

\$700 SALARY INCREASE

SEVEN SALARIES RAISED AT NORFOLK POSTOFFICE.

RAISE IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1

New Fiscal Year Begins at Norfolk Postoffice—Annual Report Soon, Government Building Inspector Here—Repairs Will Be Made.

The arrival of July brings an increase of \$700 in the annual salary list of the Norfolk postoffice.

Four clerks and two city carriers share in the increase. The postmaster's salary is also increased.

Beginning July 1 V. V. Light and B. W. Jonas, among the clerks, are advanced from \$900 to \$1,000. F. W. Freeland and R. B. Hyde are advanced from \$800 to \$900.

Among the city carriers C. A. Richey and George Meister are passed from the \$900 list to the \$1,000 salary roll.

The postmaster's salary will be \$2,500 for the coming year, the increase being based on increased receipts.

Bulldozing Inspector Here. Howard W. Thayer, a postoffice inspector, was in Norfolk this morning and last evening, going over the government building. Several repairs will probably be ordered by the department in a short time.

It is thought that the present white walls on the lower floor of the building will be tinted. Other repairs include a storm door for the west entrance and the painting of the roof.

New Fiscal Year. Tuesday was the last day in the fiscal year. The new year begins July 1. During the coming week the report covering the year's business at the Norfolk office will be made out.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Miss May Barrett has been quite sick.

Dr. E. L. Brush is having his office repaired and renovated.

B. E. Hoffmaster will be in Denver during the democratic convention.

L. N. Muck and W. M. Crowder, two blind men who have traveled over most of the United States, were in the city this morning.

The potato bugs have arrived in force. Large portions of some potato fields where proper precautions against the bugs were not taken have been nearly ruined.

Two hundred yards of ribbon was required to make the badges to be worn by Norfolk people making Fourth of July visits to neighboring towns. Mayor Sturgeon hopes to see the special train to Madison crowded with Norfolk flag wearers.

Train No. 6 from the Black Hills was two hours and forty minutes late yesterday on account of the derailing of a pair of trucks on a mail car two miles south of Black Hawk.

E. P. Olmsted, who retired some time ago from the Sturgeon Music company, has opened an office over the Citizens' National bank in order to have better facilities to clear up his collections.

Rev. Edwin Booth, jr., pastor of the First Congregational church, who recently opened a down town study in the Mast block, has had the study room equipped with a well stocked library, desks, tables, a typewriter and a telephone.

Smith & Son, the firm which won the contract for the construction of the new water main extension, had eight competitors in the bidding. The bids which were close enough to be figured out were as follows: Smith & Son, \$1,545; Miller & Humphrey of Norfolk, \$1,581.50; John Elsing of West Point, \$1,806; Katz, Craig Co., of Omaha, \$1,733.50. The new extension lies north of Norfolk avenue and west of Tenth street. Smith & Son is the firm which has had the contract for the last three sewer districts.

Among the towns which are some distance away Dallas in the Rosebud country will probably draw the most Fourth of July visitors from this vicinity. The big celebration in Gregory county is held in Dallas, the terminal town on the Northwestern railroad.

Senator Hale of Atkinson, in Norfolk last evening, declared that after the democrats had nominated Bryan for the presidency on the first ballot and either Gray of Delaware, Chandler of New York, Mitchell of Illinois or Governor Douglas for vice president they would have put up their best ticket since the Lincoln administration. Senator Hale will take part in the convention as a delegate at large and is naturally a trifle prejudiced in favor of his prospective handwork. Senator Hale said that he was confident that government ownership would not be an issue. Mr. Hale had just returned from a short business trip in the southeastern part of the state, where he found crops in excellent condition.

HOSKINS NEWS.

Mrs. Dodge, Wayne County Pioneer, Was Buried in Hoskins.

Hoskins, Neb., July 2.—Special to The News: The body of Mrs. Dodge, widow of the late Byron Dodge, was brought here Friday morning from Sioux Falls for burial. The deceased was ninety-one years of age and was one of the early pioneers of Wayne county.

Byron Dodge of Harrington, grandson and son of the deceased, were present at the burial of Mrs. Dodge.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson died at her home early Monday morning of tuberculosis of the lungs. The deceased was forty-three years of age and leaves a husband and eight children. Burial at the Swedish cemetery.

