

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Spencer, Robert H. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Palo Alto, Emmet and Kossuth Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Sept, 1840 Perry County Ohio at  
Turnville, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date, place  
① Josephine L. Rowley 19 Jul 1866 San Prairie, Wisconsin  
② Emily Selie Bohannon 1 Jan 1915 Kossuth County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; American Legion; GAR;  
Woodman

C. Profession Farmer; mercantile business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly 1886

6. Public Offices

A. Local Algona postmaster 1872-1885; Kossuth County treasurer  
1893-1897

B. State He was the Assistant Secretary of State 1864-1870

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 16 Feb 1930 Algona, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Algona, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Marion L.; William (died in infancy);  
By 2<sup>nd</sup> wife -  
Robert Henry; John Rolley

9. Names of parents Eli Allen and Anna Marie (Chilcoat) Spencer

10. Education He received a common school education in his  
Ohio neighborhood

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - Civil War - Co. H 10<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regt  
and also in the 47<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regt
- Drew to manhood in PA and then moved to Wisconsin with  
his parents where he engaged in farming.
- After the Civil War he engaged in business in Sheboygan Falls, WI
- Moved to Algona, Iowa in 1870 where he lived until his death.



# "SLEEP, SOLDIER, SLEEP, THEY WARFARE'S OVER"

### Col. B. H. Spencer Passed Away Sunday Morning After Short Illness.

### WOULD HAVE BEEN NINETY IN SEPT.

### Prominent Citizen of Algona for Many Years. Served as Postmaster, and County Treasurer.

Colonel Robert H. Spencer, one of Kossuth county's veterans of the Civil War, passed to the reward Sunday morning after an illness of but three days, death resulting from bronchial pneumonia. Colonel Spencer came to Algona in 1870 and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster and served for thirteen years in that position. He was elected representative from Kossuth, Palo Alto and Emmet counties, in 1885, and in the nineties he was elected treasurer of Kossuth county and served for one term. Colonel Spencer was prominent in business, politics and society. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, a Knight of Pythias and was a former commander of the G. A. R.

Everybody knew and enjoyed the acquaintance of Colonel Spencer, and for many years he was a familiar figure in Algona. He was congenial and ever ready to help a friend in need. About two years ago he had the misfortune to be struck by an automobile, while seriously injured, he recovered, but the nervous shock he sustained kept him in a weak condition and he never fully recovered.

Colonel Robert H. Spencer was born in Perry county, Ohio, September 20, 1840, and would have been ninety years of age next September. He was engaged in farming in Iowa, and in the Civil War in 1861 and served until the close of the war. In 1868 he engaged in business at Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, and in 1870 came to Algona, which has since been his home. On July 19, 1866, he was united in marriage to Josephine E. Spencer, nee York state. One daughter, Marion, was born to this union. Both wife and daughter died some years ago. In January, 1915, he was divorced from his wife, this time to Miss Emily Bohannon of Portsmouth, Virginia, whom with their four sons, two pairs of twins, namely William, Charles, Bert, aged fourteen and James and Art, aged twelve, survive. Dexter Brown of Chicago, son of Mr. Spencer, is now in the United States Army, Wisconsin, attended the funeral.

At the Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at the Methodist church, here. They were officiated by Rev. Frazier and Rev. Webster. The services were held under the auspices of the Masonic lodge and the American Legion and following the ritualistic service of the Masons, the body of this valiant and honored soldier was fittingly buried in the military honors. The horse that Colonel Spencer rode on numerous Memorial Day parades, followed the remains of his former rider to the cemetery. The Methodist church was filled to its capacity by friends of the late colonel. Business houses closed and flags at half mast draped the city. Rev. Frazier offered prayer, which was followed by Rev. Webster, who, as dean of Algona ministers, paid a glowing tribute to the deceased. Rev. Hulse then preached the sermon and many comments upon his discourse were heard as he paid tribute to a soldier, who twice enlisted in war for the love of his country and its principles.

At the Cemetery. The long procession slowly wended its way to Riverview cemetery where the final service was conducted by the Masons or when he was an honored member. The services were held by Charles E. Chubb assisted by Dr. Elzahr and a large number of the brethren. The remains were placed in the casket by Captain Archie Haines took their part in the service. Chaplain Fraser was in charge and after his service the firing squad consisting of A. C. Chapman, George Pedley, John Kohlhass, Wm. Hawcutt, H. Willrett, Sam Butts, Frank Sterling, and Glen Jenkinson fired the military salute of three shots as the body was lowered in the grave when Bugler Bartholomew sounded taps. Glen Haney was color bearer and two members of the Tionka Legion post acted as color guards. The pall bearers were all Legion men being A. Krosson, H. D. Chapman, J. H. Smith, Milton Norton, M. Bartholomew and Harold Gilmore. The honorary pall bearers were Hugh Herman, Ed J. Beckus, Wm. Victor, M. Bonsetter, A. H. Stock and A. L. Peterson.

### A Valiant Soldier.

Colonel Spencer entered the Company I, Tenth Wisconsin Regiment in November, 1861, and served for three years.

### ROTARIANS GO TO HUMBOLDT

Chairman Al Falkenhainer of Foreign Committee Gave Talk on Portugal.

### EACH 11TH DIS. CLUB ASSIGNED COUNTRY.

Customs, Dress and Dances Shown by Algona Girls. Sixth Principle of Rotary Involved.

