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CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we solicit all your local news.—ED.)

Mr. E. T. Banks is ill at his home on Enos street.

Mr. Benjamin Shephard of Clive, is reported to be sick.

Miss Luella Franklin of Oskaloosa is a visitor in the city this week.

Prof. Geo. I. Holt who has been quite sick for the past week is able to be out again.

Mrs. Jeff Davis of 1317 Day street, fell and broke her ankle when running to catch a street car.

Rev. H. W. Porter was installed pastor at the Union Congregational church by a council last Monday.

Mrs. James Mitchell left last Sunday for Hannibal, Mo., where she will spend a month visiting her brother.

Miss Lulu Jackson of 1122 8th street left Monday morning for a short visit to St. Joe, Mo., to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Miss Edith Comely of Webster City will arrive in the city to attend the "Smart Set" and visit at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde.

Mr. Lucian Brown of 204 Arthur St., wishes to extend thanks to the many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of his wife.

Atty. Geo. H. Woodson of Oskaloosa spent Friday in the city and spoke at the Lincoln Day exercises of the Union Congregational church.

The 13 months of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown of Highland Park died at 2:30 Thursday morning. Mrs. Brown before her was Miss Hattie Carey.

Messrs. Tucker and Brown of Buxton delegates to the state meeting of the Y. M. C. A., which was held here last week, departed for their home Monday morning.

Dr. Arthur J. Booker will address the Men's League at the Union Congregational church Sunday afternoon you are invited.

Miss Jessie Walker of Marshalltown came down to Des Moines last Thursday to attend the ball given by the local club and to visit awhile, she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Banks on Enos street.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer was a pleasant hostess of the H. B. S. R. C. Feb. 4th. The entire membership was present and the afternoon was devoted to business. The Circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wilburn.

February 11th Mrs. Alex. Wilburn was the H. B. S. R. C. hostess. The afternoon was delightfully spent and some very excellent papers on Lincoln were read; it was also the Circle's nineteenth anniversary. Messrs. Wilburn and J. P. Hamilton were guests of honor. At 5 p. m. Mrs. Wilburn, assisted by her daughter, served a delicious four course luncheon. The Circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. Warrick Feb. 25.

The Callanan Club met with Mrs. Brooks on Boyd street and had a regular meeting, three delegates were elected to the state Federation in the person of Miss Blanche Allen. Mrs. Hattie Adams will entertain the club next Wednesday afternoon.

DOUGLASS-WASHINGTON PROGRAM.

To be Rendered by The Des Moines Negro Lyceum Association at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Monday Evening, February 22.

Music, "America," Lyceum. Invocation, Rev. T. L. Griffith. Music, "Columbia the gem of the Ocean," Lyceum. Quotations from Douglass and Washington, Members.

Oration, Mr. Jesse Graves. Address, "Influence of Douglass upon the American Negro," Dr. J. H. Williams.

Comparison of Washington and Douglass, Mr. H. W. Hughes. Solo, Miss Bessie Reeves.

Declamation, Miss D. Mae Lee. Original Poem, Mrs. H. W. Hughes. Paper, "Service of Douglass to the Race," Mrs. J. H. McDowell.

Address, "Washington as a Statesman," Atty. S. Joe Brown. Solo, Miss Margaret Fields. Benediction, Rev. Geo. W. Gaines. Mr. Branham N. Hyde, President, Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Wm. Brown secretary of the Boys Y. M. C. A., sang at the morning service and Sunday school of the

Union Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. LeRoy Tucker the secretary of the Buxton Y. M. C. A. addressed the congregation at the evening.

The revival meetings at the Maple street Baptist church closed last Sunday; there were 19 additions to the church, five for baptism. The Rev. S. Bates has done much to arouse interest in the church since accepting the pastorate and he is meeting with success.

Atty. S. Joe Brown who is president of the Iowa State Afro-American Council delivered an address on Abraham Lincoln and American Negro at Keokuk, last Friday evening. He also organized a Local Afro-American Council in that city while there and on his return trip stopped off at Ottumwa and held a conference with the local Council of that city relative to the plans for entertaining the State Council which meets July 4th.