John Foster returned from a business trip to Chicago Sunday evening. W. S. Deal returned Saturday from a visit to his father at Colorado Springs.

Mrs. G. Gruber is very low with an attack of appendicitis. Rev. Mr. Gruber preached in the German Lutheran church at Stanton Sunday.

J. M. Hughlin left for Kansas Friday to go on his claim a few months. The Sunday school picnic of the German Ev. church was well attended and proved a very enjoyable affair.

E. Gruber of St. James, Minn., and Fred Gruber of St. Paul, Minn., are at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. G. Gruber.

Sam Nelson of Norfolk is home for a few days installing telephones on the North Spring Branch telephone line.

Hoskins will celebrate the Fourth and is putting forth every effort to duly entertain a large crowd.

The Hoskins Headlight has been sold. The new proprietor will soon take possession.

PLANT GROWS ON BEER.

Big Geranium, Seven Feet High, Fed On Stale Beer.

The worst booze fighter in the Junction is a big geranium plant in the Owl restaurant.

This geranium plant is seven feet high with a breadth of five feet.

Nothing is fed the big freak plant same a quart of stale beer each day, yet it thrives and blossoms the year round.

South Norfolk people with temperance leanings view the big plant with suspicion and some hostility. They do not think that its propensities for beer are elevating or that its happy growth lays proper emphasis on their view of beer as an unhealthy beverage.

Anyway the big plant is a confirmed toper.

A SOUTH DAKOTA BANK CHANGE

W. M. Pease Sells Interest in Commercial State Bank of Wagner.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 2.—Special to The News: Two Sioux City men, in the persons of Dr. J. N. Warren and Nelson J. Warren, and a Nebraska man, L. V. Haskell of Lincoln, have purchased the interest of W. M. Pease in the Commercial State bank, of Wagner, Charles Mix county. Under the reorganization G. W. Williamson, of Wagner, who retains his interest, will remain as president of the institution, while L. V. Haskell becomes vice president and Nelson J. Warren cashier. The latter will take up his permanent residence at Wagner. Under the new management the bank will have a capital of \$10,000, with \$5,000 surplus and undivided profits.

Northwestern Train Derailed.

Huron, S. D., July 2.—The north bound mail and express, over the Chicago & Northwestern railway, ran into a bunch of cattle on the track near Ordway. The engine, baggage and express cars were derailed. Engineer Michael Murphy and Fireman Fred Kirkow were severely injured. Mr. Murphy, besides being fearfully scalded and hurt about the head, is reported to have received internal injuries that may prove fatal. The train was in charge of Conductor Prothro.

TO STOP BANK "RUMORS."

Prosecution to Follow Statements of Suspicion Against Any Bank.

Lincoln, Neb., June 27.—To start a rumor that any state or national bank is in an unbecoming condition will be a misdemeanor punishable in Nebraska by a prison sentence, if the next legislature passed the bill which has been prepared by the Nebraska Bankers' association.

Secretary Hughes has sent out circulars telling that such a bill has been prepared and asking all bankers to support the executive committee in an effort to secure its passage.

The punishment mentioned in the bill is a fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not more than five years.

At present a suit in an equity court is the only action which can reach a man guilty of injuring the reputation of a bank. As most men who make statements derogatory to a bank's condition are financially irresponsible, a suit will do no good.

They must be reached by a prison sentence, say the bankers.

Bills similar to the one of the Nebraska bankers have been prepared in every other state at the suggestion of the American Bankers' association.

An O'Neill Race.

O'Neill Democrat: One of the most exciting events that has ever been pulled off in Holt county will be the trotting race on July 4, between the speedy driving horses of our city. Jesse Mellor's big bay, "Wiscon," Bill Froelich's gray driver, "Spokane, jr.," and Judge Harrington's four-year-old colt, "Diamond," driven by their owners in half mile heats, best three in five, will make a race to keep O'Neill holding its breath during its progress.

Wm. Mathers and Berger Bros. may each enter a horse in this race, and if they do will stand a strong show to win, but the real interest in this event is the three O'Neill horses. It isn't the time they will make that is of interest, but "which can beat" is the all important question.

