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T. W. LAWSON DESCRIBED.

**Most-Talked-of Man in the Coun-
try—Leading Facts in His
Career.**

Yorkville Enquirer.
Thomas W. Lawson was born in the city of Charleston 45 years ago, being the son of a carpenter from Nova Scotia. He ran away from school at the age of 12 years to get a job on State street, and got it. Made a small fortune when 18 in a "pool" with other State street office boys. Lost it all after in a squeeze in stocks. Married at 21, and has had a delightful home life. Is the father of six children.

Made his debut in State street about 17 years ago in a fight against a store-service company, being interested in a rival patent. Won the fight and engineered a "reorganization," with himself on the inside. About this time was also manager of a large railroad supply printing house in Boston.

In 1893 engineered a stock campaign for the Westinghouse Electric company against the General Electric company. Cleared up \$2,634,000 in 58 days for himself and his backers. Plunged in sugar stock and "dropped his pile."

Promoted a "boom" town in Kentucky and lost. Became interested in the Butte and Boston Copper Mining company's stock, which he bought at from 75 cents to \$2 a share and bulled to \$75 or better. Accumulated stock of the Boston and Montana company in the same way and did the same thing with it.

Interested Henry H. Rogers and other Standard Oil men in copper, and in the organization of the Amalgamated company cleaned up millions. Took an active part in gas affairs in Boston.

Fell out with the Standard Oil in 1901 and lost about \$10,000,000 in a few days in a sensational drop in Amalgamated stock. Vowed vengeance, and lay low.

Began a campaign of publicity looking to a rehabilitation of his fortunes and to "getting square" with Standard Oil. Acquired a copper mine of his own in California. Began promoting a combination of Lake Superior mines as rivals to the Amalgamated.

In 1901 he built a racing yacht, at a cost of \$250,000 and offered her as a defender of the America's Cup, but without being admitted to the trial races. Broke the vessel up at the end of three months, and at a cost of \$40,000 published a book telling all about it, the entire edition of which he gave away.

Acquired fame as buyer of a pink for \$30,000 and naming it for his wife. Built a stock farm among the rocks of Scituate, at a cost of \$2,000,000, because his wife liked the site.

Has accumulated the finest kennel of bulldogs in the country. Bought a triangle of land in the Back Bay for nearly \$300,000, and made it into a park for the benefit of his neighbors, most of whom do not like him.

Is conducting his present campaign against the stock market from a room in a downtown hotel, assisted only by a stenographer. Is not accessible even to intimates. Is the most complex character before the public to-day. Does not belong to any city club. Spends all his evenings at home. Dispenses large sums in charity. Is superstitious.

Forging to the Front.

Charlotte News, 21st.
Our lively neighbor, Gastonia, is forging to the front. In addition to her cotton mills and banks, and other enterprises, she has just organized a building and loan association, and her people will go to building and owning their own homes. A town can do nothing more helpful in this line than to sustain one or more well managed building and loan associations. And if any of them want any lessons as to how these institutions should be managed, we refer them to any of the three associations here.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer gives the following telephone figures: There are in this State 83 telephone systems, with 15,632 subscribers, and 24,680 miles of wires. There were 36,000,000 talks during the year. The revenues were \$346,472, and the expenses \$299,118.

PISGAH FENCILINGS.

**The Value of Farm Lands in
Gaston—The News from Pisgah
—Reduce the Cotton Acreage.**

Pisgah, R. F. D. No. 1, Dec. 22.—The Christmas spirit! How wonderful the joy it brings! Let us go about doing good like Him whose birth we celebrate. What better gift to God and man than to love one another? 'Tis more blessed to give than to receive. Let us forgive and forget the old grudges and wrongs and start the New Year right.

The decline in cotton has caught the people here with a considerable lot on hand. They are trusting that there is some mistake in the Government's cotton report, and that when discovered, cotton will react and go up as fast as it went down.

Your correspondent has recently interviewed a number of prominent farmers and land owners in regard to the value of farm lands in Gaston. Within the past five years it is safe to estimate that farm lands have about doubled in value. The increase over last year was from 15 to 20 per cent. Rents are higher for farm lands and better buildings have been constructed for tenants. Better methods of farming are being introduced, lands are being gradually improved and as they reach a higher state of cultivation the value consequently increases.

Continuous rain and snow fall lately encourages the hope that the supply of water, which has almost entirely failed in many wells, may be replenished.

