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## COURT HOUSE CHANGES

### New County Officers Took Charge Tuesday. Democrats Replace Republicans in Offices.

There were several changes made in the county officials at the court house on Tuesday, when the board of supervisors convened and approved the bonds of the newly elected county officials and they all took the oath of office.

When the board convened Patrick Griffin, the new democratic member who succeeds S. H. Covington, whose term expired January 1st, was sworn in and A. B. McClaran, the senior member of the board was elected as chairman for the ensuing year.

R. E. McLaughlin a democrat succeeds J. V. Lemley a republican, as county auditor. Mr. McLaughlin has appointed S. G. Mitchell, for a number of years assistant cashier of the Exchange National Bank, as his deputy and it is a splendid selection. With two good and efficient men in the auditor's office the work will be kept up to the minute. Mr. Lemley, who retires after serving four years as deputy auditor and two years as auditor, has not yet decided as to what business he will engage in, having several propositions under advisement, but will do nothing for a couple of months as he thinks he is entitled to a vacation after working steadily for fourteen years.

W. C. Cozad is the new democrat county treasurer, succeeding E. G. Monroe, a republican, who has filled the office in a very acceptable manner for the past four years. Mr. Cozad has appointed his son Floyd H. Cozad as his deputy. Floyd has been instructor in bookkeeping for several years in the McDonald Business College at Milwaukee, Wis., and is a fine bookkeeper and an excellent young man, who will be a great assistance to his father in the office. Mr. Monroe will immediately take up his new duties as assistant cashier of the Exchange National Bank of this city, of which he is one of the principal stockholders, and he will be just as popular as a banker as he has been in the county treasurer's office.

J. L. Mendenhall, the popular democratic clerk of the district court, qualified for his second term, and he has again appointed E. E. Beck as deputy clerk. Johnny Mendenhall and Ed Beck make a good working team and the business of the clerk's office was never handled in a more efficient manner than they have handled it during the past two years.

County recorder Ira B. Officer was also re-elected at the recent election and there will be no change in his office, his wife continuing as his deputy.

Sheriff J. E. Andrew was also re-elected for his second term so there is no change in his office, Forest Leroy being again appointed deputy sheriff.

E. H. Sharp a republican succeeds Geo. W. Baker as county attorney, Mr. Baker retiring after serving four years. He has opened a new law office in the rooms over the Central hotel on the north side of the square, and Mr. Sharp will occupy the county attorney's office in the court house.

County superintendent J. W. Long enters upon his third term as county superintendent, and he has no deputy in his office.

Frank Mallette, of Garden Grove, succeeds J. M. Hollinger as county surveyor, Mr. Hollinger having refused to accept a re-nomination for the office.

### Revival Meetings at the Christain Church.

The revival meetings of the Christian church are growing in interest nightly. The weather has been somewhat unfavorable, yet the audiences have been good. An interest is manifested in those who are attending and the sermons are clear, strong and convincing. The evangelist, W. L. Harris is a man of God and preaches in love. His short stay with us has already manifested that he is very spiritual. The meetings open every night at 7:30 and will close about nine o'clock, so that it will be a burden to no one to attend. We want you to come regularly and get the benefit of the continuity of the sermons. The subjects of the sermons for the next week are as follows:

Thursday night—"The way of the transgressor is hard."

Friday night—"It is hard to be lost."

Saturday night—No sermon on account of the lecture course number.

Sunday morning—A great rally and decision day in the Bible school at 9:45. Subject of sermon at 11:00 A. M. "The discovery of Christ."

Sunday evening—"The old paths", or "A plea for the unity of God's Children". This will be the beginning of a series of sermons on "What we believe and why we believe it."

Monday night—"Saving Faith".

Tuesday night—"Turning to God."

Wednesday night—"A new birth."

Two large choruses will assist in the music and there will also be special music, such as solos, duets, trio and quartets. Something special every night. Bring a friend and a Bible and come.

J. S. Coffin, Pastor.

Wood Box 244.

How to find or 10 inch lengths.

## A TRAVELING AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY

### Eastern and Southern States will See Exhibition on Wheels—Long Tour Planned.

Resplendent in fresh varnish and polished brass, the Northern Pacific's Northwest Exhibit Car which will be here on Friday, January 13th is "chuck full" of evidence of the states along its lines. The car will be open to the public's inspection free of all charge.

The fertile wheat and corn fields of Minnesota and North Dakota, the farms, orchards and gardens of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, have all contributed their share to a grand display, which for excellence and diversity has never been excelled in any agricultural exhibit, either stationary or on wheels.

