

WEATHER.  
Generally fair today and  
Wednesday; rising temper-  
ature.

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## FORGERY SURPRISES THE REGION

Peter Van Vlissingen, Who  
Got Away with \$700,000,  
Owned Subdivision Just  
West of Toleston and Also  
Much Gary Real Estate.

## FORGERY IS WELL KNOWN OVER LAKE COUNTY

Belief Expressed That He Invested  
Heavily in Gary Real Estate in the  
Hope of Recouping His Falling  
Fortunes When the Inevitable  
Crash Came.

The people of Lake Co. are very much  
interested in the case of Peter Van  
Vlissingen, the Chicago real estate  
dealer, who yesterday confessed to  
forgery involving more than \$700,000;  
was hailed before the prosecuting attor-  
ney, indicted, tried and sentenced to the  
penitentiary from one to fourteen  
years.

The convicted man is the owner of a  
subdivision just west of Toleston which  
is known as the Van Vlissingen sub-  
division, and is known to have invested  
heavily in Gary real estate.

Was Well Known Here.  
He was well known by many Gary  
real estate men and had dealings with  
all of the prominent ones. He was sup-  
posed in Gary to be a wealthy man, and  
there was no one who suspected that for  
the past twenty years he has been  
systematically stealing enormous sums  
of money by the simple process of  
stealing from Peter to pay Paul.

The land which Mr. Van Vlissingen  
owns in the vicinity of Gary is a 40-  
acre piece, just west of Toleston, and  
it is now supposed that he had hoped  
by investing in Gary, where values  
were rapidly rising, to make enough  
money to finally settle with the men  
he had deceived.

Gary Acquaintances Shocked.  
Among the Gary real estate men  
with whom Mr. Van Vlissingen had  
dealings was R. L. Miller. Mr. Miller  
knew the Chicago man well and was  
shocked when he read in the papers  
this morning that he was guilty of such  
colossal stealings.

It is not believed that any of the  
Gary men were victims of the Chicago  
arch-forger, for the reason that none  
of them had a surplus to lend him. It  
is the general impression that the Chi-  
cago man merely came to Gary for the  
purpose of finding a good investment.

It is believed that he owns other  
real estate in Gary in addition to that  
near Toleston, and a hasty canvass of  
the real estate offices is being made to  
discover the amount of his holdings  
there.

Speculation Over Property.  
There is a great deal of speculation

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## ENGINEER PASSES AWAY

Anton Heramb Dies in St.  
Margaret's Hospital  
Suffering Agony.

Anton Heramb, 5483 Union avenue,  
Chicago, the wrecking crane engineer  
who was scalded by escaping steam  
early yesterday morning when his  
crane tipped over, died last night at  
5 o'clock at the local hospital. There  
was no possible chance to save the  
man's life, and his physicians, seeing  
that all efforts would be fruitless,  
summoned his wife to his bedside.

The suffering man was conscious to  
the last. His condition was most pain-  
ful, he being so badly scalded that in  
many places the bandages only held the  
flesh in its place.

The remains were sent to Chicago  
this morning, Coroner Shanklin having  
permitted this in order that the body  
may be prepared for burial.

Much Sympathy for Bereaved Family.  
The inquest was held this afternoon  
in Coroner Shanklin's office. Mr. He-  
ramb was a middle-aged man, and leaves  
a wife and several small children. Al-  
though he was a stranger to local  
railroad men the sincerest sympathy  
is nevertheless expressed for the be-  
reaved family to whom misfortune  
came so suddenly.

A. C. E. & I. wrecking crane work  
all last night on the crane, which is  
still in the turn table pit, but did not  
succeed in getting it out. Another  
wrecking crane of the Chicago & West-  
ern Indiana was brought out this noon,  
which is expected to raise the huge  
crane.

The engine which fell into the pit  
and which caused the crane wreck has  
been taken out of the pit.

## SINGULAR DIVORCE COMPLAINTS FILED

Postal Cards to Lady Corre-  
spondent Bring Woe to  
Mrs. Nora Orcutt.

FILED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Husband Wants Divorce From His  
Wife Because She Bit Him  
Several Times.