The county of Gaston has a community known by the Biblical name of "Pisgah," it also contains Pisgah A. R. P. Church, and also some splendid people. The former as a place named "Pisgah" deserves to be spread far and wide. This community contains Jones Seminary, a famous "Seat of Knowledge." The community of Pisgah is bounded on the north by the Southern Railway; on the south by the Carolina & Northwestern Railway; on the east by Lincoln and Yorkville road and on the west by Crowder's Mountain and Philipsburg.

We are informed that the name of the new cotton mill to be built in the near future between Lory and Arlington will be "The Gray Mill." The capital stock is \$150,000. The plant will be run by steam. There will be 10,000 spindles and 350 looms.

On the last Saturday in this month and the last day of 1904 we will change to Pisgah Paragraphs.

THE GAZETTE says it is printed for Gaston county people, and wants Gaston county news. Being as the writer is the only privileged person in the county outside of Mt. Holly to take the official readings of the Catawba river gauges, he will from time to time, submit to THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

We urge all of our Gaston county farmers who can meet in the court house in the town of Dallas, January 7th, to consider "the cotton situation." We urge all farmers in Gaston to hold for 10 cents per pound, and to reduce the acreage one-fourth. Reduction in acreage is the only hope in sight.

Worried About the Future.

The minister—My dear madam, let this thought console you for your husband's death. Remember that other and better men than he have gone the same way.

Bereaved widow—They haven't all gone, have they?

Best Reason Omitted.

Gaffney Ledger.
THE GASTONIA GAZETTE, one of the best semi-weekly newspapers in North Carolina, has increased its price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a year. In making the announcement THE GAZETTE gives four excellent reasons for increasing its subscription price, but leaves off the best one—and that is, that the paper is worth the money.

An Uncertain Quantity.

Statesville Landmark.
In a certain part of Statesville on a certain day not long since a certain young lady married a certain young man. And now a certain other young man in a certain other town in this State thinks that certain young lady is most extremely uncertain, because, look you, he was preparing to come here and marry that same certain uncertain young lady himself the next day—in fact, they had to be hid off by wire. Which was hard lines, or good luck, whichever you think, because "there is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so."

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

**What's Doing Among our Neigh-
bors Just Across the Line.**

Yorkville Reformer.
The Victor Oil Mill company has ginned two thousand bales of cotton this season.

Some forty or more jugs were transferred from the Southern to the C. & N.-W. yesterday for points along the latter road, Yorkville is getting about her usual liquor supply.

Both of the banks and most of the leading business houses will be closed on next Monday, on account of the Christmas holiday. The understanding is that Monday will be observed as a holiday quite generally. The banks will also be closed on January 2, on account of the New Year holiday.

The people of Yorkville and vicinity have been very much gratified to learn of the return of Rev. Dr. J. L. Stokes to this charge next year. Dr. Stokes is an able man and a good pastor, and everybody in the town and vicinity regardless of denomination thinks well of him. The pleasure of his return is still further heightened from the fact that it keeps his excellent family in Yorkville for at least another year.

Mr. W. J. Anderson who has been living on the Mason old place, near Wright's ferry, for about thirty years past, has purchased a farm near Indian Trail, Union county, N. C., and will move to it within about a week or ten days. Mr. Anderson's removal is occasioned by the sale of his land to the Catawba Power company. He is a good citizen, an old landmark of the Wright's ferry neighborhood, and an all round gentleman. His many friends in York county regret that he has decided to go away so far.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Neville and family expect to move to Clinton during the first week in January if the weather permits. This as the Enquirer sees it, and there are hundreds of Yorkville people who fully concur, is the most serious loss that Yorkville has in immediate view. During his long residence in Yorkville, Dr. Neville has measured up to the highest requirements not only as a preacher and pastor; but of a most valued citizen, and his family is one of the very best in the entire community. These excellent people can ill be spared. They will take with them to their new home, however, the best wishes of everybody.

A Great Administration.

Charity and Children.
Gov. Chas. B. Aycock has given North Carolina four years of as fine service as any chief executive who ever honored that high office. Passing by the prosperity that our people are enjoying in the constantly enlarging volume of business in every line, the moral influence of the present administration has been most remarkable.

The long strides forward that have been made by the temperance movement must be gratifying to every lover of his kind. And North Carolina has seen a new vision of universal education. Much of this wider outlook is due to the personal work of the Governor who has been a flaming evangel, pleading with lofty and thrilling eloquence for a chance for the poor boy.

