DESPERATE THUG IS GIVEN LIBERTY

Murderer Rewarded for Sending His Pal to Penitentiary for Life.

BETRAYER OF HIS FRIEND

Heinie Rasman, Self-Confessed Crook, Saved His Own Hide by Testifying Against D. C. Kelly. Cannot Remain in Portland.

Heinie Rasman, thug, murderer and betrayer of his partner in crime, will leave the county jail one day this week, a free man. Although a murderer and robber, by his own confession, Rasman escapes the consequences of his crimes, while his pal, D. C. Kelly, the better man of the two, must spend the rest of his life in the Oregon penitentiary.

The Sheriff's office was notified yesterday by District Attorney Manning that Rasman cannot legally be held any longer. The law, having used him as its tool in convicting the other murderer, must restore Rasman to freedom, since Kelly's case has been finally disposed of and the only excuse for holding Rasman this long was the possibility of a new trial in the case.

Rasman is little more than a boy in years, but a hardened criminal in experience. The fact that he participated in a cold-blooded murder, that he betrayed his pal and his life-long friend has not appeared to trouble his conscience in the least during the year he has been held as a witness at the County Jail.

To the average person the part played by the state in the affair is not a laudable one. Sending a lesser criminal up for life and turning the worse loose does not appear as a transaction invested with any too much ethics. But, nevertheless, the state was only making the best of a bad bargain. It was a clear case of sending one to jail or the gallows on the testimony of the other, or else turning both loose. The police had every reason to believe the two men were guilty; but convictions cannot be secured on beliefs. It takes material evidence, and that was not available in this particular case.

Story of the Crime.

The crime in question was committed about a year ago when a suburban saloon was held up. Rasman and Kelly lined up 18 men and looted the place.

An old sailor named Tom Flemings got outside ahead of the thugs, picked up a heavy stick, and as the two stepped out, hit the foremost robber over the head. The fellow shot him down. Both robbers emptied their guns, but no one else was killed or wounded.

The man who did the killing was the one who received the blow on the head. When the suspects were arrested it was Rasman who showed the marks of the blow. But this fact of itself was not sufficient basis for conviction. No one who saw the robbers was able to identify them, since they wore heavy masks at the time of the robbery and murder. The case was on the point of falling through. Rather than have two dangerous thugs turned loose unpunished, District Attorney Manning pitted one against the other.

Kelly had the opportunity of turning state's evidence, and as he was the milder criminal of the two, the authorities preferred it that way. But Kelly had a spark of decency left. He would engage in a robbery and when cornered he would shoot; but he wasn't so low and devoid of principle as to save his own carcass by sending his pal to the gallows.

Rasman Turns State's Evidence.

Rasman jumped at the chance to escape. When assured of the prerogative of his kind he told all he knew of the murder.

District Attorney Manning says that, with all his experience with criminals, he has never met one who discussed murder so carelessly as did Rasman. He talked as if he thought murder was no crime at all. The only crime was in getting caught. And he went shamelessly on the stand and gave the testimony that sent his friend and partner to jail for life. Kelly came very near going to the gallows.

Rasman will be held in jail until arrangements can be made to have him transported from Portland, if not from America. If any master of a ship can be found who will accept so low a specimen of humanity, Rasman will probably be sent to sea. The authorities are unable to convict him, but they will not permit him to remain in the city a single hour after he is turned loose.

TAFT CASE STILL HANGS FIRE

Continuance Granted Because of Slight Defect in Information.

The W. H. Taft forgery case is still hanging fire. An effort to bring the case to trial yesterday failed, and a continuance had to be granted. It appears that the informations against the one-time real estate man whose sideline was appending his name to divers and promiscuous checks and papers, had been improperly made out. Taft is accused specifically of stealing $270. The information accused him of stealing $275. Recently when arraigned, he declined to plead when the information was read. His reason in so doing became manifest yesterday.

That Taft is trying to gain time is obvious, and it is believed he has some good reason for wishing his case put over. Continuance was taken yesterday to March 8, that the District Attorney may have time to file an amended complaint.

SURGEON SUES FOR HIS FEE

Dr. Holland Brings Action Against Linnton Box & Lumber Co.

Nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars for medical and surgical attention is demanded by Dr. L. G. Holland of the Linnton Box & Lumber Company. In the state Circuit Court yesterday Dr. Holland, in pressing his claim, urged that $50 is a fair sum for setting a fractured leg, $25 for patching up a broken rib, $10 each for X-ray examinations and $250 for surgical operations. These things and others he says he did for J. A. Simpson, an employe of the defendant company. The company replies that Dr. Holland's ministrations were worth $85, in accordance with a contract, and that furthermore his services did not make Simpson a well man by any means, that in fact the doctor's work was unskillful. Yesterday was occupied by the plaintiff.

Decisions to Be Rendered Today.

Circuit Judge Sears will make decisions this forenoon in three cases, as follows: Oregon Electric Railway Company vs. Terwilliger Land Company et al., demurrer to complaint; Susie A. McCrasky vs. Ellsworth P. McCrasky, application for alimony, etc.; Clyde S. Richardson as administrator vs. Portland General Electric Company, motion to strike out parts of complaint.

At the Stock Theaters

"Hoop of Gold" at the Lyric.

A SMOOTH, well-balanced performance of the staple old English domestic drama, "A Hoop of Gold," is given this week by the Lyric Stock Company. The play is as strong an appeal to the sympathies as the most emotional could desire. The comedy element is somewhat lacking but the swift movement of the plot keeps the piece from lagging at any point. Managers Keating and Flood have provided first-rate settings, in which respect the Lyric productions have shown a marked improvement during the past few weeks.

It is something of a novelty to see Charles Conners playing a "straight" part, which he does to the queen's taste as Scotty, the reformed crook who turns detective. We are not accustomed to this excellent comedian without a grotesque make-up, but his present work is a pleasing variation.

Frank Fanning, although his opportunities are somewhat limited, plays Richard Wrench faithfully and succeeds in building up the part to a point of positive excellence. Mr. Fanning is a very capable and resourceful actor and deserves his continued popularity.

Warda Howard is also struggling with a rather colorless and uncongenial role this week, but in the many weeks she has been before the local public she has never failed to give her best efforts. As the unhappy wife in "A Hoop of Gold" she is an appealing figure and plays with much feeling. Lionel Morris as the villain, Thomas Clarke as the doctor, Herbert Ashton as the old clerk, Mrs. Griffith as the sympathizing friend and Lily Branscombe as the slavey all give satisfaction.

"The Child Wife" at the Star.

"THE CHILD WIFE," which is "Caprice" by another name, is the offering of the Allen stock company this week, and the performance given last night was praiseworthy in every particular. It is an old-fashioned comedy drama of which was much in vogue 30 years ago, but it contains so many elements of interest that it is still a spry and chipper favorite in spite of its age.

Mrs. Fiske, when she was Minnie Maddern, made her first success as Mercy Baxter. Verna Felton is playing the role this week and, being cast appropriately, plays it very well indeed. The young lady looks the part in her blonde wig and is quite successful in interpreting the character of the poor little country girl who marries into a fashionable family and through her ignorance of the world suffers bravely the slights and neglect of her husband and the sneers of his family and friends. Her innate goodness and nobility finally win her way for her and all ends well.

As Jethro Baxter, the honest, warm-hearted old farmer, Taylor Bennett again demonstrates that he has ability of a high order. His characterization is natural to the point of being genuinely artistic.

Forrest Seabury, a brilliant young actor who has played with the best of them, is carefully tucked away in an obscure part this week where he has no chance. It is unfortunate from the standpoint of the audience.

At the Vaudeville Theaters

Pantages.

IN a sketch called "The Christmas Tree," a combination of comedy and pathos, Pearl and Eunice Gilman, claiming to be sisters of Mabelle Gilman, whom it is rumored William E. Corey, of divorce and steel trust notoriety, is actually going to marry, occupy the top line position on the Pantages bill this week. The girls are both quite young, both pretty and both possess good voices. They sing well and their acting has considerable merit, in spite of a certain degree of amateurishness which would indicate that they haven't been long in the business. While their sketch contains little that is original, it proves to be a pleasing bit of entertainment ,and yesterday's audiences seemed to enjoy it very much.

