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As We See It
by Tom O'Flaherty

Cleveland—I have already had occasion to say a few words on the question of large salaries for ourselves and those nearest and dearest to us and on high prices for what we have to sell. Of course I am in favor of large salaries in general but particularly for myself and my friends. If this be nepotism make the most of it. I confess, however, that I was a little bit shocked, as Mayor Walker of New York said when he heard that there was graft in Tammany Hall, when I read in the papers that George Washington Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company, of which I am a fairly good customer, received \$2,283,000 last year. I believe this is going a bit too far particularly in a lean year like 1930. We all know that the peppy communists are looking for this kind of thing to hang attacks on against the capitalist system on.

However, and be that as it is, so long as this country has men of standing and weight like Lard Olson to defend it against the Producers News and other "Soviet" rag, our plutocracy can sleep the sleep of the ovalline drinkers. If Lard lived in any of the large cities where people are really hungry and where even Lard is considered a luxury he would not like to stay away from the bread-line Greek restaurants are hard to find nowadays to dig up enough grease for their culinary concoctions and even if Lard escaped the omnivorous attentions of the famished workers on the sidewalks he might be taken into the soup pot by the Greeks. You say that even a starving cannibal would eat Lard. Well, here we have a treat to the hungry in our large cities. From horses to jack asses is only a step.

President Hoover is back from Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands where he went to alleviate the distress of the people who seem to be almost as badly off as Hoover's subjects in the United States. A correspondent with a name like a sneezing fit tells us that the Porto Ricans greeted the presidential visit with heartfelt words of appreciation and indicated that the great man's presence brought great spiritual and material benefits to the poverty stricken people. They were luckier than we are at that. Hoover did not veto any of their proposals. They were wise enough not to make any. However, the president gave them good advice. Admitting the island needed help Hoover told them they must help themselves. They must cut out politics, cut down expenses and cut off their food consumption to eighteen-day diet proportions. This should be encouraging news to American wheat growers.

Hoover told the Porto Ricans that they must encourage industry but that this cannot be done with the present high taxes prevailing. It is true that in Porto Rico the tax exemption for favored corporations is known even as it is in this country. But beaga (Continued on last page.)

Squirrel Food

by A. NUT
Froid, Montana,
April 1, 1931.

"My Dear Alonzo:
Here is a little nut for your nut cracker. I clipped this little nut about an inside bank robber out of a Dakota paper and that maybe our mutual friend John would like to see it. I don't know if you would like it, but I send it to the squirrels for their amusement.
"Here is another honest banker who had lived twenty years in his community. He got worried for fear the bank would get the money out of him and that he would be a failure. He was not insured. This fellow Olson was not a communist nor a part of a great conspiracy which will be a comfort to John.
Fraternally,
CHIP MUNKER."

Here is the story:

ANOTHER HONEST BANKER
COMES TO HIS JUDGMENT

Dakota Banker Held for Theft of \$25,000 of Funds.

Minot, March 23.—Charged with embezzlement of \$25,000, the cashier of the First National Bank at Van Hook, a city not far from Minot, was arrested today on a United States Commissioner's warrant. The warrant, served by Deputy United States Marshal Robert Larson of Minot, places Olson's bond at \$50,000. Larson brought Olson to Minot and 1 the bond is not furnished, it is planned to take the former banker to Fargo where he will be held for the next term of the United States district court. Several bankers here signed his bonds.

It will be noticed that the inside bankers are always able to get bonds—they are not considered so dangerous as the outside boys.
Over in the senate, Banker Schneider is reported to have said that he himself would rob a bank of \$1,000 if he thought that he could get away with it for a year in the pen. John, the inside yeggs don't (Continued on last page.)

THE PRODUCERS NEWS

Liberty Is Not
Handed Down
From Above

Madse Campaigns for the Ten Cent Gas Tax

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA WRECKED
BY EARTHQUAKE; HUNDREDS DIE

U. S. Marines Directing Relief Work—Fires Smoulder in the Ruins—Frightened Populace Spends Night in the Open Fields—Streets Littered with Debris.

Managua, Nicaragua, April 1.—The smouldering ruins of Managua, ravaged by earthquake and fire, housed a frightened populace tonight, homeless and panic-stricken after two days and a night of horror.
Rescue workers, led by the personnel of the United States navy converged on the city. They hurried by airplane and ship to both coasts of Nicaragua, rushing to aid the injured and care for the dead, victims of one of the country's worst disasters.

The marines stationed here directed the first aid and rescue work. They acted under martial law, proclaimed immediately after the first shock at 10:02 a. m. yesterday.

The frightened natives ran into the open. Thousands slept in the fields outside Managua last night and tonight.
Efforts to compile an accurate death list continued. Early reports of upwards of 1,000 dead appeared exaggerated.

One report of the killed was "more than 100." Other estimates placed the dead at 500, with upwards of 2,000 injured in the quake and fire. The authorities feared many bodies might be found in the wreckage.

The utmost confusion prevailed. Marines and national guardmen sought to fight the fire. They were handicapped by lack of water. The marine barracks was turned into a temporary hospital. The medical officers lacked sufficient supplies.

The marines sought to preserve order and prevent looting. They offered a measure of protection, cooperating with the native guardmen.

A water shortage threatened the city. Food, such as it was, was dispensed from temporary kitchens. Medical supplies and food, together with doctors and nurses, were sorely needed. The fear of an epidemic in the tropical city worried the authorities.

Nicaragua doctors formed a unit to aid the navy and marine medical units who were working night and day tending the injured. Relief was rushed by the swift means at the command of the United States government. The governments of Costa Rica and Panama, sister republics just south (Continued on Page Two)

DR. G. E. CAMPBELL
TO WASHINGTON

Dr. G. E. Campbell has been ordered to Washington, D. C., by the veterans' hospital department to complete the preparatory work before he takes a position as physician surgeon at one of the veterans' hospitals. He will remain in Washington about six months before being given charge of one of the hospitals. Mrs. Campbell and their three children will remain here until school is out. Dr. Campbell was reared in Melrose, Minn., was a student for four years at the Northwestern university at Chicago, and graduated from Tulane University at New Orleans in 1914. He came to Plentywood that year. He has enjoyed a practice as far south as the Missouri river and north into Canada.

