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San Angelo will have a General City election on April 7th.

The action of the five gold bug Democrats in the Kentucky legislature is proof sufficient that gold begism "will rule or ruin." If a small minority cannot, rule the party they betray it in the hands of the enemy.—Sweetwater Review.

Ex-Post Master General John Wanamaker has been found guilty of violating the contract labor law and a penalty of \$1000 was rendered in favor of the government.

According to the official report of U. S. Internal Revenue office, the country spent, during the year 1895, \$750,000,000 for beer. This was 35,000,000 barrels, or one-half barrel for every man, woman and child, white and colored, in the entire country. The whiskey bill is estimated at about \$23 capita for every living person. And from all this vast expenditure no sane person will claim that any good whatever could by any possibility result to compensate for the evil.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

The governor will have the State quarantine line staked and ridged with rangers and the cattlemen pledge themselves to help to see the line repeated. The men north of the line should give Secretary Morton credit for this.

**Cheap Metropolitan Papers.**

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To The Cotton Growers and Ginners of Texas:

Waco, Texas, Feb. 24, 1896.

Gentlemen—Your attention is to the attached paper on "Standard Cotton Bale," read to the American Cotton Growers Protective association at Memphis Tennessee, January 23rd, 1896 and at the meeting of the Texas Division of said Association held at Waco the 18th inst., at which meeting a standard size of twenty-eight inches in width by fifty-eight inches in length was adopted, and the same has been approved by the Maritime Association and Cotton Exchanges. Smaller bales are not objected to, but they must not be larger.

The reform advocate in this paper is one of vast importance to the cotton growers and handlers of Texas, we have no doubt the ginners will be moved by their public spirit to aid the movement.

The compresses have long felt the injustice of paying large claims of recompression at the ports of bales which was impossible to properly compress in the first place, and they will soon give notice that they will no longer pay such claims; the railroads will protect themselves by charging the claims up to the snipper; the buyer in return will refuse to buy the large bales except at a discount; and this will leave the farmer to stand the discount or else have his cotton ginned at a gin which makes a standard sized bale or less.

If your baling box turns out a bale larger than twenty-eight by fifty-eight will you not at once alter it to conform to that standard?

Yours very respectfully,  
E. S. PETERS,  
President

P. S.—All farmers into whose hands this may come are requested to urge the ginners to conform to it.

It is being published in the daily paper that Mr. Carlisle let J. Pierpont Morgan have \$5,000,000 of bonds more than he bid for and at a price so much lower than others bid that the loss to the government was \$150,000 and a gain to Morgan considering the market price, of \$317,804. The Morgan bond syndicate soon thereafter gave a royal banquet to Carlisle. Congress is talking a bout investigating the matter.

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**Dead In His Wagon.**

Junction City, Kimble Co., Texas, Feb. 24—Last Saturday the body of J. J. Menges was found dead in his wagon 27 miles from Junction on the Keerville road. Mr. Menges had only been living in Kimble county a short time. It seems that he had started to Keerville and camped near the corner of the Reese pasture. When some one passing noticed his horses coming back toward Junction and went to his wagon to tell him of it, and found his body in the wagon with a bullet hole through his head. He had apparently made his bed in the wagon and other preparations for the prior to forming this dreadful resolution. From a note tacked on the wagon it is evident that he deliberately took his own life, as he was still holding the gun that had fired the fatal shot when found. Just what the contents of the note were, more than telling his relations good bye, we have not learned.—Kimble County Citizen.

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**Coke County Church Directory.**

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:  
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.  
Bronte, 2d " 11 a. m.  
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.  
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.  
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.  
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.  
Tucker S. C., " 4 p. m.  
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.  
GEO. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

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**Edith Again.**

Edith, Tex. March, 3, 1896.

ED. RUSTLER:-

As I have seen nothing in the Rustler from our neck of the woods, except from Loud Mouth, I will give the news from here. Some of our farmers are planting corn. All getting ready for a large crop. The prospects are good as the ground has the finest season for years. Corn, cotton and milo maize is the main crop. We are having some winter since spring has come, but grass is coming just the same and stock men are all smiles.

John McCade, of the Divide, was in our midst gathering up steer yearlings.

Mr. Harrison, of the Big 4 firm at Bob Lee, was at his ranch the first of the week, delivering stock sold to McCabe.

We have a debating society at Pecan school house, Prof. Ben Smith, President, and Miss Pearl Good Secretary, a good time was had at the last meeting.

