WILL HIS FATHER'S MANTLE FIT?

Harry Payne Whitney and Just What Sort of a Man He Is.

HAT will he do with it? is a question always asked when a man of wealth dies and leaves son to carry forward the wealth and prestige of the family name. Will Harry Payne Whitney be the sort of man whom a Cleveland may some day say that he had "more calm, forceful efficiency" than any man he ever knew

It is too soon to judge him, many will say, He has never yet had responsibilities forced upon him which would develop his character along the lines his father pursued, they will explain. Give him a few years to show what he can do before too much is expected of him.

The boy is father to the man, many others will maintain. Tell us what he has already done, and we can at least make an estimate of what he may do. To a somewhat remarkable extent the new head of the house of Whitney has already followed the lines laid down by his illustrious father, and in some measure their lives have been parallel. Both were graduated from Yale. While undergraduates both of them, by their force of character, were leaders in college life. Son, like father, was a mem-ber of Skull and Hones, that senior society which is probably the most ex-clusive organization American civilization has developed. Both were extremely popular among the cank and file of their classmates. Both, when they were graduated, were looked upon s coming men, and left behind them reputations with faculty and students alike such as few men can boast of. By he vote of his classmates, the son, just efore graduation, after there had been four years in which to judge him and his fellows, was declared to be the brightest man in his class."

Since he left college nine years ago Harry Payne Whitney has lived up to is father's ideals in hospitality. He has proved himself a thorough sports-man, on the water, on the track and on the polo field. For the last two years he has been devoting himself to business affairs to a considerable extent, and he s now a director in a dozen banks and corporations whose capital runs into the

In these respects he has given unmistakable evidence of living his life along the lines his father laid down, but in other respects he has so far given not the slightest intimation that he even is interested in the side of life which brought his father into national promnce-that of politics. The only office he has ever held—that of commissioner of municipal statistics—he re-signed from, and during the year and a few months which he held the position, which was largely an honorary one, he was not present at a single meeting of the board of which he was member. There was in this position

minimum minimu not the slightest exercise for Mr. Whitney's faculties, and it was for this rea-son, doubtless, that he was disinclined to retain the office. There was gossip a few years ago that he had an ambition to become a representative in Congress, but his father promptly denied for him that there was the slightest basis for the report. He was proposed for membership in the Democratic club by no less a personage than Richard Croker, but if he was ever in the club house no one remembers having seen him there. If he has any political ambitions he has successfully concealed them from his closest friends.

Always interested in some form of sport and devoted to horses and dogs, he has filled his life so far with almost everything but politics. In coilege he entered heart and soul into the life of the university. After graduation he studied law at Columbia and was regis-tered as a law student in the office of Elihu Root. For a while he traveled, hunting tigers in India, where he was entertained by the viceroy. Soon afterward came his marriage to Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, whom he had known and loved ever since he was a small boy, and ever since that time he has devoted himself to his family and to getting all the gane, reasonable pleasure out of life that is possible, and with the freedom from financial hindrances which is open to a man of practically unlimited wealth. But apparently never a thought of politics. It was without doubt the proudest and happiest day of William C. Whit-ney's life—not excepting the day when

his plans for the renomination of Mr. Cleveland were carried to a successful issue, the day when his horse Volodyovski won the English Derby, or any other day in a life crowded full of great days-when the father informally announced that his son Harry was there-after to be looked upon in some measure as the head of the family. Be-tween the lines of his simple announcement was to be discerned the great love of the father for the son, and the absolute confidence that the family name and fortune were in safe hands.
"My son, Harry Payne," said Mr. Whitney to a New York Herald reporter, "so far as my interests are concerned, gradually will become the head of the family in business. In the last two or three years since I began to drop out of a certain corporation here and there, with a view to retirement, Harry has been elected a director in my place. Let me see, he has been elected a director of the Guarantee Trust company and the Plaza bank in this time, and I am not quite sure what elected he is in

what else he is in. "I have had my son around with me a good deal in the last two or three years of my work in street railway interests, and he is well acquainted POLITICIANS IN THE AMEN CORNER.



