

**WEST WING WELL BUILT****GOVERNOR MICKEY SAYS HE MEANT NO INJUSTICE.****WHEN HE CRITICISED TUNNEL****Nebraska's State Executive Recently Took Occasion to Say That Part of the Norfolk Insane Hospital Was Badly Built—He Retracts.**

Governor Mickey, in a letter to J. C. Stitt of Norfolk, states that he intended no injustice to either Mr. Stitt as architect or to Kellner & Woerth of Scribner, contractors, when he took occasion in a newspaper interview at Lincoln the other day, to criticize the tunnel work at the Norfolk hospital for the insane. Mr. Stitt and the contractors did the work on the new west wing at the institution, which the governor admits is a superior article of construction in every detail, and says that he referred only to the old tunnel, built two years ago, as faulty. The correspondence which brought about this statement from the governor, is as follows:

**Mr. Stitt's Letter.**  
Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 11, 1906.—Hon. John H. Mickey, Governor of Nebraska—My Dear Governor: I desire to call your attention to some recent statements in the press, giving your criticism of the new tunnel work at the Norfolk hospital for insane, and an enclosing herewith clippings from the World-Herald and from the Omaha News, both of the issue of December 7.

I am prompted to address you in this matter, because of the injury which these articles will produce upon those having no connection with the work in question, and the injury will result from what was said in the articles, rather than from what was said.

The parties at interest in this matter, are Kellner & Woerth, contractors, and myself as architect for the reconstruction of the old west wing, just recently completed.

Neither Kellner & Woerth, nor myself had anything to do whatsoever with the tunnel work referred to in your report, but the general public, lacking this information, will infer that this tunnel work was of our construction.

And as the west wing reconstruction was the last work at the hospital, this inference is but natural.

Kellner & Woerth have already been made to suffer in consequence, having received from the surety bond company with which they dealt, a peremptory letter, under date of December 8, inclosing the Omaha News clipping and demanding an explanation.

The bond company, of course, assumed that the defective work mentioned in the clipping was a part of the Kellner & Woerth contract upon the west wing, and until this point could be cleared up to their satisfaction, they would no doubt decline to supply further bonds for these contractors.

Kellner & Woerth, realizing that their good name was in jeopardy have asked me to present the facts to you, believing that you would speedily take such action as would relieve them of undeserved censure.

For myself, I can only say that I believe that this unfortunate situation will appeal to your well known reputation for fairness, and that you will see to it that the innocent are made to suffer.

It would be appreciated by us, if your action would be in the nature of a statement to the press, clearly separating the defective tunnel work from the work of Kellner & Woerth, contractors, and myself as architect, upon the old west wing.

Yours very truly,  
J. C. Stitt.  
Governor Meant no Harm.  
State of Nebraska, Executive Office, Lincoln, Dec. 12, 1906.—James C. Stitt, Norfolk, Nebraska.—Dear Sir: Yours of the 11th instant received enclosing clippings from the World-Herald of December 7 and 7, in relation to the defective work done at the Norfolk asylum. In the interview with the reporter who talked with me I said specifically that the work in the reconstruction of the west wing of the old hospital was very fine and that the building was finished up in excellent shape and that the work of the tunnel was done soon after the cottages were built. I had no thought of doing the architect or contractors of the late work there any injustice whatever but was particular to say to the reporter that the work of Kellner & Woerth was well done and that building was in nice shape and ready for occupancy as soon as the furniture came.

The tunnel work I referred to was done nearly two years ago. I don't think it was done by the same contractor who built the cottages and I did not aim to connect the construction of the tunnel work with either of the building contracts and referring to the erection of the cottages and some defects there I did not in any way connect you or Kellner & Woerth with that.

You are at liberty to use this letter if any injustice has been done you or the contractors.

Very truly yours,  
John H. Mickey,  
Governor.

**MONDAY MENTION.**

John Krantz is moving into his new house this week.

Ben Bierer of Oakdale spent Sunday with Norfolk friends.

Dr. W. R. Peters of Stanton spent Sunday with Norfolk friends.

Mrs. A. C. Peters of Stanton visited relatives in the city yesterday.