And now comes Attorney William  
H. Sickman with two startling ex-  
hibits. Exhibits "A" is a divorce pro-  
ceedings in which the cause given is  
the postal card crime and the other is a  
divorce case instituted because a  
woman persisted in biting her hus-  
band.

In the first case Mrs. Nora M. Or-  
cutt is suing her husband Albert Orcutt  
because on "divers and sundry oc-  
casions" he sent "divers and sundry  
postal cards" to "divers and sundry  
lady correspondents."

According to the complaint Albert  
rented a box in the local postoffice  
for the purpose of receiving his nu-  
merous billets doux. His wife did not  
know that he had made such an ar-  
rangement with Uncle Sam until one  
day she happened to go through his  
pockets and there she found numerous  
letters, the contents of which were  
of an amatory nature.

Foxy Wife Watches Him.  
After that the foxy little wife  
watched her husband's clothes. She  
went through them whenever she got  
a chance and each time she found  
numerous letters and large numbers of  
postal cards.

The complaint states that many of  
these postal cards had endearing terms  
on them and pictures people making  
love. After she had secured enough  
evidence of the kind she went to the  
postoffice and learned that "hubby"  
was paying the rent on a postoffice box  
for the sole purpose of receiving the  
numerous postal cards from his lady  
friends.

That made her very angry, and she  
went to her husband and pleaded with  
him to desist. It seems, however, that  
the postal card crime had the better  
of him and he could not or would not  
cease his letter-writing.

Finally it came to a point where she  
could stand it no longer and she hired  
Mr. Sickman to start the wheels of the  
court in motion that she might secure  
a divorce and all other proper relief.

Postal Card Crime the Cause.  
The supplement her complaint she

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## FIGURING ON A BOARD

Speculation Is Rife on Per-  
sonnel of Next Police  
Board.

With the knowledge that the democ-  
rats will control the next legislature,  
speculation is rife as to the fate of  
the metropolitan police law.

Whether it is repealed or not, the  
impression seems to be that even if the  
governor should retain the appointive  
power of the police commissioners that  
he will virtually be vested in the  
democratic mayors of the various cities  
affected by the law. Bringing the prob-  
lem nearer home, the question arises  
as to the future police commissioners  
of Hammond.

Mayor Becker very rarely commits  
himself as to appointments, but the  
street report is to the effect that the  
board would be graced with Anton Tap-  
per and Mt. Nichols as the democratic  
members, while the union members, es-  
pecially the republicans, are beginning  
to turn the wheels to seat J. C. Harlan,  
a republican, ex-president of the car-  
penters' union, former business agent  
of the organization, and ex-president  
of the district council.

It is safe to say, however, that be-  
fore the appointments have really been  
made, that Madame Gossip will have  
provided a seat for everybody that con-  
trols more than his own vote.

## COMMISSIONS ISSUED

Commissions have been issued by the  
governor to Frank J. Hall, lieutenant  
governor-elect; Fred A. Sims, secretary  
of state; Oscar Hadley, state treasurer;  
John C. Billheimer, state auditor; Robert  
J. Alex, the newly elected state  
superintendent of public instruction;  
James Bingham, attorney general; J. L.  
Peetz, the newly elected state statisti-  
cian, and Quincy A. Myers and David  
Myers, the newly elected judges of the  
supreme and appellate courts, respec-  
tively. Mr. Hall's commission is for  
four years and dates from the second  
day of January. The commissions  
issued to Messrs. Sims and Billheimer  
are for two years. Each dates from  
Nov. 24. The commission issued to At-  
torney General Bingham is for two  
years and dates from Jan. 1. That  
which was issued to Quincy A. Myers is  
for six years and dates from the first  
Monday in January. Judge David Myers'  
commission is for four years, be-  
ginning with the first day of January.

## REACH HAMMOND LAST NIGHT

Frank S. Betz Returns  
Home After Extended  
Seven Months Trip in  
Many Foreign Countries  
and Waters.

## TATF'S ELECTION AND TRADE IMPETUS

Hammond Manufacturer Returns to  
Find His Plant Running in Full  
Blast and He Meets With Improved  
Commercial Conditions Every-  
where as Result of Tatf's Victory.

