

### LARGEST DREDGE IS IN HARBOR

#### CHINOOK, THE LARGEST DREDGE IN THE WORLD, ANCHORS AT MARTIN'S DOCK FOR REPAIRS BEFORE THE SUMMER'S HEAVY WORK AT THE BAR IS BEGUN.

Moorred at Martin's dock is the dredge Chinook, the largest vessel of the kind in the world. She arrived from Astoria yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, making the run up the river in about eight hours. The vessel came up from the mouth of the river to have her boilers repaired. Until the contract is let for the work the dredge will remain at her present moorings. Bids will be advertised for in a few days. It is estimated that the necessary repairs can be completed in two or three weeks, and that she will be in ship-shape condition by the time the weather settles so that she can be operated steadily. The decks, machinery and all the interior of the Chinook are clean as a pin.

Until recently the Chinook was the United States transport Grant. In 1900 she was brought from New York to San Francisco by way of the Red Sea, touching at the Philippines. During the three years following she plied regularly between the Bay City and Manila, carrying troops and cargo. At that time she was equipped for handling 2,000 passengers and about 2,000 tons of cargo. Last year the transport was taken to Mare Island navy yards and converted into a dredge for the sole purpose of being operated at the mouth of the Columbia river. She was practically rebuilt, and the work was completed only last October. On November 2 she reached Astoria, but as the stormy season had already set in it has been at very rare intervals that she has been able to do anything.

The dredge has made sufficient trips across the bar, however, to demonstrate the fact that with good weather she will soon accomplish the object for which she was sent. She gathers up gravel and sand through two large suction pipes 20 inches in diameter. These pipes are connected to bins of concrete, which are 4,000 cubic yards, but as the distance across the bar is rather limited this amount is not taken. The suction pipes are kept working to their full capacity, but when the sea is reached the bins contain about 2,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel. Underneath them are 16 gates which are opened when deep water is reached and the cargo is discharged. It requires only about 10 minutes to dump the load and the vessel is then ready to return and make another trip. On account of the continued bad weather since her arrival it has been impossible for the dredge to get in a full day's work, but it is estimated that she can make fully five trips a day. At this rate she will be able to remove 10,000 cubic yards of sand from the Columbia river bar each day. For two or three months steady operation it is believed that the much-desired 40-foot channel at the mouth of the river will be an accomplished fact.

Very few steamers which have been in port this season are as large as the Chinook. Her dimensions are: Length, 120 feet; breadth, 45 feet; and depth, 34 feet. When loaded she will draw 24 feet, and light 20 feet. Her gross tonnage is 5,590. The officers were formerly in the transport service. They are George S. Dunbar, captain; J. Spier, first officer; James Tobey, second officer; William Morhoffer and H. V. Barbieri, in charge of engine department, and W. H. Buoy, inspector on board. At present there are only about 60 men in the crew.

### THISTLEBANK UNLOADED.

#### Finishes Discharging Cargo and Waits Chartering.

After working two weeks the cargo of the British ship Thistlebank, which is lying at the Pier street wharf, has been discharged. Although she was loaded with only about 1,600 tons of cargo the work of unloading it was considerably prolonged on account of the continued rainy weather. Frequently the men were unable to put in more than two or three hours a day.

The Thistlebank is still on the disengaged list, but it is understood that she will soon be closed. The owners, however, prefer a wheat cargo, but at present there appears to be no business for a spot ship of this character.

The war in the orient, contrary to the expectations of many of the owners, does not seem to be having any effect on charter rates. The quotations remain at about the same level, which was reached two months ago. Twenty shillings is still the prevailing rate at the northern ports, with few offers, while at San Francisco it is about five shillings less. There has been but one vessel chartered at Portland for new crop loading.

At the rate wheat is being shipped from Portland down the coast to the Bay City it will be but a very short time when there will be no old-crop wheat remaining in the country. Late nearly every steam schooner leaving here has taken out a part cargo of wheat.