COUNTY SOLONS SUBMIT CONDENSED REPORT OF THE 22ND ASSEMBLY

The Producers News received the following communication from the Sheridan county legislative delegation, embodying a review of the work at Helena this winter with a request that it be published in the farmers paper so that it may be read by everybody.

Dear Editor:
I, your senator and representative of Sheridan county do respectfully ask that the following condensed report of the past legislative session be published in your paper, so that all your readers who are interested may read for themselves the matters relating to some of the most important bills that passed and were enacted, or that failed to pass.

The full membership of the house is 102, divided as follows: 27 farmers, 15 lawyers, 13 ranchers, 4 merchants, 2 bankers, 4 doctors and the 32 remaining members who claimed many different professions as their chief occupation.
The full membership of the senate is 56, divided as follows: Sixteen farmers, one doctor, two automobile dealers, two mining engineers, two abstractors, one laundryman and one grain dealer.

Some 600 bills, memorials or resolutions were introduced during the session by the house and senate. Several of these bills and resolutions introduced and sponsored by other members, ten different bills, four of them passed and the senate substituted a bill for the fifth, accomplishing what was designed in the first place by the house bill. Approximately one-third of all bills introduced in either of the houses passed, the other two-thirds being killed, many by adverse committee reports.

Sidney Rancher Barbers
Sheep for New Residence

Sidney, March 25.—L. A. Hardy is erecting a commodious ranch house on his irrigated farm near here to replace the one destroyed by fire on the night of Feb. 2. He recently took a double deck farm truck load of fat lambs to St. Paul and will return with a load of building materials for his new house. This plan of driving farm equipment more than 700 miles to a trading point is somewhat new in this locality and attracts much interest.

ROOSEVELT
GRAND JURY
FINDS GRAFT

County Looted by One J. D. Dwyer—Commissioners Spend Money at a Drunken Sailors—County Attorney Ordered to Recover Money.

Wolf Point, March 30.—The grand jury called by Judge S. E. Paul in the early days of March and which has been in session since the 10th of March, filed its report Saturday evening. The report was a long one.

The jury charged that there had been illegal fees collected and ordered the county attorney to proceed with the necessary action to recover the money.

There was no indictment returned.

The salaried officials were commended for the manner in which they had conducted their offices. Criticisms were made of one J. D. Dwyer and the contract under which he was employed, public accountant employed by the county to assist in the collection of delinquent taxes and to install a book-keeping system. The report showed that Dwyer had drawn nearly \$20,000 from the county in the last few years.

The county commissioners came in for an airing of the huge sums they had collected, as did the county surveyor and former sheriff, John Anderson.

It is reported that the county attorney will institute suits for the recovery of money illegally paid.

The report of the grand jury vindicated the criticisms of public examiner Riley in detail.

Does Socialism Exist
in America?

Analysis and General Survey of Earnings and Property Accumulations by the Few, May Offer Confirmatory Proof that "Minority Socialism" is the Real Political Doctrine in America. Is There a Remedy?

The dictionaries define the word "Socialism" as follows:

SOCIALISM—The economic doctrine that the welfare of society depends on government control of economic activities, and that economic opportunity should be equal to all. An organized system of government based on this doctrine.

"Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." The Tory-Socialists have built their palatial ark, and are now sailing majestically along the flood waters of poverty. "Sail on, O Ship of State," and bide the devil take the hindmost" including the forty million farmers, the millions of unemployed, and the countless white-collared toadstools, constituting the character of "over-production" ascribable to the machinations of the Tory-Socialists.

Lady Cynthia Mosley (granddaughter of the famed Leiter of Chicago) member of Parliament in a recent speech said: "A government with the guts to govern—that's what England needs in the present emergency." There is no lack of "guts to govern" in America, except on the part of the vast majority who allow the minority to rule.

Modernized socialism is now in the saddle. The old style socialists may now point with pride to the practicability of their theory, and with expressions of hope that the number of beneficiaries may, in time, be increased. Government ownership consists of acceptance by the United States treasury of the infinitesimal share of the spoils resultant from exploitation and extortion, called an income tax.

Government ownership and ownership of government are unjoined—they are one, interdependent and inseparable. The Clayton Act and the Sherman anti-trust law are as efficacious as the eighteenth amendment.

The Tory group thrives on socialism, yet "doth mock the meat it feeds on." Its news trust is aimed at the "radical" is always severe but, in reality, the mental attitude of the so-called "radical" differs from that of the Tory extremist only in the matter of distribution of benefits.

Remedies for our economic ills

SEN. LOUIS DONOVAN



Senator Donovan, than whom there is no better lawyer in the legislature or in fact there is his equal at the state capital, rose in his seat in the senate chamber at Helena and told that body that H. B. 450 provided for a special extra gas tax; that it provided that the tax or any of the other gas taxes could not be repealed until the debentures were paid, and on many other provisions of the measure. In spite of this the senate refused to amend the bill and passed it as it was.

MOE TO RETIRE FROM
DILLON NORMAL JOB

Dillon, March 29.—O. Kay Moe, Friday announced his resignation as director of athletics at the Montana State Normal college here at the close of the present school year. Moe will attend summer school at the University of Washington, Seattle. He said he had no definite plans for next year.

GEO. JACKSON
HOME BURNED

The George Jackson farm home in the Welliver territory was burned to the ground Tuesday afternoon. Nothing was saved.
There was some insurance on the property but it is said the loss which includes furniture and clothing exceeds a thousand dollars.
Mr. Jackson is residing in Plentywood where the Jackson boys are attending school and Mr. Jackson has been batching at the farm and attending to the stock. He was working in an out building when he noticed the fire which was already beyond control. He tried in vain to save some of his clothing.

More than Million Will be
Divided Among Schools

Helena, March 16.—More than a million dollars will be distributed to the counties for their school funds within a short time. F. E. Williams, state treasurer said today.

The amount represents earnings of the common school interest and income fund. The fund this year amounted to \$1,143,847.76, of which five per cent or \$57,192.39, is added to the principal, leaving \$1,086,655.37 to be apportioned. The distribution is \$26,865.45 less than in 1930.

