SANFORD'S SUFFRAGETTE BUNCOMBE BURIED BY SENATE

ADVISORY VOTE BILL DEFEATED

Legislators Refuse to Take an Unmanly Advantage of California Women on the Ballot Question

Governor Johnson's Plan to Take Anderson's Scalp and Consolidate Offices Is Developing Rapidly

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—The California senate is a gallant and deliberative body. If ever there was a doubt on either score that doubt was disposed of today with John Bunyan Sanford's bill, which purported to be a scheme to compel the women of California to decide the woman's suffrage question by an advisory vote.

The senate not only refused to take such an unmanly advantage of the women, but it also refused to provide a convenient blind behind which its own members might evade going on record either for or against the submission of the suffragette amendment to which the republican party was pledged by its platform.

Prior to today there were some antiquated persons living in memories of a forensic past who believed that this progressive senate was not in fact a deliberate body. Grave was their error.

DELIBERATORS PROVE POWERS

Consideration and defeat of Sanford's suffrage side door getaway proved beyond question that in the matter of oracular deliberation the best of them never had anything on this senate. Out from their redoubts of impressive silence came deliberator after deliberator prepared to stand toe to toe with Eddie Wolfe and swing punishing phrases from any position.

Some of the stuff was so good that all the speakers on one side used it and several of their opponents found it serviceable in rousing the echoes that Caminetti no longer drives tandem across the grates of the new ventilating system that does not ventilate.

Assemblyman McDonald of San Francisco threatens to exhume the Sanford bill and amend it so as to provide that only real nice women would be permitted to cast advisory votes, but, as far as the senate is concerned, that particular kind of "bunk" is dead and that is dead enough for all practical purposes.

OPPOSITION TO TRICK

Julliard, who was vigorously opposed to a measure that was confessedly a trick to postpone consideration of the suffrage question on the level, started the trouble. He moved to recommit the bill to the committee on judiciary. Curtin resisted on the ground that Sanford's was a nice little courtesy, perfectly constitutional, and that he for one would never force upon the ladies a duty that they did not desire to assume. Shanahan told Curtin that he seemed to be willing to defeat the suffrage amendment by indirection, and that in the form it was presented to the senate it could serve no useful purpose.

Eddie Wolfe fought in the open. He said frankly enough that he was for the Sanford measure because it would postpone the submission of the amendment for two years and that if that was not its purpose he would not support it.

ANXIOUS FOR ADVICE

Roseberry said he wanted to vote for the Sanford bill on principle. It was defective, he admitted, but he declared that he was anxious to be advised by his constituents on the suffrage question, as he was on the senatorial question. He did not vote as his constituents advised him on the senatorial question and when it came to a showdown yesterday he did not vote for the principle involved in the Sanford bill.

Lee Gates, Shanahan, Curtin and Wolfe had made several speeches each and the lieutenant governor had introduced several new wrinkles in the application of the guiding hand and helpful advice on parliamentary procedure when Henry Hurd got the floor to inquire what the fuss was about. The motion to commit was defeated 24 to 12, and then the bill was consigned to the dump by a vote of 21 to 15.

These senators voted for the bill: Caminetti, Campbell, Cartwright, Cassidy, Curtin, Finn, Hans, Hare, Hurd, Lewis, Martinelli, Regan, Sanford, Welch, Wolfe. Senators Wright and Beban were absent. Black found it necessary to be elsewhere after voting against recommitment, and Stetson did not vote on either question.

In addition to the elucidation of the constitution, the opening of the oratory barrel and some good stuff about sturdy allegiance to the advisory principle, the squabble over the Sanford bill resulted in bringing out announcements of intentions to vote for the constitutional amendment sufficient to insure a suffragette victory in the upper house.

JOHNSON STANDS FIRM

Those statesmen who have been of the opinion that Governor Johnson would abandon his plan to consolidate the building and loan and banking departments under a single head evidently started with an inaccurate estimate of their governor.

