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Herman Blum, of Newtown Mills, went to Cambridge Springs, Friday, for treatment for a bad attack of neuralgia or something similar, in his left arm and hand, which has been troubling him for two weeks.

Owing to unfavorable weather conditions the attendance at the Free Methodist camp meeting at Pleasantville was very small from this section last Sunday. The attendance generally has been up to the usual number at this meeting.

Thomas W. Phillips, the noted oil operator, died at his home in New Castle, Sunday, aged 77 years. He was one of the most widely known independent oil men in the country, having been engaged in the industry almost from its inception.

Dr. M. W. Easton, Osteopathic Physician, of Oil City, will visit Tionesta every Wednesday. See him at the Central House. Setting bones and the treatment of nervous and chronic diseases a specialty. Greatest success in all kinds of chronic diseases.

The Tidoute ball team will be here next Saturday, July 27, for a game with the home team. Tidoute has been playing good ball this year and the fans will see a good exhibition of the national sport. Game begins at 3 p. m. Usual prices of admission. Turn out, you fans, and help the boys.

The Tionesta Boy Scouts are preparing to go into camp next week on the Haslet or Baker island, up the river. In order to provide funds for their expenses the boys will serve ice cream, cake and coffee in the basement of the M. E. church, next Friday evening, beginning at 7:30. The patronage of all is solicited.

Marienville is arranging for an "old home week" to extend over the period of Aug. 10th to 26th next. An occasion of this sort will doubtless bring a big crowd of the "old timers" together once more, and as the town knows how to entertain its friends in royal fashion there will be joy to burn for those who can come back.

After six weeks' suffering from appendicitis, O. C. Stroup of Tionesta, was Monday discharged from the Emergency Hospital. He is now visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. H. S. Bohall, Dartmouth Street. His recovery from this time on will be rapid, the attending physician states.—Warren Mirror.

Stroup arrived home Friday and while he is yet weak, is looking and feeling good.

A small fire which burned the wood-work of the "stio" which feeds the saw-dust into the boilers at the big mill of Wheeler & Dunsbury, at Endeavor, caused a little excitement at that place at 4 o'clock last Wednesday morning. The fire was put out in short order and the damage was small. The mill had been shut down since July 4th and the fire is supposed to have eaten its way through the sawdust.

—Rev. H. A. Bailey will be absent from Tionesta next Sabbath while repaying an obligation of gratitude by preaching for a fellow minister in another part of the Presbytery, and so there will be no preaching services in the Presbyterian church here next Sunday. A week from that day the regular quarterly communion services will be held at the church, with preparatory services Thursday and Friday evenings preceding.

—The improvement of the Allegheny river is given \$300,000 in the appropriation bill this year, but this would be lost entirely if the dam at Tionesta was to be built; or at least the menace to any improvements would be so great that, it would be useless to attempt them. Now is the appointed time to insist that the application for the water privilege of the Tionesta be refused, and the minds of the people be set at rest. It is too much of a danger to be hanging over the heads of the citizens to be trifled with.—Oil City Derrick.

—The B. & O. people are hard at work improving their track from Foxburg to Kane. It is said that there are 2000 men at work between Foxburg and Tyersburg. The improvement in the road bed is noticeable in the easy way in which the cars run. In many places the track has been raised and thus the road bed made solid. Some places the raise has been as high as two feet over the old road bed. It is getting to be one of the most important freight roads in this section. It is also rumored that the Erie people expect to run their big passenger trains into Pittsburg over this route.—Clarion Republican.

—The first sign posts to be placed along the highways of Pennsylvania will be put into position this summer by the State Highway Department, and lists are now being made by the engineers in charge of the operations of the road branch of the state government, so that the localities most in need of markers will receive attention. These posts will be of iron, with the name of the road or town to be shown in iron letters fused on an iron plate, the direction to be indicated by an arrow also of iron. Although the posts and signs are practically indestructible any attempts to deface or injure will be vigorously prosecuted.