A great many of the exhibits in the car were secured from the Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana State Fairs, from the Dry Farming Congress recently held at Spokane, and from numerous county fairs held this Fall in Washington and other states. By this method the Northern Pacific has secured a representation display from all these states such as never before has been assembled.

### Albert Elwood Finch.

Albert Elwood Finch was born in Blackhawk county, Iowa, Jan. 12, 1871. He moved with his parents to Missouri in 1877 where he resided until the year 1880. He then moved to Nebraska where he was reared to manhood. When nineteen years of age he went to Syracuse, New York, where he spent one year in the high school. He then returned home and on August 14, 1893, was united in marriage to Miss Clara Gray, of Decatur City, this county. He with his wife lived near Decatur City from 1901 until 1906 at which time they moved to Leon where they resided at the time of his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1911. The deceased was for many years a member of the M. E. church and was an honest, upright citizen and respected by all who knew him. He was also a member of the A. O. U. W. and B. A. Y. orders. He was a devoted husband, a loving son and brother. He leaves to mourn his untimely death a wife, mother, one sister, three brothers and a host of friends. The funeral services was conducted at the home on Monday afternoon at 2:30 by Eld. J. S. Coffin, pastor of the Christian church, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Leon cemetery. J. S. C.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the friends for their kindness in aiding us during the sickness and death of our loving husband and son.

Mrs. Clara Finch.  
Mrs. Carrie J. Finch.

### Barn Burned.

The barn on the farm of Clyde Marvin, three miles northwest of Leon was destroyed by fire about seven o'clock Monday evening. The fire was discovered in time to get the stock out of the barn, and some of the contents but about 800 bushel of corn and 12 tons of hay were burned. The loss is covered by an insurance of \$600. The origin of the fire is unknown, as Clyde had done up his evening chores some time before and had no light at the barn. The home of Mrs. Rumley is just across the road from the barn, and as there was a strong wind blowing it is thought that a spark from her chimney fell on the roof of the barn and ignited it.

### Will Woods Killed at Unionville, Mo.

Will Woods, a former resident of Van Wert, was killed at Unionville, Mo., on Tuesday of last week, two other workmen also meeting death at the same time. Mr. Woods was a bridge foreman on the railroad and with his men had been picking up bridge timbers and the train was going some distance to unload them when the crane which had been left hoisted, struck a bridge, and was wrecked. Mr. Woods and two other were caught under the crane and crushed to death. While living at Van Wert Mr. Wood was married to Miss Burnice Williamson, of that place.

### Contemptible Work.

Some contemptible sneak has recently been defacing the walls of the corridors in the court house by writing obscene words over the walls. Janitor Jerry Pickering is thoroughly aroused over the dirty work and is watching for the culprit. There is both a fine and jail sentence coming to the fellow if he is caught and Jerry says he is going to catch him if it continues.

### Farm Home Burned.

The house on the farm of Harvey Northrup, a mile and a half west of High Point, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning, the flames starting from a defective flue. The house was occupied by John Gates, who lost quite a lot of his household goods. The house was worth about \$800, and we understand was insured, but for how much we could not learn.

### Bryan Ellars.

Bryan, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ellars, died at their home on Dec. 23rd, at the age of one month and 23 days. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in this their time of great grief.

## WANTS BIG DAMAGES

### Mrs. Coral Hankins Demands \$20,000 because Omaha Physician Performed Wrong Operation.

Mrs. Coral Hankins, a former well known young lady of Davis City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Early, has brought suit at Omaha against two physicians of that city for operating upon her for appendicitis, when in fact she was not suffering from appendicitis at all.

The following notice of the case is taken from the Omaha News:

A damage suit for \$15,000 was instituted in the district court yesterday against Dr. H. A. Reichenbach and Dr. Donald Macre for alleged wrongful diagnosis and operation of supposed appendicitis. The suit was filed by McKenzle, Howell & Cox, Omaha attorneys for their client Mrs. Coral Hankins. In her petition Mrs. Hankins alleges that on Feb. 26, last Dr. Reichenbach was called to her home to attend her while she was ill, and that without making any careful examination he declared that she was suffering from appendicitis and the petition further alleges it to be "one of the worst cases he had ever seen, and that an immediate operation was necessary." This was at two o'clock in the afternoon and at four o'clock she said she found herself in the Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital, where her mother had also hastened. The petition alleges that the mother protested against the operation, declaring that her daughter was not suffering from appendicitis, but from a complaint that had troubled her from childhood, and the petition asserts that "despite the protests and pleadings and assertions of the mother that the disease was not appendicitis but an illness that she had had since childhood, the operation was performed after the declaration that the girl would die before 8 o'clock the next morning."