After a most enjoyable trip in Eu-  
rope, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Betz ar-  
rived in Hammond over the Erie last  
night. They were welcomed home by  
a large party of friends and were ex-  
ceedingly glad to get back home.

During their absence from this city  
they visited the Azores Islands, Gibraltar,  
Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice,  
Milan Turin, in Italy; Lucerne, in  
Switzerland; Cologne in Germany; Lon-  
don, Manchester and Liverpool, in  
England, and Queenstown. Their trip  
home was by way of the Coronia of the  
Cunard line and not a single untoward  
thing happened to mar the trip.

Will Boost His Business.  
While abroad Mr. Betz transacted an  
avalanche of business and did a great  
deal of buying for his big plant here.  
He expects a big boom in business for  
it as a result and the bargain hunters  
will undoubtedly get busy.

He noted a great change in condi-  
tions at the Betz plant here, and the  
manufacture is now being worked over  
time to fill the orders that are pouring  
in daily.

"On the boat returning," said Mr.  
Betz, "I met forty buyers who had  
been doing a tremendous business as a  
result of the election of Mr. Tatf. The  
conditions in Europe are amazing. The  
London papers said that more or-  
ders for American products were placed  
the day after Mr. Tatf's election than  
had been placed for three months be-  
fore that, altogether."

Idle Men Get Work.

"More men were put at work in the  
week following election than had been  
put at work before for six months. I  
met one man on the boat who had a  
\$65,000 dollar order contingent on Tatf's  
election. I was in London on election  
day and the cables were watched anx-  
iously for the returns of the presiden-  
tial election over here."

Mr. Betz brought back with him  
many plans to increase his business  
here and they will, all of them, have  
a material influence in the return of  
prosperity to Hammond.

## YOUNG GETS CONTRACT

Local Bandmaster Will Fur-  
nish Music For the  
Dairy Show.

Barnie Young, the local bandmaster,  
received good news from Chicago this  
morning.

It was to the effect that the Young  
concert band had been awarded the  
contract for furnishing the music for  
the national dairy show, which will  
take place at the Coliseum this year  
immediately after the conclusion of the  
fat stock show.

The dairy show will last from Dec.  
2 to 10. It will be the second year  
that Mr. Young has furnished the  
music for this show and his friends  
are well pleased that he has landed  
the plum.

## GUS LAATCH MOVES HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS.

Hammond Dealer Surprises His Custom-  
ers By Making Quick Shift.

Gus Laatch, the Fayette street grocer,  
has moved his place of business from  
east of Oakley avenue to west of Oak-  
ley avenue in the "Mike Magnot" store.  
He opened his place to the public yester-  
day, and there were, indeed, many  
surprises for his customers when they  
discovered the sudden change that had  
been made. Mr. Laatch moved last  
Sunday and was ready for business yester-  
day morning. In the time that he  
has been in the neighborhood he has  
built up a fine business for himself and  
his many friends hope that he will be  
even more successful in his new place.

Don't overlook the big cut and slash  
sale of the Paxton & Baker Co's stock,  
225-227 State street, by the Chicago  
Brokerage Co. Sale opens Wednesday  
morning.—2t.

## JURY DISAGREES IN HORSE STEALING CASE

One Juror Saves George and  
Albert Louks from Go-  
ing to Penitentiary.

WILL BE TRIED ONCE MORE

Jury In Lake Superior Court Stands  
Eleven to One For Convic-  
tion of Accused Man.

The jury which was impaneled to  
try George and Albert Eckers, alias  
George and Albert Louks, on the charge  
of horsecratering, was out all night and  
was discharged this morning after fail-  
ing to come to an agreement.

It is said that the jury stood eleven  
to one for conviction, but one man  
stood out all night and refused to con-  
vict the men who are alleged to have  
stolen a horse belonging to George  
Begner.

Who the one obdurate juror was the  
other jurors refuse to state, but it is  
known that the attorney for the pro-  
secution is very wrath at his action,  
and those who heard the case think it  
is an outrage.

Juror Didn't Accomplish Much.  
The Eckers brothers will not be re-  
leased, but will be tried by another  
jury so that little have been accom-  
plished by the one juror unless it  
should develop that the next jury  
refuses to convict the prisoners.

