

The President has appointed ex-Senator Ross, of Kansas, Governor of New Mexico.

Mr. Crowell, of Ohio, has been appointed United States consul at Amoy, China.

The fear of a limited term in the penitentiary is likely to make polygamists unpopular in Utah.

Sanford S. Sturtevant has been appointed postmaster at Fullerton, Nance Co., Neb., by the president.

The secretary of the treasury for the other day issued warrants for the payment of about \$5,000,000 on account of pensions.

The expenses of the Republicans in carrying the Thirty-fourth Illinois District, exclusive of printing the tickets, was \$1 cents.

There are 306 men and one woman confined in the Nebraska penitentiary at the present time. Twenty-four are serving life sentences.

News from Tucson, Arizona, says that soldiers attacked the Indians on the Blue river the other day and the soldiers were compelled to retreat with three wounded.

The Fremont Herald suggests that the fellow who fired that cannon a hundred times under the White House window at Washington was guilty of "offensive partnership."

It is stated that the excess of exports over imports of merchandise was as follows: During the four months ending April 30, \$52,747,618; in ten months ending April 30, \$162,096,351.

The trial of J. F. Cullen at Wahoo, Neb., indicted for bigamy, came to an end the other day by the jury returning a verdict of guilty. The judge sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

During a severe storm one evening last week near Indianola, Neb., a water-spout burst in the midst of a Bohemian settlement. The result was the death of nine persons by drowning. Their names were not reported.

J. P. Vazay, the new postmaster at Baltimore, announces that no ladies will be appointed to positions in the Baltimore postoffice during his administration. The three now there will be treated kindly while seeking employment elsewhere.

Seven polygamists were found guilty and sentenced the other day at Blackfoot, Idaho. Bishop George Stewart, who declined to obey the law in the future, received the severest sentence, \$300 fine and four months in the penitentiary.

Dr. Lincoln, of Washington, is of the opinion that ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen was poisoned by arsenic that in some unaccountable manner was bottled with mineral water he used. The doctor says there was enough left in the bottle to kill four men.

The latest news from Battiford, N. W. T., reports the unconditional surrender of Poundmaker to Gen. Middleton. Poundmaker and thirty braves are prisoners, and will be held to await the action of the government. They also brought 210 stands of arms.

The State Superintendent of public instruction has appointed the superintendents of the counties of Douglas, Washington, Saunders, Dodge and Sarpy to act as a board to examine applicants for state and first-grade certificates. Examinations will be held at Fremont Aug. 25, to 28.

The postmaster general has awarded to the American Bank Note Co. of New York, the contract for furnishing the postage stamps for the next four years at \$101,516.82 a year for ordinary stamps, and \$24,279 for postage due and other issues of stamping, making a total of \$125,795.64 a year.

News of a recent date comes from Santa Fe, N. M., that Capt. Smith, of the Fourth Cavalry, had a fight with the Apaches in the mountains twenty miles east of Alma. The Indians were routed. The casualties are unknown. The troops are crowding the Indians, and another conflict is expected any moment.

A petition signed by nearly one hundred citizens of Blair, has been presented to the school board protesting against bible reading, and praying, as practiced in the schools of their town. Does their objection arise on account of the new revision of the Bible or what? We would like to know up in this benighted portion of the globe.

Report in the civil service hardly means so much under Cleveland's administration as it did under Arthur, and, from recent indications, it promises to signify less and less. "Offensively partisan" is a convenient phrase much in vogue and has a very elastic signification, with this administration. Any good republican holding an office in his country is "offensive" to the democracy.

The Fremont Herald (democratic) says, after quoting from Dr. Miller's Omaha Herald (also democratic), "we are afraid our neighbor is a little lacking in the requisite 'dignity' which makes leaders so much better and holier and of finer texture than everybody else! It loses all the glamor of reverence when a leader gets down and talks plain United States the same as common people!"

The secretary of war has issued orders to the commanding generals of the division of the Pacific and of the Missouri to use every exertion possible and call for the assistance of such federal troops as they may require to suppress the Indian outbreak in Arizona and New Mexico. He also directs that these outrages be stopped in the shortest time possible and every precaution taken to prevent their recurrence.

