The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, August 2, 1864.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, July 29.

RUFFIANLY ASSAULT.—Last evening a man hailing from the American side, whose name we did not ascertain, was standing at the corner of Government and Yates streets, in the presence of a number of other persons, when he was suddenly, and without the slightest provocation or warning, violently attacked from behind, receiving a severe blow on the back of his head with a slung-shot or other heavy instrument, which knocked him senseless. The coward who inflicted the blow then dealt several more on his head and face in rapid succession and made off. The injured man was taken to Dr. Dickson's surgery, and his wounds, from which the blood was flowing profusely, were dressed. The Doctor found the first blow had penetrated the scull to the bone, leaving the scull so loose that it could be probed; the other wounds were also deep and severe. The sufferer rallied after his wounds received attention, and vowed vengeance against the perpetrator of the deed, who he believed had assaulted him in this cruel manner in consequence of a dispute which occurred some time ago on the Sound.

THE POWER OF GOLD.—Within a few hours after the good news brought to town by Corporal Battle and Mr. Foley had been made public, numerous companies were formed and packs provided for an immediate stampede to our new Island Diggings. The excitement however, did not rest here. The steamer Enterprise was announced to leave for Sooke on Saturday afternoon. The Meg Merrilies was chartered to sail on an hour's notice, and other craft, canoes, &c., were in requisition to convey eager fortune hunters to the new El Dorado. We hear that speculative individuals are *en route* to stake out *a Town Site at Sooke*. May they meet with better luck than Lord Dundreary's "early bird" which "got the salt on its tail."

STRANGE PROCEEDING.—Three Norwegian Stevidores, who have just arrived from Alberni in a canoe, state that when they reached the head of Barclay Sound, they were pursued and overtaken by about sixty Indians, in 20 canoes, who took them to their ranch and detained them for 14 hours before they would consent to their release. The Indians stated that they had orders to allow no white men to leave the Sound. This is a matter which should engage the attention of those concerned, for if the statement be correct (and we have no reason to doubt it), we may hear of serious troubles ensuing from such a practice.

Saturday, July 30.

NEW COAL MINE.—We learn from a disinterested prospector, who recently inspected the coal mine situated near Bonilla Point, beyond San Juan Harbor, described in the COLONIST of the 22nd, that the seam is of a highly promising description, and the mine likely to prove a valuable investment to the shareholders. He has no doubt from the bearings and indications that it is a continuation of the Fuca Straits seam.

GOLD SPECIMENS.—Some gentlemen of the Exploration Committee yesterday exhibited to enquirers the specimens of scale gold panned out by Mr. Foley on Leech river. Some of the pieces were as large as the head of a gun cap, and were certainly calculated to inspire additional confidence in the richness of our hopeful Island Diggings.

ROCKERS.—These useful mining appliances are somewhat scarce we understand just now, though some few have been on stock since the memorable excitement of '58.

FISHY.—Some fine Cod and Halibut Banks were lately observed by Mr. Foley about five miles from shore between San Juan Harbor and Nittinat.

GOLD COMMISSIONER. — His Excellency has been pleased to appoint Mr. Richard Golledge to be Acting Gold Commissioner for Sooke mining District.

Monday, August 1.

THE COWICHAN TRAIL.—Loud complaints are uttered regarding the vile state of this trail. Some of the bottoms are said to be almost unimpassable. A horse belonging to Mr. Deane was lately seriously injured by being mired in a mud hole, and falling on a snag, ten or twelve miles from Cowichan.

AN INQUEST was held on Saturday, on the body of the squaw recently found murdered near Esquimalt, and a verdict of wilful murder returned against the Indian woman Sally, now confined in jail.

☞ The Jenny Jones will go on the ways at Bolton's yard to-day and receive her machinery after undergoing repairs.

Tuesday, August 2.

ACQUITTED.—Messrs. Schultz and Trickey, two tradesmen holding respectable positions in our community, whose names have figured so conspicuously before the public of late in connection with a charge of a serious nature, were yesterday acquitted by the jury after hearing the evidence of only one witness for the defence. It has been a matter of some surprise with many from the first that the accused should have been subjected to so much annoyance upon such slender and equivocal testimony.

