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FIFTY ONE YEARS

Grover Cleveland was serving
his first term and the voters had
just elected Benjamin Harrison to
succeed him. Sylvester Pennoyer,
democrat and populist, was govern-
or of Oregon. Joseph N. Dolph
and John H. Mitchell held seats in
the United States senate from
Oregon and Binger Herman was the
lone representative from this state.

There was no Sherman county
but settlers who had for the past
seven or eight years been flocking
in to the rolling bunch grass cov-
ered hills between the John Day
and Deschutes rivers were begin-
ning to talk of breaking away from
Wasco, the mother of counties.

Clark Dunlap, five years before,
had plotted a town to be known
as Wasco on the southeast corner
of his homestead. W. H. Barnett
had moved his store from its first
location a little over a mile down
the draw to the new townsite and
had a couple of years later erected
a store building which he rented
to Josiah Marsh who established a
drug store.

Levi Armsworthy, a year before
had built the Okaloosa Hotel and
carpenters and contractors were
busy putting up residences and
business houses when early in
November, 1888, Cornelius J.
Bright, a young school teacher
from Virginia, two years out of
the Wasco Independent Academy,
who had taught school in Sherman
county a couple of short terms,
published the first issue of the
Wasco Observer.

With this week's issue the direct
successor to that paper begins its
fifty second year in a county as
much different from the one in
which it was first published as that
one was from the first editor's
Virginia.

Now there are no herds of cattle
roaming over the grass covered
hills, no homesteaders breaking the
tough virgin sod, no freight wagons
rolling from The Dalles to the
mines, no Indians with bows and
arrows.

In the full fifty-one years
since the county's first paper was
run off on the hand press used by
Mr. Bright, weekly papers of
which there has been a total of
eight, have told the history of the
transition from a pioneer civiliza-
tion to a settled, prosperous
farming county far ahead of the
average in point of agricultural
mechanization.

That history has been told so
shortly after the events, that it is
seldom recognized as history,
just as the transition has been so
slow that natives must look back
ten or more years to observe a
change. Mechanization began when
the first header and the first
threshing machine came into the
country and milestones mark the date
of the advent of the first combine
and the first tractor.

When the first disgruntled and
discouraged homesteader decided
to sell out to his neighbor and
move to a different climate, the
tendency toward larger farm units
began to end—we know not where
for it is still going on.

The little Wasco school house
of one room has grown mightily
in size although the increase in
farm size has lately reduced the
number of pupils. Back in the
pages of the county's newspapers
can be found the story of school
growth and school consolidation
that is still in process.

And there is the long column of
births, of deaths, of marriages,
of private and public hopes and
fears, ambitions and defeats. They
have been written and read and
are a part of the transition period
of the county that will go on until
there is no county, no farm land
and none to recall the days gone
by, for change is ever with us.
We have chronicled fifty-one very
important years and hope to do the
same for the next fifty-one.

Raising a man to a position of
place or power does not make him
great.—It is only the proper hand-
ling of office that makes a man
outstanding.

NEUTRALITY?

We now have a new neutrality
law that is made from the defeat
of the one so recently fought for
by the same administration that
asked for the original.

First outward manifestation of
the new act was the proposed
charge of registry of American
ships to the Republic of Panama
and the statement of the president
that the action was legal.

It may be legal but it certainly
is not neutrality.

If we have been neutral in the
Sino-Japanese war we are not
neutral in the present European
war. It seems that we try to
make our neutrality fit our prej-
udices and if it does not get us in-
to trouble before long we will be
very lucky indeed.

THE WAR

Indications in Europe do not
seem to point toward a long war
or, at present, toward any war at
all. There is no fighting to amount
to as much as a quiet day on the
western front in 1917. A few
prisoners are captured to keep the
opposing generals acquainted with
what is going on in enemy camps
and certainly some men are killed.
But that has been kept at a mini-
mum so far.