Bret McCullough went to Omaha yesterday and will return tomorrow.

Miss Emma Putney of Oakdale spent Sunday at the home of L. M. Beeler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lowrey and daughter of Stanton were in the city Saturday.

Miss Nellie Howard is home for a vacation, from her work for the Childs' Saving Institute at Omaha.

Clifford Ray of Oakdale arrived in the city Saturday to visit his friend, Carl Austin. He returned home at noon.

Mrs. Joseph Schwartz has been ill for a week, but is able to be about again.

Miss Olga Johnson of Winside spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Lulu Johnson.

Mrs. George Darville returned to Sioux City after a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. A. A. Hull.

Mrs. John Scott of Creighton, who has been visiting Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon, returned to her home at noon.

Geo. Early, who has been visiting friends in Madison and Norfolk, left for his home in Belle Fourche last night.

Walter Compton came up from Pilger yesterday and spent the day with friends, returning on the early train this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stokes of Omaha are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Stokes' father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Tyndal.

W. H. Blakeman returned from a business trip through the Black Hills country. He visited at Lander and Casper, Wyo., also several other points in the hills.

Mr. Stewart, state Sunday school superintendent, delivered an address at the Second Congregational church at the Junction last night. His subject was "The Holy Land."

Miss Cora Murphy, who has been studying in the Western Union Telegraph office here for some time past, left for Sioux City Saturday to accept a position as telegraph operator there.

Robert Smiley, who has been working in the Union Pacific headquarters at Omaha, is at home on a visit with his parents.

Engineer W. J. McNamee has taken a two months' lay-off and will visit his old home in Canada.

A band of Indians came in from the east on the noon train and camped in the depot until the arrival of No. 5, when they left for Valentine.

The men employed on the sewer ditch worked all day yesterday and finished laying the pipes under the Northwestern tracks. The ditch there was 12 feet deep and most of it was done by tunnelling.

The young folks of the Junction went out to Willems', south of the Elkhorn river yesterday afternoon, at which place there is a fine skating pond, and all enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Coony Campman is able to be out and around after his sick spell.

Conductor George Sears came home from Fremont yesterday.

Mrs. Bert Taylor and two sons came home from the east last night on No. 5.

Clem Barnhill has opened a wall paper and paint store at Truman's old stand on North Fourth street.

Mosaic lodge No. 55 will hold a special meeting Tuesday night for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree.

A dancing party to be given in Marquardt hall next Friday evening by those Elks who care to attend, is being arranged and will probably be held.

Trinity Social guild will meet with Miss Harriet Alberry on Tuesday night. Business of importance is on hand and all members are urged to be present.

The band management wishes to announce that the dance styled as "the turkey dip" will no longer be tolerated and that any persons who attempt it in the Tuesday night dance will be ejected.

J. S. Johnston of Superior died December 15. The funeral will be held tomorrow. He was well known among the Odd Fellows of the state, having been a past grand master and past grand patriarch. He was also a trustee in the A. O. U. W. for about twenty years.

It is said that no more cider will pass the lips of northern Nebraskans this season. Cider can only be shipped during comparatively warm seasons of the year so that when the mercury drops below freezing point there is danger of freezing up the cider in transit and the supply is cut off.

Word has been received in Norfolk that Dr. Thomas White, formerly stationed here as United States veterinarian, who recently left for Billings, Mont., to accept a position which he considered better, has determined that the Norfolk place was more favorable and will return to Norfolk, probably, to continue his residence.

The mission which has been conducted during the past week by Rev. Dr. Westcott of Columbus, closed at Trinity Episcopal church last evening. Dr. Westcott is a forceful speaker and made many friends not only for himself but for the church as well during the time he was at work here. It is believed the parish will profit materially as the result of his efforts in its behalf.

Alfred Farlow of Boston, head of the Christian Science publication committee is out with a circular letter accompanied by affidavits showing the picture published in December issue of McClure's Magazine and widely advertised as a photograph of Mrs. Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, is not a picture of Mrs. Eddy but is a likeness of Mrs. Sarah C. Chevallier, who formerly lived in Boston, and who died in California two years ago, and that the purported signature is not her signature as she wrote it in 1882.

