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Famous Scotch Novelist Victim of Tonsilitis.

SUDDEN ILLNESS IN IOWA

Dr. John Watson, Who Has Won Hosts of Hearts With Character Sketches-Scotch by Choice, Not by Birth.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Is., May 6.-Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) die heres today of blood puisoning, following ton-silitis. He was taken fil here April 25. Dr. Watson came to Mount Pleasant on April 23 from Minneapolis to deliver a lecture to the students of the Iowa Wes-burn Universitie leyan University.

En route he became III and was com-pelled to cancel the engagement. The III-ness, which was declared to be tonsilitis, progressed favorably. Last Monday and Tuesday the patient was able to be about. of power enough to grip people's heart, and bring the warm tears to their eyes had arrived. Dr. Watson stipulated, however, that he would first publish his sketches under the nom-de-plume of "Ian Wednesday an abscess formed upon the right car. The system absorbed pus and in a few hours developed serious symp-toms. Blood poisoning set in and on Sat-MacLaren" until his readers had given their verdict. "The Bonnie Briar Bush" was the result and was received with a wave of enthusiasm both in Great Britain urday another abscess started to form in the left car. The patient's condition was aggravated by a bad attack of rheumaand this country. In the new clergyman-novelist it was felt that Scotland at length possessed a new star to brightes the literary sky already adorned by the

Dr. Watson's end was sudden and unexpected and was hastened by a weak heart. His wife, who was his constant companion in his last illness, left the room at II o'clock. She was gone 15 min-otes and on returning found her husband lifeters. lifeless.

so strangely mingled in his work that the command went forth, "Write." Other That Dr. John Watson, better known as dialect sketches typifying life and charac-ter in Highland and semi-Highland par-ishes followed in "The Days of Auld Lang Syne" (1985), "Kate Carnegie" (1895), "A lan MacLaren, has died in a foreign land. 'far awa' from his ain countrie," will be read with genuine regret by countless thousands of readers throughout the world, not only among the English-speak-Doctor of the Old School (1897), "Aftering race, but among peoples of other na-tions who through translations have been thrilled by the migic touch of the great story-teller. The Scotch will regard the wards" published laughable sketches were probably those describing 'The Young Barbarians,' deal-ing with Scotch school hoys. As a writer on religious subjects in cosaly form Dr. Watson wrote 'The Upper Room' (1895). 'The Mind of the loss of so eminent a literary man as pe-culiarly their own, for they biolised him as a son. They had only one fault to find with "Ian MacLaren"-that he was not born in Scotland. He more than Master (1898): "The Potter's Wheel" (1897): "Companions of the Sorrowful Way" (1898): "Doctines of Grace" (1999), and "The Life of the Master" note wittly retorted that his inste had not been consulted in the matter of his having been born at Manningtree, Easex. England, November 3, 1850. With Barrie And others of that lik, Dr. Watson gather. Dr.

ists, and on his tomb will be written in affectionate remembrance: "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush." A man is not a sallor because he was born on a ship. So, Dr. Watson's asser-tion that he was Scotch gains weight when one remembers that environment, education and work all units in deter-mining a man's nationality. In Dr. Wat-son's case, he was taken while young son's case, he was taken while young across the English border and was edu-cated at Edinburgh University New Col-lege and at the University of Tubingen, licensed in 1574 to preach by the Free Descharging (Church of Southand and he Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and betan ministerial work as assistant minis-er of the Barciay Church, Edinburgh. One year later was destined to be the most constructive and telling year of Dr. Watson's life, for he was then ordained minister of LogienImond (Drumtochity) Free Presbyterian Church, Perthahire. Here among the Scotch country folk he formed in his heart of hearts those im-mortal types of douce, God-fearing, stern-oyed yet kindly-volead men and women who afterward gained world-wide fame as his "people" of "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush" and other sketches. He chose his characters from the folk he met chose his characters from the folk he met with in his ministry, and none were so surprised as they in after years to find they had been "put into a buik." Many of them wished they had better shaped their lives and watched their tongues be-fore they lived in cold type. At first, Dr. Watson was innocently un-aware of his marked literary talent as a matter of sourch disloct stories until a writer of Scotch dialect stories, until a friend recognized that a Scotch novelist

