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A WORTHY PURPOSE—I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live, I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Psalm 104:32.

## ABE MARTIN



"Makin' both ends meet is gittin' t' be such a problem that I hain't bought a thing for th' house 'cept some seat covers for th' car," said Mrs. Fregie Swallow, today. Who recalls th' old-time grocery with ever'thin' uncovered an' exposed, an' a big maltese cat asleep in th' prunes?

## Concert Pitch

From The Oregon City Morning Enterprise

Desecration of the press has long been a subject of academic treatment by writers who contribute to the thinking minds of America. We have listened patiently to these literary hacks, who have mourned the passing of editorial vigor and domination, and have heard recollections of the tremendous influence of Greeley, Duns, Waterston, et al, upon the public. The newspapers of today, we have been informed, are machine made, cut in the same pattern, lacking in individuality and utterly colorless. For fear of giving offense, they are reluctant to express whatever opinions respecting the inclusion of the editorial sanctum. The business office is supreme, and therefore the public should be treated to mild doses of pap, interspersed with occasional prescriptions of blah blah. The reader must not be driven, lest he hick. Soft words lead to great riches and all that sort of tommyrot. Definite recommendation should not be urged for fear of reprisal in some fashion or another. We may eat, drink and be merry, but ever watchful of our step. That has been the doctrine preached in season and out of season, convincing many that newspapers have lost their self-respect together with their power.

### RADIO SPEECH

The great American struggle for "correct pronunciation" goes on, especially in radio. To the cultural efforts of broadcasting stations are added those of the American Academy. Says Hamlin Garland of that organization: "Providing the immense influence of radio speech, the Academy desires to be of service in maintaining standards of enunciation, the correct use of words, and also of improving the quality of voice in which the words are spoken."

This is a laudable undertaking. But it has its problems and perils. What shall be the standards of judgment? What is "correct pronunciation" and "correct enunciation?" Shall English for the nation be spoken into the microphone as it is spoken by the cultured folk of Boston, or the cultured folk of New York, or Chicago, or San Francisco, or Baltimore, or New Orleans, or Dallas?

Millions of radio listeners are jarred when they hear a cultivated radio voice from Boston say "lawr" and "idear," and sense something strange in "fahm" for farm. The easterner thinks it barbarous to pronounce the "r" right out, as is done in most regions west of the Hudson and north of Mason and Dixon's line. The New Englanders and New Yorkers and southerners don't agree in their modifications and omissions.

The short "a," flattened more and more as it takes its way westerly, is a continual source of offense to the "cultured," just as their "a's" are to the flatteners. There are many tricks of speech, many idioms, characteristic of whole sections of intelligent, modern Americans, which offend other sections.

The east so far has had things pretty much its own way in pronunciation, in school instruction, on the state and on the speaking platform. But radio will probably require a more democratic treatment, getting nearer to the typical or average American speech, if there is such a thing—say Chicago's standard, with punctuation provided by machine gun practice. In any event, we refuse to worry a great deal about perfect speech until we get more perfect radio.

## AMERICANS HOPE FOR CLEAN SWEEP

High Jump Chances in the Olympic Games Seem Very Bright

HIGH JUMPING CHAMPIONS  
NEW YORK (AP)—Olympic high jumping champions and their distances:

Year	Winner	Country	Distance
1896	Clark	U. S.	5:11 1-4
1900	Baxter	U. S.	5:2 4-5
1904	Jones	U. S.	5:11
1906	Leahy	Ireland	5:9 7-8
1908	Porter	U. S.	6:3
1912	Richardson	U. S.	6:4
1920	Landon	U. S.	6:4 1-5
1924	Oshorn	U. S.	6:6 (x)

(x) Olympic record. World's record, 6 feet, 8 3/4 inches, by Oshorn.

By Alan J. Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)  
NEW YORK (AP)—In a year that seems to be shattering all precedent for high flying the famous schoolmaster, Hal Oshorn, may have to yield the high jumping Olympic crown to one or another of the astonishing crop of new attitude-makers.

When America can mention off-hand the names of ten jumpers who have done 6 feet 4 inches or better there isn't much prospect that the nation's supremacy in this branch of field sports will be menaced at Amsterdam.

The veteran Oshorn has been troubled off and on during the past few years by a weak ankle or strained thigh tendons. Half his leg has been taped up in recent competition but even with such handicaps the bespectacled star of the Illinois A. C. is as good or better than his rivals.