The war is on the economic and
diplomatic fronts and plenty is
happening there with the allies
capturing Turkey and so far suc-
cessfully blocking Italy from par-
ticipation. The Balkans are ap-
parently being weaned from favor-
itism and fear of Germany and
Russia is taking the Baltic states
one by one thus making the ring
around the Germans much tighter
than it was when Hitler invaded
Poland to loosen it.

The success of allied aviators
flying American planes must make
our own army men feel very grat-
ified. While England and France
have fliers with more experi-
ence, that the younger German fliers
the speed of American ships is said
to give them a further advantage
and if recent reports are to be be-
lieved they have won several
battles and may be able to prevent
the feared bombing of cities and
manufacturing plants.

We are now permitted to ship
any kind of goods to ports within
a few miles of England and their
ships may take any kind of cargo
from our shores. All of which
gives a tremendous advantage to
the allies in their fight to blockade
German ports.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 11, 1910

When a Rainier man was about
to cut the jugular vein of a burg-
lar his wife cried out, "Don't cut
his throat, the blood will spoil the
carpet." Presence of mind is a
great thing.

J. Harvey Smith of Irrigon was
here on the 4th. He still has faith
in the land where he has chosen to
live.

John H. Landry, one of the ear-
liest pioneers of Moro, died at
5 o'clock Sunday from a compli-
cation of afflictions.

From the Observer, Nov. 9, 1900

Phil Ruggles has located on a
homestead on the John Day, the
garden spot of Sherman county.

Attorney R. E. Hoskinson and
Miss Coleman were married last
week and now that neat new cot-
tage in reality is one of the cheer-
ful homes.

Everything went for McKinley,
a fact that was to be expected.

B. F. Hoover's brick block will
soon be ready for dedication.

DeMoss Bros. have added dry
goods and underclothing to their
stock and are doing a very hand-
some business.

From the Observer, Nov. 12, 1920

The Observer is informed that
a change in management is pend-
ing for the Moro Hotel. W. M.
Walker and wife have signed a
contract to take over.

Chester Smith returned from the
hospital surprising his many
friends by the quick recovery. He
shows but little effects of the
horse kicking him.

Armistice day in Moro, 1920 will
long be remembered as the be-
ginning of the winter season. A
near blizzard blew all day.

In the presence of immediate
friends Miss Alvina Howard be-
came the bride of Virgil Gushman
November 5. They will live on a
farm near Wasco.

Grass Valley Journal Nov. 12, 1920
Having completed the Clark
hill job the road crew will move
their outfit to Kent where sub-
stantial work will be done.

The new council elected were
R. J. Baker, mayor; M. B. O'Brien
and Ed Alley councilmen for one
year. L. R. French, P. N. Lemmon
and C. W. Wallace for two years.
O. M. Fraley is a hold over.

The officers of the Sherman
Electric company met and are
trying to make collections. The
pdes will be in position to Wasco
this week. The stock certificates
are now ready for distribution.

Statehouse Gossip

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\$2500. The state has a fund of
\$794 available for this purpose,
\$500 authorized by the State Emer-
gency Board and \$294 contained
in a fund contributed by citizens
following the destruction of the
old capitol for the purpose of
beautifying the new state house
and which Governor Sprague has
said might be applied toward pur-
chase of a flag pole.

Western Lincoln county is the
latest candidate for PUD honors.
Sponsors for a proposed Peoples
Utility District in that section
have filed a preliminary petition
with the Hydroelectric Commis-
sion asking for a survey and a re-
port on the feasibility of the pro-
ject which would cover an area of
175 square miles, including the
cities of Waldport and Newport,
with a population of 12,000 and an
assessed valuation of \$4,000,000.

The Pacific Coast, it seems, has
its own little diplomatic war. Cal-
ifornia and Oregon officials are
engaged in a controversy over
reciprocal privileges granted to
certain classes of motor vehicle
operators.

California officials have charged
that Oregon has discontinued
these privileges to motorists regis-
tered in the southern state and
threatens to reciprocate in kind.
Oregon's Secretary of State Earl
Snell throws the charge right back
into the teeth of the Californians
with a charge that it was they
who started the difficulty by annull-
ing the understanding that has
been in existence between the two
states for the past several years.

