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HOME NEWS.

The weather is again dry, cool and bracing.

The finest chromos and steel engravings at the **FREE PRESS** office.

CALL on H. B. Frazer for good Wheeler & Wilson machine at \$35.

SEE prospectus of that great newspaper, the New York Sun, in our advertising columns.

Is it necessary that public officials should forget that they are gentlemen? We inquire merely for information.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY for November for sale at this office.

Go to O. G. Shane for lard cans and heating stoves, which he sells at cost. He has now a first class workman in his employ.

LAKESIDE edition of Jules Verne's stories are favorite reading with boys, and beat Robinson Crusoe. For sale at the **FREE PRESS** office.

Lands for Sale. Improved and unimproved. Apply to or address C. L. MCGHEE, San Marcos, Sept. 1st.

The advertisement of Coleman's Rural World, St. Louis, deservedly a favorite journal with the farming class, appears in our advertising columns.

We Need, and Must Have Money.

Those who know themselves to be indebted to us, will please call on Messrs. Kone & Coffield, and settle at once, if they wish to save cost. DEVINEY & MARKLEY, Nov. 3 1m.

LATE leading newspapers for sale at this office.

THE two gallant young gentlemen of this place, who started to see their lady loves one evening this week, and got belated and lost, and had to spend the night in the San Marcos bottom, are certainly entitled to sympathy, at least from the ladies.

It may not be generally known that we have a self-appointed "secret police" in league with the "executive department" of our city government—at least they sometimes work together. One of their principal stations, we learn, is the "sentry box" on the southwest corner of the plaza.

MRS. HOFHEINZ has a new line of millinery goods in all departments of the trade. Everything fresh and of the latest styles. Ladies of the town and country would do well to call and examine her stock before purchasing.

SOMETHING to read, good books, papers, etc., always to be had at the **FREE PRESS** office.

SEE advertisement of Auction Sale of valuable real and personal property in another column.

THE CASTAWAYS, by Jules Verne, constitutes Nos. 111 and 112 of the Lakeside Library. The popularity of the Lakeside has started numerous imitators, but they are inferior in type, illustrations, &c., to the original. The Lakeside leads them all. New and back numbers for sale at the **FREE PRESS** office.

What a smell you have in your nose, it is all stopped up; get some of Dr. J. H. McLean's Catarrh Snuff. It soothes, heals and will cure any disease in your nose or throat. Trial boxes 50cts., by mail. Dr. J. H. McLean, 314 Chestnut, St. Louis.

WE shall wait upon our town subscribers during the coming week with bills for subscriptions due, and meantime shall be pleased to welcome all who call on us at our office to settle such bills.

TAKE care how you approach the "headquarters" of our "secret police," unless your ears are long enough to find favor with the asinine inmates, else they will send a messenger post haste for the Marshal, and you may expect arrest, and to pay a fine and costs. *Vive la lumbug.*

Personal.

Mr. Leavell, sr., has returned home from Kentucky, and is looking very well.

Our friend Capt. Johnson and family are about removing either to the Perdinales or to Llano.

Mr. Gramm, sr., of New Braunfels, was in town on Thursday.

Prof. Edgar called on us this week. He is stopping in the Dripping Springs neighborhood.

CONSISTENT.—The executive department of our city government—in letting one offender off because ignorant of the ordinances, and disregarding the same fact in another case; letting "the ninety and nine" escape, and pouncing on the hundredth, at the instance of "fellows of the baser sort," who spend their valuable (?) time in attending to other people's business.

NOT disagreeable; hardly more bitter than lager beer, and much more satisfactory and pleasant. Simmons' Liver Regulator can be taken at any time, without interfering with business or pleasure. It is so gentle, safe and such a good digester, that it is often used after a hearty meal to settle the food and relieve any apprehension that the meal may disagree with you.

SINGLE copies of the **FREE PRESS**, with or without wrappers, for sale at the office, five cents each.

DUGGER & CRUNK, the new proprietors at Jennings' store stand, a few miles down the river, have now received their complete stock, and are prepared to suit all tastes, and at prices "as cheap as the cheapest." We advise all to give them a call.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—At the last meeting the following proceedings were had:

Petition from citizens to open and extend Mountain street to corporate limits. Referred.