North Carolina, of all the states, needed the mighty campaign of four years, for of all the states she was perhaps most strongly chained to the past by reason of the false doctrine promulgated by her leaders that education was never intended for the common people. The opinions of these leaders has not changed, but our noble Governor exposed the fallacy of their reasoning and kindled in the breast of the poor boy a hope he never cherished before. For this courageous course he has been called a fanatic, an educational crank, and other things, but he has not deviated from the line of duty by a hair's breadth. He is a man of the highest courage and would face a frowning world without flinching if duty demanded it. We grieve to see him step down and out of a position in which he has been so eminently useful. He carries with him into private life not only the admiration but the affection of the people of North Carolina. He is not only the brainiest, but one of the truest and best of the sons of the old State.

High Point is to erect a \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building. It's \$1.50 a year now.

A DELUGE OF BLOOD.

**Some Alarming Statistics Relat-
ing to the Incidence of Crime.**

Florida Times-Talcott.
The record shows that 41,000 homicides were committed in the States of the Union during the four years just past! The figures speak for themselves, and words cannot make them more eloquent. In peace and order, our losses by violence were greater than those of the British armies during the Boer war. In four years of "profound peace and general prosperity," we lose the lives that might win a pitched battle on some hard contested field of national warfare. While demanding that war shall cease, we endure the losses of war at home.

This country now sheds more blood than any other land on the map. The exact statistics are too painful to contemplate, though they are now easily accessible, and can be studied by all who have a deeper interest in them than the sensation of a moment.

Nor can we say that such tendencies are due with us to the ignorance or guilt of immigrants, since the murder record is lower in the countries from which they come, while, with us, it is highest in the States which receive the smallest accession from this source. It has been found by scientists that a gas can be manufactured which can make a murderer of the quietest citizen who has inhaled it; has nature sent such a curse from her laboratory to afflict us?

Once there was a savage foe encircling us like a line of flame. But that foe has disappeared forever, and it must be that it left its curse behind, for the weapons, once aimed at the Indians, we now turn, with deadlier effect, upon ourselves, and the murders go on by night, and day, sparing the mother as little as her babe and taking the grandfather with the strong man down to the grave.

Is the submerged fraction we have done so much to bury striking upward from its grave? Has the struggle for the dollar torn truth and compunction from our hearts? Or do we cease to love each other when we cast off respect for the law?

PROHIBITION COUNTY.

**Solicitor Clarkson Talks of
Wonderful Development in
Gaston.**

Charlotte News, 21st.

Solicitor Heriot Clarkson, who has made a close study of conditions in Gaston county, says after deliberation that "prohibition prohibits" and that in his opinion the growth of the county of Gaston during the past fifteen or twenty years, has been a most remarkable object lesson in this line.

In an interview with a News representative to-day Mr. Clarkson said that twenty years ago there were 45 distilleries in Gaston county, and to-day there are none, not a single saloon or distillery.

"Twenty years ago there were not over 4 cotton mills" continued Mr. Clarkson "while to-day there are at least 36 flourishing mills in the county, which lays claim to the distinction of having more mills than any county in the South and more spindles and looms than any county of the state."

"I have also been struck with the general tone of prosperity which is to be found through the county," said Mr. Clarkson. "The county's indebtedness does not exceed \$30,000 and on all sides are evidences that the county and the people are enjoying life and making money."

Gaston county has recently built a handsome county home at a cost of over \$8,000 and also other public buildings of the best type. At the last term of court which Solicitor Clarkson attended in Gaston, he states that the criminal docket was completed in one and a half days and there were no cases of a serious nature on the docket.

Mr. B. L. Duke, son of Mr. Washington Duke of Durham, and prominently connected with the American Tobacco Company, was married in New York last Tuesday, his bride being Miss Alice Webb, of Chicago. This is his third marriage. On March 24, 1904, he was divorced from his second wife who now resides, with her only child, Woodward, at Pasadena, Cal.

Hector McMillan, a 9-year-old lad, accidentally shot and killed himself at Fayetteville Friday.

CASHIER DEWEY RETURNS.

