on them, and turn them over to the owners at a fixed rate.

ENGINE COMPANY'S BANQUET.-The annual banquet of the Multnomah Engine opera: "De Koven's music is not want-company Benevolent Association will be ing in the richly inventive skill and originate this evening. C. H. Dodd, William nality which made "Robin Hood" a development of the fluent region and spirited. Wascher and Joseph Buchtel are the committee who have the arrangements in hand, and they are preparing for a good time. This association is composed of members of the old volunteer fire department, and has been in existence 20 years. A large amount of benevolent work has been done, and there is at the present time over \$1200 on hand to be a long to the finale, and nearly every number falls the composer stinted himself in his work. He has poured into the opera much melody, and many of the numbers. committee who have the arrangements in present time over \$1200 on hand to be used for work of relief.

NO COUNT POR LABOR COMMISSIONER. Votes on Labor Commissioner have been received from the various unions throughout the state and will be soon turned over to the officers of the Federated Trades Council to count. It was thought that they would be counted yesterday, but the secretary of the State Federation of Labor has not yet turned them over to the Federated Trades Council President Charles Mickley last night said that he did not know just when they would be counted, but that it would be in the

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AT THE THEATERS

Bridget BranniganJoe Conlan Young MurphyJoe Ward Miss Angelena O'Flaherty. Marmaduke O'Fisherty ... Levi MurphyJoe J. Sullivan

Policeman Mulroony Eddle Brown "You can help me out on this," said Fred Wilson to the audience at Cord ray's yesterday afternoon, as he responded to the fourth encore of "In the Good Old Summer Time." And the world that sits in the gallery seats whistled and sang and the song that bids fair to eclipse the fame that "Annie Rooney"

I Wanta Case......Len Delmore Mendowbrook HuntW. H. Spencer

once attained. to like their musical product and en-cored themselves. The orchestra swung once more into the familiar rhythm, and the actresses behind the scenes, impa-tient to finish the performance, anathe-matized the management which allowed

any encores at all. "The Irish Pawnbrokers," which at Cordray's yesterday for a one week's engagement, has no plot that is visible to the naked eye. Nor did its author intend that it should have. To compensationally appearing the left numerous sate for this omission he left numerous opportunities for the introduction of spe-cialties, songs and dances by Sullivan, Mack and Trumbull, the trio of entertain-ers who monopolize 89 per cent of the advance notices and advertising matter of the show. Of these three, Sullivan is easily the best. He has the true comedians' art of making people laugh regardless of what his lines may be. In places he reminds one of Billy Van, the minstrel whose fame as a monetal to the state of the state o whose fame as a monologist is due prin-cipally to his trick of suddenly dropping an octave or two at the most mexpected points of his discourse. Sul-

livan is worth going to see.

Mayme Taylor, who carries in the play the inharmonious title of Angelina O'Flaherty, sang Kipling's "On the Road to Mandalay" as an encourage. Mandalay" as an encore, and partly be-cause of her clear enunciation, partly be-cause of the merit of the words she sang and partly because her voice is above the average, the gods that reign in the gal-lery were loth to see her steadfastly re-

lery were loth to see her steadfastly re-fuse to sing it again.

Joe Ward, whose principal duty is to sing several songs with the chorus to back him, appeared to have left his voice in the wings when he first essayed to render "Cymbelene." Or possibly he intended to sing it in a stage whisper. But in his later efforts he evoked much applause, his duet with Mazie Trumbull being very

In such a show as "The Irish Pawnin such a show as 'The Irish Pawn-brokers' the chorus is a most important adjunct, and the young women who will march and counter march behind the star at Cordray's this week have no legitimate criticism to fear. They are undeniably pretty, shapely and most of them can dance. The sextette that made Fjoro-The sextette that made Floro-

dance. The sextette that made Floro-dora famous could do no more. Cordray's has put a good attraction be-fore the theater-going public for the holl-days, and should do an excellent busi-ness. A special matinee will be given New Year's day, and the regular matinee Saturday.