This money comes from interest on investments, grazing permits, leases and forest leases. Apportionment on basis of school population, will be made. Williams said as soon as the department of education submits the school census.

WORLD WHEAT
POOL LOOMING

Rome, March 28.—An international wheat export pool, embracing Australia, Canada, Argentina, South Africa and India, and possibly the United States may be an unexpected result of the world's wheat conference now being held here.

There was much confusion in the conference today. Delegates from 46 countries presented practically 46 different views about the solution of the problem of the world wheat surplus.

Non-European nations, however, began holding private meetings today in an effort to hit upon some plan whereby they might oppose the aggressive demands of European nations for a system of preferential tariff which would mean a virtual boycott against foreign wheat.

They discussed the plan for the setting up of export boards in each country to manage the sale of surplus wheat abroad, while wheat producers would be asked to turn their surplus over to the boards to be marketed without guarantees.

These national boards, according to the plan discussed, would co-operate with each other to promote the export trade. Participation of the United States in the plan was said to be very doubtful at the present time since that government does not officially recognize the conference. The two Americans who are here, C. W. Croes, of Aberdeen, S. D., representing the American Wheat Growers association, and John A. Simpson, of Oklahoma City, president of the National Farmers Union, are unofficial delegates.

Wreckers of Bank of U. S.
Now on Trial in New York

New York, March 30.—Trial of four men on charges their activities helped wreck the Bank of United States will begin tomorrow in general sessions before Judge George Donnellan with examination of prospective jurors.

The accused men are Bernard K. Marcus, president of the closed bank; Saul Singer, vice president; Herbert Singer, son of Saul and head of one of the bank's affiliates, and Henry W. Pollock, a director.

Isador J. Kresel, former chief counsel in the Seabury investigation into the magistrates' court, is ill and will not be tried until later.

CLAIR STONER
RAISING GLADS
IN CALIFORNIA

Earl Cosper of Outlook sent in the following clipping from a California paper published in Tehama County, concerning the development of the gladiolus bulb industry in that section in which the name of Clair Stoner, formerly of this county is mentioned.

Clair Stoner, who homesteaded in the Outlook country back in 1909, where he farmed for a number of years, served two terms in the legislature as representative from this county and was afterwards for several years deputy sheriff here, which job he resigned to become Montana field man for the Dakota Wheat Growers Association, making his home in Great Falls. Two years ago, together with his family he moved to California where he had purchased a piece of land. He likes his new home very much it is reported.

GLADIOLUS BULBS SHIPPED
EAST

"Bulb culture is becoming an important crop in Tehama county. Today 16,000 pounds of gladiolus bulbs were shipped, their ultimate destination being New York."

"The bulbs were grown in the (Continued on Page Two)"

OUR WEATHER MAN

During the past week the weather man has been rather kind of heart. Though a day or two was rather disagreeable the temperature has continued to be pleasant. March went out like a lamb—it came in that way too. On Tuesday a light shower fell and on Wednesday there was considerable thunder and lightning and heavy showers during the afternoon. Over all it is the unmisgivable air of spring time—tractors thumping, birds singing, and the general activities which take place at this time of year.

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FREEZE TO DEATH IN SCHOOL BUS

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Eighteen others, their strength exhausted, were found huddled together in one large pile in the rear section of the bus—all unconscious. Six of the survivors were believed to have a good chance for recovery but the rest, suffering from pneumonia, were to be rushed to a hospital at Lamar, Colo.

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TELLS VOTERS DEBENTURE IS O.K.
AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COUNTY

Clerk and Recorder in Letter to Election Judges and Clerks Asking Them to Work for Nothing Takes Occasion to Advise Election Officers that Referendum Measure No. 35 Should be Passed and Tells Why.

ATTORNEY GENERAL FOOT ADMITS THAT
REFERENDUM PROVIDES FOR EXTRA TAX

Niels Madsen, clerk and recorder of Sheridan county, is using the stationery and money of Sheridan county to campaign for the big \$6,000,000 bond issue and the 5-c special gas tax provided to pay interest and principal on the same. In doing this Niels Madsen is carrying out the policy of the state highway commission and the officials of the state of Montana, who have several officers on the state payroll out campaigning for the measure at the expense of the taxpayers. Madsen sent out a letter to all of the election judges and clerks asking them to work for nothing on May 5th, the special election day, in order to save the tax payers money while voting huge extra taxes on to themselves.

KNUTE ROCKNE
FOOTBALL WIZARD
KILLED IN CRASH

Kansas City, March 31.—Knute Rockne, famous football coach of Notre Dame university, and seven others were killed when a Transcontinental and Western Air Passenger and Air Mail plane crashed in flames today in a pasture several miles southwest of Bazar, Kansas.

Rockne boarded the plane here enroute to Los Angeles at 9:15 a. m., and at 11 a. m. the ship, identified by its department of commerce license number, crashed and burned as it fought a fog and storm enroute to Wichita. Witnesses heard the plane above a cloud bank and then suddenly it came hurtling thru the clouds toward the earth. The plane had collapsed causing the plane to fall. The section of the broken wing was found about a mile from the spot where the plane crashed.

HENRY WALTERS IS
BADLY HURT IN FALL

Henry Walters, well known farmer of the Outlook territory, manager of the Outlook Farmers Elevator and a slip and fell from the top of a box car to the frozen ground last Thursday evening and was painfully injured. He was rushed to the hospital at Plentywood where he was carefully examined and only several bruises and sprains were found. It was feared at first that his back had been broken.

Walters was releasing the break on the car preparatory to moving it under the control of the line. He was on his feet and was holding on to the car when he slipped. He was on his feet and was holding on to the car when he slipped. He was on his feet and was holding on to the car when he slipped.

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Friday, April 3, 1931

THE WORST IS YET TO COME

The Producers News has been regarded as a prophet of evil and a harbinger of woe because it has pointed out with more or less consistency since it was founded that the present economic system upon which society rests is based on the interests of the ruling classes and does not and cannot function in the interests of the exploited producing classes.

While business was good and the exploited were given an opportunity to slave at the machines and out of their sweat and toil were able to earn enough to buy the necessities of life, plus a saving margin for the "rainy day" there was no general state of discontent. While the human animal has sufficient to provide him with creature comforts he may grumble and grumble but he will not rebel.