It Takes Money. We are in receipt of a copy of statements of the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State showing the appropriations made and moneys expended by the nineteenth session of the legislature. We have not the space to give, at length, a summary of it, but just such items as strike us: The nineteenth session cost the state \$85,000; the governor, with his private secretary, \$14,700; secretary of state, \$14,575; auditor, \$17,550; sup't. of public instruction, \$15,800 (in this is an item of \$2,000 for blanks for district reports, and \$5,000 for records for school districts and plans for school houses); supreme court, \$32,110; state library, \$5,300; district courts, \$126,924.66—the judges get \$5,000 a year and the stenographic reporters \$3,000 a year; state university (which some one has called an expensive Lincoln high school) \$135,500; normal school \$56,200; another high school at Peru; hospital for insane, \$167,500; Do. at Norfolk erecting necessary buildings, \$75,000; reform school \$82,350; fish commission \$8,000; the county treasurer get some \$75,000 for collecting state taxes; the census will cost \$50,000; the amount appropriated for the main building of the capitol \$130,000; \$50,000 is to go to developing the saline interests; a new institution for feeble-minded youth is to receive \$82,500; the salaries of the three secretaries of the railroad commission are put down at \$12,000 while the work of all the printers who published the amendment proclamation last summer amounts to \$4,597; the total paid members of the senate was \$4,632, same to officers of the senate, \$12,925; total paid members of the house \$14,092.90, same to officers, \$13,348.80. Among claims "outstanding awaiting adjustment and approval" are State Journal \$4,000, Sherwood Burr, completing senate files \$400, J. F. Zediker, completing house journals, \$400, same sum, similar service, Frank H. Wilson. The appropriation of expenses of officers and members of the legislature was a pretty close shave, there just remaining 40 cents of the appropriation, unexpended. The grand total of appropriations is one million six hundred and seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred and ninety dollars and nineteen cents. We may have occasion to refer to this precious document again.

The strike reported at Denver among the railroad laborers has about subsided, some of the strikers going back to work, and other laborers taking their places. Nearly every strike results to the disadvantage of the strikers and their families. The sooner laboring men understand that organized bands of rioters cannot enforce their fixed arbitrary prices for labor by force in this comparatively free country, the better it will be for themselves and families. No one denies to them the right and privilege of placing a value upon their labor, and demanding it, and receiving it when work is performed under it, but when they undertake to compel other citizens, by force, to pay their prices they commit a wrong. When the civil authorities of towns and cities are unable to suppress such mobs these strikers with their mob force will have to learn that the whole military authority of the State, if deemed necessary, may be brought against them, and their riots and mobs put down by powder, ball and bayonet. And yet they have the same right to combine peaceably and raise the price of labor as combinations of railroads have to raise the price of freight, or speculators to raise the price of commodities.

SENATOR JOHN SHERMAN, visiting San Francisco the other day, in reply to an address of welcome said: "I was a certain adjustment by silver and gold that both these metals be coined free, that they may be deposited in the United States treasury in exchange for money and certificates, and both so adjusted that they may travel over the world equal to each other in every land. To accomplish this, silver must be purchased, coined and paid out at market rates, or received on deposit at market rates, and paper money issued for it. This will give a bi-metallic money, good not only in San Francisco, but in New York, London and all other parts of the world." Senator Sherman will visit Oregon and Washington Territory, returning east by the Northern Pacific.

News from the treacherous Apaches come from Deming, N. M., stating that the Indians are scattered in small bands in different parts of southern New Mexico, mostly in the vicinity of the Black Range, where more than thirty citizens are reported killed, and many mangled beyond description. They were reported to be in the vicinity of Cook's Peak, fifteen miles northeast of Deming. The greatest excitement prevails in settlements along the Gila. Additional news from Silver City, states that the corpses of a Mexican, his wife and three children were found five miles from the city. Another Mexican is known to have been killed in the same vicinity and several of his companions badly wounded.

The latest news announced at London was through the morning News, which states on the highest authority that Russia's reply to England's counter proposals were received in London the other day. The reply, it says, involves the acceptance of the proposals and practically settles in a satisfactory manner the whole question of the Afghan boundary. The negotiations according to the News have been conducted in a most friendly spirit on both sides.

