

# NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

## Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Ailes Returns From Ohio—Oleomargarine Cannot Be Peddled on Streets—Commerce of Asia and Oceania. Volume of Streams in Southeastern N-w York.

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Assistant Secretary Ailes has returned to this city after spending a week at his home in Sidney, Ohio. His family accompanied him.

Commissioner Yerkes, of Internal Revenue, has sent circulars to the collectors of internal revenue to the effect that oleomargarine cannot be peddled on the street. A special tax allows a dealer to sell this commodity at certain places. If a dealer peddles it in the street he would have to take out a new license at every new place.

"There has been great activity in the Life-Saving Service within the past month," said the general superintendent, S. I. Kimball. "Take, for example, the rescue of the crew of the John R. Noyes by the Charlotte life saving crew. For twenty hours in the cold and dark the rescuers under Captain Gray searched for the wreck, which was out at sea. Four men and one woman were finally brought ashore. This is only one of a long string of similar rescues. The recent storm on the Great Lakes and the coast are, of course, the cause of so many wrecks.

Gold coin and bullion in the United States Treasury December 27 amounted to \$615,209,387.08. The Treasury receipts for the day were \$1,123,686.61, of which \$580,485.98 were customs, \$528,860.64 were Internal Revenue, miscellaneous receipts, \$24,338.99. The expenditures for the day were \$1,015,000, of which \$100,000 was paid out in pensions, \$250,000 was for civil and miscellaneous expenses, \$520,000 for war, \$140,000 for navy, and \$5,000 for Indian expenses. Excess of receipts over expenditures was \$114,686.61.

### BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

The commerce of Asia and Oceania is the subject of much careful attention by the great exporting nations of the world. The countries and islands included within these two grand divisions comprise about one-third of the population of the world. Their total imports aggregate about \$1,240,000,000, and are increasing rapidly. Imports into China have increased about 50 per cent in the last decade, those into Japan more than 200 per cent. In this increase the United States has largely participated. Our exports to Asia have grown from less than \$11,000,000 in 1870 to \$64,000,000 in 1902, and to Oceania from less than \$5,000,000 in 1870 to more than \$50,000,000 in 1902.

Statistics compiled by the bureau show that the output of coal in Scotland, whence the people of this city are thinking of getting coal to increase the supply during the winter, is 14.7 per cent of the output of the United Kingdom, and amounted to 33,112,104 tons in 1900, and is approximately the same today. The average price of bituminous coal at the pit's mouth was \$2.62 per ton, which is a higher price than usually prevails in the United States.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

John L. Lott, special assistant attorney of the Solicitor General's office, who has been in Tiffany, Ohio, at his old home, for the holidays, returned to Washington today with Mrs. Lott.

C. W. Russell, special assistant attorney general, is engaged upon the three cases of the United States vs. the Oregon and California Railroad Company. Mr. Russell will argue them before the Supreme Court early in January. Action was brought to cancel land patents previously issued to the railroad company, because of the lands being subject to homestead claims at the date of selection on the part of the railroad company. The case also involves the validity of certain orders given by the Secretary of the Interior, withdrawing Government land from sale. The suit was brought by the United States.

### NEWSPAPER PRINTER HELD UP AND ROBBED

Struck on Head With a Piece of Lead Pipe.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 29.—While on his way to his home in Brambleton, a suburb, early yesterday morning, Thomas Little, a printer employed on a morning newspaper, was held up and robbed by an unknown man, who escaped.

Little was struck on the head with a piece of lead pipe and relieved of his cash. After a quarrel with his wife, whom he lately married in Newark, N. J., Bruce Bule, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., slashed his throat with a razor late Saturday night. Bule was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where it is thought he will recover. Bule recently returned to Norfolk from Baltimore, where for some time he worked in a restaurant.

Norfolk residents will petition the Legislature to enact a law compelling street railways operating in the State to heat their cars.

