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Holy Week

Once more we approach that most solemn of all the weeks in the ecclesiastical calendar, Holy Week. We shall unite in spirit with our Savior in His agony in the Garden. We shall follow Judas as he betrays His Master; with Christ as He is arrested and dragged before Pilate; scourged at the pillar; crowned with thorns; as with faltering steps He carries His Cross up the Way of the Cross.

In spirit we shall see him nailed to the Cross and raised on high between the two thieves and we shall bow our heads in agony as He gives up the ghost while the sky is darkened and the earth trembles. We shall accompany the Blessed Mother and the others to see Him laid in the tomb and then prepare our hearts for the wondrous miracle of the Resurrection and the joyous feast of Easter.

We should pass the coming week in fitting preparation for Easter and there can be no more fitting way than by meditation on the Way of the Cross.

Should Pass

Next Tuesday the voters of the state pass upon the question whether a convention to revise the constitution of the state shall be held in 1915 or await the automatic assemblage of such a body in 1917 or 1918.

No partisan politics is involved in this question to be settled next Tuesday. If the vote of the state is in the affirmative then delegates to such a convention will be nominated and elected next fall at the regular elections. No additional expense is involved to the people whether the convention be held in 1915 or 1917, so long as the convention must be held, why not hold it as early a date as possible and put an end to the constant persistent tinkering of the state constitution we have seen during the last ten years. Let us have a comprehensive, cohesive state constitution adopted by the people in the "off year election" of 1915 and provide that it cannot be tinkered again for at least ten years. Then we will know "where we are at" for a while and understand what our constitution contains and what it does not. No harm can be done if the voters decide in the affirmative of the proposition submitted for their consideration next Tuesday.

The Legislature

Not in years has the Legislature of the State of New York made such a peculiar record as has that of 1914 which has just finished its regular session. Divided in political control, it has passed many good laws and killed some vicious proposals that were sought to be enacted into statute law. The assembly, under republican control and the senate, under democratic control, apparently made earnest effort to reduce expenditures and to economize in the disbursement of the people's money. Possibly,

this may have been with a desire to create partisan political capital but the end sought ostensibly was a laudable one.

But the leaders of both parties made one serious mistake at the outset. They decided upon a record-breaking early adjournment date before they realized what a record-breaking legislature programme was to confront the Legislature. The net result was clogged calendars and physical inability to complete the programme before the fixed adjournment date and the legislators have been sent home with their work unfinished. Because of radical differences of opinion and policy, the republican assembly and democratic senate have, failed to agree upon the appropriation bills hence no provision has been made for the necessary funds to operate and maintain the state government beyond October 1st next, the end of the current fiscal year. Unless such funds are provided in a special session of the Legislature, at great additional and unnecessary cost to the people, the government will be in crippled and chaotic condition.

This is a deplorable situation and when the people have ascertained just where the responsibility lies, they will inflict summary punishment upon the legislators and leaders at whose door the blame lies.

Severe Lesson

It is to be hoped that the conviction and severe jail sentence of Tannebaum, the I. W. W. leader who incited the rush upon St. Alphonsus' Church in New York and led the insults to the Sacred edifice by the Apaches of New York will serve as a lesson to the misguided men and women who have listened to the talk of such men as Tannebaum and Berkman and that they will refrain from their evil work.

Moreover, Tannebaum's trial and his subsequent declaration of his defiance of law and decent things, should act as a deterrent to the openly expressed sympathy with these Apaches by men and women of wealth, position and supposed breeding also to cease their work. When supposedly refined persons encourage such loafers and leeches then they descend to the latter's level and are entitled to be classed and treated with and like them.

There is a deal of difference between sympathy and encouragement of honest suffering and encouragement of law breakers and law breaking.

Well, state entrance into electric lighting business was not permitted by the Legislature of 1914.

Governor Glynn's messages are models of literary excellence at all events.

The Lenten season is nearing an end and each day shortens up the period in which one can perform his Easter duty.

If you want to make a little Easter present to a friend, why not subscribe to a Catholic paper for a year?

Fraternal organizations are perhaps at the zenith of their existence nowadays. The organization that is founded on right principles will grow and prosper while those that are not will wave and die out.

It would appear that the tango craze is dying out. Let us hope so, also the extreme styles of dress.

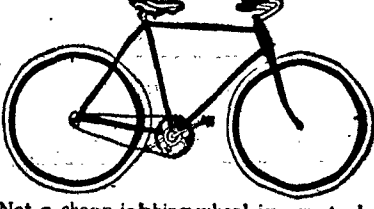
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