W. M.

**Edith Catchall.**

Edith, Texas, March, 3, 1896.

ED RUSTLER:-

Since the weather has changed and the Indicator Registers freezing I will try and give you an other round.

N. L. Stewart and family made a trip to Hayrick Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. John Nicholas and Sidney Benson was at Edith Monday rounding in some yearlings.

There is soon to be a new store erected at this place, which will be a great improvement to the town.

W. J. Benson, the bachelor, says he needs a cook, can't some one sympathize with him.

At present we need rain.

B. U. Smith does not own any interest in the store any more, having sold out to J. D. Collier.

Enough said.

Loud Mouth.

President Cleveland will be 49 years old on the 18th of this month.

Robert Lee, Tex. Feb. 29, 1896.

At a meeting of the People's party of Coke county held at the above time and place for the purpose of Reorganization and electing officers for the ensuing term. T. C. Baldwin was unanimously elected as chairman and B. P. Byrne as secretary and treasurer. Motion carried that the County Chairman call on the Chairman and members of the different Precincts at their earliest opportunity for the purpose of electing officers in their precinct clubs and also in the event of their being no chairman of a precinct club that the County Chairman appoint one on the recommendation of the members of said club.

T. C. BALDWIN,

Chairman of People's party Coke County.

B. P. BYRNE,

Secretary.

To The Chairman and Members of the Peoples Party of Coke County.

You are requested to call a meeting of your voting precincts for the purpose of electing a Chairman and secretary immediately for the purpose of Re-organizing the People's party, as it is necessary for us to protect our political interests in the principles of reform as promulgated at the National Convention at Ocala and in accordance with the maxim.

"United we stand, Divided we fall."

T. C. BALDWIN,

Co. Chairman.

B. P. Byrne,

Secretary,

Sanco Dots.

MR. EDITOR:

This section is still on deck. Health is good. Farmers are in good spirits and are proving their faith by their works, a number of Sulky plows are running doing fine work.

There is another sulky being built by the Sanco blacksmith, somewhat on new principles, to

with to break and plant at the same process and cultivate. We will watch this plow with some interest to be able to report results in the future.

From indications, cotton will be the special crop; You see we will help to bring a 4 cent price, whether we desire it or not.

Corn planting is now under way with a better season in the ground than usual at this time of the year. No small grain of consequence in this section this season but we hope to do well by planting plenty of corn, milo, kaffir corn and sorgum.

The freeze of Mar. 3 cut off some fruit, tho some trees are not yet in bloom. It will check the rapid growth of grass and weeds but we venture the prediction that it will not shorten the crop of candidates, or make taxes less nor increase our ability to pay taxes. Our school is full and well conducted, tho several of the boys are still trying to get the old crop gathered to make a new one.

YALLER WOLF.

On the second day of this month the house of recognition of the Cubans as belligerents, the senate having previously passed a resolution to that effect. The United States will soon have recognized Cuban belligerency and then Spain will let her know whether she means war or was only trying to run a "blazer."

Ex-Speaker Crisp, of Georgia, is a candidate for a senatorship.

There were 1000 delegates attended the Semi-Centennial convention at Dallas on the 25th and a hearty support was pledged to the city by the delegates and their constituents and the movement will be a sure go is the universal expression.

Spain is exasperated over over Uncle Sam paying a little attention to the Cuban and the war department (spanish) is preparing to dispatch a new army to Cuban consisting of twenty thousand infantry and five thousand cavalry.

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Democratic primaries to be held at the various voting precincts in each county of the state, June 6.

State democratic convention to nominate a state ticket to be held at Ft. Worth, Aug. 15.

A convention to elect delegates to the National democratic convention to be held at Austin, June 7.

The National democratic convention meets at Chicago, Aug. 7.

Gov. Roberts has written a letter to Gibbs commending his criticism of the extravagance and and mismanagement of the democratic party-Colorado Spokesman.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XI, MARCH 15—TEACHING PRAYER—LUKE 11:1-13.

Golden Text: "Ask and It Shall Be Given Unto You; Seek and Ye Shall Find; Knock and It Shall Be Open Unto You."

