RICHER THAN CRŒSUS.

The Way that Vanderbilt Disposed of His Millions, as Told in the Will.

What He Left His Wife and Each of His Eight Children—The Estate Tied Up Securely.

CONTENTS OF THE WILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The will of Wm. H. Vanderbilt was read yesterday, immediately on the return of the family from the funeral services at New Dorp. The reading was strictly private, and it was decided that the contents of the will should not be made public until after the document had gone to the surrogate's office. Great speculation was indulged last night throughout the city as to the probable contents of the document. At 10 o'clock this morning the great magnate's will was formally filed with the clerk of the surrogates's court. The will bequeaths to Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt, the widow, the dwelling house in which he recently lived, and three other lots in New York city; also all the household goods, horses, stables, etc., and statuary, paintings, etc. The will also bequeaths to her an annuity of $1,200,000, the foregoing to be in lieu of dower.

He devises unto his daughter Margaret Louisa, wife of Elliott F. Shepherd, her heirs and assigns forever, the house in which she now resides, and a lot on which it stands.

He devises to his daughter Emily Thorn, wife of William Sloan, her heirs and assigns, the middle one of three houses erected by him on the west side of Fifth avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, and the lot on which it stands.

He bequeaths to his daughter, Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, a lot of land on the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, together with a dwelling-house on said property.

Unto his daughter, Mrs. Watson S. Webb, he gives various lots of land, together with two dwelling-houses thereon.

The document thereafter reads as follows: "I give and bequeath to the trustees hereinafter appointed, $25,000,000 of bonds of the United States of America, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; $5,800,000 first and second mortgage bonds of Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway company's, bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum; $2,000,000 of sinking fund bonds of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company, due in 1929, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent.; $2,000,000 of sinking fund bonds of the last-named company, due in 1929, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. and $2,000,000 of general consolidated sinking fund bonds of the last named company."

The will bequeaths $10,000,000 to each of his eight children and nearly $1,000,000 to charitable institutions. The remainder of his fortune is divided equally between Cornelius and William K. Vanderbilt. He directs that all of his railway stock shall be held in bulk, and administered for the best interests of all, and that none of them shall be disposed of without the consent of all concerned. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew and Mr. Henry Henderson are constituted administrators of the will.

BAD ON THE BULLS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A well known man of Wall street said on hearing of Mr. Vanderbilt's will: "That will defeat every bull hope; it ties the property up so the boys will have to depend on annuities, and that boiled down means just this: None of the money is coming into Wall street. Somebody else will have to furnish bull ammunition after this. This big estate is put beyond their reach, and the boys are fixed so that they cannot waste any money in stocks."

WACO.

Marshal McKee's Accounts All Right, and His Friends Regret His Suicide.

Special to the Gazette.

EX-MARSHAL M'KEE'S ACCOUNTS.

WACO, TEX., Dec. 12.—The news of ex-United States Marshal McKee's suicide this morning was a great surprise to all who knew him. The dead ex-marshal was well known in Waco, and numbered his personal friends by the hundred, for he was a man whose social personal characteristics made him greatly liked. He was a resident of Waco from 1879 until 1882, when, after receiving the appointment of United States marshal, he removed to Dallas. His official duties brought him here frequently, and he kept up his kindly relations with our people. Since his removal from office he has also made several visits here, and has always appeared cheerful to an extent that did not lead his friends to suspect the gloomy condition of his mind. If he succumbed to financial troubles it could not have been any shortage of an official nature, as his accounts with the government were all straight. At the late term of the United States district court these accounts were examined and approved by Judge McCormick. United States Clerk Finks says Marshal McKee was scrupulously careful about his accounts with the government, and went out of office leaving a clean record of official honesty and integrity. Clerk Finks also says the government today owes the ex-marshal about $2600, and he has an interest in a fee worth about $1000. The Waco State bank of this city is on his official bond. Mr. W. W. Seley, the cashier, said this evening they have no apprehension there is anything wrong with the official accounts.

DOOMED TO STRIPES.

