

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....JANUARY 26.

Agents for the Free Press.

The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities:—

A. Beaton, Esq., County at large.	Stringtown.
W. H. Daley, Martindale.	Mountain City.
M. E. Deane, Cedar Valley.	Onion Creek.
J. L. Barmore, Onion Creek.	
J. D. Cady, Onion Creek.	

HOME NEWS.

FARMERS busy.

GOOD wives looking up their garden seeds.

SEE advertisement of meeting of Board of Medical Examiners.

UNION Sets and Union Buttons.
RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for January at this office, 25 cents.

LANDRETH'S SEEDS,
Full Size Papers, at five cents a paper.
RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

D. R. COCREHAM & Co. are still in the grocery trade, with a full line of goods. Seed potatoes, canvass hams, garden seeds, etc., are among their specialties.

THE days are already noticeably longer and the sun's rays stronger.

FLOUR AND FEED.—Fourqurean's Mill is now filled almost to overflowing with the best of flour and mill-feed of all descriptions, which is offered for sale, wholesale and retail, at living rates. Call and supply yourselves.

WE would again notify the public, that owing to our going to press earlier than formerly, advertisements intended for insertion the same week, should be handed in by Friday morning, at the latest, and communications by Wednesday.

PRESTO. change! As pretty weather as you could ask again—clear and bracing. But then who knows what a day may bring forth?

AT Fourqurean's Mill, under charge of the new millers, all grain is ground for one-eighth part and weighed and tolled before it goes into the machinery, so that no advantage can be taken of customers. Corn ground every day. People from a distance, stopping over night, may rely upon getting their grist in the morning.

SOME graceless scamp has "made off" with our ax. Our wood, too, is "going a good deal further" than is desirable. Only think of the depth of the depravity of him who would steal from a West Texas newspaper man!

YEARLY copies of the Detroit Free Press, Prairie Farmer, Coleman's Rural World, New York Observer, St. Louis Christian Advocate, and other valuable papers, for sale at this office at reduced rates.

THERE is a tax levied to pay indebtedness prior to April 18, 1876, which tax is being collected, and the amounts against the county are still on the Clerk's books. It would be well for those owning such script to call on the Clerk and get and present it for payment.

ATTENTION is called to the following prices of this date:

Fruit of Loom, 4-4 B'd Domestic, 10c
Lonsdale, " " " " 10c
Knight's Cambrie, 7 8 " " 10c
Standard Prints, " " " " 6 1/2c

New goods just received.
DONALSON & JOHNSON.

WE were a few days since favored by one of the millers at Fourqurean's mill with a 50 lb. sack of flour to sample. We accordingly sent some of it to our boarding house, where, under the manipulations of the excellent Mrs. Schriver, it came to the table in the shape of bread which was pronounced by the entire circle as equal to the best. We are assured that an equally good article is now regularly turned out at said mill. Such being the fact, is it not the duty of our people to cease sending their money abroad for breadstuffs, and rally to the support of an establishment which has achieved so desirable a consummation? We think so, most decidedly.

Personal.

Mrs. Shane is quite sick.
Mr. Northcraft is at home.
W. S. Crews has returned home.
Miss Lou Green and Miss Lily Nelson have gone on a visit to Arkansas.
W. H. Smith has rented a part of R. M. Caldwell's farm, down the river.
C. Billingsly has rented W. Z. Driskill's house and garden for the coming season.

At last Judge Kone's new house begins to loom up at the foot of the mountains.
Dr. Pendleton, who has been sick of pneumonia for a good while, is slowly recovering.

Captain Martin's family returned from Alabama on Wednesday, he accompanying.

Mr. Frazer left on Thursday morning for Alabama with another lot of horses for that market.

A brother of Headley Polk and family have arrived from Tennessee, and will settle in Headley's neighborhood.

We were glad on yesterday to meet our clever German friend and former fellow citizen, Mr. Hahn, and to learn that he is about resuming business here.

James M. Mullins has returned from the State College near Bryan, because of the state of health of his father. He also is attending our Business College.

The remains of Mrs. T. G. McGehee, who died and was buried in Bastrop county last summer, were removed to the new cemetery near this place last week.

Mr. Hofheinz has resumed work on his house. By the way, it may not be generally known that his corner was the original starting point in the survey of the town plat. An iron stake there is said to evidence the fact.

L. W. Mitchell is "preparing the ground" for his new mansion on San Antonio street, to be erected probably the present season. The extension of this street bids fair to be the favorite place of residence of our "village aristocracy." Certainly no part of our surroundings is more attractive.