The President has appointed China, Denby, of Evansville, Indiana, extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to China.

SUBSEQUENT particulars given of the persons drowned by the bursting of a water spout near Indianola, Neb., shows that the party of seventeen Bohemians were from Brainard, Neb., en route to Dundey county, and were camped in Richman canyon when the fatal flooding of the heretofore dry canyon came upon them to the depth of fifteen feet. The list of the drowned were Mary Macek, Frank Macek, Anna Osmar, Joseph Osmar, Christine Osmar, Fannie Havelic, Polcy Havelic and Mary Havelic. Only two bodies have been recovered, Mrs. Havelic and Mrs. Osmar. Macek lost \$600 in money. Osmar \$100 and Havelic \$50. The household goods and wagon all in pieces were strewn for miles down the river. The cattle being on the high ground were all saved. Another warning to movers and emigrants not to locate their night camps in the canyons.

A SCYLONE visited Nortonville, Goffs and Frankfort, in northeastern Kansas, one day last week, injuring several persons fatally and doing great damage to property. At Nortonville the railway depot was lifted from its foundation and set squarely across the track, one dwelling house completely demolished and another damaged. One woman was seriously hurt. At Goff, the Missouri Pacific depot was badly wrecked. A car was lifted up and turned over twenty-five feet away. W. Harter's dwelling was wrecked and J. P. Richardson's barn entirely wrecked and carried several miles. G. Pickett's and F. Mayer's residences were leveled to the ground and the household effects scattered over the prairie. Several other buildings were demolished, and Mrs. Mayer was injured and probably died. The storm at Frankfort demolished two barns.

R. S. HATHAWAY, city editor of the Toledo Democrat, at Cleveland, Ohio, recently visited Norfolk, and on his return prepared an article which appeared in the Democrat, a gross libel on the character of several young married men, charging them with robbing the affections of a certain young married lady, a former resident of Cleveland, and of being the means of breaking up the once happy home of this young married couple. The other morning three or four of the libelled party seized Hathaway at his hotel, took him to a yard in the rear of the hotel, stripped him of his clothing, gave him a close-fitting coat of tar and feathers, and then left him alone in his misery.

The meeting of the State Medical Society was held at Grand Island last week. A large number of the physicians of the state and some visitors from adjoining states were present. A number of very able papers were read and discussed during the session. Officers elected for the present year are: G. L. Knapp, of York, president; J. G. Carter, of Omaha, first vice president; N. F. Donaldson, of North Platte, second vice president; A. S. V. Mansfield, of Ashland, permanent secretary; R. R. Livingston, of Plattsmouth, corresponding secretary; R. C. Moore, of Omaha, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Lincoln, Neb.

A RECENT report from Paris Roads, Pa., states that the diphtheria epidemic carried off another child of Kennedy Traux's the other night. This makes the fifteenth death. Mrs. Traux is now down and very low with the scourge and one or two others are not expected to survive. Wm. Gardner and an old man at Hanlon's station are the last ones to be stricken down. A very strange opinion prevails in that vicinity as to the origin of the disease, and it is now stated for the first time, that it was first contracted by Kennedy Traux's children drinking from a watering trough used by horses having the glanders.

SPEAKING of a \$400,000 fire recently, a factory in New York, the Chicago Times remarks that absolutely incombustible buildings for factory use might be more costly than fire traps in the first place, but if underwriters would refuse to take risks on the latter kind, owners would construct those of the other class and save money by it in the long run. The building referred to was completely saturated with oil and the fire was so hot that a hundred families living near by were driven from their homes.

They have a big small-pox scare at Shenandoah, Iowa, and the B. & M. folks the other day refused passengers and express and rail business from that place. It is said a stranger came to the town a short time ago who had the disease in his system and attended a church social. The next day he was taken down with small-pox. The infection spread among those who were at the social, and it was stated at the time of making this report that twenty persons were down with the disease.

The terrible and fatal disease which broke out at Londa station on the Pan Handle a short time ago still proves to be a terror to the citizens. The places and patients have been visited and examined by physicians from Bellevue Hospital, N. Y., and physicians from Steubenville, Ohio, and in consultation the other day at Paris, Pa., they pronounced the disease Black-Tongue diphtheria of the most violent form.