### BLOODHOUND USED IN SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

AYER, Mass., Dec. 29.—An organized search for Seth W. Hartwell, the aged resident of Littleton, who has been missing from his home for the past week, was started yesterday. The searching party was composed of four hundred men, and a bloodhound, which had been brought from Boston. The dog took up the scent from Mr. Hartwell's place to the place where the blood spots were found a few days ago, but at that point the scent was lost, and the dog would go no farther.

### WAR DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Kohr, assistant chief clerk of the accounts, commissions, and promotions division of the Adjutant General's Office, is ill at his home. It is understood Mr. Kohr is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism. Several other clerks of this division are now absent from their desks, which necessitates the clerks on duty performing much more than their usual amount of work. It is not known when Mr. Kohr will be able to return to the department.

Adjutant General Corbin has received from an officer of the German army a beautifully illustrated book dealing exclusively with the recent maneuvers of the German army at Posen, at which Generals Young, Corbin, and Wood represented the army of the United States. One of the illustrations is a reproduction of a group photograph of the American generals and their aides.

### GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Robert E. Horton, of Utica, resident hydrographer, is conducting investigations to measure the volume of the streams in the southeastern portion of New York State. Some of the newly established stations of operation are on the east and west branches of the Delaware River just above their junction, on the Delaware and Neversink, at Port Jervis, and on Upper Schoharie Creek at Prattsville, N. Y. It is expected that the records will furnish information on the much debated question whether streams flowing from wooded regions are better for mill purposes than those draining cleared lands.

New topographic maps have been issued by the United States Survey of mountainous North Carolina, showing portions of the country drained by the Little Tennessee and Nanahala rivers. Maps of Pennsylvania have also been issued, covering regions in the neighborhood of Reading, and including parts of Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Schuylkill counties. Another map shows the country surrounding the towns of Chambersburg, Green Castle, and Waynesboro.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Dr. Frederick W. True, executive curator, will be in charge of the exhibits of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum at the St. Louis Exposition. Dr. True has been a member of the Museum staff for the past twenty years and consequently is thoroughly fitted for his important duties. The Institution and Museum will make a larger exhibit than at any time since the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, and will occupy the largest space in the Government Building.

Prof. W. H. Holmes will have direction of the exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition, both of the department of anthropology in the Museum and those of the bureau of ethnology. The idea of the former will be to show the esthetic products of the native American people. The exhibits of the bureau of ethnology will be planned to illustrate the researches carried on by the bureau.

### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Owing to the strong demands that have come for the continuation of the surveys in Maryland, to include the whole of the State, and particularly of Worcester, Somerset, and Baltimore counties, Secretary Wilson proposes to assign a party there for six months during the next field season. While much work has already been done in this State, it is believed that the intelligent interest and appreciation shown on former work done will justify the department in pushing the surveys further.

### HOUSE PARTY AT CLARK'S BIRTHDAY GIFT HOME

Stepson of Bishop Potter Entertains at "Iroquois Farm."

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ambrose Clark, of New York, with nearly twenty of their young friends, are in town for a week of winter sports and jollity.

In the party are Mr. Clark's younger brother, Stephen Carlton, of Yale University, and his elder brother, Lieut. Robert Sterling, of Washington, whose reception and ball at the New Willard on the evening of December 22 attracted the attention of society at the National Capital. Nearly all here were in attendance at the Washington ball.

The party reached Cooperstown by special car on Saturday, and are entertained at F. Ambrose Clark's new country home, "Iroquois Farm." The occasion is a house warming for Mr. Clark. This is the first time he has occupied the place since it came into his possession on his twenty-first birthday. A series of entertainments has been mapped out for the coming five days.

"Iroquois Farm" is just south of the village and adjoining "Fernleigh," the summer home of Mrs. Henry Codman Potter, Mr. Clark's mother. It was expected that the bishop and Mrs. Potter might be in town for a few days. They did not come up, and "Fernleigh" remains closed.

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONFERENCE AT BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29.—The International Socialist conference opened here today with President Hyndmann in the chair. It was decided to hold the next socialist congress in 1904.

### NAVY DEPARTMENT.

At this session of Congress Secretary Moody will endeavor to secure an appropriation for three small brigas to be used in training naval recruits in waters adjacent to training stations. The Essex, Hartford, Monongahela, and the Albatross have been employed for that purpose up to the present time.