The Callanan club met with Mrs. Jefferson on 11th street last Wednesday afternoon, the meeting was called to order by the president and the roll was called and the members answered with quotations from Lincoln the music drill was led by Mrs. Green a dainty lunch was served. The club met this week with Mrs. Brooks this week.

The Intellectual Improvement Club met last Friday afternoon in Colfax at the cozy home of Mrs. J. W. Holmes, and celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. After appropriate musical selections by Mrs. Nina Hamilton-Walker the following ladies delivered short addresses: Lincoln as a man, Mrs. J. W. Holmes; As a president, Mrs. Chas. Cousin; As a Statesman, Mrs. S. Joe Brown; Mrs. Martha Leifer recited his favorite piece, "Oh why should the Spirit of mortal be proud;" biography of Douglass, Mrs. H. W. Hughes, Mrs. J. O. Redman of Colfax was present and delivered his Gettysburg oration. Messdames Nelson, Cabell and Dean of Colfax were present and made a few remarks, after which the hostess served a very elaborate luncheon and at the conclusion of which the club adjourned to meet this afternoon with Mrs. H. W. Hughes of this city.

The Lincoln Centennial celebration given last Friday night at the Union Congregational church was well attended the large auditorium of the church was crowded a part of the members were not present but Rev. George W. Gaines was substituted for the absent ones and he made a good address telling of his early experiences. Capt. E. T. Banks told of some of his war experiences, Atty. Geo. H. Woodson of Oskaloosa was present and made a short but interesting talk. Rev. H. W. Porter presided; a quartette of young girls, the Misses Helena and Ruth Craven, Ada Cleggett and Louise Williams sang a patriotic song. A very good time was reported by this large gathering.

Mr. Lucian Brown the wife of one of our industrious and successful young Highland Park citizens died last Friday at 2:30 at the home after a long illness. She was Miss Minnie Earley before she married, she was born December 7th, 1886 and married Mr. Brown Nov. 5th, 1902. She leaves one little child 2½ years old, a dutiful husband and many friends to mourn her loss. She was an active Christian worker loved by all and a dutiful wife and a kind mother. The funeral was held from the Corinthian Baptist church Sunday conducted by her pastor Rev. Griffith assisted by Rev. S. Bates many lovely flowers bedecked the coffin as an expression of the high esteem she was held. The remains were laid away in Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Walker Robinson and Mrs. Maud Green surprised their friends a few days ago by launching on the sea of matrimony. Their many friends wish for them the sublimest of earth's joys.

Mrs. S. V. Holly was hostess of the hosts of the O. M. E. club at their last meeting, at which time the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Raspberry; secretary, Mrs. G. W. Tyle; treasurer, S. V. Holly.

Mrs. A. Perkins entertained at 5 o'clock tea last Wednesday evening the Messdames Lovell, Price, Pierman and horn.

Mrs. R. Hicks who has been ill for the past few weeks is still unable to be out.

This roast pig supper given last Thursday evening for the trustees benefit was well attended and the pig was gde.

The H. of B. entertained Monday evening at a masquerade all who attended report a jolly time.

Mr. Robert King has been indisposed for a few days, but is much improved at present.

Sunday was Allen's Day at Bethel A. M. E. church commemorating the one hundredth and forty-ninth birthday of the founder the African Methodist church. The principal number on the program was the graphic account of the life of Allen by Rev. Bruce W. Taylor and a reading by Mrs. F. J. Hawkins, special music was rendered by the choir.

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EDITORIALS. DOUGLASS.

