

CRITIC OF THEATER ADMITS HIS ERROR

Teacher Who Condemned Shows Now Recants.

MANAGERS BECOME IRATE

Denunciation of Hippodrome, Rivoli, Pantages and Lyric Declared Tactless and Unjust.

"The Hippodrome is the worst show in town, the Pantages is about the same, the Rivoli has the cheapest pictures in the city and the Lyric is too low to mention."

These remarks, alleged by a number of students to have been made in a lecture by Robert Down, teacher of civics at Franklin high school, to one of his classes Tuesday, have roused the ire of prominent theatrical and motion picture men of the city, and Mr. Down may have to explain to the school board.

Mr. Down is said to have criticized severely the forms of amusement at several local theaters, especially the Lyric, a musical comedy playhouse. One of the students attending the lecture was Miss Ruth Flood, 15-year-old daughter of Dan Flood, one of the owners of the Lyric and Baker theaters.

Girl Held Humiliated.

Miss Flood warmly defended her father, and Mr. Down, according to the testimony of her classmates, humiliated her before the other students by declaring that the right kind of people do not attend Lyric performances. "Tell your father I mean what I say and perhaps he will send me a pass to his show," Down is said to have remarked as the girl left the classroom. She has not yet returned to school.

The matter was brought up before the regular weekly meeting of the Motion Picture League of Oregon at its noon meeting Thursday. A committee composed of J. J. Parker of the Majestic theater and Gus A. Metzger of the Rivoli, was appointed to consider some form of action in the case. The committee advised that Mr. Down make an apology to Miss Flood before the assembly of all students of Franklin high school.

Mr. Down visited Mr. Parker yesterday and agreed to make a suitable retraction. After this is done the affair probably will be brought before the school board, for members of the film league believe that the statements attributed to Mr. Down are

both factless and unjust, and that he overstepped his bounds as a teacher.

Critic Held Uninformed.

"The Motion Picture League of Oregon goes on record as opposed to censorship of the sort used by Mr. Down," said Mr. Parker yesterday. "Not only was Miss Flood needlessly humiliated, but Mr. Down's own statements show that he had very little knowledge of the subject he discussed before his pupils. Picture exhibitors like constructive criticism, and acknowledge that every one has a right to an opinion about a show after seeing it. But we resent Mr. Down's remarks and will make every effort to see that he makes amends. The fact that he is willing to retract and apologize for his statements shows that the things he said about theaters in his classroom were unfounded."

Mr. Down is said to have admitted that he had not attended a Lyric performance for more than three years. He declared his willingness to make full apology for the affair.

"I wanted to understand that I have no personal feeling against any theater," he said last night. "We were discussing a chapter in civics entitled 'Public Morals and Recreation' and I was merely considering the theaters from a civic standpoint."

Action Is Regretted.

"I had no desire to hurt any one and am very sorry the incident occurred. I did not know that there was anyone in the class connected with the theater. I have made full reparation before the class."

Prominent theatrical men of the city expressed their opinion of the affair in warm terms yesterday.

"We cater especially to children at our house," said William Ely, manager of the Hippodrome. "We strive to make our programs absolutely clean from start to finish, and criticism such as Mr. Down's is a direct slap at our management, the city board of censors and the police department."

Ben Dillon, who directs the Lyric productions, was indignant. "No better evidence of the character of our show can be presented than the fact that I gave the script of one of the plays we used to the students of Franklin high school last year. Without any changes, the play was staged in the school building," he said.

Miss Flood Comforted.

Larry Keating, associated with Dan Flood in the Lyric and Baker theaters, expressed regret. Mr. Keating took an active part in comforting Miss Flood and getting action from the picture league at the request of Mr. Flood, who is at present in St. Vincent's hospital recuperating from an operation.

GOVERNOR WILL RESIGN

Alaska, Executive to Send Note to Harding by March 4.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 10.—Governor Thomas Riggs, Jr., of Alaska, has announced that his resignation will be in the hands of President-elect Harding March 4.

