

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1884

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:
MAIL.
Going South: 2:35 P. M. and 6:15 P. M.
Going North: 7:25

AGENTS FOR THE FREE PRESS.

The following persons are duly authorized agents for the Free Press, and are empowered to receive and accept for monies for the same.

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Healy: M. L. REED.
Staple's Store: G. W. CALLE.
Blanco City: DR. J. B. PRICE.
Johnston City: H. C. STORRY.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Hon. J. F. Miller, our member of Congress, and Capt. R. H. Phelps, Democratic candidate for Elector from this District, will address the people of this county at the Court House on Monday night next, the 15th inst. Everybody is invited.

Preaching at the Christian church next Sunday at the usual hours.

230 bales of cotton shipped to Liverpool from San Marcos one day this week.

A fine shower last week anticipated the equinoctial. It laid the dust and started the grass, but more is badly needed.

The nights are gradually becoming cooler, and the hot season may soon be considered "old."

The Blanco News issues a double sheet, September edition, which does great credit to its enterprise.

The school statistics published in our last show that more than two thirds of the colored population of this county is in precinct No. 1.

We learn from the Seguin Times that the contract for the low water bridge over the San Marcos at Martindale was let to Mr. Northcraft, of San Marcos, for \$1150.

Seizure of Judge Teichmuller of La Grange, as a candidate for Judge of this Judicial District. We are not personally acquainted with him, but are informed that he is very well qualified for the position to which he aspires.

We have been pleased to receive of late a good many unsolicited new subscriptions. The Free Press is devoted to the best interests of the people, of all classes, and is of course gratified at such evidences of their appreciation.

Mr. Geo. J. Riley our photographer having completed his summer tour, taking in the Photographers' convention, will be at home this week. The Cincinnati Gallery will be re-opened with a fine and splendid stock of new material.

We invite attention to the announcement of C. W. Grooms, Esq., as candidate for County Judge. The Squire, if elected, will "fill the chair" with dignity and hold the scales of justice with even and impartial hand.

See card of Runnels & Baughn, tonorial artists. Mr. Baughn having entered into partnership with H. E. Runnels, will hereafter be found at his shop on the south side Plaza, where you can get a comfortable shave, hair cut or shampoo, performed with celerity, and in style.

LABOR SALE OF LAND.—Col. Sledge informs us that he has effected a sale of one half of his Pecos Springs farm to his nephew, Wm. M. Sledge, for \$80,000. Wm. M. we learn is a gentleman of ample means, and we are glad to have him thus interested in the future of our county.

CAPT. HINZEL, who is well posted on the subject, thinks one third of a crop of cotton a correct estimate in this state as a whole. He says in Anderson and some other counties where it recently promised fair, it is burnt out and a total failure; that even the forest trees are dying from the effects of drought.

A PRACTICAL farmer and dairyman writes us from Carthage, Mo., inquiring as to the dairy business here, and if its prospects are favorable, would like to get in with some good man, with family, (the writer being single), to carry on either of the above businesses. We publish for the benefit of all whom it may concern. The gentleman's address may be learned at this office.

CORONAL INSTITUTE.—The outlook for this superior school continues better than ever before. There are some 220 pupils already enrolled, which, at this early period in the session, we believe is unprecedented. The Faculty we believe, remains the same as last year, with the substitution of Miss Otis for Mrs. Ritchie and the addition of Miss Sallie Richardson in the music department.

THE colored folks had a "religious show" on Tuesday night for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. Magic lantern exhibits were had of scenes from Paradise Lost, Pilgrims Progress, etc. There were also refreshments for the inner man. Presiding Elder, Rev. G. Taylor presided at the magic lantern and explained the various views, while Rev. James Galt, minister in charge, sold the tickets at the door. The proceeds we presume were considerable.

Persons who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

That Railroad to Luling.

We have been expecting to hear of some further action on this important subject, but thus far have been disappointed. We trust our citizens have not gone entirely to sleep over it. We think there is something in it, and that success may be achieved by the proper effort and appliances. But certainly it will not be by an apathetic, do-nothing policy. We had some talk on the subject the other day with Col. Sledge. He is well acquainted with the management of the Sunset road, and says he has the best reason to think that they have for some time contemplated a tap to this place, and mean business in what they now say. And we notice by the last Lockhart Register, that the agitation of the subject here has stirred up the people there to a renewed effort to secure the extension of the International to that place. We copy a portion of the Register's editorial, because its arguments apply with equal force in favor of exerting ourselves to the utmost to secure the connection with Luling. Only substitute Sunset for International, and it makes a good case for us to go to work to secure the road. The Register says:

It behooves us to work with our means and advantages in good earnest to secure the road before we are entirely left out, by the building of the road from Luling to San Marcos, which is now under consideration. With the proper inducement by the people, the International company will extend, we believe, a tap to this place, if not further, to the country through which it would pass. To the president of the International railroad company to build from Kyle to this place, at an early day, as we believe that the same would do business enough to pay a large percentage of the cost of said line, inasmuch as the road would naturally energize our people and bring to life new industries and develop new lines of business that would depend solely upon it for transportation. Our county is above an average in the State in point of agriculture, and is adapted to small grain, grapes, cotton and corn, and shipping several thousand bales of cotton annually; and we believe all of the agricultural industries would be largely increased and surplus shipped to market if facilities for getting to the market were offered. We should petition and urge the president of the International railroad to build the road, believing that the same would be remunerative to this country, and would develop our county and naturally bring to the road local business that goes so far to make up the success desired by all lines, besides it would be an incalculable benefit to the country through which it would pass. A liberal spirit of enterprise, with a cordial co-operation of all interested and more directly affected, is the important thing just now. Let us work as we have never worked before to secure this connection, and we can not be over-estimated in the benefit to this place of necessity for a while would be the terminus of the road.