**Defaulting Cashier Gives Himself
Up to Newborn Officials After
Eluding Them for a Year—Re-
leased on \$40,000 Bond.**

A special from Newbern to the Charlotte Observer under date of December 23rd, says:

Thomas W. Dewey, who is alleged to have wrecked the Farmers' & Merchants Bank of this city over one year ago, and upon whose head the State has a reward of \$4,000, and whose whereabouts have been unknown save by a few intimate friends until a few weeks ago, arrived in this city on the morning train from Goldsboro, accompanied by Messrs. Frank Daniels, his attorney, his brothers, Charles and Ernest Dewey, and the Messrs. Borden, of Goldsboro, and surrendered to Sheriff Biddle, who was at the depot, he having been advised that Dewey was on the train coming down to give himself up.

Judge Henry R. Bryan held a hearing to decide upon the amount of the bond, two indictments under the statute having been found against Dewey at the May term of the court. The judge set the bond at \$25,000 and \$15,000, totalling \$40,000, as Dewey had voluntarily given himself up.

To his friends Dewey stated that he had almost suffered death in his exile, as every time he turned around he expected to be nabbed and that for the past several weeks, he had been within lessening distance of the detectives who were after him, and that on his way back to give himself up that he was kept busy dodging detectives.

A Semi-Weekly Raises Its Price.

Stately Enterprise.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE has increased the price of its semi-weekly to \$1.50 a year. The former price was \$1.00. Among the reasons, the editor cites that cost of production has increased, and that only a few years ago where 52 copies of the weekly GAZETTE bought a cord of wood, it now takes 208. Editor Marshall has always made THE GAZETTE a pretty clean, readable paper, and, though too cheap at \$1, he has never slighted his work. THE GAZETTE should lose no patronage by reason of the increase in price.

We have thought of converting the Stately Enterprise into a semi-weekly, but cannot figure out a living to ourselves at the low price of \$1. When our people feel that they are willing to pay \$1.50 or \$2.00 a year and get two papers a week instead of one, we will double our force and capacity and give it to them.

A charter was granted Friday by the State to the Universal Manufacturing Company of Winston to make down from feathers and manufacture it into quilts, pillows and robes. The capital stock is \$150,000. P. H. Hanes and others stockholders.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE twice a week, \$1.50 a year.

SPECIALS, SPECIALS.

With your holiday buying don't neglect the things that will stay with you and give you service and pleasure long after the holidays are over. Here are some specials we are offering you:

- Loose Collars, Cream, white, and black. Dainty effects, prices 75c to \$1.00.
- Handkerchiefs, All linen, plain and embroidered, each 5c to \$1.00.
- Plain lawn and swim cap, brodered from 5c to \$1.00.
- Kid Gloves, Special offer of these gloves in brown, champagne, and white at 89c. Regular \$1 goods.
- P. W. L. brand, white and black.
- La Mode real kid, black only \$1.50.
- Furral Furral Black, brown, sable, and Isabella fox, \$5 to \$10. Black and brown Isabella cone, from \$1.25 to \$2.00.

Coats and Rain Coats.

We are making special reduced prices on all wraps.

One Third Off

from regular price on all ladies and misses jackets. A golden opportunity for buying your wraps and jackets.

James F. Yeager

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I keep it hitched up ready all the time. It is ready at your call for any little trip. If you want to visit your neighbor or go a-shopping my nice surrey is waiting to take you. Carry you anywhere in town for 25 cents; short distances for less; reasonable rates outside of town. Calls left at Phone 101 will have prompt and proper attention. Try it. Surrey will also meet all trains day and night.

W. F. ELMORE

A Monument of Appreciation.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Chronicle, writing under date of the 23rd inst. says:

The Legislature is to appoint a committee to erect a monument to mark the spot at Appomattox, where the last stand was made by Confederate troops, who happened to be North Carolinians. The monument is to be low and massive and it is intended to dedicate it on Sunday, April 9th, next, the anniversary of the event which occurred on Sunday.

Professional Cards.

- A. L. BULWINKLE, Attorney-at-Law, DALLAS, N. C.
- DR. D. E. McCONNELL, DENTIST, Office first floor Y. M. C. A. Bld'g GASTONIA, N. C. Phone 69
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Children especially are fond of dainties, and the housekeeper must look carefully to their food. As good cake can be made only with good eggs, so also a cake that is healthful as well as dainty must be raised with a pure and perfect baking powder. Royal Baking Powder is indispensable in the preparation of the highest quality of food. It imparts that peculiar lightness, sweetness and flavor noticed in the finest cake, biscuit, doughnuts, crusts, etc., and what is more important, renders the food wholesome and agreeable to young and old.

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