While steam has supplanted sails as a motive power on men of war it is still thought necessary that a certain amount of instruction in rigging work should be given seamen.

One-half of the navy collars will be manned with naval officers and seamen by June 30, 1903, and the whole number by the end of a second year. At the present time the department is forced from lack of men to employ merchant crews. Although these have given fair satisfaction Secretary Moody feels that a valuable opportunity for training crews for warships is being lost. Collars are continually in commission and instruction thereon is not likely to be interrupted. Merchant crews cannot be transferred to the service in time of war.

The collars will therefore be utilized to supplement the training given at barracks and on regular training ships.

### INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Judge Luther R. Smith, chief of the Indian Territory division, is a regular subscriber to the "Cherokee Advocate." This paper is published in Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, I. T., and is an official journal of that nation. It is a four-page publication and half of it is printed in English and half in Cherokee. The Cherokee letters resemble very much the Greek.

William O. Baldwin, in the division of finance, was appointed special agent in this office on December 4, 1900. Since that date, Mr. Baldwin has worked his way up by continuous labor and is now one of the right-hand men to George W. Evans, the disbursing clerk.

Amos Hadley, chief of the division of stationery and printing, and Charles W. Schneider, assistant chief, are at the head of several rooms that may seem to the unknown one a practical retail variety store. Baskets, glassware, odds and ends, and everything else appears on the shelves. Messrs. Hadley and Schneider deny that they keep shop.

### PATENT OFFICE.

Chief Clerk Charles M. Irean has perhaps the three most expert stenographers employed in this office. They are Misses Harriet A. Fellows, Alice M. B. Simons, and Elizabeth E. Sims. The great amount of work done in the Patent Office this year has thrown its share upon the shoulders of these three clerks, but Mr. Irean reports no lack of diligence on their part.

Commissioner Allen will have issued on the 1st of the month the new rules of practice in the Patent Office. A general revision of the rules took place December 1, 1879, when Holbert E. Paine was Commissioner, and since then sixteen revised editions have been published. Recently several changes have taken place in the rules governing the Patent Office, and others are contemplated.

The cost of taking out an ordinary patent in this country is about \$75. This does not provide for appeals, disclaimers, interferences, or assignments, etc., and the patent drawings do not generally exceed two. A Government fee of \$15 is received by Gen. Frank D. Sloat, financial clerk, on the filing of each original application, and a fee of \$20 on the issuance of the patent.

### APPLE PIE SO GOOD HE POPPED QUESTION

NORFOLK, Conn., Dec. 29.—A plain, honest looking young farmer dropped into this town two weeks ago and took board in the family of Mrs. Marianna Green.

"I am pretty particular," he confided to Mrs. Green.

"I guess this place will suit you," said the old lady. "My granddaughter Georgianna keeps house for me."

He smacked his lips at the first meal and praised Miss Georgianna. Dinners and suppers came and went, and the young farmer seemed mightily pleased. But one day a dinner came that tickled his palate more than all the rest. The apple pie at the end was a marvel.

"That certainly was the best pie I ever set my teeth in," he said to the charmed Georgianna after the meal.

"How soon will you be ready to start for North Dakota?"

Georgianna looked at him in amazement. Then she remembered a farmer in Augustville, N. D., with whom she had corresponded for two years, but had never seen.

"Are you Mr. Frederick Dalrymple?" she gasped. "Are you the man who got my photograph and that has been writing all those letters to me?"

"That's who I be," came the triumphant answer as the boarder threw out his chest.

"Let's make it Christmas Eve," he suggested.

Georgianna was willing.

## DRUG CLERKS TO HEAR CONFERENCE REPORT

### Question of Working Hours Subject of Meeting.

A special meeting of the Registered Drug Clerks' Association has been called for Friday night at the Farmers' Club. At this meeting the report of the association's committee which conferred with the one from the Drugists' Association will be discussed. The seven representatives of the Clerks' Association made the report at the last meeting, but owing to the fact that the elections were held on that night it was impossible for the report to be taken up.

