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THE GOOD SHEPHERD—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:1, 6.

It is rumored that the Prince of Wales wishes to renounce all rights to the British throne and marry a commoner with whom he is deeply in love.

If a few more bank robbers could receive the attention given those attempting to hold up that Portland suburban bank, the profession would rapidly become unpopular.

The Grants Pass Courier issued a 32-page Historical Edition recently that is a distinct credit to Josephine county and to Voorhies and Son.

—BUT SHE SMOKES! In Iowa these days there is much ado about Agnes Maude Royden, woman minister of England, who had been engaged for several lectures at various educational institutions in the state and who is guilty of the terrible crime of smoking cigarettes (so it's said).

Mrs. Royden is a very competent personage. She has made a name for herself in England, has become sufficiently prominent and successful to be desired as a lecturer at numerous American seats of learning.

REHEARING DENIED WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The supreme court today refused to reopen its recent decision sustaining the city of Lincoln, Neb., in establishing filling stations and selling gasoline at cost.

ABE MARTIN



Of course we all can't fly, an' we all can't keep our mouths shut, but if we'd only talk half as much as we've been talkin', we'd be learnin' somethin' from Lindy.

Elia Holly Thursday. W. W. Stevens, county commissioner, left Friday for Portland where he will attend a commissioners' meeting.

Hal Rees transacted business in Ore Thursday afternoon. Mrs. John Jacobs and her mother, Mrs. Josephine Graham, of North Powder, were Union visitors Wednesday and attended the funeral of Charles P. Holly.

Max Jensen, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arval Jensen for the past month, left Sunday for Granite, Ore., where he is employed by the Mountaintop Mining Co. He was accompanied by Kenneth Caldwell.

Pete Davis, Hal Rees and Biz Rode, each shipped a carload of cattle to the Portland market Saturday.

The Rev. Robert C. Lee, of the Methodist church here, was a Baker visitor Monday to attend the funeral of Floyd Hill.

Several of the business houses here have been receiving ice this week from the North Powder ice plant.

Ten carloads of lumber have been shipped recently from the Oregon Trail Lumber company to points east.

Roy Wheeler, sheep raiser, reports lambing season on at his place west of town.

Word was received here yesterday by Mrs. Viola Parker, that her brother, Adna B. Rogers, of Yakima, Wash., underwent a very serious operation there at the hospital Monday of last week.

The girls' basketball game between Enterprise and Union Enterprise Friday had a score of 24-22 in favor of Union. Miss Helen Shapiro, coach, accompanied the team.

TACOMA MAN DIES TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 22 (AP)—Anacleto Vares Fierco, four times mayor of Tacoma, and one of the most prominent as well as picturesque figures of the city's life during nearly 45 years residence here, died Sunday at the age of 81 years.

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Commissioner Caldwell Defends Record of Federal Radio Board

WASHINGTON (AP)—Commissioner O. H. Caldwell contends that the record of the Federal Radio Commission's treatment of independent broadcasters refutes charges made by D. W. May, owner of Station WTTU, of Midland Park, N. J., and other station operators that the commission has been unfair to the small broadcaster.

Mr. May's charges of mistreatment were made before the senate committee on interstate commerce and in letters to members of the senate. In a letter to Senator Royal Copeland, democrat of New York, Commissioner Caldwell asserts that the stations placed on the preferred channels are the most popular in their respective communities and nearly all are independently owned and operated.

They are invariably the stations having the best apparatus, the broadest programs and the best individual records of faithful observance of the rules of the air, Mr. Caldwell says.

They have been assigned preferred channels because of their individual local history and standing at stations and not because of any chain or other connections. In fact about 20 of these stations had no chain service when given their present assignments, but have since chosen to contract for the program service offered by one of the chains. That they are free to do this is evident, since by the Radio Act of 1927, the commission expressly has no authority over programs.

The supply of two hours of daily programs from a common source of program material, certainly has no more relation to the independent character of the station than the supplying of two columns of syndicated news matter to the leading newspapers in 20 cities, from a central news bureau, would have on the independent control character or policy of these papers.

At present the time occupied by these chain programs averages less than two hours per day, for each station. Later if this purely chain time increases, or as better individual programs are developed by other stations now being handicapped, such stations have recourse to contest the right to those channels. And they will be assigned these channels if it can be shown that such reassignments would from the standpoint of diversification of programs, be in the greater interest of distant as well as local listeners.

With respect to independent broadcasters, the attitude of the commission always has been particularly sympathetic toward the small stations and the independent operators who make up by far the greatest number of the 650 stations which are doing a good job in their communities have been given every possible advantage, and where such stations are in isolated regions, increase in power have been authorized up to the limits of interference elsewhere. Unfortunately, however, as is generally known, we have not half enough channels to permit good service by our 650 stations.

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