The plaintiff alleges that after the abdomen was opened there was found nothing to indicate appendicitis and the wound was sewed up. Macre is drawn into the suit for the reason that he was the operating surgeon, and was thus associated with Dr. Reichenbach. The physicians' side of the case has not been disclosed, but it is said they will have an excellent defense.

### A New Law Firm.

A new law firm was formed in this city the first of the week, when John S. Parrish became associated with E. H. Sharp in his law business, the new firm being Sharp & Parrish. Mr. Sharp has been engaged in practice in this city for a number of years and has a growing practice, and the fact that he has assumed the duties of county attorney made it necessary to have a partner to attend to a part of his business. Mr. Parrish who has returned to Leon after an absence of a few years is no stranger to the people of Decatur county. He was for many years a resident of C. W. Hoffman, and was admitted to practice in both the state and federal courts. For a number of years he was official court reporter for Judges W. H. Tedford, R. L. Parrish, W. Miller and H. K. Evans, and this court experience has given him ample opportunity to continue his law studies and become familiar with court practice in all its details. For the past three years he has been private secretary to M. L. Temple, of Osceola, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa. He was appointed by the attorney general as special assistant to the United States Attorney in the prosecution of the celebrated Mabray gang of swindlers at Council Bluffs, and was instrumental in securing their conviction. The new firm will have offices in the county attorney's office in the court house, and will handle all kinds of cases where an attorney is necessary, and we predict they will make one of the strong legal firms of this county.

### 13 weeks \$1.00

Whether you get a straight and unbiased report of the proceedings of the Iowa Legislature depends upon the newspaper you read. A new U. S. Senator is to be elected. The Register and Leader has no ax to grind.

Its news is not colored. It's facts you want and that's what the Register and Leader prints. Start your subscription now. \$1.00 for the Daily for 13 weeks; Daily and Sunday, \$1.50. Send direct, The Register and Leader, Des Moines, Iowa, or subscribe through your Postmaster, Publisher or News Dealer.

### To Form a County Masonic Organization.

At a meeting held in this city on Dec. 7th, there were representatives present from five of the seven Masonic lodges in Decatur county, and a temporary organization was effected. Another meeting will be held in Leon on January 12th, at which it is expected all the lodges will be represented, at which time a permanent organization will probably be made. The object of the organization is to arrange for holding a big Masonic picnic at some point in the county during the coming summer.

### For Sale—A few fall bush Mammoth Brass turkeys. Fresh eggs.

See R. P. D. 100.

## Married in New York.

The following account of the wedding of Mr. Samuel L. Shy, a former well known young man of Decatur county, at the home of the bride's parents in North Chemung, N. Y., on Dec. 21st, is taken from the Elmira, N. Y., Star-Gazette. Mr. Shy has many friends in this vicinity who extend congratulations:

Set in colors of white and red, the home here of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Banzhof had been converted into a bower of exceeding beauty when their guests arrived, on Wednesday evening, to attend the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna B. Banzhof, to Samuel L. Shy, of Lonoke, Arkansas.

The Rev. Rudolph Vieweg, pastor of the German Evangelical Church Elmira, pronounced the rites and the twin plighted their troth under a big white bell and numerous smaller red ones which were canopied for the ceremony. The ring service was used, with Miss Helen Collson as the token bearer. Attending were Miss Rose Banzhof, a sister of the bride, with her brother, Fritz Banzhof, Mendelssohn's wedding march was given as the prelude. The bride was gowned beautifully in turquoise blue silk and her bouquet was of white carnations. Miss Banzhof carried pink flowers and wore an elegant costume of white silk.

Decorating the banquet hall was another bell with pendant ribbons of red and white. A sumptuous and delicious feast followed the nuptials. The center piece was a vase of lilies.

After supper every all made merry. There were songs of the Fatherland, games and dancing. Mr. Vieweg presided at the organ. Mrs. Ernest Koeppel sang charming solos and a delightful duet was sang by Mrs. Koeppel and Mrs. Charles Yeske. The hour was late when the guests departed, each with a slice of bride's cake. A unique feature was a copious shower of unhusked rice which had been sent by friends, from Arkansas.

The bride received many beautiful gifts of silver and gold, rare china and fine linen.

Additional to the home folk, the guests were: The Rev. Rudolph Vieweg, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schewe and family, Mrs. Ernest Koeppel, Mrs. Chas. Yeske, of Elmira, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ingham, of Waverly, Mrs. Wm. Schewe, sr., of Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Elston, Abner L. Collson, Miss Helen Collson, Miss Luella Courtwright, of North Chemung, Miss Chloe Luman, Miss Edith Draht, Chris Inman, Charles Draht, of Elmira.

