THE OYSTER LAWS.

Board of Public Works' Attention Called to the Failure of Enforcement.

Oyster dealers in Baltimore city have addressed a communication to the Board of Public Works in which attention is called to the failure of the authorities to enforce the oyster laws, and suggestion is made that more stringent measures should be adopted this season for the protection of the oyster beds. The communication is as follows:

"The value of the oyster industry in Maryland is not over-estimated when we say it gives employment to ten thousand people, whose earnings afford homes, food and clothing for forty thousand dependants.

"Nature has year after year replenished the oyster beds and bars with a new growth of oysters, but not equivalent to the number of bushels taken by the oystermen annually. Thus, the beds are affording largely decreased supplies and smaller stock to an extent for the last six years that alarmingly threatens the destruction of the beds and the ruin of the industry.

"The destructive agencies are not star-fish, but oystermen who violate the oyster laws—not rigidly and fearlessly enforced by those who ought to do their duty.

"For several years the Democratic party was gravely charged with much leniency towards evaders of the oyster laws. The cull law—the very life and preservation of oyster beds, better than the gold mines of Klondike—they treated as a farce.

"After the Republican party officials took control of the oyster navy and appointed the commander and deputy commanders of their party faith, a feeling of confidence arose in the minds of thousands whose living depends on the oyster trade and its normal continuance, that all packers, dealers and oystermen would be made to obey and respect the oyster law.

"Last fall the trade opened in Baltimore by the arrival of very nice oysters, legally culled and fairly measured. Had the adoption of these regulations, which well complied with the law, been permanently and properly enforced all would have gone well, and to-day the Republican party and oyster navy would stand high in the estimation of Maryland oystermen and others interested. But instead of five per cent. of small oysters being the limit caught and sold with the legal size, the ratio was inversed, and, before the season was over the deputy commanders allowed to be caught, and the oyster inspectors allowed to be sold, thousands of bushels that ran 95 per cent. under the legal size, with only 5 per cent. of legally salable stock.

"Now at the beginning of another oyster season, great anxiety prevails as to what will be the policy adopted by the Board of Public Works. Is law to be efficiently enforced and respected? Or is every oysterman to be allowed to catch and sell all sizes of oysters, and rapidly complete the ruin of a great industry once so valuable, but now on the verge of preventable destruction, under the sham police protection of a great naval fleet, built, manned, equipped and sustained by money exacted from toiling oystermen at the daily cost of tired limbs and aching bodies? We must admit that the part of the oyster law made to collect license is systematically and fully enforced.

"If we have told the truth in this appeal for justice, who is to blame? Let the defense speak and tell why they enforce enough of the law to get the oyster license money and then fail to protect the oyster beds from illegal depletion."

Damage Done by Monday's Storm.

One of the severest storms of the season visited this section on Monday night and sleep with any our citizens was postponed until after the storm. It commenced at about 10.30 in the night and continued until about 12.30 in the morning. The worst of the storm was from half past eleven until half past twelve o'clock. The vivid lightning and continual heavy roll of thunder kept everybody awake and nearly all of them would have felt safer in Baltimrre where the storm did not strike. Lightning did considerable damage in this neighborhood and among the many we find the following:

The barn and outbuildings on the farm of James H. Dodd in Wye Neck were struck and destroyed by lightning along with the contents, consisting of 40 tons of hay, 400 bushels of wheat and most of his farming implements. There was an insurance on all the articles destroyed but not to their full value. Mr. Dodd does not think he will lose more than $300 above the insurance.

The straw ricks on the "Wheatland" farm near town tenanted by John Davis was struck by lightning and destroyed.

A large tree in the yard of B. S. Thompson in town was struck and badly burnt and shivered.

A rail fence on the "Gallows-field" farm tenanted by Lemuel Morris was struck and six panels were spread around promiscuously and some of them were thrown about sixteen feet.

It Saves the Croupy Children.

SEAVIEW, VA.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers coming from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—KELLAM & CURREN. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by B. E. Cockey & Co.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Locals and Otherwise in a Condensed Form for our Readers.

Fodder saving.

Have you been to the fair?

Political pot begins to boil.

And 1897 is two-thirds gone.

Rabbits are reported to be plentiful, which gladdens the hearts of the sportsmen.

The two national banks of Centreville will be closed on Monday next, it being a legal holiday.

Centreville is booked to have a circus next week. This will take some of the wheat money out of the county

A contemporary asks if we can throw any light on kissing. We don't want to—the thing is done just as well in the dark.

