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THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE PROGRESS IS NOW IN THE FRAME BUILDING JUST WEST OF THE BURNET BLOCK.

Last Saturday, at Washington City, Judge Gresham was inaugurated as first assistant to Grover Cleveland. Gresham was the big man of the occasion, as Grover couldn't find a man in the Democratic party capable of doing the position justice.

It will be remembered that a heavy snow fell the day after Cleveland was elected, accompanied by a biting northwest wind. On Saturday last, the day of his inauguration, the weather grew intensely cold and disagreeable again. Is the entire country to be "frozen out" during his administration?

The peculiar feature about the silver situation is that counterfeits can buy enough silver bullion for about 65 cents to make a good, but not a legal silver dollar.

A man was executed on Dec. 23d at Canton by ling-chi, or the slicing process, for parricide. The prisoner was bound to a cross and then sliced to death. The Chinese usually witness an execution with stoical indifference, but the screams of the victim were so heart-rending that many of the spectators were obliged to retire. They are not so tender-hearted in Texas.

The legislative apportionment makes it impossible for the Republicans to carry the legislature unless they should carry the State by 20,000 majority. The Senate also passed a co-habitation bill, but not the one demanded by organized labor. The Democratic leaders informed the railroad attorneys that some sort of a bill would have to be passed to meet the demands of labor, and a bill was drawn by S. O. Pickens, attorney for the Pennsylvania railroad company, which labor was informed it would have to accept if it got anything. The bill passed and was concurred in by the House. The provisions of the law are considered as in no way onerous upon corporations, as it places upon the injured employee the burden of proof to establish that his injuries were not received as the result of the act of an incompetent co-employee. In cases of accident, before recovery can be had it must be shown that the co-employee was competent. If incompetent the company is not held liable, because of the failure of the injured man to serve notice of such fact upon the representatives of the corporation.

A company was formed to work the placer gold mines of Brown county this spring. Mr. Thomas Waltman of Georgetown is a prominent member of the firm. They will operate a dry process of separating the gold from dirt and sand. The machines for the work have already been received.

Ind. Sun: A cloud of sadness hung over the house of representatives Saturday morning. The speeches, many of them, were made between splashing tears, which faded the roses on the Brussels carpet until they were nothing but big daubs of formless red. The cause of gloom was that the session is so nearly over. Members who have been paying \$1 per diem for board will go back to the farm and tell their friends what a hotel looks like, while they devour their Sunday dinners of bacon, corn bread and cister water with wiggles in it. Instead of riding to and from the theater in a cab, with a brass-mounted driver, they will plod through mud a mile and a half to a country school house to attend debating society, and then climb a narrow ladder to the "loft" where their spring mattresses of corn-husks are located. It is almost over and there are some members who will never, never again live a continual round of pleasure in a great city. Some people are capable of extracting a great deal out of a trip to the capital, and our legislators are equal to any in this particular.

Counterfeit bills of the Second National Bank of Richmond, Ind., are in circulation. They are of the denomination of \$10, the check number being a bank 6486, and registered number 165, 167. The issue of 1886, of \$2 certificates, are also counterfeited and being placed in circulation. They are three-eighths of an inch shorter than good money and bear a facsimile of Rosecrans' name.

Suit for \$10,000 Damages.

Rebecca Armstrong vs. the C. C. & St. L. railway company is the title of a suit filed in the Putnam circuit court by Col. C. C. Matson on Monday. The plaintiff states she was a passenger on defendants' road on February 7 last, and that the coach she was in was hurled from the track while running at the speed of sixty miles an hour, and that she was cut, injured, and bruised and burned by the accident, besides receiving a severe shock to her nervous system. She also lost \$500 worth of baggage. She asks \$10,000 damages.

Miss Armstrong resides at Bloomington, Ind., and the wreck occurred at Pana, Illinois.

# DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.

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To the Editor of the Progress.

The following article was penned by a lady who is now a retired teacher, having been prominent in educational circles in Indiana and Kentucky for many years. Her mother was a near relative of Abraham Lincoln, and the facts herein recorded she had directly from President Lincoln's nearest relatives in Kentucky. Believing this would prove of interest to your readers, coming into my hands as it does so near the time of Mr. Lincoln's birthday, I thought to submit it to you for use in your columns.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. E. M. SEWARD.  
Written by Charlotte Spear Hobart  
Vawter.

## THE LINCOLN FAMILY.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE PARENTS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN—INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

To the Editor of the Progress:

Since the time of the marriage by chance, I have fallen into my hand an Evening Journal containing a letter from a correspondent of the Louisville Commercial, in which it was hinted that there had existed doubts in the public mind as to the marriage of Mr. Lincoln's father and mother. In the year 1850 went to Springfield, Kentucky, to see his mother, who resided in that neighborhood when he received the nomination for President. On the announcement of the name of the candidate, all were on the qui vive to know who the stranger was, so unexpectedly launched upon a perilous seat. A farm worker at the house said he was surprised if this were a son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, who were married at the house of Uncle Frank Berry. (The old house is still standing.) In a short time this supposition of the farmer was confirmed by the announcement of the father's name. A few days later I visited an aged lady by the name of Litsge, who interested us much by giving a description of the wedding of the father and mother of the new candidate; she having been a friend of the bride and presided at the marriage. In 1850, after the liberation of 4,000,000 slaves, had the most memorable. The official record of this marriage will probably be found at Springfield. The newly-united pair left this country soon after marriage. As I remember the story of Nancy Hanks, it ran thus: Her father and mother were Virginians and died when she was young. Her mother was a widow, her mate was Shirley, and she is known to have had two sisters, one of whom married a man by the name of Berry; and the other Robert Mitchell, who came to Kentucky about the year 1789. While on this journey this family was separated by the Indians and Mrs. Mitchell, who had in their party a four-months-old baby, was captured and borne away by these Modocs of the wilderness. Mr. Mitchell bore the dying wife to Crab Orchard, and like Abraham of old, purchased that renowned spot for the burial place of his wife. After the last sad rites, he mounted his horse and accompanied by his friend, Gen. Adair, and went in search of his daughter, but was drowned in Dick's river, while attempting to cross it.

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