The peculiar relations now existing between the two statesmen pictured above (Senator Thomas Platt and Governor Benj. Odell) makes this snapshot peculiarly interesting. Amen Corner, in the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, has become an historic spot in political annals, owing to the fact that Senator Platt has made it his headquarters for a number of years.

with whatever duties have fallen to

That was almost exactly two years ago. Mr. Whitney at that time made the announcement of his own virtual retirement from business affairs the occasion for laying down the principles of living which he believed should actu-

ate the man of wealth, and although he did not say so in so many words, there can be no doubt that he was speaking of the principles which he hoped and believed would actuate his own son. "It is the duty of a wealthy man," he said, "to provide for the legitimate wants of those dependent upon him, and, after doing so, to consider all sur-

plus simply as a trust fund which he is called upon to administer, and strict-ly bound as a matter of duty to administer, in the manner which in his judg-ment is best calculated to produce the most beneficial results for the communi-ty. The man of wealth thus becomes the trustee and agent for his poorer brethren."

brethren."
There is no reason to doubt that there was the closest communion of interests between the father and the son, and an

between the father and the son, and an abundance of affection on both sides, but, like many other American fathers and sons, there was almost no public exhibition of more than mutual esteem. When the young man returned three years ago from a trip abroad, his father encountered him on the upper deck of the vessel, having boarded the ship at Quarantine.

"Hello, Harry," Mr. Whitney re-marked, in a most casual manner. "Feel all right?"

"Hello," replied the son, as casually as his father had spoken. "I'm all "Gertrude with you?" asked the fath-

er.
"Yes," said the son, and that was
their only greeting. Without even shaking hands, father and son turned their
order of the son turned their backs on each other to talk to friends. A few minutes later father and son and Mrs. Whitney were seated on a pile of luggage on the promenade deck in an animated discussion regarding automo-

Since his father's announcement of two years ago Harry Whitney has ful-filled the expectation that he would become a director in many of the corporations in which his father was interested, and he is now on the boards of these companies, among others: The Clear-water & Racquette Lake railroad, the Fulton Chain Railway company, the Racquette Lake Railway company, the Guarantee Trust company, the New York Loan & Improvement company, the Newport Trust company, the Plaza bank, the New York Transportation company, the Guggenheim Exploration company and the Western Mining com-

pany.

Before and during his college course Mr. Whitney was intensely interested in polo. He was often injured in contests, but as soon as he recovered he would go into the game again with seemingly renewed enthusiasm. While still a boy he had at his father's country place, at Westbury, L. L. one of the finest strings of polo ponies in the country. In the summer of those years he alternated between Westbury, where he played with the Meadow Brook club; Newport, where he spent much of his time, and on yachts of which he has al-ways been exceedingly fond. During the summer vacation of 1893 he took a party of a dozen of his classmates on a long cruise on the Zampa.

Among his friends were Alonzo Pot-ter, son of Bishop Potter; the lamented William K. Vanderhilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt, and he roomed with P. H. McMillan, a son of the senator. Most of the time he took his meals at what was known as the Smith club. His rooms, while not more luxurious than those of some of his classmates, were more pretentious than those of his future brother-in-law, Cornelius Vander-

Up to the present time he has retained all of his early enthusiasm for the game, and only a year ago it was largely because of his excellent playing that a team which he was captaining Ayer's Sarsaparilla has done me great good, purifying my blood and giving me strength and a general invigoration of the who e body."—Geo. W. Roose, Jefferson, Ohio.

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But more than by his prowess at polo Harry Payne Whitney is known as one of the two owners of Irish Lad, the best of 2-year-olds two years ago, and probably the second best of 3-year-olds last season. He had been interested in racing before that, but when he burst forth as the owner of Irish Lad, with his friend, Derman B. Duryea, he at once had to be given a prominent place in the racing world.

Mr. Whitney's marriage to Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, on Aug. 25, 1896, was

one of the great social events of that season, uniting as it did the houses of Vanderbilt and Whitney. He and his bride had known each other since childhood and had many interests in common, not the least of which was polo, Miss Vanderbilt seldom failing to appear at all matches in Newport, regardless of weather conditions.

The ceremony was performed at The Breakers, the palatial Vanderbilt villa, in Newport, at Ochre Point.

The honeymoon was spent in a lodge on top of October mountain, on the Whitney estate near Lenox, in the Berkshires, and a month later Mr. and Mrs. Whitney sailed for Japan, almost on the day that Mr. William C. Whit-ney was married to Mrs. Randolph, who died two years later, at Bar Har-

is an interesting reminiscence of Mr. Whitney's father that without the knowledge of the young couple he had built on the top of October mountain a beautiful country house, which was put up in less than two weeks, almost like an Aladdin's palace. Instead of occupying a tent, as they had expected the young couple when they arrived for their honeymoon found dinner ready for them and all the conveniences of a modern country home.

They returned from their trip in February, and meanwhile they had bought the Knower estate, on the Cliffs, in Newport. Situated in Belle-vue avenue, the Fifth avenue of New-port, the house and grounds originally belonged to the French family, and it The property is between that of Mrs.

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not far from Marble House. Overlook.

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