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Beck's Beef Squad

WHEN Chapman's Oregon Voter told how Dave Beck's strong-arm squad handled labor situations to suit Beck's will it was easy for the wishful unbeliever to brand the report as mere propaganda from the right. But Dick Neuberger, writing to the radical "Nation" from Seattle, confirms the report. Dick is a left-winger though by no means "infra-red." He keeps within the spectrum of normal classification and patterns his course pretty much after Oswald G. Villard, who is getting much too conservative to suit red-dipped Heywood Brown whose page backs up against Villard's in the Nation. Here is what Neuberger writes about Beck's Beef Squad:

"Back of Beck's verbal barrage is the famous 'beef squad' which has made him the boss of Seattle for the past two years. In May the rank and file of the newsboys' union in Seattle revolted and showed alarming C. I. O. tendencies. The brutal beatings which they suffered at the hands of Beck's bruisers were described by Justice James T. Ronald of the Superior Court as 'so shameful and disgraceful as to parallel the lawlessness witnessed at times in certain saloons in pioneer days.' The warehousemen's division of the longshoremen would have won a department-store strike in Portland this month had Beck and his 'beef squad' not ordered the teamsters to walk through the picket line. Rank-and-file teamsters who rebelled at the command were summarily set right on the situation. When teamsters in Oakland refused to march past longshoremen pickets at a warehouse, Beck hurried south and suspended their charter. In both Seattle and Portland teamster-controlled Central Labor Councils threw out the warehouse workers affiliated with the longshoremen. All along the Pacific seaboard Dave Beck has been functioning on the theory that if the C. I. O. is to be stopped in the West, it will be by 'beef squads' and suspensions and picket-line penetrations and employer alliances.

So far Beck has been able to get away with his strong-arm tactics. Selvin's Business Chronicle in Seattle calls him an "exploiting capitalist." The description fits. As a labor leader Beck is driven hard by the "profit motive" and not animated with any zeal to share his own wealth. His idea of peaceful labor relations is a mutual pact with employers to license his aides to loot the consumers; of course with profit to himself.

Seeking the Prehistoric Man

THE dry climate of southeastern Oregon has preserved artifacts such as arrowheads, mortars and pestles, and other gear which proves that at one time the area supported a relatively large population. Around the dry lake beds may be picked up relics of Indian culture. There the Indians and perhaps their human predecessors lived and hunted. In that area scientists have been carrying forward a search for data as to the earliest human inhabitants of that region. An old skull, a crudely fashioned tool or weapon or utensil may tell a story of a race long since extinguished. The Eugene Register-Guard thus comments on the 1937 expedition from our own state university into this graveyard of the centuries:

"One more Dr. L. S. Cressman, head of the department of anthropology and archeology at the University of Oregon is leading a party of scientists into the Catlow Caves region of Eastern Oregon (Harney county) to explore a region which may supply missing chapters in the history of mankind. For many years there has been a theory that from the cradle of the human race in Asia, primitive men wandered across land bridges to Alaska which have since sunk into the sea. These races are supposed to have made their way southward into this continent and the tribal cultures of Alaska and the high desert civilizations in the Southwest have much in kind. Little has been done to explore the gap between.

"With the aid of the Carnegie Foundation, Mr. Cressman has been working the high deserts of Eastern Oregon. This region was once a land of deep green meadows and shining lakes. Even in relatively modern times, it was a favorite hunting ground and battle ground of many tribes. Cressman's high hopes to dig deep for those historic relics which scientists have learned to read. Artifacts buried with the dead in long forgotten graves, tools and utensils left by the campfires of bygone centuries tell the tale. The things that are found come to rest permanently in the University of Oregon's collection which has been designated by the legislature to be the state's Museum of Natural History."

Bending Light

ONE of the facts of physics has been that you can't bend light. Radiation of light waves is in a straight line. You can reflect it by mirrors and make it travel in a different direction; but the rays themselves you can't twist and curve. A new plastic has been produced by the du Pont people which can transmit light around bends without radiation, like electric current along a wire. A rod of the new material, called pontalite, can be lit by an electric bulb at one end, then twisted like a pretzel, and the light follows the twists and comes out at the other end without lighting up the sides of the bent rod. The principle is what is called "edge lighting."

This new plastic is made out of methyl methacrylate, a white granular substance; and like other plastics can be cut, carved, drilled, sawed and moulded. Now that the stuff is being manufactured the inventive mind of man will find some uses for it.