The case arose after a horse belong-  
ing to George Begner had been stolen  
on and the two Eckers boys, who had  
been camping in the vicinity, turned  
up missing at the same time.

The tracks made by the horse's  
hoofs lead directly to the camp where  
the young men had been holding forth  
for some time and the police at both  
Hammond and Chicago were notified.

Later on the Chicago police reported  
the arrest of the Louks boys and  
they were taken to Crown Point to  
await trial on the charge of stealing  
horses. The young men, who are both  
26 to 28 years old, denied their guilt  
and the horse could not be found.

Jury Out a Long Time.

The case came up for trial yester-  
day and in spite of the fact that the  
Chicago police reported that the young  
men have a bad reputation the one  
man on the jury refused to vote for  
conviction.

The jury was out a remarkably long  
time considering the offense. The jury  
went to the jury-room at about 5  
o'clock yesterday and were not dis-  
missed until 9 o'clock this morning,  
when Judge Reiter arrived in court.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY TO BUILD YARDS

C. T. Co. Purchases North  
Side Property for Stor-  
age Room Purposes.

## WILL HAVE SIDING MADE

Expansion of Company's Business  
Shows the Need of Yards  
of This Kind.

The Chicago Telephone company has  
purchased sixteen lots on Hoffman  
street on the north side where it will  
at once begin the construction of a  
large storage yard. The consideration  
was \$25,000.

The property is said to be especial-  
ly desirable for this purpose on ac-  
count of the fact that it will be pos-  
sible to have telegraph poles and other  
material used by the company in  
construction work shipped directly to  
the yards from the Pennsylvania rail-  
road by means of a siding.

The work of constructing a build-  
ing which will be used for a shop  
and the general construction depart-  
ment will begin at once. The building  
is to be of brick and will be 25 feet by  
40 feet in size.

Supplies Kept in Building.

The wire and supplies of value of  
this kind will be kept in this building  
and this will permit the cleaning out  
of the basement and yard of the com-  
pany's premises on Kimbark avenue.  
The new yard will be used for the  
storage of telegraph poles, cross beams  
and supports, and is greatly needed  
as a result of the great expansion of  
the company's business, both past and  
prospective, in Hammond.

The necessity of purchasing a yard  
for this purpose has been apparent for  
some time and as soon as business con-  
ditions were settled the company went  
ahead with its improvements.

It is expected that the cost of the  
property, the fences and the building  
will be built on this property will  
total in cost \$12,000 to \$15,000. This  
makes this one of the largest real es-  
tate deals which have taken place in  
this city since the recent financial  
stringency.

## OFFICERS ARE NOW ELECTED

Permanent Organization of  
Hammond Brewing Co. Is  
Effectuated at Meeting Last  
Night and Plans Are Sub-  
mitted For Building.

## CAPITAL STOCK IS NEARLY SUBSCRIBED

Crown Point Brewery Working Night  
and Day to Get Enough Ahead so  
That Equipment May Be Moved to  
Hammond By Feb. 1 and Manu-  
facture of Beer Begin.

The permanent organization of the  
Hammond Brewing company, the story  
whose location appeared exclusively in  
The Times over a month ago, took  
place last evening when the officers  
and directors were elected.

The stockholders, about twenty-five  
in number, assembled and elected the  
following men as directors for one  
year: L. Sonnenschein, the principal  
stockholder; George M. Eder, Charles  
N. Mayer, August Mayer, William Ros-  
kade, Martin Flinerman and E. A. Kin-  
kade.

The directors then withdrew and  
elected the following officers: L. Son-  
nenschein, president; Charles H. Mayer,  
vice president; and George M. Eder,  
secretary-treasurer.

Architect Submits Plans.

As soon as the officers and directors  
had been selected Mr. B. Barthol, one  
of the leading architects of breweries  
in the country, submitted plans for  
the plant which is to be constructed  
in this city.

These plans consisted of drawings of  
the brewery building, the bottling  
works, the office building and the  
barns. They were accepted and the  
specifications were ordered made at  
once so that the contract for the con-  
struction could be let at once.

The contract for the construction of  
the foundations will be let at once,  
so that there will be a little delay as  
possible, and it is expected that work  
on these will begin within twenty-four  
hours after the foundation plans are  
furnished by the architect. The whole  
plant is expected to be completed by  
Feb. 1.