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**THROAT CUT WITH RAZOR****RAILROAD MAN AT HERRICK IN PRECARIOUS CONDITION.****THOUGHT ATTEMPTED SUICIDE****Alec Gustassen Makes Affidavit That He Was Assaulted by a Stranger but Investigation Points to Attempted Suicide.**

Herrick, S. D., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: Alec Gustassen, a union man from Chicago, a laborer on the Northwestern, was found in his bunk this morning with his throat cut. Dr. Kelly was called at once and prevented the man from bleeding to death.

The injured man made an affidavit that a stranger, not a member of the railroad gang, did the deed while he was outside of the car, and that he then crawled into his bunk without waking his companions. Some of the gang claimed to have been witnesses to the encounter, but on close examination they denied any knowledge of the affair. The general opinion here is that Gustassen attempted suicide. The wounded man may recover.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: An Austrian, an employe on the Northwestern extension, was found unconscious at railroad camp Herrick, with his throat cut with a razor. He had had a quarrel with a pal. Some think it is a case of attempted suicide, others that it came from a quarrel. County officials are investigating the case.

**NEWS FROM NELIGH.****A. E. Ward is to be Judge Boyd's Private Secretary.**

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: The semi-annual school apportionment, which has just been made by the state treasurer, gives Antelope county \$3,176.32. The amount will be at once apportioned to the different school districts by Superintendent Ward, and the directors notified.

Henry M. Kidder, who lived in Antelope county something over twenty years ago, and for a number of years a general agent for school seats and supplies in this section, was a Neligh visitor this week. He is now proprietor and editor of the Scribner Rustler.

John M. McAllister commenced work Thursday morning on an office building 24½x32 feet on the second lot north of the Wattles-Kelsey building. The brick contract was let to T. H. Brenton and calls for its completion by March 1. One-half of the building will be occupied by Judge Boyd, who, it is understood, will engage in the practice of law after his resignation as judge and during the leisure time between the sessions of congress. Mr. McAllister will occupy the remainder of the building.

Nelson B. Sweltzer, examiner of surveys for the general land office, accompanied by several assistants, will take up headquarters in Neligh after the first of the year. Their work will probably keep them at the place for a year or longer.

The five judges in the Neligh mills contest for a name for their new brand of flour, after careful consideration, made an award of the first prize to Mrs. Dell Buckmaster of Brunswick; second, Mrs. R. H. Rice, Neligh; third, Miss Jeannette Brenton, Neligh. The judges were: J. W. Spirik, E. A. Pohlman, H. S. Lytle, Miss Lillian Anderson and Frank Frohm, salesman of the Bemis Bag company of Omaha.

The Lincoln State Journal is authority for the statement that A. E. Ward, now holding the position of vice-president of the state teachers' examining board, will be the private secretary of Congressman Boyd, entering upon his duties some time early next spring.

After a run of over three months, the Neligh Leader closed a most successful subscription contest last Saturday afternoon. Miss Laura Bennett of Neligh received 40,260 votes and obtained the diamond ring. Miss Grace Bogardus of Neligh was second with 116,900 votes and received the gold watch. Miss Estella Herring of Jessup was third with 107,600 and received the dressing table. The judges were selected by the young ladies and were Geo. Fletcher, T. S. Pexton and John M. McAllister of this city.

**WANTED TO KILL SOMEBODY****Henry Jones Was Picked up, Armed With Booze and a Gun.**

Armed with six bottles of booze and a loaded gun, Henry Jones was in a mood to start a killing west of Norfolk, near the John Ray farm when Constable Conley was notified and the said Jones was brought to Norfolk and landed in jail. He was practically paralyzed with drink when picked up out along the roadside and he had become very thoroughly chilled.

People of the neighborhood declared that he had been in a state of delirium twice and that a Battle Creek physician told them another such attack might kill him. It is said that whenever Jones gets in this condition he starts out with a gun and wants to shoot.

There was a disposition to file complaint against him on a charge of being a dipsomaniac, so that he might be sent to Lincoln, but people in the neighborhood seemed to fear that in case this were done he might seek revenge by taking somebody's life.

