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YOUNG VANDERBILT'S ABILITY.

To Be Promoted to a Responsible Post on the Central.

New York, April 24.—The unmistakable force of character displayed by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., in marrying to suit himself instead of the head of the family, is apt to have a speedy opportunity to display itself in a practical and responsible field. In a day or two, if those who have a right to know, are correct, the young millionaire will be serving the New York Central Railroad as assistant superintendent of motive power. The office is one of the most important in the entire system, and one for which the young scion of the Vanderbilt family has been undergoing a thorough training.

Changes have occurred and will occur during the coming week that will naturally hoist Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., into the important post he seems destined to fill. The sudden and unexpected resignation of William Buchanan, the veteran superintendent of motive power and rolling stock, necessitates a successor immediately. For fifty-two years Superintendent Buchanan served the Central. Such is his reputation that he is one of the few Americans honored by an election to the Engineering Association of Great Britain. He worked on the original locomotive, the De Witt Clinton, and designed and built the celebrated "No. 999," which hauls the "Empire State Express" through the State.

When young Cornelius fell under parental displeasure owing to his nuptial arrangements, and pulled on overalls to learn the railroad business from top to bottom, he was placed under the tutelage of Mr. Buchanan. This arrangement was eminently satisfactory to both and of extreme advantage to the young man. The veteran railroad man soon discerned that the youth, who made his advent upon this earth with a gold spoon in his mouth, was no dolt. In fact, Cornelius, Jr., evinced a remarkable grasp of the mechanical branch of the railroad business. This natural aptitude for mechanics has been developed under the master hand of the former superintendent of motive power. With oily jeans and stained hands the youthful Vanderbilt has delved into internal workings of the system of railroading, about which his father and uncles know nothing except in theory.

At present Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is acting under orders from President Callaway to find some method of eliminating the smoke and soot nuisance which renders the Park Avenue tunnel so obnoxious to the passengers on the New York Central. The young man is bending all his energies upon this project, and, according to all reports, he is on the verge of success.

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More From Capt. Coghlan About Dewey.

Capt. J. B. Coghlan, of the cruiser Raleigh, whose remarks in reference to Admiral Dewey and the Germans at Manila have caused wide comment, made a speech in the same strain at a reception given by the Army and Navy Club to the Raleigh's officers Saturday night in New York City.

This speech was an elaboration, with some additions, of the one he delivered at the Union League dinner Friday night. It transpires that at this dinner Capt. Coghlan was asked to sing "Hoch der Kaiser" a satirical song composed by Capt. "Jack" Myers, of the Olympia, marines. Instead of singing he recited the song as follows: HOCH DER KAISER.

Der Kaiser fon das faterland, Und Gott und I all dings command; We two, ach don't you understand? MEINSELF—and Gott.

Vile some men sing der bower divine, Mein soldiers sing "Die Wacht am Rhein." Und drink der health in Rhemish wine— OF ME—and Gott.

There's France, she swaggers all around; She's ausspeigelt, she's no aground; To much, we dinks she don't amount— MEINSELF—and Gott.

She will not dare to fight again, But if she should I'll show her blain Dat Elass—and in French Loraine— Are MEIN—and Gott.

Dere's Grandma, dinks she's nicht schmal bier. Mit Boers and such she interfare; Mit learn none owns dis hemisphere— But ME—and Gott.

She dinks, good frau, some ships she's got. The soldiers mid der scarlet coat. Ach! We could knock 'em—poof—like dot— MEINSELF—and Gott.

In dimes of peace prepare for wars, I bear der Helm and spear of Mars, Und care not for den donand Czars— MEINSELF—and Gott.

In fact, I humor every whim, Mit aspect dark and visage grim— Gott pull mit ME—and I mit Him— MEINSELF—and Gott.

"WE WERE READY FOR THEM."

At the Army and Navy Club Saturday night Capt. Coghlan's speech was in part as follows:

"I feel inclined only to say a few words this evening, because some one at Washington took umbrage at what I said last night, and protested against what I said. What I said last night was true, and what I said I will say again. (Great Applause.) I said it because I felt it.

"I am certain we all felt that we were being nagged at Manila. There is surely a thing as being nagged too far—and, 'em, we were ready for 'em. I had read a great deal in the newspapers of what had occurred at various places in the Philippines, and I thought that the newspapers had not placed that grand old man, Admiral Dewey, in the proper light. That is the reason I thought I was justified in placing him in the proper light.