Will Go to Crown Point.

The directors also appointed a com-  
mittee which will go to Crown Point  
and appraise the value of the equip-  
ment and assets, excepting the land and  
buildings of the Crown Point Brew-  
ing company of Crown Point, which is  
owned by Mr. Sonnenschein.

The directors will meet next Thurs-  
day to receive a report of this ap-  
praising committee and pass upon it.  
The stockholders are also invited to  
this meeting. However, the work of  
appraising the old plant will not inter-  
fere in the least with the plans for  
the construction of the new one.

Location for New Building.

As the plans are now drawn the  
main building of the Hammond Brew-  
ing company will be located at the  
northeast corner of West State street  
and Freeland avenue. The bottling  
plant, the cooperage, the barns and the  
storage house will be located at the  
southeast corner of Plummer and Free-  
land avenues.

The Crown Point Brewing company  
is now working its plant at Crown  
Point night and day to get enough  
beer on hand to last while the equip-  
ment is being moved from one plant  
to another. In the meantime no ef-  
fort will be made to take on new busi-  
ness until the new plant gets into op-  
eration.

Of the \$200,000 stock for which the  
company has been capitalized \$140,000  
has been sold and \$130,000 of that  
has been paid in. The company is al-  
ready an assured success and the direc-  
tors and stockholders are enthusiastic  
over the prospects.

## PEDDLERS RECOVERING

Max Goldstein and Daniel Lessler of  
East Chicago, the two Jewish peddlers  
who were seriously injured last week  
when their wagon was struck by a C. I.  
S. & S. B. interurban car, are reported to  
be recovering very nicely at Mercy hos-  
pital and will be able to be out in the  
course of a few days. It was thought  
at first that the men had internal in-  
juries but the physicians in attend-  
ance do not fear any serious results.

It is thought that a settlement will  
be reached between the railroad com-  
pany and the injured men as witnesses  
to the accident say that neither party  
were to blame.

## TAGGART WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Indiana's Democratic Lead-  
er Not in the Race for  
the Senatorship.

MOORE WILL HELP KERN

Ex-National Democratic Chairman  
Issued Statement After Leav-  
ing Kern's Office.

Thomas Taggart of Indianapolis, for-  
mer democratic national chairman, an-  
nounced that he is not a candidate for  
senator, and as a consequence the  
friends of John W. Kern were jubilant  
last night, as they took Mr. Taggart's  
announcement to mean that Taggart  
and his followers will support Kern.  
Taggart's support of Kern, they say,  
practically assures his election, as  
Taggart has considerable influence.

Mr. Taggart's decision followed a  
conference he had with Mr. Kern yester-  
day in Mr. Kern's office. Mr. Taggart  
arrived in Indianapolis yesterday  
forenoon from French Lick Springs  
and stopped at Kern's office on his way  
to the Denison hotel in Indianapolis.  
Mr. Taggart and Mr. Kern had a long  
talk behind closed doors.

In his statement to the press Mr.  
Taggart expresses deep gratitude for  
the support his friends have offered  
him, but says he will be better satisfied  
to remain in the ranks and assist the  
democratic organization.

Statement by Taggart.

Mr. Taggart's statement is as fol-  
lows:

The interest shown by my  
friends all over the state in advocat-  
ing my election as United  
States senator from Indiana has  
been most gratifying.

While I wish to assure all my  
friends that I fully appreciate the  
honor that would be conferred in  
such an election, and while such a  
proffer from the party with which  
I have been so long associated  
and in which I have always been  
an active worker in the ranks is a  
thing not lightly to be cast aside,  
I have carefully considered the  
matter and must decline to become  
a candidate.

My business interests are such in  
extent that they demand all my  
personal attention and the sacri-  
fice resulting, even if my election  
were assured, would be too great.

There are a number of able and  
deserving men in the democratic  
party who have already announced  
their wish to take the senatorship  
and I feel sure that the party will  
make no mistake in its final selec-  
tion.

I shall be better satisfied to re-  
main in the ranks and do what I  
can as one member of the organ-  
ization in perpetuating the party  
of the people in power in Indi-  
ana.