Joseph Kekuku, an Hawaiian guitar soloist, proves to be a genuine find for the Pantages circuit. He gets a wide range of expression out of a guitar and his method of playing is absolutely unique. He holds the instrument on his knees and plays it as he would an autoharp. His mastery of the strings is remarkable and effects he secures are beautiful far beyond those possible when the guitar is played in the ordinary way.

Hall, Baker & Co. present a laughable little skit which aroused storms of applause yesterday.

The Bentons, trapeze performers, are worth seeing, while the biograph pictures are new and mirth-provoking. The other acts on the bill are not noteworthy.

Grand.

AN unusually bright and entertaining little comedy is the stellar attraction at the Grand this week. It is "Her First Divorce," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the famous poet and essayist, and it sparkles with witty dialogue, with here and there a touch of pretty sentiment. In the hands of less clever people than Mattie Keene and her company it might not prove so diverting, but Miss Keene, a comedienne with a national reputation, and her three associates, Miss Lawson, Louis Chevalier and J. Phillips, give such an excellent performance that the sketch becomes one of the best acts Manager Erickson has ever offered his patrons.

Dougiag and Ford, a singing and dancing team, make a good impression, the masculine partner being especially good.

Helen Brandon, a pretty little soubrette, uses a pleasing soprano voice to good purpose in a number of catchy songs, and makes a hit with her toe dancing.

"The Messenger Boy Duo" is above the average of similar acts. The young man who sings "Cheer Up, Mary" and the yodel song is much the better of the two, as the Hebrew impersonator proves somewhat wearisome.

Harold Hoff sings "Somebody's Waiting For You." The delightful little chap has made an unfortunate selection of his song this week. It is not suited to his voice. The moving pictures are only so-so.

The Right Kind of a Friend.

Advice is cheap; almost anyone is willing to give it gratis, but when a man backs it up with hard-earned dollars then you may count him as a real friend. Lucy Suddreth, of Lenoir, N. C., had been troubled with a very bad cough for over a year. She says: "A friend told me about Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but as I had tried several cough medicines and none of them did me any good, I had no faith in it, did not get it, and went on coughing. Later on my friend bought a bottle of it, brought it to me and insisted that I should take it. I did so, and, to my surprise, it helped me. Four bottles of it cured me of my cough."

ACCUSED OF GRAFT

Policeman Isaacs Suspended for Attempted Extortion.

OVERHEARD BY SUPERIORS

Inspector Bruin and Sergeant Baty Lay a Trap for the Patrol Driver in Chinatown Into Which He at Once Falls.

Policeman Isadore E. Isaacs was accused of grafting in Chinatown and suspended last night by Chief of Police Gritzmacher. Inspector Bruin and Sergeant Baty at 7 P. M. overheard Isaacs attempting to extort money from Chin Sen, a Chinese merchant at 87 Second street. A half hour later Isaac's star had been removed, and he was facing a trial before the Police Commission. Concealed in a loft in Chin Sen's stores, Isaac's superior officers had heard him telling Chin Sen a fancy tale about raising a $30,000 fund in Chinatown for the purpose of electing City Auditor Devlin Mayor. Chin Sen also told of giving Isaacs money for the alleged purpose of buying Sheriff Stevens a diamond star. The suspended policeman will be tried by the Police Commission.

Inspector Bruin says that Isaacs has been accepting sums of money from the Chinese throughout the district for a long time, but his operations have been so carefully conducted that detection has been most difficult and that not until last night was it possible to secure evidence sufficient to act upon.

From a source which is not divulged by Inspector Bruin, information was received at police headquarters earlier in the day that Isaacs was to meet Chin Sen in the latter's establishment at 87 Second street at 7 o'clock last night. Inspector Bruin and Detective Sergeant Baty accordingly concealed themselves in Chin Sen's place.

At 7:30, Isaacs, clad in the full uniform of the police department, appeared at Chin Sen's store and at once engaged the Chinese in conversation about the campaign fund of $30,000, which he said he was raising, or proposed to raise in Chinatown, for City Auditor Devlin in the race for the Mayoralty. No money was exchanged there, as the officer explained that he was just arranging for the collection of the fund. Chin Sen had very little to say, and was a good listener.