"My remarks in the papers were garbled. I will not say they were in error in substance or untrue, but they were distorted and twisted so as to put a different meaning in them.

"If anyone will reason a little he will understand our situation. We were all away from home a long ways. We all showed Admiral Dewey that we were with him thoroughly and heartily. We felt that we were being belittled and nagged until our patience could stand it no longer.

"The Admiral was a man who could stand it a long time. But when the moment came he stopped it, and they never moved a hair afterwards. (Great Applause.)

"ONE WORD WOULD HAVE DONE IT." Stopping a few moments and looking about at his auditors, Capt. Coghlan raised his hands and placing the palms close together, said:

"I did think at one time that we were close to killing them. (Great Applause.) One word, one act, would have done it.

"I would place our Admiral and our officers in the right light. We were all able and more than ready to uphold the honor of our country and stand by our Admiral.

"No matter what the difficulty was, there was no man in the country more able to meet it than our gallant Admiral. (A voice, 'He's a Jim Dandy!') You're right, he's a Jim Dandy. No matter what the occasion was or what the difficulty might be, he always rose superior to it. In all his work there he never made a mistake. We at home make mistakes in telling about it, but he who was on the spot committed no error."

DEWEY'S THREAT TO A SPANIARD. Relating several other incidents, Capt. Coghlan said that after the battle of Manila he was rather apprehensive about the conduct of the Spaniards. He continued:

"After May 1 Admiral Dewey was somewhat in fear of the movements of the Spaniard, and he told the Spanish commander 'If you fire a single shot I will wipe you off the face of the earth.'" (Applause.) There never was a trigger pulled after that. A holy calm rested

on the place. When he said he would a thing he meant it. (Applause.)

"It was a trying time just before the battle of Manila. There was a number of torpedoes and torpedo boats about. Just before we entered the harbor we had a council of war, and Dewey said: 'I will go ahead, and the rest of you follow behind me.' (Applause.) We went in at night and we were all a little nervous. We imagined that the enemy would do the same thing that we would do under similar circumstances, but they did not do it."

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best for sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

RINGS FAMOUS IN HISTORY.

Smallest Croquet Ever Used at a Wedding Was For an Infant of King Henry VIII.

The smallest wedding ring that was used at the marriage of Mary, daughter of Henry VIII, to the Dauphin of France, son of Francis I, The Dauphin was born February 28, 1518, and as a matter of state policy and to bring about a union with England he was married, according to the custom of the time, when eight months old, to the princess, who was two years old. She wore a cap of black velvet, covered with jewels, and a dress of cloth of gold. Cardinal Wolsey handed the ring and performed mass.

The beautiful Miss Gunning, according to Horace Walpole, was married to the Duke of Hamilton with a certain ring, his grace being hasty, in Mayfair Chapel, and at half past 12 at night.

In Ireland, among the impoverished peasants, hired wedding rings are often used. In the Greek ceremony the priest gives a silver ring to the bride and a gold one to the groom.

Lady Scrope dropped a sapphire ring from the palace window to announce the death of Elizabeth; her brother hastened with the greatest speed to deliver it to the Scotch prince.

A ring sold in 1816 for a high price contained a tooth of Sir Isaac Newton. A celebrated French savant wore one containing a tooth of Voltaire. Incidentally it may be said that the gypsies believe that a baby's tooth, caught before it falls to the ground, will bring unending good luck if constantly carried about.

The ring of Bunyan was found by a workman in 1785 in the ruins of his prison. It bears the letters "J. B." and the words "Memento Mori."

The Cathedral of Perugia claims to have the wedding ring of the mother Christ. It is an uninteresting church except for this treasure, which is too precious for the common eye to gaze upon. It is inclosed in a magnificent casket, and has a record of miracles since the year of its recovery, 966, when the wife of the Marquis of Etruria obtained it from her jeweler, who purchased it lightly and ignorantly from a fellow-artisan in Jerusalem. It contains an amethyst engraved with a budding rod.

The early Greek Church ordered the wedding ring to be worn on the third finger of the right hand. After the Reformation the left was used. This finger was supposed to connect by a certain vein directly with the heart, but a sensible authority declares that as the finger was the only one unable to be moved separately, it was thus shielded from knocks and consequent losses.—Harper's Bazar.