Not a few members of both houses have believed that if they passed the governor's bills giving him the scalps of Labor Commissioner Theodore F. Grant and Superintendent of Banks Alden Anderson they could force the governor to abandon his consolidation scheme and be content with the enactment of another bill that would give him the scalps of Jake Thansue and Charlie Curry. The chief defect in their deductions is the governor's failure to see that way. The preparation of his bill has gone on steadily and he expects it to be ready for his inspection and approval tomorrow.

I am told that there is to be a fight on the bill which provides for the official decapitation of Alden Anderson. I am told, too, that there will be vigorous opposition to the consolidation of the banking and building and loan departments.

Only three weeks ago I was informed that there would be a vigorous fight against the governor's railroad bill. I did not believe it then and I have less reason for believing it now.

STATESMEN TALK SOFTLY

If one wishes to get a line on how vigorous and valorous is the opposition to Governor Johnson he has but to walk into a knot of statesmen and say "administration bill." If any doughty statesman wants to spread his wings a bit and declaim upon the weakness or iniquities of the measure mentioned, he prefaces his whispered oratory with "this doesn't go if anybody hears it."

The governor's rate bill will be passed without amendment, unless he wants to amend it himself. The governor's bills for the scalping of Grant, Anderson, Transue, et al., will pass with the boys falling over each other to get on the rollcall. Any other little bill that the governor wants passed will pass. And the man who wants to back a contrary opinion can write his own ticket in any old book in the state, the Walker-Young anti-betting bill to the contrary notwithstanding.

Governor Hiram W. Johnson is directing this performance. Let none convince you to the contrary.

If any one tells you something different call his attention to the public hearing on the rate bill given tonight by the committee on corporations. Representatives of all the railroads were present, but not one of them offered a single word of argument or accepted the oft repeated invitation to address the committee.

The representatives of the railroads told members of the committee that they had attended the meeting because their invitations had been too courteous to refuse, but that they had nothing to offer for the enlightenment of the committee and no objections to interpose.

'Twas not ever thus. The representatives of the railroads had something to say two years ago and they said it. Surely the world "do move."

The full crew bill passed the senate today without a dissenting vote.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

The California fish and game commission is to be a live, businesslike adjunct of the state government. Governor Johnson has said so and backed up his declaration by appointing David Starr Jordan and Fred G. Sanborn to the commission. Both are experts. Sanborn is a businessman, and both Sanborn and Jordan are old friends and coadjutors of Executive Adjuster Babcock, who succeeded Charlie Vogelsang and who bids fair to stay in that berth while Jordan and Sanborn sign themselves commissioners.

Babcock says that the fish and game department is to be a businesslike institution, and does not stop with the mere saying. He has devised plans for giving the controller an absolute check on the receipts from hunting licenses. He has voluntarily bonded himself and had the cashier bonded, and a bill suggested by him provides for bonding the president in a sum aggregating $20,000.

BUSINESS BASIS PLANNED

Babcock has not the slightest doubt about the commission's ability to make its department self-sustaining, and, with Sanborn, he is working to perfect plans that will make the department a smoothly working machine, in which the retention of no single man will be essential.

The deputies are being segregated, with the idea of making them experts along essential lines.

A system of daily checks and reports has been completed, and the controller has been asked to furnish the hunting licenses instead of permitting the commission to purchase the lithographed forms from the printer who owns the stones. The adoption of reform will give the controller an absolute check not alone on the disbursements of the commission but also upon its receipts.

COMPLAINTS FROM SOUTH

The people of San Diego, or at least some of them, believe that state control of their harbor is a snare and a delusion. They say that the state's apparent generosity and interest in voting them permission to expend $1,000,000 on the improvement of their harbor is more apparent than genuine.

The people authorized the $1,000,000 bond issue, but, say the San Diegans, Controller Nye declines to make haste in the matter of issuing the bonds on the ground that the receipts of the harbor are not sufficient to meet the interest and principal installments. Wherefore, they want a municipal harbor. And to meet that want Assemblyman Hinkle has a bill that would put the San Diego harbor in the same category with the Oakland harbor. He has not yet convinced Governor Johnson that his bill is a good thing.