The farmers were getting enough for their products to enable them to get radios on the installment plan. Many of them were able to buy expensive cars. As in the industrial areas where we have the so-called "aristocracy of labor" the big farmer did not have much to complain about even the great majority, like their industrial brothers in the cities, lived on a narrow margin.

Now it has come to pass that agriculture and industry are both suffering from blows on the solar plexus from which they never again will recover completely under capitalism. The capitalist system is staggering under the weight of its own contradictions. The development of machinery under the competitive system—the life of trade, by the way—has as its concomitant an overproduction of commodities, which cannot be sold either in the domestic or foreign markets because those who have produced these commodities did not receive the full social value of the product of their labor. Read "Value, Price and Profit," by Karl Marx and you will not have to depend on political bunco-steers for your economic education.

Among the many causes contributing to the decline of capitalism is the revolutionary chaos existing in China and India today and in the fact that the Soviet Union is suffering from a semi-financial and commercial boycott at the hands of the imperialist powers. The financiers fear to invest their money in India and China because of the instability of government in those two countries and the standard of living there is so low that despite the tremendous population of China and India the per capita consumption is at an appallingly low level. The population of India and China is around 720 millions.

The international financiers will not make loans to the Soviet Union because they don't want to see the Soviet power grow. The consumptive capacity of the 140 million Russians is low, not because they are robbed at the point of production but because the productive capacity of their agricultural and industrial economy is a long way from being on a level with that of the industrialized capitalist countries. Despite the success of the Five Year Plan it will take many years before Soviet economy reaches the present level of capitalist economy.

Thus we have the purchasing power of more than one half the population of the world as a mole hill is to a mountain compared with the productive capacity of the machinery of production. Commodities piled up and no place to sell them. Millions of bushels of grain in warehouses and granaries and no market for them. Millions of jobless and their dependents without bread. Millions of agriculturalists without sufficient clothing and other necessities. What a system!

The capitalist system is up against a stone wall. Trade embargoes and proposed customs unions are the order of the day. Soviet goods are not the only products suffering from embargoes. Canada has laid down a practical embargo against American anthracite. There will be more embargoes. The Grundy tariff law really amounts to an embargo against the importation of foreign goods. Trade wars are the precursors of military and naval wars. The world war was chiefly the result of trade rivalry between England and Germany.

The capitalists are in a pocket and they are, literally going to fight their way out. Scott Nearing wrote in the Producers News some time ago that wars, pacifist and liberal twaddle to the contrary. They pay the ruling classes. The late war gave us a new crop of millionaires. There are more millionaires today in Germany than there were before the war. The same holds true of all countries, whether defeated or victorious. But in all countries the masses are impoverished. The PEOPLE always pay the bills either in war or peace. They are paying both now with a vengeance.

Whither goest we? To the devil unless we do something about it. A world war is imminent. The frequency of peace conferences is indicative of that. Naval and military reduction pacts follow another so closely they step on each others heels. But military and naval appropriations increase. And every imperialist country in the world is hoarding gold.

The next war will not solve the economic problems of capitalism. Even should the system survive a war, even if thirty millions of men were disposed of on the battlefields, even if all the commodities stored up were consumed and the factories set humming again, the problem would not be solved. The war would result in a tenfold increase in the productive power of machinery. Perhaps the strongest imperialist power would manage to survive for a time, but it is inconceivable that it could exist except in the role of a vulture. Many of our militarist politicians hope that out of a world war there will come a fascist dictatorship on the Mussolini model. There is no certainty that it will not. There is no certainty that the imperialist dictators would not adopt a policy of mass murder to still forever the protests of the most

courageous elements of the working class against industrial feudalism.

There is no likelihood of any appreciable improvement in economic conditions in the United States or in any country in the world, with the exception of Soviet Russia where real progress is made through a terrible temporary sacrifice on the part of the proletariat. The problem in Russia is to increase production to the consumptive capacity of the masses. Here we have no such problem. The problem here is to take over the powers of government and the industries, reshape the government to suit the new social order and manage the industries for the benefit of the masses. It is that or hell for the people.

Anyhow the worst is yet to come.

THE 10c TAX

By HANS RASMUSSEN

By this time I suppose you have all received a copy of Referendum Measure No. 35, the one we are to vote on on May 5th, and I hope you have not put it in the stove yet. Take it and look it over—it is the damndest piece of lawmaking you ever saw. If it had been manufactured by a bunch of drunken bricklayers it could not be half as bad as it is. In this article I will call your attention to some of the most ridiculous parts in it.

First we must remember that we have a law now (H. B. No. 90) which provides for a five cent gasoline tax until March 31st, 1941. They now come out and say that this law can be repealed by the next legislature but look what you are voting for on May 5th. Read in Section 4: "That the excise or license tax on gasoline or motor fuels . . . as provided in this Act, or any of the other laws of the State of Montana, shall not be reduced so long as any of said debentures remain outstanding and unpaid," and "during the 12 months next preceding maturity of said debenture (the state treasurer) shall set aside in such fund . . . sufficient money to provide for the payment." That should be plain enough. The tax in THIS law or any other law can not be changed until the last part of the six million dollars with interest is paid. The last part can not be paid until the year 1940—in that respect the law is clear. We can not get rid of any part of the 10-cent tax until after 1940.

Read Section 9: "For the purpose of providing funds for the payment of interest and the maturing principal of the debentures, every distributor shall pay for the year beginning April 1st, 1931, and each year thereafter, until March 31, 1941, a license tax equal to five cents, and for each year after March 31, 1941, equal to three cents for each gallon of gasoline." This means an extra five cent tax for the next 10 years and there is no other way it can be understood, if you want to be half way fair about it.

You will notice also that here (in Sec. 9) the tax is collected for only one purpose: that of providing funds for the paying back of the six million dollars with interest. This is done for the purpose of fooling the people, make them think that all there will be collected is the six million dollars with interest, which amounts to \$7,349,100 in all. But then, in Sec. 18 they slip in a little joker, saying: "and for other highway purposes." That part is overlooked by most people, but gives them the right to use the money for highway purposes.