Unless such a complaint were filed, it was announced that the man would be turned loose.

**GREAT TASK FOR WALTERS.****Will be in Charge of Pacific Coast Extension.**

Sioux City Journal: All through the years the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company was pushing its old Elkhorn line westward toward Casper, Wyo., and during the last two years while it has been projecting this extension on toward Lander, it was preparing for the inevitable extension to the Pacific coast, and shrewd railroad men, watching the course of events and developments, say that the time has come when the Northwestern, for self protection, must lengthen its line.

The extension toward the Pacific coast will be in charge of Frank Walters, general manager of the Chicago and Northwestern lines west of the Missouri river.

The attitude of Harriman toward the Northwestern is pointed to as one of the reasons why that road is being forced to extend to the coast. The traffic alliance between the Northwestern and Union Pacific was made a long time ago. Harriman is planning in every way to divert business to the Illinois Central, his latest protegee. His latest announcement in this connection is that after January 1 the Union Pacific will not carry sleeping cars between Chicago and Portland and other Pacific coast points except on limited trains to California.

The Northwestern and Union Pacific at present have a traffic agreement for the handling of through business between Chicago, Omaha and the coast, both standard and tourist sleepers being delivered to the Harriman line at Omaha. This has been in effect for many years, and has enabled the Northwestern to advertise through sleeping car service as being without change from Chicago to all Pacific coast cities. The advantages and profits there to the Northwestern, it is well understood, are large.

The Harriman plan with respect to through car service may cause an open breach with the Northwestern and provoke a policy of retaliation on the part of that road, and there also is the possibility that Harriman may be retaliating upon the Northwestern for its preparations to reach the coast with its own line.

**DROPS DOWN BELOW ZERO****THREE DEGREES UNDER BRINGS STINGING COLD.****SHORT OF FUEL IN NORTHWEST****A Niobrara Coal Dealer Issues a Statement in Reply to the Explanation of President Marvin Hughtitt of the Northwestern.**

Three degrees below zero was the point reached during the night by Norfolk's thermometer. It was the coldest point yet reached this fall in Norfolk. The barometer stood at 30.30, which is very high, showing clear, cold and tightly compressed atmosphere. The warmest point reached Monday was twenty-one above zero.

A south wind in Norfolk Tuesday morning indicated that a low pressure area, with warmer temperature, was approaching.

It was the first time that the mercury had dropped below zero, and the cold was stinging when the day dawned. Here in Norfolk there was no danger of suffering from a shortage of fuel but reports from the Rosebud reservation indicated that fuel of all kinds is scarce, being difficult to obtain even at high rates.

The cold snap has so frozen the ground that, in order to continue with the sewer work in Norfolk, dynamite is being used.

**REPLIES TO MARVIN HUGHTITT.****Niobrara Coal Dealer Tells of Troubles of the Coal Man.**

Niobrara, Neb., Dec. 17.—Editor Norfolk News: Will you kindly allow me space to reply to what President Hughtitt of the C. & N. W. says, lest the public becomes misinformed. The first statement says that in order to avail themselves of a twenty percent reduction in coal later, we refused to order early. If there is a twenty percent reduction in coal rates, we have failed to get it in this part of the state. Does 95 cents per ton for sixty miles look like a twenty percent reduction? We have coal ordered and others I know of, since September and we can't get but a car where our orders call for five.

I will gladly furnish the gentleman copies or original letters where the shippers of coal say that they can not get cars and in a personal interview these same shippers claimed they were losing \$3,000 per week on account of the coal shortage. This is as far back as October 1. As there was no shortage this year during June, July and August, many dealers failed to put in their supply during those months on account of the loss on such coal through shrinkage and slack. In other words the railroad company wants the dealers and eventually the public to pay the same rate in June, July and August for their benefit, that we would pay when their business embarrasses them for equipment and when our end can be handled with but a small percentage of waste. There are kinds of coal we would like to handle in this part of the state but for the prohibitive rate put on the same coal by the Northwestern railroad west of Norfolk. If it were not for the juggling of railroad rates we would be able to handle our coal business to a better advantage.