EMBALMING BILL COMES BACK TO LIFE AGAIN

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—The bill for a state board of embalmers which bobbed up four years ago with A. E. Percival of Lodi as its author is not dead. It was revived again today by J. W. Stuckenbruck, Percival's successor in the assembly, and will make another attempt to get through the legislature and past the governor. It provides for a board of five to be named by the governor for four years and to serve without pay. A fee of $2 is to be collected annually from licensed embalmers and provision is made for strict supervision of embalmers.

BILL WOULD CLIP THE WILDCATTERS' CLAWS

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—To prevent wildcat operations in mining stock, a bill was offered in the assembly this morning by H. S. Benedict of Los Angeles, at the request of Oscar Mueller of the Los Angeles bar association providing that all stock issued out of the treasury of a company for developing mining property must be marked "treasury stock" across the face of the stock in large letters of another color of ink, or if the stock is issued for any other purpose it must be marked promotion stock.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE PLAYLET—A playlet entitled "How the Vote Was Won" will be given Saturday evening by the Girls' club at Century hall in Sutter street. The show will be given in the interests of the "Votes for Women" club. Several dress rehearsals have been held and all is ready for a pleasant evening.

FORMER MAYOR ON TRIAL—Santa Cruz, Jan. 24.—The case of former Mayor Richard Quinn of Watsonville, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses in a real estate deal, began in the superior court today. Part of the jury was selected.

SPIRITED CLASHES ON LOCAL OPTION

Rev. Austin Adams Calls Chester H. Rowell Dishonest, but Quickly Explains

Big Partisan Crowd Hears Discussion of Bill Before Public Morals Committee

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Spirited clashes between the proponents and the opponents of local option marked the hearing on Wyllie's bill before the assembly public morals committee tonight in the assembly chamber. The large crowd present was distinctly partisan. Both sides won applause, but when Rev. Austin Adams, in replying to the remarks of Chester H. Rowell, said that the Fresno man was a masterful debater but a dishonest man there was a sound of hisses, which soon died out, as Adams explained that he charged Rowell with dishonesty for saying that no arguments had been advanced by the opponents of the bill and then undertaking the task of answering the arguments.

Rev. D. M. Gandier outlined the features of the bill. He explained that there were two units, an incorporated city and any part of a county outside of an incorporated city. Twenty-five per cent of the voters must petition the legislative body of a city or a county before the matter can be submitted at a special or general election, and the question can not be submitted again for two years. Instead of having the time fixed at 60 days for the law becoming effective in case the vote is for no license, Gandier asked that the period be extended to 90 days.

It was explained that the bill would not prevent a man from having liquor in his home and giving it to members of his family or to his guests. The purpose of the bill, Gandier explained, is to stop local sale, and would work no unjust hardship on wineries. He added that the enactment of the bill would not prohibit anything but injustice on the part of boards of supervisors and town boards.

Chester H. Rowell of Fresno favored the bill as standing for local self-government, which he believed a fundamental right. He held that the right to run a saloon was a public right and not a private right and that the public had the right to say whether there should be any saloon oh not in a district. He declared that the wine business would be benefitted if every saloon were closed, as there would then be more wine drank in the homes.

Judge Y. P. McDaniels of Yuba county said he stood for an American principle, the right of the majority to rule. He touched graphically on the evils of the saloon business as he had seen them from the side of the juvenile court. The regulation of the saloon the speaker considered necessary and he believed local option offered the best method. Fully 75 per cent of the criminals who had come before him, he said, were there because of the wide open saloon.

Former Assemblyman J. O. Davis of Berkeley said he believed the bill would take the saloon out of the politics of the state.