Let us look at a few figures and see what borrowing of six million dollars is leading us into. In 1921 the consumption of gasoline in Montana was about 17 million gallons; in 1929 it was about 83 million gallons. Each year the consumption had increased at the average rate of 22 per cent. In 1930 the total amount of tax collected at 5c per gallon amounted to \$3,373,828.42.

We do not know what is going to happen in the next few years. We can only use the past as a guide for our guesses. We know that we are now using five times the amount of gasoline we did ten years ago and we know that the consumption has increased at the average rate of 22 per cent per year. Probably it would not be unfair to say that the increase for the next ten years would be 20 per cent per year. Anyway, let us use the 20 per cent and the 10-cent tax and see what our tax figures will look like each year.

1931	\$ 3,297,188.20
1932	11,156,625.84
1933	13,387,951.01
1934	16,065,541.21
1935	19,278,649.45
1936	23,133,379.34
1937	27,760,055.21
1938	33,120,066.25
1939	39,744,479.50
1940	47,979,375.40
Total	\$241,345,311.41

If the 20 per cent increase is correct then on May 5th we will be voting on a two-hundred and forty-one million dollar tax, and we should have no trouble paying back the six millions.

In Sec. 9 it also tells you the 5c tax must start April 1st, 1931. How a law we are voting on in May can start in April is something new and beyond comprehension.

Sec. 16: "For the purposes of this election, and for no other purposes, the County Clerk shall close registrations on Saturday, the 25th day of April 1931." What is going to be voted on on May 5th is not a law on April 25th, and never will be no matter which way the election goes. Section 566 in General Election Laws reads: "The County Clerk shall close all registration for the full period of 45 days prior to, and before any election." If a person has registered between March 21st and April 25th, that person has no legal right to vote on May 5th; but hop to it, nobody will be stopping you.

From Section 22: "There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Highway Fund the sum of \$200,000 . . . and the State Auditor shall draw, issue, and deliver his warrants therefor." This is for paying the expense of the election. If the measure is killed on May 5th, Section 22 and the \$200,000 is also killed, then counties will be holding the sack and pay for the election. The only way they can be paid is if the legislature at the next session will appropriate the money.

Last but not least is Section 25. "This act shall be in full force and effect, . . . providing the same shall have received a majority of votes cast for and against it at the election herein called." Read the last part over again, then read it another dozen times, then tell me what to do on election day. After much mental agony I have finally come to the conclusion that if I want to help put the darn thing over, then I must vote both FOR and AGAINST it by making a cross in both columns. This is a new way of voting but might work out all right after a person gets used to it.

And all this crap was made up by three lawyers, passed the house and the senate and was

signed by our governor—and that is what is called lawmaking.

I can understand that it could slip by the legislature in a hurry without creating much noise. Most of them do not know what it is all about. Lawmaking is a mystery to them and voting a toss up of a coin, head or tail proposition. But you can't tell me that the lawyers who were the fathers of this bill, and the governor who signed it, did not know it meant a 10c tax. They simply thought they could slip something over on the public, and then afterwards pass the buck on to the supreme court.

We can be proud of the fact that it was the Producers News who first called the attention to the fake parts of this bill. Two other papers have now joined with us in the fight. But isn't it a pity that in the whole state there are only three small papers who have the guts to stand up for the rights of the people. We are forming our opinions almost entirely from what we read and we look to our editors as being sort of leaders for the rest of us. We are looking upon them as an intelligent class, although we know there are fools among them also, that we have a sample of right in our own dooryard. It is disgusting to see that this supposed to be intelligent class, is nothing but a bunch of yes-men for somebody else, not daring to have an opinion of their own, just drifting along with the tide like a bunch of jelly fish.

N.B. In order to expose this 10c gas tax fake we are sending extra copies of the Producers News all over the state of Montana. This costs money. Pay your subscription and get new subscribers and help us in this fight.

J. Adam Bede of Minnesota, formerly the humorist of congress, now in the legislature of Minnesota, in an effort to come back, says: "The best way to get on your feet is to junk the old car." He says he knows from experience.

CAN BOURBONS LEARN?

By SCOTT NEARING, Federated Press
Hamilton Fish and other Communist batters in the United States can learn at least one lesson from the situation in Germany, where the revolutionary movement is being fought with all the power of the ruling class.

Communist and left wing demonstrations are banned. Newspapers are suspended. Police reports show that during 1930, 2,494 meetings were broken up by the police.

The German police are as merciless as their American fellow-sluggers. They are well-armed, and at the slightest provocation they beat up or shoot. If suppression would annihilate the revolutionary movement, it would have disappeared long ago from Germany.

Instead of disappearing the German revolutionary movement is growing. On February 1, 1931

'24-'28 G.O.P. CHEST GOT A MILLION GRAFT

Washington —FP— Chairman Blaine of the senate committee which is uncovering the huge graft taken by the post office building leasing ring, has asserted that one million dollars of the graft was handed over to the campaign chests of the Coolidge and Hoover committees of 1924-1928.

The late Jim Good was Hoover's western campaign manager and later his secretary of war, who did lobbying for the power trust as a side line.

Blaine questioned former Asst. Postmaster General John H. Bartlett, in order to develop the facts concerning Good's connection with the St. Paul and other leases which involved huge profits for the lessors.

Bartlett testified that Good was in the office of Postmaster General Harry New when New ordered that the St. Paul Lease be executed, and that New ordered a subordinate to sign Bartlett's name in place of that of his chief.

Blaine asked Bartlett whether it were not a fact that an attempt was made, in August 1928, to head off a grand jury investigation of the St. Paul deal, since a probe "might blow up the campaign in the northwest." Bartlett made no reply.

Blaine then stated that Good, when campaign manager for Hoover, telephoned to L. K. Drill, just before Drill was to become federal district attorney at St. Paul on August 1. Good spoke from President Coolidge's summer camp in northern Wisconsin, and his talk dealt with the possibility that Drill would go ahead with the threatened indictment in the lease fraud.

Bartlett testified that New recommended the dismissal of Postmaster Fessler, after Fessler had testified before the grand jury. Good had told the department that the comptroller-general and the budget director had approved the lease, when the latter official had in fact recommended condemnation.