### MARINE NOTES.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Astoria, March 14.—Arrived at 9 a. m., a four-masted barkentine; arrived at 9:45 a. m., a three-masted schooner; sailed at 10:15 a. m., schooner Laura Madson, for San Francisco; sailed at 10:15 a. m., British steamer Indravell for Honolulu; sailed at 11 a. m., British ship Red Rock, for Dublin.  
Honolulu, March 13.—Sailed, schooner J. H. Lunsmann, for Portland.  
San Francisco, March 12.—Arrived, steamer G. C. Lindauer, from Portland; sailed, schooner E. E. Jackson and Virginia, for Portland; sailed, steamer Rosecrans, for Columbia river.  
San Francisco, March 13.—Sailed at 11:20 a. m., steamer George W. Elder, for Portland; and schooner Challenge, for Astoria; outside, schooner Maria E. Smith, from San Francisco; sailed at 9 a. m., steamer Alliance, for San Francisco and coast ports, steamer Oregon, for San Francisco, and schooner Katie Flickinger, for San Francisco; sailed at 9:45 a. m., British steamer Clavering, for Honolulu and way ports; sailed at 1 p. m., steamer Yonbu, for Tillamook.  
Astoria, March 14.—Condition of the bar, smooth; wind northwest; weather rainy, light.

### PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.

The Presbyterian ministers met this morning in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. D. M. McClelland, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian church, read a paper on "Methods of Personal Work."  
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### RETZER CASE IS DUE FOR HEARING

#### HOMESTEADERS AND OTHER HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT LANDS AWAITING DECISION—MANY MAY BE OUSTED—RULING WILL AFFECT FUTURE ENTRIES.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Wallis Wallis, Wash., March 14.—Tomorrow is the date appointed for the hearing of the William Retzer land case in the United States land office here, and a large number of holders are looking forward anxiously to the decision of the officials in this instance.  
The case owes its origin to the policy which is lately being followed by the federal government in requiring a strict fulfillment of the letter of the law by which a man can claim a homestead, or obtain government land in any way. Formerly there was not so strict a construction put on these requirements as many people are said to have filed homestead claims who cannot pretend to have lived up to the law relating to such matters at all. Now the titles of these holders may be contested, and are being questioned in many cases.  
The history of the William Retzer case has not only a wide interest locally, on account of the personal popularity of the men who are involved, but a large national interest as well, because it shows the determination on the part of the department of the interior at Washington to even disallow the rulings of the local office, if the facts seem to the authorities there to prove that the law has not been fulfilled in taking out certificates for land from the government.

#### Filings at Eltopia.

A few years ago quite a number of men in this city, all of whom happen to be connected in some way with the saloon business, filed entries on some land about seven miles northeast of Eltopia, and shortly after the required period of six months had elapsed, in 1902, they made commutation proof, which was accepted by the authorities of the local office, John M. Carr, and Thomas Musgrove, who have since left that office.

The claims were contested on the ground that the men had not lived on, or improved their land at all. The most of them had business here, when they attended to the claims, and required their continuous residence here.  
Special Agent Sidney Miller, of Lewiston, Idaho, investigated the case, and on his representations the department of the interior decided to disallow the proofs, but granted the claimants the right to appeal from this decision and show why they should be allowed the land. All the claimants appealed, and it is one of these cases which is to be heard tomorrow. As the circumstances of all the holders are alike, and if Retzer's claim is disallowed, it is probable that all will be. A similar case, that of George Retzer, was tried a couple of months ago, and the authorities have not as yet pronounced their decision on it.

### Department Very Active.

The interest which the department is taking in these matters can be seen from the fact that it is not necessary for the name of a complainant who contests such titles to be mentioned, or even, it is said, for the department to know his identity. Even an anonymous letter giving a hint to the authorities that the law has not been lived up to, will bring a visit from the special agent in charge, and that the facts warrant an investigation which will contest the claim in his own name.