The members of the association are working harder than ever to secure the enactment into law of the bill which is now pending in Congress to decrease the number of working hours of the drug clerks.

Fred T. Hafelinger, recording secretary of the association, said this morning: "The only opposition made by the drugists is the number of hours the clerks will be expected to work. The bill provides for ten hours' work, but the proprietors ask that they work seventy hours per week of six days. This is a physical impossibility, because there are only seventy-seven working hours in a week of six days, and if the clerks work seventy hours they will have only seven hours in which to eat twelve meals. My personal belief is that the seventy hour plan will be rejected by the Clerks' Association, and that the ten hour law will go into effect within the near future."

### SHORT STORY CLUB.

At a recent meeting of the Short Story Club at the Riggs House, Capt. Arthur Portman presiding, the following interesting program was rendered before a large audience. The minutes of the preceding meeting were in the form of a story by Mrs. M. M. Metcalf. "Modern Magic," the story of the evening, was given by J. R. Whitaker, depicting in a fascinating manner some of the strides that have been made in modern inventions and their still greater possibilities in the future. Dr. Adeline R. Portman told in a realistic way of the trials and hardships endured by the pioneers of the early Western settlements, of their long and tedious journeys in the prairie schooners across the plains and the wilderness to seek locations for homes by the large families of growing children, when the old countries or the States of the East did not offer for them what the West did more than sixty years ago. Mrs. M. L. Willis, a poem, entitled "Love," Miss M. C. Bennett, a story, "My First Oyster," Mrs. M. L. Tanner, a poem, "Vulcan and Venus," Dr. L. R. Klemm, a story, "The Woman of It." The songs contributed by the Burnside Glee Club were enthusiastically received with new laurels for this "soldier octet."

Among those present were Mrs. Rosa L. Townsend, Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Mrs. H. L. Strong, Prof. Hyland C. Kirk, Mrs. Clara O. Bland, Thomas A. Broad, Mrs. E. Maynick, Stillman, Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Case, Mrs. E. Kathleen Temple, Mrs. Charlotte Rousseau, Capt. F. V. De Coster, Miss Gertrude Withington, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hubbard, Mrs. M. S. Bell, A. C. Gibbs, Rudolph Evans, Juliet Evans, Dr. O. L. Butcher, Bertha F. Wolfe, Lydia J. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Thomas, Louise W. Eppes, R. H. Brown, Mrs. A. S. Powell, Mrs. F. M. Cherry, Mrs. R. A. Peelle, Laura White, A. B. Weed, E. W. Foster, Mrs. L. E. Rousseau.

### SPECIAL MARK OF RESPECT TO WILLIAM PERKINS TYLER

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—An event wholly foreign to the gay atmosphere of the Waldorf-Astoria and to the delicately frescoed and upholstered east room takes place there tomorrow morning—a funeral.

For the first time since the big hotel opened its doors the trapping of mourning will be allowed within its walls as a special mark of respect toward one of its oldest and wealthiest patrons, William Perkins Tyler, who died there on Saturday night after a month's illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Tyler was an intimate friend of John A. Drake, John W. Gates, James R. Keene, and other rich men who make the famous little coterie of habitués known as the "Waldorf crowd."

Mr. Tyler was fifty-three years old and several times a millionaire. He was president of the Tyler Tube and Pipe Company, of Washington county, Pa., and president of the Tyler Rolling Mills. A flourishing town has grown up around his two great plants there, which is called Tylerdale.

### SUIT FOR PIG SETTLED OUT OF COURT

TRENTON, Dec. 29.—Because his mother, Mrs. Josephine Y. Breece, one of the wealthiest society leaders in southern New Jersey, was made a party defendant in the suit brought to recover the pig he is alleged to have stolen, Capt. E. Yards Breece of the City Troop, has compromised the suit by paying to Arthur B. Smith, the Yardley farmer who owned the pig, \$10, Captain Breece also paid all the costs of court, so that the little porker stands him about \$25, as well as considerable notoriety.

