

New York,

Mr. Lincoln at the head of a procession was driven from Mattoon to Charleston in a carriage drawn by two cream colored horses purchased by a wealthy citizen of Coles county for that express purpose. The carriage had scarcely reached the town limits of Charleston before Mr. Lincoln began to make inquiries for his step-mother. The old lady, it seems, had been brought up from her farm in the county for the purpose of meeting him. She was stopping with her son-in-law in the second story of a ^{stone} ~~business~~ building in the business part of the town. When the carriage reached the place ~~Mr. Lincoln halted the driver,~~ ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{had it} halted. ~~Mr. Lincoln~~ ~~halted the driver,~~ stepped ~~from the door~~ out and hurriedly ran up stairs. The meeting was a very affectionate one.

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