CRICKET.—In consequence of the expected departure of some of the officers of the navy, the match between eleven of Victoria, and eleven of the fleet, will be played to-day on the Beacon Hill ground.

RETURN OF THE ENTERPRISE.—The steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday morning from Sooke at an earlier hour than was expected. She only brought back a few of the passengers who took passage on Saturday; a large number having started for the gold attractions up the river. From all we can gather if those who intend migrating thither can only curb their anxiety to reach the El Dorado until then, she will have a large human freight on her next trip to the Inlet.

FOR SOOKE INLET.—The steamer Enterprise will leave for Sooke on Wednesday afternoon after her arrival from New Westminster. Mr. R. Brodrick has placed the A 1 clipper schooner Spring Vale on the berth for the same destination. Having most of her freight engaged she will meet with immediate despatch. The steamer Caledonia, we learn, is also on the berth.

ANXIETY FOR NEWS.—The greatest interest was manifested yesterday morning, after the return of the Enterprise, to learn authentic news from the new diggings. The EXTRA issued from this office was eagerly read, and the intelligence it conveyed, coming from men whose opinions carried so much weight, inspired universal confidence in the future of the mines.

EXPLORATION REPORTS.—We publish elsewhere Dr. Brown's despatch with reports in detail from each of the explorers of their proceedings on the Sooke and Leech rivers. These documents contain much interesting and valuable information, and will no doubt be perused with considerable interest.

MAP OF THE DIGGINGS.—We were enabled yesterday to place on our bulletin board for the guidance of those who contemplate leaving for the Sooke diggings, a tracing of Mr. Meade's map af the Sooke and Leech rivers, forwarded by Dr. Brown to the Exploration Committee.

SALMON MARKET.—Our salmon market has for the last few days been plentifully supplied with prime young fish, and the price, which has kept so high for a length of time is rapidly falling to about the old standard of 25 cents a fish.

GOLD SPECIMENS.—We have been shown some of the gold dust washed out by Mr. Chas. Smith and his party, while prospecting on Sooke River last week. It is scale gold of a fine bright quality, and easily saved with quicksilver.

THE CITY COUNCIL, owing to the absence of the Mayor, held no meeting last night.

Two Days' Later News.

Fighting in the Shenandoah.

CAPTURE OF ATLANTA

WASHINGTON, July 20—The latest information from Sherman is that the enemy were taken completely by surprise in crossing the Chattahoochie. The cavalry were at once sent to operate on the railroad east of Decatur to cut off communication between Atlanta and Augusta, thus preventing the removal of stores to the latter place and the reinforcements to Johnson. Gen. Bragg had arrived at Atlanta and would it was supposed exercise personal supervision over the movements of the rebel army.

HARRISBURG, July 20—Gen. Crook on Monday last overtook a portion of the Maryland raiders at Snicker's Gap where a sharp engagement took place. The rebels fought with desperation, but Crook succeeded in whipping them thoroughly, capturing over 300 wagons heavily laden with grain, stock, and also took a number of prisoners. The enemy left their dead and wounded on the field.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., July 20—Gen. Fisk, commanding the district of Northern Missouri, issued an appeal for 5,000 men, each with horses, and such arms and ammunition as they may have, to rally for protection of life, property and the extermination of bushwhackers generally in Northwestern Missouri.

The *Times'* Washington special says:—Gen. Hunter asked to be relieved only so as not to embarrass Gen. Wright in his pursuit of the rebels. There was no necessity for it, however, and the pursuit of the enemy is being carried on by Gens. Wright and Hunter with great vigor and with every prospect of large success. They are going south on parallel lines with the rebels flying before them. One column is partly certain to fall into the hands of our troops.

A Washington special says: Col. Jacques of the 30th Illinois Volunteers and Edmund Kirk, by permission of the President, recently visited Jeff. Davis at Richmond, and had an interview with him on the state of the country. The dispatch says they were kindly treated, but of course nothing of the results of the interview has been divulged.

