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Dave Beck's Round-up

The west coast knows Dave Beck as a powerful figure in trade unionism. He bossed the teamsters in the northwest, made the Seattle employers play footsie with him, expanded into California where he battled not unsuccessfully with Harry Bridges. Some months back he became executive vice president and his appointment to Dan Tobin's job with the International Teamsters—Les Hunt, former editor for Tobin, says he muscled in; but anyhow Les got the boot.

Beck very evidently has taken over the teamster show. It is Beck who has ordered the "nationwide survey" of all truck haulers, "on the instructions of Tobin," the Oregon Teamster says. It is described as "an intensive study of organizational conditions in this industry." In other words it's a check-up on whether drivers belong to Beck's union. If they don't, there's work for the organizer.

When news of the "survey" was first published the reaction was one of resentment against assumed interference with highway trucking. Assurance now is given that there will be no interference with truck traffic. No trucks will be stopped on the road. But at coffee stops, warehouse lineups, freight terminals, weighing stations teamster representatives "all bearing proper credentials" will be on hand to check with every bozo who steers a truck. If he's a member with his dues paid, okay. If he's not... that's something to be put down on a report card; and probably a union selling talk will be given on the spot.

It's a big order, to check the country's truckers in the two weeks from April 1 to April 15; but Beck has lots of manpower, a tight organization, with good discipline. There'll be big batches of reports going in every day of the fortnight; and afterwards personal calls on employers to get in line and employees to join the lodge.

This is still a free country... or is it? Beck's surveyors can ask a truckdriver if he's a union member or not with complete freedom. In the cities though it still isn't very healthy though for non-members to try to drive trucks. The teamsters are still a rugged outfit even if Dave Beck has acquired the polish of a Seattle business executive.

Columbia Water to California

Speaking at Riverside, California Assistant Secretary of the Interior William E. Warne, painted a pretty picture of diverting millions of gallons of water from the Columbia river to water the thirty acres of California. This great river of the west, he told the Californians, as they listened with rapt attention, discharges 140 million acre feet into the sea, which would be enough to irrigate more than twice the area now irrigated in the 17 western states. The northwest, he said, would never have use for all the water. So why not siphon it off to dusty, thirsty California?

Apparently his idea is to "climb the ladder" northward, capturing one stream after another. Presumably this means going from the Pit or the Sacramento to the Klamath and then to the Rogue, the Umpqua, and making the Willamette flow uphill; or else moving farther inland and tying the Green river with the Snake.

One thing he stated was that only surplus water should be sought or taken. But what is surplus water? Draining quantities of water away from below Bonneville would lower the river level of the Columbia and raise heck with navigation.

We of the northwest don't want any beggars rapping at our door to beg our water or thieves going behind the house and stealing it. If our California friends and the interior department can demonstrate that the water they want is

water we are not using and never will need, that might be something else again. But we'll first have to be shown.

Californians too will want some proof that the diversion project is economically practical, if they are to pay the water bill. When we realize their desperate need for more water and the resourcefulness and energy they display in meeting their needs we will have to be on guard lest pipelines be laid or canals dug to start the Columbia flowing southward. We still think they should work on a project to distill water from the Pacific ocean. That would permit a much shorter haul—and we doubt if even California would lower the level of the old Pacific if she took all the water she will need.

Deal Fairly with State Employees

The joint ways and means committee has a tough job to pass on all requests for appropriations. It is not their own money they are spending, but the public's money. They would be so-far to yield to all importunities for sharing in the funds in the treasury.

The device though of approving a pay raise and at the same time holding out on the appropriation required doesn't look like a fair deal. The obvious result—and the one anticipated and desired—is the reduction in working personnel. Release the drones, is the implied instruction. Very well, but this assumes that in every department there is a certain percentage of drones, which is beyond proof and apt not to be the case.

As a group state employees are conscientious workers. Their executives almost uniformly are working executives, not swivel-chair gasbags and 11 o'clock Johnnies. The best inspiration for an employee to work is the example the boss sets. Doubtless some employees kill time; others are lacking in competence. But no wholesale indictment is safe.

The ways and means dilemma remains: how to raise the schedules without raising the money ante. The only solution to that is to provide the money for what is a fair wage for state employees. And in computing a fair wage, the committee should take into account the time-lag, when wages of state employees fell behind cost-of-living. Compensatory allowance is justified now.