BOSTONIANS TONIGHT.

Famous Opera Company Will Arrive on a Special Train Today.

The Bostonians' opera company, who present "Robin Hood" at the Marquam Grand Theater tonight, will arrive this morning by special train, composed of six cars. The entire company, which includes the principals, chorus, ballet, the Bostonians' special orchestra, carpenters, electricians, wardrobe women, property electricians, wardrobe women, property men. etc., numbers 100 people, requiring two Pullmans, one big day coach and three baggage cars. This is the biggest opera organization touring the country, the 13th year with "Robin Hood."

In the company will be found four of the original principals, H. C. Barnabee and W. H. McDonaid, proprietors of the Bostonians, and Josephine Bartlett and Frothingham. Neither one has played his or her individual part in "Robin Hood" fewer than 1900 times, and they are cast for the same identical roles in the De Koven-Smith sequel to "Robin Hood," entitled "Maid Marian." With the Bostonians this season is Grace van Studdiford, undoubtedly the finest prima donna now touring the country. Other donna now touring the country. Other principals of the famous company are Olive C. Moore, Howard Chambers, George B. Frothingham, Campbell Donald, John J. Martin, W. M. Dorrington Harold Gordon, William C. Weeden, Maud Leekley, George M. Vall, J. Welbley, Florence Quinn, James E. Miller, Harry

The Bostonians will present the De Koven-Smith.comic opera, "Maid Marian," Wednesday evening. This is a New York musical critic's opinion of the new light. It is fluent, melodic and spirited; ody, and many of the numbers are sure to become favorites of the concert stage,' "Robin Hood" will be the bill tom row (Tuesday) night and Wednesday matinee. Seats are now selling for the en-

Sale for "Shore Acres."

The advance sale of seats will begin to-The advance sale of seats will begin to-morrow (Tuesday) morning at 10 o'clock for "Shore Acres," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theater as the New Year's attraction, opening with the New Year's matinee and continuing the remainder of the week, with a special matinee Saturday. So long as rural life re-mains in essence what it is now, so long "Shore Acres," James A. Herne's great pastoral play, endure. Scores of rural plays have come, been compared to this masterpiece and then relegated to garret or cellar. "Shore Acres" alone remains as fesh and delightful as when first put upon the stage. It seems to have the true test of the pastoral comedydrama; tears and laughter have such slender boundaries that one melts imperceptibly into the other.

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"A Temperance Town," presented by the Nelli Stock Company, at Baker's yester-day, is not calculated to drive one headlong into blue-ribbonism, and, conversely, neither will it drive a man to drink-not-withstanding the fact that a number of "gents" trod on ladies' toes as usual, in breaking their way out between acts. It

Mrs. Hardman. . Elspeth Graham McNell

is a lively, novel, exceedingly interesting play, full of color, character and genuine humor. The late Charles Hoyt intended it "to be a more or less truthful presenta-tion of phases and incidents of life relating to the sale of liquor in a small village in a prohibition state. The author has en-deavored to give all sides a fair showing, and begs to state that he has not misrepresented the prohibition laws of Vermont where a man named Kibling was given a sentence of something like 60 years for selling about 700 glasses of liquor"; and the general effect of it all is to make one thankful that one does not live in "a small village of a prohibition state." The play has never before been produced in this

A very appreciative audience crowded the theater and cordially greeted the entree of each favorite of the company, not omitting to appaud the excellent scenery and the many telling hits for true temperance. While the character and tone of the New England villager is delightfully rendered by the various performers, sticklers for strict realism would be reminded that the broad and pleasant sound of "a" is seldom given by a Vermont country-

The absence of Charles Wyngate was something of a surprise to many present. The part he probably would have had was very acceptably filled by Mr. Lamp, whose work shows improvement. He was easy and natural.