Fessler had pointed out this falsehood on Good's part, in reporting to New. He was dismissed.

FARMERS UNION HELD MEETING

A large and enthusiastic crowd of Farmers Union members and business men of Antelope were present at the Farmers Union convention held in the Sons of Norway hall at Antelope Wednesday, March 18 to see those inspiring pictures, "The Farmers Union at Work," and listen to the splendid talks by President J. T. Kelly, Glen Talbot of Jamestown, N. D. and A. W. March of Plentywood.

The business men of Antelope served coffee and a light lunch in the afternoon which was appreciated very much by all.

The following resolution was adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS, The Gas Debenture measure which is to be voted on May 5th seems to our minds an expensive, unnecessary tax burden, an uncalled for expenditure of public money at this time, and a dangerous legal economic procedure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Farmers Union of Sheridan

the Communist party had 205,956 members in good standing. In October, 1930, 34,158 workers joined the party. New members for November numbered 19,288; for December 11,398; for January 19,820.

In these four months of acute struggle, 84,664 German workers were added to the party ranks. At the time of its last annual convention the Young Communist League of Germany had 21,000 members. On February 1st, 1931, its membership had increased to 40,000, organized in 1,725 local groups.

An equally rapid growth has been shown in other organizations actively connected with the class struggle. The Workers' Intl. Relief, for example, added 27,678 members between September 1930 and January 1931.

German exploiters, like their American prototypes, leave no stone unturned in their efforts to protect their system of grab and plunder against the protest or revolt of its victims. In Germany as in the United States, the ruling class uses the velvet glove while it can, beguiling the victims of its exploitation with soft words such as "justice," "liberty," and "defense of the Fatherland."

But when hard times threaten, when unemployment comes, when hunger yawns and the defenseless masses raise their voices in protest, and seek to protect themselves against the system that is engulfing them, the velvet glove is thrown aside, the mailed fist appears and workers are beaten and shot down without mercy.

These beatings and shootings do what unaided "agitators" and "reds" never could accomplish. They show up the ruling class in capitalist society for what it is—a profit-mad plutocracy besotted with wealth, blind and deaf to human misery and to the cries of anguish that rise from their slums and speeded-up factories.

They reveal the machinery of government as a weapon that is being used by the masters to perpetuate unemployment, poverty and exploitation.

They prove to the masses beyond the possibility of any argument that there is no way of escape from the present chaos except through the organization of a working-class movement that shall take over the economic and political machinery of society and use it for the good of the many and not for the enrichment of the few.

The ruling class in Germany has had more time than the ruling class in the United States. The German masses have felt the mailed fist oftener and longer.

Hence it is that more than 200,000 Germans have joined the Communist party.

If Hamilton Fish and his fellow communist-baiters have their way, and a similar policy is followed in the United States, it is only a question of time before the revolutionary movement in America will add new members monthly by the tens of thousands and count its active supporters in seven figures.

WILL IMPROVE THE AIRPORT AT HAVRE

Havre, March 16.—Members of the airport committee of the Havre chamber of commerce met and drew up a schedule of improvements to be recommended for the field this summer. The list included complete fencing of the airport, grading of the runways, construction of a small house for the caretaker and installing of gasoline tanks.

TWO BLOWS STRUCK AT RUSSIAN TRADE

Washington —FP— Two blows were struck at Soviet-American trade on Feb. 10. The treasury issued a formal instruction to customs officers that shipments of lumber and pulpwood from northern European Russia had been found to be produced by convict labor, and hence, under regulations issued Nov. 24 last, all such shipments must be refused entry except upon conclusive showing by the importers that they were not produced by the aid of convict labor.

This order places upon the importer the burden of proof of innocence. A delegation of representatives of American firms selling goods to the Soviet Union recently came to Washington and warned the treasury department that these regulations would have the effect of killing trade with the Soviets if they were not modified.

Col. Hugh L. Cooper, president of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, told the house ways and means committee that Soviet-American trade would be "killed are buried" if these regulations were to stand. From the ways and means committee of the house there was reported on the same day an amendment to the tariff act, which proposed to set April 1, this year, as the date for making effective the embargo on goods produced, mined, transported, handled or loaded or unloaded by forced or indentured labor. No definition of forced or indentured labor was attempted but the treasury was authorized to prescribe regulations for enforcement of the embargo.

The amendment is expected to be approved by a majority in the house if it reaches a vote before March 4, but it will not be taken up in the senate.

EARTHQUAKE

(Continued from Front Page)

of Nicaragua, also organized relief expeditions to carry food, money and supplies here.

President Jose Moncada took refuge in a tent near the presidential palace. He aided in directing the rescue work. The streets were still choked with debris, making it difficult for ambulances to pass.

Plans were organized to evacuate the American women and children, numbering about 175. Orders were issued that they be taken out by the first available means. The United States legation was burned. Temporary quarters were set up on the United States marine parade ground.

The thousands of homeless and shelterless natives, including women and children, were herded in the safest parts of the city, away from the fires or in the outskirts.

A FAMILY DOCTOR'S LAXATIVE IS BEST



Your health is too important! You cannot afford to experiment with your delicate bowels when coated tongue, bad breath, headache, gas, nausea, feverishness, lack of appetite, no energy, etc., warn of constipation. This applies not only to grown people, but more particularly to children. That's why a family doctor's laxative is always the safe choice.

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THE FAILURE of President Hoover to relieve the farmers and workers presented a number of public spirited individuals with the problem: What shall be done about it?

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EDITORS AND CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Rt. Rev. William Montgomery Brown, D.D. "Bad Bishop Brown," or "Episcopus in partibus Bolshevikium et Infidelium" world-famous writer on spiritual questions. Bishop Brown is a member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal church. (sotto voce.) They cannot get rid of him.

Tom O'Flaherty, professional editor and columnist. Recently associated with Charles E. Taylor on The Producers News.

Nancy L. Nolan, of Butte Montana, brilliant young satirist whose "Babbling Boobidge" in The Producers News came near defeating the Republican party ticket in Sheridan county last November. Miss Nolan is a graduate of the Minnesota School of Journalism, which does not seem to cramp her style perceptibly.