CITY CONDUCTS LIBRARY

NEW BOARD THROWS LIBRARY OPEN TO PUBLIC.

MRS. UTTER ELECTED LIBRARIAN

Board Meets on Beginning of New Fiscal Year—Will Keep Bishop Block Quarters—Library Open Every Saturday.

Norfolk for the first time in its history has a free public library conducted by the city.

Meeting on the first day of the new fiscal year, the library board yesterday afternoon took formal charge of the library which had been turned over to the city council by the library committee of the Woman's club.

Mrs. Robert Utter, who has had charge of the library in the past, was elected librarian for the coming year. It was determined that the library should continue to be open every Saturday until the situation is thought to call for a more frequent opening of the library rooms. Arrangements were made to keep the library in the Bishop block for the present.

With yesterday's meeting the fee charged for library cards is abolished. The library becomes in reality a free public library for all living within the city limits. New cards will be issued, the only requirement being residence in the city and the endorsement of some taxpayer. Non-residents may obtain cards on the payment of an annual fee of \$1.

The president and secretary were named yesterday as a committee on by-laws.

The library board announces that 100 new books will be placed on the shelves next week.

Library Open Friday.

The public library will be open on Friday instead of Saturday, the latter day being the Fourth.

Mrs. Robert Utter, librarian.

ADVERTISES FOR FORTUNE.

Family Possess Fortune, But Can't Find Box to Which Key Belongs.

New York, July 1.—In an advertisement printed in a morning paper lies the last hope of a Tarrytown family of recovering a fortune estimated as high as \$200,000 which Augustus Konrad, eccentric miser, concealed while in good health and the hiding place of which he was unable to reveal after disease had suddenly destroyed his reason.

Konrad died in the Poughkeepsie insane hospital in October of last year. Before his death he gave evidence of desiring to tell the attendants something and he even attempted to place his thoughts in writing in a letter to his daughter, but the result was an incoherent jumble of words.

Kept Three Keys.

At the end he had to be cared for as a baby, but through it all he insisted to be allowed to retain three keys—one to his home at Tarrytown, a second to a trunk, which he always kept locked, and a third the mysterious key to a safe deposit vault, in which the family believes the written evidence of his wealth reposes.

Since his death every effort has been made to discover this vault. Near-by safe-deposit companies have been asked to aid, the company making the key has been applied to, and these sources failing, Mrs. Konrad, as a last resort, decided to appeal for aid in an advertisement.

JUST BELOW NORMAL.

In Temperature, Rainfall and Cloudiness Week Was Below Normal.

Lincoln, Neb., June 30.—The weekly weather bulletin issued today gives the following review of the week ending June 29:

The week averaged, for the state as a whole, just about normal temperature, rainfall, and cloudiness.

The daily mean temperature was between 70° and 74° in the central and eastern counties, which is just about the seasonal average. It was between 66° and 68° in the western counties, which is about three degrees below the normal. Monday and Saturday were generally the warmest days, with maximum temperatures near 90°.

The rainfall was above normal in most of the state. It exceeded one inch in most of the central and eastern sections, except in some northeastern counties, where it was about one-half inch. The rain fell mostly in heavy showers Monday night, Friday and Saturday. In a few localities the rain was accompanied by hail. The total rainfall from April 1st to date is decidedly above the normal, except in a few western counties, where it is slightly below.

TO BOOST DENATURED ALCOHOL

Secretary Wilson Will Show Farmers How to Make It.

Omaha, July 1.—Under the direction of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, a model denatured alcohol plant is being built in Washington, which will probably make alcohol from more different materials and in more widely separated localities than any similar plant which will be built in a good many years.

This plant is to be "Tama Jim's" traveling fuel maker, and it is estimated that in the next two years the secretary of agriculture will be able to show 300,000 farmers how to make denatured alcohol from the waste products of the farm.

The plan is to build this alcohol plant in Washington, and move it to

the great national expositions and later it will make a whirling trip around the country to state fairs and other meetings where the largest number of farmers can see the simple process of making something just as good as the "civilized drug—gasoline" for power and fuel purposes.