Whether or not Oshorn is able to stage a come-back he can rest on a pretty fair share of laurels already won. He captured the Olympic title four years ago at Paris, beating out the slim Dartmouth star, Leroy Brown, with a record leap of 6 feet 6 inches. That was Oshorn's greatest year, 1924, for he also won the Olympic decathlon title and set a new world's high jumping mark of 6 feet, 8 3/4 inches. That record still stands. The closest it has come to being touched was two years ago when Haggard, Texas star, leaped 6 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

Haggard is among the foremost Olympic contenders this year. So are Burg of Chicago, Coggeshall of the Olympic Club, San Francisco; Major of St. Bonaventure, Maryland; and Shephard of Texas, all of whom have scaled around 6 feet 5 inches or more.

King, the national champion, is among the most consistent. He has the additional benefit of being coached by "Dink" Templeton, himself a famous jumper, and member of the 1920 Olympic team and this year a member of the Olympic coaching staff. Templeton went over to the games eight years ago as high jumper. He was ruled out because of his "western roll" style of leaping but went into the broad jump and finished fourth on short notice.

Perhaps the most dramatic high jumping victory for the United States occurred at Stockholm in 1912 when Alma Richards, giant Utah athlete, defeated the great Californian and favorite, George Horine, who had set the world's record at 6 feet 7 inches. Richards, Horine and Latsche, the German, were the three finalists. With the bar at 6:5, Latsche cleared, easily on his first try. The Americans missed their first two tries and the Horine failed on his third and final attempt. With one try left and victory at stake, Richards cleared the bar with a tremendous effort and went on to win at 6:8 1/2.

In view of American supremacy otherwise it is still something of a mystery to note the lapse in 1906, when the best any representative of the United States could do was a tie for third place at 5:7 1/2. The winning mark that year, only two inches higher, is the lowest on Olympic record.

By contrast, in 1912, six of the first seven in the final standing were Americans. Four out of the

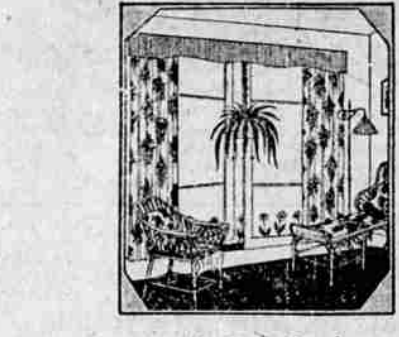
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We are not disposed to crow over the result, but it is worth while to reaffirm the reality, and to exemplify a vindication of the newspaper influence, once it has a fitting and justifiable basis for operation. The editorial profession is human. It does not seek to control the politics of the state, but it took upon itself a self-imposed task and proceeded seriously and with the best intentions in the world. No sensitive newspaper readers that Mr. Hoss, a newspaper man, should be chosen to occupy an important state office. They have succeeded, and in victory they have given the people a visual demonstration of newspaper influence properly applied. They would not have attempted a combined effort in behalf of a man not of the press, but were willing to indulge in something more than a mere gesture for the support of one who speaks their language.

### Bomb Kills Five In Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, May 22 (AP)—Five persons were killed and 40 injured in the explosion of a bomb in the Italian consulate building today.

### Rome Governor Returns Walker's Visit



NISA New York Bureau  
"When in New York, do as New Yorkers do in Rome," was the advice for Ludovico Spada Patenland, governor of Rome, when he landed in Gotham to return the visit paid by Mayor and Mrs. Jimmy Walker. The governor straightaway proceeded to demonstrate that he dressed as well and was as quick at repartee as the dapper Jimmy. Pictured above are the governor and his pretty daughter, Princess Miriam, who accompanied him. Below he is shown riding with New York's mayor in the welcome parade.

### Short, Dark Man Robs Conductor, Frightens Woman

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22 (AP)—Entering his home shortly before 4 a. m. after completing his night shift, John Fransina, street car man, was confronted with the blunt nose of an automatic pistol brandished by a short, dark-complexioned robber.

### Fraternities' Tax Liability At Issue

SALEM, Ore., May 22 (AP)—Whether college fraternities can be required by law to pay taxes is the issue in a case before the circuit court here.

Kappa Gamma Rho, Willamette university fraternity, is the plaintiff in a suit against County Assessor O. A. Steelhammer and Sheriff O. D. Bower, asking an injunction to prevent the collection of taxes on fraternity property. The case will be statewide in its result.

### AIR PASSENGER KILLED

BUENOS AIRES, May 22 (AP)—A German flier crashed against a house yesterday afternoon, killing his passenger. The pilot was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

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