The motive of those making these complaints to the department is probably in very few cases personal spite. Those who have lived up to the requirements of the law, and have the interests of the section of country at heart, rather resent it, it is true, to see other men gaining wealth on land made valuable by their efforts, as it must, since the mere settlement of the region increases the value of the land, while those holders of such titles, as mentioned above, have done nothing by which they can gain this wealth. But there is the desire to have the district taken up by residents anyway on account of the advantages accruing to the neighborhood in the way of improving the facilities for transportation, for education, for "trading" labor, and for social and other reasons. All these are hindered if a non-resident owns the land and has no interest in his property other than the profit which he expects to make out of it.  
A further question has been mooted of whether those who have taken these commutation proofs have not been rendering themselves liable to prosecution for perjury, on account of the oaths required when such a title is obtained. It is not expected, though, that the authorities will push the matter any further than simply to deprive the holders of their land, if it is found that the requirements of the law have not been fulfilled.

### DELAYED FLEET GOES.

#### Bar's Condition Permits Vessels to Put to Sea.

The bar conditions were again favorable this morning and all the delayed fleet at the mouth of the river got to sea. Among them was the orient line Indravell and the British ship Red Rock. The former, however, had lost no time of any consequence, but the Red Rock has been waiting for an opportunity to cross out for the past two weeks. She is bound for the United Kingdom with a cargo of wheat.

### TO LECTURE ON "MACHETH."

Judge M. L. Pipes will lecture next Wednesday evening at the Gillespie school of expression, 534 Morrison street. His subject is, "A Critical Discussion of Macheth."

Klamath Falls is to have a new national bank. Probart won't be in it.

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### ONLY WAREHOUSE IN NORTHWEST

#### GOVERNMENT BONDED WAREHOUSE WILL BE ERECTED HERE FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE—WILL BE USED FOR THE STORING OF LIQUORS.

(Journal Special Service.)  
The establishment at Portland of a bonded warehouse for the United States internal revenue service, said David M. Dunne, collector for the district, "will fill a much needed want in the northwest and will mean much to the business interests of Portland and the state. The internal revenue service has no bonded warehouse in the northwest at the present time. The nearest is at San Francisco."  
Further than the notification that a warehouse is to be established at Portland, Collector Dunne has received no information regarding the institution and is, therefore, not in a position to give out particulars.  
"It will be for the sole purpose of storing liquors and wines, subject to tax," he said.

Throughout the country bonded warehouses are few in number. In Kentucky, where a great deal of whiskey is distilled, there are several. Their establishment and management is under the jurisdiction of the treasury department.  
By means of the bonded warehouse system manufacturers of liquor may store their products and are not obliged to pay the federal tax until the whiskey is taken from the place. The duty from the payment of storage rates the distiller is not obliged to put up any money and has the use of funds that otherwise would have to be expended in payment of the tax, until he is ready to place his product on the market. In a majority of cases liquors that are being stored in a bonded warehouse, as in the case of the producer, the bonded warehouse is a testimonial of the purity of the liquor. The term "bonded in bond" is used by the distiller as a guaranty of the genuineness of his wares.  
"The construction of the warehouse," said Mr. Dunne, "will mean an expenditure of quite a sum of money and conduct of the establishment will necessitate a considerable corps of employes."

### PLUMBING LAW IS DECLARED INVALID

(Journal Special Service.)  
Spokane, Wash., March 14.—In a decision rendered by Judge Kennan in the superior court the entire law regulating plumbing in the state of Washington is declared unconstitutional.

The decision in the case was brought about by the arrest some time ago of William Hankins, at the instance of A. T. Cattle, president of the Plumbers' union. Hankins was a non-union plumber and was charged with working on the business without a license. He was convicted in Justice Stocker's court.

The case was appealed to the superior court and the defendant filed a demurrer to the complaint, which was argued about a week ago. The decision of the court sustains the demurrer and the defendant was discharged.

### Endorse Strike.

The plumbers' strike in Spokane has been endorsed by the International Association of Journeymen Plumbers. The news was brought to Spokane by R. M. Simpson, fourth vice-president of the Seattle branch, who is returning to his home in Spokane from a conference of officers of the international association, which has been held in Seattle.

### The Great Northern track east of here is reported clear.

The Great Northern track east of here is reported clear. The washout at Odessa is still blocking the traffic to the west. The trains have used the Northern Pacific tracks between Spokane and Adrian, and will continue to do so until the track is mended.