California's severance of diploma-
tic relations in the motor vehicle
field occurred about two months ago
according to Snell, since which time
the Oregon official has been trying
in vain to patch up the misunder-
standing between the two states
so that the arrangement might
be continued. The Californians,
however, Snell charges, have ig-
nored his overtures and refuse
even to arrange a meeting at which
the differences, if any, can be
threshed out.

Commercial vehicles operating
from towns near the border will
be hardest hit if the two states
fall to get together, Snell said.

While the full cash valuation of
Oregon utilities increased by \$3,-
186,256 during the past year the
assessed valuation of these same
utilities decreased by \$290,893, a
report by the tax commission
shows. This seeming inconsisten-
cy is explained by the fact that
the assessed value of utilities is
based upon the ratio of true value
to assessed value in each county
and this year the ratio was re-
duced in 21 of the 36 counties. The
greatest increase in valuation was
recorded by electric companies
whose true cash value jumped from
\$99,047,748.36 in 1938 to \$102,
394,856.80 in 1939.

Aircraft companies, steam
railroads, tank car companies,
telephone companies and water
companies all recorded valuation
gains, while valuation losses were
recorded by electric railroads, gas
companies and telegraph compa-
nies.

Clyde E. Hutchens has been ap-
pointed district representative of
the state department of agricul-
ture for Jefferson, Crook, Des-
chutes and Wheeler counties. Hutch-
ens who succeeds E. L. Straek,
transferred to McMinnville, will
make his headquarters in Red-
mond. He has served with the
department in its federal-state
shipping joint service since 1936.

The Oregon highway commis-
sion has decided to spend \$100,-
000 in advertising Oregon's scenic
and recreational advantages dur-
ing 1940. Most of the money will
be spent with eastern magazines
and newspapers, according to
Harold B. Say, head of the depart-
ment's travel and information
bureau.

Although the new capitol build-
ing has been occupied now for
more than a year Ross B. Ham-
mond, the contractor, is still try-
ing to collect a balance of \$40,000
which he claims is due him from
the WPA. Hammond appeared be-
fore the Board of Control with his
claim this week and argued that
the state should pay him interest
on the delayed installment. While
he found plenty of sympathy
among the board members he found
but little encouragement for his
claim. Only a legislative act
could authorize payment of inter-
est, Governor Sprague informed
Hammond.

MEETING HELD
Two committees appointed for
the economic conference last year
met Thursday morning for a dis-
cussion of plans for next year af-
ter a review of what has been done
with last year's resolutions. Le-
Roy Wright reviewed the history
of the committee's work and
Charles Smith aided in the plan-
making.



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The Home & Farm Authority, a
government corporation, is pre-
pared to cooperate to enable consum-
ers to purchase appliances of all
sorts. Appliances are sold by
regular dealers on the installment
plan; the monthly collections are
made by adding the installment to
the electric bill and these payments
are forwarded to the federal agency
which buys the installment con-
tract from the dealer.

The "peeler log" bill, passed by
the senate and waiting house ac-
tion in the regular session, is in-
tended to increase employment in
the northwest. To expediate its
passage Senator Holman of Ore-
gon has written to the secretaries
of agriculture, commerce, state
and labor and to the tariff commis-
sion to make a study and submit
their views in January. In addi-
tion to being wasteful, the peeler
logs, after being exported, return
to the United States in the form
of doors and other articles.

An eastern steel corporation is
considering the practicability of
establishing a subsidiary some-
where in the Oregon-Washington
area and using electric power in-
stead of coal in manufacturing
stainless steel. An investigation
is under way looking for deposits
of raw material in that region.
President Roosevelt has given the
idea his blessing and the war de-
partment hopes something will
materialize.

In this column was recently
catalogued a list of raw materials
which can be electrically treated,
and all within the Pacific north-
west. Mr. Roosevelt does not want
industries centralized in one com-
munity; he wants them scattered.