Professor Al Falta will have a monthly skit entitled "The Vanishing Farmer." Al knows the farmers' problem being one himself from the age of one to twelve. He has not seen a farm since.

Alfonso P. Periwinkle is the nom de plume of one of the most noted columnists in the United States. Millions hang on his gags. He will take five minutes off each month from his remunerative activities and turn out a string of "Hocus Pocus" for The Wasp.

A (chilles) Nut, will crack out a bag of "Squirrel Food" for our readers. Nut will hit every foolish head from Westby to Washington.

Rasputing Palooka, our sports writer will write of the manly art under the title of "Hams and Eggs." What ho!

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LOCAL MARKETS

Thursday, April 2, 1931

Dark Northern Wheat	51
Winter Wheat	47
Amber Durum	46
Rye	42
Oats	42
Barley	42
Flax	1.21
Dairy Butter	30
Eggs	13
Potatoes per bushel	1.00

G. R. Berneau of Antelope was a Saturday caller in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Glein of Dagmar were shoppers in the city metropolis Thursday.

J. O. Bronsdaal was a business caller at the Court House on Saturday.

If you have seed wheat to clean read our adv in this issue. Plentywood Flour Mill. (1-2t)

Want Ads

Ads in this column are charged for at the rate of two cents for each word each week. No ad taken for less than 25 cents. Respondees should accompany copy for the adv.

FOR SALE—Sheep manure. Call the City Dairy, Phone 26W. (61tf)

HAY FOR SALE—Fine meadow hay price \$8 per ton, two tons for \$15. R. A. Palutskie, Plentywood. (51-3)

FOR SALE—A \$70.00 John Deere 1 1/2 horse engine, only used a few days. Will take \$50.00. Andrew Olson, Box 642, Plentywood. (52)

FOR SALE—My residence in Plentywood. P. D. Howell. (117)

FOR SALE—Cleaned Bison seed flax. Grown on breaking from registered stock, \$2.50 per bushel. W. J. Robinson, 8 miles north of Raymond. (1-2tp)

FARM FOR SALE—320 acres with good improvements, 1/4 mile from school and church. Six miles SE of Dagmar. \$5,000.00. Terms. Hans Rasmussen, Plentywood. (51f)

FOR SALE—Bison Seed Flax right from registered stock, cleaned, per bushel \$2.35. Registered Nuland Flax, germination 96%. \$2. Registered Marquis wheat at 85 cents a bushel. Geo. Overby, Plentywood, Montana. (52tf)

FOR SALE—Registered Nuland Flax seed, first prize at county fair and second at Great Falls seed show; germination 99 per cent. Price \$2 the bushel. Nels M. Olson, Outlook. (51tf)

FOR SALE—Bison Flax from registered stock, a winner at the Chicago International Germinates 95%, \$2.35. Registered Nuland Flax, germination 96%, \$2. Registered Marquis and Supreme wheat, coped treated, \$1. O. E. Wang, Plentywood. (48-4tp)

DR. LOGAN, Livingston Specialist in Optometry, will examine eyes without charge at Plentywood Hotel, Sunday and Monday, April 19-20. Strictly professional service in glasses. (2-3t)

Bill Kline, representative of the Northwestern Grain Association and who resides in Williston, has been substituting for Henry Walders in the elevator at Outlook for the past two weeks. Mr. Walders had the misfortune to fall from the top of a box car while releasing the break resulting in an injury to his back which necessitated his being brought to the local hospital where he is resting comfortably and expects to soon be up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wigger moved to Plentywood Sunday to pay Mrs. Wigger's (Lucille) mother, Mrs. Ida Wright a visit. The young folks have rented their travel trailer and have traveled thru Nebraska and Minnesota before stopping here on their way home to look after the spring work.

Ben Vold was transacting business in Plentywood on Friday.

Henry Ross was a Raymond caller on Saturday.

James Larier was a Raymond caller on Saturday.

Irvin Wilson has been assisting at the Carl Stadstad home the past week.

Robert Dickinson was a Raymond visitor Thursday.

Roy McBurney has spent the past week at the Clarence McCoy home.

John Peterson, teacher at the northwestern British Columbia school, has been on the job for the past week.

Wm. Midell, who has been on the job for the past week, is now convalescing. Her numerous friends hope for her speedy recovery and that Mrs. Jack Nelson will soon be able to return to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown and children were guests at the Joe McBurney home on Sunday.

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March 1931 as a basis for the imposition of taxes on agricultural products in storage or held on the farm (chiefly wheat in our county) seven per cent of the true and full value, shall be taken instead of 30% as has been computed in the past, as

ATO LICENSE LAW

Under the provisions of House bill 237 which passed, beginning January 1, 1932, all automobile owners may apply to their county treasurers for auto licenses. The treasurer will collect the tax on the car and at the same time collect for the credit of the county license fee, after which he forwards the application to the registrar of motor vehicles at Deer Lodge, who attends to the mailing of the plates to the applicant. This, we think, is going to be an improvement and more convenient than under the operation of the old law.

HORSE HERD DISTRICTS

Senate Bill 87 which also passed, provides that horse herds districts may be created in any county to contain twelve square miles or more and not less than one mile in width. The petition must be signed by owners or possessors of 55% of the land embraced in the contemplated district, and also state the month of the year that horses are to be taken care of.

ECONOMY SENTIMENT

All through the session there was a tendency, and efforts made, to hold down on appropriations and general expenses, except on the an-

proportion for the maintenance of the state fair. This measure calls for an appropriation of \$25,000 per year and carried in both houses over the protest of practically all the eastern representatives.

STATE LEVY

One of the last bills to pass was

House Bill 443 which provides for the support of the government of Montana for the years 1931-1932. This bill was from the house of the senate, provided a two mill levy on each dollar of taxable valuation of all property for state purposes. The senate raised the levy to 2½ mills, and asked the house to concur. This the majority of the house members refused to do. The speaker argued that all tax revenue measures introduced during the session

had been kill, and, that they would not go home and tell their constituents that, as a last resort, they had raised the levy one-half mill, which would raise approximately \$200,000 per year. The first roll call on the question showed that the members were in favor of holding the levy down and two mills had a majority of only 10.

votes. After the deliberations of the conference committees appointed one from the house and one from the senate, the house members stuck to the two mill levy and the senate then promptly agreed to abide by the decision of the house.