The attempt at Denver, Col., was made the other night to blow up the residence of John Mackey, residing at No. 217 Pine street. It consisted of a jar of about three pounds of giant powder with a fuse attached to a tin syringe in which were two candles. This Swedish apparatus was placed on the step just below Mackey's bedroom, but fortunately the fuse failed to ignite, so saved the life of the intended victim.

The new Swingerfest building, which is to be erected on Historical block, will be 240x60 feet in size, with an addition the entire length, ten feet wide. The stage will be 40x60 feet in size and will seat four hundred persons. The hall will be twenty-six feet high in the center. Of course the building being only a temporary structure will not be an elaborate one architecturally. It will be strongly enough made, however, to resist any disturbance of the elements that might chance to be inaugurated in honor of the occasion. It will be seated with chairs and will accommodate 5,000 people comfortably.—State Journal.

LATE news from Galveston, Texas, which comes from El Paso says that travelers from Lake Valley and Chloride, N. M., who arrived late the other night, report marauding Indians near both those places. Miners and cattlemen from the San Andros mountains are coming in for safety. Couriers have been dispatched to the Sacramento mountains to warn the people there of their danger.

HUGO SCHULTZ, tailor, of Jacksonville, Ill., has been charged with murdering his wife by poison. The coroner's inquest developed facts which warranted the holding of the husband on a charge of murder, and he is now in jail. His family had only been in the city a short time, coming from Springfield. Several small children are left destitute.

It is estimated that there are not all told a score of ex-rebels disqualified by the 14th amendment for holding office, and yet Mr. Bayard has selected three out of this number for important positions. This warrants the suspicion that he did it more by design than accident.—Central City Nonpareil.

The steamship City of Rome the other day during a dense fog, collided with and sank the French fishing bark "Geo. Jeannett," which was lying at anchor. She rescued two of the crew, but the remaining twenty-two were lost. The ill-fated vessel after she was struck sank in less than a minute.

The grand jury at Wilkes Barre, Pa., returned the other day an indictment against the town council of Plymouth for maintaining a nuisance, and with criminal neglect of their official duties in not keeping the town in a good sanitary condition.

The Chinese government, casting aside national prejudice, has called in the aid of European miners to work its coal mines. There are immense deposits of coal in China, and with the aid now called in, they are expected to be very quickly developed.

C. W. JOHNSON, of Gloversville, N. Y., a correspondent for several sensational weekly papers, was cowardly the other day in the village drug-store by Prof. West, of the salvation army. Johnson was seriously injured, and West has been arrested.

A SWINDLER and forger calling himself Fuller, who played some of his criminal tricks on the citizens of Omaha, has recently been given twenty-four years in the penitentiary at Stillwater by the St. Paul courts.

A NUMBER of deaths have recently been reported from typhus among the Italian troops now stationed at Massachusetts, on the Red sea. The Italian press urge the recall of the troops.

The latest news from Sebastopol states that a battalion of engineers had arrived and were extending the fortifications at that place. The completion of the iron-clads on the dock was being hastened.

News Notes. THERE are fifteen industrial schools in New York City. SEVERAL cases of typhoid fever are reported from Fremont. The salary of a lady in waiting to Queen Victoria is \$2,500 a year. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's new land-cost \$1,500 and the barns \$500. REGULAR shipments of rhubarb are now made from Salem, Oregon, to Boston. THE Locusts have put in an appearance in the district around Anna, Illinois. The total cost of the rescue of Lieutenant Greely and party was \$759,265. THE Methodists of Creighton and of Saunders county are erecting new churches. MUSKRATS destroy the levees, and alligators destroy the muskrats—in the south. NEMAH county, this state, by a popular vote locates the county seat at Auburn. In 1880 the total value of orchard products in this country amounted to \$47,335,189. PRESIDENT GARFIELD's remains in Lake View cemetery are still guarded by a sentinel. A REPORT has reached Ottawa, Ont., that Asiatic cholera has appeared at Quebec. THERE are three mountains of alum and one of alum and sulphur mixed in lower California. THE commissioners of Dawes county have ordered an election to fill the various county offices. It is claimed that the wheat crop of Oregon this year will be 30 per cent in excess of last year. A NUMBER of deaths were reported at Plymouth, Pa., last week and several new cases occurred. IMMENSE swarms of grass-hoppers have appeared in Panois county, Texas, on the Louisiana border. It is stated that the First National Bank of Omaha has increased its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

