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## PRESSES IN OPERATION.

Wednesday afternoon the Ferracute Machine Company gave a public exhibition of the workings of the new presses which they have just completed for the Chinese government, to a large number of our citizens and government officials.

The presses worked like a charm and were highly satisfactory to the gentlemen representing the Chinese government. They are models of perfection and reflect the highest credit upon Mr. Oberlin Smith and the Ferracute Machine Co.

The presses were put up in the back shop where they were exhibited, decorated with bunting, giving the place a holiday attire.

Three small presses are for five, ten and twenty cent silver pieces. Many dollars in the above denominations were made while the people watched the perfection of the presses in their work they were turning out.

The two larger presses were for making halves and dollars. About fifty or sixty Chinese dollars were made.

Notices were posted about the shops that visitors nor employees would be allowed to carry any of the coins away. There were many of course who wanted to get a coin to carry away and keep as a souvenir of the occasion, but were not allowed to do so.

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The presses have now passed inspection and in a few days will be ready for shipment to China.

The gentlemen from abroad were royally entertained by Mr. Oberlin Smith, the president of the Ferracute Company, with dinner at his fine residence, Lochwold.

### THE SHAW CASE.

Court officials are expecting that the Shaw murder case will be tried next Tuesday, or at least the case will be commenced upon that date.

Judge Ludlow has inquired into the condition of the Court House, and has learned that the prisoners cannot be removed to the proposed new jail. But in April the Court House building can be more thoroughly ventilated than last January, and there will be no need for a jury room upon the first floor. The jury in the case

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Such was the orga ton's Board of Trad its silver anniversary Hotel Cumberland, was a brilliant affair on the committee, w and also on the Cuml prieters.

Early in the evening ered and exchanged the parlors until the b they were invited into or banquet hall, wher be served. Two long t and a card bearing the son at his plate. When Rev. Sylvester W. Beac ing. A boutonniere laic Along the length of th rows of plants and bi and with nearly one hur ton's progressive busin about the festive boar brilliant