

T-BONE SLIM DISCUSSES REACTION

Diversified-Farming is the forerunner of diversified matrimony, where: Each party to the agreement will have an assortment of mates—blond, intermediate (red, or auburn, depending on sex) brunette and black.

Society will necessarily become more inter-locking.

A lady's husbands will range from short to tall, light to heavy, and white to black. Likewise, hubby's wives will be red, white, yellow and blue; short, long, slender, and broad. (The drafting of the marriage contract will drive lawyers "bugs.")

The better half will become a poor 1/2. The "lord and master" will become a mere shareholder. His interests will have extensive ramifications. ("Interlocking directorates" best exemplifies the situation under Holy-Diversified-Wedlock.) We do not favor it, we merely describe it.

Diversified-Matrimony will probably precede Free-Love, because the former is systematized whereas the latter is ketch as can-can.

It is not a forward step—or we would favor it—and, lest we be accused of favoring it (in the negative) let me point out that diversified-matrimony is even now practiced in Utah and at other points. It's as old as the hills. Hence, we wouldn't favor it; we would practice it if we favored it.

Diversified-Farming, too, is harking back to Agriculture's Boyhood; (with a two-weeks' growth of beard, nose shiny, clothes ragged, lousy, dirty, diseased) a fine Sunday school scholar it will make!—It's going back to start all over again without system. (He'll "rotate." You bet! He'll do more, he'll SPIN.)

If diversified farming proves to be the long sought for success, Diversified-Religion will follow it. A man will get up in the morning a catholic, eat breakfast a methodist, answer the dinner bell a holy roller, edge-up to supper a baptist and retire as a Mormon—recall, this will be necessary since his wives are of diversified - denominations. Diversified Matrimony carries with it Diversified Religion. (The holy father will be celibate in several "creeds" instead of one.) We do not favor diversified religion, it, too, is old. Worshipping Sun, Moon, Stars, Lightning, Thunder, Soil, Sea, Wind and Idols was nothing but diversified religion.

Lack of space is crawling in upon us.) Let us hasten:

Diversified-Food is hash (and soup.) How do you like it?

Diversified-Unionism? Ah, Brother-Banker-Coal Baron: what can I say? Is your unionism so weak—unpaying—a proposition that you must diversify your interests and moor them to a "sinking ship." Oh, why didn't you specialize and get the product of your toil (as you produced it) instead of storing it on the ill-fated Capitalism soon to sail on its last voyage? . . . Diversification is the biggest hoax of all time, and it has the added demerit of being INDEFINITE. Like Centralization and Decentralization the word Diversification is on everybody's tongue.

Nobody will tell us what it means—really means. Everybody, capitalist-papers, farm-journals, are for it. Pulpits, soda-fountains, knowledge-boxes and drawing rooms are for it—Everybody. T-bone Slim alone is against it—can it be—can it be that I alone am right? Is it possible that Reason is on its last legs in this cruel world, and does Slim use said legs with due respect to conservation? We cannot thus run chances (or foot races) and endanger the last remaining spark of intelligence. Let us put more legs under reason, and SPECIALIZE. We know what is BEST. Let's specialize in it.—not diversify. Nix on DIVERSIFICATION.—I'm feeling better, thank you.—T-b. S.

P. S.—Before we go—I want to ask you, fellow worker, What Do you Think of a Guy that will lash himself to the mast of a Sinking Ship? Diversified Unionism is the bonds that fasten him. Christ! Couldn't he drown without being tied?

—T-b. S.

But education, agitation and organization in the O. B. U. will guarantee to make Mr. Slave more symmetrical by giving him a shorter working day, and a sense of security and also guarantee to reduce Mr. Plute's colossal midriff by making him do some honest labor.

T-b. S.

OVERTIME C

BINGHAM, Utah.—The Utah Copper Corp. has got the slaves by the tail with a down hill pull, and they are taking advantage of the poor unorganized things and working them day and night. The boarding house slaves are squealing because Shears and his partner Block are coming in so late.

Shears and Block sleep together in the same room with six other Blocks making eight, all told, in rooms originally intended for one, and then go down among the hootleggers and boast about how wise they are, and let them know that they are regular money getters and when the organized worker wants to sell them a paper printed for workers and by workers, they give the age-old alibi, "We haven't got any money."

The slave has to pass the croaker, and then the slave driver works on him so strong that he has to interview the timekeeper a few days after he's square with the boarding house.

The Utah Copper Corp. has all of the children from the surrounding country employed at falling wages; by falling wages, I mean wages that will keep real working men out of this camp for ever.

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