Fifteen or more Algona Rotarians drove to Humboldt Tuesday evening to attend the meeting of that club and present the program. Each club in the eleventh district has been assigned a foreign country and the history, customs, habits and geography of that country are carried and given to some of the chief industries and principal products. The sixth principle of Rotary is to spread the ideals of Rotary around the world and to give every nation have a Rotary club. The idea is to acquaint the members of the Rotary club with foreign nations.

Talked on Portugal. The talk on Portugal was given by Al Falkenhainer, chairman of the foreign committee. Mr. Falkenhainer gave an imaginary trip to Portugal, which he said was directly east of New York. Lisbon, the capital, is not located on the coast but on a navigable river. The early history and customs of the inhabitants were given.

### W. H. REED DIED SUDDENLY IN NEV.

Former Pioneer and Well Known Kossuth County Citizen Passes.

### ALGONA ASSESSOR FOR TEN YEARS.

Death Occurred February 4 Following an Operation in Hospital. Masonic Services at Reno.

William H. Reed, a pioneer of Kossuth county and for many years prominent in business circles in this county died at St. Mary's hospital at Reno, Nevada, Tuesday, February 4, following an operation. About two years ago he left Algona and has since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Dodge, at Fallon, Nevada. Mr. Reed was engaged in the mercantile business in Algona and other towns for a number of years. In the early days he was an instructor in the old Northern Iowa Normal school. For ten years he served as city assessor in Algona, resigning when he left for the west. He was a man of honest purposes, a kindly disposition and had many friends.

William H. Reed was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, October 9, 1856. When a small boy his parents, Samuel and Eliza Reed, moved to Kossuth county, settling on a farm near Irvington, where Mr. Reed grew to manhood. In 1889 he was united in marriage to Kitty Corey. To this union two daughters were born, Bessie Ella, now Mrs. Carl Dodge of Fallon, and Zelma Corey, now Mrs. Russell Reed of Nevada. He also survived by two brothers, J. B. Reed, of LuVerne, Minnesota, and Albert Reed of Tureka, Kansas, and two sisters, Mrs. Della Elzahr, near the late Burtis, both of Seattle, Washington. Funeral services were held at Reno, Nevada on Wednesday under the auspices of the Masonic order and burial made in the Masonic cemetery at that place.

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## FINANCIAL PROGRAM FOR NEW SCHOOL

### Architects Submit Statement of Valuations Bonding Capacity, Etc.

### BONDS TO BE RETIRED IN TWENTY YEARS.

Annual Payments Including Interest \$14,225 First Year. Reduced Each Year. Percentage 17.2 Mills.

The following financial program for the erection of a new school house in Algona to be voted upon at the school election on March 12, was submitted to the school board by Proudfoot, Rawson, Suters & Thomas, Des Moines architects. The program provides for the taxable value of real property as \$226,005.00; assessed value of real property, \$3,304,020.00; and moneys and other property amounting to \$1,421,000.00. This amounts to \$4,326,020.00 and the extent to which Algona could bond for a new building.

The following schedule is prepared to determine the average annual levy required to pay bonds and interest within twenty years. It will be noted that the annual bond retirement is approximately \$14,225.00, which is equal total annual requirement for both interest and bond retirement.

Year	Bond retired each year	Annual interest requirements	Total Annual levy required to pay bonds and interest	Outstanding bonds unpaid.
1	6,000	8,225	14,225	178,000
2	6,000	8,055	14,055	173,000
3	6,000	7,885	13,885	167,000
4	6,000	7,715	13,715	160,000
5	7,000	7,545	14,545	150,000
6	7,000	7,375	14,375	140,000
7	8,000	7,205	15,205	130,000
8	8,000	7,035	15,035	120,000
9	9,000	6,865	15,865	110,000
10	9,000	6,695	15,695	100,000
11	10,000	6,525	16,525	90,000
12	10,000	6,355	16,355	80,000
13	11,000	6,185	17,185	70,000
14	11,000	6,015	17,015	60,000
15	12,000	5,845	17,845	50,000
16	12,000	5,675	17,675	40,000
17	12,000	5,505	17,505	30,000
18	13,000	5,335	18,335	20,000
19	13,000	5,165	18,165	10,000
20	14,000	5,000	19,000	0
Total	195,000	99,445	284,445	

The average annual levy required is \$284,445 divided by 20 equals \$14,222.25. On mill on \$1,000.00 of taxable property the mills required to meet annual payments equals \$14,222, divided by \$826 or 17.2 mills.

The increase in annual tax would therefore be as follows for Algona property owners:

Total tax now paid	Would pay
\$ 190.00	\$ 110.40
150.00	103.60
200.00	220.80
250.00	276.00
300.00	332.00
350.00	388.00
2,000.00	2,208.00

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## Mary Markley Died of Heart Trouble.

Word was received Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Mary Markley in Iowa City yesterday morning about two-thirty. Mrs. Markley had been suffering from heart trouble for nearly three months and she was taken to the few days hospital in Iowa City a few days ago.

Her sister, Mrs. J. J. McCall, took care of her during her illness. Mrs. Markley was well known in Algona as Mrs. Harry Williams. She ran the South Side cafe for a year or two and also ran a sandwich shop on East State street for a few months before her death. Mrs. Markley had many friends in Algona.

Marie Tesmer was born in Henry county, Illinois, about forty-eight years ago. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tesmer. The family moved to Kossuth county about forty years ago, settling on a farm near Irvington, but most of her life has been spent in Algona. About three years ago, she was united in marriage to Roy Markley, who is now dead. She is mourned by Mrs. J. J. McCall of Algona and Mrs. Mary Rowan of Seattle, Washington.

### COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS THURSDAY

Annual Meeting to be Held at the K. of C. Hall at Seven-Thirty.

### NEW DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED.

K. D. Miller, Superintendent of Fort Dodge Schools, Main Speaker For the Evening.

The Community Club will have its annual meeting and election of directors at the K. of C. hall Thursday evening of this week at seven-thirty. The officers and directors solicit a full attendance, and invite the members to discuss and express themselves on any plans or ideas they may have for the work to be done by the club during the coming year.

### Mrs. Lars Sorensen Wins Divorce Suit.

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## DR. FOX TO BUILD VETERINARY PLANT

### Will Have Five Room Modern Apartment for the Second Story.

### WILL BE BUILT ON PRESENT SITE.

Dimensions of 20x60 and Will Have all the Known Modern Conveniences and Appliances.

Some time this spring Dr. L. W. Fox plans to erect a modern two story veterinary plant on the site of his present quarters on West State street. The building will be of red brick and will be approximately thirty feet by sixty. This will be a distinct addition to Algona and will be appreciated by the farmers of the community. The old buildings will be torn down and the new one erected on the corner. The building will have a fine lawn on the east of the new building and this will necessitate the cutting down of the old trees on the front of the lot. The building will have over a large basement which will be used for the furnace room and will also have a berthing room. In the front of the building there will be a reception room and on the side of this will be a drug room. Then will come a private office and at the side of this office a stock room containing an operating table, sterilizer, a microscope and other modern equipment. Back of these rooms will be a two car heated garage, stocks for horses and a modern room and a veterinary part of the building will be equipped with all the modern appliances and conveniences that can be obtained.

Dr. Fox is one of the best known veterinarians in the state and is assistant state veterinarian. He holds the certificate of the American Veterinary Association and has business dealings and Algona was fortunate when he decided to locate here. Julius Winkel, who is studying veterinary medicine at Iowa City, will be Dr. Fox's assistant this summer.

### Mrs. J. C. Todd Died in Iowa City.

Friends of Mrs. J. C. Todd were saddened when they heard of her death Tuesday morning at Iowa City in the University hospital. She had been troubled for some time and had been suffering for about two years, but it did not become serious until last Wednesday. Mrs. Todd had many friends in Algona and was always willing to do her share in making others happy. She was an indefatigable worker and had worked with her husband for many years. She was a member of the Graham store and she managed their store in Britt until about two weeks before her death. The sympathy of all goes out to the husband and family.

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LuVerne-Humboldt Corn Show Winners.

Professional Class. 10 ears, yellow—Rome Robison, Fred S. Geigel, Arthur L. Look. 30 ears, yellow—Rome Robison, M. Rausen and Paul Blumer.

LuVerne Show—Amateur.

10 ears, yellow—F. R. Cronbach, Paul Phillips, Lawrence Miller, Elmer Merkle and Mrs. Fred Wolf. 30 ears, yellow—Mrs. F. G. Chambers, R. R. Masterson, Aug. Harig, C. E. Kollasch and Mrs. Fred Wolf.

Sweepstakes.

10 ears—F. R. Cronbach. 30 ears—Mrs. F. G. Chambers. Single ear—Mrs. Fred Wolf. Early oats—Bernard Wolf, C. E. Kollasch and Geo. Henderson.

Jasper Mawdsley Still Living.

A rumor to the effect that Jasper Mawdsley had passed away is groundless. Mr. Mawdsley, while seriously ill, remains about the same as he has been the past few weeks.

Riverdale Family in Farewell Parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Capelin, well known and popular residents of Riverdale township, who are soon to move to the Cross farm in Irvington township, entertained a large party of their friends at their home on Sunday evening, February 2, at a farewell party.

Algona Loses Two Basket Ball Games.

The Algona high school lost two basket ball games over the week end. Friday night they were defeated at Webster City with the score of 33 to 14 and Saturday night Fort Dodge defeated them in the local gymnasium 33 to 11.

Botsford Lumber Offices Remodeled.

The Botsford Lumber Company office is being remodeled and decorated this week. The office is being enlarged to make a larger lobby room and a private office is to be built on the south side. Two new doors will be cut, and new shelving is to be installed for display purposes.

Mrs. D. H. Goeders Judges Declam Contests.

Mrs. D. H. Goeders, Superintendent and Mrs. E. P. Overmyer, judge at a declamatory contest, Mrs. Goeders has been acting as critic judge at a number of towns around Algona recently. Last Wednesday she judged at Mallard and on Thursday went to Renwick.

Algona Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Corn . . . . . \$ .64 Oats . . . . . . . . . . 42 Barley . . . . . . . . . . 40 Hogs . . . . . . . . . . 10.15

Whittemore Young Folks Wedded.

Whittemore, February 18. Special: The marriage of Oscar Weber and Margaret Loring took place this morning at the Catholic church in New Richmond, Minnesota. They were attended by the groom's brother, Paul Weber, and Miss Kaiser, a friend of the bride, who acted as bridesmaid.

Mrs. J. M. Farley Died Last Week.

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Catherine McCall at Milwaukee Downer.

Miss Catherine McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McCall, is attending Milwaukee Downer in the high school here. Miss McCall had the habit of being on the honor roll and has continued to do so. She won a place on the honor roll in her first semester. She also won a place in the student musicale which was given in January.

Meyer-Lauck Nuptials Held at Whittemore.

Whittemore, February 18. Special: The marriage of Ella E. Meyer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer to Henry Lauck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lauck of Steen, Minnesota, took place this morning at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. Wm. Faustich officiating. The bride was gowned in a frock of orchid fall crepe and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses.