During the conversation, it is charged by Inspector Bruin, Policeman Isaacs assured Chin Sen that, in case the $30,000 campaign fund was raised and City Auditor Devlin should be elected Mayor of Portland, gambling in Chinatown would be permitted to run unchecked and the denizens of the district would again know the joys of conducting fantan and lotteries without molestation by the police.

According to the charges to be filed in writing today by Inspector Bruin, Isaacs also told Chin Sen, "It's all right; don't say anything to any other policeman about the matter, and if anything is 'doing,' I'll let you know," meaning, it is said, that in case a raid on Chin Sen's place should be planned from headquarters while Isaacs was on duty, he would warn Chin Sen.

Having completed his business for the time, Policeman Isaacs sauntered back to the headquarters building, a half-block distant, and took a seat in the main room. Inspector Bruin and Sergeant Baty hurried in and, upon seeing the inspector, Isaacs remarked: "Can't you start something? It's so dull tonight that I haven't had a wagon call all night."

By way of reply, Inspector Bruin beckoned to Isaacs and took him upstairs into a private room, in company with Sergeant Baty.

"How is the fund coming along?" asked Inspector Bruin.

Isaacs was silent.

"Why didn't you ask Sergeant Baty and me to contribute to the purchase of that star for Sheriff Stevens?" was Inspector Bruin's next question. "We are good friends of the Sheriff, and if anything is going on like getting him a gold and diamond star, we would like to be in on it."

"I don't know what you're driving at," said Isaacs.

Inspector Bruin then told Isaacs the whole story, going into the details of how he and Sergeant Baty were concealed overhead when Isaacs was talking with Chin Sen, and Isaacs is said to have confessed to the acceptance of $20 for a star for Sheriff Stevens and $2.50 at another time for a chain to support the star, both sums being received from Chin Sen. Isaacs is said to have offered to return the money, but Inspector Bruin refused to quash the case, and reported the details to Chief Gritzmacher. After hearing both sides, Isaacs was ordered to remove his star and to stand suspended pending the hearing before the Police Commissioner.

Isaacs quickly removed his star, handed it to his Chief, walked rapidly to the officers' quarters, doffed his uniform and hurried away. He said he would "make Bruin prove his charges," and declared the inspector told him the administration had wished for a long time to be rid of Isaacs.

PAY FOR FOURTH CAPTAIN

ACTION BY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Members Recede From Former Position, Having Forced Mayor to Appoint Chief of Police.

On the ground that it had accomplished its purpose in forcing Mayor Lane to appoint a regular chief of police, the ways and means committee of the Council voted yesterday to recommend the appropriation for the salary of a fourth captain in the police department. If the Council concurs in this action, as it doubtless will, a clash of authority between it and the executive board will be averted. The board voted at its last meeting to employ four captains of police, regardless of the fact that money for only three had been appropriated. This action would have forced the issue into the courts had the committee not changed its attitude towards the appropriation.

The appropriation for a fourth captain was originally held up by the Council in an attempt to oust Captain Bruin, who, it was held, had been irregularly appointed. It was later realized that the incomplete appropriation would probably force out Captain Slover, the most recently appointed official. This was not at all the intention of the ways and means committee and is probably one reason that the change is now made.

The executive board at its last meeting took the position that the authority to determine the number of captains necessary was given by the charter to it and not to the Council. It was decided to maintain four captains and resist all efforts of the Council to curtail that number. This act of the board is considered one reason that the Council now changes its position on the number of captains.

Councilman Masters moved that the appropriation be recommended. "We have accomplished our object now that the Mayor has appointed a chief," he said. There was no objection to the motion.

The committee also decided to allow Fred Gifford to remain as lineman in the police department instead of transferring him to the fire department, as had been intended. His salary was increased from $90 to $100 a month. The salaries of hostlers in the street-cleaning department were raised from $70 to $80 a month, and teamsters in the same department were put upon a uniform salary of $75 a month.

The committee ordered the preparation of an ordinance authorizing the employment of George Black to expert the city's books, at a salary not to exceed $10 a day. Mr. Black was suggested for this work by a committee of business men, and in case he declines to take up the work the same committee will be asked to name another man.