It was about February 17th or 18th in a little logan cabin on a Tuckahoe, Maryland plantation, this uncared for barefoot orphan wafe grew up scrambling with the dogs for a living unlearned, unlettered, without money friends or parents and with the chain of slavery around him he bursted this chain fled to a foreign country purchased his own freedom, came back to the land of slavery to fight to free his brother he was mocked, hissed, snubbed and spat upon and even his life threatened yet he bravely bore all these hardships sufferings and difficulties and came out conqueror. He is one of America's unsung great men beginning lower than any America's great men he climbed higher than most men, as a lecturer, orator, as a race defender, and a diplomat, as a statesman, as an honest exponent of equal justice and fair dealing he has no peer, when future historians unbiased by color, race or creed, write the world achievements of great men surely Frederick Douglass will be an honored name in the hall of fame. His picture now hangs in the Iowa Historical Building in the hall of fame, so may it hang on the lips and in the hearts of all mankind as an inspiration to youth.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

It is true that the month of February is the shortest month in the year and some of the greatest battles fought and some of the greatest victories won in this short month, not only that some of the world's greatest men were born beneath of this month but only two days but Abraham Lincoln whom the American people has just celebrated his natal day.

Frederick Douglass the great anti-slave agitator and George Washington day the 22nd, the American people will be called upon next week to honor, he was truly one of the great men of modern times, he was too honest to lie; to good to be a father of any child, but the father of this country, his bravery his struggles and his privations are told in battle fields of the revolutionary struggle and triumph of the Americans. Let us honor him still as the first in war the first in peace, first president and first in the hearts of the American people.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES.

Among the many organizations that celebrated the Lincoln centennial was the voter league. The hall was artistically decorated in the national colors but on account of the severe cold weather many were forced to miss the excellent program that was given.

Miss Pearl Hicks was not called home on account of the illness of her mother but is visiting friend in the city.

Mrs. Martin Brooks is still quite ill at her home.

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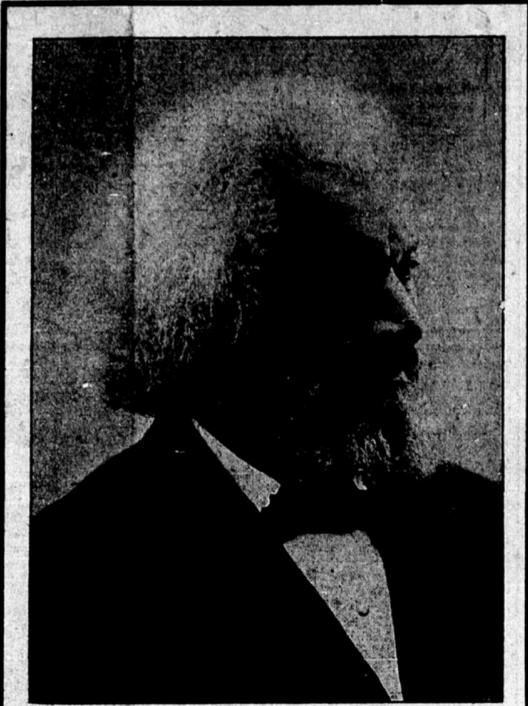
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FREDERICK DOUGLASS, Born at Tuckahoe, Md., about 1817; Died February 20, 1895.

The W. M. Missionary society was entertained at the last meeting by Mrs. W. M. Robinson the president, these ladies are engaged in a splendid work come and visit them.

Mrs. O. J. Thorpe is enjoying a pleasant visit from her mother of Nashville, Tenn.

The J. S. Y. Culture musical to be given at the hall 22nd promises to be a rare treat in the way of mus.

Friends of Mrs. Myrtle Martin who was reported as dangerously ill in Omaha a few weeks ago will be glad to know that she is improving.

OTTUMWA NEWS. Mr. James Johnson is very ill. Rev. Lackay has been very ill.

Mr. Hopkins or Galesburg has been visiting his brother Joseph Hopkins of this city.

At the Lincoln Centenary held at Armory Hall the Hon. Nelson C. Crews of Kansas City, spoke on the query, "What Shall the answer be?" Rev. A. L. DeMond spoke on "Lincoln the Ideal Man."