Balance the National Budget

President Truman still insists on a tax increase. On this point the Statesman agrees with him. If an increase is necessary to balance the national budget. The USA in these piping times should not go further in the red. With the national debt still well over \$200 billion no deficiency should be incurred in the current operations of the government.

BUT has the spending program been properly scrutinized? Can't we save something on ECA as Senator Taft suggests? Can there not be some economies through unification of the military services? As the European situation stabilizes will it be necessary to pour out huge sums for rearmament of our allies? It isn't the dimes and quarters chiseled off a department's budget that will save the situation; it's the tens and hundreds of millions that may be lopped off, though not without some squawking.

When the appropriation bills are totaled, then if there still is a gap between income and outgo, add something to the nation's tax ticket. We MUST pay our bills as we go in times of prosperity as at present.

Over in China negotiations are about to begin between nationalists and communists over peace terms in China's civil war. As is to be expected, the negotiations will occupy a long time—which means peace for that length of time, which will be most welcome. As long as disputants negotiate they don't shoot.

Senate Welfare Bill Gets Federal Nod

Yesterday was the 80th day the legislature has been in session. The senate celebrated the event with a feast of words. Senator Neuberger poured down both the morning and the afternoon entertainment. The forenoon menu was for-
est hash left over from the meal of the day before served a la carte with crisply toasted remarks as a garnishment.

During the afternoon the menu was varied slightly by a freshly tossed amendment, garnished with soil conservation dressing prepared by Senator Neuberger after an original recipe originated by him. In late afternoon the senator's guests, finally arrived at the head of their day's calendar and passed the first bill at the top of it.

In addition to all this action in the senate the ways and means committee laid the fuse for one of the major explosions of the session when Representative Morse and his subcommittee reported back to the house its version of the old age assistance program. The bill, which is practically a substitute for house bill 436, prepared by the house committee on social welfare, for one thing has the ap-
proval of the federal social security agency, which the original bill did not have, and without which federal matching money would not have been granted.

The ways and means bill varies in several very material points from the original measure. It provides no mandatory \$50 monthly benefit, but specifies that the benefit payment, taken with the income of the recipient, must be at least \$50 a month.

The original provision for automobiles, cash on hand and other similar assets, has been stricken out of the new bill and provision made for their allowance when necessary for the general welfare of the beneficiary in the judgment of the commission. The budgeted funds are separated to provide definite amounts earmarked for old age assistance, for aid to dependent children, for the blind and for direct relief.

The new measure sets up a prior claim on the part of the state for the amount of funds advanced to a decedent beneficiary in recompense from the estate of the decedent and specifies that the welfare commission may be made the administrator to protect the claim. It also is made unlawful for a beneficiary to transfer property within three years in anticipation of becoming a beneficiary or for the purpose of defeating a claim for recompense.

It is not anticipated that the measure will be welcomed by Representative Harvey and his social welfare committee with open arms.

At the same time the senate committee on alcoholic control reported favorably on house bill 290, though with a number of amendments attached. In the main however it is much the same as the house program though condensed into the one bill. Other than clarifying administrative procedure, boosting fees and licenses, yielding to demands of cities and counties for additional shares in this revenue, the one controversial amendment was that providing for "master lockers." This means that a private club may be given authority to buy liquor from the commission and resell it to members of the club for consumption on the premises. This amendment, backed by the Club Managers' association, is expected to raise a rumpus when the bill comes up for passage.

The counties and cities, incidentally, are due for an annual increase of \$151,000 in their cut from the commission license fees. The new total is \$432,025 due from license fees, plus \$96,962 from privilege taxes. Counties are to get 60 per cent of all licenses issued to licensees operating outside incorporated cities; the cities receive 60 per cent of licenses paid within their boundaries.

ANOTHER SPRING HOLDOUT



IT SEEMS TO ME

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levels occupied previous to the inflation. Labor generally manages to hold some of its gains. Once again this can be verified by a study of statistics over a long term of years. So if we are entering a deflationary period now do not expect wages to crumple. They will not and they should not, for wages become purchasing power. They will, with exceptions, decrease; but they will not go to 1939 levels unless there is an economic catastrophe.

