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## Honesty Only Policy.

Honesty was the main theme of the address of Governor Hughes of New York at the Philadelphia Academy of music on the twenty-second. That it was the anniversary of the birth of Washington would have been sufficient reason for taking such a text, yet the Governor may have found a stronger one in the facts revealed recently in investigations conducted at his state capitol. The problem of America today, said he, is to secure honest and faithful performance of public obligation. Referring to legislative proposals, the Governor declared that, whatever their merits, the final test must ever be found in the character and purpose of public servants. He deplored the corruption "that rots public enterprise and the spectacle of legislative halls and administrative offices turned into market places, where the exercise of Governmental powers is made the subject of barter and sale."

This is strong language, but Governor Hughes did not merely condemn—he pointed the way to improvement. He said that the young men of the country should be infused with the spirit of honesty, and in them should be developed a

deep sense of obligation and invincible loyalty to trust. Honesty is a better backing in business today than bonds or banks, and where it is recognized the merchant will give credit within reason, confident that sooner or later every obligation will be fully met by the man in whom the trust is placed. This is true all through commercial affairs and it can be applied to politics as well. For all our hopes of success and prosperity, state and national as well as individual, the world is coming to realize as never before that honesty is the foundation.—  
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## LOCALS

A number of the Chemawa people attended the Aviation meet held in Portland on Saturday. Those wishing detailed information of the aeroplane should apply to Edward Ainsworth.

The many friends of Viola Stuart will regret to learn that she died on February the 24th at her home at Kooskia, Idaho. The American sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart in the loss of their daughter.