Permission granted to Dr. Pendleton to cut down certain timbers in front of his house.

The Board concurred in and consented to the following appointments: Health Physician, A. N. Denton. Board of Health, Doctors Woods and Dailey.

Policemen, H. B. Frazer, S. L. Pegues, J. H. Horn, Don Breeding.

From Sutherland Springs. SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEX., November 2, 1877.

ED. FREE PRESS:—Immigrants arriving in this section, who have passed through Hays county and have viewed the unapproachable San Marcos country, all concur in pronouncing it among the most enchanting lands their eyes ever beheld.

The reasons given for not making it their permanent home, are the high prices asked for the land and the scarcity of timber—two unsurmountable objections to those of small means. I have heard more than one express their determination, when fortune smiled and a sufficiency of this world's goods had been secured, to return and secure some of that goodly land.

The soil, timber and general lay of the country here is different enough from yours to be a thousand miles distant.

The resinous, fragrant smell of your cedar is never known here. There is no burr-oak or black walnut, excepting where the latter has been planted, elm, pecan and hackberry are the principle kinds of timber on the uplands. The latter furnishes the bulk of the fencing timber, and bears heavy crops of acorns. In traveling, one is struck with the sudden changes of the soil. Often, in the distance of a few paces, it changes from black waxy to deep sand.

You are much in advance of this country in respect to that important cereal, wheat; but since trying it here for two years, and making good crops, the people are preparing to plant more largely of it. There is very little seed here, and so, Mr. Editor, you need not be surprised if we go to Egypt (the San Marcos country) for it. Those who have a good, sound article could readily convert it into the "root of all evil" by bringing it down, or even by letting it be generally known through some good medium like the **FREE PRESS**, or some other live paper.

Farmers here have lost heavily on cotton and are sick of it. Many of them have followed that old "King" so long that they are not able now to purchase seed wheat—as a consequence, fine farms, well fenced, can be had at a

very low rent, say three dollars per acre, or for one fourth of the wheat raised. Now, here is a chance for some of your enterprising young men, who have the wheat and the animals to plow it in. One crop, such as was raised this year, would pay the rent and buy the land upon which it was raised.

San Marcos has contributed further toward our advancement in furnishing us Berkshire pigs. There is a growing demand for that best of all breeds, and the stringency of the times only, prevents us from taking all your surplus at once. If the desire becomes much greater cases of kleptomania may crop out. As a public benefactor, then, Mr. Editor, you should warn the fortunate possessors to keep one eye on the sty. Yours, etc., C. WILLOUGH.

Removal, Not Prostration.

Did any unfeeling human being ever become strong under the operation of powerful cathartics or salivants? It is sometimes necessary to regulate the bowels, but that cannot be done by active purgation, which exhausts the vital forces and serves no good purpose whatever. The only true way to promote health and vigor, which is essential to regularity of the organic functions, is to invigorate, discipline and purify the system at the same time. The extraordinary efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in cases of debility or irregularity of the organs of digestion, assimilation, secretion and discharge, is universally admitted. Appetite, good digestion, a regular habit of body, active circulation of the blood, and purity of all the animal fluids are induced by this superb tonic and corrective. It has no equal, moreover, as a preventive of cholera and fever, and other types of malarial disease. To emigrants and travelers it is particularly serviceable as a medicinal safeguard.

NEW MILLINERY AND DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT.

MRS. POAGE and MRS. DOUGLASS would respectfully announce to the people of San Marcos and vicinity that they have opened in the Raven building, East side of the Plaza, a new establishment of the above description. Their stock of

MILLINERY GOODS is entirely fresh and new, and comprises the very latest styles. They invite inspection to their stock. **DRESS MAKING**, in all its branches, a specialty. Oct. 27-1m.

DR. W. H. DOHMAN, OCUList.

Office: Old Post Office, Rear Corner Avenue Hotel, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Office hours daily from 10 to 1; at Residence from 5 to 5. Sept. 22-1y

SLEDGE, R. J.

RANCHO PECAN SPRINGS, Hays Co., eight miles Northeast of San Marcos, five miles East of Mountain City.