The farmers say that the chestnut crop promises to be unusually prolific this year. The trees are fairly loaded down with burrs.

If you would enjoy your meals be good natured. An angry man can't tell whether he is eating boiled cabbage or stewed umbrellas.

It is reported on good authority that fifteen wealthy Baltimoreans intend to build cottages at Rehoboth for occupancy next season.

The oyster, having spent his summer vacation by the salt sea, is now in readiness to make his annual winter tour through the provinces.

The farmer will be in clover if everything that they produce goes up in price, and everything that they buy remains at present rates.

Naturalists tell us that "wild boars" have become extinct in the land. What a capital thing if, "tame bores" were to follow the example.

Don't forget when you want any oyster tongs or shafts that William S. Delahay keeps a full line on hand or can make them to order at short notice.

Another barge loaded at the Queen Anne's railroad elevator this week with wheat. This is the second barge that has loaded at the elevator recently.

Some of the medical journals are much distracted about the custom of lying in bed; the habit of lie-ing out of bed is, we think, a great deal more to be guarded against.

A party of Hollanders from Illinois have been in Talbot for a week looking for farms on which to settle. They may purchase land in the northern part of the county.

The excursions to Rehoboth by the way of the Queen Anne's railroad are quite a success. The train leaves Queenstown at 4.30 p. m. Saturday, and arrives at 9.30 a. m. Monday.

Truly the country is never more beneficent than it is at this season of the year. For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear it is always grand or delicate, majestic or soothing.

Crabs took a rise in price Tuesday. This is due in no small measure to the opening of the oyster season, as most of the people engaged in the crabbing industry go oystering the first of September.

A gentleman traveling the peninsula as a doctor, was arrested in Hillsboro' a few days since for not being registered according to Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and fined $10 and costs.

If in need of job work, such as public sale, tournament, or excursion bills, note, letter or bill heads, statements, business cards, etc., give THE NEWS office an order. We guarantee to do it reasonably and promptly.

A number of our citizens attended the Talbot county fair this week. The promising colt, Oakley R., belonging to Mr. John L. Rhodes, won first money in the 3.00 trot and 3.10 pace on Tuesday, and making the beats in 2.23, 2.25, 2.25.

Centreville now gets her early mail by the Queen Anne's Railroad from Queenstown. This is a great convenience to its many residents; and the postmaster, Mr. B. Emory, Jr., should receive the congratulations of all the patrons of the office for his persistency in securing them this early mail.

Our readers are solicited to contribute news items for this page. If you have visitors, give a party, in fact have any item of news we would be pleased to publish it. There is one thing, however, which should be observed by any one sending in matter for publication, and that is write proper names plainly.

During the thunder storm Thursday night of last week, a bolt of lightning passed through the bedroom of Mr. Blane E. Cross, badly damaging a door and setting fire to his coat. The door was only a few feet from the bed in which Mr. Cross was quietly sleeping, and the noise did not wake him. He was not aware of the danger until next morning.

The first excursion from Milton, Del., over the Queen Anne's railroad, arrived here on Sunday last. It took eight coaches to accommodate the crowd, and at a low estimate five hundred people were on board. The crowd was hungry and got away with all the eatables at both hotels, and a boarding house, and all the canned meats, crackers and cakes in one of our grocery stores. We will try to be better prepared to receive company the next time.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Ticket Nominated.—Resolutions of the State Convention Endorsed.

The adjourned session of the Republican convention of this county met in the court house in Centreville on Tuesday. After a month's recess and no lost time by the leaders they settled down to business. Everything was in favor of the "Lily Whites" and the poor "Chocolate Drops" as usual, were left to vote at the polls this fall for the following ticket:

House of Delegates—Joseph Mallalieu, John E. Wilson and Howard Barwick.

County Commissioner—John H. Tolson.

Sheriff—Samuel C. Walters.

Surveyor—Walter W. Hynson.

The resolutions endorse the action of the state and national administrations; deprecates the law allowing race-track gambling; pledge the nominees for the legislature, in the event of their election, to faithfully labor to secure the passage of a law preventing the destruction of the oyster-beds in Queen Anne's county by the use of patent tongs.