J. P. Forsyth,  
A coal dealer.

**NEW NORTHWEST GATEWAY****OMAHA BEE TELLS OF NORFOLK'S OPPORTUNITIES.****CITY NEEDS SUGAR FACTORY****Railroad Hub of Northern Nebraska, Natural Distributing Point, Norfolk Offers Chances for Development Along Many Lines of Industry.**

The Omaha Bee has this to say in regard to Norfolk and its needs: Gateway to the new northwest—the fertile fields of north Nebraska and southern South Dakota, as well as the mines of Wyoming and the Black Hills; headquarters for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad west of the Missouri river, a hub around which radiate steel ribbons in five different directions; the logical and actual geographical center of the northern half of the state, located in the center of the most fertile valley on earth and with retail, wholesale and manufacturing industries already established which would do credit to a city twice the size, Norfolk, Neb., built in the fork of the Elkhorn river and the North Fork river, bids fair to one day become a distributing point second to none in Nebraska, and a manufacturing point of the first rank.

Look at the map. Locate Norfolk there among the network of steel rails that branch out from this hub for more than 150 miles to the northwest into the Rosebud reservation; seventy-five miles to the northeast, to the Missouri river and Sioux City; 120 miles to the southeast, reaching Omaha; fifty miles to the southeast, touching Columbus; 500 miles to Deadwood, in the gold fields, and equally distant into the Shoshone mining region of Wyoming, with prospects for immediate extension of this line to the Pacific coast.

What more admirable location was ever given to any city for wholesaling and distributing? Where did man ever find a more advantageous point for manufacturing?

The constant whistling of locomotives, approaching from and departing into all directions, tells to the silent air and the birds the real significance of Norfolk, and the field it fills. The territory of a second Chicago belongs to this thriving Nebraska community.

Here in Norfolk the Chicago & Northwestern railroad has its general superintendent for all lines west of the Missouri river; the assistant general superintendent for the same territory, and the division superintendent for the eastern division, to say nothing of its mammoth yards, roundhouse, repair shops, etc. What Norfolk is to the Northwestern railroad it can be to other industries.

First of all, Norfolk needs somebody to accept the now vacant sugar factory buildings and idle boilers as a gift. Anybody who is willing to bring the machinery and start the wheels to grinding sugar can get this Christmas present. Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture says there is an opportunity in Norfolk. And there is.

The American Beet Sugar company built a sugar factory here. For thirteen years the farmers raised beets and the plant made sugar. The farmers know how to raise that crop. But they lost faith in the factory's management and refused to supply the institution. The factory people, realizing that the time would not return when the farmers would supply them, picked up their machinery, excepting the boilers, and moved to Lamar, Colo. Nine boilers, 125 horse-power each, and in good condition, still are here all ready to be fired. The mammoth buildings are ready to be turned over to anybody who will bring in machinery and, in good faith, go to work. The buildings will be leased for an indefinite period—always if the contract is carried out, and will cost the manufacturer nothing. All that Norfolk wants is that the goods be delivered. It is a most extraordinary opportunity. It requires a big man to take hold of the situation, but there is a big chance for doing things.

Norfolk farmers last year, unsolicited, raised more beets and shipped them to Ames, then they had raised the last year the factory was here for the home institution. This shows that, treated to their satisfaction, they will supply a factory. It can be done. A factory here would pay. All that is needed is a man, and Norfolk is in crying need of that man right now.

Then there's water power in Norfolk. The city is situated on two rivers. A large mill, making a cereal product and running electric lights, is utilizing some of the power. But lots of it goes to waste.

A wholesale grocery house would pay in Norfolk. With an exclusive territory, to be reached a day ahead of Omaha, Sioux City or Lincoln; a wholesale grocery house here would have an easy field to build in. Other wholesale houses are running and there is a field for still more.

Norfolk's territory is almost unlimited. In the heart of a rich agricultural field of its own, and queen of a great big new northwest, it is destined, once developed, to become a city of the first rank before so very many years have rolled around.

