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WEST, HAMILTON A.

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Son of a prominent Galveston physician and his wife, West (1880-1931) became Vice-President and director of International Creosote and Construction Company, director of the Galveston Homestead and Loan Company, director and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Galveston Country Club and a member of Galveston Artillery Club, the Elks, and the Order of Eagles.

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Considerate of the feelings and convenience of his fellow man, a high sense of honor, kindly and courteous--these were the outstanding characteristics of Hamilton A. West, as his friends knew him.

Born in Galveston, February 25, 1880, Mr. West was the son of Dr. H.A. West, one of the prominent physicians of the city in the latter part of the last century. His father was a native of Kentucky, and was a member of a family of nine, of which he was the eldest. His mother, also a Kentuckian, was Miss Sallie Davenport.

Mr. West attended the schools of the city, and the Bethel Military Academy at Warrenton, Virginia. Upon the completion of his education, he became connected with the International Creosote and Construction Company in a minor capacity. He progressed steadily, and at the time of his death was vice-president and director of this corporation, an executive position of much responsibility and one requiring extensive business training. He was also a director of the Galveston Homestead and Loan Company.

With one of those fortunate personalities that form many friendships, his prominence in the social activities of the city was marked. He was a director and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Galveston Country Club and was a member of the Galveston Artillery Club. His fraternal affiliations included the Elks and the Order of Eagles. Always interested in aquatic sports, he participated in many amateur swimming and diving contests in the city, and was awarded several medals for his outstanding ability in these pursuits.

Mr. West was married in 1903 to Miss Sarah Bocock of Lynchburg, Virginia.

His untimely death, on February 13, 1931, ended a most promising business career. He is survived by his widow, and one sister, Miss Louise West of Galveston, two brothers, Randolph West of Beaumont, Texas, and Dr. Davenport West of New York City.