genius of Robert Burns and Sir Walter

hold words, and laughter and tears were

and "Rabble Saunderson," ad one year later. His

mown as chief of the "kallyard" novel-

Church of England. The University of St. Andrews conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity. As a lecturer Dr. Maclaren traveled extensively and the mere rumor that "Drumbenty" was in the neighborhood was sufficient to thrill all the Scotch within hall and fill the hall. His pro-grammes consisted generally of selec-tions from his own writings, complete-ly winning the hearts of his centers. He was not in the highest sense an orator, but rather dominated by his orator, but rather dominated by his pathos, character and intellect. About seven years ago Dr. Maclaren lectured in this city, when the clans reverently.

preacher. After Logicalmond, he



TUBE COMPANY OFFICIALS CON-SPIRE TO ROB GOVERNMENT.

> Charged With Furnishing Defective Boiler Tubes for Use in Naval

Vessels One of Them Confesses.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 6.-The case of J. J. Dunn, Charles Close and Frank L. Emmett, former employes of the Shel-by Steel Tube Company, of Greenville, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with installing control of the second s

Court Scott. Dr. MacLaren's character sketches "George Howe," "Marget Howe" and "Dr. Weelum MacClure" became house-Court. One of the defendants. Frank L. Em-mett, pleaded guilty today and walved a hearing. United States District Attorney John W. Dunkle explained that Emmett had turned state's evidence, and some sensational testimony is expected to de-velop during the trial. The defendants are charged with furnishing defective bolier tubes to United States naval ves-sels from the Greenville, Pa., mills of the Shelby Company, by which the de-fendants were employed. Among the delegates mentioned for the place is Frederick Schug, of Tacoma; Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., of St. Louis, and Eflas J. Jacoby, of Indianapolis. Frank C. Roundy, of Chicago, will succeed Alavah P. Clayton, in the officer of im-perial potentate, and the other officers of the council will be advanced one step. Officers and delegates of the Im-perial Council, to the number of 400, par-ticipated today in an excursion to Santa Catalina Island. Imperial Potentate Clay-ton was among the excursionists. of the defendants, Frank L. Em-His most

the Shelby Company, by which the de-fendants were employed. Mr. Dunkle told the jury of the cir-cumstances of the case, including the statement that Emmett had arranged with the Government to plead guilty and turn state's evidence and appear as a witness for the prosecution. He stated that the Shelby Steel Tube Company has been manufacturing tubes for the Navy Department since 1838, but that the con-spiracy was entered into in 1902, the de-fendants being superintendent of the Greenville mill of the company.

Dr. Watson also won fame as a mill of the company.

NOBLES BEGIN WORK TODAY

MYSTIC SHRINERS HAVING THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES.

Los Angeles Entertains Largest Crowd Ever Assembled in City. La Fiesta Adds to Attraction.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 6 .- Under cirnumstances most auspicious, the 33d annual segsion of the Imperial Council, No-The most important was that of the Pacific Livestock Company vs. William Isanc, of Caldwell, Idaho, and Monte B. Gwinn, of Boise, prominent sheepmen of Oregon and Idaho, an action for damagos. bles of the Mystic Shrine, will open to-morrow morning in this city. Thousands of Shriners from all parts of the United States are in attendance at the great ouncil, and the last of the special trains

The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$485.75. William Anderson, a saloon man of Westfall, pleaded guilty of selling liquor to minors and was fined \$50 and costs. arrying delegations from Eastern cities rrived tonight. Never before has the city of Los Angeles His license was revoked.