In the death of Mr. Isaac Downey Ottumwa loses one of her best and highly respected citizens. He leaves a wife, seven children and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Mr. George Downey of Chicago is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith entertained a few friends Saturday evening in honor of S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, who stopped in Ottumwa enroute home from Keokuk, where he delivered the Lincoln day address.

CLINTON NOTES.

Wm. Robinson who was injured several days ago at the Clinton Bridge and Iron Works where he is employed, we are pleased to state is very much improved.

T. G. Dozier visited last week in Buxton. We know who.

The Hystander should be in the home of every Afro-American in Iowa.

Arrangements are under way for the entertainment of the District Conference and Sabbath School Convention, which has been appointed to meet in Clinton this year.

Presiding Elder Phillips held his second quarterly meeting Sunday, Feb. 7th. While here he was considerably indisposed, suffering with tonsillitis.

W. A. Emerson is happy over the advent of a grandson, which was born recently in Chicago.

A. A. Bush who was appointed chairman of the public comfort committee, which is to arrange for accommodations for those who contemplate attending the inaugural ceremonies of President Taft, has appointed the following persons as assistants:

J. T. Culbertson, M. O. Culbertson, Henry Robinson, George Robinson, F. P. Aikens, T. G. Dozier, Holland Williams of Clinton, E. W. Mann and Louis Alexander of Lyons, and Jesse Mitchell of Fulton, Ill.

Lucius Hill left for Chicago this week where he expects to take a position in the dining car service of the C. & N. W.

Mrs. M. O. Culbertson made her regular business trip to Dubuque this week.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.) The original musical comedietta entitled "Hodge Podge" given under the auspices of Eastern Star and under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Sumlin, played to an over crowded house Feb. 3 at

Columbi Hall. The company consisted of well known home talent, each doing credit to the occasion. Mrs. Georgia Allen who presided at the piano deserves special honor for her splendid music and untiring willingness to preside, Mrs. Sumlin, to whom is due the success of the unique entertainment, did some clever acting and deserves much credit. The pantomime girls did some splendid work, as did the Japanese maidens also, but to the cowboy ride we take off our hats.

Chas. Bates, the cowboy, looked the genuine article and sang splendidly, his voice being clear and full. This was the best number on the program. Elmer Campbell charmed the audience with his clear tenor voice, and with Mrs. Sumlin in the duet "Taffy" received a hearty applause. James Bailey also held his audience entrance with his solo. Mr. Ken Smith was present with his burlesque sheath gown, and it was the real thing and was loudly applauded. In the opening chorus Mr. Gene Allen looked the typical "uncle Sammy" and amid the fluttering of flags presented a pleasing sight.

A neat sum was realized for the order and the general public again await Mrs. Sumlin and her company of artists.

Mrs. Sumlin left Friday for Omaha, Neb., to spend a few weeks with her husband.

ENTERPRISE NEWS. Rev. James Bowles returned home last Thursday from Hiteman where where he was called by the illness and death of his mother.

The Willing Workers club met at the home of Mrs. James Holland last Wednesday for the regular monthly business meeting and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Nettie Hunter, Vice President, Mrs. Sarah Wells, Secretary, Mrs. Allie Diveres; Treasurer, Mrs. Etta Holland; Chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Battle.

After the business was transacted the hostess served a dainty five course luncheon.

The K. of P. lodge gave a banquet at the K. of P. hall last Thursday night, which was well attended. It was a brilliant affair. A bounteous feast was spread at 10 p. m., which was enjoyed by all present, as there was plenty for all.

Mrs. Allie Diveres and Mrs. Stella Trent were Des Moines visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. Della Wilson and little daughter Beatrice of Woodburn, Ia., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter.

Mr. Geo. Edmunds returned home last Monday from Indianapolis, Ind., where he has been for three weeks attending the convention of the V. M. W. of A.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coccaut of Des Moines attended the K. of P. banquet last Thursday night. They were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells while in the city.

