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CONFESSIONS OF THOMAS W. LAWSON.

Probably the most talked-of man today in America, is Thomas W. Lawson, a financier, famous in a dozen ways outside of his gigantic dealing with dollars. His dramatic break with the Standard Oil Company, and his telling exposure of himself and his millionaire confederates in the pages of Everybody's Magazine, have brought him under the lime light of public gaze, and his relentless revelations are being read by thousands with indignant interest. Never has there been a more open detail of the secret methods of the money makers, or a more vivid picturing of the unblushing fraud which underlies modern financial methods.

Mr. Lawson has a style of his own, clear, incisive, aphoristic, forceful and harmonious as an anvil chorus. He is absolutely fearless and libel suits have for him no terror. He pins down the spiders of "Frenzied Finance" for public inspection. He pins himself among them, though his own pin is always painted with good intentions. He has taken the lid off the seething chaldron of what is in courtesy called financial business, and the corruption and heartlessness revealed form a terrible contrast to old-fashioned honesty, that like the American buffalo, threatens to become extinct.

The Week's Progress has demonstrated that Mr. Lawson is a man of overflowing energies. The ticker of the stock exchange and the manipulation of Montana copper have demanded only a part of his time, mere incidents filling intervals of his busy days. Dreamworld Hall, his palatial farm house, is a paradise for blooded stock, with its 300 horses of noble pedigree, its 150 high-bred dogs, the herds of fancy cattle in its meadows, its 2,000 hens of all varieties, and its large flocks of choice ducks, geese and pigeons. His racing horses have won large purses which he has given to charity; he has paid \$30,000 for the right to cultivate a certain flower, named by him after his wife; he has fitted out a steam yacht at a cost of \$250,000, and has built "Independence," a racing yacht, qualified to defend "America's" Cup. There are some of the things that have occupied his hours of leisure from dealings in sugar, copper and oil, and the governing of his millions.

Thomas W. Lawson is of Bostonian birth, the son of a Nova Scotia carpenter. He ran away from school at the age of twelve to take a place as office boy in a State Street brokerage house, and made his way so rapidly that before he was seventeen he was dealing heavily in stocks, and lost \$60,000. So he went on, now on a stock board, now in a printing firm that went to pieces and buried his capital under its ruins; now promoting a boom town in Kentucky from which he also emerged penniless; finally becoming a power in the money market and closely associated with Rogers and Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame.

Trouble between him and the Standard Oil magnates broke out in the spring of 1904, and he withdrew from the brokerage firm of Lawson, Arnold & Co., that he might speak his mind freely, without detriment to stock exchange courtesy. The readers of his revelations can bear witness to the refreshing frankness with which he has made public various malodorous affairs with which he confesses he is thoroughly familiar from personal connection.

General Nogi, is the Hero of Port Arthur on the Japanese side. Ever since the memorable siege this buldog of the Japanese army has been drawing the line of steel and cannon nearer and nearer the doomed town until today General Stoessel is at his mercy.

Politics.

There was a town of goodly size
Where dwelt a powerful band;
Where Honesty and Industry
Abroad, walked hand in hand,
Each neighbor lived as neighbors should
Nor feared a people's frown;
A perfect brotherhood of men
And justice ruled the town.
Until it chanced a stranger came,
One most unlucky day,
She pitched her tent right in their midst
And vowed she'd come to stay.
A creature of uncertain years
And many evil tricks;
She styled herself "the people's slave,"
Her name was Politics.
Then justice laid her scales aside,
And Friendship moved away;
Honesty gave up his job,
Because it didn't pay.
And Politics took up the reins
And drove things with a will;
Right on through envy, hate and strife
And she is driving still.
—Baltimore Sun.

Musings.