Dr. Austin Adams of San Diego was presented as the first speaker against the bill by J. W. Bourdette, representing the California brewers' association. He opened by asserting that he had resigned from the church and had not been unfrocked. The operation of the measure, he contended, was against local option and he belabored with satisfaction "the cranks of the half baked middle west." He quoted the late Frances Willard as saying that it was not drink that produced poverty, but poverty that produced drink. He scored the dive, the low politician and the hypocritical preacher. Many high church dignitaries were cited as being in favor of temperance rather than prohibition. He created a laugh when he quoted Lyman Abbott in support of his cause and asserted he could roll all the brains of the anti saloon league in a small pellet and lose it in a crack in Abbott'e cranium.

George E. Farewell, the Pacific coast representative of the National association of manufacturers and businessmen, termed the Antisaloon league the worst bunch of buccaneers that had ever sailed under the black flag. He read an excerpt from an article by Theodore Roosevelt against the county as a unit for local option.

A. Sbarboro, president of the Italian Swiss colony, spoke against drunkenness as well as prohibition.

Rowell, Davis and Gandier closed the debate for the proponents of the bill, Gandier upsetting Doctor Adams' reference to Lyman Abbott's stand by reading a letter from Abbott in which the latter declared for local option.

G. L. JOHNSON APPEARS FOR SHRIMP FISHERMEN

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Accompanied by a number of the leaders of the Chinese shrimp fishing interests of San Francisco, Grove L. Johnson, father of the governor, went before the fish and game commission tonight and argued for the modification of Senator Welch's bill, which provides that there shall be an indefinite closed season on shrimps. John P. Babcock read a report by N. B. Schofield, field investigator for the commission, which gave the percentages of small fish caught by the Chinese and destroyed.

Babcock said that the fish commission was strongly in favor of the passage of the Welch bill.

Johnson concluded his argument with the request that the committee lay the matter over and consider the institution of a system similar to that in vogue at Puget sound. His request was granted.

LONELYNESS IMPAIRS MIND OF A RANCHER

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GILROY, Jan. 24.—Loneliness is believed to have impaired the mind of George Pfeffer, for many years a large ranch owner near this city, who was committed to an asylum today. Pfeffer's wife died several years ago and his children have all married. Left alone, he brooded and about three weeks ago rented his place and moved here.

A New York woman died while having her photograph taken. Perhaps the effort to look pleasant proved too much.

"Keep everlastingly at it" is good advice, but a man's years are as yet limited to three score and ten, or something of the sort.

We feel as sorry for the girl who is married for her money as we do for one who married a man to reform him.

Change in the Pharmacy Laws Is Aimed at Patent Medicines

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Many changes in the pharmacy laws, proposed by the state board of pharmacy, are embraced in bills which were introduced in the assembly this morning by Dr. G. E. Malone of Dunsmuir.

Venders of patent medicine are hit by one of the bills, which provides that any person not authorized to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy and other systems or modes of treatment who conducts the business of advertising and selling any drug or herb is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The law against preparing or selling adulterated drugs is made more stringent, as is also the law controlling the sale of cocaine, opium, morphine and other drugs.

The power of the board in enforcing the laws is also increased.

Another important bill would require the coroner to notify the secretary of the state board of pharmacy if any poison be found in a case of sudden death, and he must also file a copy of the testimony with the county clerk.

OREGON URGED TO AID AT KLAMATH

Senate Resolution Asks Sister State to Help Complete Irrigation Project

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—A resolution by Senator Shanahan, urging Oregon to co-operate in completing the Klamath irrigation project on the boundary between the two states, was adopted by the senate today and the secretary of state was directed by the terms to send copies of it to each house of the Oregon legislature.

Senator Rush introduced a bill providing an appropriation of $3,200 to buy an automobile for the governor's use. The executive heretofore has been supplied with a carriage.

Carroll Cook, counsel to the Chinese consul general at San Francisco, today wired Governor Johnson urging suppression of motion pictures at Red Bluff depicting the murder of a white girl by a Chinese. The telegram says the pictures are likely to stir up unreasonable animosity against the race. The pictures are said to be intended to depict the death of Elsie Siegel in New York a year and a half ago.