A headquarters' dispatch to the *Tribune* dated 19th, says that a new monster mortar has been introduced and engaged in throwing shells into Petersburg.

NEW YORK, 21st—Fulton, Hilton Head, 17th—Rebel officers have been placed in buildings on Cumming's Point, Charleston being previously shelled. Sumter has been subjected to very heavy fire from Morris Island. All the troops have returned from the recent expedition. Refugees report that Union prisoners in Charleston are treated inhumanely.

NEW YORK, June 21—The *Herald's* special says the secretary of State determined to make formal demand upon the British Government for the surrender of Semmes—thus requiring of that Government the same observance of national laws that she has exacted from all other nations.

KANSAS CITY, July 22d—A detachment of the 2d Colorado, under Capt. Moses, while scouting near Fredericksburg, Clay county, came upon about 300 bushwhackers. The rebel advance wore Federal uniforms and correctly replied to the challenge of our men. Their whole force immediately charged upon our forces and a fight ensued. Our men were forced to retire.

Rebel loss, 16 killed and 21 wounded. Our loss 6 killed and 4 wounded.

Major Richards, with 280 men, pursued the guerrillas. Direction—Knoxville—where they scattered in small bands to the brush.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The *Republican* says that the government has received a dispatch from Sherman this morning, announcing that the enemy assaulted the Union lines three times yesterday, and were repulsed each time with little loss to us. Most of our men fought from behind earthworks.

Dispatches from Averill, dated near Winchester, says Breckenridge divided his forces at Barryville last night, sending Early to Winchester, taking one other division toward Millwood. I attacked and defeated Early to-day, in front of Winchester, killing and wounding 300 officers and men—captured 4 cannon, and several hundred small arms.—About 200 prisoners were taken. General Tilly was severely wounded. Rebel loss in officers heavy. Prisoners report their force to have been 5,000.

The *Commercial's* special says, disposition has been made to prevent the rebel invaders now on their way to Richmond, from reaching that city without capturing a large portion of their plunder.

BUFFALO, July 21.—A correspondence between Holcomb and Greeley, at Niagara Falls, has been furnished for publication.—The first letter from them to Greeley, asking for protection from the President, or Secretary of War, in order that they may visit Washington. Greeley, who is said to have been appointed Commissioner by Lincoln, replied under date of the 17th, as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—I am informed that you are duly accredited from Richmond as bearers of propositions looking to the re-establishment of peace, and that you desire to visit Washington in fulfillment of your mission. If my information be substantially correct, I am authorized by the President to tender you his safe conduct on the journey proposed, and will accompany you at your earliest convenience.

These facts being materially different from that understood to exist Greeley thought it advisable to refer to the President, soliciting fresh instructions, which were furnished from the Executive Mansion, July 18, 1864, to whom it may concern:—

Any proposition embracing a restoration of peace, the integrity of the whole Union, and the abandonment of slavery, which comes by and with the authority that controls the army now at war against the United States, will be received by the Executive Government of the United States, and will be met by liberal terms on substantial and collateral points, and bearers thereof shall have safe conduct both ways.

(Signed) A. LINCOLN.

They reply as follows, under date of the 18th of July:

"Though the safe conduct of the President has been tendered us we regret to say that under misapprehension of facts, we have not been accredited to him from Richmond as bearers of propositions looking to the establishment of peace.

We are, however, in the confidential employ of our Government, and are entirely familiar with its wishes and opinions on the subject, and we need not be authorized to declare that if the circumstances disclosed in this correspondence were communicated to Richmond, we would be at once invested with the authority to which your letter refers, or other gentlemen clothed with full powers would immediately be sent to Washington with a view of hastening the consummation so much desired, and a termination at the earliest possible moment of the calamities of war.

NEW YORK, July 22—We have a well authenticated report that the rebels have evacuated Atlanta.

LOUISVILLE, July 22—Yesterday's Nashville *Union* says that Atlanta was taken by our forces on the 18th, thus cutting off all communication with North Carolina except by way of Macon. Deserters come into our lines in great numbers since crossing the Chattahoochie.