**R**EVIEW and keep in view clearly the place in the life of Christ where this belongs. Use the bible freely in comparison of parallel accounts, examples of prayer, promises of answers to prayer; and let these facts and promises come with cumulative force, so as to make a deep and lasting impression. Learn by Heart.—The scholar should learn some of these verses by heart. Christ's Prayers.—It will be interesting to many to make a study of Christ's prayers, as to kind, form, spirit, public, private, as a means by which he may teach us to pray. See references below. Time.—November, A. D. 29. Place.—Somewhere in Perea, the country on the other side of Jordan. Jesus, almost 33 years old.

The full lesson for to-day is as follows:  
 1. Give us, day by day, our daily bread.  
 2. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
 3. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;  
 4. For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?  
 5. And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.  
 6. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.  
 7. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
 8. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.  
 9. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?  
 10. Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?  
 11. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Some explanations to to-day's lesson are as follows:

"Our Father which art in heaven." "Our," not "my." "Father," to whom we owe all we have and are, in whose image we are made; whom we love, and trust, and obey; to whom we can pour out our inmost souls. "In heaven," and therefore infinite, omnipresent, whose very nature makes heaven what it is, and able to reach every person, and help in every need. His greatness will not put a gulf between him and us, if we realize that his love is as infinite as his power, and his tender mercies as great as his being.  
 A Duty. This invocation is in accordance with the First and Second Commandments.  
 A Doctrine. The true nature of God (Father in heaven).  
 A Lesson. The brotherhood of man. Our Father.  
 A Warning. Against selfishness.  
 A Spirit of worship, love, trust, obedience, communion.  
 "Hallowed be thy name." "Thy name" stands for his character, for whatever he is, as when a man signs his name to a promissory note, it expresses his character, his ability, his possessions, all he has and is. May the name of our Father be hallowed, held in reverence, treated as holy and sacred, by ourselves and by all, in heart, in thought, in word, in deed.  
 A Duty, corresponding to the Third and Fourth Commandments, one the guard—against irreverence, the other a means of hallowing our Father's name.  
 A Truth. The uplifting power of reverence for that which is high above us. (See Carlyle's Heroes and Hero Worship.)  
 A Warning against irreverence, of every form, as degrading the soul.  
 An Inspiration to seek that all the world may hallow our Father's name.  
 An Order. Note that our first petition is toward God, the second for his kingdom, and the third for our fellow men; before we ask a single thing for ourselves. True prayer is large-hearted, ennobling, not selfish.  
 "Thy kingdom come." The kingdom or reign of God in Christ over the whole world, when the rule of Satan and his principles shall be overthrown, and God and the principles of his heavenly righteousness shall prevail among all men. This is the most magnificent blessing the world can receive. "Thy will be done, as in heaven so in (on) earth." The petition implies (1) that we ourselves desire so to do God's will. (2) That we wish God's will to be done in us and for us by his providence and by his Spirit. This is much more than mere submission to God's will. (3) That all the world may obey God as perfectly as the angels obey him. What a prayer this is! What changes, what overturnings it implies. What changes in business, in daily life, in politics. What new homes there would be. What activities in church, what renovations of society, what changes of fortune.  
 6. "For a friend of mine." Giving the reason for his inopportune but urgent request. The friend, arriving at that late hour, was doubtless suffering from hunger. There were almost no hotels in the east to which he could go. The host was entirely out of food, but hoped that his friend might have some left over, though usually they prepared bread enough only for a single day. Perhaps he did not even have meal to make bread of.  
 7. "Trouble me not." "The phrase implies irritation." "My children are with me in bed." In the same apartment, but not in the same bed. Each had a bed, or mattress. "Is it usual for a whole family (of the poor) to sleep in the same room." "I cannot rise and give thee." It is altogether too much trouble.  
 8. "Not . . . because he is his friend." "Though the higher motives will give us all, for the friendship is so weak." "Yet because of his importunity, he will rise and give him." It was less trouble to grant his wishes than to endure the unwearied importunity.

**All for Show.**  
 At the funeral of Prince Henry of Battenburg, Princess Beatrice "leaned heavily on the arm of her escort," and "showed other signs of grief." The big and small are terribly alike. The story has been told of an Atchison girl who asked that some big strong man be selected to walk with her to her brother's grave, as she knew she would "feel so bad."—Atchison Globe.

**Torpedo Catchers.**  
 Great Britain has twenty torpedo boat catchers attached to her new flying squadron. In the naval fights of the next great war the attempt will be made to utilize both the torpedo boat and the torpedo boat catcher, and the outcome of the experiment will be watched with much interest.

