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HOME NEWS.

Public Speaking.

Hon. Stephen H. Darden, candidate for State Comptroller, will address the people at the Court House in this place at three o'clock P. M., to-day.

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IT is rather odd how our irrigated gardens fail just when most needed.

DRESS Goods and Notions, a fine assortment, just received at

BRIGGS'.

WEATHER still dry but pleasantly cool at night.

CAPT. KYLE requests us to add to his auction sale notice a lot of full-blooded Berkshire pigs, which he forgot to mention last week; which we have accordingly done.

ELECTION TICKETS.—Is it not about time for a meeting of candidates to arrange for the printing of tickets? We are prepared to print them at reasonable rates.

LOST.—A gold collar button, top half round, the other end has a soldered spot in the centre of the portion which comes next to the neck. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at this office.

"CHIMING Bells of Long Ago," song and chorus, and "Heavenward March," are contained in the Sept. No. of the "Southern Musical Journal," just received, together with sixteen pages musical reading matter.

NEW hams and lard at Donalson & Johnson's. They are also in receipt of their stock of calicos, domestics and other goods generally—all full and complete, and at the most reasonable figures.

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WE have been remiss in not sooner noticing Ditson & Co.'s "Musical Record," of Boston, Vol. 1 No. 1 of which, for September, is before us containing two choice pieces of music and much interesting reading matter. $2 a year. Address Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston, Mass.

FOR some weeks we have run short of papers, so as to have to "cut" to some extent our exchange list. We hope all such will accept our assurance that it was not intentional, and our promise "not to do so so any more'—if we can help it.

IMPORTANT repairs we notice are still in progress at the Court House, in charge of Mr. Holland. An adequate support for the roof has been provided by the erection of four iron pillars in the second story, and other changes for the better made.

A WHITE boy about thirteen years old, without father or mother, or any known relative, has been turned over to the County Judge for the purpose of having a guardian appointed for him. Any person desiring to have such a boy would do well to apply to the County Judge for the guardianship.

These are "dry times" just now in the way of something to eat. For a long time eggs, butter, chickens and vegetables have been very scarce, and now, in view of the approaching Methodist conference, they are "uncomeatable" to the rest of mankind. There is certainly great need of more productive labor when a camp meeting or conference can thus create an embargo on the common necessaries of life.

Personal.

Mr. Gramm's drug store room looks much better since repainting.

Mr. Mobley is building a spacious two-story dwelling on the lots he purchased recently from Judge Fisher. Messrs. Jones and McNorton are the builders.

We had a call last week from J. W. Anderson, Esq., proprietor of the *Western Chronicle*, which has been removed to Floresville, Wilson county. He has leased out the concern, and is out of it himself for the present.

H. Engelhart, Esq., representing the *German Gazette*, of New Orleans, La., called on us one day this week. He has been absenting himself in Texas for some months on account of the epidemic, and does not anticipate that it will be safe to return for some time to come.

We had the pleasure on Monday of last week of making the acquaintance of W. S. Gray, a new resident of this place. He has a rather remarkable history. He was born in Detroit, Mich., but has spent nearly thirty years in foreign parts, principally in Australia and South Africa. He came here from the latter place, where he was a mail contractor. He says the climate there is considerably cooler than in Texas, the country rising to an altitude of from 5,000 to 10,000 feet above the sea, but it is even more subject to drought. He showed us photographs of the leading chiefs who were engaged in the Kaffir war with England, and others of interest. We found Mr. Gray an intelligent and pleasant gentleman. He purchased some time since a ranch of Geo. T. McGehee, and expects to see what can be done in the way of business and the profitable investment of capital in Texas.

CHANGE OF FIRM.—Mr. Driskill, of the firm of Kyser & Driskill, has sold out his interest and is succeeded by W. R. M'Kie, the new firm being under the name and style of Kyser & M'Kie, who will continue the Meat Market at the stand of the late firm. They would respectfully, but urgently, request all who owe the late firm to come forward and settle their accounts—one of the firm will always be found at the Market House. They depend upon what is due them to meet pressing obligations, and *must* have it.

WE have just removed our "domestic department" from the printing office building where we have been domiciled for nearly four years past to a separate and (we think) vastly more inviting locality in the "mountains," near the Institute. We think this arrangement will be much more agreeable than the "mixture" of home and printing office and editor's office which we have so long endured. This by the way. What we started out to say was that, owing to our engagements in moving, we have not been able to give our usual attention to our editorial duties this week, but are compelled to allow our correspondents to have it pretty much all their own way.

"A BRAVE LADY" and "Hannah," by Miss Muloch; "Foul Play" and "Peg Woffington," by Charles Reade; "Sigma" and "Friendship," by 'Ouida;' "Captain Paul," by Alex. Dumas; "The Shadows of the Sword," by Robt. Buchanan; "At the Sign of the Silver Falcon," by B. L. Farjean; "Joan," by Rhoda Broughton; "In Silk Attire," by Wm. Black; and "Married Beneath Him," by James Payn—are among the latest issues of the "Lakeside Library," and for sale at this office.