Mrs. Shy is a most estimable young woman who enjoys a wide acquaintanceship in Elmira, Waverly and other places and possesses fine intellectual attainments which lend an added charm to an altogether personality.

Of Mr. Shy and his good fortune, the Carlisle (Ark.) Independent has this to say: Mr. Shy is a promising young rice grower of Lonoke and is very popular among his friends. The young couple will make their home at the rice farm and have many good wishes for a long and happy life."

Mr. and Mrs. Shy plan to leave soon for Arkansas, going to New York, thence by sea to the Mississippi, taking in New Orleans and Memphis en route.

### To the Public.

The firm of W. C. Stempel & Co., pharmacists, is this day dissolved, having sold our interests to W. C. Stempel and C. A. Cherrington, who will continue the business along the same lines that proved so successful with us.

We will request that all who know themselves to be indebted to us will kindly call at once at the old stand and make settlement as we desire to close our books as soon as possible.

In the past ten years we have been in business we have made many friends and have enjoyed highly satisfactory trade and we should regret very much to step down and out were it not that we know our successors, Messrs. Stempel and Cherrington will continue to give our friends and patrons the same "square deal" that we have at all times endeavored to give them. In fact to these gentlemen is due in a large measure our success. Mr. Stempel having had the management ever since the firm was organized in 1900 and Mr. Cherrington for the past two years ably assisting him.

So wishing all a happy and prosperous new year, thanking you for your kind treatment and soliciting for our successors the same kind treatment, we beg to remain always,  
Yours very truly,  
W. C. STEMPEL & CO.  
Leon, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1911.

Having purchased the business of W. C. Stempel & Co., we solicit from their friends and patrons the same kind treatment accorded them.

We want your patronage and, if square dealing, only the best goods and fair prices will get them it is assured.

Thanking you in advance and with best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year we are very,  
Sincerely yours,  
STEMPEL & CHERRINGTON.  
W. C. Stempel.  
C. A. Cherrington.  
Leon, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1911.

Next Saturday, Jan. 7th the Meistersingers Male Quartet will give a big musical program as the second number of the entertainment course. The concert will be given in the M. S. church beginning promptly at 7:30. Single admission, 25c.

## THE NEW PENSION BILL

### Which Congressman Jamieson Says Will Probably Pass. It Increases Pensions of Aged Soldiers.

A new pension bill known as the Sulloway bill is up for consideration in Congress, and our democratic congressman, Hon. W. D. Jamieson is working hard to secure its passage. He has kindly sent us a copy of the proposed bill which will increase the pensions of all old soldiers as they advance in age up to 75 years, and the old soldiers are vitally interested in its passage. The bill is as follows:

### A BILL

#### Granting Pensions to Certain Enlisted Men, Soldiers and Officers, who Served in the Civil War and the War with Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil War, or sixty days in the War with Mexico, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of sixty-two or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of sixty-two years, fifteen dollars per month; sixty-five years, twenty dollars per month; seventy years, twenty-five dollars per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this Act: Provided, That pensioners who are sixty-two years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this Act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special Act: Provided further, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provision of this Act: And provided further, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension under any other or special law than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this Act.

SEC. 2. That the benefits of this Act shall include any person who served the period of time therein specified during the late Civil War or in the War with Mexico, and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the Acts of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety, February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and the joint resolutions of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and six, or the Acts of January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, March thine, February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, February sixth, nineteen hundred and seven, and March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

SEC. 3. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

SEC. 4. That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions or securing any pension under this Act.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, 1910.  
My Dear Old Soldier Friends:

This bill is of vital importance to most of the living Old Soldiers; it has a favorable committee report; we tried to get it brought up in the House Monday, Dec. 19, but failed; we hope to get it up under a special rule, when I think it will pass; I hope that you watch it closely, if it benefits you, for you will note THE PENSION BEGINS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION FILING. I am heartily for this bill, and am glad to do anything I can to help those who preserved the Union for us.

Sincerely yours,  
W. D. Jamieson.

### Appointed to Naval Academy.

Rex Bruce, son of Mrs. Mary Bruce, of Garden Grove, last week received notice of his appointment as a naval cadet to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Senator J. D. Brown of this city had taken the matter of the appointment up with United States Senator Lafe Young, and it took but a short time to push it through. Rex's brother, Lt. Bryson Bruce was appointed to the Naval Academy some years ago, graduating and is now doing duty in the navy. The appointment is highly complimentary to Rex and his friends are pleased to hear of his good fortune.