### Beer Rate Out.

The Great Northern has responded to the cut in beer rates from the coast, which was made by the Northern Pacific last week. The Great Northern has had a rate of 75 cents per 100 pounds on straight cars of beer from Seattle to Spokane and intermediate points. In mixed carload lots of hops, liquid bread and other hop products the rate was 50 cents per 100 pounds. The new rates apply from Whatcom and Seattle to Spokane and intermediate points, and give a rate of 45 cents per 100 pounds on cars of more than 2,000 pounds. The rate is either for cars of beer or mixed cars of hop products.

### Wanderer Returns.

George Muloch, an old-time real estate man of this city, is in the city after an absence of 10 years, during which time his whereabouts have been unknown. He was accused by one of his daughters and disappeared from view. He was then a prosperous real estate man. The flight took place in 1894, and during that time Muloch has put in an adventurous career. From his home in London he has been a soldier of the queen in South Africa, and a tourist in Hawaii. Yesterday Muloch dropped into the Eagle barber shop and took a bath. It is not known yet whether an attempt will be made to take up the old prosecution or not.

### THE IS IN THE LAST DAY

To register. After 5 o'clock you will be too late. Your vote and your influence will be needed Wednesday to make Senator Mitchell's re-election possible. Portland's interests are in good hands, while he is in Washington.

### Bunch and Bar.

Judge Rowndes—Your face is familiar. I've seen you before.  
Prisoner—Yes, your honor, quite often.  
Judge Rowndes—Ah! what was the charge the last time I saw you?  
Prisoner—I think it was 15 cents, your honor. I mixed a cocktail for you.

### Masonic View.

From the Buffalo Times.  
Wife—I wonder why the fashions are always changing?  
Husband—Oh, I suppose women realize after a time what frights they are and want something more frightful.

### MISSION WORK BY PAULIST FATHERS

The Paulist Fathers, under the charge of Father Smith of San Francisco, began the conduct of a mission in St. Mary's cathedral yesterday. The opening sermon was preached by Father Cullen of New York City. The mission is intended for the men and women of the parish, and will last nine days.

### SALEM

#### ELEVATED SIDEWALK RANKS AS BRIDGE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Salem, Or., March 14.—Justice of the Peace Horgan on Saturday afternoon decided the case of C. T. Bonney against the city of Woodburn, tried several days ago, in favor of the plaintiff, giving him judgment for the amount sued for, \$31.52. The suit was brought to recover the amount stated on a contract for lumber used in the construction of an elevated sidewalk in front of Mr. Bonney's residence.  
The walk was ordered by the city council, and Mr. Bonney held that it was a bridge and refused to build it, and the mayor, arguing with Mr. Bonney, ordered him to build the walk and furnish the material and present his bill to the council. When the bill came in payment was refused, and the suit was the result. The decision holds that a sidewalk elevated 12 feet above the ground is properly a bridge, and as such under the ordinances of the city the council must pay for.

### Pastor Will Remain.

Rev. W. C. Kantner, pastor of the First Congregational church of this city, who recently received a call from a church in Portland, has decided not to accept the pastorate tendered him and will remain in Salem. This announcement is hailed with delight by the congregation he has served for the past nine years.

### Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen

of Portland on Saturday evening paid into the state treasury \$648, the amount of collections made on account of fishing licenses by that department during the month of February in the first district, and \$109.50 collected in the second district.

### Will Erect Monument.

The local G. A. R. post and the W. R. C. have addressed a circular letter to the lodges of this city, asking for contributions to a fund with which to erect a monument in the G. A. R. plot in the cemetery south of this city in memory of the dead veterans. The post owns a fine plot, on which over \$1,000 has been expended in laying concrete walks and beautifying the place. The monument to be erected has thus far resided at the Elks, with \$25; Olive lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., \$10; Woodmen of the World, \$10, and Women of Woodcraft, \$10.

### FOR RECLAIMING ARID ALKALI SOIL

(Journal Special Service.)