Committee Named
On Red Cross Drive

Appointment of local chairmen
for the Red Cross drive which be-
gins next Saturday has been made
by Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, coun-
ty roll call chairman, and citizens
will have their annual opportunity
to enroll in the well known relief
organization, which this year, for
the first time, has a local chapter.
Named as local chairmen were:
Mrs. George Wilson at Kent; Mrs.
Ed Alley at Grass Valley; Mrs.
Dean Reynolds at Rutledge; Mrs.
Alfred Payne at Rosebush; Mrs.
Robert Hoskinson at Moro; Mrs.
Orval Thompson at Monkland-Har-
mony; Miss Mary Fortner at Was-
co; Miss Georgia Harper at Gor-
don Ridge; Mrs. Lewis Scholl at
Locust Grove and Miss Mary
Brackett at Rufus.

Wasco Team Wins
Two Games

The Wasco high school six-man
football team defeated Lyle high
school by a score of 18 to 12 Sat-
urday, November 4 at Wasco. The
Warriors scored early in the first
period and kicked the extra point
and Wasco led 8 to 0. Lyle came
back and scored two touchdowns,
while the Warriors made a safety
bringing the score to 10 to 12 for
Lyle. In the last minute of play
a pass from Hines to Fields was
completed in the end zone and the
conversion made.

November "Ninjans" Wasco
high school carnival was held
Saturday evening at the school
building. Concession booths were
run by the various classes of the
school. Food was sold by the
Girls' League. Dancing in the
Harvest theme to the "Top Hat-
ters" was featured in the gym.

Grass Valley bowed to Wasco's
football team at Wasco Tuesday
to the score of 21 to 0. Wasco
score again until the last quarter
converted. The Warriors did not
score again until the last quarter
when they ran up two touchdowns
and an extra point.

Friday night the first and second
girls volleyball teams met
Moro in the Wasco gym. The
second team game will begin at
7:30 and be followed by the first
team game.

Read the Ads in the Journal

Camouflage
"Why do you always put a
dictation sign on your letters, as
if you had a secretary? You do
not keep a typist."
"Well, the fact is, my spelling's
a bit shaky."

County Court

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Otis Baker, Janitor's salary
for October \$65.00; balance
due on Sept. salary 15.00; 80.00
Art Bucholtz, meals for pris-
oners 9.30

Pacific Power & Light Co.
Courthouse lights \$22.41;
Misc for Courthouse \$4.39;
DeMoss Park Lights \$1.50; 28.30
Paulsen & Roles Laboratories
Towels for Courthouse 7.40

Department of Agriculture
Sealer of Weights & Meas-
ures 3.76

Reatha Sayrs, Assessor's
office help 4.80
Ginn, Coleman & Co., Court
house expense 11.45

Pacific Tel. & Tel. Company
Courthouse telephones 19.06
C. C. Wilson, Sheriff, Stamps
for Sheriff's office 5.00

K'ham Stationery & Printing
Sheriff's office expense 8.30
B.roughs Adding Machine Co.
Assessor's office \$4.45;
Treasurer's office \$2.50; 6.95

State Industrial Accident Comm
Peace officers protection 5.01
West Coast Print. and Bind. Co.
Clerk's office \$3.80; Sher-
iff's office \$18.30; Sup-
office \$14.45; 36.55

Wily W. Knighten, Supt.
office help 41.66
National Education Ass'n
Supt. office expense 5.00
The School Executive Supt.
office expense 2.00

National Geographic Society
Supt. office expense 5.75
Joe Truitt, Clerk Stamps for
Clerk's office 6.00

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County Printing \$9.00
Printing Budget \$40.40 49.40

J. F. Noonan, Balance due on
painting Courthouse 122.00
Union Oil Company, Expense
of Government trapper 94.42

Ronald S. Macnab, Claim of
indemnity for Bang's dis-
eased cattle slaughtered 15.00
W. A. Raymond, Courthouse
expense 14.40

Geo. A. Potter, Judge's
expense 11.35
CLAIMS PRESENTED AND
ALLOWED AGAINST THE
ROAD FUND, NEV. TERM, 1939.