The first visit of the denatured alcohol plant and the government experts who travel with it, will be to the National Corn exposition, which is to be held in Omaha December 9 to 19, and will have an estimated attendance of 300,000 farmers. From Omaha it will go to one or two agricultural colleges and then across the Rocky Mountains to Seattle, where it will make alcohol out of everything from furs from Alaska to fish skins from the Columbia river at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which opens there next June.

Congress has appropriated \$10,000 for the denatured alcohol demonstration and Secretary Wilson has written to J. Wilkes Jones, manager of the National Corn exposition, asking that 1,250 square feet of floor space be reserved for his traveling alcohol plant.

Dies of Lock-Jaw.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 1.—Special to The News: William Doane, a young man who came to South Dakota about a year ago from Warren, Ill., and located at Artesian, is dead as the result of being afflicted with lockjaw. About three weeks ago, while employed at carpenter work, he was unfortunate enough to step on a rusty nail, which penetrated his foot to a considerable distance.

DROPPED \$150.

Peter Anda, Casper Cowboy, Found the Pace Too Fast.

Peter Anda, a Casper, Wyo., cowboy, left on the morning train for Sioux City, short \$150 in spending money. Anda claimed that he had been robbed in a Norfolk resort.

Anda stopped in Norfolk yesterday to see the sign. He was interested and missed the Sioux City train. During the afternoon he strolled across the river. He claimed to have \$250 in his jeans.

After a night spent in hilarity Anda said he had been robbed of a large part of his hard earned savings.

The cowboy started out to file a complaint this morning but found that he had barely time to catch his train. He left, his heart sorrowful and repentant, his pocket, as he claimed, still mourning the roll of flashers.

Anda's story was weakened by the fact that he did not stay to file a complaint.

SHOWS OFF MAIN STREET

COMMERCIAL CLUB WANTS NORFOLK AVENUE KEPT CLEAR.

THE DIRECTORS GO ON RECORD

Resolution Adopted by Commercial Club Directors Declares Strongly Against Shows and Exhibitions on Norfolk Avenue.

The Commercial club directors have taken a decided stand against street shows on Norfolk avenue. At the meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon the following resolution was adopted:

"We, the directors of the Commercial club of the City of Norfolk, at our regular meeting June 30, 1903, adopt the following resolution: We hereby agree to use our best endeavor to keep Norfolk avenue absolutely free from shows or exhibitions that mar and obstruct our main business street, and we hereby resolve to stand by the mayor and council in their purpose to enforce the ordinances as they now exist in relation to the matter."

The city council in granting concession privileges to the Norfolk driving club for the race meeting made provisions that Norfolk avenue and Fourth street should be kept free of booths and shows.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Piano Fell on Charles Mix County Man.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 29.—Special to The News: An accident with fatal results which has not yet been reported in the daily papers occurred at Wagner, Charles Mix county, the victim being Henry Bucholz, a well known resident of that place. While aiding in handling a piano at a railroad depot the truck upon which he was standing was tipped over, throwing the entire weight of the piano upon the unfortunate man. He suffered two serious fractures of the hip and thigh and received internal injuries, which resulted in his death twenty-four hours later. He is survived by a widow and six children, in addition to other relatives.

Minister Heads Gun Club.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 29.—Special to The News: The latest town in South Dakota to secure a gun club is Spencer, McCook county, where such a club has just been organized as the result of a meeting of the marksmen of that place. The organization was perfected by the election of Rev. J. W. DeMerritt as president and Henry Kruse as secretary-treasurer. It is thought that a little later in the season a shooting tournament will be held on the grounds of the new gun club, in which all the gun clubs of that part of the state will be invited to participate. The new gun club has ordered the necessary apparatus and practice will commence as soon as it has been received.

FEDERATION STARTS RAID

CIVIC CLEANERS SWOOP DOWN ON THE ROW.

OFFICERS MAKE MANY ARRESTS

Civic Federation President Starts Clean-Up on the Ill Famed Line. Swears Out Complaints—One Defendant Will Fight.

The Norfolk civic federation has pulled off its first raid.

Norfolk justice court officials, backed by the civic federation officers, have swooped down on the ill-famed line again, bringing the demeritizens of the Norfolk under world into court.

