

# MISS JESSIE WILSON TO WED F. B. SAYRE

## Engagement of President's Second Daughter to Assistant of Whitman Announced.

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WASHINGTON, July 2.—President and Mrs. Wilson announce from the White House to-night the engagement of their second daughter, Jessie Woodrow, to Francis Bowes Sayre of New York. The wedding, which will be the thirteenth in the White House, is expected to take place in November. Mr. Sayre is the younger son of the late Robert H. Sayre, the builder of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, who was also the organizer and general manager of the Bethlehem Iron Works, now the Bethlehem Steel Works. The mother of Francis Bowes Sayre was a daughter of John Nevin, President of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Penn.

The future son-in-law of President Wilson was born in 1885 in South Bethlehem, Penn. He spent two years at the Hill School in Pottstown, Penn., and two years at Lawrenceville School, where he was graduated in 1904. His Summers were spent on the Shoshone Indian reservation in Montana.

In 1905 he entered Williams College, where he became manager of the football team; organized and was President of the Good Government Club, engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, and was graduated as valedictorian. His societies were Sigma Phi, Gargoyle, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Sayre was for two Summers with Dr. Grenfell in Labrador on the Strathcona. In October, 1909, he entered Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in 1911. The Summer of 1912 he spent in Alaska and Northern Siberia.

Last year he entered the office of District Attorney Charles S. Whitman.

Miss Wilson is now the guest of Mr. Sayre's mother at Lancaster, Penn.

Miss Wilson is 24 years old and was educated at Goucher College, Baltimore, where she specialized in political science. She has done much settlement work in Philadelphia and has been actively identified with the Y. W. C. A., having recently made many speeches in its behalf.

While Mr. Sayre is not known to Washingtonians, he has made several visits to the White House in recent months, and was a frequent visitor at the Wilson home in Princeton. The announcement was received with keen interest in social circles of the national capital, as the wedding will start the Winter season with an important function. Not since Miss Alice Roosevelt and former Representative Longworth of Ohio were married has there been a wedding at the White House.

Francis Bowes Sayre has been connected with the District Attorney's office here for about a year, serving an apprenticeship preparatory to being taken on the regular staff.

"Mr. Sayre is a man of a great deal of ability," said Mr. Whitman last night, "and I have grown very fond of him in the year he has been working with me. It is a pleasure to me to learn of his engagement to the President's daughter. He is to be congratulated, and certainly his fiancée has every reason to be proud of him."