It is said that farmers in the vicinity of Eau Claire, Wis., have found carbolic acid a speedy remedy for hog cholera. The mean elevation of this country is estimated at 2,500 feet above sea level, and the average rainfall at twenty-nine inches. EMERSON is to have a \$5,000 school-house. The site will be on one of the hills overlooking the town, and work is to be commenced immediately. PITTSBURG, Pa., proposes to use its natural gas to burn the city sewage and garbage, as the Jews did that at Jerusalem in the valley of Gehenna. EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, was pronounced seriously ill last week. The doctors in attendance are said to be uneasy about his condition. It is stated that the fruit crop, with the single exception of peaches, in the Hudson river valley will be one of the largest and best in several years. FOREST fires have wiped out the towns of Dollartville, Mich., and threaten Newberry, near which place the flames were burning fiercely the other day. NEAR Detroit the other day Elijah Smith and wife, an aged couple, were killed at a railway crossing, the man's body being thrown into a field thirty feet away. In a number of localities in Kentucky it is stated that the tobacco crop is thirty days behind, and that this year's crop will be one of the poorest ever known. THE garrison at Vera Cruz, Mexico, has been vaccinated with the virus of yellow fever, which, it is believed, will serve as a complete protection against the disease for four or five years. DURING a heavy thunderstorm the other night near Fergus Falls, Minn., lightning struck a barn, killing Charles Gunwald, August Strassman, a horse, cow, calf and pig. The barn did not take fire. In the house of commons at Ottawa, Ont., the other night a grant of \$100,000 in addition to the \$700,000 previously appropriated was granted to defray the cost of putting down the Riel rebellion. FROM the best collection of statistics it appears that there are in France and Greece 100 non-working days, including Sundays; in England, 84; in Russia, 66; in Belgium, 65; and in the United States 60. MRS. FLORA GRACE, of Warrensburg, Mo., has invented a thermometer to mark the temperature of the oven during baking. It has been on exhibition in the Woman's Department at the Exposition. BECAUSE of alleged improper liberties taken with the wife of Henry P. Prindle, member of the Joe Hooker Post, G. A. R., he shot Dr. N. L. Buck dead at his door-step in San Francisco the other night. FOUR robbers were caught in a store at Burton, Ohio, the other night, and in the ensuing fight one of them was killed, a citizen fatally wounded, and another slightly hurt. The robbers escaped, carrying off \$2,000. REV. J. R. REASONER, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of St. Louis, committed suicide the other morning by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. He was laboring under temporary insanity. RECENT news by way of private letter comes from Louisiana which says that locusts in large numbers have appeared in East and West Carroll and adjoining parishes. So far no damage has been done to cotton. CHARLES CASH, a horse jockey, during a running race at the fair grounds at Terre Haute, Ind., the other day, both horses fell, and the horse Cash was riding fell over pitching Cash off and breaking his back. He will die. In Brooklyn the other day an experiment designed to test the efficiency of crude petroleum as a steam generator in fire engines, resulted in producing but sixty pounds pressure which was the highest that could be maintained. CHARLES P. BOYD, who absconded from Steubenville, Ohio, last fall, after committing forgeries to the amount of \$10,000, was brought a captive to Pittsburgh the other night, having been arrested at Columbus, S. C. It is said his forgeries aggregate \$100,000.