**Want Pensions.**  
 A lot of Kansas negroes have organized a society for the purpose of claiming pensions for all ex-slaves, the pensions to be graded according to the time spent in slavery.

**Prefers Horse Flesh.**  
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**A Crazy King.**  
 Mad King Otto, of Bavaria, frequently imagines that he is some animal, and, stripping off his clothes, he goes for hours crawling around his palace on all fours.

**A Remarkable Memory.**  
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## LOCAL CHIPS.

Cash talks at Arkansas Smiths San Angelo.

W. P. Walling was in the city trading some this week.

W. R. Presler, of the Saucó neighborhood was seen on our streets Thursday.

Mr. W. Robinson, of Ft. Chadbourne was here Thursday.

J. S. Dickey, the prominent cattleman from the Divide was in town Thursday.

N. L. Stewart and family of Edith, were visiting in the city last Saturday.

Arkansas Smith is the red-hot cash man of San Angelo.

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansas Smith's.

Bivy Barefield and family of the southern part of the county have moved to town.

Mrs. Thurmond, of Olga, visited town several days last week and this.

There are now about three vacant residences in town.

F. B. Perry and family moved to Sweetwater the first of the week. Mr. Perry will engage in the barber business there.

Winter struck us a fresh Monday night.

Died: Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McFarland, Feb. 27th.

Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting is to be held with the Oak Lawn church in Taylor county, commencing Friday March 27th.

The Ballinger National Bank will go into voluntary liquidation on March 14th.

Mr. Walton, the gin man, arrived Monday with a part of his machinery and the mill and gin is to be erected as soon as the balance of the material can be hauled from San Angelo.

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Office at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

### Notice.

I or J. W. Reed, are now ready to receive all money subscribed to build the church in Robert Lee Eugene T. Bates.

Brother Bates reports that he spent a good part of Monday night on the river and caught a good string.

Dr. Toller has recently had the misfortune of losing a good span of match sorrels. One died while Henry Bennick and W. C. Hayley had them on a trip to Colman county two or three weeks ago and the other died of something like blind staggers last Monday night.

Undoubtedly the cold this week has cut the fruit crop short, though it is to be hoped that the entire crop is not destroyed.

J. B. Morris, of Ft. Chadbourne will henceforth read the Rustler.

The report has come to us that some of the Robert Lee young men are going to run land at Ft. Chadbourne for raising a crop. Please explain up boys, why go so far for land to cultivate?

B. Bardwell, bought of J. L. Barron 24 head of stock horses at \$9 per head.

Capt. Fritz and B. Bardwell, of Nelson county, were in town this week looking for stock horses for sale.

L. J. Good and family and W. H. Good and family, who had been visiting their father, Mr. L. J. Good of Pecan, passed through town the first of the week on their way home.

R. L. Story, of the Valley View settlement was in the city one day this week.

Mr. Will Taylor, formerly of this county, but now of Midland is visiting his father, Mr. J. L. Taylor, of the Valley View neighborhood.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sparks, of Edith, the 5th a fine girl.

Ashall Dancer has moved from San Angelo to Ballinger and is in the barber business—go and see him when there.

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge. Mrs. Carr kindly solicits your patronage. San Angelo, Texas.

Sheriff Murray appears quite busy the last few days and will perhaps be so for quite a while.

J. A. Powers and George Perry from Indian creek, this county were in town Wednesday, they report favorably of the farmers with them.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents, see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they don't wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

Miss Portia Christian suspended her school on the Divide Monday and went home on account of severe sickness of some of the children of the family.

### Come Now

To Robert Lee, a fine picture of your baby or whole family Guaranteed.

Talk is cheap, but when you want Boots and Shoes call on N. P. Jones the Champion Shoe Agent of the west. I am here to stay and not to be undersold. Call and see me and be convinced that the half has never been told. Ballinger, Texas.

Walter Childress, who is attending school in San Angelo, came over Saturday to see his best girl and returned Monday.

Mr. J. R. Purcell, of Fort Worth, was in the city last week consulting with our citizens in regard to putting in a system of water works here. He left Saturday for home but informed us that he would return in a few days with a definite proposition to our citizens. He was pleased with our town and the encouragement he received.—Sweetwater Review.

### Notice.

A meeting is here called to be held at the court house on next Saturday, the 14th, for the purpose of taking steps toward the erection of a public school house. All who are interested in the up-building of the school and the town are requested to attend.