The whole field of plastics is an interesting adventure of modern chemistry. The new synthetic materials fill a wide variety of uses from bottle caps to mirror handles. Bakelite and pyralin are trade names for some of these plastics. They are coming into very common use as substitutes for metal, cork and wood. The chemists are kept busy unlocking the store of nature's wonders and adapting very ordinary materials to the service of mankind.

Rules on Furniture Arrangement

DOWN at the University of California an instructor in art, Doris Conner, has some rules for furniture arrangement which a large majority of husbands wish might be posted in a conspicuous place, say right over the fireplace mantel. Miss Smith's rules are these: Decide what effect you wish to achieve; achieve it; then let it alone. The part that appeals to the mere males is the last: "leave it alone."

The husband who is well broken in however, say after about 25 years or so of married life, learns to take things as they come. If he arrives home and finds the davenport with its back against the fireplace or his favorite easy chair in an unfamiliar corner, why he will do no more than grunt. And if when he goes to bed he barks his shin against a dresser that isn't where it was for long months he will suppress his idiom. For he knows that change is the woman's privilege. And if the housewife wants to switch the furniture around not all of Doris Conner's rules will stop her from doing it, say spring and fall each year.

Father Divine is reported to be coming to the west coast to seek converts. We predict that the negro fakir will meet with immense success, especially if he starts in around Los Angeles. Sister Almee made a go of it with no more of the miraculous back of her than the negro will have.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

It was her "miscellaneous front" which brought Almee success. Not nearly so much excitement over Amelia Earhart's round-the-world flight since she started off from the other side of the equator. Pretty soon she'll be flying in to Oakland with only a few reporters and cameramen to greet her. Hard for one to hold public interest in his flying game; some new stunt comes in to claim attention. Now the soviet fliers are getting the banquets.

A Cleveland party girl got a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Robert Irwin, confessed murderer. That luck will start all the party girls to studying detective fiction and checking the teeth-fillings of the bus-boys.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Guy C. Miller 7-1-37
A Salem visitor; born here of pioneer parentage; town then straggling village:

The Bits man had an interesting visitor last week, one who could tell many true tales of the old Salem of the eighties and nineties.

He was Guy C. Miller of Palo Alto, Cal., deputy tax collector of Santa Clara county. In that state the sheriffs do not have collecting duties, as in Oregon.

Mr. Miller was born in Salem on March 14, 1877, son of Miles M. Miller. His mother had been Gertrude, daughter of J. H. Moores, early pioneer resident of the capital city, leading merchant, legislator, etc., etc.

The house in which Guy C. Miller was born stood where the Haseldorf apartments now stand, 173 South Cottage street.

Miles M. Miller, father of the visitor, was Salem's city treasurer in 1874. He died in San Francisco about a year ago.

The father of Miles M. Miller was David A. Miller, an Oregon pioneer of 1859, coming from Michigan. He was the man who put the Southwest Addition to Salem on the map.

The David A. Miller home was at the southwest corner of Miller and Commercial streets, the building standing well back from the street. Miller street was named for him. He had a brother, E. K., who lived with him at the place just named.

Guy C. Miller, the Salem visitor of this article, when he was a "broth of a boy," made his spending money by driving the cows of townspeople to pasture. Where was the pasture? It was all the vacant land north of the Odd Fellows' cemetery and west of Commercial street to the Willamette river—or rather the slough of the Willamette river.

And that was plenty, for only one or two houses were then where hundreds now stand. Among them, in Fairmount addition, some of the finest in the city. The pay was 25c per month per cow, and that seemed a lot of money to a small boy.

Later Guy got a job from his uncle, A. N. Moores, of the Capital Lumbering company, now the Spaulding mills. He was paid 50c a day. After a time, by dint of eloquent arguments urging his efficiency and his needs, the boy got a raise to 75c a day.

He attended the Salem public schools, at first in the South Salem building, with Mrs. Alice H. Dodd one of his teachers. Afterward, Miss Florella Phillips taught there. Mrs. Phillips lives in Salem. Mrs. Dodd died only a few weeks ago.

The South Salem school building was later sold, and moved, and it is now the main building of the Barks feed mills, 837 S. Commercial street.

Later, Guy Miller attended what is now the Washington school, 12th and Center streets, which was new then, and came to be known as the high school building, before the real first high school building was erected. The first high school grades were taught at that (the Washington) building.