The reason why prices may decline proportionately farther than wages is because of increased productivity. Mechanical invention, scientific research are constantly bringing in fresh developments which reduce the unit cost of articles or provide substitutes at lower cost. Also in periods of slow business work productivity increases. The workman is anxious to hold his job and turns out a better performance. The marginal worker is displaced (which is bad for him) unless he can find other employment; but the net result is lower unit production cost which permits lower selling prices.

We must pay attention to physical volume of goods produced, sold and consumed. The dollar signs are often false. We have had in the past year reports of higher gross business, but of lower quantities sold or fewer services furnished. The increase was due to marking up prices. So a decrease in dollar business reported may not prove that the turnover of goods in quantity is less. The price marks are down. And we must remember that the level of the living standard is determined by amount of goods and services enjoyed, not by the dollars paid for them.

Let me repeat: We can have general prosperity at various price levels, and will have it if the various factors of the economic equation are in balance. So do not get hysterical over a markdown in prices, and start reveling in gloom. Business is not going to pot. Each price drop draws new customers, for the country's buying power is still vast. The main thing is to make our retreat from price pinnacles in as orderly a manner as possible.

At Salem Schools...

By James Cooke
Statesman School Correspondent

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity and junior varsity basketball and wrestling letters were awarded to Salem high athletes at a school assembly Wednesday morning. (List of lettermen in those sports in Wednesday Statesman.) Letters for participation in swimming and sophomore basketball and managers letters were also given.

Leo Stenback gave numerals to the following sophomore basketball players: Eugene Jones, Ramsey Miller, Tom Blair, Allen Wilson, Tom Waldon, Denver Roberts, Charles Wilhoit, Melvin Maudlin, Don Huff, Gary Campbell, Richard Herrig, Ronald Stewart, Bob Holden and Robert Sogge. Swimming letters were awarded by John Burleigh to Bill Allison, Earl Pepper, Bob Hamilton, Gordon Sloan, Don Clark, Dick Klinefelter, Lloyd Hamlin, Roger Gebauer, Gerald Ullman, Dale Sheridan, Wally DuBois, Marlin Nelson and Gary Messing.

Manager's letters were given to Bob Rath, Bob Wickman, Jim Ver-

dict, Jack Nelson and Don Allison.

GARFIELD SCHOOL

Garfield sixth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Caroline Blake, capped Wednesday during an April Fool's Day assembly. The "Garfield Symphony Orchestra" with musical instruments consisting of washboards, pan lids, wooden spoons, funnels, combs and waxed paper, played several numbers during the half-hour program. The program consisting of three acts included a false cake "baked" by Ray Stobbe, a quiz program, and a nomination of the little band to be "The best grade school symphony orchestra in the country." Several boys, some dressed as girls, danced the Virginia Reel, accompanied by the band.

Willamette Spring Vacation to Begin

Spring vacation on the Willamette university campus goes into effect at 4 p. m. today, and campus activities will cease until classwork resumes April 11.

No meals will be served during the vacation after this evening's supper and only three dormitories, Baxter, Frederickson and Chi Omega will remain open. The school library will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Saturday of next week.

Literary Guidepost

THE AFFAIRS OF FLAVIE, by Gabriel Chevallier, translated from the French by Jocelyn Godefroid (Doubleday; \$3). Buxom, luscious, unhappily married, no longer young but not yet middle aged, Flavie Lacaille is pining for a lover, not an old, stodgy one like Pamphile Garambois, who is also her husband's friend, but a handsome and passionate fellow, someone out of Hollywood.

On a May morning in Grez-Val, scene of this novel, Flavie is at her front window holding a heavy stoneware vase when ardent Pampan, with a bouquet in his hands and wine on his breath, enters and sees his lightly-clothed heart's desire against the bright mountain light. Throwing the flowers to the floor and caution to the winds, he springs forward, hoping that a sudden assault will succeed where a long siege has failed, and kisses her, paws her, and scares her out of her wits.

The vase falls plunk on the head of wealthy Constant Euffe, founder of a successful grocery chain, father of a large family, and at that moment carrying a

little package of sweets to his mistress, Riri Jumer.

It's the end of Euffe, and the beginning of the story. That vase dropped to the sidewalk, like a pebble in a pond, sends ripples all through the provincial city. Euffe's daughter Alberte plays tennis at just that minute with Bob de Bazair; Bob himself, for whom Riri had a few caresses; Euffe's son Germain, who calls on Flavie on official business and calls again on unofficial ones; Edmond, who inherits his father's properties and some of his propensities; Lucie, the daughter in search of a husband; and others, too, are affected by the fatal consequences of the passes made at Flavie.