The resolutions disapprove of the "present unsatisfactory and prodigal manner of conducting the affairs of the county, due to the composition of the County Commissioners' Board, and its lavish expenditures of revenue, derived from a suffering people, in compensation of the members of such board and their political dependents, under alleged sanction of law; and, in order that a more conservative and businesslike method be adopted, it binds its legislative nominees to use their ablest efforts toward securing the passage of a law making the term of office of county commissioners two years, and their compensation or salary, including mileage and all other items of expense, not to exceed annually the sum of $400 each. Also to secure the abolishment of the offices and untold emoluments of treasurer and clerk to such board, the district tax collectors and the present mode of constituting road supervisors and awarding contracts for county work; providing in lieu thereof, for the biennial election by the people of a county treasurer, whose annual salary shall not exceed $1,500, who shall be entitled to an assistant, at an annual salary of not more than $1,000, the said assistant to act, without additional compensation, as clerk to the said Board of County Commissioners, in addition to his other duties, and the said treasurer to proceed in the collection of taxes, etc., as is ordinarily under the county treasurer system; the contracts for the repair of roads and bridges to be awarded in each election district of the county, upon competitive bids, to the lowest bidder in each, and each election district furnishing satisfactory bond to indemnify the county for all damages occasioned by neglect of duty, which might otherwise fall on the county; and, further, that the accounts and condition of the county government shall be investigated by a man professionally adapted to such work, and the result thereof made public."

PERSONALS.

Miss Daisy McConnor, visited relatives and friends in Baltimore, this week.

Misses Clara and Genevieve Weiler, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. Peter Bunn.

Mrs. Samuel Morris, is visiting friends and relatives at her former home, Dover, Del.

Mr. I. W. Troxel and family will occupy the mansion at "Bolingly" until the season opens next year.

Officer James F. Boyles has been a regular attendant at the Talbot Fair this week. He is expected home today.

Miss Emma J. Bryan, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Mr. Richard E. Bryan on his farm near town.

Miss Alice E. Roe, of Tilghman's Neck, has been the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles E. Roe, this week.

Mrs. Gertrude Dashields, of Baltimore, is spending a few days with friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Beulah E. Johnson and two children, of Philadelphia, are the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. Elizabeth Hillyard.

Misses Alice Emory and Mollie Clark, were among the many who attended the dance at Centreville, on Monday night.

Mrs. Charles P. Monaghan and sister, Miss Martina Bryan, are guests at "Sedjwick," the home of their aunt, Mrs. James Embert.

Misses Florence Seward and Elmira Bates, who have been the guests of Mrs. Carrie Godwin for the past two months, returned home this week.

Miss Willie Hardcastle, of near Easton, who was the guest of Mrs. B. E. Cockey, last week, is spending a few days with Miss Alice Emory.

Miss Beulah Winters, of Baltimore, who has been spending several days with friends and relatives at the Chester House, returned home this week.

Mr. Chas. J. B. Mitchell, who has been confined to his room with an attack of malaria, is now able to go about, and is rapidly gaining his strength.

Miss Annie Higdon, of Baltimore, who has been spending the summer with her father, Capt. Geo. Higdon, returned home this week to accept a position.

Miss Mattie Reynolds and the Misses Moulton, of Baltimore, are the guest of Miss Reynolds' uncle, John L. Rhodes, Esq., at his beautiful residence, "Bennett Outlet," near town.

PINEY NECK NOTES.

Some Interesting Items from Winchester and Bryantown.

Words became very warm between two men over a dog but no blows were passed.

Two shoulders of meat were stolen from Edward S. Pentz's store one night last week.

Several of our oystermen who have ordered the patent tongs are now afraid to use them.

Misses Laura Milligan and Mary Easley, of Baltimore, visited relatives and friends in Winchester last week.

The young man, who said when a vessel was anchored and her sails furled away was on duty, we think had better go back to school.

Our visitors are now beginning to look for their hard and warm work again in the cities. We hope they have had a good time and will come again.

Miss Julia F. Payne, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Anita Butler on the "Wye" farm for the past week, returned home to-day.

One of our young men is having a great deal of fruit canned and there must be something in the wind this Fall. We hope he will get a good companion for he deserves one who is smart and industrious.

Some few nights ago, several chickens were stolen from one of our neighbors. The thief must be very sharp or else he would have been caught. He was seen and he might have felt something had not the gun refused to fire.

During the heavy storm last Monday night, lightning struck the house of Edward S. Pentz. The lightning went down the chimney and passed out through a window in the house without injurying any of the family and doing but very little damage to the house.

A delightful dance was given at the residence of Mrs. Annie D. Fox on Tuesday evening in honor of her friends from Kent county. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock in the evening and continued until about 2 in the morning. Refreshments were served in abundance.

It is impossible for two gentlemen to go with one lady at the same time, yet, two of our young men started to accompany a young lady to the boat. Of course this could not last long. One of them became so jealous that he stepped back in the rear and amused himself with the lady's bundles which he was carrying. Boys, we know how you feel; your hearts are almost broken, yet, "there are others."