I most heartily thank all my  
friends who have been so insistent  
in urging my claims for the  
position. THOMAS TAGGART.

Although neither Mr. Taggart nor Mr.  
Kern is admitting anything as a re-  
sult of yesterday's conference between  
the two men, democratic leaders be-  
lieve that an arrangement was agreed  
to by which Taggart is to support  
Kern.

## LAKE KEEPS 'EM BUSY

Outside People Can't Under-  
stand the Hustle and  
Enterprise Here.

Yes, its awful, isn't it?  
The Michigan City News said last  
night:

"It's a very warm day in July when  
the Lake county bunch cannot get busy  
upon matters of something new under  
the sun. With Crown Point, Hammond,  
East Chicago and Gary in the Lake  
county district it takes a whole lot  
to go round and give each one a piece  
worth while. The latest thing they  
have sprung over there now, is the  
segregation of Lake and Porter coun-  
ties as a circuit court district and giv-  
ing Lake county a circuit of its own.

It is not stated whether this will work  
to Hammond's good, or to Gary good,  
or to East Chicago, or whether there  
is intention of taking the court away  
from Crown Point altogether. It's  
hard to tell some times, just what  
the boys over there in Lake do want,  
or how much of it they want. Time  
alone will tell."

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD THIS EVENING.

Many Things on Tap for City Fathers to  
Interest Themselves In.

A regular city council meeting will  
be held this evening, this being the  
first one of the month.

In the heat of the campaign, interest  
in the meetings lagged, and as a re-  
sult considerable business has accu-  
mulated. Considerable new ordinances  
are on tap to be passed to complete the  
revision that Mayor Becker and the  
council is making.

Special notice has been sent to all the  
council members and a full attendance  
is expected this evening.

## THEY START OUT ON THE WARPATH

Crown Point Saloon Run by  
Frank Young, Formerly  
of Hammond, Is Now in  
the Hands of the Sheriff  
—Much Interest in Case.

## BUILDING OWNED BY C. H. FREDERICH

Temperance Leaders at County Seat  
Start Fight Again and Succeed in  
Closing Up the Biggest and Most  
Important Saloon in Town, at Least  
Temporarily. But Fight Has Begun.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Nov. 17.—The sa-  
loon of Frank Young, on the corner of  
Main and Joliet streets, was closed  
yesterday morning at the instigation of  
several Crown Point temperance peo-  
ple, among whom were four women who  
have figured prominently in the anti-  
saloon cause in the past. Mr. Young,  
who recently took charge of the busi-  
ness, came from Hammond, where he  
was engaged in the saloon business in  
that city.

Frank Mann Former Owner.

Previous to that the business was  
managed by Frank Mann, and it is said  
that the license was taken out by him.  
The temperance people claim that Mr.  
Young is running his business con-  
trary to the provisions of the law, in  
conducting the place without a prop-  
er license, and yesterday morning the  
place was closed, according to the writ  
was served by the sheriff and the place  
at present is under his surveillance.

Opinion Is Varied.

There is quite a division of opinion  
as to the legality of the action and  
the outcome is awaited by the saloon  
men and temperance adherents. The  
temperance people claim the case and  
conditions are the same that con-  
fronted the Whiting saloonkeepers that  
were put out of business a short time  
ago on account of conducting a place  
without a proper license, and are con-  
fident of winning their cause on the  
above grounds.

Predict Its Reopening.

The saloon faction, however, think  
differently and look forward to an early  
opening of the saloon. Meanwhile, the  
place is closed and the stock is in the  
hands of the sheriff, awaiting his dis-  
posal at the action of the hearing that  
will probably take place today.

The saloon is considered the finest  
equipped place in town and a great  
deal of money was spent there last  
summer in making a first class buffet  
of it. The building is owned by and  
leased from Charles H. Frederick of  
Hammond.

## WANTS SUPPLY YARDS

Contractor Henry Ahlborn  
Purchases Valuable Land  
For His Own Use.

Henry Ahlborn of West Hammond  
yesterday purchased three-quarters of  
an acre of land at the corner of Lin-  
coln and Plummer avenues in West  
Hammond in the vicinity of the new  
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