THE NEWS—The following resolution passed with acclamation by the Baltimore Convention, which nominated Lincoln for President, is sufficient to throw grave doubts on the truthfulness of the report of the Peace Commissioners' scheme, a portion of which we published last week, and another instalment which we give in our present issue:

Resolved, That we approve the determination of the Government of the United States not to compromise with rebels, or to offer any terms of peace, except such as may be based upon an unconditional surrender of their hostility and a return to their just allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and that we call upon the Government to maintain this position, and to prosecute the war with the utmost possible vigor to the complete suppression of the rebellion, in the full reliance upon the self-sacrificing patriotism and heroic valor and the undying devotion of the American people to their country and its free institutions.

A COMPLIMENT.—We learn from gentlemen who have just arrived from Cariboo, that the Fourth of July article, which appeared in the editorial columns of the COLONIST, was read with the liveliest satisfaction by the patriotic Americans on Williams Creek. Groups of eager listeners were seen congregated here and there, while the article was read aloud by their comrades, and quite an excitement was produced amongst them.

LIVE STOCK.—About 65 head of horned cattle were landed from the W. B. Scranton, on Saturday, for Attorney General Cary.—Some of them were very wild, and caused considerable fun on the wharf, by charging among the Siwashes. A young heifer made a rush at one of the sailors on the wharf, and jumped into the water. A block and tackle were soon supplied, and she was unceremoniously hauled up again on to *terra firma*, by her horns.

☞ The next mail steamer will be due here on Wednesday next. She was to leave San Francisco on Wednesday.

HORSE-SHOE LAKE HOTEL.

ROPER & CO.,

OF VICTORIA, V. I., BEG TO INFORM TRAVELERS AND THE PUBLIC that they have erected a new and commodious Hotel at the

108-Mile Post, above Lillooet,

And have determined that nothing shall be wanting to make it the best House of Accommodation on the Cariboo road.

THE BEST WINES AND LIQUORS

Always on hand. Also, for the further convenience of Miners, a complete assortment of Men's CLOTHING, BOOTS, Etc., will be found.

GOOD STABLING—Best quality of Hay, Barley and Oats.

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HORRIBLE PUN.—In anticipation of good news arriving this morning by the Enterprise from the new diggings, an escaped lunatic asks why Victoria will resemble a female foundling? Answer.—Because she will be entirely *for-Sooke*. The perpetrator was last seen making for Fry's.

EXTENSIVE FIRES.—Several large fires are raging in the neighborhood of Goldstream and Metchosin. We learn that a bridge which crosses a stream on the Sooke trail has been burned.

COMMERCIAL.

Thursday, July 28.

FROM THE SOUND.—The schooner Brant arrived from Gray's Harbor, W. T., yesterday afternoon with a cargo of farm produce valued at $1.142 50.

FROM NANAIMO.—The ship Georgius arrived down from Nanaimo yesterday morning with 1200 tons of coal for San Francisco.

FROM CLALLAM BAY.—The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived yesterday from the Fuca Straits Coal Mine, bringing back a number of the shareholders and persons interested in the coal mines.

BARK SARITA.—This vessel finished loading and left Nanaimo on Tuesday bound to San Francisco with a cargo of 440 tons coal.

ARRIVED AT NANAIMO.—The schooner Onward arrived at Nanaimo on Sunday from Burrard's Inlet with a cargo of 50,000 feet lumber for the Colliery Company.

FROM COMOX.—The steamer Emily Harris arrived yesterday at Esquimalt from Comox via Nanaimo with a cargo of coal and the mail from the way settlements.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived last evening from New Westminster with a few passengers and a Cariboo Express containing $15,000 in gold.

☞ The Royal Charlie was towed out last evening by the Enterprise.

Saturday, July 30.

FROM THE SOUND.—The sloop Letitia arrived yesterday from Steilacoom with a cargo of flour, wheat, hay, vegetables, &c.

FOR THE SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson left yesterday morning at 7 a. m. for Olympia and way-ports, taking an unusual number of passengers.