—M. E. CHURCH NOTES.—The last quarterly conference for the year will be held this Wednesday evening at 7:30. Next Sunday at 11 a. m. a veterans' service will be held which will be more especially for the members and shut-ins. Automobiles will bring them to the church and a committee of young ladies will care for the babies and children in the basement. The pastor will deliver a special sermon and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. No evening service. No services will be held the first two Sundays in August, on account of the Whig Hill camp meeting, beginning August 1st and closing the 10th.

—The degree team of Tionesta Lodge, No. 393, I. O. O. F., went to East Hickory last Friday evening, where they conferred the initiatory degree on a class of thirty-four candidates for Hillard Lodge, No. 1183. At the close of the work a fine banquet was served, over one hundred sitting down to a feast of good things. Those attending from here are as follows, all but the last three named being members of the team: W. H. Hood, T. F. Ritchey, L. L. Zaver, C. F. Felt, J. B. Cottle, C. A. Childs, Robert Haslet, S. R. Maxwell, Wallace Mesly, D. H. Blum, Carl Squire, George Henshaw, Archie Clark, H. D. Jamieson, J. G. Jamieson, Wm. Dickinger, Charles Carlson, Charles Johnston, Jesse Graham, S. E. Maxwell, Perry Hill, A. C. Brown, W. J. Campbell, F. R. Lanson.

—An article in the New York World of July 18th says that Harry Carson, of No. 1 West Sixty-eighth street, Manhattan, son of J. T. Carson, of Tionesta, saved the life of Mounted Sergeant Michael Hyland of the Parkville police station, the night previous. Sergeant Hyland was on duty at Ocean Parkway and Avenue F and during a severe electric storm was run down by a large touring car which was running without lights. The horse went down and Hyland was pinned under the animal. The car did not stop. Carson was driving a second car close behind. He halted, picked up the unconscious officer and drove back two miles to the Coney Island Hospital, where the doctors said the man was in a serious condition with an injured spine. The horse was badly hurt. The police have no description of the fleeing car, which carried two women and three men.

—Rev. H. J. Reimann, pastor of Good Hope Lutheran church, Oil City, for nearly 25 years, was found dead in bed Friday morning last at the home of Rev. George J. Sixt, Grove City, where he had arrived the evening before on a visit. Heart disease from which he had been a sufferer for several years, was the cause. The deceased was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1832. Besides his wife he is survived by two sons and five daughters. Rev. Mr. Reimann was a man of pleasing personality, very popular with his congregation and fellow men. He was well and most favorably known in this community, having on many occasions in past years conducted services at Mt. Zion Lutheran church, German Hill, and the people of that congregation will share the loss of this excellent minister equally with the parishioners of his own home. The funeral was held at the church, which he had so long and faithfully served, on Monday afternoon.

—W. J. Hunter, of Penn Station, Pa., who was visiting relatives in this section last week, has decided that "back to the soil" is a good motto and last Friday closed a deal whereby he purchased from J. F. Ray, of Kellestville, the Frederick Lohmeyer farm on German Hill, Kingsley township. The farm contains 172 acres with allowances, 70 of which are cleared and under good state of cultivation. There is also some good growing timber. The new owner gets immediate possession of the farm, crops and machinery. Mr. Hunter, who has been foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Pitsaon, Pa., for some years, does not expect to return to occupy the farm until a few years have elapsed and for the present it will be under the care of his brother-in-law, Fred Rudolph, of Newtown Mills. Mr. Hunter has plans made for the erection of a commodious new dwelling house on the farm next year and will be gladly welcomed when he decides to return to old Forest, his boyhood home. He is a hunter and will make the old farm blossom like the rose.

