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STILL OPPOSING IT.

We realize that we may be giving disproportionate space and a good deal of free advertising in our columns to the obnoxious photoplay which, through the regrettable and much to be pitied spinlessness of the city authorities, who have hitherto been wont to boast of their possession of considerable backbone, is being permitted to be shown without let, hindrance or curtailment of even its most objectionable features, in a local theater. This, however, is unavoidable.

It is quite necessary that our readers should be advised and that our city authorities, to whom we have turned in vain for relief, should not be left in ignorance as to how the fight is going elsewhere, how the issue is being met and how determined our people are all over the country not to cease their labors until this objectionable and prejudice-promoting film is suppressed or so completely changed that its baneful influence shall be modified.

We call attention to the fact that the supreme court of Minnesota has upheld the mayor of the city of Minneapolis in revoking the play's license. We believe that had our own mayor taken the same stand here when the playhouse refused to eliminate the most objectionable features, and it had gone to the courts, the courts would have sustained him. Nor would he have been compelled to act independently, as was the mayor of Minneapolis, for he would have had the support of at least four of the commissioners. We are not blaming the mayor alone, although we are frank to admit that we confidently believed that we could count on him, but ALL THE COMMISSIONERS for their supineness and shilly-shallying in the matter of vital concern to our race in this community.

The success attending the efforts of the colored Canadians at Windsor in preventing this production, as reported elsewhere in this issue, is noteworthy as showing how widespread the opposition to this picture film is and the promptness with which the authorities acted. We have kept in close touch with this matter and we have noticed that in almost every case where the authorities REALLY WANTED TO ACT, ORDINANCE OR NO ORDINANCE, THEY SOMEHOW FOUND A WAY TO COMPEL THE ELIMINATION OF THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES.

To our humiliation, Omaha, of which we are so proud, is among the notable exceptions. Why? WHY?

The Jardine resolution, introduced and passed at the request of the Rev. Messrs. Botts, Logan and Osborne and John Grant Pegg, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE THEATER MANAGEMENT TO ELIMINATE

THE FEATURES OBJECTED TO, had less effect than a dog baying the moon. This action was tenderly considerate, but ineffective.

With FOUR OF THE COMMISSIONERS, to our personal knowledge, two of whom told us themselves, saying that the last scene at least should be cut out—the very thing we asked to have done—is it not a little strange that no way can be found to have this done? The commissioners who have so expressed themselves are Dahlman, Drexel, Jardine and Kugel. The play still goes on and is to “run indefinitely.” Of course it will, for ought the authorityless city authorities care. Poor helpless chaps! Pity them, blame them not. They dare not offend a money-making outside corporation. Citizens, taxpayers and VOTERS, how about their wishes?

“Among Ourselves” is the name of a bright and well-edited bi-monthly publication just issued by the Brandeis Stores, under the editorship of L. R. Crawford, the firm's genial advertising manager. He has a large and efficient corps of associates. The first number scintillates with keen and clean wit and contains items of interest to the large store family for whom it is primarily published and whose mouthpiece it aims to be. The Monitor welcomes Among Ourselves into the journalistic family; and since it is seeking another name, we suggest “The Branstoma,” which stands for the Brandeis Stores, Omaha, but also means the mouth or organ of speech of the Brandeis. Another good name would be “Inter Sese” or “Inter Nos.”

Please don't forget that the editor and staff desire to patronize our advertisers and do some early Christmas shopping. Cash on your subscription will be appreciated. We have good faces, yes, we pride ourselves on being a pretty good looking bunch, but somewhere we have seen a sign which states that even good looking faces will not go into the cash register.

Remember that we would like to have TWO HUNDRED additional subscribers by January 1. This week we received ten. We need only 190 more to make up the 200.

REMEMBER—That the firms who advertise in this paper expect and appreciate YOUR PATRONAGE. Advertising is a BUSINESS, not a charitable proposition. If you wish to boost The Monitor—if you wish to help make it the best Race Paper in the country—patronize these firms and tell them that you saw their advertisement in The Monitor.

OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

No one is authorized to solicit for The Monitor's Old Folks' Home fund. Contributions must be sent or brought to the office of The Monitor. A receipt on a printed form will be given to each contributor. His name and the amount will be published in our columns. As soon as \$100 is received it will be turned over to the treasurer of the Negro Women's Christian association to be paid on the property, and a copy of the receipt from the treasurer and from the real estate agent to whom payment is made will be published in this paper.

Acknowledgments.

Nov. 1, E. W. Pryor.....\$5.00

WHAT THERE'S TIME FOR.

Lots of time for lots of things,
Though it's said that time has wings,
There is always time to find,
Ways of being sweet and kind;
There is always time to share,
Smiles and goodness everywhere.

Time to send the frowns away,
Time a gentle word to say,
Time for helpfulness, and time
To assist the weak to climb,
Time to gather a little flower,
Time for friendship any hour.

But there is no time to spare,
For unkindness anywhere.



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