Port Arthur manages to withstand those sinking spells.
Swearing off day will fall on Sunday this year; better the day better the deed.
A Pennsylvania woman has been killed by a hencock, which looks like a turning of the tide.
The news that alcohol is made from honey may lead some to revise their opinion of the little busy bee.
Young women of Coquille have organized a mysterious N. H. club. Can't mean No Husband, nor No Heart.
Can it be that the "N. H." name of that Coquille Young Women's society means No Hag? Impossible!
A New York brewer who was elected to congress spent only \$5,338. But that will buy 100,700 beers, which ought to elect anybody.
Roosevelt's plurality in Illinois is 304,000. And yet Mayor Harrison said Porter would carry it. Yes, he had better not run for Mayor again.

The frequency of holidays is quite astonishing and shocking. We've stuffed the turkey and the kids, and now most stuff the Christmas stockings.

What do the authorities think of themselves for permitting such indescribable and criminal dens as the Favorite saloon to exist?—Portland Journal. How much did they stand you up for, Brother Jackson?
At a recent meeting in Worcester, Mass., to consider the matter of tariff reform, reciprocity, etc., ex-Congressman Walker said: "What men want is more of everything; it doesn't make any difference what. A man with ten dollars wants fifteen." But how about the woman with ten children? Or the man with one mother-in-law?

State and General News

Big game is plentiful in Douglas county.
Work on the automobile road between Shaniko and Prineville is progressing.
Pendleton men claim to have captured a 60-pound salmon in the John Day river in Grant county.

The North Bend Evening Post failed to show up the last of the week, and it is stated that its publication has been discontinued.

It is said we will hear some good news before the first of the year, concerning the proposed electric railroad between Coos Bay and Roseburg.

The first National Bank of Coos Bay will be opened in Marshfield some time next month. John S. Coke is president, C. H. Merchant, vice-president and W. S. McFarland, cashier.

The schooner Bella left San Francisco fifty-two days ago for the Sitka, and twelve days later was sighted off the Sitka bar. Nothing has since been heard of her, and it is feared that she is lost.

The samples of quartz taken to San Francisco lately by Orvil Dodge, of Myrtle Point, Coos county, and assayed, stood a satisfactory test, and there will soon be extensive developments in the Salmon Mountain mines.

Russian participation in the Lewis and Clark Centennial, at first despaired of on account of the war with Japan, is

Senator Mitchell when asked Friday said that the matter of the chairmanship of the Isthmian canal committee was practically settled and that he would be given the chairmanship. The late Senator Hanna was formally the chairman of that committee. Since his death Senator Platt, of New York, has been in the direct line of the promotion to the chairmanship and in the ordinary run of things would get the billet. But Senator Platt has been disinclined to give up his chairmanship of the committee on printing. Besides this his health has not been robust. It was generally believed that the managing men of the senate were not favorably disposed to letting the chairmanship of the interoceanic canal come to the Pacific coast. Owing to the amount of attention which he has devoted to the subject of canals Senator Mitchell is generally regarded as unusually well qualified for the position of chairman of the interoceanic canal.

Puter, McKinley, Wolgamot, Emma Watson and Tarpley have all been found guilty of land frauds in Oregon. Puter, McKinley and Watson are the principals, while Wolgamot and Tarpley were tools. These principals are self-styled importations from eastern states, and are not Oregon products. If we sift Oregon land frauds to the bottom we will find the skirts of the natives are clear of the charge of being conspirators against the government. The characters who have given to Oregon a bad name and a black eye in this regard belong to a scheming, speculative riff-raff from other states that would have been a credit to Oregon had they stayed at home.—Eugene Register.

During the campaign Rev. Parkhurst was usually reticent. He now rejoices with many others. On the recent great feast day he said: "It is occasion for thanksgiving that the man just elected President is a man whose life is pure and who believes in right things. We may expect the coming four years will be a term of office that will mean blessing to the country and to the world." Yet he has not applied for any appointment.