Joins Gibbs-Cook Tractor Company.

George T. Weir of Algona has recently joined the Gibbs-Cook Tractor & Equipment Company of Mason City, Mr. Weir will have his headquarters in Algona and will represent the company in Kossuth and adjoining counties. He has been doing tractor service work for Kossuth county for the past six years.

To Open Chicken Brooder in Algona.

A. W. Behrends is opening up a chicken brooder system in the Galbraith building west of the Glassco's Tire and Vulcanizing Company in about three weeks. It will be known as the Buckeye Pierce Brooder Company. No chickens will be hatched but they will be fed and cared for in the brooders until two or three weeks of age.

Sexton Ladies Aid to Have Play.

Sexton, February 18. Special: The Ladies Aid is putting on a home talent play on Friday evening, February 22 at the Sexton hall. Admission will be: adults, 35c and children, 15c. The cast of characters includes the following: Miss Susie Cummings, Nell Wise, Rose Marie Mcintosh, Dorothy Steven, Mrs. Jane Allen, Mrs. A. L. Greenfield, Randolph King, alias Charles Tilton, George Olson, Robert Weber, alias James Tilton, Herman Wise, Beatrice King, Catherine Downs, Dolly King, Druisie, Bobi Lucille Martin, Sarah Nellor, Mrs. Emma Irving, Mrs. M. Hetter, Pauline Irving, Edith Greenfield, Ethel Irving, Mildred Gustafson, Augustus Adolphus Van Der Water, Lloyd Steven. Everyone is welcome.

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CIVILWAR VETERAN LAID TO REST TUES.

(Continued from Front Page.)

Jumped from the Train.

The party who determined to escape consisted of Colonel Spencer, lieutenant Grant of Wisconsin, lieutenant Hatcher of Ohio, Captain John Vilel and John A. Kellou. They were closely guarded, but the day drew to a close the guards became tired and sitting down placed their guns against the wall. The men quietly removed the caps from the guns while the waiting with the guards and after dark, while the train was speeding rapidly along, at a given signal all jumped. The men were all bruised and terribly jarred but were able to run. The train was stopped, but they entered a timber county and escaped. They doubled their tracks and after recrossing the railroad heard the voices of men and dogs barking, which turned out to be negroes hunting "possum" or coon. They found them in a farming county and they entered a thicket and rested. They found some green corn and beans and ate them on a succowash. The first night they had traveled about twenty-five miles. 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After they left, Hatcher discovered that he had lost his shoes, so the day was spent in making him some foot wear out of a boot top and a cotton sock. They were so hungry that they started out that day before dark. They found a patch of corn and beans, and cooked some and ate and lay hid again that day. At night they hoped to run across another negro who might help them. They were met and fought with hunger they came to a crossroads where a service was being held in a church, although it was not on the Sabbath. They were observed by a man and they hid in the brush. They were fearful that he might betray them, but about an hour after dark he came with some corn bread and biscuits and they hid in the brush. They had misdirected some white men who were searching for them. That night they made about twenty-five miles and at daylight sought a thicket where they slept and rested. About noon they heard the baying of hounds, so they started through the timber to escape them. About four o'clock they came to a plantation where about twenty negroes and two white men were working. They boldly walked by and hid in the brush. They were able to see what effect their presence had made. The men had scattered so the travelers started as fast as they could and they were able to start when they entered following it for some distance until they came to some low hanging willows where they hid. They could hear the hounds and they hid until the dogs had crossed and recrossed the stream and finally disappeared. They remained in the water until night when they were able to get out. They started out and night traveled about twenty-five miles. Just before daylight a heavy rain set in but they were able to get out. They hid in the brush and the dogs from being able to track them. That day they huddled together under wet blankets in an effort to keep warm and suffered unmercifully with the cold. Two men carrying guns and accompanied by dogs passed nearby but did not discover them. They had been without food for twenty-four hours. About midnight that night they came upon a plantation where they found some corn and peas, but as they did not dare to light a fire they munched the corn as they walked. They traveled slowly that night, tired, cold and faint with hunger and again sought shelter in the timber. All day they lay in a thicket munching corn and in the evening renewed their tedious journey. On Sunday they came upon several cabins near a plantation and all appeared to be closed. They discovered an old negro in one of them, apparently alone. While the others hid, the colored entered and after he had told the negro who they were, he led them a corn pone and which with molasses made up their meal. After continuing their journey Hatcher came in and had lost considerable time. 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WANT TO SELL—Show cases, counters and fixtures, going out of business.—H. H. Merlien, Whittemore.

FOR SALE—Poland China bred gilt.—John Gerber, phone 52725, Algona.

FOR RENT—30 acre tract on edge of Algona March 1, 1930.—R. H. Miller, Receiver of County Savings Bank, 35

FOR RENT—Large front room furnished and heated. For roomers or light housekeeping. Phone 468-W, 35

FOR SALE—Two blocks tillable land near Milwaukee depot. Good truck garden and home site.—Matt Holtz-bauer, 35-37

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LOAN WANTED—A customer of ours desires a loan of \$6,000.00 to be secured by first mortgage on well improved quarter section farm for five years from March 1, 1930, at 5% per cent interest. See us at once if interested.—Murtagh Bros., licensed real estate brokers. 35

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FARM FOR RENT—Half section, three miles north of Penton, Iowa, cash or share. Call or write Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, Buffalo Center, Iowa. 35-39

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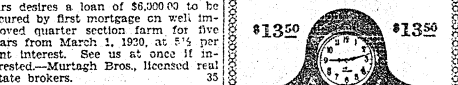
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# ANCER DIES SUNDAY

## OFFERS NEW CLUB CLASSES

To create more interest in work and give better protection the county fair were discussed at a meeting of the fair's county agent, and beef at a dinner at the Algona week Wednesday night. Plans to increase the and premiums to encourage a of baby beef and judging on beef cattle which will ending events for cattle club for the boys and girls. It is planned to have Hancock, Winnebago and other clubs interested, so that bigger show each boy and learn in competition through his or her own stock and experience as a guide in years' work.