Smith claimed the pig was stolen from his wagon as he was driving past the Breece residence and when Captain Breece notified his coachman not to surrender the animal the farmer brought suit. Mrs. Breece was angered when served with a summons and her son decided that it would be unwise to fight the matter further. He always maintained that the pig strayed into his yard and that Smith could not identify it.

## WASHINGTON AS A FIRST-NIGHT CITY

### Charles Frohman Believes in Producing His Plays Here.

A theatrical performance, complete in every detail, presented with all the care and effects that would have been there had the house been packed, was given on the stage of the National Theater last night before an audience of just two people. The solitary auditors were Charles Frohman, the manager, and Mrs. Madeline Lucette Ryley, the dramatist. The performance was given by Miss Annie Russell, and the members of her company, and the play was "Mice and Men."

No more critical or exacting audience ever watched a performance—the maker and manager of a score of famous plays, stars, and the author of the play on the eve of its American premiere. So complete was this performance for its audience of two that the orchestra played the usual overture before the first curtain, the entr'acte music, and the strains that follow the final act.

### An Extensive Staff.

Mr. Frohman arrived in Washington yesterday. He had been preceded a few days by members of his personal staff, and by every member of his working staff. This working force always precedes Mr. Frohman on his out-of-town trips to make a first production. Its headquarters are at the Empire Theater, New York, and it comprises chief carpenter, scenic artists, master machinist, master of properties, wardrobe mistresses, and others in charge of some detail in the launching of a new play—each in his or her place, being like the aides-de-camp to some major general in the field.

As soon as the equipment of Mr. Sothorn's productions had been taken from the National, the scenes, properties, etc., of "Mice and Men," were brought in, and through the night and most of yesterday the Frohman working staff, with the assistance of the National's stage crew, toiled on the shaping of the scenery while at hampers and sewing machines, the wardrobe mistresses and their sewing women put

the finishing touches on the costumes—for "Mice and Men," with its locale in the eighteenth century, calls for quaint and picturesque dressing.

The audience of two arrived early, and at precisely 7:30 o'clock the orchestra started the overture; then the curtain and the play was on. Frohman usually nervous on a "first night" found in this unusual performance a trial, for no more exacting audience could be found than the two seated in the orchestra—Mr. Frohman, who rehearses every company and star under his management both here and abroad, and Miss Ryley, whose characters were being realized in living form, and whose lines were being spoken according to the players' conceptions of the people of her stage-told story. Now and then the audience interrupted with a suggestion or instruction, and the stage manager came into view, manuscript in hand, but otherwise it all moved as if Washington's most fashionable audience crowded the theater.

### A Good First-Night City.

After the rehearsal and on his return to the New Willard Mr. Frohman said to a Times representative: "I am delighted to make a first production again in Washington, the scene of so many first nights for presentations of mine that have been great successes. I was charmed with Miss Russell's interpretation of her part, the rehearsal, and the play. I feel that I can safely say to the audience that purpose attending the first performance that they will view a genuine success of both star and play. The play tells a strong, human story, and the production, excellent as it is, is only secondary to the play. I rarely make a prediction after a dress rehearsal." And here Mr. Frohman said "good night."

Miss Russell's company has the unusual feature of having two important leading men, Orrin Johnson and John Mason, while in her support, as usual, is Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, who has a most congenial part.

## FARMER LEAVES BIG ESTATE TO HIRED MAN

### Latter Served His Eccentric Employer Faithfully for Eight Years for Less Than \$375 Annually.

HARTVILLE, Mo., Dec. 29.—Edward Folsenby, an eccentric farmer, who owned much land in this region and died recently, left practically all his estate to his former hired man, Henry Roseman, who served him faithfully for eight years for less than \$375 a year.

Roseman's newly-acquired wealth is estimated at from \$125,000 to \$200,000. A small part of the estate was left to Folsenby's nephew in Minnesota.

## KILLS GRANDDAUGHTER AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

### Old Man, Made Cripple Dependent Upon Him, With Desperate by Want.

FLORENCE, Ala., Dec. 29.—Driven to desperation by a want and without work, and with a granddaughter who was a helpless cripple dependent upon him, Calvin Carson yesterday took the girl's life by giving her carbolic acid and attempted suicide by cutting his own throat.