Marrying Southern Girls.

The marked interest which the young women of Savannah have taken in the soldiers since the Seventh Army Corps first encamped at Savannah is beginning to have its natural effect. The soldiers resisted the charms of the girls as long as they were bound to Uncle Sam, but as they get their release, and their cash as well, some are surrendering to the foe, who has always most them more than half way.

Fully a dozen marriage licenses have been issued from the ordinary's office to soldiers and ex-soldiers during the last month. In the majority of cases the helpmeets whom the soldier boys selected in Savannah are respectable young ladies, but it is to be regretted that this has not been the case in every instance.

These military marriages have been conducted very quietly, the soldier and his girl usually resorting to the nearest magistrate, and several of the magistrates have been called upon to officiate.—Savannah News.

Railroad Over the Jordan

The Thames Iron Company, now building the Ope Central Railway, has contracted to complete a railway line from Halifax to Damascus (about 150 miles), crossing the Jordan by a stone bridge, and skirting Lake Tiberias. Damascus has about 300,000 inhabitants and lies in an oasis fed by two streams from Lebanon. The line will, later on, go to Bagdad, and will form part of a trunk route to India. A narrow-gauge line from Beyroot already reaches Damascus.

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Candidates Must File Notice—Good Apple Crop Expected—Other Notes

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford Court-house, Va., April 25, '99.

Mr. David Gallahan is ill with fever near here, and is being attended by Dr. H. Stone.

Mrs. Jas. E. Burton is still quite sick at her residence, near here, and is being attended by Dr. Hales.

Rev. A. R. Martin left here Thursday for his new appointment at New Hope, Augusta county. Mr. M. is traveling overland, and will be 3 or 4 days en route. Mrs. Martin left by train, and will reach her new home before Mr. Martin.

Rev. Kyle Gilbert, the new preacher, will reach here next week. He is also traveling overland with one son. Mrs. Gilbert will arrive by train with the other three children, which comprise the family.

Candidates for all offices should bear in mind the fact that it is necessary to file with the clerk of the county court a notice of their intention to become candidates by the 5th day of May, 1899.

Herring are plentiful in Aquia Creek and are bringing \$1 per hundred. Your correspondent learns they are catching more at Widewater than can be disposed of.

Mr. Sanford Lunsford spent Sunday at the Court-house with friends. There is promise of an immense apple crop in Stafford this year. Peaches are a failure. In some cases the trees were killed by the extreme frost.

Mr. Edgar S. Moore paid the Court-house a visit last Friday on business. Mr. M. is still in delicate health.

Misses Anna and Ida Moore, who have been visiting friends here for some time past, left for their home, near Mountain View, yesterday.

One of the smart young gentlemen around the Court-house, after considerable labor and thought, manufactured some lead pennies, and proceeded to do up the slot machine of a certain merchant, which coughed up the gum as well for the spurious coin as for the genuine article. Whilst intent upon his efforts to beat the machine, some one stole three 5 cent bags of tobacco out of his pocket, and he retired from the field about 10 cents out of pocket, saying he did not know he was in a crowd of rogues.

There are rumors here of half gallon of peach brandy having departed to the land of lost spirits last court day, and the owner has not yet ascertained who spirited it away. It has evidently gone to the land of peach and honey.

Beginning Tuesday, December 27th, steamer Potomac will leave Pier 8, Light Street, Baltimore, at 5 p. m. Tuesday and Saturday for the Potomac River, calling at Miller's, Brown's, Bacon's, Graw's, Lewis's, Buda's, Covarr's, Wally's, Point, Kin-sale, Mundy's Point, Lodge, Adams, Sney Point, Abell's, Leonardtown, Coburn's, Howard's and Stone's. On Tuesday only for Lancaster, Bushwood, Riverside, Liverpool Point, Glymont, Alexandria and Washington.

Returning, will leave 7th Street Wharf, Washington, at 4 p. m. Thursday, calling at all of the above mentioned wharves, leaving Leonardtown 6 a. m. Monday, and Friday. Kin-sale, E. m., Miller's 4 p. m., Graw's at 5 p. m., Bacon's at 5 p. m., arriving in Baltimore early Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

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