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Platte Center Items. We had the pleasure of greeting L. Rossiter again on Friday last. Friends of Hon. John A. Kehoe are visiting himself and family. Like some fair tree, which fed by streams with timely fruit doth bend. W. N. Powell, M. D., has gone east. We understand he has received an appointment in the U. S. A. as surgeon. Corn looks good, it is well over ground and looks strong and healthy on the high lands, but in some parts of the creek bottom it will have to be replanted. Many of those who have farms on the low lands have already re-planted. We regret to have to report the death of the five-year-old son of Mr. James Burrows, of Burrows Township. We understand that death was caused by whooping cough and that several of the same family are suffering with the disease. The dance on Friday evening was (in spite of the disagreeable weather) all that its best friends could wish it. A full house, good music and a good time generally. The boys of the Base Ball Club deserve credit for the way in which they manage these gatherings. The Columbus nine met the Platte Center nine last Sunday afternoon just outside of town and gained a victory in two hours. The score was as follows, Columbus, 29, Platte Center 18. We hope the next time the Columbus nine honors us with a visit we will be better prepared to receive them. We regret to state that some malicious parties find pleasure in defacing doors and committing other petty but annoying depredations in our village almost every night. These parties may not be aware that they are amenable to the law by so doing. The Nebraska makes this a misdemeanor and sets the penalty at three months imprisonment. A word to the wise should be sufficient. T. District 44 and Vicinity. All quiet in the neighborhood. Fine and warm weather since last Thursday. John Herring swapped horses with one Elston. There are places in the roads, that seem to have lost their bottom. Joe Drinnin bought a horse of O. L. Baker to take the place of the one he recently lost. Hog cholera is reported by a German farmer living six miles north-east of Becker's mill as thinning out the swine in Colfax county. Corn planting commenced about the 11th inst. The recent cold rains have caused a great amount of seed to rot in the ground, and some are complaining of the wire worm as destroying much of the seed. Nearly one-half the farmers who planted as early as the 11th, are busy planting their fields over again. In Mike Sheedy's field, last Saturday, could be seen, about a dozen willing farmers with their teams all day busily engaged in plowing. Mr. Sheedy in building his new house, got behind with his work, and last Saturday his friends showed their kind remembrance in a substantial way by finishing his plowing in one day. It also afforded them some opportunity of coming together and exchanging opinions on various subjects, by which all were benefitted. In the evening the plow-boys, accompanied by their ladies and others, repaired to the new house (yet unoccupied) where music and refreshments were served and where they tripped the light fantastic until near midnight, after which they wended their way homeward feeling pretty well after the rain. Good weather for corn. Corn plowing has begun. Old potatoes nearly gone. The click of the planter, can still be heard in a few fields. The town board of equalization met last Monday at A. W. Clark's. The prospect for wild plums and tame small fruit was never better. Nick Johnson lost a valuable brood mare last week, together with two colts. Potatoes bugs are ripe. The little striped cucumber bugs are telling on the vines. There is more prairie being broke in sight of here, this summer, than in the last two years. The plasterers are engaged in putting the finishing touches on M. Sheedy's new house. Mr. Sheedy expects to move next week. ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. In the matter of the estate of Jacob Weber, deceased. IN PURSUANCE OF A LICENSE issued by the District Court of Platte County, Nebraska, on the 16th day of August, 1884, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1885, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the west door of the Court House, in the City of Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska, the real estate of said deceased, described as follows, to-wit: The East half of the Northern quarter of section number Fourteen, (14), in township number twenty (20), range one (1) west, in Platte County, Nebraska. Terms of sale—Cash. W. J. MAUGHAN, Administrator of the Estate of Jacob Weber, deceased. 6-4

ROBERTS BROS. NEW FEED MILL. Located just south of Morrissey's Elevator. Will pay the highest prices for corn and oats. Supply of ground feed constantly on hand, also Whitebreast nut coal for sale. 30-2a

Correspondence. (In this department the people talk, and not the editor. Each writer must hold himself responsible to defend his principles and his statements of facts. "In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom."—ED. JOURNAL.) Reply to John Walker. EDITOR JOURNAL.—We would be very much pleased (as doubtless a good many more citizens would) if Mr. Walker would come out squared and inform the public the name of the party or parties who is paying him for his statesmanlike articles on township organization, or if his ne plus ultra imagination carries him into a prospective county commissioner's seat next fall. I do not know about the oriental extravagance of the town board of St. Bernard, a \$100 bridge, and supporting a pauper and paying a road supervisor \$178 for road work and only for his majestic and saintly presence the township would be sunk as deep as Turkey, in a financial fog. Allow me to say that there would be no more attention paid to Mr. W. only for his majestic and saintly presence, or I will give him all the information in my hands gratis. Mr.

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