The meeting was Wal county agent in Hancock; Mrs. Des Moines, agent of breeders' association; County agent of Kossuth; John G. Becker, Lu Verne; H. H. Elmore, Edw. and Jesse, Ledyard; P. M. Christiane Rock; H. J. Bode, Almus Kunz, fair board president; P. P. Zerfass, fair board and the following members: J. A. Raney, John Doctor W. T. Peters.

## BOYS TO PLAY HOME GAME SATURDAY NIGHT

The school basket ball team in its last home game this Saturday against Clear Lake. The game is fast. Clear Lake is a good quint; there is a large attendance.

The dog basket ball quint had a close game Friday night the Bulldogs a fast but disastrous Webster City.

The first quarter the locals held a 4-2 lead, but after the Bulldogs in defense the Webster City to chalk up a stealing score.

The Bulldogs were called, and the game many free throws and the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs had a quarter hope of victory when the Bulldogs when they resorted to fast passes, and the game was 33-4.

The Bulldogs line-up follows:

- Webster City
- ..... Frong
- ..... Curtis
- ..... Nichols
- ..... Callery
- ..... Black
- ..... for Algona were Har-
- ..... Blossom, Kelth, Barr,
- ..... Clay; Curtis for Keyson,
- ..... evening the Bulldogs
- ..... at Dodge on the local floor,
- ..... small crowd attended the
- ..... the locals made a score of
- ..... at Webster City and held
- ..... to a final score of 32-11.
- ..... line-up follows:
- ..... Port Dodge

## EMBARGO WILL STOP SPRING ROAD TROUBLE

### Trucks Barred From Gravel; Prevents Mudholes.

An embargo to prevent trucks with more than three-ton loads from traveling over gravel roads will be laid as soon as soft spots are found in Kossuth, Pocahontas, Emmet, Humboldt, and Kossuth counties. County Engineer Smith and Supervisor Balgeman attended a meeting of county engineers, supervisors, auditors, and county attorneys at Pocahontas last week Wednesday at which this decision was reached.

The action is taken in accordance with a new law which became effective a year ago. This law is designed to bar trucks from soft roads when frost is coming out of the ground. In the past such trucks have broken down the gravel crust, and as a result soft spots which soon become impassable appeared.

#### Protects Gravel Crust.

With the trucks eliminated the gravel crust will, it is believed, bear the average passenger car without damage. Traffic of passenger cars will not be affected. The law in question follows:

"The board of supervisors, acting with respect to secondary roads in the county, when in the judgment of the board, on account of weather or other conditions, any road or part thereof is incapable of bearing, without undue damage, the customary traffic thereon, may order a reduction of the maximum gross weight of vehicles and loads which may be carried over such roads while continuing in such condition, or may divert traffic over other roads; and if such action shall be taken, notice thereof shall be given by placing at the beginning and end of such sections, and at points of intersection with other roads, signs of substantial construction which conspicuously indicate the limitation of the gross weight of vehicles and loads or the diversion of traffic over other roads."

Violators of the prohibition authorized by this section are subject to a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail.

#### Busses and Trucks Barred.

If the embargo is put on all busses weighing more than three tons when loaded, trucks and even wagons weighing more than the limit will be barred. Farmers hauling grain or livestock will have to keep the load and vehicle weight combined lower than three tons. It is expected that bus companies will provide passenger cars for transportation of passengers over roads until the spring and State Legislators. Similar action is to be taken in counties west of Kossuth, and the whole north half of the state will be under embargo when the frost

## Dickinson Was Good Loser, Successful Opponent Writes

By C. B. Hutchins

Mr. Dickinson's picture in the Advance of February 8 recalled the canvass he and I made in 1910 for representative. I doubt that a canvass was ever conducted for so responsible an office by two men with less antagonistic personal feeling than there was between Mr. Dickinson and me. I have had considerable successful experience in running for office, and I early made it a rule that if I couldn't run on my own merits I would not undertake to do so on my opponent's demerits.

If Mr. Dickinson ever said one word against me as a candidate I never heard of it, and no man can say I ever said one word against Mr. Dickinson as a candidate. We have always, before, during, and since that campaign sustained the friendliest personal relations.

What I most desire to bring out by this communication is Mr. Dickinson's political actions subsequent to that campaign. When I came up for re-nomination in 1912, Mr. Dickinson, without my solicitation, even, without my knowledge, secured and circulated nomination papers for me.

While I think that my re-nomination was an assured fact, this was none the less a manly act on the part of Mr. Dickinson. Few men, I think, under the circumstances, being a defeated candidate, would circulate a petition for the successful opponent.

To my mind this shows what kind of a man Mr. Dickinson tries to be and is. I have lived in his district only part of the time during his membership in congress, but I took pleasure in voting for him while I was residing in his district. I sincerely hope he will be successful in his candidacy for the United States senatorship.