—Mrs. Ida Calvin and Mrs. J. H. Cook left Wednesday evening for Atlantic City. Mrs. Cook will not return but will go direct to her home in Portland, Oregon.—Peter Zaehner, one of our County Commissioners, is responsible for the story of killing two rattlesnakes near Cooksburg each measuring over four feet. One had eight rattles and a button while the other had seven rattles and a button. To prove the story he brought the snakes home with him.—Clarion Republican.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Black, of Pennsylvania, who have been here for some time visiting their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hyde at their home in Douglas Camp, have gone to California coast points. Mr. Black, who is a prominent mining operator in Colorado and elsewhere, was very much impressed with the material showings at Douglas and the Gold Range and predicts a great future for the mines of that section. He expects to return here in the near future with a view of investing.—Mines (Nevada) Miner.

—Monday at the court house J. A. Schofield purchased from the Benedict estate a farm in South West township. The purchase was made for George C. Priestly who purchased the farm for sentimental reasons. Mrs. Priestly spent much of her girlhood on the farm and since she left Warren on every visit here she has paid a visit to the farm pointing out to Mr. Priestly scenes that were dear to her childhood memories. One place where she coasted down hill in the winter, another spot where the first blossoms of spring were gathered each season and all balled with sweet memories. The farm will doubtless be given to Mrs. Priestly.—Warren Mirror.

Drowned In Mill Pond.

Friends in this community were apprised a few days ago of the death by drowning of William T. King, at his home at Merrill, Wisconsin, on Sunday, 14th inst. Mr. King, who was a brother of Mrs. H. W. Horner, will be remembered by many of our citizens as having spent several days in Tionesta on a visit to his sister and family during last Thanksgiving week. Of the tragic ending of his life the Merrill Daily Herald of the 15th gives the following account:

"Shortly before 12 o'clock yesterday it was reported about town that W. T. King was dead, and that he had passed away in the water a short time before. About 11 o'clock Mr. King, in company with Dr. C. C. Walsh, left his residence to go to the Lemcke drug store to get a prescription filled, which the doctor had just given him. At the drug store Mr. King told the druggist that he would be back in a short time and take the medicine home with him, and pay for the same. He went directly down toward the power house of the Lindauer Pulp & Manufacturing plant. As he passed the Lincoln hotel he passed the time of day with Messrs. J. N. Cotter, Judge Porter and Merritt Stinson. He evidently had gone up on the dam in front of the power house, a general rendezvous for people going in swimming on hot days. He had removed his coat, hat and glasses and had laid these carefully on the roof of the power house. Whether he was overtaken by a dizzy spell—Mr. King had for years been subject to dizziness—and fell into the water, or how he got into the mill race will never be known. When found shortly after that his body was partly out of the water and was lying face downward. The remains were tenderly carried to the home of his brother on Main street."

The deceased was a veteran of the civil war, a man of excellent qualities of mind and heart, greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was aged 68 years, and besides an adopted daughter, he is survived by one brother, Edward S. King of Merrill, Wis., and one sister, Mrs. H. W. Horner, residing at Warren, Pa. The latter and her three daughters, Mrs. Edward Gerow of Warren, Mrs. A. H. Gallup of Youngsville, and Mrs. R. A. Fulton of Tionesta, went to Merrill to attend the funeral.

Kellestville Makes It Three Straight.

KELESTVILLE, Pa., July 22, 1912. Kellestville made it three straight from Mayburg Saturday to the tune of 8 to 2. Both pitchers were hit hard but Russell kept the hits scattered, which coupled with some stupid base running kept the score down. Gilmore got away like a score drive, striking out the first three batters, but Kellestville got to him in the second for three hits, coupled with an error, which netted three runs. In the fourth they got two more on two hits, a double and two passed balls, and in the sixth three hits, a sacrifice fly and an attempt to catch Watson at second after he had fled to Ruffman gave Kellestville their last three scores. Both of Mayburg's runs were earned. In the second Smith singled and scored on Richards' double. In the fourth Smith doubled to right and scored when Richards doubled to the same garden. Richards carried off the batting honors, two doubles and two singles out of four times at bat. Orcutt's stop of Gilmore's bid for a double in the first inning was the fielding feature. The score:

