

CONAN DOYLE'S LECTURE.

THE POPULAR AUTHOR'S FIRST AMERICAN APPEARANCE.

He Talks Interestingly About Himself and His Writings—How He Came to Write a Mystery Novel—Business Matters—Dr. A. Conan Doyle encountered a difficulty in romantic construction as an early age, so he confessed to the audience which heard him lecture in the Calvary Baptist Church last evening.

"It was at the immature age of six," he said, "and my story had progressed as far as the introduction of two characters, a man and a lion, which had intended to involve in various exciting difficulties, when it occurred to me that sensation I made my lion eat my man, and thus I early experienced one of the trials of careless authorship."

Mr. Doyle talked pleasantly and entertainingly about his youthful efforts, but the audience which had intended to attend his lecture on the mature successes in literature, he wrote short stories during his first ten years in London, and during no year, he said, more than \$250.

"But I did other things, too. I took my degree, made a seven months' voyage to the Arctic, and a trip down the west coast of Africa." He was a great reader, he said, and he began to write about Sherlock Holmes. He told an interesting story about the scientific detective idea worked out in that story. "The idea," he said, "grew out of my observations of a professor, whose medical lectures I attended in Edinburgh. In the second lecture in which a patient would take to walk from the door to a chair or the operating table, the professor would not only know what he was doing, but he would also know what the patient was thinking at the same time."

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Bargains in Fine Antique Cabistan Rugs, and a selection of Ghiordes Demiraji & Persian Carpets, to be sold in some instances below the cost of importation.

Lord & Taylor, Broadway & 20th St.

OFFICIAL CROP REPORT.

A Slight Gain in the Condition of Corn and a Slight Decline in Cotton.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The Department returns to the statisticians of the October of Agriculture make the general condition of corn as not materially differing from that of last month, it being 64.3, against 63.4 in September, a gain of eight-tenths of one point. In most of the South-eastern States the condition of the corn is about the same as last month, but in some of the Western States there have been slight gains in condition. The returns of yield per acre of wheat indicate a production of about 13.1 bushels, being 1.8 bushels greater than last October's preliminary report. The yield of oats for October is 33.5 bushels, against 32.5 bushels in October, 1893. The average yield of corn for October is 53.4 bushels, against 52.4 bushels in 1893, and 52.4 bushels in 1892. The yield of cotton for October is 1.3 bushels, against 1.2 bushels in 1893, and 1.2 bushels in 1892.

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HODGMAN'S MACKINTOSHES

FOR EVERYBODY AND AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES. LOWER IN FACT, THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN BEFORE.

HODGMAN RUBBER COMPANY, BROADWAY, 21 WEST 22ND ST., CORNER GRAND ST., ADJ. FINE ARTS HOTEL.

THE ATCHISON REBATE SYSTEM.

An Investigation in Progress Before a United States Grand Jury. CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—The charge that large sums of money were paid during the last three years by the Santa Fe road in relation to shippers, in violation of the Interstate Commerce law, was considered by the Federal Grand Jury today. Receiver A. F. Walker was summoned to appear and bring a lot of books and papers, which it is believed will throw some light on the charge, but he was unable to do so. The witnesses examined today were the Santa Fe's cattle shipper from Kansas City, and an employee of the Santa Fe from the same city. The witnesses refused to answer the questions of the grand jury, and the grand jury ordered a writ of habeas corpus to be issued for the witnesses. It is alleged the amount represents rebates on cattle shipments paid by the Santa Fe. The receipt of Jacob Lolo, the American Live Stock Commission and other shippers' cattle were also ordered to be produced before the grand jury tomorrow.

WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

A New Regulation in Regard to the Issue of Mileage Tickets on Western Roads.

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—The Western Passenger Association concluded its session today. It was decided to allow mileage tickets to be signed in any office of a road belonging to the association, and to issue them in any office where they are issued alone. This will be a great convenience to the users of such tickets. The holiday season is now upon us, and the round trip on all roads members of the association. A proposition to make a Chicago rate to California of \$1.00 was defeated.

Control of a Western Road Held.

Messrs. Walton H. Brown & Brother have sold out their holdings of Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinac Island, and other roads, to a syndicate headed by Nelson Robinson, and embracing Gen. Thomas, Calvin S. Rice, John G. Moore, and others. At a meeting yesterday Messrs. Robinson and Moore were elected directors, and Mr. Robinson was elected president. Mr. Robinson is a resident of Chicago, and Mr. Moore is a resident of St. Louis. The syndicate is expected to have a great influence on the management of the roads.

Railroad Notes.

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Convention of the Medal of Honor Legion.

The fifth annual convention of the Medal of Honor Legion will meet on Monday, Oct. 22, at the Hotel Hamilton in New York City. The convention will be held at the Hotel Hamilton, and will be attended by a large number of the members of the legion. The convention will be held at the Hotel Hamilton, and will be attended by a large number of the members of the legion.

A Struck Jury to Try Mahaffey.

District Attorney Winfield applied to Justice Lippincott in the Oyer and Terminer Court in Jersey City yesterday for a struck jury to try the case of Mahaffey. The case is a murder case, and the jury is expected to be struck tomorrow. The case is a murder case, and the jury is expected to be struck tomorrow.

Three New Schools for Brooklyn.

The Schoolhouse Committee of the Brooklyn Board of Education has instructed James W. Naughton, the Superintendent of Buildings, to prepare without delay plans for three new schools in Brooklyn. The schools are to be built on the sites of the old schools, and will be completed by the end of the year. The schools are to be built on the sites of the old schools, and will be completed by the end of the year.

Begged to See His Victim's Body.

George Cram, who on Monday shot and killed his wife while he was intoxicated, was rearrested yesterday by the police. He had been released on bail, but he begged to see his wife's body. He was rearrested yesterday by the police. He had been released on bail, but he begged to see his wife's body.

Builders' League Meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of the Employers' and Builders' League was held last night in room 9 of the Central Opera House, Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue. John P. Leo was the speaker, and he spoke on the subject of the building industry. The meeting was held last night in room 9 of the Central Opera House, Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue.

The Gedney House Leased to James H. Rodgers.

Matt J. Ward & Co., hotel brokers, have leased for the Zborowski estate the Gedney House, Broadway and Fortieth street, to James H. Rodgers, former proprietor of the Hotel Hamilton, and now of the Hotel Hamilton. The house is to be leased for a term of years, and will be used as a hotel. The house is to be leased for a term of years, and will be used as a hotel.

Celebrates Her Hundredth Birthday.

CORNING, N. Y., Oct. 10.—Mrs. Arzina Fleming of Waterloo, N. Y., celebrated her one hundredth birthday yesterday. She is in better health and stronger than ever, and she is still able to do her own work. She is still able to do her own work. She is still able to do her own work.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Oct. 10. UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (By \$1,000,000).

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