INCOME TAX ALMOST!

Better progress was made at the

session towards an income tax that never before. This bill failed to carry by only a few votes. Many expressed themselves at the end of the session, that this particular bill should have passed this year. The statement came from such members who had worked and voted against the bill, but who had later changed their minds.

ENTERTAINMENT

During the last thirty days of the legislative session proved particularly strenuous. So in order to have a little diversion and a change of subjects, for fear some bright law man

ing genius might go insane pouring over laws continuously, we would call upon the entertainment committee to give us a few choice selections, such as singing, speaking, recitations and so forth. Then came the telegrams from the wives at home.

TO OUR HUSBANDS IN THE SERVICE

ATE AND THE HOUSE
 Husband, dear husband, some ho
 to me now,
 I'm sniffing the odor of spring.
 You've stayed long enough in t
 Capital there—
 You're much safer under my win
 The old horse is pawing the sta

like mad,
The cat's in a terrible stew,
The small brindle heifer has a wh
calf,
The cows are bawling for you.
The voice of your Betty is call
you Dear,
It's nearly time to make soap.

And some of the women are saying
my love,
I'm giving you most too much ro
They say there is desperate flirt
up there,
With widows and maids not a few
I haven't been kissed since
morning you left,

10^C GAS TAX

(Continued from front page)

Nobody Else Gives
In connection with the project of asking the election judges to work for nothing being so widely boasted by the press of this county, the following is a list of the names of the judges who have been asked to do so:

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sort where the taxpayers are asked to serve as election judges gratis, and then pay off the board and interest, for the public we many are surprised that the newspapers should be mean and ungenerous in the matter.

The proponents of the six million dollar debenture road bond issue known as referendum measure 35, H.B. 450, go merrily on with their deliberate campaign of misrepresentation and falsification.

half truths and twists, in their efforts to make white black, black white, and in the face of the best lawyers in the state to the contrary, insist that the big bill does not provide an extra of 5 cents a gallon to pay the

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tho the proposed measure pla
states that it does.

Foot's Opinion

The latest material publishe
a purported opinion by Attor
General Foot, given in answer

letter of inquiry directed to
by Representative David Salyer
of Ferguson county. The paper
the state, especially the da
print this letter from Foot u
misleading and lying headline
an effort to make it appear

Foot says the measure does provide for an extra tax, whether or not the legislature clearly, tho reluctantly, says it does so provide, but that the legislature probably didn't mean that way, and that the supreme court will have to decide.

The Great Falls Tribune publishes the story under the following head:
 ... "Five Cent Gas Tax Upheld
 L. A. Foot."
 "Says Referendum Levy of

MILLER'S PHARMACY

Cents Merely Substitutes for the Present One."

The Helena Independent runs Foot's letter under the following head:

"Attorney General Foot Says No Double Gas Tax."

Foot's Letter Twisted

Now as a matter of fact Attorney General Foot does not say anything of the sort. He admits that he acts provide for a second tax but adds for what it is worth, that he does not believe that the legis-

will be guided by the plain intent of the law which provides for it. There is no way of determining the intentions of the legislature and in view of the fact that Tom Kane and Sen. L. P. Van, one of the best lawyers in the state, called particular attention to the facts that the bill provided an extra and special tax, the same without amending or rect the plain statement of the law, the court could only conclude that the legislature meant that the law now in effect

lature intended to levy another tax but that the supreme court was having to do the deciding, thus sustaining the contentions of the Producers News and putting the State Highway Commission and the Board of Equalization out of the picture together with their opinions.

THE LETTER

In replying to Mr. Salyers, Mr. Root said:

"I have your letter regarding certain provisions of house bill 450. The fact that this bill provides for a tax of 5 cents per gallon on gasoline was necessitated by Section 2 of Article 13 of the constitution of Montana, which reads as follows:

WHAT CONSTITUTION PROVIDES

"The legislative assembly shall not in any manner create any debt except by law which shall be repayable until the indebtedness therein provided for shall have been fully paid or discharged."

When

specify the purpose to which the funds so raised shall be applied and provide for the levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest on, and extinguish the principal of such debt within the time limited by law for the payment thereof; but no debt or liability shall be created which shall singly, or in the aggregate, any existing debt or liability, exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and no such debt or liability shall be incurred for the purpose of war, to repel invasion or suppress insurrection, unless the law authorizing the same shall be specifically committed to the people at a general election and shall have received a majority of the votes cast for and against it at such election."

"House bill 450 which provides for the levying of a tax of one cent on each dollar of the assessed value of real estate, must therefore provide for the levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest on, and extinguish the principal of such debt within the time limited by law for the payment thereof."

The question is whether the tax levied by House bill 450 imposed a tax of 5 cents per gallon on gasoline.

line in addition to the present one, which, of course, only the supreme court can definitely settle. In construing a statute, the rule is that the court will ascertain, if possible, the intent of the legislature that enacted the statute and construe the same in conformity with such intent. It does not seem possible that anyone could successfully contend the same in legislative assembly, in enacting house bill 450, intended to levy an additional tax upon grapes, greater the amount of 5 cents per gallon."

MATTER PLAIN

The above letter does not say what these papers say that it does as any one can see by reading.

Tribune Story

The Great Falls Tribune, O. S. Worden's, the chairman of the state highway commission, paper, preceding this letter, reviews what the highway commission thinks, the opinions of the state

Fletcher
CASOR

CHOPS
FOR BROLL



board of equalization; the conclusions of Governor Erickson that referendum measure does not provide an extra tax and the purpose of the debenture law, that is to allow the state to bond for six millions of dollars at 5 per cent interest in order to match the federal money available now and during the next four year which they can't match otherwise, and how desirable it is to do this because we need the roads and the building of the roads will provide jobs for the unemployed.

Then the Tribune reiterates its lie that R. M. 35 does not provide for a special 5 cent a gallon tax, and tries to make it appear that Foot says so too, when Foot admits that i tmay, and says the supreme court will have to decide.

The proponents of the measure say the supreme court will be guided by intentions of the legislature. This is false.

They know it is false. The court

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