Baker City, March 14.—While discussing various methods of getting rid of the alkali in the soil of certain sections of eastern Oregon with a group of friends yesterday, H. C. Inna, assayer and chemist, stated these interesting facts:  
"Very effective use could be made of these spring freshets if preparation was made for them in the fall. During the summer the alkali dissolved in the mountain granites evaporates here in the valley and increases the amount of harmful ingredients already burdensome to the soil. Just before the rains come a place where this evaporation is very apparent. In the spring much of this is washed off by the excess of water."

### A Great Experiment.

"Making use of this fact government experts in irrigation just north of Irwin alkali lands by washing out the alkali. The plot of ground on which the demonstrative experiment was performed consisted of 40 acres west of Salt Lake City, near Williams lake. The highest point on the land was only eight feet above the level of Irwin alkali. Drain tiles four inches in diameter were laid every 150 feet, having at the head an intake for the fresh water and at the foot an outlet for the lake. The drains were four feet below the surface.

The land was plotted and arranged for sectional flooding by levees. Once each week the land was flooded to a depth of four inches in the summer of 1902. In the fall of 1902 the land had been flooded and allowed to remain until the following spring.

"In all there remained but 1,221 tons of the alkali, that is, 5,430 tons of alkali which was washed out in a year; 3,448 tons of this passed out the outlet of the drain, the remainder sank and was carried away by the natural subdrainage."  
"The conclusion is that the ultimate reclamation of the soil is possible. The ground has already been sufficiently sweetened to allow the growth of shallow rooted plants. The use of water as an agent in reclaiming the soil is a cheap and natural method, and leaves nothing harmful in the soil, as do many cures."

### The Good Results.

"In October the full effect of the washing became apparent. In the first foot there only remained one-thirteenth of the original amount of alkali, in the second foot there was 183 tons, or one-eighth of the original amount. In the third foot, 330 tons, less than one-fifth the amount contained at first, and in the fourth foot, 607 tons, or less than one-third the first quantity.

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### Court Notes.

Circuit court cases were disposed of Saturday as follows:  
J. W. Fisher vs. Lodema Fisher, divorce; divorce granted.  
Emma L. Hawley vs. B. E. Hawley, divorce; divorce granted.  
Portland Mercantile company vs. E. C. Gibson, to recover money; judgment and order of sale of attached property.  
F. T. Blank vs. O. A. Lommen, to recover commission on a real estate sale; verdict for defendant.  
J. C. Long vs. C. L. Rianey, to recover money; verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$195.

### ENGINEER DUNBAR OF BAKER CITY IS DEAD

(Journal Special Service.)  
Baker City, March 14.—Marcus Dunbar, the widely known mining and civil engineer, died at his residence here yesterday of a peculiar illness and liver trouble, after an illness of two weeks. Only within the last few days was he considered to be in a dangerous condition.  
Mr. Dunbar was born in Picton, On-



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### BUGENE

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### NO VOTE ON THE LICENSE QUESTION

(Journal Special Service.)

Eugene, Or., March 14.—At an informal meeting of the city council Saturday evening it was decided that the recent petition asking that the people be allowed to vote on the proposition as to whether or not saloons shall be licensed for the coming year be disallowed, and the question will not be placed on the ballots at the coming municipal election on April 4. The council has already laid its financial plan for the coming year, and cannot disarrange them.

### New Glee Club.

The Treble Clef club (Girls' Glee club) of the University of Oregon made its initial bow of the season before the public Saturday evening at Villard hall. Despite the storm there was a good audience of students and townspeople in attendance. The program was thoroughly enjoyed. The club has materially improved since last season. The program rendered follows:

"The Frogs Singing School".....Bartlett  
Treble Clef.  
"Caprice Espanol" (Op. 37).....  
Miss Florence DeBar.  
"Legends".....Mohring  
Treble Clef.

Double trio—"Evening Prayer in Britain".....Chamblaine  
Miss Stinson, Miss Mount, Miss Dodge.  
Miss Wold, Miss Gilbert,  
Miss Woods.

(a) "Silent Night".....Lazarus  
(b) "The Lass With the Delicate Air".....Arns

(a) "Glad He Ain't a Girl".....  
Miss Cora Shaver.  
(b) "Watchin' the Sparkin'".....  
Miss Cora Shaver.

"Lullaby".....Dennee  
Treble Clef.

