

RIGHT OF APPEAL IN PICTURE CENSORSHIP CASES IS REQUESTED

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FILM EXPERT GIVES VIEW

C. J. Kerr of Mutual Film Corporation Says Present Censorship Method Is Unfair.

Right of appeal from the rulings of the official censor board—this is what the moving picture theatre interests ask in matters of censorship of films.

"In the present controversy in Portland it must be remembered that the motion picture business represents a vast amount of capital, both in original investments and in weekly pay-rolls. It does not seem fair, then, that where differences of opinion may arise as to the fitness of certain films for public exhibition, that all of the authority of passing on the pictures should be centered in one board," says C. J. Kerr, manager of the Mutual Film corporation of this city.

Old Ordinance Preferred.
"The right of appeal, I hold, should be restored to us. The old ordinance was a vast improvement over the present one. In the former case the source of appeal acts in the same relation as an appeal in a court of law. It is not a right or just to confiscate valuable property without giving the party complained against the fullest opportunity to be heard.

"Some months ago I was arrested for a supposed violation of the city ordinance regulating the exhibition of moving pictures. The fact was that I was not violating the words of the ordinance in any manner. There were no 'disgusting' scenes in the film and the comedy part ordered eliminated was the best part of the exhibition. We had a jury but were not permitted to try the case on its merits. We were denied the privilege of showing the pictures in the jury room, or to let them decide whether or not the censor had rightly interpreted the ordinance. I lost the case on a so-called technical violation and was fined \$25.

Square Deal Asked.
"Under the present system it is possible for hardships to be worked on us in many ways. There is always the danger of dictation on the part of the dominating factor or faction of the board.

"According to the ordinance, the secretary shall act only on the authority of the board. Yet there have been cases where eliminations have been ordered without the entire board passing upon the films in question. Viewers, also, are sometimes let into seeing their appointments and it has been necessary to run a film off a second time for the benefit of the inspector. "All we ask in the entire controversy is a square deal. Give us the right of appeal. We must have protection from great financial losses as the result of any possible arbitrary action by any controlling factor of the censorship board. With a means of appeal afforded, each case can be weighed carefully and without prejudice.

Following is the present ordinance:
Section 1. The board of motion picture censorship hereinafter called the board, is hereby created and shall be composed of seven (7) members. The commissioner of public safety shall appoint the members of the board and he may at any time remove any member. The board shall meet in the city hall to act under its authority and in its behalf. Members of the board, except the secretary as hereinafter provided, and viewers shall serve without pay.
Section 2. The commissioner of public safety shall appoint a member of the board to serve as secretary of the board, who shall be paid a salary of not to exceed \$100 per month and who shall perform such duties as the board may direct.
Section 3. No person, firm or corporation shall exhibit, sell, rent or loan any motion picture unless the same shall have been approved in writing by a majority of the members of the board.
Section 4. The board may refuse to approve any film which:
(1) Shows anything of an obscene, indecent or immoral nature.
(2) Presents any gruesome, revolting or disgusting scene or subject.
(3) Portrays in such a manner as to offend public decency or morality, any murder, suicide, robbery, hold-up, stabbing, assaulting, clubbing or beating.
(4) Depicts any cruelty to human beings or animals.
(5) Exhibits methods of committing crime.
(6) Tends to disturb the public peace.
Section 5. The board shall approve all films except those enumerated in section 4 by a certificate of approval, the form of which shall be adopted by the board, but approval may be made subject to such omissions or alterations as the board may direct. The certificate, and the board may, by unanimous vote, withdraw its approval of any film for cause shown.
Section 6. The exhibition of any film shall show to the chief of police of the city of Portland upon request, the board's certificate of approval of such film, and in addition, the exhibitor to produce and show such certificate, the police officer may take charge of the film which shall be delivered to the chief of police and kept in his custody until acted upon by the board.
Section 7. An Ordinance Providing for the Censoring of Motion Pictures, passed on January 9, 1914 is hereby repealed.
Section 8. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
Passed by the council, February 19, 1915.
Regarding this ordinance Mr. Kerr says:
"The interpretation of the wording of this ordinance is within the power of the board of censors. The board is controlled by one member and that member's decision is final. What we want is some central body with a right of appeal. Are we asking too much?"

Get Appointments To Teach School

Graduates of Reed college have received appointments to teach as follows:
Edna Acheson, Boring, Or.; Evelyn Randall, Falls City, Or.; Vida Park, Monmouth, Or.; Grace Hays, Grants Pass, Or.; Florian Linklater, Nez Perce, Idaho; Gladys Lindker, Kalama, Wash.; Ada McCow, Battle Ground.

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Hotel Runner Admits That Story of Soldier's Carrying Body of Child in Shoe Box Was Myth.

After leading the police in a vigorous wild goose chase for two days, Charles Frank, runner for the Shasta hotel, 268 Glisan street, broke down and confessed to Detectives Hellyer and Tackaberry yesterday afternoon that he had spread a false report earlier in the week to the effect that he had conversed with a soldier from Vancouver who was carrying the corpse of a drowned infant in a shoe box.

As a result of Frank's statement Deputy Coroner Smith and the detectives went to Vancouver early yesterday with the result that Charles T. Carroll, a soldier with an absolutely clean army record and driver for General Young, commandant of the barracks, was placed in the guard house, preparatory to a court martial.

Carroll was released from the guard house last night on advice of the Portland police.

Frank, in a written confession, said that he had met Carroll Wednesday evening and endeavored to persuade him to stop for the night at his hotel. He told the hotel clerk that the soldier

had a shoe box containing the corpse of a drowned infant. The clerk immediately told Patrolman Hirsch and the coroner's investigation was started. Frank was taken to Vancouver by the police yesterday and persistently maintained that his story was true. He faltered in the narrative details, and when brought back to the local police station confessed to the falsehood. He was locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct and will be tried in the municipal court tomorrow.

Found Meteor on Beach.
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