Miss Countiss, in the sweet character of Ruth, the clergyman's daughter, made it seem almost incredible that the preache could have been so heartlessly bigoted as to turn Ruth from his door for an act of

In Launcelot Jones, or "Mink," Mr. Bernard demonstrated the versatility of his genius. Mink is the good-natured, worthless village soak and philosopher, and he kept the house shaking with laughter throughout the play. He was very ably seconded by Mr. Russell in the almost equally amusing character of Bingo, Mink's son. The excellent work of Messrs Mower, Southard, Siddle, Moore and Mann

impressed every one.

Miss Gleason was happily suited in Mary Jane Jones. Pretty Miss Rhoads had a charming part with Mr. Russell, and Miss Esmond was charming as the energetic and very legal-minded daughter of the village magistrate. ter of the village magistrate.

Little Dot Bernard, who had such a clever bit in the "Charity Ball" has

also a tiny part in this play.
"A Temperance Town" will run
week, with a Saturday matince.

DOLL FOR LOLITA ARMOUR Sent to Her by a Boy Who May Undergo Lorenz Operation.

New York Herald. There has been no more tender inci-dent in the experience of Professor Lorenz into the sea exhausted must be enormous. in this country than that of yesterday, when he examined the child of a humble canal-boat captain, Thomas Black, of Rondout, The captain's wife had written to Mrs. Ogden Armour congratulating her upon the successful operation the Vienna expert had performed upon little Lolita, and wishing for the child's complete res-The Blacks' only child was toration. similarly afflicted.

Accompanying this letter was a doll, cheap, but neatly dressed in white baby

FOR LOLITA ARMOUR, FROM A LITTLE BOY WHOSE LEG IS CRIPPLED.

The simplicity and sincerity of one mother's note of sympathy to another whose wealth had enabled her to procure letter and saying she would endeavor to have Professor Lorenz see "the little boy

America.

True to this promise, when Professor Lorenz had finished his demonstrations at the New York Polyclinic yesterday and gone to Dr. Newton M. Shaffer's residence for luncheon, he was asked to look at Captain Black's boy, a child of 5, brighteyed and winsome. The great doctor de-clared the case a feasible one, and Dr. Shaffer told the parents that next Sunday the facilities of the New York State Hospital for Crippled Children would be placed at their disposal gratuitously.

With tears of gratitude in her eyes, Mrs. Black clasped her child to her breast and in hesitating tones thanked the two surgeons, and then hurried back to the canal-boat Kingston, lying at the foot of West Ningtonia. Nineteenth street, beside herself with thankfulness. Leaning against the stovepipe in the tiny cabin, she told how her good fortune had come about.

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our little Alvin just as much as any rich folks conid," she said. "You tell them, Tom, how this blessed day came about. I can't; I'm trembling so,"
"Oh, I'm not much of a talker, either,"

said the lanky, sunburned skipper of the Kingston, "but I picked up this here horseshoe this morning, an' I knew we'd have good luck. Say, I'll never see the name of Armour on them big freight cars rushing along the tracks at Rondout again 'thout sayin', 'God bless him and his good wife.' Do you know, when we read of Lollta

Armour and her bein' operated on and no khives used, we thought our case and theirs was the only one in this country." "Yes," interrupted Mrs. Black, "I just couldn't help writing to Mrs. Armour and telling her how glad we knew she must be. We read in the paper how Little Lolita could only sit on the floor and play with her dollie. So I said to Tom: 'We aln't got much but I follow?' ain't got much, but I feel as if we'd ought to send that little girl a doll from our Alvie, and I went up to town and bought one, a little baby doll, you know, that could shut its eyes when you laid it down, and I tried to sew some baby clothes

"We sent it by express, and I mailed a letter teiling Mrs. Armour we was send-ing the doll. I thought maybe they might be offended at us presuming to do such a thing, but I never dreamed anything like this would come of it. One day when we got back to Rondout, after fetching a load of bluestone down here, I found a letter at the postoffice. It said:

Dear Madam: Mrs. Armour received the doll for our daughter, and we thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. We think the operation has been successful, but, of course, it is a little early yet to tell. Now, in reference to your child, Dr. Loren

Now, in reference to your child, Dr. Lorenz is at present on the Pacific Coast, but I believe it is his intention to visit New York and operate at clinics there, at which time I will gladly refer your letter to him, but I cannot say definitely about this until I see him again. However, I will see that your request is out before him, and I will advise you more fully later. Yours very truly, J. C. ARMOUR. "Then we got another letter referring us to Dr. Shaffer, at the Cornell Medical

College, in First avenue.
"And now," added Mrs. Black, "the great doctor says it will be only a few months before our darling can even jump and play. I'll try to write to Mr. Arms and say she has made me very happy."