One night last week, Queenstown was aroused by the Winchester brass band. All who heard it play expressed themselves as being very well pleased with it and many cheers and thanks were extended to the band. The band is very sorry they did not go down to Bolingly and play for the ladies when they sent for them but they did not have the time. They hope the ladies will excuse them until some other time. The band is ready for engagements this Fall so please give them a chance.

Ticket Made by the Prohibitionists.

The Prohibitionists of Queen Anne's county have at last met together in sufficient numbers to nominate a ticket. They met in convention at Centreville on Tuesday. Mr. W. H. Montague was the chairman, and Mr. Frank A. Bartlett, Jr., was secretary. The following ticket was nominated without any opposition:

For House of Delegates—James T. Anthony, Spencer Walls and F. A. Bartlett, Jr.

For Sheriff—Isaac M. Anthony.

For County Commissioner—W. C. Tucker.

For Surveyor—Joseph W. Gibson.

Mr. W. C. Tucker was made county chairman and Mr. J. T. Holland county secretary. No instructions or suggestions were made with reference to the judicial ticket. The members of the party were recommended to vote for the judicial candidate whom they personally or politically prefer.

Queen Anne's Teams and People.

The *Kent News* has an observant reporter, and he has lately been looking at the teams and the people from Queen Anne's who went through Chestertown to Tolchester fair. This is what he has to say about them: "A feature of the travel through town this week was the character of the teams from our neighbor county of Queen Anne's. Almost without exception the hundreds of carriages were well kept and many new, while the horses were fat and fine travelers. This speaks well for Queen Anne's progress. As for the occupants of the numerous carriages a better looking class of people cannot be found anywhere."

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros.' Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by B. E. Cockey & Co.

Levy Court.

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday pursuant to adjournment. Present: John F. Godwin, president; Jas. B. Bright, associates. Accounts aggregating $242.75 were passed.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Real Estate Transferred During the Month of August.

The following deeds have been filed for record in the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County during the month of August, William H. Cecil, clerk:

Sarah J. Barton and Francis F. Barton to Robley Hackett. Lot of land in Queen Anne. Consideration $1, etc.

Bennett S. Evans and others to J. R. Cook. Tract of land near Winchester. Consideration $4,000.

Hope H. Barroll, assignee and trustee to Rhoda B. Roudebush. Tract of land situate in 5th district. Consideration $4,000.

Rhoda B. Roudebush to Chas. F. Rich. Two tracts of land in Fifth district known as "Newstead" and "Cedar Dale" respectively. Consideration, $5,500.

Joel T. McGinniss and wife to Julia Tolson. Parcel of land in 7th district. Consideration $1, etc.

Wm. D. Roe to Frederick Price. Lot of land in 1st district. Consideration $800.

Martha J. Dodd, executrix of Jas. Reed, deceased, to J. Frank Temple. Tract of land in this county. Consideration, $1,000.

John A. Friel, administrator of John Lynch, to Walter F. Tarbutton. Lot of land situate on public road from Centreville to Church Hill. Consideration, ——.

Roy F. Nelson to Harriett C. Hoxter. Lot of land situate in Crab Alley Neck. Consideration $500.50.

Thomas J. Keating, trustee, to J. Walter Carpenter. The "Windsor" farm in 3rd district. Consideration, $1180.50; "Banker's Chance" farm in 6th district. Consideration $638.68 and a lot of land situate in 6th district. Consideration $78.60.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Church Hill, to J. Frank Temple. Two lots of land in Church Hill. Consideration, $302.25.

James Henry Fox to Queen Anne's county school commissioners. Lot of land near Barclay. Consideration, $155.

Diseases of the Peach.

According to the Director of the Missouri Experiment Station, both peach yellows and peach rosette are slowly but surely spreading westward and two outbreaks of the latter have recently been discovered in the leading peach section of the state named. These are by far the most destructive diseases known among peaches. In some states the orchards, over large areas, have become so generally diseased that peach-growing cannot profitably be carried on. The symptoms of yellows are premature ripening of the fruit, which is unnaturally blotched or clouded with red, and which is usually insipid or bitter; a general falling off in vigor of the tree, small, cup-shaped leaves, a failure of many of the winter buds to start in spring, the presence of sprouts and tufts of leaves in the body of the tree, in early autumn and sometimes a yellowish, sickly color of the leaves, from which the disease takes its name. Any or all of the above symptoms may occur, but the premature ripening of the fruit is usually the most prominent. A tree once attacked by yellows is sure to die sooner or later, generally within from three to five years. The rosette usually attacks the tree in the Spring, or in early Summer. It is characterized by tufts or rosettes of leaves, which usually form at the ends of the newer wood, then along the trunk and main branches. The tree becomes weaker and the leaves fewer, until, when the tree dies, the leaves are usually those that form in numerous tufts along the trunk. The rosette kills the tree in a single season. The only safeguard against the spread of these diseases is to dig up and burn all the trees that are known to be infected, and this should be promptly done wherever the diseases occur. Careful attention to this matter now will save immense loss.

