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The Divine Tragedy

It is doubtful whether the Passion play at Oberammergau which attracted thousands of visitors to that picturesque little Bavarian village every decade, will ever again be presented.

But long before Oberammergau ever existed the sublime spectacle of the Passion was each year presented, in the most dramatic manner. In fact not only the Passion but the whole of the Gospel drama, is put on the boards, as it were, by the church in her annual round of fast and festival. The Christian year commemorates in orderly sequence, the main facts, whereby our salvation was wrought by Him who came down from heaven, and became man in order to effect this. At Christmas, the Holy Nativity occupies the stage, at Epiphany, the visit of the wise men from the east, and so on. During the last five weeks that weird fast and temptation in the wilderness has been set before us, and now we are about to behold the great tragedy of the drama, the Passion, Crucifixion and the Burial of Jesus Christ.

This coming week is called Holy Week, because it is most particularly set apart by the Church for the devout and religious commemoration of those solemn and tragic events, which culminated on Calvary. During the week these are reenacted, by being brought most vividly to our remembrance, through special services and devotions. This particular act of the drama, is one continual shifting of scenes from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, until the setting sun of Good Fri-

day, sees the hasty committal of the bruised and scarred Body to the tomb, when the curtain drops to rise again on the glorious scenes of Easter morning.

A Little Explanation

To the Editor:

I am like the Irishman who when taken into court, and asked whether or not he was guilty, replied that he could not tell until he heard the evidence. Now that is the way I have been situated in regard to the charges made by the present School Board. But after hearing all the testimony, I have decided that I am not guilty, as far as the money loaned for the district. I will admit that perhaps the old Board did not follow the letter of the law, as none of them profess to be lawyers. But the money is all coming back with interest. The parties have been tendering the money, but unable to find anyone to take it. I want to say right here, that the notes are all good, and I stand ready to make every one good which might fail. The only money that I know of, that the old Board lost for the district, was for something they sold to one of the investigating committee, who made a very eloquent speech at the last meeting, giving the old Board fits. This bill we could not collect up to the time I went out of office. And I am informed that it has not been paid since.

As to following the law, I think the present Board is farther from it, than any of their predecessors. In the first place, the acting chairman is not chairman and is not recognized as such, by the County Superintendent, and one member has sold to the district since being on the board \$325 worth of goods, at prices which do not appear to me to be the lowest.

This is as much in violation of the law as anything I have heard of. As to the chairman of the committee, I never have considered him anything, as it seems to be his idea to obstruct and tear down rather than boost.

(Signed) J. W. Reed.

Note: The above letter is published, as in our opinion Mr. Reed is entitled to say something in his own defense. But with this, the matter closes as far as we are concerned, as we see no good, but harm in continuing the controversy. People who are acquainted with its history have formed their own opinion, and the editor being a new comer does not propose to butt in. If anyone thinks still, that anything serious is the matter, let him try the case in the courts and not in the columns of the NEWS.

—Editor.

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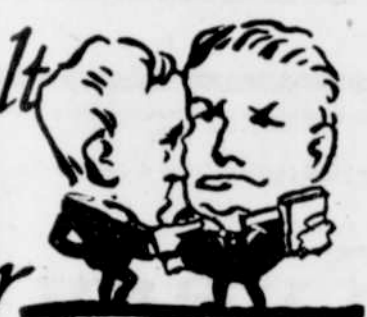
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