

# T-BONE SLIM DISCUSSES

## THE POWERS THAT BE!

"Will Power is one of the greatest forces in a world," opens up a deacon-sent "cheer leader," knowingly.

"You're right; go on," encourage the listening lumberjacks. "Say more."

"Even if you're starving, Will Power will appease your hunger."

"Yes, yes—a fellow can see that right here at our table; and at Pemm-bine. . . ."

"It may be raining cats and dogs—Will Power will keep you comfortable if not bone dry. . . ."

"Hear! Hear!" (Great applause).

"Everybody will agree it's a great force—I tell you Will Power, if you've got it, will keep you warm when everybody else is freezing. . . ."

"Will Power?" interrupts a buck swamper; "I thought you said wool power."

Editor: Slim was greatly moved upon beholding a pair of heels peeping over the rear "railing" of a pair of oxfords on the feet of a would-be-but-can't lumberlogger . . . out into the drifts he went.

Talk about your Valley Forge, in war times—

We have peace.

Home. Is there any word more desperately mournful than HOME? Every connotation of sadness is in its sound. Tears, groans, and hopelessness—sighs—are in its very letters. (I respectfully ask H. L. Mencken to analyze that hideous despairing tone, so joyously pronounced).

The "Dutchman," with his "Heim," on the other hand, says it just as if he had stepped on a broken bottle, or bumped his shins. The "Savage," the more civilized American and Indian, has it "Wigwam"—ah, a note of hope. A word of cheer. A cry of joy. Home! Heim! Wigwam! Methinks the Indian has said it.

The honorable M. J. Fox, of the Von Platen Fox Lumber Co., sent a letter to the mayor of Iron Mountain praying for a reduction in the water rate for his company, claiming the rate is too high. Mayor Henze sent a letter to Mr. Fox suggesting that the price, \$6 per load, for firewood (slabs and "Fox's bark") is too high.

There the matter rests. . . .

I mention this because I see where Brother Hinman is arguing on behalf of the income earners as against the income receivers in the present or prospective move for tax legislation and I wish to point out that regardless of what income earners are taxed they can recover by charging more for their services.

The same thing holds true to the M. J. Fox-Mayor Henze water rate "controversy." If Mr. Fox's water is too high, nothing prevents him jacking up the price of slabs and trimmings, to say nothing about the uncracked boards. Hinman seems to opine that a great outrage portends—put your shirt back on, George—no law prevents "income earners" passing the buck.

It is impossible to outrage them under the system you try so hard to guide into right channels—all channels lead to the ocean.

Is your tub seaworthy?—T-b. S.