Hog Cholera.

The epidemic of hog cholera, which has prevailed in this county for some weeks, has abated but little. The malady is limited to no one section, but seems to prevail in nearly all the districts of the county. Efforts have been strenuously made to check its increase, but they have availed but little. Those who have had most experience in pork raising insist that the only successful measure for the eradication of the disease is to start out on the prevention theory. Many of these have been used by farmers at random, and most any old farmer can give a sure remedy for hog cholera, which, when tried by someone else, proves abortive.

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KENT ISLAND ITEMS.

Personals and Locals Gathered by Our Island Correspondent.

Miss Ida Whaley, of Church Hill, is the guest of Miss Mamie Clendaniel.

Miss Maud Kelley, of Stevensville, is being entertained by Miss Laura Norman.

Miss Mary Hess, of Queenstown, is visiting her brother, James B. Hess near Chester.

Misses Ella Miller and Bessie Tolson, of Baltimore, visited relatives on the Island last week.

Large forces of men are at work in the corn-fields pulling blades. It is thought that the corn is rather green as yet.

There is a great falling off in the shipment of peaches from our wharf. Peaches are only bringing from 15 to 40 cents a basket.

The cholera among hogs on the Island is getting to be a serious thing. Some of the farmers will lose nearly all the hogs they have.

Mrs. Harriett Bullen has returned home from a visit to her brother, E. C. Ringgold in Chestertown. Her little daughter accompanied her.

A certain buyer on the Island has purchased a lot of hogs said to have the cholera and he has shipped them to Baltimore. This is wrong, and such a matter as this should be investigated.

Miss Minnie Tolson has returned home from an enjoyable trip to California. Miss Tolson is looking real well and she says her trip was very profitable. She was gone about two months on her trip.

An unusual large acreage of wheat will be sown this fall on the Island. Already farmers are getting their phosphate ready, and the manufacturers have thus early announced that the price of phosphate materials have felt the boom in wheat and gone up as much as two dollars per ton. Implement dealers also report a large increase in the demand for drills.

Keep out of debt—out of quarrels—out of law—out of politics—out of idleness—out of thin soled shoes—out of damp clothes—out of the reach of brandy—out of public office—out of matrimony, unless you are in love—and keep clear of the monstrous sin of cheating the printer out of his just dues.

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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS AT THE JANUARY SESSION IN THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND A BILL WAS PASSED PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE FIFTEEN THEREOF, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION ELEVEN OF SAID ARTICLE, WHICH SAID BILL AND AMENDMENT ARE IN THE WORDS FOLLOWING, TO WIT:

CHAPTER 459.

An act to amend the Constitution of the State by adding an additional section to article fifteen thereof, to be known as section eleven of said article.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three fifths of all the members of the House concurring),* That the following additional section be, and the same hereby is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State; and, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, it shall stand and be known as Section eleven, of Article fifteen of said Constitution:

11. Appointments in the Civil service of the State, in the municipalities and counties of the State, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained as far as practicable by examination, which shall be competitive, except appointments which are subject to confirmation by the Senate, and the General Assembly shall pass all such laws as may be necessary more fully to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority Aforesaid,* That the foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article fourteen of the Constitution of this State and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot used at such election shall be printed, after the lists of candidates, the question concerning the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment, so that each voter at such election can designate thereon in the manner prescribed by law, whether his vote is "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as he shall elect, and immediately after said election due return shall be to the Governor of the State of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said fourteenth article of the Constitution.

Approved, April 4th, 1896.

Now, therefore, I, LLOYD LOWNDES, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section one of Article fourteen of the Constitution of the State, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said bill proposing said constitutional amendment be published in at least two newspaper in each county, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election, (which said general election will be held on Tuesday, the Second day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven), at which election the said proposed amendment shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland.

Done at the city of Annapolis on the first day of July in the year of Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

LLOYD LOWNDES,
Governor of Maryland.

By order of the Governor:
RICHARD DALLAM,
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