|               | AB | R | H  | E  | PA | E |
|---------------|----|---|----|----|----|---|
| Mayburg       | 5  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Plyler, R.    | 5  | 0 | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| Drake, C.     | 5  | 0 | 2  | 8  | 0  | 0 |
| Gilmore, P.   | 5  | 0 | 2  | 1  | 4  | 0 |
| Steenburg, 2b | 4  | 0 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0 |
| Burrows, ss   | 4  | 0 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Smith, 3b     | 4  | 2 | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Snider, rf    | 4  | 0 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Richards, lb  | 4  | 0 | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Ruffman, inf. | 3  | 0 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0 |
|               | 38 | 2 | 13 | 21 | 8  | 1 |

|              | AB | R | H  | E  | PA | E |
|--------------|----|---|----|----|----|---|
| Kellestville | 5  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Watson, 1b   | 5  | 1 | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Murphy, inf. | 5  | 0 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Swarth, lb   | 5  | 0 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Butler, 2b   | 4  | 1 | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0 |
| Spencer, rf  | 4  | 1 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| McQuate, 3b  | 4  | 2 | 1  | 3  | 1  | 1 |
| Orcutt, ss   | 4  | 1 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Bow, c       | 4  | 1 | 1  | 1  | 2  | 0 |
| Russell, p.  | 4  | 0 | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0 |
|              | 38 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 9  | 1 |

Summary.—Two base hits, Richards 2, Smith, Russell, Murphy, McQuate struck out; by Gilmore 9; by Russell 12; base on balls, off Gilmore 2; hit by pitched ball, Steenburg; passed balls, Drake 2. Umpire, Welch.

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### PERSONAL.

—Frank Klinefister of Sheffield is paying a visit to Tionesta friends.

—E. W. Fitzgerald, of Kane, is visiting his family at Wm. Lawrence's.

—Fred Rathfon of Lickingville was one of our pleasant callers Monday.

—Mrs. Barry Vaughn, of Joliet, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Isaac McCoy.

—Miss Erle R. Wolfe has returned home from Pittsburgh for a short visit.

—Rev. W. S. Burton was a business visitor in Polk, Monday and Tuesday.

—Miss Blanche Pease was a guest of Mrs. Ross Porter, in Oil City, Tuesday.

—Miss Ethel Clark is entertaining her friend Miss Blanche Beatty of Meadville.

—Prof. D. W. Morrison of Mt. Jewett is circulating among friends in this community.

—Miss Hannah G. Irwin of Franklin is a guest at the home of her brother, Judge Irwin.

—Miss Lizzie Randall's music class held a picnic last Wednesday afternoon on Hunter run.

—Mrs. J. N. Sandrock visited her daughter, Mrs. Edward Mohney, in Oil City, over Sunday.

—Miss Olive Lanson entertained her music class in a porch party at her home Thursday afternoon.

—Mrs. James D. Davis entertained a large party of her lady friends at her home Saturday afternoon.

—Mrs. C. F. Felt and children, Grace and Christian, came down from Kane last night for a visit with relatives.

—Mrs. D. H. Edwards of Washington, Pa., came up yesterday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smearbaugh.

—William and Arletta Carr, of Duquesne, Pa., are here on a visit to their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Blum.

—Mrs. Clark Morgan and children Edward, Florence and Ruth, of Oil City, visited Tionesta relatives and friends Sunday.

—Dr. George Jackson drove up from Butler and is a guest at the homes of his sisters, Mrs. J. F. Proper and Mrs. L. J. Hopkins.