It is reported that some one has climbed onto Ed Goods' windmill tower at the Barnett place and broke some of the castings with a hammer. The guilty party should be made a public example of in such a way as to be a warning to others.

If there more than one candidate in the county he or they are entirely to slow to suit the Rustler gang. Come out boys and fight the good fight.

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John Barron.

Arkansas Smith, the cash grocery man, of San Angelo, has moved seven doors down the street to the Mays building.

J. W. Barnett, our worthy town man is wearing a broad smile this week. Perhaps some one talked soft to him at the sociable a few evenings past.

Messrs. Brightman & Pattenon the new law firm in Robert Lee have just received a fine lot of law books and have first accumulation of nice library.

It is reported on the streets that Judge Averitt contemplates leaving Coke county this summer or fall.

I pay the Highest Cash Prices for Hides, Furs and Pecans and sell you goods as cheap or cheaper than the cheapest. One price to all.

L. O. WOODEN,  
Ballinger, Texas.

### NOTICE.

The Ex-Confederates of Camp Coke are requested to meet at the court house in Robert Lee on Saturday the 14th day March 1896, in order to learn the strength of the Camp and report same to Headquarters by the 1st, of April.

By order of I. M. BENNICK,  
Adjutant.

Camp Coke, Texas.

Dr. J. S. Dickey from the Divide was in town Thursday and has just returned from the east on a business trip. He reports horse stock at low prices.

W. L. Lowe was in town one day this week and report all well in the Valley View settlement and that the farmers are making preparations for planting.

Capt. Hutchinson from the Bronte neighborhood was in Robert Lee one day this week and reports the people in his section making fine progress in preparing land for planting.

Mr. I. J. Good, of Pecan settlement spent Thursday night in Robert Lee. He says everything is lovely in his section of the country.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Knight, Mar. the 2nd, a fine boy—all parties doing well, especially Mr. Knight.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### RATES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

If you want a good tract of land in Runnels county read Chas. A. Daileys ad in this paper.

Bring us a load of wood or your subscription and save us paying out the money for it.

Messrs. Arnett and Stewart, Coke county cattlemen, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Tankersley, representing the H. & T. C. Ry land department came in yesterday from Coke county, where he finally closed out several thousand acres of land to farmers at \$4 per acre.

W. H. Collins sold Harris & Childress 600 head of steers at \$20 for shipment to the Nation.

Harris & Childress sold to W. H. Collins all their stock cattle about 1000 head for \$11.00.

F. Mayor & Sons sold to R. E. Harris, for delivery April 15th, at San Angelo pens, 500 dry cows at \$13 per head for shipment to the Territory.

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Get one of those excellent Canton Clipper corn and cotton planters of Burroughs & Co.

Brother Bates reports that church services at Bronte Sunday and Sunday night were well attended and that there was one conversion.

Brother Berryman filled his appointment here Sunday and Sunday night and will preach again the first Sunday in April.

From The Boys.

Saucó, Texas, Feb. 28th, 1896.

To The RUSTLER:—We noticed an editorial in the last issue of your paper, stating that Messrs Cliff Creighton and K. had "give it up" and gone to backing. You are right Mr. Editor, about the backing part, but we have not in the least "give it up." We are only qualifying before hand. You see the new woman is taking the day now, and, as you are probably aware, household duties are not in her line.

Now, we being up-to-date-gents of course are able to see all this, and are making timely preparations—rattling knives and forks, tin cans &c.

Very truly yours,  
THE BOYS.

On last Friday sheriff Hooper brought in Ben Childress charged with cattle theft; the animals were taken from the pen of W. L. Thomas of Rives, and were found in the Childress pasture. On Saturday, Dick McDonald, charged with the same offense, was also brought in. They succeeded in making bond Saturday night, and Childress procured a marriage license, on Sunday morning he went on his way rejoicing in the fact that provided his girl don't go back on him, he would be a married man by this morning.—Roby Banner.

Gov. Culberson will make his opening speech of the campaign at Greenville on San Jacinto Day, April 21. It is claimed that Senator Mills will also make his first speech in Texas this year at Greenville, and that Jerome Kearby will first ring the populist chestnut bell at the same point.—Texas Farmer.

A semi-centennial celebration will be held in Dallas next year. It will perhaps be the biggest occasion ever had in the state.

And they say another bond issue will be made before long. Well, its no trick at all for the administration to issue bonds.

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