Then Guy Miller attended Willamette university, graduating from what was then known as the academy department thereof, in 1897. In his class were Rex Davis and Roy Ohmart. Davis is now in the state treasurer's office, and Ohmart is chief bookkeeper of the Kay woolen mills, here.

Mr. Miller attended the alumni banquet of Willamette this year, at the First Methodist church, on Saturday evening, June 12. That event was one of the inducements that brought him to Salem to visit his old haunts.

After Willamette came Stanford university, where he had four years. He was the same class as "Tad" Hoover. "Tad" had been one of the first linotype operators on "The Statesman"—in fact, one of the first in the world, for "The Statesman" had the first two machines west of the Rocky mountains, one of which is still in use, two shifts, day and night.

"Tad" (Theodore) Hoover was the older brother of Horbert Hoover, then of Salem, afterward the foremost engineer of all time, the world's greatest almoner, president of the United States.

Theodore Hoover, after graduating from Stanford, joined his brother in mining engineering, with offices in various world centers. Later he was a member of the faculty of Stanford, and became dean of the school of mines there, and, finally, not long since, he retired, on the institution's regular pension allowance, and makes his home on his ranch near the coast, west of Palo Alto.

Herbert Hoover graduated from Stanford the year before his brother, and he has long been on the board of regents of the institution. Herbert has his home at Palo Alto.

Guy Miller married a college classmate, Miss Blanche Myer, and they have two fine sons, of 31 and 28 years respectively. (Continued Tomorrow.)

The Klamath Falls Herald expresses the hope that the Methodists would have no use for the brand of hospitality for which Klamath is well known.

Up and Up, Inc. has failed three times to get a license to operate at Bremerton. The authorities clearly don't regard it as an up and up. Maybe the backers should change the name to the Down and Downs.

Young Franklin didn't promise to endow his bride with his worldly goods. Since she is a du Pont it probably wasn't necessary.

Running the Gauntlet



Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

The Cheerful Pilgrim
Whatever happens he says is O.

That's the kind of a wise guy he is;

Though sometimes he "knows" it isn't that way,
He pretends to believe that it is.

And the plan oft works out very well.

For the things he thought wrong turn out right;
And 'tis not easy at all times to tell
When a plot will result in a plight.

Full many a "worst" has proved the best way,
Though the proof at times dallies a bit;
What can't be helped 'tis well to O. K.,
And gloomy forebodings omit.

Perhaps you do not consider the foregoing to be very elegant verse. I am not claiming much for it. But it does have a certain rhythm. So also has a washing machine or a hamp press. It does not compare favorably with Stevenson's verse. Robert Louis Stevenson was the guy, perhaps you remember, who wrote the story "Treasure Island," which story Hollywood, having first assured itself that its author was safely dead, condescended to present in film form. Despite the fact that he was delicate of constitution, so much so that he was compelled to undergo considerable periods of complete rest, Mr. Stevenson produced a heap of literature, amongst the rest short poems, essays and also two volumes of intimate letters from Samoa to his friend Sidney Colvin in London. I once possessed a copy of the first American edition (Scribner's) of these Valima letters. Someone stole it (and may his conscience be lacerated whenever he reads from it!) and I have only the memory of certain of its passages. It was in the course of these Valima letters (I am quite positive of this, but I don't venture to assert it under oath, because I read it with much other Stevenson matter and it was a long time ago) he set forth his method of writing verse. This method was simple. He attuned his lines to a melody, preferably one of the airs of his boyhood, old fashioned but sweet beyond compare. The idea for the poem once firmly established, the poem under this system, virtually wrote itself. Naturally, considerable difference exists between a poem imbued with the soul of a melody and a poem imbued with the soul of a hamp press or something equally typical. A pretty serious business, this writing of verse.

A stray copy of a Montana weekly is at hand. The first item on its local news page says, "No big news in town this week." Then at the head of the second

column is the statement, "New potatoes, home grown, are in the market." Great Greeley! What is the man's idea of big news anyway?

Jan Rubin, violinist, is about now to appear on the regular Friday-Saturday bill of vaudeville at the State theatre this week. People who should know a true artist when they hear one, who have heard Rubin play, tell me that he is really an exceptional performer on the violin. I have never heard him play. Many high class musicians are taking what engagements they can get, big or little, in these days. It is a bit more than possible that lovers of good violin music may hear something to their advantage, as the want ad says, by dropping in at the State during the coming week-end.