Mr. Dickinson's experience in the lower house would certainly be of great benefit in the upper house, for it would not require years of experience in legislation to enable him to take a leading part; also his personal acquaintance with many members would undoubtedly be of immediate benefit. This no new man could secure without considerable delay.

I have nothing to say in regard to Mr. Dickinson's work in Congress. That speaks for itself.

## AGED VETERAN PASSES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

### Lives 60 Years Here and Dies in His 90th Year.

By W. C. Dewel.

The Memorial day parade this year will not be the same. Colonel Spencer has joined the bivouac of the dead.

The end came Sunday morning. For a few days before he had been sick with pneumonia. Age made him an easy victim of the disease. As at Chickamauga the Colonel had to surrender to the enemy.

The Colonel's amazing vitality had for some years been ebbing visibly. In the last year or two he had come down town but rarely, and all this winter, though able to move about, he had kept at home. He was in his 90th year at death.

For 60 years the Colonel had been a colorful character in Algona. He came here in 1870, and two years later became postmaster. In 1885 he was elected representative, and in 1893 he was elected county treasurer. He served two terms as treasurer.

After he retired from county office he devoted much of his time to dealing in real estate. For the last 20 years, more or fewer, he had, however, lived practically retired.

#### Brave as Soldier.

It was in 1840, when Martin Van Buren was president, that the Colonel was born. His birthplace was Thornville, near Somerset, Ohio, and his birthday was September 22. His youth was spent on farms owned by his father in Ohio and Wisconsin. His parents moved to Wisconsin in 1858.

The Colonel was in his 21st year when the Civil war opened. He enlisted as a private in the Tenth Wisconsin infantry. A dashing soldier, he was later promoted to lieutenant, then to captain, and was assigned to the Army of Ohio under Buell.

Later the Colonel was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, under Rosecrans and Thomas. Near the close of the battle of Chickamauga he was captured. He did time in rebel prisons at Danville, Macon, Charleston, and Richmond, and after eight months in the infamous Libby prison escaped. This was in October, 1864, and the war was almost over.

After his return to the Union, the Colonel was reenlisted as Lieut. Colonel of the 47th Wisconsin infantry, and in this capacity he served till the end of the war. He is now in the possession of the Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1866 the Colonel married Josephine L. Rowley, who lived many years here, dying more than 15 years ago. They had a family of

## STATE 4-H CLUB LEADER HELPS IN COUNTY PROGRAM

Mrs. Barker, 4-H club girls' counselor from Iowa State college met with the county club committee and township leaders at the Marvin hotel, Burt, Friday. A county project on sewing was written, and leadership was discussed. Lunch was served, and the afternoon was spent in discussing problems of club work. Mrs. Barker is a most earnest and enthusiastic leader.

Attending the meeting as members of the committee were Mrs. Paul Kreithe, county chairman, Mrs. E. Larsop, Sweeney, township; Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Irvington; Mrs. E. B. Dittmer, Fortland. Township leaders attended as follows: Mrs. W. J. Walsbrod, Fenton; Mrs. Lawrence Dittmer, Burt; Mrs. Warner, Harrison; Mrs. Miers, with one of her club girls, German; Mrs. Anna Larsen, Sweeney; Mrs. G. McFarland, Portland. Mrs. Lottie Wessel, county H. D. A., also attended.

The time for organization of new clubs is now short. A ne wrangling from Ames is that no club will be accepted unless sufficiently organized to send a leader to the first training school March 5-6. The new year will begin November 1, and no club will be organized from March till then.

To be 100 per cent in club work Kossuth's percentage last year was 6.9. All unorganized townships can boost club work by getting busy at once.

## Senator Gilchrist



LAURENS STATE SENATOR L who seeks congressional seat which L. J. Dickinson is giving up to run for the U. S. Senate.

## COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING TONIGHT

The annual meeting of the Community club will be held this evening at the K. G. hall beginning at 7:30. The program will be a talk by Supt. K. D. Miller of Fort Dodge, moving pictures of the Diamond Jubilee parade, which have been recently



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Although having no desire for political preferment, he was devotedly interested in the welfare of the city of Des Moines, and contributed liberally to that cause with his energy and talent. He was a graceful and eloquent public speaker and presided at many of the city's most important functions. He was a charter member of the Greater Des Moines Committee and was its president at three different times. He headed drives in the city for the Y. M. C. A., Drake University, Public welfare, and the Chamber of Commerce. After the sale of the *Capital* February 12, 1927, he devoted himself to the interests of the Young Realty Company. He was the last survivor of the immediate family of Senator Young.

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ROBERT H. SPENCER was born in Perry County, Ohio, September 20, 1840, and died in Algona, Iowa, February 16, 1930. He grew to manhood in the neighborhood of his birthplace, removed with his parents to Dane County, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming. In November, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Tenth Wisconsin Infantry, became a captain and served three years, was mustered out and re-enlisted in the Forty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, in which he was made lieutenant colonel, and served in that position to the end of the war. In 1868 he engaged in business in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, but in 1870 removed to Algona, Iowa, and entered mercantile business there. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster and served in that position thirteen years, or until 1885. That year he was elected representative from the Kossuth-Palo Alto-Emmet District. In 1893 he was elected county treasurer of Kossuth County, was re-elected two years later and served four years. He was prominent in the business, political and social life of his town and county.

