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## DOES HONESTY PAY?

By Lovick P. Law in "Supreme Council." Standards of every kind around us, business, social, spiritual, have in the last few years been breaking down. There is no denying this fact. The fruits of this breakdown are to be seen on every side today. Whether it is in politics, religion or society, the question comes again and again in a whisper to men running for public office, to men in business, to women in social channels. Does it pay to be honest and play the game square?

I am standing up in the open and saying it absolutely does.

Do you want to get your answer? Consider the discredited public officials who have tasted of the forbidden fruit and have had to flee to other countries to escape penalties, and see them when at last they returned to face the crowd. Do you think the price has been high? Look at the men on every side of us, in this busy whirling race today, and see them held up to ridicule and scorn before that world that once bowed down to worship. Why?

They did not play the game square and now pay day has come.

A prominent man once said: "The man with the bill will always come," and that is true; he always comes sooner or later and you must pay. Pay day is sure to show up. Integrity banks against hard days ahead and stores up a coin that the world cannot take away. Lowered standards and the idea that a man can get away with crooked deals and shady practices and come out on top is an exploded theory, even though some may argue otherwise.

Human wrecks along life's highways, that lie bleaching in the sun, are mute evidence that to play the game square pays in the long run. Prosperity—financial, social, political or otherwise—built upon the foundational theory that all men are crooked so why not get something out of it yourself, ultimately will meet with disaster. To play the game square, with yourself and others means a clear conscience at nightfall and a sweet pillow where your head will rest in peace and no raven will croak on your bedpost.

Do not lose your true sense of manhood. The pathways of life are cluttered with broken men and women who thought they could get by with anything and found the avalanche swept upon them and carried them down. They are to be seen bowed heads, broken hearts, and shoulders drooped, who once held their heads high and power flashed from their eyes, but now the old dash is gone. You do not have to look long to find out the answer for this change.

They did not play the game square. There is a great call today for men of strength and character who will not be swayed by popular currents when those currents are controlled by graft, greed and wrong. Keep your flag up and keep it flying high. Do not dip it to the crowd that would destroy your high ideals and warp your soul. Thus to stand firm will mean that in the end you will find yourself upon the hill tops of life, breathing the ozone of honest effort, and you will be able to look the world in the face, unashamed. You have left your imprint upon humanity, in the right way, and more than that, you will be able to say when you near the end of the road and daylight fades: "It pays to play the game square."

## MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION

The Oxford Ledger

A group of elected and appointed municipal officials are to assemble here today, Friday, to study the legislative program which has been approved by the North Carolina Municipal League. This group may approve, disapprove or amend proposals of the League.

Developments in the legislative sessions in Raleigh in recent years have brought about a realization of the importance of municipal organization to protect municipalities against encroachments by the state, wittingly or unwittingly.

The State is constantly reaching out for new sources of revenue and with recurring frequency has found it advantageous to tap the sources reserved for municipalities. And there is no indication that the State intends discontinuing the practice. And, on the other hand it is strongly evident that the State, through action of the Legislature, is in position to provide the succor that suffering municipalities must have.

The North Carolina League of Municipalities is on record favoring (1) the return to towns and cities of 10 per cent of State-collected gasoline and motor vehicle taxes; (2) return to counties and municipalities of entire proceeds from State-collected tax on intangibles; (3) "simplification" of property tax collection laws; (4) constitutional "home rule" for municipalities. Further, the League opposes homestead exemption and State restrictions on municipal taxing power.

The legislative program of the League, as embodied in those four principles, is not narrow nor 'cheap,' but is directed in a way designed to bring about a better understanding between State and local governments. The State must steer clear of a policy of financial and political strangulation for local governments, be they county or municipal.

Local governments of the state can accomplish through the North Carolina League of Municipalities desirable results which cannot be achieved and which are being lost through independent action. It has become the duty of the League to protect local governments from the Wolf of State which is constantly scratching around for finances intended for home-use.



## REPUBLICANS JUBILANT OVER GAINS IN CONGRESS — STATES

The results of the election last week catapulted the Republican Party back into the thick of the national political fight. While the party failed to come anywhere close to control of the House of Representatives it scored notable gains in membership, both in the House and the Senate, and made distinct progress toward reclaiming state governments

### G. O. P. JUBILANT

The Republicans have good cause to be jubilant. Their gains exceeded the expectations practically all Democratic politicians and measured up to the maximum forecasts of newspaper writers. In the House, Republican strength was almost doubled, moving up from 88 to nearly 170. In the Senate, the Republicans at the next session will have at least eight new senators to add to the fifteen of the present Congress. In the governors, pronounced gains were recorded for the Republican party. Whereas, the Party could claim only seven of the forty-eight governorships before the election, the number will be more than doubled as a result of the vote last week.