In the district court to-day the case of A. S. Farrow, charged with murder, was continued by the state. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the following prisoners, convicted during the present term of court, were brought in and sentence passed by Judge Rimes: Alex Bolden, murder, twenty years; Lee Lunsford, theft, seven years; Jerre Reagan, manslaughter, two years; Reuben King, burglary, two years; Reddick Flanders, burglary, seven years; Harrison Tennessee, theft from the person, two years; Tom Green, burglary, three years; Ross O'Neal, theft of a horse, seven years; William Lee, theft, five years; J. F. Buckett, burglary, seven years; George W. Smith, forgery, two years; Bill Bell, manslaughter, two years.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

Wm. Jackson Howell, who broke jail at San Marcos (where he was under arrest for stealing a horse), and came to Waco, where he was arrested Thursday, was sent back to the scene of his exploits today. The farmer whose horse was stolen came up with a deputy sheriff and identified the prisoner. When Howell saw the old granger he wilted.

Prof. Rosecrans, Sunday-school evangelist of the Christian church in the Southern and Western states, arrived in the city to-day, and will hold a Sunday-school institute here next week.

This has been the dreariest, rainiest day of the winter. Cotton receipts dropped down to nothing, and business generally was dull. Weather cold and raw to-night.

ADDITIONAL STATE NEWS.

Good Citizens.

Special to the Gazette.

BIG SPRING, TEX., Dec. 12.—The grand jury concluded their labors to-day without the finding of a single indictment. This speaks well for the morals of Howard county and the town of Big Spring.

Marine Intelligence.

Special to the Gazette.

GALVESTON, TEX., Dec. 12.—Arrived: Steamship Harlan from Vera Cruz and sailed for Morgan City. Capt. Henry Blohm of the bark Ingo, now in port, who died yesterday from dilatation of the heart, was buried to-day. He was a native of Elsfeith, Germany.

Done Up by a Dentist.

Special to the Gazette.

EL PASO, TEX., Dec. 12.—Dr. Andrews, a local dentist, called Dr. E. M. Townsley, a brother professional, from a residence at which he was attending an entertainment last night, and severely assaulted him. Dr. Townsley's head is badly injured, and he is in bed under medical care. Dr. Andrews gave himself up immediately after the attack, and stated that Townsley had used bad language to his wife.

Mad With a Grand Jury.

Special to the Gazette.

CLARKESVILLE, TEX., Dec 12.—The report of the grand jury of Red River county, a brief synopsis of which was published in Friday's GAZETTE, has formed a subject of considerable discussion, and some of it not free from criticism. County Judge Wootten and the court-house contractor, P. C. Livingstone, are out in cards in to-day's Press, in which they characterize the charges of peculation and defalcation as infamous accusations, made with malice aforethought and promise that the report should be fully answered, stating their willingness to put themselves before the county for vindication.

Dallas Dots.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 12.—Mr. Johns, of the Live Stock exchange, says that he is sending no end of cattle and hogs to Collin county to be fed, and that county will ere long be one solid feed pen. Hogs are worth 3 cents

Three nights ago burglars visited Canton, Van Zandt county, blew open a safe and abstracted therefrom $1700. Dallas detectives have the matter in hand.

The criminal term of the district court closed to-day, and grand jury adjourned. There were only twelve felony cases on the docket, the smallest ever known.

The grand jury failed to indict Woods for killing Latimer at the gas works, James Scott for killing "Big Mack," Jim Alexander for shooting a negro in Stringtown, or Bob Phillips for cutting a negro's throat at the oil mills.

Parkses Who Loved Horse Flesh.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 12.—On the 12th day of November a man giving his name as Parks went to Simmons & McDowell's stable and hired a horse to ride eight miles in the country. The same day another party, giving his name as Parks, hired a horse to make a similar trip at Lear's stable. The day passed away, as days have a way of doing, but the Parkses did not return. Several days followed in their regularly appointed order, and still the Parkses were not forthcoming, and the livery men dropped to the fact that the P.'s had stolen their horses. This morning a telephone message from Sherman announced that the Parkses and the horses were in the hands of the officers of that place, that the owners of the horses could get their property, but that the thieves were wanted there to answer for a few crooked transactions in horse flesh.

Goldthwaite.

Special to the Gazette.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEX., Dec. 12.—The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway company at this place has finished the large rock dam on Taurus creek, 500 yards south of the round-house. Their new water-works engine is being put in place and large iron pipes laid for conveying the water to the round-house. The five-stall round-house and turn table are nearing completion. The substantial improvements being put here by the management of the road are alone sufficient to show that Goldthwaite is destined to become a town of no inconsiderable importance.

Goldthwaite is a three-months'-old town on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, forty miles northwest of Lampasas and thirty six miles south of Brownwood.