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CORNELIUS G. MCCARTHY was born at Toledo, Ontario, Canada, January 29, 1843, and died in Denver, Colorado, April 26, 1930. His parents were Florence and Elizabeth (Moore) McCarthy. He was educated in common schools of the vicinity of his birth. In 1864 he removed to Story County, Iowa, and followed school-teaching a few years. In 1867 he located at Ames and engaged in farming and stock raising, and for many years was connected with the Central Importing and Breeding Company, which carried on a large business in importing French and English horses. In 1881 he was elected auditor of Story County, and was three times re-elected, serving from 1882 to 1889 inclusive. In 1889 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-third General Assembly. In 1892 he was elected auditor of state and was twice re-elected, serving from 1893 to 1898 inclusive. He was one of the organizers of the Iowa Savings and Loan Association and for many years served as its president. In about 1910 he retired from active business and removed to Denver. He was an efficient public official and was for years influential in the councils of the Republican party of the state.

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Spencer, Robert H

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth 20 3 1840 Place Thornville, O

Father Eli A

Nativity

Date death 15 1 1930 Cause pneumonia Place Algona, Iowa  
Age 89 Place burial Riverview Cemetery

Mother Ann M

Nativity

War record

Wife Josephine L Rowley  
2. Emily D Bohannon

Rank Company Regiment State Organization  
Res. Windsor

Children

Son (died in infancy)  
Marion Spencer Hedrick  
(died Ag 16, 1905) Hollywood, Calif

Enlisted

Date Place

Capt Co H 10 Wisconsin Inf  
Aug 3, 1863 2d Lt. N.5, 1861  
pris. Chickamauga; absent pris.  
at M. O. of regiment.

Robert } twins born 1916  
William }  
James } twins born 1923

Discharged Lt. Col. 5 Jan 1865 M.O. S. 4 '65;  
Brevel. Col. U.S.V. S. 20 1865

Graves Reg: places birth and death-born  
22 Sept 1840; died 16 Feb 1930; citing  
U. DM. Rep. Sept 20, 1922 (clipping from  
N. Y. World), Sept 26, 1923, Feb 18, (over)  
Roster Wis. Vols/ Ex-Soldiers Living  
Iowa 1886: Col-res Algona/

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Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Post No. Place Date Joined

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount

Lengthy account in Graves Reg. record

Member-at-Large

Year Date Paid Amount  
Sources (Republican) continued  
1925, March 20, 1929, Apr 10,  
1929, Feb 19, 1930, Feb 20,  
1930; Ban Reg, Feb 20, 1930; Com  
Rec, p 20; Rec of Deaths 753 S  
& S; Hist, Vol I, 475; GAR Rec 4;  
Ban Rec, Feb 20, 1930/

Suspended Died

Spencer, Robert H

1840 - 1930

It was while serving as a soldier in the eastern division that he was captured in front of Richmond and made a prisoner of war by the confederates. He, with others, was taken to Charleston, South Carolina. Here they laid in prison for some time. About this time they were to be removed to another prison, and five of them determined to escape. One of the number, John A. Kellog, planned the escape and told the following story of unparalleled hardship endured for twenty-one days. The prisoners were closely guarded and were given but one day's rations when they were placed on a train, the destiny of which was not known. The party who determined to escape consisted of Colonel Spencer, Lieut. Gough of Wisconsin, Lieut. Hatcher of Ohio, Capt. John Vliet, and John A. Kellog. They were closely guarded, but as the day drew to a close, the guards became tired and, sitting down, placed their guns against the wall. The men quietly removed the caps from the guns while visiting with the guards and after dark, while the train was speeding rapidly along, at a given signal all jumped. The men were all bruised and terribly jarred but were able to run. The train was stopped, but they entered a timber country and escaped. They doubled their tracks and after recrossing the railroad heard the voices of men and dogs barking, which turned out to be two negroes hunting "possum" or coon. Daylight found them in a farming country, and they entered a thicket and rested. They found some green corn and beans and made a meal on succotash. The first night they had traveled about 25 miles. As soon

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Spencer, Robert H (cont)

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Just before daylight a heavy rain set in, but they were thankful that the rain prevented the dogs from being able to track them. That day they huddled together under wet blankets in an effort to keep warm, and suffered unmercifully with the cold. Two men carrying guns and accompanied by dogs passed nearby but did not discover them.

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dare to light a fire, they munched the corn as they walked. They traveled slowly that night, tired, cold and faint with hunger, and again sought shelter in the timber. All day they lay in a thicket munching corn and in the evening renewed their tedious journey.

On Sunday they came upon several cabins near a plantation, and all appeared to be closed. They discovered an old negro in one of them, apparently alone. While the others hid, the colonel entered, and after he had told the negro who they were, he baked them a corn pone which with molasses made up their meal. After continuing their journey Hatcher became ill, and they lost considerable time. The colonel had saved a small amount of flour for just such an occurrence and with it made a gruel and soon Hatcher was again able to travel. They then met another negro with a gun. They had a difficult time convincing him who they were, but finally succeeded, when he told of the Home Guards, made up of Southern men who were Unionists. He conducted them to one of the homes, where they were served with a breakfast, and directed to the Home Guards, where they found about a dozen who were Union men. From here they were directed to the Union lines.

Col. Spencer recently learned that Major Naggs, who had charge of the commissary department in Libby prison, was living at Evanston, Ill. This Col. wrote him, and this week, February, 1925, received a reply which stated that but one other man who was in Libby prison at the time the Col. was a prisoner of war was living. Col. Spencer was one of about 800 Union soldiers in this prison from

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October, 1863; until April, 1864, when the Col., with others, made his escape and after weeks of privation and hardships returned to the Union lines.