Because there had been no estimates for purchases of furniture for the City Hall during January, Mayor Lane refused to sign the warrants for two claims amounting to $54.85, and the bills were submitted to the ways and means committee. No action was taken, however, as the City Attorney was of the opinion that the claims are regular. They had been allowed by the Council and approved by the executive board, and the committee decided to let the matter be settled between the Mayor and the companies to whom payment is due.

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APPEAR AND FURNISH BAIL

Hedderly and Hynes, Los Angeles Land-Fraud Defendants, Here.

Dr. A. H. Hedderly and Richard Hynes, the Los Angeles land-fraud defendants, arrived in Portland yesterday morning, in custody of Deputy Marshal B. H. Franklin and an assistant, of the Los Angeles district.

As soon as they arrived both men were taken to United States Attorney Bristol's office, where Dr. Hedderly proceeded to arrange for bail. In the custody of a Deputy Marshal, he hunted up Hartman & Thompson and exhibited a receipt showing a deposit at Los Angeles of $5000, the amount of the bond required. Mr. Hartman went to the Clerk's office, where the bond was duly executed, with the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company as surety.

Hynes, at the time of the order of the Court of Appeals to remove him to Oregon, was away from home, and had no time to make arrangements for his bail beforehand. At the time of the Court's order he was quite a distance from Sacramento, which was the place designated by the Court for him to meet the United States Marshal. Mr. Hynes experienced much more difficulty than his friend, Dr. Hedderly, in providing bonds.

Dr. Hedderly declared that he did not want to be interviewed. "I suppose the Government is doing what it thinks is right in the case, and if I have committed an offense, I am ready to take what comes," he said. "I am a law-abiding citizen. Further than this, I have nothing to say at this time."

Mr. Hynes says he is the victim of a mistake in being indicted and arrested on a charge of land frauds in Curry County, Oregon.

"I knew nothing about any frauds," said Mr. Hynes. "I was a broker in Los Angeles, and was simply selling stocks of the Pacific Coast Lumber & Furniture Company, from a prospectus. If there were any frauds perpetrated by this company, I knew nothing about it."

Both Hynes and Hedderly were directors in the Broadway Bank & Trust Company of Los Angeles, which is said to have advanced a certain sum of money upon which the alleged fraudulent company operated.

Ed. Dingle, special assistant to United States Deputy Marshal Franklin, who brought the men to Oregon, thinks Hedderly and Hynes are victims of a "mistaken indictment."

Dr. Hedderly is a good-looking man who dresses well. Hynes is tall, standing 6 feet, 3 inches in his shoes, and wears a large, drooping mustache.

These men are the first of the Californians indicted by the Federal grand jury of Oregon to come north for trial. The other four Los Angeles defendants have applied to the United States Supreme Court for release on habeas corpus proceedings.

LARGE BET

Two Iowa Physicians Wager $10,000 on Consumption Cure.

Comments by a Philadelphia Specialist

Fort Dodge, Ia.—Physicians in this section and throughout the United States are watching with much interest the controversy between Dr. J. W. Kime and Dr. T. H. Lindley. Ten thousand dollars is involved on a wager as to the most efficacious treatment for consumption. Dr. Kime, who is a well-known authority on many medical questions and a member of the State Board of Health, maintains that no drug can cure the disease, but believes in the open air exclusively. While Dr. Lindley, of Cedar Rapids, a doctor of equal prominence, takes the stand in favor of a drug specific and discredits the value of the open air method. Patients of about the same vitality have been selected and the tests are now under way.

Commenting on this wager a renowned specialist of the Philadelphia Clinic states that the most effective treatment so far attained is the combination of both fresh air and certain drugs.

This was amply demonstrated in the experimental camps in the pine forests of Maine, where so many remarkable cures were made. He also states that this treatment can be followed out by any patient in their own home if they will adhere to it persistently.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bowman have returned from an extended trip through the Eastern states. Most of the time was spent in New York and other large cities where Mr. Bowman, who is proprietor of the Brownsville Woolen Mill Store, kept his eyes open for innovations in his line of business.