LOADING AT THE SOUND.—10 large ships at Port Gamble, 3 do. at Port Ludlow, and 3 do. at Utsalady; names not known; principally English vessels

SHIP WILLIAM WILSON.—This ship was seen on Wednesday afternoon, at 5 p. m., off Protection Island.

FROM SAN JUAN ISLAND.—The sloop John Thornton arrived on Wednesday night from San Juan lime quarries, with 350 bbls lime.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The Enterprise left yesterday for New Westminster with 40 tons freight and a few passengers.

FROM BEECHY BAY.—The schooner Meg Merrilles arrived last evening from Beechy Bay with three passengers.

Monday, August 1.

FOR COLUMBIA RIVER.—A new stern wheel steamer was launched at Utsalady on Friday. She will take the whole framing of another steamer round to the Columbia river, to be put together there. Both steamers we understand will ply in those waters.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The barkentine W. B. Scranton arrived on Saturday from San Francisco with 1 passenger and a cargo of general merchandise. Discharging at Hudson Bay Wharf.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday evening, from New Westminster with 45 passengers and a Cariboo Express.

FROM WHIDBY'S ISLAND.—The schooner Growler arrived on Saturday evening from Oak Harbor, with a cargo of oats, beans, shingles, laths, &c.

FOR SOOKE.—The steamer Enterprise left on Saturday evening for Sooke river, with somewhere near 100 passengers.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Onward arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with a cargo of coals for J. J. Southgate & Co.

FROM COWICHAN.—The schooner Gawley, arrived yesterday from Cowichan, with 10 tons hay, value $350.

FOR SOOKE.—The schooner Lord Raglan will leave for Sooke this morning.

Tuesday, August 2.

FROM THE SOUND.—The sloop Catherine and Alexander arrived yesterday from Port Townsend with 4 passengers.

LOADED AT PORT GAMBLE.—The ship Riviere was loaded and ready for sea on Saturday. She is bound to Manilla. There were eight or nine other vessels loading at Port Gamble.

VICTORIA MARKET.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, July 30.

With an increased demand for goods for up country consumption and the excitement caused by the reported discovery of rich alluvial diggings within 20 miles of Victoria, we have to record an improvement in trade generally during the week; and more particularly in the Flour, Grain, and Provision market. Prices remain firm with an upward tendency.

Imports exclusive of Puget Sound and neighboring ports, have been limited to one cargo from San Francisco per W B Scranton, of miscellaneous merchandise, valued at $13,602 25, and a small importation of Flour and Grain per Jenny Jones from Portland, valued at $3,832.

The following are the present rates:

Flour, extra, $13@13 50 ℔ bbl, super, $11 50@12 do do; common, $9@9 50; Middlings, 3½@3¾c ℔ lb ℔ sack; Bran, 2½c do do. Ground Barley, 4¾c do do; Barley, 4½@4¾c. Oats, 4c do do. Wheat, 3¾c@4c do do. Oatmeal, 11c do 100. Cornmeal, 7c do do. Beans, pinks, 3½c do ℔ sk; white, 4½c do do Tea, 36@48c do ℔ chest. Coffee, 22@29 do ℔ sack. Sugar, 7@14c do bbl or mat. Rice, 5½@8¾c do ℔ sack. Butter, Fresh, 42@46c do ℔ case; salt, 40@45c do ℔ firkin. Hams, 16@22c do, and Bacon, 18@24c, in moderate quantities.

IMPORTS.

Per Bark W B SCRANTON, fm San Francisco—20 pgs agricultural implements, 5 sks beans, 1 bl belting, 3 doz brooms, 10 cs case goods, 65 hd cattle, 1 bbl castings, 3 cs ground coffee, 59 pkgs cordage, 1 bale carpeting, 17 pkgs drugs, 100 bbls flour, 234 hf sks do, 600 qr sks do, 5 cs fruits, 2 pgs glassware, 1 csk grindstones, 5 pgs groceries, 26 pgs hardware, 14 cs do, 36 boxes macaroni and vermicelli, 5 cs metal, 105 kgs nails, 18 oars, 5 bls oakum, 150 cs coal oil, 1 bale oil cloth, 2 cs personal effects, 34 firkns butter, 2 cs cheese, 19 cases lard, 2 pcs plank, 2 cs sewing machines, 10 stoves 4 pgs stoveware, 24 kgs syrup, 4 pgs ship chandlery, 10 cs saleratus, 60 chests tea, 4 bdls wagon materials, 66 sks wheat, 1 csk wire, 12 cases yeast powders—Value, $13,602 25.