He was found writhing in his own blood. He had laid the girl out with her hands folded across her breast and she was still warm. The old man may recover.

## COL. MORRISON'S FUNERAL TAKES PLACE THURSDAY

### Remains of Former Philippine Judge Advocate Delayed.

The body of Lieut. Col. Jasper N. Morrison, acting Judge Advocate of the United States Army in the Philippines, who died at the Presidio last week after an operation, will not arrive in Washington until Wednesday. The funeral will take place Thursday.

It was thought that the remains would arrive in this city last night, and arrangements were made for the funeral at Fort Myer this morning, but information was received at the War Department that they were not shipped from San Francisco until the night of December 23.

Mrs. Morrison, the widow, and his son, Donald, of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, are in Washington, awaiting the arrival of the body. The funeral will be under the direction of General Davis, Judge Advocate General of the Army. The pallbearers will be Gen. George B. Davis, F. C. Alsworth, G. N. Lieber, Senator Cockrell of Missouri, Representative Edward Robb of Missouri, and L. W. Call.

## FISSURES IN PARIS CATACOMBS MENACE LUXEMBOURG PALACE

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Fissures have been discovered in the catacombs menacing a wing of the Luxembourg palace and a part of the famous gardens.

## SUCCESSFUL END OF THREE WEEKS' FISHING

### Drillers Dance Can Can Around Oil Well.

### LOST BAILER IS RESTORED

### Lively Times in Prince George Oil Fields to Tune of "Drillers' Waltz."

Shouts resounded through the Centerville forests yesterday when The Times reporter drew high the oil well there. Within the derrick the drillers tripped the measures of the "Drillers' Waltz" with song and gusto as if they were upon their native heath up in the Pennsylvania oil fields. This jubilation came as a consequence of the bringing to daylight from the hole of the bailer, stuck fast in the sands 500 feet below by the breaking of a rope three weeks before. Ever since that time, day and night, they have been "fishing" for it.

The "fishing" line was a 4-inch cable, 2,000 feet long, one end of which was tumbled around the stem of the "bull-wheel," running thence up eighty feet to the top of the derrick over a pulley and down into the hole below. The fishing hooks used were all sorts of ingenious clamps and devices designed to catch hold of the tools thus buried.

When "fishing," the driller stands over the hole grasping the cable with one hand as it tops up and down, propelled by the machinery, and keeping the other hand constantly on the steam "shut off" to control the movements of the same.

If requires a rare delicacy of touch to know how to angle in fishing down in the solid earth in this fashion, and the successful end of this tireless "sport" brought delight to all.

The attempt to "strike oil" in this section of the United States, began in May last, and has required the expenditure of unlooked for patience and money to carry it on. When down about 400 feet the quicksand rose above the top of the drill over a hundred feet, and it took a month to get them out. Then when the depth of 750 feet was reached it was found that the pipe, or casing, used in the hole was too small to overcome the quicksand difficulties. Accordingly, by use of dynamite the lower portion of the casing was broken off and the upper and lower lengths drawn out of the hole. This caused a considerable loss to the company. The derrick was moved ten feet, and a new load of larger casing having arrived, drilling then began in the second hole. The most difficult strata of quicksand in the latter hole had been successfully passed through when came the unexpected delay and expenditure of time and money caused by the losing of the bailer.

The drilling will now go on with renewed vigor, for delays, expenditures, and difficulties do not at all daunt the projectors of the enterprise. They say that the discoveries already made in the drilling of the two holes justify still greater increased efforts and expenditures, and hopes of "striking oil" in the Maryland hills ten miles from the White House.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE

GRAFTON, W. Va., Dec. 29.—The story comes from Davis that C. N. Berg, while building a fire in the forge at the blacksmith shop in Beaver Creek Lumber Camp No. 2, was attacked by a bear which sprang into the building and lacerated him badly. The bear was chased off by S. Oldham and his dog after the beast had torn off one of the dog's ears.

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