### Visit From Conservation Official.

Our city is honored by a visit from a representative of the Pennsylvania Conservation Association, which has its headquarters in Harrisburg, in the person of Mr. George W. Kehr, secretary of the association. Mr. Kehr is being entertained by Hon. N. P. Wheeler of Endeavor, where he is visiting the camp of the forestry students from State college who are making a systematic study of forestry conditions in this section of Pennsylvania. The conservation association of this state, as has been stated heretofore, is enlisted in opposition to the grant of the water charters in this county as well as all other counties of the state, and Mr. Kehr, as its representative, had a very good opportunity on Monday to get a personal observation of the country or section which the water power companies are attempting to grab. In company with Mr. Wheeler T. F. Ritchey Esq., Mr. T. D. Collins and Judge Kreiter, Mr. Kehr was driven in the Wheeler automobile the full length of Tionesta creek, the party going as far as the P. & E. R. R. tracks at Sheffield, before starting on the return trip. Mr. Kehr was thoroughly impressed with the magnitude of industry that is carried on in "this most beautiful valley," using his own description of it, a valley traversed by the finest dirt road he had found in the whole state. He was astonished to find such an evidence of thrift and prosperity as he saw it on the numerous stops that were made along the way, and he thought the opponents of the charter applications had in no case exaggerated the amount of damage such a monstrous dam would entail, but on the contrary scarcely the half had been told, to say nothing of the far greater danger and menace to the lives of the people which would ever be present.

A trip through the industrial establishments of Nebraska, Kellestville and Mayburg was among the interesting features of Secretary Kehr's trip, and a meeting with Capt. J. J. Haight, who is erecting a fifty-thousand gallon gasoline plant at Hastings, was another of his pleasing experiences.

When he parted company with the friends who had accompanied him on this most interesting trip, Mr. Kehr expressed himself as pleased far beyond his expectations, and it goes without saying that his report to his conservation associates will be most convincing argument against the granting of charters to any capitalists or syndicate that would convert this rich and magnificent valley into barren waste, destroying our whole country, and placing the inhabitants of the entire Allegheny valley under a pall of death more horrifying in its aspects than anything that has ever yet befallen this country.

—B. L. Grover and sister, Miss Ruth, of Salamanca, N. Y., are spending their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomson.

—Miss Mae Fleming, of Greensburg, Pa., and Miss Audrey Smith, of Ridgway, Pa., are guests of Miss Maud Canfield this week.

—Mrs. Geo. M. Dunkle and little son, Maurice, of Grifton, N. C., are visiting her father, Andrew Wolfe, during the warm weather.

—Mrs. L. A. Buzard, accompanied by her two little boys, of Lamison, Ala., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Watson.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whalen, of Buffalo, N. Y., are guests at the home of C. M. Arner. Mrs. Whalen was formerly Miss Etta Swanson and a resident of Tionesta.

—Mrs. J. J. Landers of Tionesta, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White, West Main street, returned home Saturday.—Titusville Herald.

—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Walter, of Nebraska, were in town Thursday on their way to Niagara Falls, N. Y., where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Walter will be employed in the aluminum works.

—The Epworth League gave a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Jamieson at their home Monday evening and left with them a large collection of pretty and useful gifts. Light refreshments were served at the close.

—A. W. and J. H. Cook drove over from Cooksburg yesterday in the former's car, and met friends in this part of the county. The latter is a resident of Portland, Oregon, and with Mrs. Cook is paying a visit to their old home and friends in the east.

—Harold Joy of Kinross is a guest at the home of his aunt Mrs. Isaac McCoy. The lad, who is but thirteen years of age, possesses a voice of unusual sweetness, and sang a very pretty solo at the close of the exercises of the Presbyterian Sabbath school Sunday morning.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Scherer, of Endeavor, Forest county, spent Wednesday afternoon and night with friends in Seneca, going on to Nickleville, a former pastor of Rev. Scherer's, where they expect to remain for a few days' visit with old friends and former parishioners.—Seneca Kicker.

—Mrs. W. C. Imel attended a reception in Tidoute, Friday evening, given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Marks. The congregation also remembered the wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Marks at this time, presenting them with a purse of \$25 in gold.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Farringer and son Russell, of Franklin, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haslet here, and friends at West Hickory, several days of the past week. Mrs. Farringer is better remembered as Miss Minnie Lackey by friends in Tionesta, where as a girl she made her home for a number of years.