RJ—Cattle Brand
H—Horse Brand.
S on left jaw of all young stock.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF W. C. WINTERS, DEC'D:

J. M. Cude, Administrator of the Estate of W. C. Winters, dec'd has filed his final account in the County Court of Hays County, and asks to be discharged, which will be acted on at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in December, 1877, at the Court House thereof in the town of San Marcos, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and make objections thereto if they see proper to do so. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court Oct 18, 1877.

ED. J. L. GREEN, C. C. C. H. Co. Oct. 20-3w

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Having secured the services of a

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We are ready to DUPLICATE any job, both in quality and price, whether done at

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Encourage home industry and enterprise.

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We have a large assortment of

Lisle Thread and Kid Gloves, Ladies' Misses and Children's Hose, Misses and Children's Knit Sacques, Children's Hoods, Children's Embroidered Suits.

NEW BRAUNFELS CASSIMERES

at Manufacturers Prices.

BEST LINE OF CORSETS

in the city.

—BUY THE—

Celebrated 'STAR' Shirt.

ALL-WOOL DELAINES at 30c per yard.

LADIES' SILK HANDKERCH'FS at 50c.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

—OFFERED IN—

10-4 BROWN SHEETING,

PILLOW CASE GOODS,

TABLE LINEN,

TOWELS and NAPKINS.

New Goods From New York Every Week.

GEO. T. MALONE. Oct. 27-1f.

BUSINESS CARDS

MITCHELL, GLOVER & CO., BANKERS,
San Marcos, Texas.
Collections promptly attended to. '88 [August 29-1y]

W. O. HUTCHISON. THOS. H. FRANKLIN. HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
San Marcos, Tex.

Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. [Feb 1-1y]

S. B. McBRIDE, ATTORNEY AT LAW,
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas. Will give prompt attention to all legal business offered him, and especially to the collection of Claims. sep-1y

WOODS & BLAKEMORE, PRACTICING PHYSICIANS!
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Dandl. June-1y

TRAVIS HOUSE!
WEST SIDE PLAZA,
OPPOSITE BALES STABLE
JOHN A. POLK, Proprietor.
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
The Best and Largest Hotel in San Marcos. Mar. 17-1f.

STERLING FISHER, Attorney at Law,
General Land and Collecting Agent
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
Office in Court house. Will buy and sell lands examine titles, render assessments, pay taxes &c. Jan 22-1f.

Otto Gramm DRUGGIST.
(Successor to A. N. Darrow & Company.)
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DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINE, PERFUMERIES, Sponges, Trusses and Surgical Instruments, Oils, Varnish and Window Glass. Best Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes. Prescriptions carefully prepared, day and night. San Marcos, June 23. 71

J. H. COMBS, DENTAL SURGEON,
MECHANICAL and Operative Dentistry in its various branches at reasonable rates. All work done in the neatest style. Discolored gums and bad breath promptly relieved. sep 11-1y

CHAS BOCK, DEALER IN— FAMILY GROCERIES,
Has opened at his old stand in San Marcos, where he will keep a full stock of goods in his line, and sell as cheap as the cheapest.
Brandies, Wines, Whisky and Beer always on hand and sold on physicians prescription only.
Sept. 20-1f

DAN. HOFHEINZ
Would respectfully announce to the people of San Marcos and vicinity that he has opened a

MILLINERY STORE,
On the south side of the Plaza, where will constantly be found a full line of Ladies' Bonnets, Hats, Trimmings, and all other

MILLINERY GOODS
Of the best quality and most fashionable styles. BONNET TRIMMING and all other work in that department will be attended to by ladies of approved skill and fine artistic taste. Polite attention to all.
PRICES LOW!
The ladies are invited to call and see for themselves. April 14-1f.

C. MEINERS. O. MEINERS C. & O. Meiners, DEALERS IN FAMILY GROCERIES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, WOOD and WILLOW WARE, ALSO BOOTS & SHOES.
West side plaza, San Marcos, Texas. 1-2-1y

O. T. BROWN, ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND LAND AND COLLECTING AGENT,
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas. In the practice in Hays County will be associated with

WILLIAM F. BURGESS,
Of Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. 1st—In all their criminal cases in the District Court.
2d—In such civil cases in the District Court, as in such cases, either civil or criminal, in the other Courts, wherein both may be expressly retained. May 12-1y

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