Vern Kier, who lives near Crown, brought in a big jack rabbit to Ogilvie & Gardner, which he shot on his farm. It weighed 7 1/2 pounds. It is said that jack rabbits are getting to be quite plentiful in this county.

### Marriage Licenses.

Sherm Hullinger, Pleasanton. 21  
Anna Nichols, Lisleville.  
W. Leroy Cummings, Davis City.  
Clara L. Clark, Centerville.

## New Court Cases.

The Burt-Zaiser Co. vs Chas. P. Schofield. Suit is brought on an account for groceries sold to defendant amounting to \$220.75. W. L. Cooper, attorney for plaintiff.

A. A. Anderson vs John E. Anderson and S. Varga. Plaintiff is a nephew of the late Rebecca S. Conklin, and brings suit claiming \$800, as his share of her estate, alleging that when she made her will leaving her estate to his brother, John E. Anderson, she bequeathed property to which she had no title, and also alleging that John E. Anderson had exercised undue influence over her in having himself named as her beneficiary. S. Varga was named as executor and is thus made a party to the suit. S. B. Allen, attorney for plaintiff.

A. Caster vs. G. G. McGuire. Suit is brought on a note for \$375. J. L. Perry attorney for plaintiff.

Amanda J. Slaughter vs. Dennis R. Slaughter. The parties were married at Davis City Sept. 3, 1903, and lived together until Dec. 27, 1910. The plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, alleging he has struck her and called her vile names and otherwise abused her. She alleges she has no means, but that her husband has personal property of the value of \$8270, and 290 acres or land worth \$25,000, all unincumbered and is worth more than \$30,000. She asks for a decree of divorce, temporary alimony of \$500, and permanent alimony of \$10,000 together with custody of their three minor children. Judge Evans has granted a writ of attachment against plaintiff in the sum of \$10,000. G. W. Baker attorney for plaintiff.

Lelah Keller vs. F. A. Keller. The parties reside in Long Creek township and were married in this county on Dec. 8, 1909, living together until Sept. 24, 1910. Plaintiff alleges her husband has become an habitual drunkard and has treated her in a cruel manner. She claims he has personal property to the value of \$1,000, and a third interest in 120 acres of land worth \$9,000, and asks for a decree of divorce, the custody of their minor child, temporary alimony of \$300 and permanent alimony of \$1,000 and that a writ of attachment issue against his property as he has absconded from the state. C. W. Hoffman attorney for plaintiff.

Troy Laundry Machine Co. vs. W. B. Owen and S. Mellinger. Suit is brought on a mortgage and notes amounting to \$1467 given for the purchase of the machinery in the Leon laundry. They allege that S. Mellinger, the owner of the building in which the laundry is located refuses to surrender the mortgaged property holding it under a landlord's lien for rent which plaintiff claims is inferior to their mortgage. Marion F. Stookey, attorney for plaintiff.

Mr. John M. Bittner, of West Brooklyn, Ill., and Mrs. Madge D. Stauffer, were married at the M. E. parsonage in this city last Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. M. Hoff.

The happy couple departed on the afternoon train for Grand River, where they were tendered a reception the same evening at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Fred Ticknor. They returned to Leon Saturday and are spending a few days at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dale, just west of Leon.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dale and is a most charming and worthy lady who has a large circle of friends who wish her every happiness. The groom is a stranger here although he has visited here on several occasions, but is a gentleman of fine appearance and sterling worth. Mr. and Mrs. Bittner will visit here for a week and then go to West Brooklyn to make their home on a farm which they own.

Beggar Prince Opera Co.

This excellent organization will devote the entire months of Dec. Jan., Feb., March and April in Iowa, playing about 50 towns on a 3 trip Opera Course plan, with a few "single night" engagements mixed in. Local Opera House managers have taken them on guarantees, backed by their patrons on advance subscription sales, which shows that the Beggar Prince Opera Co.'s fame is not forgotten in Iowa, a state they have played for several years. Regardless of the higher salaries demanded now by Comic Opera singers, the prices remain the same as when the Co. played Iowa before, some 6 years ago, and managers are advised to give season ticket holders first selection of seats one day before the general sales open, on each visit which is but fair to the people that help sustain the guarantees.

Richard Stahl's beautiful Oriental Waltz Comic Opera Success, is being presented on the Company's first trip and will be followed by the Beggar Prince and "Olivette" on the third trip. There are sixteen high salaried artists in the Company, beautiful new costumes and settings, and patrons are assured the very best this popular organization has ever offered. At Van Wert's opera house, Saturday, Jan. 7th.

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