WOODCOCK'S WAYS.

Rare in England, but Plenty in Scot land and Ireland. London Field.

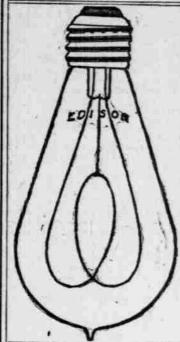
In woodcock shooting it is necessary, if one would be successful, to become acquainted with the vagaries of this curious bird. His life is shrouded in mystery and spent in solitude, and a certain halo of distinction seems to surround and follow him—even to the table. A few woodcock breed in England, especially in Sussex, but they are really birds of passage, arriving on our shores at the latter end of October and all through November. Some years they are far less numerous them other years they are far less numerous than oth-ers, and, judging from the terribly emaci-ated condition in which the birds arrive after a bad passage, I am inclined to attrib-ute scarcity to loss of life during pro-tracted flight, when the number that sink Lighthouse keepers will tell one how the weary birds in their desperate search for rest come under the influence of the light and dash themselves all through the night

against the lamp panes, to fall back dead

Woodcock always travel at night, choosing a north or east wind, and, on arrival, drop into any temporary refuge that may offer, there to rest their weary wings. Any clump of grass, brushwood or furze on the cliff top may hold a cock in November, but they are then usually in such poor condition that no sportsman would think of shooting them; they can hardly fly. After a short rest the birds disperse, each seeking some favorite haunt, and each seeking some favorite haunt, and here the woodcock displays one of the strangest traits in his strange character Cock have a strong partiality for rich, loamy soil containing an abundance of the services of a world-famous surgeon at a princely price touched Mrs. Armour so deeply that she induced her husband to make the model of the model. Then they will be seen there if not in the mood. Then they will be model to their need, not a bird will be seen there if not in the mood. Then they will be model to their need, not a bird will be seen there if not in the mood. Then they will be model to their need, not a bird will be seen there if not in the mood. Then they will be model to their need, not a bird will be seen there is not in the mood. have Professor Lorenz see "the little boy Such is the woodcock's power of recupera-whose leg was crippled" before he left tion that a half-starved bird will in three or four days become plump and well conditioned. A nocturnal feeder, it leaves the covert for its feeding grounds at dusk, when the worms commence to make their appearance. During the day it roosts upon the ground in concealment among dead leaves and bracken in its chosen covert. Another favorite spot is under the shelter

of a holly bush or spruce. In most parts of England the woodcock is rather a rare bird, but in Scotland and Ireland it is more Cock shooting in England is usually pursued in one of two ways-walking up or flighting. The sportsman who purposes walking up and flushing his own birds, with or without beaters, should watch the moon, as the success of his shooting will depend upon it. During full moon, or thereabouts, the birds have every oppor-

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oth to move far. The day succeeding a clear night should therefore be chosen, and it is a good plan to have several mark-ers placed on high ground or trees over-looking the covert. On flushing a bird it does not do to wait; it should be knocked down at once if possible. But, although a wounded cock lies where it falls, wild shots are to be deprecated, except perhaps at a chance bird flushed in a pheasant overt. It is the habit of a woodcock or being put up to dash through the neares opening and fly along the treetops for hort distance when it will either dre in the covert a little way off or wheel round and pitch again within a few yards of where it was flushed. Hence the neces-sity for markers, who. if properly placed, are invaluable, for, though a cock seldom offers more than one chance on rising, he also seldom flies right away, and can be followed up if marked. After a second miss he is less accommodating.

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