It has only quite recently come to our knowledge that our distinguished fellow citizen, Mr. James Carson, is entitled to be enrolled in the corps of commercial travelers from San Marcos. We hear he has just returned from a trip in that capacity, and as interpreter, to *El Republica Mexicana*.

Mr. Lewis has so far recovered his health as to be able to resume teaching at the colored school. We notice it is well attended. Houston Perkins is also teaching a private school among his people in the mountains near by. All of which we are very glad to see. How much better to educate these people, and fit them for usefulness to themselves and to the country, than to make subjects of the poor houses or penitentiary of them, as at present!

We called on Ed. J. L. Green at his new residence on San Antonio street one evening this week, and found him "at home" in his new house. It is a very complete and handsome affair. The parlor is a gem, and the dining room scarcely less so. From the "observatory" on top you have magnificent views over the country. The liberal number of spacious, airy rooms, and the extensive grounds and beautiful, quiet rural surroundings, must afford to neighbor Green and his household a refreshing contrast with their former rather contracted domicile. We heartily congratulate them. Hopkins was the builder.

COMPLIMENTARY.—A lady, ordering a copy of the FREE PRESS, writes us from Houston as follows:

It is the best paper I've seen in a long time, full of excellent reading matter and all the current news, besides advertisements and everything. I had no idea the FREE PRESS was so excellent a paper. I like it better than any paper published in Texas that I have seen. I send the subscription price; do send it to me regularly.

Another, a young mother, writes from Iowa:

I am reminded of the fact that my subscription to the FREE PRESS has expired, and I hasten to renew. I see by your clubbing rates that you will send the FREE PRESS and "The Nursery" for \$3.10. Do please send them along. I am more than ever pleased with your paper since its change. There is a great improvement in its appearance and much more solid reading matter in it than formerly.

Commend us to the ladies as discriminating judges—also as prompt "paymasters."

Hill's Manual of Business Forms and Guide to Correct Writing, Social, Legal and Commercial.

The above is the title of an indispensable book of reference and information. It is a Business and Social Encyclopedia for the professional man, the mechanic, the farmer, the ladies—in short for everybody. The following are a few of the subjects treated of in this work:

Penmanship; Short-hand Writing; Composition, Capital Letters, Punctuation; Dictionary of Synonyms; Letter Writing and Notes of Invitation; Commercial and Legal Business Forms; Interest Tables; Book keeping; State Laws; Tables of Reference; How to Collect a Debt; Constitutions, By-Laws, etc., Public Meetings, Drafting Resolutions, etc.; Parliamentary Rules; How to Write for Newspapers; Alphabet, Job Printing; Proof-Reading; Sign Punctuation, Epitaphs and Engraving. How to write Poetry.

Hill's Manual is comprised in one large volume, quarto, 306 pages, heavy tinted paper, and a portrait of the author, with many other illustrations and beautiful designs.

Hill's Manual is most highly recommended by the newspaper press, teachers and eminent authorities generally.

We have only space for the following: Ex-Vice President Colfax says: "It is the most comprehensive and satisfactory work of the kind I have ever seen. It ought to be in every library and counting-room, and the longer it is used the more highly will it be appreciated."

W. W. Chandler, General Agent Star Union Line, Chicago, writes:

"An offer of a hundred dollars for the book, or even five times that sum, would not buy it from me, were it an impossibility to procure another copy."

Rev. A. B. F. Kerr, Mayor of San Marcos, pronounces it "one of the most valuable books of reference I have ever seen."

Parties who desire the work but expect to get it in the future, are reminded that now is the best opportunity they will have. Do not wait until the canvass closes. Procrastination, &c. Mr. T. J. Faust, the agent, will order it for you on short notice. He may be found at the residence of D. S. Combs, or will wait on you with a specimen copy if you will notify him through the post office or otherwise.

WAKING UP.—By an Ordinance which appears on our last page this week, it will be seen that our corporate authorities are at last taking steps to have our streets, etc., put in repair and duly cared for. This ought to and might have been done months and months ago. But "better late than never." The "City Fathers" deserve credit for now preparing to make thorough work of it. They will be sustained and applauded by all good citizens.

ALL A MISTAKE.—We mean the notion that as good flour cannot be made from Texas wheat as any other. This is being demonstrated at Fourqurean's Mill. One of the new millers, who has followed his business in a large number of States, informs us that Texas wheat is as good as any, and that the only trouble about making it into the best of flour is lack of the proper machinery or skill for that purpose.