Climax Account Amount
L. L. Peetz, Road Master 66.90
E. McPherson, road labor 57.40
W. Kelly, road labor 28.50

C. Bargenholt, road labor 44.80
C. Mersinger, road labor 40.50
A. Shearer, road labor 6.50
C. Herring, road labor 11.50

A. Shearer, road labor 13.50
L. L. Peetz, Road Master 75.40
E. McPherson, road labor 66.00
W. Kelly, road labor 49.00

C. Bargenholt, road labor 45.60
A. Shearer, road labor 36.50
C. Herring, road labor 36.50
C. Mersinger, road labor 28.50

State Industrial Accident Com.
October account \$20.50;
Back balance \$25.05; 45.55
National Hospital Association
Protection 14.00

Mrs. C. M. Snider, Rent on
machine shed 6.00
G. W. Armsworthy, Road sup-
plies 5.25

Peenaughty Machinery Co.,
road supplies 16.85
Pacific Power & Light Co.,
Lights in machine shed
Standard Oil Company, Gaso-
line 51.03

Roy Powell, Road viewer's
expenses 10.00
H. A. Walker, Road viewer's
expenses 10.00

J. K. McKean, Gasoline and
oil \$44.06; Work on pick-
up \$2.50; 46.56
Geo. A. Potter, Prestone 15.90
Wes Wilde, Road expenses 5.85
G. B. Moon, Road supplies .60

Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard,
Road supplies used for
bridges 118.70

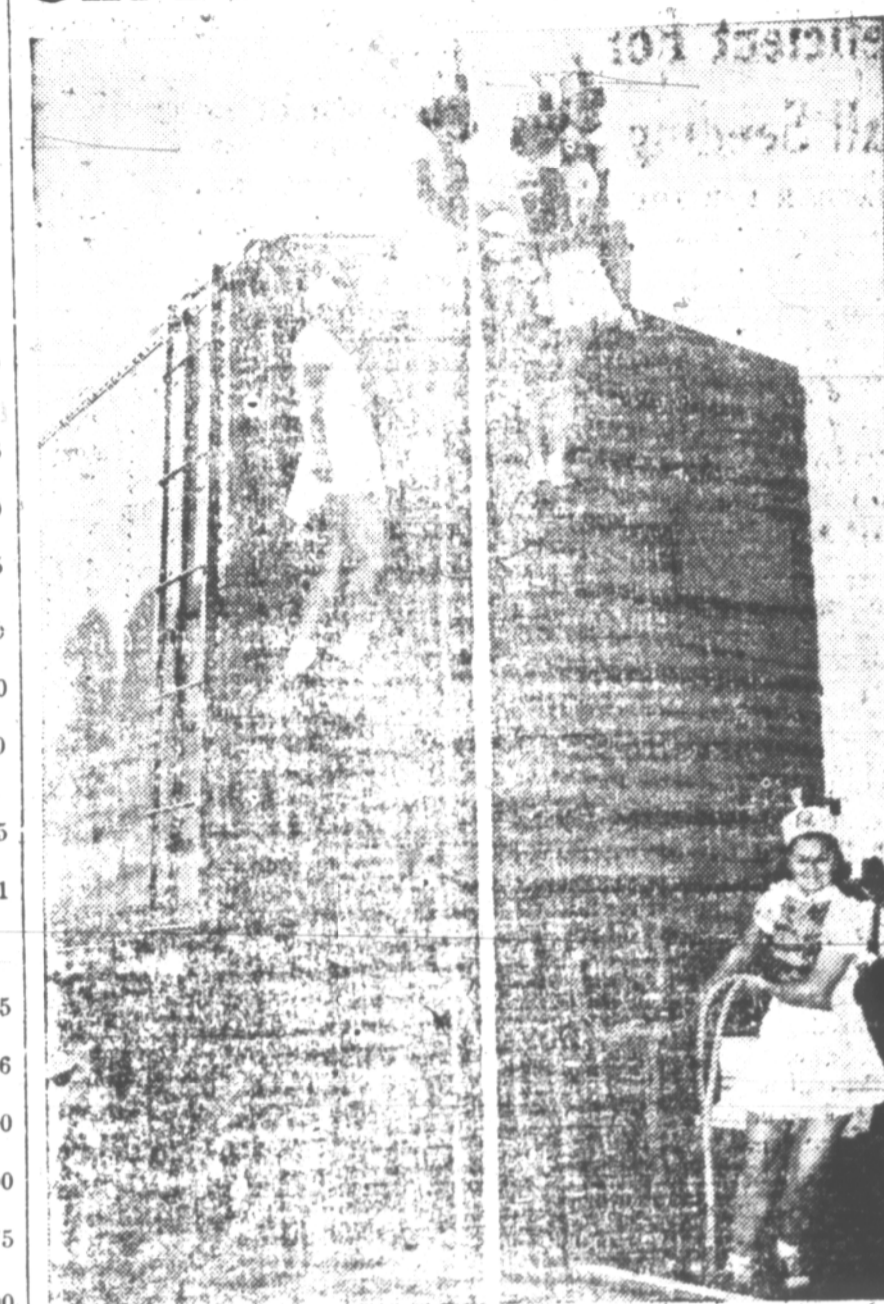
Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78.O.E.S.
Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second
and Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
Invited
Rose Amidon, W.M.
Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues-
day of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.
Rebekah Wilson, N.G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Moro, Oregon
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday
evenings of each month.
Visiting members cor-
dially invited to meet
with us.
A. B. Christianson W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Thursdays in the
I.O.O.F. hall Tri-
sident and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.
Ve non Miller, N. G.
Joe Truitt, Secretary.

