

CENSORING THE MOVIES

Some time ago a bill was introduced in Congress by Representative Dudley M. Hughes of Georgia, the object of which was to create a new division of the Bureau of Education to be known as the Federal Moving Picture Commission and defining its powers and duties. Nothing was done with the bill, but it is said that it will be one of the first resolutions on the calendar when Congress reconvenes.

The purpose of this bill is to regulate by a Federal commission the principal amusement agency and what is rapidly coming to be one of the chief educational agencies of the people of the United States. The committee on education, to which the bill was referred, unanimously recommended that it pass, and in the report submitted stated in part as follows:

"The necessity for regulation of motion pictures is apparent. It has been acknowledged by a large majority of the film-manufacturers by their voluntary submission of their films to unofficial boards for approval. That the public demands this regulation is demonstrated by the scrupulous regularity with which the producers exhibit such approval at the end of each picture.

"The vicious picture brings the larger return to exhibitor and producer, because it gets the money of the regular customer and the sensation seeker also. This state of affairs constitutes a temptation hard to resist, and, in fact, the production of vicious pictures is constantly increasing, just because they are more profitable. If the industry is to endure, if decent people are to stay in the business, this cancer must be cut out. A federal regulatory commission should prove a fearless surgeon, and we therefore favor such a commission.

"This statement of conditions is made in the brief filed with the committee by the legal representatives of four of the ten manufacturers who produce 90 per cent of the motion pictures in the United States, and by the legal representatives of one of the largest distributors of motion pictures in this country."

The bill provides for the appointment by the President of five commissioners, and a supplementary force of deputy commissioners to be appointed by the commission. The commission is required to license each film intended for interstate commerce unless it finds that such film, or a part thereof, is obscene, indecent, immoral, inhuman, or is a reproduction of an actual bull fight or prize fight, or is of such character that its exhibition would tend to corrupt morals or incite crime. The bill was framed for protection and especially the children, against vicious and immoral pictures.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN, MR. VOTER

When one is in the newspaper business a great deal can be found out about the inner workings of things, and especially of things political. At this time much political advertising matter is being printed in all newspapers and when one paper does not seem to get its share, it is in order to find out the reason why. The Monitor lived and flourished long before the inception of this campaign and expects to live long after. Its existence does not depend upon political advertising. We have more advertising and a better line of advertising than any weekly in the city on Omaha. We get results and that is what the advertiser is looking for.

But we discovered this week why it is the Colored weeklies of Omaha are slighted. It seems to be an idea

with political candidates that the Colored voter of Douglas county is controlled by a certain element and that it will be delivered bodily at the polls election day. It is about time that somebody wakes up to the situation. No one man or clique of men control the Colored vote and never will. The failures of every factional meeting held in Omaha among the Colored people should be evidence of that. Colored voters are doing their own thinking and own voting and the sooner the politicians tumble to the facts the better off for them.

The Colored newspapers of the city want a fair share of political advertising. That is all they ask. They are not getting it, because certain men think that the Colored voter doesn't need political reading matter. Maybe they honestly believe it, but we guess we will have something to say about it election day. What do you say, Mr. Colored Voter?

LEST WE BE FORGOTTEN

Last August Guy Singleton resigned his position as clerk in the Recorder of Deeds office to resume his position at the Willow Springs Distillery. At that time the Recorder of Deeds promised to place a Colored man in the vacancy September first. Last week a representative called and Mr. Pierce said that the matter would not be taken up until after the election.

We hope that competent young men seeking such a position would file their application for the vacancy at once. The position belongs to a Colored man and it is up to us to see that a Colored man is appointed. There will be no possibility of the matter escaping us, because The Monitor expects to keep a close watch upon that office. We believe that Mr. Pierce will keep his word, but we make mention of the matter for the reason that we mean to keep a closer and stricter watch in the matter of political patronage so that the race may know who are their friends and who are not.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Does Monitor advertising pay? Here is what two of our advertisers told us this week.

"I can trace over thirty dollars worth of sales last month directly to my ad in The Monitor. It is a dandy little business getter,"—McQuillan, The House that Jack Built.

"The Monitor brings me more business than any form of advertising I carry. I have lots of Colored trade and it is good trade. Most of them come in and tell me at once that they have seen my ad in The Monitor. I gave you my ad when the paper first started and you are going to keep it."—Bonoff, N. Y. Sample Store.

Keep up the good work, readers, and we will keep up our end.

NO ONE WAS AFRAID OF HAITI

Haiti did not behave as badly to us as Mexico behaved; but Mr. Wilson intereved, fought the Haitians, shedding their blood and the blood of our troops, took possession and now has our armed forces in control of Haiti and directing its government. His course of action in Haiti can be defended only if his course of action in Mexico is unqualifiedly condemned; for such action was far more needed in Mexico than in Haiti. But there was a difference in the two cases; and to Mr. Wilson it was a vital difference. Haiti was weaker than Mexico. No one was afraid of Haiti.—From the speech of Colonel Roosevelt delivered at Lewiston, Maine, in behalf of Charls E. Hughes.

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