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country like ours where public opinion prevails so paramountly, the public man doesn't occupy nearly so important a position as he that moulds public opinion. The cardinal sin of the moulder of public opinion is mendacity. I abhor the thief, but I abhor more the assassin of character, he that tries to destroy the public's faith in the honesty of the man who rightfully should be where he is."

That he did not refer to the reform magazines, generally classed as muckraker magazines, was explained by the colonel. Those magazines have accomplished much good for they have striven for reform where reform is needed. He referred particularly to the New York Herald which he charged with striving to discredit good men so as to weaken their influence in their fight for the public welfare. Those publications follow the methods of the "muckrakers" but they are not prompted by the good motives that prompt the work of most reform writers.

It was time for someone to draw the line between writers who really strive for reform and the Anninias variety.

Nat Goodwin, the actor has had almost as many wives as the late Peter West, of this city. So frequently has the actor been married and divorced that the story is told that a friend once asked him if he would not invite him to one of his weddings sometime.

In picking up the fellow who robbed the Schaefer jewelry store the officers did quick work and Marshal Gurdane is entitled to credit. Critics of the police force should take notice.

People voted the high school bond issue on the understanding that the new building would be located on the site of the present structure. Therefore the members of the board may be expected to stand by that location unless some very conclusive reasons should be advanced, showing that the building should go elsewhere.

Some people will wonder why New York's \$25,000,000 capitol was not constructed on the fireproof order.

Tomorrow is the cleanup day. Get rid of the garbage and then keep it cleaned away throughout the entire year.

WHERE IT COMES FROM.
Some light was thrown upon the Illinois senatorial corruption yesterday when H. H. Kohlsaat, publisher of the Record-Herald, declared he had inside information that the interests had raised \$100,000 to elect Lorimer as senator. His testimony was interesting because it shows the cause of the corruption that attended the Lorimer election. It had previously been made very clear that Lorimer had been elected through bribery but it had not been shown whose money was used to purchase the votes.

It was "big business interests" that furnished the slush fund for Lorimer, according to Publisher Kohlsaat. There can be little doubt as to the truthfulness of the charge. Who but the interests could have given thousands of dollars for bribery? Lorimer would not have paid \$100,000 for a position drawing \$7500 per annum, had he possessed the \$100,000. His friends would not have given the money out of friendship. The money came from corporations that wanted Lorimer made senator. Why they wished him for the position would make another interesting story.

"Big business interests" are responsible for nine-tenths of the corruption in politics. This has been true in Illinois, in Oregon and in every other state in the union. Politicians get the blame and people think they are a bad job, as in truth many of them are. But the politicians are seldom the great wrongdoers. Usually they are mere pawns in the game. Corporations use them to block legislation to which they are opposed or to keep down men who if chosen in office would stand for the public welfare in preference to the welfare of the interests. The blame that really governs affairs is invariably the general public.

It is entirely right that corrupt politicians should be punished. The explanation that they are not the chief factors in the plot is not sufficient. Whether they be big men or "small fry" alike gives and bribe takers should be sent to jail. Drive the crooks and the weaklings out of office and strong, clean men will soon forth to take their places.

But it is too bad that while prosecutions and investigations are on the probe cannot very often be carried to the source of corruption. There are certain rich men who should also go to jail. Were it not for them fewer politicians would go wrong.

"ANNINIAS MUCKRAKERS."
In his address at Berkeley Tuesday Roosevelt paid a tribute to the power of the press and struck hard at a class of publications that use their influence improperly.

"The public man," said Colonel Roosevelt, "occupies a very important and responsible position; but in a

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should number three—myself and two chickens."

A NARROW ESCAPE.
Lord Decies, the husband of Miss Vigen Gould, was talking in New York about American cab fares. "They seem to be intended only for the rich," he said. "I was amused by a caddy who, after a drive that would have cost a shilling in London, said: 'You're an Englishman, sir, and so I'll only charge you \$2.' 'He made me think of a lawyer who having won a case involving 100 pounds, kept 80 for his fee, and said, as he handed over the balance of 20 pounds to his client: 'I am your friend, sir. I can't charge you my full fee. I knew your father.' 'Thank goodness,' said the client warmly, 'that you didn't know my grandfather.'"

It is reported that at the proper time Harry S. New, national committeeman for Indiana will be made a member of the executive committee to represent his state on that committee in the campaign of 1912. It has never been quite understood why Indiana was not represented on the executive committee in 1908. It was the first lapse of that kind in many years. Those on the inside have always attributed it to personal differences between Chairman Hitchcock and Mr. New over the preliminaries of the convention at Chicago in 1908.

MARCH 30 IN HISTORY.
1793—The English, under General McTear, took possession of Ostend.
1838—Ireland declared in a state of rebellion.
1814—General Wilkinson, with about 2000 troops, attacked a party of British at Lake Coole, Lower Canada, and was repulsed.
Cholera plague at its height in Barbadoes.
1863—Battle of Somerset, Ky.
1870—Texas readmitted into the Union.
1889—The Eiffel Tower, Paris, opened.
1891—Manipur tribes massacred 400 British Goorkhas troops in Alaska.
1894—President Cleveland vetoed the Bland bill.
1897—Many killed and injured by cyclone at Chandler, Oklahoma.
1899—English excursion steamer Stella wrecked near Alderney. 73 persons drowned.
1903—Strike of textile workers at Lowell, Mass., began to assume serious aspects.
1908—German ambassador withdrew his objections to D. J. Hill as American ambassador.
1909—Jan Pouren, Russian refugee in New York, finally released from custody.
1910—King George of Greece issued a royal decree for the revision of constitution, ending the regime of the military league.

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