Mr. Riggs was appointed governor of Alaska by President Wilson in 1916. He was associated actively with Alaskan enterprises for several years before his appointment.

REOPENING OF SUIT ON TRUST IS URGED

International Harvester Company Named in List.

TRADE HELD RESTRAINED

Federal Commission in Report Cites 73 Per Cent Increase Between 1914 and 1918.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Reopening of the government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester company and the institution of "judicial proceedings" against a number of associations having to do with farm implements was recommended by the federal trade commission in a report published today in the senate by Vice-President Marshall.

The commission said the increase of 73 per cent in farm implements from 1914 to 1918 was "in part due to price understandings or agreements between manufacturers and to a more limited extent the same is true of dealers."

Restraint of Trade Charged.

Judicial proceedings against the "associations who have been active in restraining trade" were proposed, the commission naming the National Implement and Vehicle Association, the Southern Association of Wagon Manufacturers, the Carriage Builders' National association, the National Federation of Implement and Vehicle Dealers and the Eastern Federation of Farm Implement Dealers.

With regard to the reopening of the case against the International Harvester company, the commission said this should be done, "so that a plan of dissolution be arrived at that will restore competitive conditions in the harvesting machine business."

Statistics Are Compiled.

Giving the findings of an investigation into farm implement prices instituted as a result of a senate resolution, the report which included a 609-page summary of evidence, charged that "under cover of bringing about uniform cost accounting, uniform terms of sale, standardization of products, manufacturers who are members of the National Implement & Vehicle association, the Southern Association of Wagon Manufacturers and the Carriage Builders' National association, advanced prices of farm implements during the period of 1916-1918." It was further asserted that "after the armistice the associations received assistance in maintaining prices from implement trade journals and the agricultural publishers

association, an organization of farm papers."

Compiling the business statistics of the 300 odd manufacturing concerns, the commission asserted that their net income in 1918 increased 152 per cent over 1914 returns, and the rate of profit on capital from 9 per cent to 13.1 per cent. Dealers price showed 62 per cent advances during the same period, it was stated.

PROFIT HELD REASONABLE

Chairman of Company Board of Directors Answers Charges.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The average profit of farm implement manufacturers during the six-year period from 1913 to 1918 was "little if any in excess of a reasonable profit," Cyrus H. McCormick, chairman of the International Harvester company's board of directors, said today in commenting on the federal trade commission's report to the senate.

"The commission's figures on these profits greatly exceed the Harvester company's net earnings as shown by its certified balance sheets," Mr. McCormick added.

ELEVATOR TO BE BUILT

Favorable Decision in Rate Case Causes Move for Grain Storage.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—As a direct result of the recent decision of the Portland rate case in favor of Portland and Vancouver, the G. H. Wilde Motor Car company today announced that it would build an elevator in Vancouver as soon as a suitable site can be obtained.

The elevator will be of concrete, will handle both bulk and sacked grain and will be paid for without a cent of stock being sold outside of the interests directly back of the project now. Associated with Mr. Wilde will be Roy Hesselting, until October 1 president of the Vancouver National bank, and still connected with the concern.

It is announced that the elevator will compare favorably with any of those in Portland.

Christmas Seals in Demand.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. R. Coffman, in charge of Centralia's sale of Christmas anti-tuberculosis seals, announced today that half the city's quota had been sold. Yesterday a booth was opened at the postoffice, to be in charge each day of a committee from some woman's club. The Eastern Star auxiliary, in charge yesterday, reported sales totaling \$50.

Steamer May Be Returned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A bill directing the shipping board to return the former Austrian steamer *Martha* Washington to the *Comitah Societa* Traestina di Navigazione, an Italian corporation of Trieste, was introduced today by Representative Greene, republican, Massachusetts. The ship was taken over by the United States in May, 1918.

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