There are unlimited opportunities here now. A look at the map by investment seekers is sought by Norfolk, with its three railroads—the Northwestern, Union Pacific and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha. Out from Bonesteel the Northwestern is now building an extension of thirty-five miles to Gregory. This will broaden the field. Out from Shoshone the Northwestern is about to extend to the

coast, it is said, and this will help. The Union Pacific has announced that it will build a line from Norfolk to Sioux City, connecting with the Columbus-Norfolk line. This will help. And the Yankton & Southwestern road, from Yankton to Galveston, with Senator Gamble of South Dakota behind it, will soon, it is announced, build through here.

Norfolk is a city of opportunities today. It is worth a glance. The United States government has shown its faith in Norfolk by establishing United court here—there are only four federal court towns in the state—Hastings, Omaha, Lincoln and Norfolk.

We have a federal court house and postoffice costing \$100,000—said to be the finest in America for a city of 5,000. Also, the federal government shows faith by establishing two United States depositaries here—a distinction known to no other Nebraska city outside of Omaha and Lincoln. Norfolk has a daily paper with three editions a day, and five weeklies to print its news; a commercial club, a \$10,000 sewer system in course of construction, paved streets ready to be built next spring, beautiful homes, thirteen churches, six schools, a state insane hospital and one small jail.

**Woodring-Jackson.**

The marriage of E. P. Woodring of Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Miss Lillian Jackson was solemnized at 5 o'clock Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson. Mrs. Culbertson is a sister of the bride. Rev. John Hinds of the Second Congregational church performed the ceremony.

A four-course dinner was served to immediate relatives. The centerpiece was of roses.

The rooms were a profusion of American Beauty roses and the large parlor table was covered with a massive bouquet of white chrysanthemums, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson of Council Bluffs.

Both parties are prominent young people of their home city, the groom being proprietor of the Woodring undertaking establishment on Broadway.

Miss Jackson was formerly a popular teacher in the public schools of Iowa. In Norfolk Miss Jackson has taken part in several musical affairs and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodring left Tuesday for Chicago and will be at home at No. 226 Broadway, Council Bluffs, January 5.

The bride was beautifully gowned in pale green embroidered silk, trimmings of chiffon and chiffon velvet, and carried a bouquet of cream Bride's roses.

**GETS POLICE AUTHORITY****MANAGER PEDERSEN OF AUDITORIUM WAS ARRESTED.****EJECTED BOY FROM THEATER****It Cost the Theater Manager \$8.20 to Put Out a Thirteen-Year-Old Son of W. P. Dixon But Now He Has the Strong Arm of the Law Behind Him.**

Charles Pedersen, manager of the Norfolk Auditorium, was arrested and fined in police court by Judge Westervelt on a charge of assault. The fine assessed was \$2 and costs, amounting in all to \$8.20. The complaint was filed by W. P. Dixon, alleging that his thirteen-year-old son had been assaulted by the theater manager.

The trouble arose at the production of "The Messenger Boy" at the Auditorium. The Dixon had been given his admission to the play in return for work which he was performing at the door. Mr. Pedersen declares that he discovered the boy letting in free other youths of his age, and that he ordered Dixon to leave the theater. He says that the boy became boisterous and that thereupon he seized and pushed him out of the door. The complaint in police court followed.

**Secures Police Authority.**

As a result of the trouble in court, Manager Pedersen has now armed himself with an appointment from Mayor Friday, giving him a right to do police duty on his own premises and he declares that the next time he wants to eject a boisterous youth he will do it with the strong arm of the law.

Manager Pedersen says that one of the objections to the Norfolk theater for years has been the noise created by boys who scrape their feet, give cat calls, etc. He says that the public demands good order in the play house and that he intends to keep the theater quiet if the law will allow it. With this end in view he has secured the permission from Mayor Friday to act with police authority in the building in the future.

**Rosebud Opera House.**

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 17.—Special to The News: The new Zorba opera house at Herrick, the largest building of its kind on the Rosebud reservation, was opened last Thursday evening to the public by a grand ball and reception. The building is a fine one and would do credit to many a larger town than Herrick, and the citizens of that place justly feel proud of it and praise the energy and push displayed by its owner, Mr. A. Zorba. The Bonesteel Cowboy band orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

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