Something quite out of the usual has happened in the city of "sweetness and light"—Boston. The liquor dealers of that town have announced that they wish to work hand in hand with honest, earnest, temperance people. They realize that it is better to try to control the temperance movement than to be unable to secure a license.

The Portland Journal says the Plaindealer stands for grafts and fraud. The Plaindealer has always been recognized as a terror to grafters and the manipulators of frauds and it is on these grounds that it is opposing and condemning Portland's Yellow Journal. The Journal's cry of "stop thief" is not fooling the public.

Andrew Carnegie pays ten per cent. premium to all the employees on his Scottish estates who practice entire abstinence from intoxicating liquors. A good many others are following his example.

As a sign of the times, connected with the steel industry, it is announced that every coke oven in Pennsylvania has been fired without firing any of the operatives.

Japan is all ready to dictate terms of peace to Russia, but like the typewriter with the toothache, Russia isn't taking dictation just at present.

The good roads subject should be kept to the fore.

now assured. Secretary Reed of the Exposition has received a cablegram from the czar's Council of Commerce, stating that the invitation sent by the exposition has been accepted and embracing as to the allotment of space. The cablegram stating that the Russian Empire would make an official exhibit came as something of a surprise, because Russia made no official participation in the world's fair at St. Louis. Japan arranged several months ago for space and has planned an elaborate exhibit.

In the police court at Eugene Friday, Jacob Berger and Ashley Stevens, dealers in the Reception saloon gambling rooms, were fined \$75 and \$50, respectively, for conducting gambling games. Warrants of arrest have also been served upon the proprietors of the Reception Budd Thomas, another dealer, was notified to appear on the same charge, but he has left town. The police are determined to put a stop to gambling, if possible, and promise further arrests in the near future.

Friday Mrs. Chadwick was unable to give \$15,000 bail, and was taken to prison in New York. She made her first statement and denied Mrs. York, of San Francisco, is her sister. Mrs. York gave alleged family history. Alleged notes signed by Carnegie are not discussed, inquiries being referred to attorneys of woman. Warden will allow prisoner no privileges. Ohio officials will issue a number of warrants for Mrs. Chadwick on the general ground of forgery. Mrs. Chadwick fainted when about 50 photographers turned their cameras upon her.

Miss Hallie E. Rives, the great authoress and writer of fiction, is in Portland, a daily paper producing her picture taken on her Virginia stock farm in which she is shown in a rubber-tired sulky, behind Black Diamond, the famous trotting ostrich, said to be the fastest of his kind in the world. He is a veritable giant, standing nine feet four inches from crown to heel. He is frequently matched at even stakes against running horses. Black Diamond is sometimes vicious and at all times difficult to control even by a man. Miss Rives has the reputation of being a daring horsewoman in a state where all women ride and the element of danger doubtless lends spice to the operation and adds to her love of ostrich driving.

WHY HITCHCOCK IS PERSISTENT

Due to ill will Toward Binger Hermann

IGNORES OTHER STEALS

In His Mad Desire to Implicate His Old Enemy from Oregon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—To clear away all doubt as to why Oregon is being held up before the country as the hotbed of land thieves, while similar and undoubtedly greater frauds in other states are being overlooked, this statement, confirmed by an official familiar with the inside facts, is made. The campaign against land-fraud operators was initiated by Secretary Hitchcock, and has been carried on intently under his direction. So anxious has he been to get all the credit for any convictions that may be secured that he has not hesitated to call officials to cooperate with him either in running down fraud or gathering evidence, but has kept everything in his own hands, at all times personally directing his own inspectors.

The Land Office has had nothing to do with the campaign now in progress. Several years ago Secretary Hitchcock began to show hostility toward Binger Hermann, then Commissioner of the General Land Office, having early conceived the idea that Hermann was conspiring with speculators on the Pacific Coast to defraud the Government out of large areas of public lands. It was largely because of this friction that Hermann eventually resigned the Commissioner's office. Ever since he forced Hermann out of office, Hitchcock has concentrated his inspectors on the Pacific Coast, mostly in Oregon, giving them instructions to bring to light the frauds which he had reason to believe were being perpetrated. Every investigation which has been conducted by Hitchcock's inspectors, while ostensibly aimed at securing the conviction of men like Puter and McKinley, has really been directed to bring in Hermann's name in some manner and by insinuation, at least, make it appear that he was a party to the frauds.