The complaints which precipitated the latest raid were sworn out by Elson H. Brewer, president of the civic federation. Arrests were made last evening. More arrests followed today. About \$150 in fines were paid into Justice Lambert's court. Of this over \$100 goes to the school fund.

All but one of the raid victims paid the fines assessed. Roy Maner, connected with the Ingham house, said he would stand trial. This will force the civic federation to produce evidence.

One of the resorts which has moved out in the country since the last raid was included in the new attack.

The Raid.

Touching the recent raid instigated by the civic federation, the officers of the federation issued the following statement:

"At the instance of the civic federation, the county attorney had the inmates and managers of the houses of ill fame, east of the city, arrested and brought into justice court, where they were assessed a fine which they paid at once, thereby acknowledging themselves to be violators of the law, or in other words, criminals. When such characters get so bold and so flagrantly disregard the law as to become a decided menace to the morals of the community, it is high time that every citizen who has the best interest of the people and the city at heart should aid in every way possible in driving these blots from our borders. And the end is not yet."

TAFT NAME AND HONOR LINKED

War Secretary's Ancestors Set Him Example.

Chicago, June 27.—"As I study the history of the Taft family, I learn that it is noted for industry, energy, and frugality; and when the dark clouds of war have hung over the nation, from the conflicts with the Indians down to the great rebellion, it has taken an active and patriotic part in the support of the government."

This summary of the inheritances of William Howard Taft was uttered at a reunion of the Taft family at Uxbridge, Mass., Aug. 12, 1874.

"That our noble family tree is strong and flourishing, we have abundant evidence today. Its roots have spread wide; and, although some, while lingering in the deep shade of its foliage, may have lost sight of the summit, yet there have been many brilliant lights, scattered here and there, that have ever pointed upwards to direct aspiration and encourage hope."

This was another of the utterances of that day on which 300 Tafts and twice as many sons and daughters of the same blood traced their history back to the revolution, through the colonial period with its Indian wars and even to Ireland and Wales, reciting deeds of their ancestors with praise.

Nominee's Father Speaks.

The historical address upon that occasion was delivered by the late Alphonso Taft, father of the republican nominee for the presidency, and the facts brought forward bear directly upon the life of the next president of the United States.

Valentine 6, Wood Lake 2. Valentine, Neb., June 30.—Special to The News: Valentine 6, Wood Lake 2. That is the story of the Valentine-Wood Lake ball game. The game moved rather slow, looking like a shut-out for Wood Lake up to the last inning, when two runs were scored on errors.

A SNAKE STORY.

Draper Homesteader Held Snake Killing Bee.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 27.—Special to The News: Maurice Wendleboe, a well known homesteader residing a few miles north of Draper, Lyman county, claims to be the champion snake-killer of that part of western South Dakota.

In support of his claim to this title he states that he killed a total of sixty-five snakes in a single day. Wendleboe says he was proceeding to a dam on his place when he ran across a blue-racer, which he succeeded in killing. At a point only a short distance from where the snake was killed he noticed a hole, and thinking the mate of the snake might be found in it, he procured a spade and commenced to dig.

At a depth of only two or three feet he claims he found the mate of the snake killed, and also sixty-two other snakes of the same species. Wendleboe says he lost no time in attacking the snakes and that when he stopped from his strenuous exertions every snake was dead.

But Wendleboe, according to his story, had not yet seen the last of the snake species for the day. In the evening, while again near the place where sixty-four snakes had met their Waterloo at his hands, he says he ran across a rattlesnake, which he also sent to snake heaven in short order.

As Wendleboe has the reputation of being a man who would not tell a lie under any circumstances, his story of the wholesale slaughter of snakes is accepted by his friends and acquaintances as being true.

FOUR TRAINMEN NOW DEAD.

Fireman Harris Dies at Chadron—One Dead Tramp Identified.

Chadron, Neb., June 29.—Special to The News: Fireman Harris, one of the trainmen injured in the wreck of train No. 116, died yesterday, making the fourth fatality among railroad men in the wreck. Harris' leg was broken and he also received internal injuries. It was thought at the time that these injuries would be fatal. His home is in Chadron.

One of the tramps who was killed in the wreck has been identified. A track has been built around the wreckage so that trains are making the trip without delay while the wrecking crew of the Black Hills division is still at work clearing away the wreckage.

