

New Office Building of the House of Representatives.

The members of the United States House of Representatives are taking possession of their magnificent new home adjoining the United States Capitol at Washington. It will be some weeks yet before the menster building is fully completed and all its rooms—there are upward of 500—in readiness for use, but Congress has already "moved in" and is getting settled on the installment plan. This new marble office building, which has cost the tidy sum of \$5,000,000, was crected because the Capitol building long ago proved too small for the needs of a rapidly growing law-making body. It is the largest office building in the world, and a handsome private office is provided for every one of the 400 Representatives in Congress. All these offices are furnished exactly alike, each containing a desk, leather rocker, table, chairs and a combination wardrobe and bookcase. All the furniture is of solid mahogany. Each office has a telephone and a spigot from which the thirsty legislator may draw ice water at any hour of the day or night. In addition to a private office for each Representative the mammoth new structure provides numerous committee dition to a private office for each Representative the mammoth new structure provides numerous committee An underground electric railrooms, conference rooms, etc., as well as restaurants, shower baths, etc. road connects this building with the Capitol via an electric lighted tunnel.

MR AND MRS. COSTEN CELEBRATE

wo of Gates County's Most Popular as a spring lamb with mint sauce.' She has been faithful to her opportunities and my rainbow in all the Made a Memorrable County is Two of Gates County's Most Popular Made a Memorable Event in the Life of Sunbury—Each One of the Half-Dozen Children Present—The Husband, in a Well-Worded Speech of Welcome, Pays a Glowing Tribute to His Wife-Early Marriage is Ad-

Correspondence of The Observer.

Sunbury, Jan. 25. - Yesterday near, bringing good wishes and many valuable remembrances. It was "gold, gold, hard and yellow;" but not cold, being touched with the warmth of friendship and love.

The home was appropriately decorated, the color scheme being white and yellow in both the parlor and dining room. The table was loaded with everything to tempt the appetite. good old-fashioned hospitality was dispensed in real Southern style. The children were all present: Mrs. S. J. Harrell, of Durham; Mrs. J. E. L. Morgan, of Cora Peake; Mrs. J. M. White, of Durant's Neck; Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Mrs. C. M. Manning, and Mr. T. W. Costen, Jr., of Sunbury. Two witnesses of the marriage fifty

years ago were present: Massrs. E. S. Dail and Jesse Stokes, of Windsor. Mr. Costen welcomed his gues's in most happy speech, which follows: BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO MES, COSTEN.

"My friends: There is an old adage that says, 'Speech is silver; silence giving you a word of welcome to thus, the fiftleth, anniversary of our marriage. From time immemorial with riage has always been celebrated with this State is the opportunity of the Democratic party, but what profits Democratic party, but what profits to the Democratic party. ing old; time has robbed us of our strength and enterprise and turned our faces to the setting sun. We cannot work together much longer. But we are comforted by the Scriptural injunction, 'Let him rejoice that putteth off his harness, not him that

"About fifty-five years ago I became infatuated with the lady at the head of the table; she was to me a thantom of delight. We were but chil-dren. I cannot tell you how happy I felt when she plighted her faith to me; I have never seen any de erlption of my feeling, except in an old hymn they sang long ago about

'My soul mounting higher, In a chariot of fire; And the moon was under my feet.' "Five years later when I took to my bosom this wayside flower I found her all my fancy had painted. Fifty years of harmonious living of two individed. Reconvert is openly against Governor uals, when both are subject to the Hughes and the Governor is against weakness and infirmities of humanity, the President.



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LOVELY GOLDEN WEDDING proves that marriage is not a failure. JOHN AND MARY DAVIDSON And I can say with Arcenins Ward, I have the best wife on the continent, but she is not always as tender

> "I sometimes regret that I did not employ an artist to transfer to canvas her personal charms-chat would be evidence of my good taste. But the idea was vain, because I have realized that the virtues of heart and head surpassed any personal charms

she possessed. "I am an advocate of marriage, and morning dawned gray and cold; the wind whistled; the snowflakes flew thick and fast; but this little village was all astir, for with it the day was to be a great one. The event was to be the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Costen, one of Gates county's most beloved couples. Friends came from far and colding for more restricted to the selection of a mate, don't risk the chance of looking for more restricted. Friends came from far and chance of looking for more perfection but grapple them to their hearts with

"My friends, I have sall 'nough. But I will add, if we have so lemeaned ourselves as citizens of your community as to have won your golden opinions, we are satisfied."