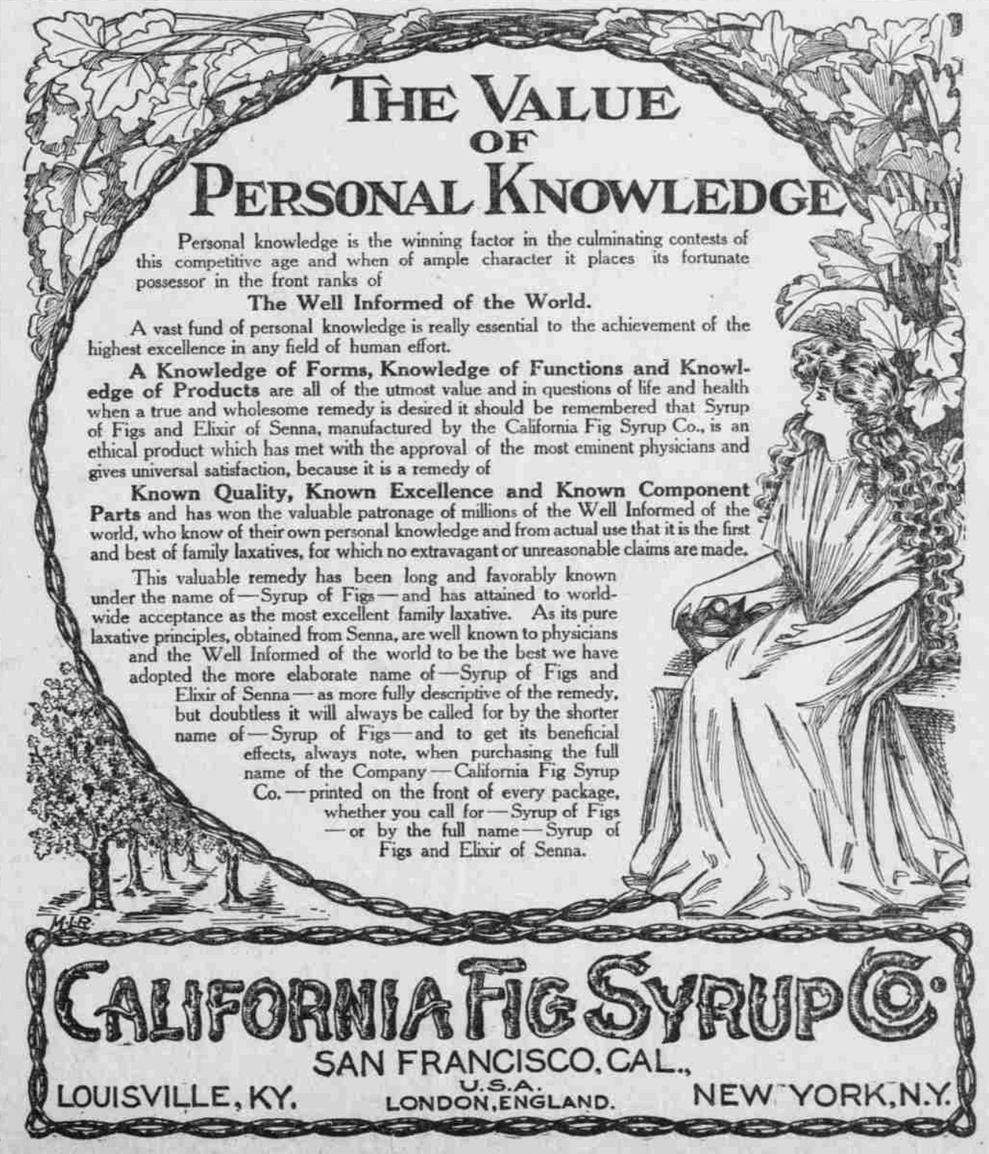
B. C. Van Emon, of San Francisco, accompanied by his wife, is at the Portland. Mr. Van Emon is the head of the largest elevator factory on the Pacific Coast.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Portland people at Chicago hotels:

From Portland—Mrs. Clara Beurick Colby at the Palmer House; J. W. Mayo, at the Morrison.

BAN ON MIXED MARRIAGES

Catholic Men and Non-Catholic Women Must Not Wed.

DENVER, Feb. 18.—In a pastoral letter Bishop N. C. Matz has forbidden marriage between Catholic men and non-Catholic women in the diocese of Colorado. The marriage of Catholic women to non-Catholic men is discouraged, but is still permitted by the bishop under the restrictions heretofore enforced.

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