een host to such a number of visitors The attendance exceeds all estimates, and VISIT BIG HOOD RIVER MILL the observance of in fiests, which is bringing thousands of visitors from all

Port Blakely Manager Will Pattern sections of the Pacific Coast, is taxing the After Oregon Lumber Co.

capacity of hotels, crowding the streets at all hours of the day and night and situting the use of all available rolling stock by the various street railroad

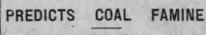
HOOD RIVER, Or., May 6.-(Special.)-T. C. Ford, superintendent of the Port Blakely Lumber Company, which recently lost its mill in a \$50,000 fire, was here today and announced that the mill will be immediately rebuilt with electricity as its motive power. This conclusion was reached after a visit to the big electric companies. According to the registration bureau maintained by Al Malilkah Temple at the general headquarters, there are nearly 7000 Shriners in this city, with many still scheduled to arrive. With their relatives and casual visitors included, it is believed that Los Angeles now shelters over 20,000 strangers reached after a visit to the big electric

nill of the Oregon Lumber Company at The Dee mill has attracted much at-

The Dec and has accented much at-tention from millowners from all parts of the coast. Its electric power is gen-erated from water power and is said to be more effective than steam, added to other features, including lower insurance rates. Mr. Ford was accompanied by C. Schel, of the Allis-Chalmers Machinery Compared of Milwaukes and Machinery strangers. The election of officers will be a formal ceremony, except in the case of imperial outer guard, which is a stepping-stone to the higher offices of the order, and the only office for which a contest is proba-Schei, of the Anas-Chambers Machinely Company, of Milwaukee, and Master Me-chanic Rayne and S. Ford, millwright of the Port Blakely company. The party were the guesst of Superintendent C. T. Early, of the Mount Hood Railway Among the delegates mentioned for the

Wife Murder-Damage Case Won.

VALE. Or., May 6 .- The Circuit Court



Union Official Says Road Will Sell

No More Coal.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 6.-"I look for a greater coal famine next year than ever before, and the Union Pacific, which has always taken care of the people along its line, will no longer be able to do so on account of the Hepburn bill," is a state-ment attributed to W. I. Park general superintendent of the Union Pacific Rail-way the Wyoming Tribute buday. way, by the Wyoming Tribune today. "The small dealers," Mr. Park is fur-ther reported to have said, "have in a

way depended upon the railroad for the supply of coal to help them out, and, unsupply of coal to help them out and, un-less they store their own coal during the coming Summer, they will face a famine in the Winter. Coal consumers along other lines where a similar arrangement has been maintained by coal-carrying roads will meet the same emergency. The Union Pacific will store coal as usual this Summer, but will have none to sell." DOCKET AT VALE IS HEAVY Meyordan to Be Resentenced for

Peck Steps Into First Place.

value, or, may a lengthy one that this form will probably continue several days yet. Haliver Meyordan and prisoners con-victed at this term, it is understood, will be sentenced at the adjournment of the LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 6.-Tom C. Peck, assintant general passenger agent of the Sait Lake road, has been multi general passenger agent, effective today. erm. Meyordan will be resentenced to leath for the murder of his wife.

Asks Rehearing in Kelliher Case. Forty-two cases have been disposed of SALEM, Or., May 6 .- (Special.)-Dis most important was that of the

trict Attorney McNary has filed a tion for a rehearing in the Kelliher tion for a rehearing in the Kelliher land fraud case. In the lower court Kelli-her was convicted of forgery upon the land upon the allegation that he told H. H. Turner to forge names to state land certificates. This decision was reversed on appeal upon the ground that there was no corroboration of the testimony of Turner, who was a or the testimony of further, who was a party to the offense. In asking for re-hearing, Mr. McNary contends that there was corroboration in the fact that Kelli-her admitted having employed Turner to commit subornation of perjury, that Kel-liher acquired the state land certificates

and that the signatures plainly showed, they were forgeries.

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