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CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 1911 with days of the week and dates.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.

While Senator Oliver from this county may be able to explain to his constituency in an entirely satisfactory manner some of his official acts while in Salem, the fact remains that at present there is a bad appearance on some bills because they indicate that the senator has overlooked his position as an official and is apparently using his office to further his law practice.

We do not pretend to state or assume whether particular cases in which the senator is connected have been decided satisfactorily, neither do we condemn the action of any attorney who does all he can for his client so long as that attorney does not use a power given him by the

people to further selfish ends. Several bills introduced by the senator smack strongly of his personal practice and unless he can explain to the people that they do not affect the public, Senator Oliver must stand before the people of Oregon and Washington counties as a public official attempting to further personal advantages.

The people care little what an officer's politics may be after he is once elected, but they do refuse to see the power they gave an individual used the way Senator Oliver's bills indicate that he is using it.

An explanation from the La Grande attorney might be well received by the public. Will he please explain?

TO BE A RAH RAH BOY

(Anacosta Standard)

Having gone out of the king business at public request, it is said that Manuel Braganza, formerly of Portugal, is studying for matriculation at Oxford University. It means some work for, although he celebrated his twenty-first birthday some months since, Manuel had allowed his interest to be distracted from books, and his education along scholastic lines has hardly advanced in a degree commensurate with his years. His hope of qualifying for the ancient university is dependent upon the efficiency of two special tutors.

Even then, it remains to be seen whether the Portuguese student will come anywhere near qualifying as a wrangler. It depends upon whether he mixes himself with the students of the fast set of the English institution. It might be well to retain the services of his tutors, if so clearly athletic, as a bodyguard, much after the fashion employed for "Bugs" Raymond, an eminent baseball virtuoso, who vies with the former kinglet in eccentricity.

It is uncertain from the report just what line of study Manuel will pursue. He confesses that he is deficient in mathematics, so will probably sidestep this line of research. Constitutional law might be a profitable specialty, though recent events may have established him in prejudice against the subject. However, this same upheaval has perhaps turned him from ambition to qualify as a dramatic critic, which should be something for the welfare of the public.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

February 17

- 1673—Jean Baptiste Poquelin Moliere, the great French comic dramatist, died. Born in 1622.
- 1776—The Continental fleet, fitted out by congress, left Philadelphia.
- 1781—Bath, Me., incorporated.
- 1820—Cardinal Taschereau, archbishop of Quebec, born. Died April 12, 1898.
- 1865—Gen. Sherman's army entered Columbia, S. C. and burned the city.
- 1867—First ship passed through the Suez canal.
- 1868—Papal Zouaves left Montreal.
- 1874—Gladstone resigned as premier and was succeeded by Disraeli.
- 1880—Attempted assassination of the Czar of Russia.
- 1910—More than 2,000,000 acres of public land were withdrawn by Secretary Ballinger for conservation purposes.

NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD

Uruguay's labor bureau is preparing a "workmen's pension bill."

A union of jewelry workers has been organized in San Francisco.

Twenty-five international unions have local in Great Falls, Mont. Chicago's striking garment workers heard speeches recently in nine languages.

Twenty-five thousand children are employed in the factories of Lancashire, England.

Toronto union labor men are seeking a continuance of the labor bureau for the province of Ontario.

The highest accident death-rate among industrial workers in Great Britain is among seamen—fifty-three a thousand.

Minnesota labor men are working to obtain a passage of a workmen's compensation act in the legislature this winter.

The building of the labor temple of Sacramento, Calif., has progressed so far that unions are now arranging meeting nights in the structure.

The total of death benefits paid in the last fiscal year by all unions affiliate with the A. F. of L. was \$1,320,664.52, and of sick benefits, \$719,165.66.

Foreign miners will be taught American methods of mining by photographs and the moving-picture machine in the anthracite mining region of Pennsylvania.

At a cost to the city of ten cents each 27,593 men and women have been furnished employment during the year 1910 by the municipal free employment bureau of Portland.

An appeal "to the officers and members of organized labor" is being sent out by the American Federation of Labor asking financial aid for the striking cigarmakers at Tampa, Fla.

The movement started in California a few months ago to organize the migratory workers is spreading rapidly throughout the country. The American Federation of Labor at its recent convention decided to put trained organizers in the field.

"THIS IS MY 45TH BIRTHDAY."

David F. Houston.

David F. Houston, chancellor of Washington University of St. Louis, was born in Monroe, N. C., Feb. 17, 1866. After graduating from South Carolina in 1887 he became a tutor in ancient languages at that institution. From 1888 to 1891 he was superintendent of public schools in Spartanburg, which position he resigned to take a special post-graduate course in political science at Harvard university. Finishing his studies at Harvard in 1894 he went to the University of Texas, where he was professor of political science for several years and later dean of the faculty. He left the university in 1902 to accept the presidency of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas. After filling this position for six years he became chancellor of Washington university. Dr. Houston has made a long and exhaustive study of the race problem and has taken an active and prominent part in the various movements having for their object the uplift of the negro race.

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