What starts out as good fun turns into something more serious as the isolated world of Euffe and de Bazair is finally brought up to the minute by the invasion of the nazis and the defeat of France. Flavie's affairs, though she is guileless enough, grow into affairs of state, in a symbolic way, and bedroom farce winds up, figuratively, at council table. It's both windy and breezy.

Public Records

PROBATE COURT

Margaret C. Sherrell guardian-ship: Fourth annual account filed by guardian.

Clara M. Hubbard estate: Hearing on final account set for May 2.

Margaret Campbell guardian-ship: Order approves guardian's account.

Stephen Hemshorn estate: Hearing on final account set for May 2.

Wilbur Vanderbeck guardian-ship: Order authorizes guardian to sell real property.

DISTRICT COURT

Donald Howard Ross and Willis Martin Wallick, both of San Francisco, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property. Pleaded innocent, hearing set April 7, held in lieu of \$2,000 bail each.

George Green, Salem, charged with maintaining nickel-in-the-slot device, jury trial set for April 15 at 1:30 p. m.

Ronald Sylvester Stevens, Salem route 2, box 165, following preliminary examination, charge of assault with intent to commit rape reduced to charge of assault, bound over to grand jury, released on \$1,500 bail.

Havillea E. Canada, 1412 N. Capitol st., charged with rape, bail raised from \$3,500 to \$10,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chauncey M. Brewer, 31, engineer, 1835 N. Commercial st., and Violet Rose Long, 31, secretary, Grants Pass.

John R. Willett, 32, truck driver, and Mabel A. Finster, 38, clerk-typist, both of 955 S. 21st st.

CIRCUIT COURT

Pauline A. Plamondon: Order determines petitioner to be sane and competent to handle her own affairs.

Helen Lindsay vs. Marion county and W. P. Crockett: Complaint seeks \$10,000 general and \$750 special damages for injuries alleged suffered in auto accident Aug. 18, 1947, on Silver Falls highway near Four Corners, and charges negligence on part of defendants.

Ellen Swofford vs. C. H. Ahrens: Answer filed by defendant.

Clifford Orson Lane vs. Phyllis Lane: Divorce complaint alleging cruelty and inhuman treatment asks that defendant be granted custody of minor child and that plaintiff be permitted to contribute to support of child. Married in July, 1945, in Salem.

Nancy M. Emmons vs. Floyd H. Emmons: Divorce complaint alleging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for custody of minor child, for defendant to pay \$200 per month for support of plaintiff and child during suit, for \$4,000 gross alimony and for \$150 monthly support money for child in final decree. Married May 22, 1945, in Sacramento, Calif.

Walter and Evelyn Musgrave vs. Edward J. and Caroline Lucas: Complaint asks judgment of \$39,750 in damages, alleging that defendants fraudulently concealed from plaintiffs at time of purchase of a sand and gravel operation that such operation had been directed to cease.

Wilda Eder vs. Clarence H. Eder: Order of default of defendant.

Neva Korouah vs. Victor L. Korouah: Order of default of defendant.

Charlotte More vs. Ernest L. More: Order of default of defendant.

Frances Gress vs. Daniel Anthony Gress: Order of default of defendant.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Joseph J. Slangel, jr., Scio route 2, reckless driving, fined \$35.

Daniel E. Miller, Portland, reckless driving, fined \$25.

Don Harmon, 2415 Maple ave., failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian, fined \$5.

LIQUOR PRICES CUT

PORTLAND, March 31—(AP)—Three liquor brands sold in Oregon will drop in price as a result of reductions announced by distillers in Philadelphia today. Kentucky gold label and Philadelphia blend will be 25 cents a fifth cheaper starting tomorrow, the office of state liquor administration William Hammond announced. Haller's SRS will drop 10 cents a fifth.

MOTHERS DISCHARGED
Salem Memorial hospital Thursday dismissed Mrs. James Phillips and infant daughter, 1690 S. Church st., Mrs. Virgil Schuette and daughter, Turner, and Mrs. Cecil Oliver and son, Mill City.

