

ANOTHER SOUL GONE WRONG

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House Bill No. 36 of the legislature of the state of Washington, has for its object the prevention of, using the vulgar vernacular of the streets, "white folks from marrying niggers and chinks," the same having been proposed by one Robert A. Tripple, who hails from the forty seventh legislative district, where a heavy percentage of the electors are colored citizens, and who voted for him in the general election not knowing he clandestinely entertained such radical and revolutionary ideas. Since the minds of the living citizens of the Puget Sound country runeth not to the contrary, this self same Tripple has been importuning his fellow citizens to, "give me an office," but they seemed to have realized that there was no method in his madness, hence his ravings were given little, if any, consideration. However the freaks of the direct primary law are various and varied, as was seen in Tripple being nominated as a running mate of E. Heister Guie, the present speaker of the house. Briefly diagnosing the freaks of the primary election of last September in the forty-seventh legislative district; it nominated, in the person of E. H. Guie, a distinguished lawyer and parliamentarian, and at the same time nominated a rather old fashioned jackass which later developed into a short sighted political "dampnhool," in the person of Robt. A. Tripple. So freakish has the direct primary become, not only in this state but in other states of this country, that its repeal in every state, where it is in vogue, is being almost universally advocated and well may it be if it is to continue to select at one and the same time, and for like positions, a man power and a man prostitute, as in the persons of Guie and Tripple for the present legislature. The day after the primary election last September he was heard to say, so goes the story, "My God! I have been running for an office ever since I have been a man and this is the first time I have ever gotten within speaking distance of one." Any dampnhool on the Republican ticket though nominated by the freakishness of a direct primary law, could have been elected at the last November election, owing to the general opposition to Woodrow Wilson'sm by the citizenry of this country, which quite explains the success of Robert A. Tripple at the general election, which gave him the right to a seat in the Seventeenth legislature of the state of Washington, in which from the very outset of the session he has demonstrated marked evidences of being, the proverbial "bull in a China shop." Even nominal compositi occasionally mistrust themselves, and in Tripple trying to have the legislature enact a law making it a statutory offense, a felony if you please, for white folks to marry "niggers and chinks," it appears that not only this particular one has lost confidence in himself of not being able to longer confine his connubial relations to white women, but feels himself drifting, drifting, to the awful impending black—yellow peril and like the charmed bird that sees and feels itself being slowly but surely drawn into the yawning chasm chirps loud and long for help to break the binding spell. Mr. Tripple may be in eminent danger of thus being engulfed in the black—yellow peril, but, those who know him best, do not share in his alleged forebodings, on the other hand are rather inclined to the opinion that so far as the colored citizens are concerned, Bob Tripple would have to move over Mother Earth a good deal faster

than ever did the famous Jay Eye See when in the height of his sunning glory, for him to get near enough to a colored woman to talk marriage to her, if she remotely suspected his malicious intentions.

According to the report of the 1920 census there are in the United States something like six million black-white mixed blood citizens, for the most part traceable to the concubinage of white men with colored women. If then there be such ecstasy in the indulgence of stolen sweets, what's the excuse, justification or moral turpitude in legalizing such human debauchery? In all the former slave holding states of this country it means a black man's life to marry or cohabit with a white woman, so zealously are the white men guarding the purity of the white race, and yet in every one of those states at least half of the "colored population" are mulattoes and upwards in complexion. Evidently the colored women are determined to blot from existence the black man, and to that end, the entire male white population is being pressed into service—nolens volens. Aint it a shame? The enacting of freakish legislation as would be HOUSE BILL No. 36 should it pass is nothing short of putting a premium on licentiousness and the man or woman white or black who does not know and realize this is so light in the head that the water therein rushes round like a mustard seed in a tin can tied to a wagon wheel. While might never makes right, yet might frequently makes tight, which has a duplex effect. Periodically comes forth some human freak proclaiming! supernatural powers and possessing the elixer for all racial incongruities, but in time he or she falls by the way side. House Bill No. 36 will, in all human probability go the way of all other such bills in this state and politically speaking at the close of the present legislature the above would be race problem solver, will pass into Cleveland's land of Innocuous Issue'ud and the world will go on as though there had never been a Tripple on the wheel.

This intermarriage issue seems to bob up serenely from time to time and at times and from persons least expected. If those pretending to desire the "purity of the white race should practice what they preach such a state of affairs might be plausible, but they are down right hypocrites—legislating one way and living another and this is especially true of the South, where the most of such hypocrisy originated. Just think of the inconsistency of white men burning black men at the stake for carnally knowing white women when every mother's son of the white men is giving to the world a family of half cast children by colored women. Coming closer home, can any fair minded man or woman see or realize any crying need for the enactment of such a law in this state? It is safe to say, there are not to exceed twenty five colored citizens or Mongolian aliens in the whole state married to white persons but there are some, and even if this bill becomes a law, there will still be others, British Columbia being too near to prevent it. Periodically this anti-miscegenation skeleton is dragged from its hidings and given an airing by some tin horn politicians with far more guts than brains, evidently with the hope of using it as a stepping stone to political aggrandizement, but discovers when it is quite too late, that its like unto a two edged sword that cuts both ways. It has failed in the past and will fail now and it will continue to fail, the mouthings of hybrid demagogos to the contrary notwithstanding.