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Mr T. A. Frank Jones,

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Dear Frank: -

I am much interested in your correspondence with Miss Tarbell about the postponed Lincoln wedding and went through the files of both newspapers both before and after the date, Jan. 1, 1841. You will be amazed to learn that neither of them have a single item in any issue of local news of any sort. They were entirely political and largely only a verbatim account of the proceedings of the legislature. Of course I found nothing about the wedding. I did notice that Lincoln was quite active in the House of Representatives during November and December 1840 and find only indirect references to him after that.

You will find an interesting correspondent in Hon Jesse W. Walk,

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Greencastle Ind. He devotes his life to research work on Lincoln's early life and likes to talk and write of his hobby. Read his book "The Real Lincoln" just published by Houghton Mifflin Co.

We in Springfield and the old gossips who handed down tradition to us are inclined to take the Harndon-Weik story of the wedding. Perhaps because it makes a better story and perhaps because the Edwards family's motive for their version was too obvious.

I am sorry your stay in Springfield was so short. Come and see us again.

Very truly yours,  
George Pasfield Jr.