Our population numbers five hundred, and our business houses between thirty and forty. There have been shipped at this point to date over 2000 bales of cotton. We have good prospects for the formation of a new county here with Goldthwaite as the county seat. Nearly all occupations are represented here except those of baker, printer and tailor. These three we need badly, and such will find good openings here. Rents are reasonable, and real estate can be bought at bargains.

Stephenville.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

STEPHENVILLE, TEX., Dec. 11.—About a week ago the Rev. R. A. Durham, the Methodist preacher, who has been in charge of the Methodist church here for the last two years, took his departure for Cold Springs, Colo., where he has been transferred by the Methodist conference. Mr. Durham is a young man of fine intellect, ability and promise, and his loss here is a public regret. He is succeeded here by the Rev. Mr. A. Anderson of Albany, Tex.

H. H. Niell, Esq., a lawyer of this bar, and one of the best lawyers in West Texas, with his family, left yesterday for El Paso, where he will make his future home. Mr. Nell is a lawyer of fine ability, a good citizen and a Christian gentleman, and our town and community sustain a severe loss in losing him, and El Paso will gain one of the best men in the state.

That celebrated vocalist, violinist and harpist, John Kelley, assisted by his wife, have just closed two entertainments here to fair audiences. Mr. Kelley is a musician of no mean ability. Mr. Kelley goes to Dublin to-morrow.

The teachers' institute of Erath county will meet here to-morrow and Saturday. Many teachers are expected to be present. Much interest in education is being manifested in this county, and many first-class teachers have and are seeking employment in the county.

SEVERED HIS JUGULAR.

Ex-United States Marshal James A. McKee Takes His Own Life by Cutting His Throat.

His Son Goes to His Room and Finds Him in the Agony of Death—Ill Health Attributed as the Cause.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 12.—This forenoon the report spread that Maj. James A. McKee, ex-United States marshal of the Northern district of Texas, had committed suicide by cutting his throat, at his residence, No. 503 Browder street. Great excitement followed thereupon.

A GAZETTE reporter, satisfying himself that the report was true, repaired to the residence of the deceased. He was met at the door by Mr. James A. McKee, Jr., son of the deceased, who stated that his father took his own life by cutting his throat with a pocket-knife before he arose this morning.

About ten weeks ago he was seized with the dengue, and had been confined to his bed until a few days ago, when he got up and seemed to be rapidly recovering his strength. On yesterday he went down town and attended to some business, and the family were rejoiced to see him out once more, and were preparing to send him off for his health.

Just before 9 o'clock this morning Mr. H. W. McKee, eldest son of the deceased, who is here on a visit from Colorado, went into his father's room (he has slept alone since his illness) to see what he wanted for breakfast, and a horrifying sight met his eyes. There lay his father in an unconscious condition with his life's blood all over the bed and floor and a pocket-knife by his side.

Mr. McKee alarmed the family and sent for Doctors Pace and Thompson. Maj. McKee was too far gone to recognize or speak to any of the family, and expired in a very few minutes after he was discovered.

An examination of the wound showed that he had applied the knife on the right side of the neck, severing both the jugular vein and carotid artery, and, according to the physicians, death must have supervened within fifteen minutes thereafter.

The dengue is ascribed by the physicians as the cause of Maj. McKee taking his own life. He had that malady in its very worst form, and it not only enfeebled his body but impaired his mind and left him a prey to melancholy.

Maj. McKee was about fifty-seven years of age and an old Texan. He lived an honorable, upright life and held many offices of public trust, and was esteemed by all persons who take stock in true manhood. His heart-broken widow and grief-stricken family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in this their hour of trial.

The funeral will take place from the family residence at 2 p.m. to-morrow, and proceed to Trinity cemetery.

A Walking Skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer of Mechanicsburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of 48 pounds."

Call at H. W. Williams & Co.'s drug store and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all lung diseases. Large bottles $1.

ALVARADO.

A New Trial Granted—Talk of a Flouring Mill—Other Notes.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

ALVARADO, TEX., Dec. 12.—Ex-City Marshal M. M. Mosely, who was removed from office by the city council for alleged misuse of said office, was granted a new trial by District Judge J. M. Hall of Cleburne. The case will now go to trial in the district court on testimony and facts of the charges preferred.