—Prof. C. F. Felt and son Aubrey, of Kane, are spending a couple of weeks among Tionesta friends and relatives. Mr. Felt has been re-elected supervising principal of Wetmore township, McKean county, at an increase of salary. He is in charge of the Craig drug store while Mr. and Mrs. Craig are on a two weeks' visit among friends at their old home at Clintonville.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thompson of Ridgway, former Tionesta residents, spent a few hours Thursday renewing old acquaintanceships here. They were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Dale of West Hickory, whose guests they had been for a few days.—Mr. Thompson is engaged with the Ridgway Dynamo & Engine Co., being treasurer of the concern, which is one of Elk County's flourishing enterprises.

—F. M. Morgan left Saturday to visit a few days in Oil City and Pittsburg before leaving for his home in Duquesne. Fred enjoyed his stay of three weeks in Oil City, and found himself growing luster and taking on a roundness every day. When he reaches home and should there be any recurrence of his heart trouble and the old engine gets to pounding again he intends to shake the dust of Denver from his feet for good and return to the East, where he has friends galore and where a good warm welcome always awaits him.

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Vice President McFarland on Dam Proposition.

The following letter from Mr. J. Horace McFarland, Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Branch of the National Conservation Association, to the editor of the REPUBLICAN, has so much good solid sense in it and is so appropriate to the present state of affairs concerning the water power proposition now ripe in this end of the State that we take the liberty of publishing it in full, and hope the writer will not object, since the matter is of such vital concern to our people.

DEAR SIR:—I have yours of July 15. I did not expect that my letter to Mr. Wiseler would be printed. Nevertheless I said nothing that I did not do and do not fully believe.

I find it hard to get people to understand that the state must, if it is to be just to its citizens, exercise its strong hand upon the water powers. I find it also hard to have patience with the constant cheap fallacy which one hears as to so much water "running to waste" every day. Those who think without thought are constantly making this statement, and in their minds they compare a natural passage of water with a mine from which the coal is being taken and instead of going to good use is being used, let us say, for filling or in some other improper fashion.

Thus these apologists for the grabs that the Water power people are constantly putting over on the state honestly believe that water which is pursuing its God-appointed course is going to waste, and they say so.

Now, as a matter of fact, the waste occurs when the water is diverted to private use and private benefit rather than to the benefit of the whole people. The water is a constantly and automatically renewed resource. No one by taking thought can add to its volume as it falls from the skies or can seriously decrease its evaporation as the sun takes it up. Its cycle is constant and sure and in the hands of the Almighty—and as yet not quite in the hands of the almighty dollar! It does not run to waste when it is unused, because it is constantly, automatically, smoothly and without expense renewed for us. It does not resemble coal or ore or the forests, the first two of which can never be renewed to any extent whatever, and the last of which can only be renewed by some seemingly difficult action.

I do believe in the proper and co-ordinated utilization of the dynamic power contained in falling water, but I desire this so safeguarded in the interests of the people that it is not made altogether a means of special advantage to a few.

I do also believe that those who are willing to risk their possessions in the development of water power ought to have an adequate and satisfactory reward, but only on the same basis as has been well determined in the United States in respect to the things required by the public and upon the supplying of which the Supreme Court has pronounced in its statement that capital so invested is entitled only to a fair return upon that actually used in the service of the public.

Now this means that the state, as I look at it, should rent these water powers, under supervision as to the safety, character and economy of the development, and under supervision as to the charges for the power produced or the water sold for any use. That is, the people should have some consideration. They now get no consideration.

Furthermore I believe that the water powers of the state should be catalogued, mapped and considered by the state as a whole, so that such development through individual enterprise by renting plan, should be upon a co-ordinated plan and not by random.

If such a plan existed this Tionesta-Clarion scheme would never have gotten further than the projection stage, I firmly believe. Yours truly, J. HORACE MCFARLAND.

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