SEE under our real estate advertisement head, notice of a desirable farm for sale. Any one wishing to purchase a good home would do well to call on us.

SEE prospectus of the Atlantic Monthly, one of the oldest and probably the foremost magazine in its peculiar sphere in the country. We will take pleasure in ordering it at the regular rates, \$4 a year, or will club it with the FREE PRESS at \$5.20 for both.

AND now it is again a pleasure to be alive.

Important to Young Men
Desiring a good business education. We have for sale a Life Scholarship in a first-class Business College at St. Louis, embracing instruction in Book-keeping, (in single and double entry.) Commercial Law, Political Economy, Detection of Counterfeit Money, Penmanship, Arithmetic and Commercial Calculations, Lectures on Business Subjects; with privilege of review at any time.

Also, a scholarship in an excellent Business institution at New Orleans, good for a full course of Book-Keeping.

Either or both the above will be sold on easy terms. Inquire at the FREE PRESS office. Nov. 24-17

"Brandy, brandy, bane of life,
Spring of torment, source of strife,
If I could half your vices tell,
The wise would wish you safe in hell."
Such is the refrain from the lips of the poor diseased toper, who would fly from his enemy if possible. "Recollect it is a diseased Liver, that craves relief. Instead of brandy or any other stimulant, use Simmons' Liver Regulator, and it will afford relief.
Genuine prepared only by J. H. Zedlin & Co., Philadelphia.

Our Clubbing List for 1876.

We are prepared to club the FREE PRESS to new or renewing subscribers with the following publications at the rates specified below, if ordered at the same time with our paper. In the first column we give the regular price of each publication singly, in the second the price of the same and the FREE PRESS together:

	Singly.	With the Free Press.
Littell's Living Age.....	\$3 00	\$5 75
N. Y. Weekly Tribune.....	3 00	5 75
St. Louis Republic.....	1 50	3 25
N. Y. Ledger.....	3 00	5 75
The Aldine.....	6 00	8 75
Louisville Courier Journal.....	3 00	5 75
Detroit Free Press.....	3 00	5 75
Saturday Evening Post.....	3 00	5 75
New York Observer.....	3 15	5 90
Prairie Farmer.....	3 00	5 75
Coleman's Rural World.....	3 00	5 75
Journal of Agriculture.....	3 00	5 75
American Agriculturist.....	3 30	6 05
Scientific American.....	4 00	6 75
Scraper's Monthly.....	3 00	5 75
St. Nicholas.....	3 00	5 75
The Galaxy.....	4 00	6 75
Lippincott's Magazine.....	4 00	6 75
Phrenological Journal.....	3 00	5 75
Peterson's Magazine.....	3 00	5 75
Appleton's Journal.....	5 00	7 75
Popular Science Monthly.....	3 00	5 75
International Review.....	5 00	7 75
Magazine of American History.....	5 00	7 75
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.....	4 00	6 75
" " Ladies' Journal.....	4 00	6 75
" " Chimney-Corner.....	4 00	6 75
" " other publications.....	proportionate rates.....	
Harpers' Monthly.....	4 00	6 75
" Weekly.....	4 00	6 75
" Bazar.....	4 00	6 75
Godey's Lady's Book.....	3 00	5 75
Demore's Monthly.....	3 00	5 75
The Nursery.....	3 00	5 75
Peter's "How to Detect, Semi-monthly.....	3 00	5 75
" Monthly.....	1 50	3 25
Home-Journal, New Orleans.....	3 50	6 25
American Union.....	2 50	5 25
Hallion's Magazine.....	1 50	3 25

Postage is prepaid on all the above, and premiums sent in some cases. For particulars inquire at this office. We will also order any of the above singly, or any other paper or periodical at publishers prices, free of charge.

Among the Dead Failures

Of the past, how many bogus nostrums may be numbered! Beginning their careers with a tremendous flourish of trumpets, blazoned for a time in the public prints and on flaming posters, soon, but not too soon, were they relegated to the limbo of things lost on earth. But Sarsaparilla's Stomach Bitters is a living and thriving remedy. It goes on, curing and curing. Neither underhand nor open competition affect it. On the contrary, contrast with inferior rival preparations only increases its popularity. It has been repeatedly imitated but without success. Counterfeits of it have been surreptitiously introduced, but have fallen flat. Everywhere it entrenches itself in the confidence of the people, and well it may, for it is a thoroughly reliable invigorant of the feeble, banishes dyspepsia and constipation, braces the nerves, cures rheumatic ailments and kidney complaints and eradicates and prevents intermittent and remittent fevers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Board of Medical Examiners

FOR the 15th Judicial District, will meet in the Town of LaGrange, May 1st, 1876, for the purpose of Examining, and granting Certificates, in medicine, temporary Certificates will be given by Dr. A. N. Denton, of San Marcos, Hays Co., Dr. H. P. Luckett, of Bastrop, Bastrop Co., and by Dr. James E. Morris, of Bellville, Austin Co. By order of the Board,
JAMES E. MORRIS, M. D.
Jan. 26-3m Secretary.