Senator Roseberry's bill placing the state and the defense on the same basis as regards peremptory challenges was the subject of vigorous attack when it came up for passage in the senate. Senators Estudillo, Campbell and Shanahan were among its opponents.

CONSERVATION BILL IS BEFORE SOLONS

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—The administration conservation bill prepared before the convening of the present legislature under the direction of former Governor George C. Pardee was introduced in the house this morning by Assemblyman Clark of Oakland.

The bill provides for the appointment by the governor of a board of control of five members to hold office for four years, including a hydraulic engineer of at least five years' experience at a salary of $10,000 a year. The other members will be the governor, the state engineer and two other engineers.

Water, by the terms of the bill, may not be appropriated for more than 25 years. Application for such appropriation must be made to the board of control. A fee of $10 will be charged when such application is made and $100 when the appropriation license is granted. For the first 100 horsepower taken there will be no charge; for the appropriations between 100 and 900 horsepower a charge of 15 cents per unit will be made; the charge for amounts between 1,000 and 2,000 will be 5 cents per unit and for all over 2,000 2½ cents.

CORPORATION TAX BILL HEARING IS RESUMED

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Representatives of the Southern Pacific railroad, Pacific gas and electric company and other corporations were before the committee on revenue and taxation again this afternoon with suggestions for amendments to Senator Curtin's bill carrying into effect that section of the constitution providing for the separation of state and local taxes. As in the hearing last week the discussion was upon what should be considered operative and nonoperative property.

There was argument over the provision of the bill concerning the use of water and water rights. Assessor Jarvis of Amador county held that the bill was not definite enough on that point.

The committee is to meet again Thursday to listen to any further corporation representatives.

EVEN A LEGISLATOR'S UMBRELLA NOT SACRED

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Assemblyman A. A. Rogers of San Leandro caused a stir in the lower house today offering a resolution that competent help be secured for the cloak room, and charging in support of the measure that overcoats, umbrellas and other property belonging to members had been lost from the room. The sergeant at arms was instructed to secure proper help to guard against any repetition.

WOE FOR ALL WHO SELL TOBACCO TO BOYS

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Another anti-cigarette bill was introduced in the legislature today. It was offered by Assemblyman C. C. Young of Berkeley and makes it a misdemeanor to furnish any one under 18 years with any tobacco, cigarette or cigarette paper. The minimum fine is $25 and the maximum $300 and there may be imprisonment for a term up to six months. Every dealer must also post a copy of the law.

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Appropriations amounting to $320,000 for the improvement of the Sacramento state fair grounds are provided in a series of bills introduced today by Senator Charles B. Bills. Among the new buildings provided for in the bills are: Exhibition building in combination with a grandstand, to cost $100,000; dairy building, to cost $30,000; women's building, to cost $30,000.

Improvement of the grounds and additional fire protection are provided for in a bill carrying an appropriation of $25,000. Provision is also made for the moving of the poultry building and the construction of an addition to it at a cost of $5,000.

A $70,000 appropriation is sought for the building of a coliseum for livestock exhibitions and other displays.

MORAL TURPITUDE TO DISBAR ATTORNEYS

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Disbarment of unprincipled attorneys will be made much easier in the event that a bill introduced today by Assemblyman H. S. Benedict of Los Angeles becomes a law. It was prepared by Judge William J. Hunsaker of Los Angeles and provides that an attorney may be disbarred for the commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, whether committed in the course of his relations as an attorney or otherwise. Under the present law an attorney can not be disbarred except for the commission of a felony or high misdemeanor. A companion bill provides for the service of a citation by publication in case an attorney departs the state.

TOWNS WANT UNCLE SAM AS A BANKER?

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—More postal savings banks are asked for California in a joint resolution offered today in the assembly by L. H. Wilson of Winters. It is set forth that many of the isolated communities of the state are now without convenient and safe places of deposit for the savings of the people and that the general establishment of postal savings banks throughout the rural districts, in accordance with the national statutes, would encourage thrift and provide a safe place of deposit. Congress is called upon to make necessary appropriations to provide additional postal banks in the state.