The week's mail at this desk is interesting in these days. I do not quite know what to make however of a postcard which dropped in yesterday. The postcard was from an old Iowa acquaintance who is auto-touring. The card bears a picture of the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., and the message written beneath the picture is "Having a fine trip. Wish you were here."

Almost a cde wave Tuesday morning. Streets in the pipes and regular traffic bore or less interfered with in many dooses. Cabs frod dot pulling the blanket up id tibe. I have opidod of a code wave that will sneak up that way od a bad whed he isn't covered up add don't dow it. Looks to be it's takig advantage of a trustig spirit.

Probably there's no less patriotism in the country than there was a few years back, but it manifests itself in a different way. For one thing the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration is

Ten Years Ago

July 1, 1917.

O. L. Lynthecom is again back to his old post of duty as operator of the elevator at the state house.

Wittenberg-King Co. has shipped its first car of contract vegetables from Marion county. It was a carload of spinach grown by Royce Allen of Brooks.

John H. Lewis, state engineer, who has been in eastern Oregon in connection with official duties is now at the Dalles with his family.

Twenty Years Ago

July 1, 1917.

Construction of the new Fraternal Temple will start next Tuesday and will be ready in September according to I. Greenbaum, treasurer of the building committee.

Joseph H. Albert, director and cashier of First National Bank has resigned to accept an executive position with Ladd and Bush.

Dr. Walter H. Brown will address one of the sessions of the National Education association next Tuesday at Seattle.

Cherry Harvester Call to Be Heavy

Peak In This Week; Good Prices for Picking to Be Paid, Reported

Although splitting caused by rain materially reduced the cherry crop there is an active demand for cherry pickers that is expected to reach a peak this week, it was reported yesterday at the local office of the state employment service.

Orders for cherry pickers are being received daily at the office, where it is estimated that there will be calls for 1000 or more pickers before the week is out.

Growers yesterday placed orders for several hundred pickers and had difficulty in supplying the demand.

Although the splitting, general in the lowland orchards, has made picking conditions difficult a fair price is being paid for picking. Rate of payment runs from 1 1/2 cents up to more than two in some cases.

Within a few days the office also expects to be receiving many calls for loganberry and raspberry berry pickers. Some logans are now being harvested while raspberries will come on about a week later.

Portland's status as a passenger port ended Tuesday noon with the General Pershing, one of the "three white steamers" maintaining direct passenger service from this Columbia river port to the Orient for the past five years.

She will not return. Her sister ships, the General Sherman and General Lee, now in the Orient, will fill their return schedules and depart for Galveston, Texas, where the United Fruit company probably will place them in service on the Atlantic coast.

The three vessels, under charter to the States Steamship company, were the last survivors of Portland's passenger service, which has been gradually eliminated by strikes, depression years, and government regulations. Withdrawal of a government mail subsidy was given by the States management as the

reason for termination of their schedules.

E. A. Gardner, general passenger agent for the line, who leaves tonight for New York, said the loss to Portland and its adjacent territory was "too vast to estimate."

Air Circus Stage Service Is Asked

Efforts to arrange for special stage service to the airport during the afternoon of Thursday, July 8, when the Sky Circus will appear there, are being made by the Salem Cherrians committee sponsoring the aviation display.

Committees on arrangements for the air tour appearance here were named this week by King Bing A. A. Gueffroy as follows:

Policing—A. B. Burk, chairman, Lee Eyerly, William Schilt, Harold Busick, Sephus Starr and Oscar D. Olson.

Sale of buttons and publicity direction—Harry Weinstein, chairman, Frank Chapman, James Humphries, Sephus Starr, Carl D. Gabrielson, Breyman Boise and Don Deckerbach.

Concessions—Tom Hill.

Dance—Marvin F. Headrick, Charles Claggett and Kenneth Perry.

Youth Movement Earnings Are big

PORTLAND, June 30.—(P)—A total of 5,127 high school, college and graduate students in Oregon earned \$204,494 through nine months' participation in the 1936-37 program of the national youth administration, Karl W. Onthack, state director, said.

Part time employment given 2961 students of 200 high schools earned them an average of \$4 a month, while 2166 college and graduate students earned on an average of \$11.43 a month in the 23 institutions of higher learning.