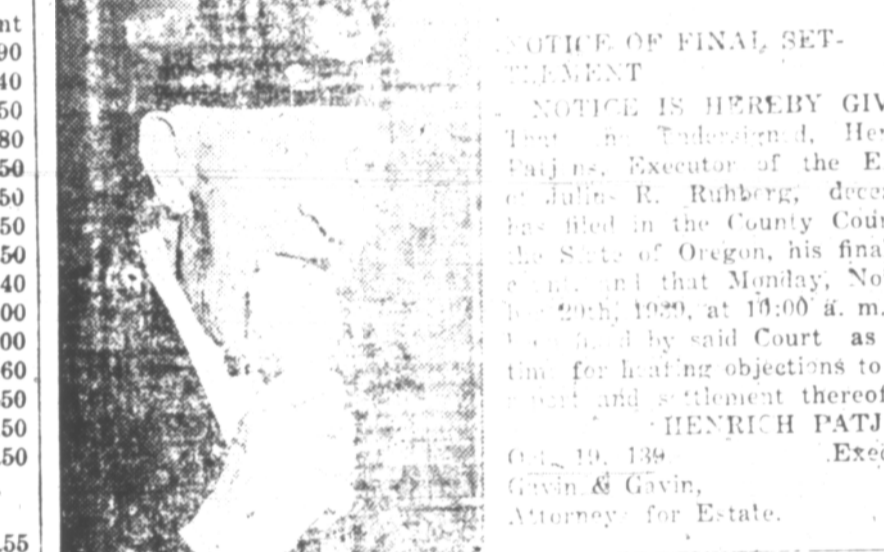
Girl Pulls New U.P. Boxcar



This 115-pound majorette in the Union Pacific Railroad Band, Miss Katherine Alvarez, not only actually pulled this new 39,700-pound freight car over a level track but 446 additional pounds of companion majorettes who cheered her on. The boxcar, designed for high speed merchandise freight service, is one of many such new cars which the Union Pacific has equipped with Timken roller bearings—the first in equipment available to the railroad on roller bearings.

Daily Quote: "We cannot afford to be half-way in anything. The whole-hearted man is the one who succeeds in this world.—Mary E. Mizer.

Boys Will Be Boys



With obvious delight, A. W. Gabrio of the Grand Army of the Republic takes a few hot bits at an ice cream cone. Mr. Gabrio, 93, of Hazelton, Pa., was one of the veterans at the national G. A. R. encampment at Pittsburg.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon Report and Account as Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Fuller, deceased, and that Monday, November 13, 1939, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Court-

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