Mrs. J. S. Cunningham is dangerously ill at her home at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Mosely are both on the sick list.

In spite of the blizzard last Sunday we had an excellent service and attendance at the Baptist church all day.

Flagrant Violator. Mrs. Crawford—What did your husband say when you told him that you and your daughters were going to Jols and anti-noise club?

Mrs. Chatter—He said he hoped it would keep us quiet.

Eulogy on Abraham Lincoln Delivered by John L. Thompson.

Published by request.

Mr. President, Soldiers, Ladies and Fellow Countrymen: The past, as it were, rises before us to-night as a dream, one hundred years ago Thomas Paine died and Abraham Lincoln was born. What a magnificent exchange. One hundred years ago Napoleon Bonaparte, the world greatest military hero and kingmaker, was in the zenith of his reign. He had conquered England, subdued Germany, the proud Romans and plucky Greeks sat silently at his feet. Italy and Russia were glad to become allies of his and thus he became truly the great world Emperor. One hundred years ago King George III celebrated his 60 years as King of England. One hundred years ago witnessed the birth of Mendelssohn, the great musician, and this year one hundred years ago William Gladstone was born and William Pitt died; One hundred years ago to-day Thomas Jefferson was President of the United States. One hundred years ago there were only 18 states in this country, and this day one hundred years ago Abraham Lincoln, the man of sorrow, the son of toil, the child of nature, the boy of freedom, was born in a little one room log cabin in the wild, rough hills of La Rue County, Kentucky, reared by the unseem hand of Jehovah, who called Abraham of old from the land of Ur, this child was called from the land of Kentucky, across the Ohio to Indiana, thence to the prairies of Illinois, where he left a monument that will last so long as the human civilization shall endure.

To-day and to-night all over America and even foreign countries the people have observed this as a national holiday, assembling in their various churches and halls to do honor and pay tribute to America's greatest man. Our country has produced many statesmen many noted warriors, many noted christians, many noted musicians, many scholars, many philosophers and poets and many noted presidents but only a few great men. I would call him a Washington, but that great Virginian held slaves. I would call him a Grant, but that great soldier was a warrior. I would call him a Poe or Whitler but they were only poets; I would call him a Beecher or a Tallmage but they were only preachers; I would call him a McKinley or Ingersoll but they were only statesmen; Abraham Lincoln was the embodiment of all these men, and even more he was a man of love, of purity, of nature, of freedom, of liberty, of hope, and a child of God.

The Great Emancipator has left an inspiring lesson for the young men of to-day, born in poverty; reared on the frontiers of America, with no college education, no royal blood or money, he the barefooted flatboatman, the rail splitter, the country groceryman, the village groceryman, the lawyer, the legislator, the congressman and lastly our martyred president for the cause, human liberty and freedom.

Dear friends, I cannot to-night review his history. It is known to every school boy and is known to every person who loves liberty and justice. I will briefly state some of the benefits that we the sons of an enslaved race, have received. Sumner, Garrison, Lovejoy, Whittier, Harriet Beecher Stowe and John Brown had appeared upon the arena of action and had passed but he, Abraham Lincoln, was the last mountain that rested above the deluge, the last towering place for heaven's delight.

He, like Abel of old, heard the cries of the slaves and buried: thunderbolt at the curse, broke the shackles from the sable shoulders of 4,000,000 of slaves. The music of the bloodhound ceased the cries of mothers torn from their loving children was no longer heard; the slaves pen, the auction block, and the whipping post was supplanted by school houses, churches and colleges; and to-day millions are honoring this great hero.