The regret of the occasion was that all of the twenty-dx grandehi dron could not be present. Rev. J. H. Hall was guest of honor. The hours spent together will linger as a golden

DEMOCRACY'S OPPORTUNITY. With the Right Candidates, New

New York World. ment that works in New York and lives in New Jersey,

this opportunity if Mr. Bryan is to Democratic candidate President? He cannot carry New York or New Jersey.

vention! Every feud that has beset New York Republicanism for the last dozen years is now quickened into On the side Hughes is every Republican element hostile to President Roosevelt. the side of Secretary Taft are all the resources and influence of the Federal organization. The Odell faction, exiled from power and place, has taken up Governor Hughes as a means of regaining possession of the party machinery and the State government. The Woodruff-Wadsworth-Parsons organization is fighting for its existence.

Secretary Taft's tactful letter to Mr. Parsons does not mean that the administration will abandon New DAILY FASHION SERVICE York to the anti-Roosevelt Republic to a Hughes delegation, but there

second choice. In spite of Secretary
Taft's concessions, the Rooseveitanti-Rooseveit issue is not obscured.
The elements are so various and
so discordant that the contest is
not likely to end with the election
of delegates to the Republican national convention or with the nomination of a ticket by the Republican
Sinte convention. The final battleSinte convention. The final battlescound will more probably be the second choice. In spite of Secretary

JANUARY.

SKETCH OF PROMINENT FAMILY.

Dr. J. B. Alexander Gives the Chronology of One of the Best Known Families in Mecklenburg County from the Beginning to the Present Day—Family Burying Ground a Sel-fish Possession, Though There is No Particular Objection to It—The Historian Follows Closely the Fortunes of the Various Branches of the Closely the Fortunes of the Closely the F

spent together will linger as a golden memory with those who were present, and the parting vishes were that at last they might all meet in that Beautiest Caldwell meet in that Beautiest Caldwell married Jacky Dancesterity's mental development. To videon, John H. Caldwell and David

New York has thirty-nine electoral girl, were added to the family, John otes. New Jersey has twelve the and Mary. While the children were some cause not given the widow Da-vidson with her two children moved may virtually be treated as a unit in Salisbury. Here she bough: a farm this communication too long. Salisbury. Here she bough: a farm this communication too long. Salisbury. Here she bough: a farm this communication too long. Salisbury. Salisbury. Here she bough: a farm this communication too long. Salisbury. Salisbury. The same to turn my attention to the posterity of Mary Davidson, who married James

Tet what a chance it is if the Democratic party would only take advantage of it at the Denver convention! Every found that the Denver conlucrative calling.

of the New York Legislature shows Johnson sentiment predominant over Bryan sentiment. There is no Democrat whose name The World has mentioned in connection with the presidency but would bell more votes in this State than William J. Bryan. Are the Democrats going to throw away the opportunity that Republican discord has created for them, and be beaten in advance of the campaign? Or will they nominate a candidate who can give to the rank and file some hope and encouragement of victory?

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Whether he was engaged in the rowners: their freedom by the federal army was a good ridance to family made it a rule to keep skx to family made it a rule to ke the New York Legislature shows to their owners; their freedom by the be excelled. Every branch of to say, but presume he was active in the river.

WILLIAM FIRTH, Pres. dary, married Dr. John McLenn, the

noted revolutionary surgeon, who resided near the South Fork, in what was formerly Lincoln, but now Gaston county. She was known far and near as "Aunt Polly McLeah." She was a woman of great talent, read much and digested what she read; was a close digested what she read; was a close student of the Bible, and had a goo influence in her neighborhood. She was the mother of a large family, and they were of more than ordinary men tal and physical ability; their oldest son, Dr. John McLean, was a noted surgeon, and his brother, W. B. Mc Lean, was equally as noted as a physlcian. He was hegarded as the most handsome man in the State, but could be approached by the poorest and

most illiterate persons in his county. His brothers, Speight, Augustus, Rob-

Thomas and two sisters, Rebecca and Violet, good women.