Figured another way, the election cut the Democratic majority in the House from around 240 to about 80, and reduced the lead in the Senate from more than 60 to approximately 40. In addition to capturing control of new state governments, the Republicans also acquired innumerable local offices throughout the nation. These will help in strengthening the Party machinery for the test that is certain to come in 1940.

### TREND IS REVERSED

Moreover, Republican satisfaction is based upon the definite arrest of a trend to the Democratic Party which began in 1930 culminated in the astonishing sweep of 1933. The next Congress will have fewer Democrats in the House than at any time since 1933. In the Senate, while the Democrats stay above 1933 figure it may be attributed to the fact that only one-third of the Senate was up for election.

Thus, reason the Republicans, the long overdue reaction to the Democratic triumphs of the past few years has arrived and, in its coming, has exhibited a force stronger than was expected. This is the salience that the Republicans get out of the election last week and the basis of rosy hopes for 1940.

### DEMOCRATS IN POWER

On the Democratic side, it is pointed out that the country, on the basis of the election of members of the House of Representatives, remains safely Democratic. Realizing that their top-heavy strength for the past three Congresses has been reduced, they assert that only once in the last twenty-five congresses, has the Party possessed greater strength. Emphasizing third Party strength in the new Congress, they point out that in the last fifty years the Republicans, in their long control of the national government,

could boast of a greater strength in the House in only three Congresses.

Regardless of this reasoning on the part of the Democrats, however, the election disclosed a reversal of the trend which sent the Democratic Party to new highs. Once a trend is demonstrated by the voters, the presumption is that the trend continues. If the present trend, reflected in the election last Tuesday, continues for the next few years, it will inevitably mean the election of a Republican Congress and possibly a Republican President in 1940. This is what makes the Republicans feel so well and the Democrats a little anxious as they look to the future.

### OPEN QUESTION

As stated earlier, the main issue in the election was whether President Roosevelt would retain the support of a majority of the members of Congress. This remains to be seen. Already it is apparent that independent action on the part of both houses of Congress has been greatly accelerated. Undoubtedly, conservative Democrats, if united with a solid Republican vote, can curb the President's leadership. If the President and his party unite on a program then the control of the Congress is certain and nothing that the Republican minority can do will be effective.

It will be interesting to watch the next session of Congress to observe whether there will be a division among the members of both parties on basis of the Liberal vs. Conservative fight. Both parties have this problem. Each is divided into what might be called two factions, with the one leaning toward liberalism and the other towards conservative principles. It is conceivable that an issue may arise, in line with the President's recent political leadership, that will cause the parties to divide on the basis of the fundamental liberal vs. conservative issue. This would mean that conservative Democrats and conservative Republicans would be on one side, and liberal Democrats and liberal Republicans on the other. Just what strength such a vote would show, no one can say at this time.

### MID-TERM TRENDS

The election last week was a mid-term election. It should be pointed out that, with the exception of 1934, every mid-term election since 1870 has registered a loss for the party in control. That the Democrats expected some losses is a fact; that their losses exceeded their expectations is also true. The Republicans, on their part, expected strong gains, but are delightfully surprised at the extent of their realizations. The voters, or at least a majority of them, continue to look to the President and his New Deal to some extent, was the general issue in the national elections. Apparently Democrats for national leadership. Nor is there any room to dispute the conclusion that the Democratic Party, as a whole, lost distinct ground last week.

## OUR PRISON POPULATION

(From The Biblical Recorder) According to figures published in the News and Observer, the number of prisoners in the State Prison system on May 25, 1938, was 9,421. In 1888, when the population of the State was about half what it now is, the total number of prisoners in the state penitentiary was barely a thousand, most of them colored. Today we have nine times as many prisoners as then, and only twice as many people. How do we account for it? It is surely not because we were then; as a whole, our people are much better educated than they were 50 years ago. Nor is it because our laws are more rigidly enforced now than then. In fact, punishment for crime was much more severe then than now; larcenies which were then punished with penalties of two or three years are now punished with penalties of only so many months. Nor did criminals escape detection then more usually than now. The fact is that there were fewer crimes and fewer criminals then than now in proportion to the number of people. It would be rash for any one to say that he knows the absolute reason, but we think we know one reason for the present increase in prison population. It is that respect for law is no longer taught in North Carolina as was taught a half century ago. Then children