BOARD OF CONTROL O K'D BY COMMITTEE

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Benedict's bill creating a board of control which would take away the purchasing power to a great extent from the various state institutions, received the unanimous approval of the assembly committee on retrenchment and reform this afternoon. M. R. Jones' bill to exempt the widow's half of community property from the operation of the inheritance tax law was approved by the assembly committee on revenue and taxation.

GOOD ROADS BOARD ON ROUGH HIGHWAY

Attorney General Webb Says Proposed Department Can Not Be Named

Present Law Would Have to Be Repealed to Take Control From State Engineer

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—The legislature can not create a department of highways apart from the department of engineering, to take charge of the $18,000,000 bond issue for the construction of a state system of roads.

Such was in substance the opinion which Attorney General U. S. Webb gave the assembly committee on roads and highways this afternoon. This will serve to nullify the intent of the bills by Assemblymen W. F. Chandler and Harry Polsley and Senator Lee Gates and others, which would take out of the hands of the state engineer to a great extent, if not altogether, the handling of the funds and the directing of the big enterprise.

WOULD HAVE TO REPEAL ACT

The attorney general pointed out first that the act providing for the bond issue was an unusual one and could not be amended by the legislature because it had been approved by the people at a general election. The only power the legislature has in the matter is to repeal the act before any indebtedness is incurred. But there seems to be no desire to repeal the act.

Webb explained that the legislature could not divest the engineering department of the handling of the road proposition because the bonding sets forth specifically that the work must be in the hands of the department of engineering. He held that the legislature could pass a law supplementary to the highway act to supply any defects in the machinery of the measure, but that it could not abrogate a feature of the law. He suggested, however, a way in which to destroy the power in which the carrying out of the act is vested.

MIGHT NAME ANOTHER BODY

Some sort of substitute for the state department of engineering could be provided or the advisory board to the department could be increased so as to give the governor the opportunity of naming a sufficient number of men of ability commensurate with the great task ahead of the department.

Webb, however, was careful to call to the attention of the committee the fact that the legislature could not compel the advisory board to delegate to anyone any of the functions set forth in the act, but the department of engineering would have the power to do what the committee was seeking to compel it to do.

Chairman Chandler explained that it was not the intention to take the road proposition entirely out of the hands of the department, but to have a highway commission in conjunction with the engineering department, the highway commission to have the power to name a competent man at whatever salary necessary to handle the road building. He admitted, however, that the opinion of the attorney general indicated that the bills already introduced would not stand.

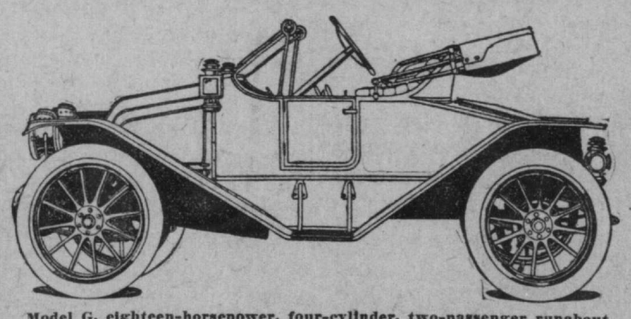
TREE SQUIRREL BETTER HUNT ITS TREE NOW

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 24.—Assemblyman W. D. L. Held succeeded in having the lower house pass without a dissenting vote his bill making Mendocino county a game district in which the restrictions in the rest of the state in protection of the tree squirrel shall not apply.

At great length Held argued to show how destructive the tree squirrel was and then inveighed against the animal, charging that it carried dangerous germs. As Held was telling how the squirrel would toss the dangerous germs about by shaking its tail, he was interrupted by Assemblyman John C. Marsh.

"Mr. Held, if you were satisfied that every member of the assembly would vote for your bill, would you give us a chance to vote on it?" queried the Sacramentan.

Held brought his talk to a close amid laughter and the bill received the unanimous support of the house. Much interest is attached to this attempt to establish a game district.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