These all had most enviable reputaresurrection. tions as men of honor. The ladies married men in every way worthy of the family. The three sons, Robert, John and Wilson, were very prosper-ous, were large land-holders, and were owners of a great many slaves. Robert Davidson owned one hundred town the other day," said a commerand thirty slaves. John and Wilson cial traveler, "where a new system of were also quite wealthy and left a waterworks had just been installed. handsome estate to their children. All the drinking water for the town From some cause the Davidsons had a was pumped in from an artesian well burial ground of their own—nearly all on the outskirts of the town. The inburial ground of their own-nearly all

There is no objection to this, but it looks rather seifish.

Violet Jane Davidson married William Bain Alexander, who lived ten miles northwest of Charlotte. He was miles northwest of Charlotte. He was a man of influence in the county from 1808 to 1838. He was bleased with fourteen children. He was able to give them all a common school education, and settle them on a plantation—averaging 300 acres, and giving each one a negro man, or the equivalent in looks and at every place I stopped I was urged to take a drink of It, being assured at the same time with great impressiveness that it had been analyzed and found to be half hydrogen. This mystic expression seemed to have a strange fascination for most of the citizens.

"Finally I stopped at the town pump in the middle of the square in front of the county court house, and as I worked the pump handle I thought I would find out what an old negro not a negro man, or the equivalent in looks and Philader. Through coach, Charlotte to Roanoke. Additional train leaves Winton 7:20 a. m. daily except Sunlay. If you are thinking of taking a trip you want quotations, cheapeast farcs, reliable and correct information, as to route, train schedules, the most country to the end of the county court house, and as I worked the pump handle I thought I would find out what an old negro.

W. B. BEVILL. Gen'l Pass. Agent.

Roanoke. Va. one a negro man, or the equivalent in money. His oldest son, Joseph Mc-Knitt, married Nancy, a daughter of say. Colonel Cathey. Robert Davidson married Abigail Bain, daughter of Rev. S. C. Caldwell. William Bain, Sa., married Theressa, daughter of "Blind Billy" Alexander. John Ramsay married Harriet, a daughter of Andrew Henderson. Benjamin Wilson married Elvira daughter of Andrew Henderson. Benjamin Wilson married Elvira daughter of Library daughter of

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Isabella Davidson married Gen. Joseph Graham. The following children the flood, leads on to fortune." Coming events cast their shadows before, and the favored few seize the opportunity and win the prize. The human mind is differently enlowed with faculties to receive impressions from the earliest days of childhood. Some inherit the precocity, like the 3-year-old son of the civil engineer, who caused scientists to wonder in amazement until they were informed that the chill's father was engaged in boring a tunnel through a mountais previous to his birth. But this is an extraordinary case; but all prenatal posterity's mental development will Alexander Caldwell. This was a fambe taken to show what is often seen. Hy of wonderful intellect. Elizabeth The Right Candidates, New Century, in Cecil county, Maryland, Son. They were not related—no postwon.

Ramsay; and in the course of three Ramsay; and in the course of three or four years two children, a boy and married Mr. Hays.

Some of John Davidson's posterity.

Some of John Davidson's posterity votes. New Jersey has twelve. By and Mary, while the children occupied man place occupied occupied high places of honor and ernment. It would be an easy task, with their fifty-one electoral votes, may virtually be treated as a unit in the Yadkin river, near the town of but it is necessary for fear I make