OTHER FRAUDS.
It is because of this intense desire to accomplish this, his highest purpose, that he has consented to overlook frauds which he has been informed were perpetrated in Montana and Colorado, for example, in order that he might bring his entire influence to bear in Oregon.

Were it not for Secretary Hitchcock's extreme hatred of Hermann, land-fraud investigations would be under way in all Western States, and not confined to Oregon. There was, at the time the land frauds were first investigated, as much evidence of fraud in other states as in Oregon, but for the reasons stated Oregon has for fully two years been held up before the country and widely advertised as the center of fraudulent operations.

Other states have so far escaped, not because of any influence they or their citizens have brought to bear, but because Secretary Hitchcock is looking for "big game," as he says, in Oregon.

SECOND TRIAL AT PORTLAND.
The second case against the land ring will come to trial Tuesday in Judge Bellinger's court. The defendants are S. A. D. Puter, Horace McKinley, Marie Ware and Emma L. Watson and Guy Huff. Huff was taken into custody Saturday under a John Doe warrant. His bail was fixed at \$4,000, which he was unable to furnish, and he was taken to the county jail, where he is now imprisoned. His wife came from Tacoma yesterday to be with him during the trial.

Huff is said to have forged some of the names which were affixed to home-secured proofs and affidavits. It was not positively known until recently that he was identified with the particular transactions involved in the case, but within the past few days evidence is said to have been discovered that he was a party to the conspiracy, and he was therefore arrested. Another indictment against Huff is to be tried later.

Dan J. Tarpley, who was convicted last Tuesday, does not figure in the fourth-coming trial.

Interesting W. C. T. U. Meeting.

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edythe Kelley. Quite a number of the White Ribbon women were present, with Mrs. Ida Marsters, president, in the chair. After devotional services and the usual routine of business, Mrs. Marsters spoke briefly on the State W. C. T. U. paper about to be published and nearly all present subscribed for it. Then Mrs. Palm sang a song of "Childhood Recollection" very sweetly and tenderly. Mrs. Kelly playing the accompaniment. The "Current Event" given by Mrs. Ferguson of Edenbow, was the "Anti-Canteen Law." She reviewed briefly the agitation of the question and the passing of the law, giving extracts from letters received from the highest officials in the army denouncing the canteen with its baleful influences. Mrs. Barzee read a paper on "What the W. C. T. U. has Done." Among other facts and figures given, she said that the W. C. T. U. was the largest organization of women in the world, and that local unions are organized in 10,000 towns and cities and that millions of school children receive scientific temperance instruction in the public schools besides the teaching of the Lydian Temperance Legion. After the discussion on what could be done in Roseburg, a committee was appointed to confer with the city council regarding the re-establishment of the canteen.

Meeting adjourned in due form.

H. R. F.

SUCCESSFUL GOOD ROADS MEETING

Held in Roseburg Theatre Last Saturday

MANY FARMERS ATTEND

Expert Jas. W. Abbott Delivered Two Excellent Illustrated Addresses

Regardless of the inclement weather conditions there was a good representation of influential farmers and district road supervisors in attendance at the good roads meeting held in the Roseburg Theatre under the auspices of the Roseburg Commercial Club last Saturday afternoon and evening. The illustrated addresses by Hon. Jas. W. Abbott, the government good roads expert of Washington, D. C. were listened to very attentively by the appreciative audience and an impression was made upon the minds of all which will result in a more enthusiastic and systematic method of road building in Douglas county. His addresses were strictly educational and practical, the excellent large illustrations supplied by Mr. Abbott to embellish and add to the effectiveness of his lectures, were thrown upon the large canvas by Prof. Board of the University of Oregon, the splendid stereopticon apparatus of that educational institution being very generously loaned to the Commercial Club for this particular occasion.

