

## THE VANDERBILT WEDDING

WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE  
IN PARIS.

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The following appeared in the New  
York Herald of the 23th:

The Herald is able to announce authoritatively an engagement that will cause a flutter in society, that of Miss Edith Stuyvesant Dresser, youngest daughter of the late Captain George Warren Dresser, United States army, to Mr. George W. Vanderbilt, youngest son of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and a grandson of Commodore Vanderbilt, founder of the Vanderbilt fortunes.

Both Mr. Vanderbilt and his fiancée are in Paris, Mr. Vanderbilt having recently arrived there after his trip to India.

Mr. Vanderbilt, like all eligible bachelors, has been the prey of fashionable gossip for years past, and every now and then he has been announced as engaged to some attractive girl in society, but there has never been any foundation for these many rumors. The Herald is enabled to announce today, however, on most positive authority, his engagement to a very charming and accomplished girl.

MR. VANDERBILT'S FIANCEE.

Miss Dresser is widely known in New York and Newport society as well as in Paris, where she has lived a good part of her life. She is the youngest of four attractive sisters, a granddaughter of the late Daniel Le Roy, of New York, and a direct descendant of Peter Stuyvesant, being closely related to the King, Le Roy, Fish and Stuyvesant families, who for generations have been identified with the history of New York.

Miss Dresser's sisters are Mrs. John Nicholas Brown, formerly Miss Natalie Dresser; Mrs. George Granville Merrill, formerly Miss Pauline Dresser, whose husband is rector of the little Episcopal church at Tuxedo Park, and Miss Susan Le Roy Dresser. She is also a sister of Mr. D. Le Roy Dresser, who married Miss Emma Burnham, a granddaughter of the late Gordon Burnham, and also is prominently identified with the yachting world.

MR. VANDERBILT AND BILTMORE.

Mr. George W. Vanderbilt, who is in his thirty-seventh year, is the youngest of "the Vanderbilt boys." He inherited from his father not only a large fortune, fully ten millions of dollars, but also the house his father built at Fifth avenue and Fifty-first street, together with all its magnificent art collections. There was a provision in Mr. Vanderbilt's will that if his son, George, should die without male issue the house and its contents, together with a million dollars, is to go to the eldest son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and from him to be handed down in the male line.

Mr. Vanderbilt's tastes are entirely different from those of his brothers. He has no inclination whatever for sport, but is literary and artistic to a degree. For the last ten years he has spent the greater part of his time in travel, having visited all parts of Europe, Japan, India, and nearly every portion of the civilized globe. He started last November for India, and it was then said by his intimate friends that on his return he intended to settle down to pass his entire time between the estate at Biltmore, N. C., and New York.

A MAGNIFICENT ESTATE.

Biltmore is in reality Mr. Vanderbilt's hobby. This beautiful estate, comprising thousands of acres, is situated near Asheville, N. C., and since it came into the possession of Mr. Vanderbilt what was a wilderness has become one of the grandest estates in the world. Mr. Vanderbilt is greatly interested in forestry, and the entire estate has been placed under the care of scientific foresters. Almost countless varieties of trees have been planted on the place, and all sorts of experiments are being tried in the way of bringing to Biltmore the products of forests of distant lands. Many great farms are cultivated on the estate, and there is quite a settlement of farming people all under charge of expert agriculturists.

Mr. Vanderbilt has built a beautiful little church on his place, the choir being one of the finest in the country and under the direction of Mr. Caryl Florio, formerly of New York. It is scarcely necessary to say that it is hard to estimate Mr. Vanderbilt's influence for good in that section.

The house at Biltmore is like a chateau in the Loire district of France. It

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is the work of the late Richard M. Hunt, with whom Mr. Vanderbilt traveled extensively in France before the plans were decided upon. The detail of the house is really marvellous, each room being carried out most carefully according to its period. The library is wonderfully complete and very extensive.

Mr. Vanderbilt has from time to time since the completion of Biltmore, which has only been habitable about two years, entertained house parties that largely included his relatives and the young people of society who are more inclined to brightness and cleverness than to the merely fashionable fads and follies of the day.

Though a member of many clubs, Mr. Vanderbilt is not in the accepted sense a "club man." His clubs include among others the Century, Metropolitan, Riding, Racquet, Players, New York Athletic, Grollier, and City Clubs.

AT THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

Miss Dresser was of Mr. Vanderbilt's party at the queen's jubilee last summer, when he had with him a party of young people chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNamee.

The wedding of Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss Dresser will be celebrated in all probability in Paris next June, and afterward Mr. Vanderbilt will take his bride to Biltmore.

It is scarcely necessary to add that Mr. Vanderbilt is an uncle of the Duchess of Marlborough. His sisters, Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard, Mrs. William D. Sloane, Mrs. H. McK. Twombly and Mrs. W. Seward Webb are all prominent in the social life of New York. Since the death of his mother in the fall of 1896, Mr. Vanderbilt has not been out in society.

SUPREME COURT.

Raleigh, April 29.—Cases from the Twelfth district argued:

The plaintiff's appeal in Chatfield vs. Stringfield dismissed under Rule 17, on motion of H. R. Ferguson, for defendant.

Owen vs. Parker, argued by Davidson (and Shuford, by brief) for defendant appellant.

Koss vs. Ditmore, argued by Leatherwood and Jones for plaintiff appellant.

Russell vs. Hill, argued by Ferguson for plaintiff; Leatherwood for defendant.

Wilson vs. Featherston, argued by Merrimon and Merrimon by brief for plaintiff; A. S. Barnard for defendant.

Simms vs. Lindsay, argued by Barnard for plaintiff, Stevens by brief for defendant.

Woodcock vs. Merrimon (trustee), argued by W. W. Jones for plaintiff; Tucker and Murphy for defendant.

CRIMINAL COURT.

The criminal court was engaged most of the day yesterday in the trial of the case of state vs. Joseph Black, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The defendant put in the plea of former conviction and the jury found in his favor. He had been tried by A. C. Roberts a justice of the peace, in Asheville, and fined. The solicitor sent a bill and contended that the magistrate had no jurisdiction of the case. The verdict of the jury sustained the judgment of the justice. Several important cases are set for trial today, among which are the illegal registration cases mentioned in yesterday's Gazette. The grand jury after the finding of a large number of bills, were discharged until next Thursday, at which time they will re-convene.

JUDGE EWART HERE.

Judge H. G. Ewart was in the city yesterday. He will return to Hendersonville today, and leave for Washington City Monday.

The Judge is confident that his nomination will be confirmed, but does not expect action by the senate committee before the 10th of May, owing to the pressure of legislation pertaining to the war. Judge Ewart says that the fight made against him was one of malice, and when before the committee he will be able to refute every charge made against him.

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