The suggestion already advanced through the columns of THE GAZETTE to the Santa Fe authorities to run passenger trains on the Dallas branch through to Fort Worth instead of stopping and lying over at Cleburne would be remunerative to the road as well as convenient to the business men and the traveling public who live and travel on this line.

The Farmers' alliance talk about building an extensive flouring mill near the Santa Fe depot, and if it be carried to consummation will add another feather in the cap of Alvarado's prosperity and advancement.

The party of ladies and gentlemen who went up to the Fort on last evening to see Miss Katie Putnam in "Old Curiosity Shop" missed connection with the home-bound train this morning; consequently they remain over in the Fort to-day.

B. Gatewood, a large stockman of Colorado City, unloaded to-day at the Missouri stockpens 200 head of beef cattle to be fed during the winter near this city.

There are being fed within a radius of seven miles of this place 10,000 head of cattle, which will consume 15,000 or 20,000 bushels of corn at an average of 30 cents per bushel, being exclusive of cotton seed, hay and other rough feed.

Amongst prominent feeders and shippers are: Messrs. M. Sansom, W. A. Sansom, A. J. Brown, Ed Ground of this city and J. M. Mathews of Victoria.

To-day has been cold, wet and slushy, preventing the usually large crowd of country people from coming to town on Saturday.

Rev. W. R. Clark, who has been temporarily residing at Saw Flat teaching school, has moved back to his residence on College Hill.

Thousands Say So.

Mr. T. W. Atkins, Girard, Kan., writes: "I never hesitate to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers; they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known, and will positively cure kidney and liver complaints, purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They will save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills every year. Sold at 50 cents a bottle by H. W. Williams & Co.

Hard Scratching.

If you have hard scratching to make money, you can save it by purchasing your holiday goods at E. M. Wells' drug stores, 509 Houston and Fifteenth and Houston.

Turner & McClure's

Is headquarters for fresh and choice groceries of all kinds. Also vegetables and fruits.

CHRISTMAS STORIES.

How the Philadelphia "Zoo" Lost Two of Its Monkeys.

The monkey house at the Zoological gardens has lost two of its greatest attractions. One, a little black animal called a night monkey because he only made his appearance at night and during the day lay covered with straw, died yesterday of inflammation superinduced by what the keepers call "visitorial canepoke." The other, a little green monkey, came to an untimely end from the effect of too much kindness on the part of two baboons that occupied his former quarters, and each of which took it upon himself to nurse the little monkey. Both delighted in holding him for hours in their arms, but it sometimes happened that both wanted to nurse him at the same time, and then a fight ensued. This was the case yesterday. The largest of the baboons had the monkey in his arms when the other one tried to take him away. The big Simiam took refuge on the topmost bar of the cage. The other followed him and tried to pull the little fellow from his arms. The struggle which followed was equal to the battle of the McIntyres and Maguires over the Widow Nolan's goat. The cause of the battle yelled lustily to its conclusion, when he dropped to the floor of the cage, gave a final squeal and was taken up dead.

The Fort Worth Pharmacy Co. has removed to corner of Fifth and Main streets, opposite Brunswick hotel.

The Fort Worth Pharmacy Co. invites attention to their large stock of holiday goods—toilet articles, Christmas cards, etc.

A WALTZING DOG.

George Hart is an employe on the Freeman, and in many respects he emulates the many good traits of the "Father of Our Country," especially that one which is closely connected with the cutting of an apple tree. He owns a yellow fox dog that answers to the name of Prince. The canine is a great lover of music, and is an elegant dancer. George has a little tin fife, and, when his day's work is done, loves to sit on a small stool in the kitchen and play for Prince, who waltzes around the room with an elegance and grace that would put to shame many of Kingston's so-called fancy dancers. If George drops a note to his playing the dog detects it instantly, giving vent to his displeasure by sitting on its haunches and howling. Not long ago a party was held at Mr. Hart's house. When the music struck up the dog, which was in the kitchen, sprang to its feet, rushed to the parlor and electrified those present with astonishment by its dancing. Around the room the canine glided, never once getting out of step. One young lady declared than if she wasn't afraid her beau would get jealous she would take it for a partner for the evening. But just as much as Prince likes good music, just so much does it hate poor. An organ-grinder's doleful tunes seem to set its teeth on edge, and it howls and writhes in misery until the harbinger of spring is out of sight and hearing.

The Fort Worth Pharmacy Co. keeps the best, and only the best, drugs and medicines.