"A Lesson With the Pen".....D'Hardelot  
Miss Stinson.  
"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind".....  
Sarjeant  
Treble Clef.

The personnel of the club is as follows: Eva Stinson, leader; Miss Ella McAlister, accompanist; Misses Cora Wold, Mary Gray, Grace Mount, Daisy Gilbert, Elsie Orcutt, Louise Jones, Lulu McLaine, soprano; Misses Mary Warfield, Norma Hendricks, Camille Carroll, Edna Prescott, Cora Shaver, Rose Dodge, Bea Woods, alto.

### Examine the Magnolia.

Al Geiser, Engineer Esselstyn and Al P. Jones returned last night from the Magnolia, where they have been for several days engaged in making an estimate of the property. There are many rumors regarding the mission of these men to the Magnolia. Mr. Jones is one of the owners of the property, and it is reported that there is deal on for the mine.

### Says Martin Was Short.

A. P. Goss returned yesterday from Canyon City, where he went to attend a meeting of the bondsmen of Zack Martin, treasurer of Grant county, who recently committed suicide, and whose shortage of accounts, according to those who experted the books, amounts to \$3,441.63. The bondsmen for Martin's last term of office are D. P. Goss of Sumpter, Ed Stewart of Dayville, Joseph Oliver of John Day, and F. C. Sells of Canyon City. While Mr. Goss nor the other bondsmen had the time to make an examination of the books, he says that the amount of shortage is probably about correct, although it is thought that a goodly portion of this shortage was incurred in Martin's other term, or probably some time during the term of his predecessors.

### Mr. Goss was non-committal in regard to the plans decided upon by the bondsmen, but stated that they had

### reached an understanding in the matter.

### Davidson Goes East.

T. W. Davidson leaves today for Milwaukee and Chicago, to be gone several weeks on business connected with the Morning mine. It is understood that the special object of Mr. Davidson's trip at this time is to raise funds to pay off the indebtedness now hanging over the property.

### CORVALLIS

NOTICE—The Corvallis agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is located at O. J. Blaine's furniture store, where subscriptions to The Daily, Semi-Weekly and Weekly Journal will be taken. G. E. Hall, Agent.

### CARRIAGE FACTORY BEING TORN DOWN

(Journal Special Service.)  
Corvallis, March 14.—The remaining half of the Cramer organ and carriage factory is to be torn down. A force of men have been engaged for several days in loading cars with the lumber, a chute from the second story being used in sending the timber to the cars. Whether the balance of the structure is to be rebuilt into another building in Albany is not known.

### Drums and Dance.

There was a lively time in the Wellside Artisan hall Friday evening. The drama, "Down in Maine" was creditably produced by home talent, and a dance concluded the evening's entertainment. The troupe may give the play in neighboring towns.

### Itinerant Artist.

Among the odd characters may be numbered Joe Inglehart, a traveling artist, at present operating in this city. Inglehart is probably 35 years of age, and has traveled extensively. A force of men have been engaged for several days in loading cars with the lumber, a chute from the second story being used in sending the timber to the cars. Whether the balance of the structure is to be rebuilt into another building in Albany is not known.

### St. Patrick's Day.

A unique entertainment is to be given by the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church in honor of St. Patrick. It is to be an excursion, starting from Corvallis, and covering by way of the Fullerton, Froltown and a featherbrain R. R., and touring the United States. The ticket office is at F. L. Miller's residence, on March 17.

### Personal.

A large audience filled the college chapel last night to listen to the program rendered by the O. A. C. musical department. The affair proved very enjoyable.  
Mrs. Elgin is in Salem, called there by the illness of Miss Sophia Elgin, who has appendicitis.  
Mahara's minstrels are to perform at the local opera house Tuesday evening.  
August Fleher has returned from a business trip to Portland and Silverton.

### George Paul has returned from San Francisco, where he graduated with honor from the Caldwell School of Oratory.

Corvallis patrons of The Journal are eager for the beginning of the Albany-Corvallis mail service, thereby bringing in The Journal at 8:30 a. m. The date for the service to begin is Friday, the 19th.

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