Good Opening for a Butcher.

THE Market House fronting the Public Square in the town of San Marcos, is for rent. Apply to
W. O. HUTCHISON.
Jan. 19-3w

ESTRAY NOTICES.

ESTRAYED Jan. 12, 1876, before C. W. Grooms, J. P., H. Co., by W. J. Owens, one brown horse, six years old, branded VY connected on shoulder and counterbranded X, connected and branded on each side. Also one red ox, 9 years old, D F on thigh. Also one red ox, 9 years old, marked X on left hip and marked swallow fork and upper under bit in the left ear. One white ox with a red head, 7 years old—blotched brand on the right hip, and marked crop and under half crop in left ear and under bit in the right ear. All appraised at \$60.
Witness my hand Jan. 12, 1876,
ED. J. L. GREEN,
Clerk C. C. H. Co.

ESTRAYED by E. L. Sanders, before L. Smith, J. P., H. Co., Dec. 21, 1875, one work ox, about 13 years old, marked crop on the left ear, and crop and upper half crop in the right ear, branded B D on the hip. Also, one brown and white spotted ox, marked crop on the left ear, and swallow fork and under bit in the right ear, about 6 years old, branded B B connected on the hip. Appraised at \$25.
Witness my hand, Jan. 16, 1876,
ED. J. L. GREEN,
Clerk C. C. H. Co.

VICK'S

Illustrated Monthly Magazine.

Each Number contains Thirty-two Pages of reading, many fine Wood Cut Illustrations, and one Colored Plate. A beautiful Garden Magazine, printed on elegant paper, and full of information, in English and German. Price, \$1.25 a year; Five copies \$5.50.
Vick's Flower and Vegetable Garden, 50 cents in paper covers; in elegant cloth covers \$1.00.
Vick's Catalogue.—300 Illustrations, only 2 cents.
Address JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y.

To Those Seeking Homes or Investments.

Written or printed information in relation to Farms and Wild Lands in most of the Western and Southern States, can be obtained by addressing "Insurance Land Agency, Kansas, Ill.," naming the localities about which information is desired, and enclosing 25 cents to cover expenses.

—GET YOUR—
PLAIN AND FANCY JOB WORK
—DONE AT THE—
FREE PRESS OFFICE.

BUSINESS CARDS.

MITCHELL, GLOVE & CO.,
BANKERS,
Main Branch, Texas.
All Collections promptly attended to.
[August 22-17]

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 1-17]

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-17

WOODS & BLAKEMORE,
PRACTICING PHYSICIANS!
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Daniel. June-17

TRAVIS HOUSE!

S. W. COR. PLAZA,
OPPOSITE BALES STABLE.
W. Z. DRISKILL, - Proprietor
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
Every effort will be made to give satisfaction to home patrons and the traveling public.

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 23-17

OTTO GRAMM,
DRUGGIST.
(Successor to A. N. Darrow & Company.)
TRAVIS CORNER.
DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMES, Oils, 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 22. 71

J. H. COMBS,
DENTAL SURGEON,
MECHANICAL and
Operative Dentistry
in its various
branches at reasonable rates. All work done in the neatest style. Diseased gums and bad breath promptly relieved. sp 11-7

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.
Branies, Wines, Whisky and Beer always on hand and sold on physicians prescription only.
Sept. 26-17

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 16-17

DR. W. H. DOHMEN,
OCULIST.
Office: Old Post Office, Near Corner Avenue Hotel,
AUSTIN, TEXAS.
Office hours daily from 10 to 1; at Residence from 5 to 8.
Sept. 23-17

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 H. 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 13-17

I. H. JULIAN,
BOOKSELLER
—AND—
Newspaper and Periodical Agent
SAN MARCOS, TEX.
Will take subscriptions for all the leading Newspapers and Magazines, South or North, at published rates. Low of charge, or club them with the FREE PRESS at reduced rates. Terms Cash in advance. Any book also furnished. Terms Cash in advance. Jan