Mr. Abbott dwelt upon the many permanent and admirable methods adopted in road construction by the ancients in the old countries, many of which remain in perfect condition to this day. Many views were given of these old roadways accompanied by an explanation of their simple, yet effective construction and which, where stone is plentiful, is not exorbitant in cost. He presented many illustrations of the excellent public highways in rugged Switzerland, where \$50,000,000 have been expended by the Government and people in road building and which has proven a very judicious and profitable investment. Some of the good road construction of our own government was demonstrated, notably the Yellowstone National Park roads, the Baltimore road and the New England states roads. In contrast some of the miserable roads, so common to this Western country were illustrated showing the attendant decrease in property values in such localities as compared with those where good highways are maintained.

He also spoke of the commendable movement in Congress looking toward the betterment of the country's highways and with what earnest endeavor Oregon's Congressman, Mr. Hermann, is championing this movement in behalf of his state. He referred to Mr. Hermann's good roads speech delivered at the late Oregon state fair as a gem. He also demonstrated the practicability of convict labor when employed upon such public improvements and set forth the very satisfactory results attained in New Mexico where the convict labor law has been given a practical test. He said he was gratified to learn that the forthcoming Washington and Oregon legislatures had in contemplation such laws, the result of the passage of which would soon be a great public highway or turnpike extending from British Columbia to lower California, with numerous branches.

The lecture was full of helpful hints and practical ideas and will be productive of much good, especially that part demonstrating the most practical machinery to be employed by the county in the construction of good roads. There is little doubt but what this county will soon acquire a modern crusher and steam roller for road construction purpose.

Hunter-Kurth.

Portland Sunday Oregonian says: One of the prettiest of recent weddings was that of Miss Irma Elizabeth Kurth, who was married to Fred Henry Hunter, which took place on Wednesday evening at the First Presbyterian Church, the decorations were of Oregon holly ivy and pink carnations. The entrance of the bride party was announced, instead of a wedding march, by "O Promise Me," sung softly by Miss Eleanor Kurth, the bride's sister. The bride's brother, Mr. H. J. Kurth, gave her away, and her girl attendants were her sisters, the Misses Eleanor and Gretchen Kurth, and Miss Reed. Mr. E. J. Ellison was best man, and A. C. Roth and A. C. Spooner were ushers.

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shower bouquet of Bride's roses, with tiny buds of the same dainty flower securing her bridal veil. The bride-maids were attired in white chiffon Dolly Varden gowns, over pink, with pink satin girdles and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations, with wreaths of white hydrangeas in the hair. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter left on the 8:30 train for Southern California and the East, and will be at home to their friends after February 1 in Roseburg, Ore. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a bright and happy future.

Sunday was a "dry" day (without reference to the weather in Roseburg the new Sunday closing ordinance being enforced on that day).

Smith-Applegate.

Miss Jessie Applegate, who is a member of one of the best known pioneer families, and H. O. Smith, editor and proprietor of the Klamath Falls Republican, were married last Sunday at Klamath Falls, the ceremony being performed by Judge Henry L. Benson at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Dr. Hargreaves. The young people, both of whom are very popular in Southern Oregon, have the best wishes of many friends. They are at home at Klamath Falls.

FARMERS' NEEDS

GRASS SEED

Now is the time to sow your field seeds. I have just received a large supply of Alsike, Red and White Clover, Alfalfa, Timothy, Orchard, Blue Grass, Etc.

HARROWS

Buffalo Pitts, Pan American, Spike, Spring and Disc Harrows, and Syracuse and Steel Chilled Discs.

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BEARD & CULVER

WHEN SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES.

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