Attempt to Save Child Costs Life

GRANTS PASS, June 30.—(P)—An attempt to save an 8-year old boy from drowning cost Clyde Gunter, 36, his life Monday.

Gunter sank in the muddy waters of the Rogue river between Cousineau and Harkness riffles after going to the assistance of Clifford Fixsen, 8, Merle Nichols, Gunter's companion, brought the boy safely to shore.

Radio Programs

KOAC—THURSDAY—550 Kc. 8:00—International relations, classroom broadcast, Professor F. A. Harwood. 9:15—Dr. Howard F. Bigelow, Western State Teachers college, Kalamazoo, Mich. 10:45—Story hour for adults. 11:30—Facts and affairs. 12:30—News. 12:15—Farm hour. 1:00—Symphonic hour. 2:00—Rural garden in the Willamette Forest, P. A. Thompson, supervisor, Willamette national forest. 6:30—Farm hour. 7:45—9:00—News.	KSLM—THURSDAY—1180 Kc. 6:30—Musical clock (ET). 7:30—Markets. 7:45—Hi Hatters, 8—Financial. 8:15—Grace and Scotty. 8:45—Columbia. 9:15—Hal Gordon, singer. 10:30—Morning concert. 11:00—Light opera. 11:30—Western farm and home. 12:30—News. 1:15—Stuart Gracie, singer. 1:45—Hollander orch. 2:00—Education convention. 2:25—Financial and news. 3:00—News. 3:35—Chas. O. Martinez, singer. 3:45—Marshall's Mavericks. 4:15—Cabin in Cotton. 4:30—Shields. 4:40—Pleasant Interlude. 5:00—News. 5:30—C. T. Haas, 5:30—Goldman band. 6:30—Piedmont Music Hall. 7:15—News. 7:30—Golf Meets orch., 8—News. 8:30—Baseball, Portland-Sacramento. 10:15—Ambassador orch. 10:35—College Inn orch., 11—News. 11:30—Charles Runyan. 12:00—Weather and police reports.
KOIN—THURSDAY—940 Kc. 6:30—Clock, 7:35—Modern Miracles. 8:00—Neighbor Jim. 8:30—News, 8:35—Betty Crocker. 9:15—Hymns of all churches. 9:35—Modern Cinderella. 9:55—Who's who in the news. 10:15—Aunt Jane's stories. 10:30—Edwin C. Hill. 11:15—Cooking for fun. 11:30—Current questions. 12:15—Pretty Kitty Kelly, drama. 12:30—Home town sketches. 1:00—Current questions. 1:45—News. 2:30—Newlyweds, drama. 2:45—Ball song, 3—Western home. 4:30—President Roosevelt. 6:00—Your True Adventure, Floyd Gibbons.	KSLM—THURSDAY—1370 Kc. 6:45—News. 7:00—Farmer's Digest. 7:15—Just About Time. 7:30—Rev. Harold. 7:45—Morning varieties. 8:45—Transradio news. 9:00—The Pastor's Call. 9:15—Organizations. 10:30—The Bluebird. 10:45—Coral Strand. 11:30—The Parade. 12:15—Transradio news. 12:30—Lion's club, 1:15—Popular salute. 1:30—Hillbilly serenade. 2:00—Stage time. 2:15—Monitor news. 2:30—Hollywood Briefings. 3:00—Vocal varieties. 3:15—Salon melodies. 3:30—Jerry Shelton. 3:45—Hits of yesterday. 4:15—Singer Ellis orch. 4:30—Gene Austin. 4:45—The Spice of Life. 5:45—Friendly circle. 6:15—Stringed harmony. 6:25—Outdoor reporter. 6:30—Evening Echoes. 6:45—Transradio news. 7:00—The Galaxies. 7:15—Statesman-of-the-Air, introducing broadcast series. 7:30—B. A. Rolfe orch. 7:45—Gypsy fortunes. 8:00—Harmony hall. 8:15—Today's times. 8:45—Transradio news. 8:55—Softball. 9:45—News in review. 9:55—Softball game.

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Howard Cole Goes East to C.E. Meet

KEIZER, June 30.—Howard Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cole, left Thursday night for Grand Rapids, Mich., as a delegate to the International Christian Endeavor convention July 8-13. One of the leading speakers will be Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, honorary chairman of the "No-Foreign-War Crusade" of the emergency peace campaign. Another noted speaker will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling. Cole will attend a conference at Payette Lakes, Ida., en route.