The bodies of other men whom the negro tramp claimed must be dead under the cars have not been found and it is now known that several tramps who were supposed to have been killed never rode out of Chadron on the ill fated train No. 116. The negro tramp escaped without a scratch and claimed that there were other tramps under the wrecked train who were not at that time accounted for and who, as the work of the clearing up goes on, are now known not to have been riding on the train at the time.

Even as late as Saturday afternoon credence was given in Chadron to a report that seven tramps met death in the wreck.

SITE FUND IS RAISED

WOMAN'S CLUB COMMITTEE RAISES \$600 SITE FUND.

MEETS NEW LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting of New Library Board to Organize Was Called for 3 P. M.—Public Library to be Formally Transferred.

Having raised the \$600 site fund which they had pledged, the library committee of the Woman's club met this afternoon with the new library board for the purpose of arranging a formal transfer of the public library to the city board.

The meeting of the new library board was called at 3 o'clock for the purpose of effecting an organization. The board has not met since its appointment this month by Mayor Sturgeon.

The Woman's club committee, which started the Norfolk library and which has since been its sponsor, set out some weeks ago to raise \$600, which would represent the purchase price of the Koenigstein lot on Eighth street and Norfolk avenue. This fund was raised within the required time and will be placed in the hands of the city board.

The library, which the Woman's club turns over to the city, consists of about 1,000 volumes.

Following the meeting this afternoon the various questions connected with the proposed Carnegie library building and site will be in the hands of the new library board.

LOOKING FOR RELATIVES.

Frank Moreland While Intoxicated Was Run Down by M. & O. Train.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 1.—Special to The News: The authorities of this county are striving to ascertain the whereabouts of relatives of a man whose name is supposed to be Frank Moreland, whose body lies in the undertaking rooms of Coroner L. D. Miller, in this city, pending instructions from relatives as to what shall be done with the body.

Moreland met his death as a result of over-indulgence in intoxicating liquor. While in a drunken stupor he went to sleep on the track of the Omaha railroad company near Valley Springs, east of Sioux Falls, and was struck by a locomotive hauling a freight train. At the point where the unfortunate man went to sleep there is a sharp curve, which prevented the engineer seeing the object on the track in time to stop the train.

NORFOLK SAW ECLIPSE.

Nearly Half of the Sun Obscured Sunday Morning.

Attracted by an opportunity to observe a partial eclipse of the sun Norfolk arose early Sunday morning. The eclipse began about 8:30. For a little more than two hours people peered through smoked glass as the moon slowly encroached on the sun, finally obscuring about half of its area. Then Norfolk rubbed its eyes and hurried off to church.

No trace of the eclipse could be discerned with the naked eye. Through smoked glass, however, the moon's outline was plain.

Some of the more ingenious observed the eclipse by pinching a hole through a large piece of cardboard, catching the sun's image on a piece of white paper.

The magnitude of the eclipse was thirty-eight percent at the northwest corner of Nebraska and fifty-four percent in the southwest corner.

The eclipse was visible all over the United States. Its magnitude varied considerably. In the state of Washington it was only about ten per cent, that is, only one-tenth of the sun's diameter was obscured, whereas in Florida it was ninety-seven per cent. It would have been total in Florida if the moon happened to be nearer the earth at the time than it actually was.

As the facts want it, the moon and sun are at such distances from the earth, that the moon appeared to be a little smaller than the sun, so that when centrally placed before it it was not able to obscure the whole sun, but left a narrow ring of light visible all around it. For this reason the eclipse is called an annular or ring eclipse.

This ring eclipse was visible in the United States only along a belt about eighty-five miles wide in Florida. It was well worth a journey of many miles to see. Scientifically, however, an annular eclipse is not of much value, since it requires a truly total eclipse to show the sun's magnificent corona, such as was visible in the United States on May 28, 1900, and will not be visible again within our borders until June 8, 1918, ten years from now.

A Romance Ends.

Wayne Democrat: Judge Welch went to Dakota City and entered a divorce decree for Mrs. Mary McAllister McNamara, giving her \$3,000 alimony and the custody of four children. Thus ends a sensational romance, the couple created considerable of a furor when married some years ago.

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