Of some 700 species of birds on the Philippines, about half are found only in the islands.

Gains of Past Sessions Cut On Stock Mart

NEW YORK, March 31—(AP)—Demand for stocks ended today and business reversed close to normal after two days of rapid-fire activity.

Key issues lost fractions to an extreme of around 2 points although most declines were a point or less. A handful of shares finished in higher ground.

The setback almost cut in half the gains of a two-day rise—Tuesday's advance was one of the largest in the past year—which lifted the general price level to a high since Feb. 4. Public demand was stimulated by news of the cut in margin requirements to 50 per cent from 75.

Turnover dropped to 980,000 shares, a good day's business but about half of 1,850,000 yesterday and 1,800,000 the day before.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks declined 2 of one point to 63.9, and 10 were matched on March 15 and exceeded a bit on Feb. 24. Utilities held up better than the rail and industrial groups.

The market was still fairly broad with 1,024 individual issues appearing. Demand was matched on these 564 lost ground and 228 advanced.

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Wheat ended 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, corn was 1/4 to 1/4 higher, oats were unchanged to 1/4 higher, rye was 3/4 to 1 cent lower, soybeans were 1 1/2-1 3/4 higher and lard was 10 to 15 cents a hundred pounds higher.

Selling Erases Gains in Grains

CHICAGO, March 31—(AP)—Grains did not get far in an attempt at an advance of the board of trade today. Selling toward the close erased just about all of earlier gains leaving the finish spotty.

Most contracts, however, were a little above the previous close.

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LOG HAULING PERMITTED

Permits to haul logs over specified roads in Marion county were granted Thursday by the county court to John H. Kendle, Scio route 2, and Spring Creek Lumber company.

HOLLAND FOUNTAIN FILES

Certificate of assumed business name as Holland fountain was filed Thursday with Marion county clerk by Cleston C. and Lucy D. Hoxie, 1880 N. 18th st.

MRS. MOORE HOME

Mrs. Clarence Moore went home to Independence Thursday with her infant daughter after being discharged from Salem General hospital.

Births

ROSE—To Mr. and Mrs. John Rose, Jefferson, twin sons born Thursday, March 31, at Salem Memorial hospital.

LUTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lutz, 840 S. 23rd st., a son born Thursday, March 31, at Salem General hospital.

GWYNN—To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gwynn, 1818 N. 17th st., a daughter born Thursday, March 31, at Salem General hospital.

ISHAM—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Isham, Brooks route 1, a daughter born Thursday, March 31, at Salem General hospital.

MILLER—To Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis M. Miller, 1844 N. 8th st., a son born Thursday, March 31, at Salem General hospital.

MAJESKI—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Majeski, 1972 N. Commercial st., a daughter born Wednesday, March 30, at Salem General hospital.

PAPER DRIVE

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Proceeds to be used to build a club house. Call 3-8666 between 5 and 7 p. m. if you have any paper. Pickup Sunday morning.



Dog Show

Salem's 14th Annual Dog Show at the Fairgrounds, this Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening.

The biggest and best yet. Best in judges. Best dogs in all of the West. New benches (for the dogs). Heated building, and fine food served both days by the LIONS AUXILIARY to the DOG's best friend.

Don't miss the Children's handling class at 5:00 p. m.—or the Obedience Dogs at 4:00 p. m. Saturday.

75 Collies will be shown Sunday afternoon and every one could be a LASSIE.

450 dogs on display at all times both days in the RANDSTAND BUILDING.

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Local Betas Win Northwest Fraternity Sing



Winner of the northwest Beta Theta Pi songfest in Seattle last week end is the Willamette university chapter chorus shown above demonstrating how they beat out other songsters from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia colleges. In back, left to right: William Gunsey, Portland; Jesse Jones, Hood River; and Wesley Hodson, Tigard. In front, Eugene Walters, Portland; Robert Seemster, Salem; Robert Gwinn, Newberg; Dale Cleaver, Salem; Joe Brasse, Salem; Marvin Mattson, Woodburn; Richard Cole, Al Straussford, Astoria; Richard Endsley, Hood River; Alfred Isenberg, Hood River; Karl Schmidt, Hood River; Gilbert Oliver, Portland; and Director Art Dimond, Portland. Not present when picture was taken is Earl Fedje, Salem. (Statesman photo).