To-night it is possible that we the descendants of these freedmen, should feel proud that we can meet as we have to-night and testify to our progress. To-day we have 14,000,000 colored people. Even five years after the emancipation we had a man in Congress of the U. S., a senator in Jeff Davis' seat, making laws for their former master. We have sent 25 colored men to congress. We have reduced our illiteracy from 100 per cent to less than 40 per cent since the emancipator died. Our progress has been marvelous, so well fixed, so generally known. We have a little more than 25,000 Negroes in the professions; 14,000 in government employment; 7,000 in state employment; more than 5,000 enlisted in the United States army and navy; 38 banks owned by colored people. In every state in the union there are good honest, and intelligent men and women trying to help make the world better. These colored soldiers here tonight testify to the part we played in the drama of the civil war. In the language of the poet,

"Fleecy locks and black complexion, Cannot alter nature's claim,

Skin may differ, but affection, Dwells in black just the same"

With malice toward none and love for all let us go forth to make history, do right, live honest and deal fairly; prove that we are worthy of the great emancipator's martyred life.

I bid you good night.

Skin may differ, but affection, Dwells in black just the same"

Preacher Wants Pardon. Rev. Geo. W. Perkins a preacher who is serving a term at Ft. Madison penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretense at Marshalltown some time a year ago is seeking a pardon. Perkins collected the money the pretense of using for the Second Baptist church, but the church knows nothing of the solicitation.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

My, but blizzards are becoming quite popular throughout our part of the country this winter. Just think two in a month's time.

A surprise party was given in honor of Robert Simpson's twentieth birthday last Monday evening at the home of his aunts, Mrs. A. Roberts. Thirty of his young friends attended and he was remembered with a number of useful presents. Games and music was the past time of the evening. A nice three course luncheon was served. All departed at a late hour wishing him many more happy birthdays.

The ladies of the Mt. Zion Baptist church gave a valentine social and held a special program in honor of Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. It was a jolly time for all who attended. It was a success both socially and financially.

There will be a patriotic concert given for the benefit of the A. M. E. church at Simpson's hall Monday evening, Feb. 23. It is under the management of Mrs. E. Grant.

Mr. George Washington, one of our old pioneer citizens, still remains quite feeble.

The Tuesday evening club of the A. M. E. church met with Mrs. M. G. Newman Tuesday evening.

The Ladies Aid club met with Mrs. Cora Harrison last Friday afternoon. A nice dozen of ladies attended. They had for an open discussion "How to Make Home Happy." The affirmative won out. Of course they were all ladies.

Presiding Elder M. I. Gordon held quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church and preached throughout the day to a large and appreciative audience.

We are glad to note that our city has been honored with selection of Rev. J. C. Reid as one of Mr. B. N. Hyde's assistance of his committee of which he has been appointed chairman. We know that our appointee will ably fill his place.

ALBIA NEWS.

The members of the A. M. E. church and friends gave a surprise at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bell, quite a number were present and Mrs. Bell received some very nice presents. After much merriment the company was served with ice cream and cake.

Mrs. AllieBoman entertained a number of ladies at a quilting party Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. M. G. Ward is on the sick list. Miss Brown of Centerville is in Albia for a few days, while in town she is the guest of Misses Eva and Jesse Parker. She visited the Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Miss Gracie Brown, Miss Clara Carter and Mr. Carl Brown spent Saturday and Sunday in Toledo, Ia., the guest of Miss Brown's aunt.

The social given at the 2nd. Baptist church Tuesday evening was a social and financial success a good program was rendered by the little folks a neat sum was realized.

Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Palmer baby were entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson on Swazey St.

Mrs. R. P. Palmer and have been confined to their home on 709 E. W. Berry street with severe colds they are much better at this writing.

Miss Lillie John left last Saturday for a two weeks visit in Toledo, Ia.

Miss Anna Woods of 7th avenue suffered a very severe spell of heart trouble Friday night but is able to be around again.

Mrs. Carter of East Fredricks street is somewhat indisposed.

Mrs. C. P. Gilmore of E. Fredericks street is still on the sick list.

The Paul Lawrence Donbar Club was entertained by Mrs. Isaac Brown on 7th streets a good program was rendered after which a two course lunch was served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. Phipps.

The pastor is planning for a big rally in the near future.

The clubs are all working hard to make it a success.

A special Lincoln service was held at the Second Baptist church Sunday evening.

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