While in the army he had three horses. The first horse was shot from under him, another had its leg broken, and the third one he brought home with him together with the saddle when the army was disbanded in Tennessee. Since the war the saddle has been in use whenever he had horses, and it was always used on Decoration Day when he rode at the head of the parade.

He was a native of Ohio; his parents also were natives of Ohio, being among the early inhabitants of that state. He received a common school education and worked on the farm in Perry County, Ohio, until 1858, when the family moved to a farm near Madison, Wisconsin, where he continued the agriculture work until opening of the war. After the war he returned to Dane County, Wisconsin, for one year, then moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business until 1868. Coming to Algona in 1870, he followed the mercantile business for two years and then was appointed postmaster, which he held from 1872 to 1885. He was a member of general assembly in 1885 and 1886. Assistant Secretary of State 1864-1870.

--Upper DM Republican, Feb 19, 1930

P. Libby, Danville, Macon, Charleston, Sept 20, 1863, to Nov 1, 1864  
He enlisted as a private in Wisconsin 10th Inf; he was later promoted to

Lieut and then to Captain, and was assigned to the Army of Ohio under Buell. Later he was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, under Rosecrans and Thomas. Near the close of the battle of Chickamauga he was captured. He did time in rebel prisons at Danville, Macon, Charleston, and Richmond, and after eight months in the infamous Libby prison escaped. This was in October, 1864, and the war was almost over.

After his return to the Union lines he re-enlisted as Lieut. Col. of the 47th Wisconsin Infantry, and in this capacity he served till the end of the war. Discharged Nov 10, 1864, but re-enlisted and served to end of war as Col. in the 47th Wis Inf.

"My experience in the Civil War," he says in a letter to the New York "World" Sept 4, 1922, "was not different from that of many others. I enlisted in my twentieth year in the 10th Wisconsin Infantry in 1861, was promoted to 2nd Lieut, and served on the staff of General Harris.

"After the Battle of Perryville, I was promoted to 1st Lieut., and after Stone River, commissioned Capt. With the remnant of my brigade and company, I was made prisoner on the evening of Sept. 20, during the Battle of Chickamauga. I spent six months in Libby Prison, and the balance of the year in Danville and Macon, Ga., and Charleston, S. C. While being transferred from Charleston to Columbia, I escaped from a box car and after sixteen nights' travel joined our army at Calhoun, Ga.

"I arrived home in November, was mustered out and enlisted again in the

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47th Wisconsin, was made Lieut. Col., and commanded the regiment until the war closed, then was appointed Brevet Colonel of Vol. and was mustered out of the service.

"I was married on Jan. 1, 1915, to the daughter of a Virginia planter at Portsmouth, Va. The first boys were born Feb. 12, 1916, and the second pair April 10, 1918."

On celebrating his 83rd birthday Col. said during the entire day he thought of the events of his 23rd birthday, sixty years ago, when he was a war prisoner on his way to Libby prison after the battle of Chickamauga. Later, he and several others escaped from this awful place and made their way to the Union lines.

He wore a ring presented to him by his mother, but it was given to a negro who furnished them clothing and aided in their escape. A few days later he bought a ring at Nashville and wore it constantly until last Saturday, September 22, when it broke to pieces.

Col. R. H. Spencer was county treasurer, 1893-1897; postmaster, 1872-1885.

--taken from Graves Registration

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name	Allen J.		War
Residence			Battles, etc.
Occupation			Nearest relatives
Date birth	Place	Father	Nativity
Date death	Place	Mother	Nativity
Cause	Place burial	Wife	
War record	3 N.Y. Inf.		Children
Enlisted	Rank	Company	Regiment
Age 18	29	Feb 1865	at Rochester; must
Date	29	Feb	for 3 yr; must
Place	28	Ag 1865,	Raleigh, N.C.
Discharged	Date	Place	

Source: Rept Adj Gen N.Y.: Sprague, Allen

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State Filed: **Iowa**

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**Source Information:**



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### 1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Robert H. Spencer</b>	
Home in 1880:	<b>Algona, Kossuth, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>39</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1841</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Relation to Head of Household:	<b>Self (Head)</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Josephine L.</b>	
Father's birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Mother's birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Occupation:	<b>Postmaster</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Robert H. Spencer</b>	<b>39</b>
	<b>Josephine L. Spencer</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Marion Spencer</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>May Helgerson</b>	<b>17</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Algona, Kossuth, Iowa; Roll 349; Family History Film: 1254349; Page: 286B; Enumeration District: 143; Image: 0391.

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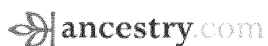
### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Robert H Spencer</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1841</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Kossuth</b>	
Locality:	<b>Algona</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_216</b>	
Line:	<b>6</b>	
Family Number:	<b>48</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Robert H Spencer</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>Josephine L Spencer</b>	<b>42</b>
	<b>Marion Spencer</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Source Information:</b>		
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### 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Robert H Spencer</b>	
Age in 1910:	<b>69</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1841</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>New York</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>New York</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Josephine L</b>	
Home in 1910:	<b>Algona, Kossuth, Iowa</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Robert H Spencer</b>	<b>69</b>
	<b>Josephine L Spencer</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1910; Census Place: Algona, Kossuth, Iowa; Roll T624\_409; Page: 10A; Enumeration District: 150; Image: 958.

**Source Information:**  
 Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

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**Born:** 1840  
**Died:** 1932 1930  
**Cemetery:** RIVERVIEW  
**Location:** ALGONA  
**County:** KOSSUTH CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** 47TH WI REGT.

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