The Fort Worth Pharmacy Co. makes a specialty of physicians' prescriptions.

A FELINE'S VANITY.

One day last week Jake Tobriner purchased a gold watch and chain as a birthday present to his wife. He laid it down a moment on a chair and went into the next room, and when he came back it was gone. Great was his astonishment on seeing the jewelry so suddenly disappear, and he fully concluded that his wife had played a trick upon him and said nothing. Finally, at dinner, he said the joke had gone far enough, and she had better produce the watch. She knew nothing of it, and Jake was beginning to feel rather queer, when he heard a noise on the stoop, and, going out, he found the cat with the chain tangled about her neck and trying to get rid of it. He made a grab at it, but pussy was too quick and slid under the house, with the elegant watch clattering along behind her. Mr. Trobiner got a long pole and poked it about under the house, and after a spell, hearing a noise, saw the cat upon the woodshed with the watch still dangling to her neck. He climbed up with a bowl of milk to get the cat, but she ran under the chicken-house (with the watch, of course), and then he poked her with the pole again; but it was no good; the cat was up in a tree too quick, and the air was filled with clubs and bricks for half an hour, trying to bring her down. Mr. Tobriner finally went to borrow a gun to shoot the cat, when she came down herself, and, getting the watch caught in between some boards, was unable to get away. Mr. Tobriner got his watch, and, strange to say, it was uninjured.

The Fort Worth Pharmacy company is the largest retail drug store in Fort Worth. The Fort Worth Pharmacy company is the best retail drug store in Fort Worth.

THE FREAK OF A FELINE MATRON.

CLARENDON, ARK., Dec. 1.—A St. Louis commercial traveler who was in Clarendon yesterday, related to a Globe-Democrat reporter a rather queer but truthful freak of a feline matron, which was brought to his attention at Helena a few days since. It was at the house of Col. Cad Polk the strange example of benevolence on the part of a house-cat was developed. The feline is the mother of an interesting family of three kittens, which were born about a week since, and which received all the attention generally bestowed by a mother on her progeny, the old lady leaving them alone only for strictly business purposes, among which may be classed that of hunting birds, mice and an occasional young rabbit or squirrel. Last Thursday, Mme. Puss returned from one of her predatory excursions to the woods, near the house, bearing suspended between her teeth a live rabbit or hare, only a few days old. The leveret, it would be natural to suppose, was doomed, but such was not the case, for maternity seems to have aroused the gentle feeling of compassion for her young captive in pussy's bosom, and the rabbit was placed among the feline cherubs on an equal footing with them. The kittens and rabbit are now living in unity and concord, drawing from the same fountains of nature the life-sustaining fluid. The old cat makes no difference in the treatment of her own progeny and the object of charity, suckling the latter, and trying to cure by licking it a wound on the rabbit's back made by the foster-mother's teeth in transporting it home.

To Smokers.—The Fort Worth Pharmacy Co. sell the "champion" cigar for 5 cents.

The Fort Worth Pharmacy Co. sell the "Bird Charmer" cigar for 5 cents. Both Havana fillers, and smokers come from all parts of the town to get them.

Died in the Nation.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

CADDO, CHOCTAW NATION, I. T., Dec. 11.—The Rev. Allen Wright, ex-governor of the Choctaw Nation, died last Thursday and was buried Saturday. He had many friends to mourn his death. His funeral was one of the most imposing ever conducted in the Nation.

Robert W. Nail, the oldest Choctaw citzen in the Nation, died very suddenly with pneumonia on Monday, and was buried on Wednesday. Mr. Nail was transferred from the old Nation, and since here had accummulated much wealth, being one of the wealthiest cattlemen in the Nation. He had done much toward bringing about a universal good feeling between his race and the whites.

Silver Leaf Baking Powder

Never fails when the directions are followed, hence there is never a word of complaint heard against it. The inexperienced cook is able to make as good bread with it as the professional baker, simply because its ingredients are so compounded as to make failure impossible when the directions are followed; a trial is all that is necessary to make it indispensable to all well-regulated households.

Hand Bags.

Why not surprise your wife, or some other man's wife, with a handsome Russia leather hand bag. They are very handy to a lady out shopping, and you will find some beauties at Fred L. King's drug store.

Old Downs Indicted.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 12.—In the superior criminal court to-day the grand jury reported an indictment in three counts against Rev. W. W. Downs and Amos Taber for adultery.