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THE Portland Spectator of l-ast week contains a stimulating article on the shortcomings of the takies as a form
of art. The author, who assumes the monicker "Monitor",
imputes to the new mechanics of sound-film reproduction
the spoiling of the art which was being developed out of the spoiling of the It is true, as critics noted back in 1928 and 1929, tha
he cinema had advanced far from the tremulous flickers o the early movies and had become a genuine form of art. Some
of the pictures of the latter days of the silent film were su-
perb in their mechanics, in their acting and in their appeal
The basis for this development was that silent pictures reThe basis for this development was that sinert pattures re-
lied on the stimulus to the imagination. There was no spok
en dialogue, the acting had to carry the message; and it did
As "Monitor" en dialogue, the acting had to carry the message; and it did
As "Monitor" describes it: "The cinema was a medium which
isduced pure illusion". So while the medium was the flat
screen the development of the art of the screen the development of the art of the drie did acquire the
mechanics of motion photography the mover
facility of creating sheer illusion which made it successful, and was gaining for it recognition as an art form. noted directors; and some of the great pictures of the time
ne those produced in foreign studios.


 never create the illusion which the one vehicle alone did
Sound drives out stilness in the theatre; it chains the min
to the present and the near, while the silent picture ca
transport the persons viewing it far away, and the effect
was heightened by the darkness and quiet of the theatre was heightened by the darkness and quiet of the theatre
But the new mechanism is still in an experimental stage. It
has its possibilities; and under accumulated experience an with mechanical improvements it may achieve a distinct a
tistic excellence of its own. It will not be the old cinema;
will be something else. Though we cannot see now how can reach
sound film
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## The Board of Trade Order

A Alol troduce a panie. There was a time when sual would almost create such an event. Having lived with pan it is difficult to visualize any further disaster which might change.
very foolish. The season of the year when the board of trade
does pertor the grain crops are being marketed. Normally farmers sel their grain. Dealers and mills buy; and as they are merch
ants and not speculators they hedge their purchases by co responding sales in the future market. It is only in this wa
that it is possible to carry the crop and let it flow into sumption normally through the year. If this were not possi-
ble grain would be almost worthless at harvest or the
er would er would have to carry it for months before he could sell it. to run with the hares and hunt with the hounds. It, govern-
ment-fostered cooperative which is busily driving nails in the coffin of the independent grain trade, wants at the same trade built up and owns and has operated since 1848. While
the farmers do a lot of cussing about the board more intelligent farmers recognize the bervice which the
board of trade performs. We remember in the midd that scores of farmers trade remember in the middle woard themselves; an
all of them followed its market intently. was an unwarranted invasion of the government in a field
it knew nothing about. The event has proven it knew nothing about. The event has proven so. The hald-
billion dollars the government has poured into the experiadded the not total the cost to the country. There should be wool directly attributable to the farm board's disastrous add
venture into Out in Kansas the farmers are on the war path and a would help the farmers of hittee that the only thing that of the farm board". When the real dirt farmers are heard
from, and not the farmers of farmers,


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