ceived a good education from their the Catawba river near Baker's grave-step-father, who was a graduate of vard 17 miles northwest of Charlotte. yard, 17 miles northwest of Charlotte. Here they raised three sons and one daughter, viz., John Davidson Price. company him westward, to be his housekeeper. When he reached the Catawba river he found such a beautiful and fertile country, the river and creeks to stocket with the reached the country. creeks so stocked with fish, and the Alexander; Margaret, married Ephrawoods so allve with game, he thought it was foolish to pass over such a beautiful landscape to look for something better; so here they to atel and established a home far away from their kindred and the people with whom they were raised. In his young manhood on the Yadkin he learned the blacksmith's trade, that was a these parents. Eachel, daughter of the blacksmith's trade, that was a these parents. Rachel, daughter of lucrative calling. It has been hand- Mary and James Price, married John ed down that he ironed a set of wa- Bell. They lived eight miles north of gon wheels in the morning before Hopewell; had one son, John D., and he was married. (Many of his gc- he married Malissa Alexander; they scendants would have considered that had several daughters, the best worsther plebian work, but times have men in the world; Rachel married changed, and also the people). He Alexander Gibson; Martha married Parsons does not mean that the inistration will abandon New to the anti-Roosevelt Republi- of Sam Wilson, an Englishman to the anti-Roosevelt Republi- of Sam Wilson, an Englishman to the anti-Roosevelt Republi- of Sam Wilson, an Englishman to the aristocracy of the times, which position for much of their lives nursing the sick of the community. The entire compates who favor Taft as their of claiming. The Wilsons were a fine looking people, believed in cluently and the second when these good women were called the second when these good women were called the second when these good women were called the second with the second when these good women were called the second with the second when the second with the s

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The World has expressed the opinion that John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, would be at least 100,000 one of Mary's descendants accumulatives stronger than Mr. Bryan in New York and New Jersey, besides tailing an excellent chance to carry list of the mount of the mount of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the negro clothes, for both summer and winter. In addition to this they spun and wove all their bedding. They wove all the community one of Mary's descendants accumulative and wove all their bedding. They have and wove all their bedding. They have and wove all their bedding. They have and wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the community. They wove all the clothes worn by the white people of the clothes worn by the white people o New York and New Jersey, besides fortune, but every one made a good the softest blankets, quilts and countaining an excellent chance to carry living. Several of them owned a fambles own State, something Mr. livo r two of negro slaves, but in every with the best that could be raised. Bryan could not possibly do. A poll ery case the slaves were an expense As for their cooking, they could not

the skirmish of Charlotte, McIntire's Harrison Goodman, had a son and Branch, the battle at Cowan's Ford, daughter. Their brother, James Price, or at King's Mountain, I am not able with all his sisters, have passed over

James with lee-fast armament, doth hold Dominion almolute; while shricking biast At random tears and scatters, fold from fold, The dead year's cerements that wrapped the last Frull child of time. Gaunt spectres of the past Lurk, menacing, hie shadows thwart the past New-turned for mortals to re-write their yeast Pallinguests—cleared for one more sentient age.

--MINOR SADLER ELLIOTT.

The dead year's cerements that wrapped the last world that Mecklenburg had severed all connection with the mother country. This one act repders the name of Mecklenburg with the signers of the Declaration of Independence, immortal. Major John Davidson had two children, John and three sons and seven daughters; his daughter, came to live with her son, John MINOR SADLER ELLIOTT, the ordinary class. His daughter, came to live with her son, John.

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Baker's graveyard; also here was burled James and Mary Price, with some others of their descendants. The graves are marked by large granite, rocks, not dressed or lettered, but will not be forgotten when the last trumpet shall sound, but will be with Erings Golden Health and Reserved Viges,
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Philadelphia Public Ledger. "I was down in a little Southern were laid away in this private lot. habitants were immensely proud of pulit. There is no objection to this, but it their new water, and at every place I this.

leaning against a tree near by would

" 'Uncle,' I said, 'is this good wa-

of the Various Branches of the Family and Comments Thereon.

From time immemorial it has been observed how some members of the observed how some members of the same family outstrip others in the same family outstrip others in the cational point of view, or in politics, or heaping up riches that they may forge to the front. Some are more fortunate than others in mounting a popular wave on which they may ride into public favor. "There is a tide into public favor. There is a tide into public favor. "There is a tide into public favor. "There is a tide into public favor. There is a tide into public favo

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