Bastrop Locals.

BASTROP, TEXAS, Oct. 5, 1878.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—I had the misfortune to lose my son-in-law, Mr. Jas. P. Reynolds, merchant at Elgin. He died Monday night, and we brought him here for burial. He was buried on Wednesday morning with Masonic rites.

Last week I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Mrs. French. She seemed well versed with my former history. I of course subscribed for her Sketch Book.

The negro woman who was stabbed here last Monday seems to be getting better.

Hot and dry here, no rain for three weeks. Not much sickness in town.

Now is the time to engage ribbon sugar cane, from planters on Caney, or any other sugar planter, for cutting cane for planting will soon begin.

C. E.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF SUBSCRIPTION.—The following persons have paid the several amounts set opposite their names on subscription to the FREE PRESS during the months of August and September:

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Now is the Time

When sundry subscriptions to the FREE PRESS were promised to be paid. Some have remembered us in this way, and we hope many others will not fail to do so as soon as possible. The season for paying debts is at hand, and small ones, such as newspaper subscriptions, should not be allowed to "go over."

This is also the season for extending the subscription list of your home paper. We have held it up to its enlarged and improved standard for nearly a year, under many assurances that if we did so till this time we should have large additions to our list. Will our friends allow us to remind them that now, and for some months to come, is the best time for action, money being plentier than at any other season. *Our subscription list ought to be at least double what it now is.* If each of our present subscribers would procure *one more* (and many might do much better,) the work would be done. We trust at least that each subscriber who is pleased with the paper, will show it to his neighbor who is not a subscriber, and ask him to subscribe. In return we pledge our best efforts to make it better and better.

The FREE PRESS ought to have not less than one thousand subscribers in Hays county alone. It lacks a good deal now of having that number, but we trust we shall be able to make a better report ere many more months pass away.

LOCKHART, TEX., Oct. 5, 1878.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—Our County Convention met at the Court House at 2 o'cloch P. M., according to adjournment. The question of nominations for County officers being first in order, it was moved and seconded that this convention adjourn *sine die*, which motion prevailed, to the satisfaction of a large majority present.

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Want to sell millinery goods,
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Oct. 5-4w.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1878.

CONGRESS—SIXTH DISTRICT:

We announce HON. JOHN IRELAND, of Guadalupe county, as a candidate for Representative in Congress.

LEGISLATURE:

We announce CAPT. S. M. HOLMES, of Gaudalupe county, as the People's candidate for Representative in the Legislature from the 64th District.

DISTRICT CLERK:

We are authorized to announce B. C. HARDIN as a candidate for Clerk of the District Court of Hays county.

We are authorized to announce A. B. F. KERR as a candidate for the office of District Clerk of Hays county.

COUNTY CLERK:

We ae authorized to announce ED. J. L. GREEN as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Hays county.

COUNTY JUDGE:

STERLING FISHER is a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge.

We are authorized to announce ED. R. KONE as a candidate for County Judge.

COUNTY PROSECUTOR:

We are authorized to announce F. J. MANLOVE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Hays county.

SHERIFF:

We are authorized to announce DAVID A. BARBEE as a candidate for Sheriff of Hays county.

We are authorized to announce CAPT. FERG. KYLE as a candidate for Sheriff of Hays county.

TREASURER:

At the solicitation of many friends, P. J. C. SMITH announces himself as a candidate for County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce H. A. McMEANS as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Hays county.

COUNTY SURVEYOR:

SAN MARCOS, Aug. 14, '78.

TO THE VOTERS OF HAYS CO:—I am a candidate for County Surveyor. I have no claims to urge, except that I am *competent;* and promise if elected to attend strictly to the duties of the office.

Yours Respectfully,
JOE. C. EVE.

ASSESSOR:

We are authorized to announce JOE. F. BROWN as a candidate for Assessor of Hays county.

We are authorized to announce R. S. FORTSON as a candidate for Assessor of Hays county.

We are authorized to announce ALBERT HEATON as a candidate for re-election to the office of Assessor of Hays county.

JUSTICE, PRECINCT NO. 1:

I am a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 1, in Hays county.

S. B. McBRIDE.

We are authorized to announce A. C. DANFORTH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace.

We are authorized to announce C. W. GROOMS as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NO. 1:

We are authorized to announce CAPT. JAMES FORGEY as a candidate for Constable, Precinct No. 1.

We are authorized to announce A. FITCH as a candidate for Constable of Precinct No. 1, Hays county.

We are authorized to announce JOHN H. PATTERSON as a candidate for Constable of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of a Precinct meeting, should one be held.

HIDE INSPECTOR:

We are authorized to announce JAMES A. DIXON as a candidate for Hide Inspector of Hays county.

We are authorized to announce T. J. WHITE as a candidate for Hide Inspector for Hays county.

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