were taught to obey their parents and were punished when they did not obey. Then teachers had authority to make children obey and punish them if they did not obey. Now let a teacher try to exact obedience and he is held up in the public press as a monster of cruelty. Again, a half century ago there were no movies to invest crime and criminals with a glamor of adventure and attractiveness, and only disreputable papers printed on their front pages pictures of the sexually corrupt with alluring stories of their many amours and divorces. Then there were no slot and marble machines to teach even little children to gamble and to bring up a generation of young people obsessed with the belief that they had a right to get something for nothing, even though they had to steal it. If we are content to subject our young people to the contemplation of crime made attractive and condoned and to let them do as they please, we must not be surprised that an increasing number of them become criminals.

### Born Signaler

In the midst of the fighting in Spain a child is born with four arms. A successful future is predicted for the little fellow, with the signal crops.—Atlanta Constitution

## PEARL S. BUCK, IS GIVEN 1938 NOBEL LITERATURE PRIZE

Stockholm, Sweden, Nov. 10.—The 1938 Nobel prize for literature was awarded to Pearl Buck, American author of "The Good Earth," and other novels dealing with China.

Mrs. Buck, formerly Pearl Sydneyster and now Mrs. Richard J. Walsh, of Great Neck, N. Y., was born in Hillsboro, W. Va., in 1892 and has spent much of her life in China.

(Mrs. Buck's parents were missionaries in China and her first husband, J. L. Buck, was a member of the faculty of Nanking University. They were divorced in 1935.)

The Nobel award was understood to have been based particularly on "The Good Earth" which also won the 1932 Pulitzer prize for an American novel.

New York, Nov. 10.—Pearl Buck said today she "just couldn't believe it" when cabled dispatches from Stockholm brought word that she had won the 1938 Nobel prize for literature.

Her husband and publisher, Richard J. Walsh, said his wife was "very excited."

### WAITRESSES GET BIG TIP

Carlyle, Ill.—Two waitresses were the beneficiaries of a "tipping" contest staged by two customers. After eating meals costing less than a dollar each, one of the men offered to double any tip left by his friend. The "pot" opened with \$50 and ended with \$360 on the table. The waitresses split the tip.

### What! No Moonlight?

Mrs. Alec Tweedie very much regrets that she is obliged to postpone her moonlight party tomorrow.—Note in the London Times.

None!

There's no fool like an old fool acting like a young fool.—U. S. S. Canopus laws.

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of R. T. Hatch, deceased late of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Mt. Olive on or before the 10th day of October, 1939 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make payment. This 10th day of October, 1938. ROY E. HATCH, Administrator of R. T. Hatch, Mt. Olive, N. C.

### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina Nash County IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Having qualified as Administratrix of estate of William Thomas Mann This is to notify all persons owing said estate to make settlement, and all persons having legal claims against the estate to present same in legal form within one year from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar to any recovery. This October 14th, 1938. LULA M. MANN Administratrix. C. F. RICH, Attorney. (1021 1125)

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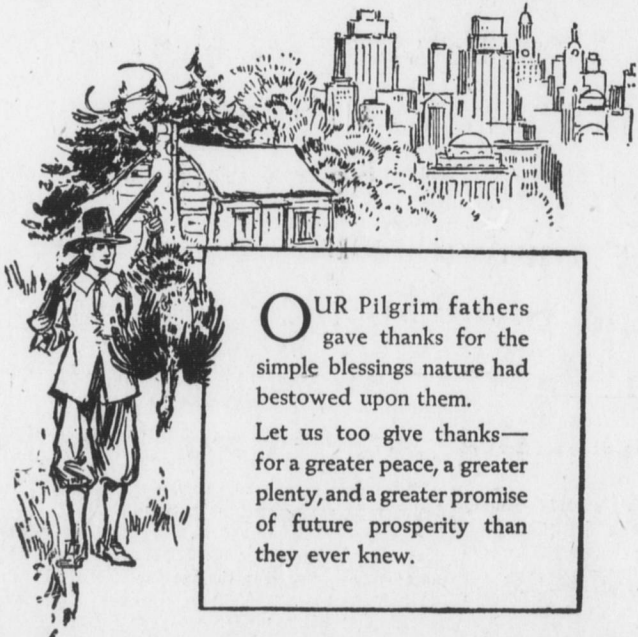
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