Per schr GROWLER, fm Whidby Island—200 bush oats, 142 M laths, 2 tons bran and shorts, 16 M shingles, 3 coops chickens.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—63 sks bran, 2 bxs butter, 3 cps chickens, 4 bxs bacon, 2 bxs eggs, 3 do fruit, 10 do bread, 581 qr sks flour, 2 horses, 5 guns bacon, 2 calves.—Value, $2,102.

Per schr BRANT, from the Sound—12,674 lbs oats, 4,830 lbs barley, 2 tns bacon, 200 lbs butter, 2 tns hay, 60 dry hides. Value, $1,142 50.

Per sloop LETITIA, from Port Townsend—40 bales hay, 9 tons do, 61 hides, 20 bbls flour, 50 bush wheat, 20 furs.—Value $570.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

July 26—Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Schr Royal Charlie, Watkins, Nanaimo
Schr Shark, Clark, Nanaimo
Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo
Schr Meg Merrillies, Pamphlet, Nanaimo
July 27—Stmr Emily Harris, Hewitt, Comox
Schr Gold Stream, Greenwood, Nanaimo
Slp Ocean Queen, Turner, Sooke
Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Schr J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
July 28—Sloop Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles
Sloop John Thornton, Clarke, San Juan
Sloop Eagle, Knight, Nanaimo
Sloop Hunter, Livermore, San Juan
Stmr Enterprise, Mouat, New Westminster
July 29—Schr Winged Racer, Peterson, Alberni
Aug. 1—Sloop Lady Franklin, Warren, Cowichan
Boat Pilot, Robinson, Port Angelos
Sloop Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo
Schr Growler, Barrington, Port Angelos,
Slp Rebecca, Edwards, Port Angelos.
Schr Onward, McKay, Nanaimo,
Slp Northern Light, Montford, Port Angeles.
Slp Alexander, Burnham, Port Angelos.
Sch Matilda, Boyle, New Westminster.
Schr R T Gawley, Gawley, Cowichan.
Schr Eliza, Carlton, Saanich.

CLEARED.

July 30—Bk W B Scranton, Burns, S Francisco
Slp Northern Light, Montfort, Port Angelos
July 26—Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
July 27—Slp Ocean Queen, Turner, Sooke
Slp Lady Franklin, Warren, Cowichan
Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Schr J K Thornike, Thornton, San Juan
Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo
July 28—Sloop Eagle, Knight, Nanaimo
Stmr Alexandra, Moore, New Westminster
Sloop Hunter, Livermore, San Juan
Stmr Enterprise, Mouat, New Westminster
Schr Meg Merillies, Pamphlet, Sooke
July 29—Schr Mary Ann, Honey, Oreas Island
Slp Letitia, Adams, Port Angelos
Slp Venus, Cargotish, Sooke.
July 30—Sch Goldstream, Greenwood, N Westminster
Aug 1—Slp Northern Light, Mountfort, Port Angelos.
Schr Brant, Olney, Port Angelos.
Slp Alarm, Hollins, Salt Spring Island.
Schr Sweepstakes, Keffin, Cowichan.
Schr R T Gawley, Gawley, Cowichan.
Slp Blue Jacket, Martin, Port Angelos.
Bk W B Scranton, Burns, Port Angelos.

BIRTHS.

At James Bay, Victoria, V. I., on the 31st of July, the wife of Mr. F. W Atwood, of a son.

MARRIED.

At South Saanich, Vancouver Island, on the 31st July, by the Rev. Richard L. Lowe, Edward R. Thomas to Francis A. Byrnes.

On the 23rd ult., at Whidby's Island, by the Rev. father Verey, Mr. Chas. C. Phillips, to Miss Elizabeth Gelaspy.

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