District Court.

The time of the Court thus far has been mainly occupied with the suits growing out of the assignment of Turner & Co. The jury in one of the cases failed to agree.

The cases against Whitely and Robertson for murder, are set for Tuesday and Wednesday next.

The Grand Jury has returned six bills to date, and all the parties but one are in jail.

AGREABLE to meet a number of our young men met at Harper's Hall Tuesday night in order to formulate a programme of, and make arrangements for a grand gala day, the object being to raise money to properly equip our fire company and to furnish everybody with a holiday to be remembered. Among some of the most attractive features we mention: A base ball match between the "Mother Hubbard's," and the "Dudes," a boat race, a swimming match, catching a greased pig, etc. The day will close with refreshments at the court house yard and a grand illumination. To take place on the 19th inst. For further particulars see bills.

The following committee of arrangements was appointed:

- A. A. ALEXANDER, C. M. HOLMES, A. J. SWANEY, CHAS. HUTCHINGS, W. GOODRICH JONES, BYRON SMITH, MR. HAYWARD, W. C. DUGGER.

Committees were appointed to look after each special feature on the programme and report at next meeting.

Adjourned to meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

THE entire official patronage of this county for a year would not sustain even a patent inside village newspaper three months. Yet the Kyle News tacitly admits that these scanty official crumbs are the source of its professed admiration for San Marcos and its ardently expressed love for our county officials. And the editor goes on to charge us with being "envious" of his good fortune in securing a crumb or two now and then! O most envious specimen of magnificent journalism!

New Goods—Johnson & Johnson.

Happening in at the above popular establishment, we were surprised and gratified at the sight of the piles of new goods they are receiving and putting in position. We cannot particularize to any great extent, but could readily perceive that the stock embraced a full line of staple and fancy goods adapted to the fall and winter trade. We feel that we are doing good service to our readers to call their attention to the above and advise them to go and examine this large and choice stock of goods.

MARRIAGE licenses since our last record to the 10th inst:

Bolivar Greenhouse and Lizzie Wiggam. Thos. A. Wheelock and Mollie B. Malone. Juan Ortega and Guadalupe Cormales. G. W. Morris and Minerva O'Bea. James T. Nolan and Mary W. Hancock.

WE on our last boat ride on the river recently, noticed that the "bonnets" and other regalia were steadily encroaching on the open spaces. Unless something shall be done soon to clear off this matter, boating will be effectively obstructed, and the beauty of the scenery lost. We commenced this subject to the action of those more immediately concerned.

Special to the Free Press.

KYLE, WEDNESDAY, Sept. 10.

Littfield will ship 22 carloads of cattle from here to-day to Pecos Station.

J. B. MARTIN.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. T. DUGGER called on us last week and left his subscription to the Free Press.

Prof. Jordan informs us Kyle Academy opened about as last year and that its prospects are fine.

Gid Johnson has returned from St. Louis. He took in the Exposition while there and was delighted.

Uncle Tommy McGehee is down again from Llano, and expects to remain for an indefinite time.

Our amiable young friend, Miss Ellison, of the bookstore, returned last week from a visit to Martindale.

B. R. Whitte, of Drippings Springs, was in attendance a Court part of this week, and made the Free Press a pleasant call.

Mr. Rogers is building a residence for Mr. Fletcher on the new homestead of the latter, the Woodlark place.

Mr. Caldwell has returned home from his northern trip. We are sorry to hear that his health has not improved as much as was reasonably to have been anticipated.

Mayor Cook and Marshall Prince were recovering from their injuries.

Judge Cook's fast horse "Ferg Kyle," we notice has been winning considerable stakes recently down east.

We should ere this have noticed the elegant new wagon and outfit furnished by the Pacific Express to A. C. Danforth, their worthy agent at this place.

Elder Fritchett informs us that his friend Houchins has again reached the island of Jamaica, and will resume his work there for another year.

Prof. H. Carr Fritchett, who has been spending some time at this place, left on Monday for his post of duty, San Houston Normal Institute.

Messrs. Shelly, Peeler, Walton and Dowell of Austin, and McNeil of Luling, are among the attorneys from abroad who are in attendance on our District Court.

Elder Goodloe preached a forcible sermon at the Christian Church on Sunday night. His meeting closed on Tuesday, having continued some two weeks.

Frank Anatole has started a sausage factory in the room adjacent to Billy Dece's meat market, who will have constantly on hand all kinds of fresh and smoked sausages.

Rev. W. L. Kennedy, formerly of this place, who has been for some considerable time at Victoria, has now accepted a call to take charge of the Presbyterian church at Huntsville, and his address will hereafter be at that place.

W. B. Moore called on us on yesterday, and informed us that he has left Kyle for Austin, where he has a position in the State Treasurer's office; and that Rev. Mr. Kelley also had removed to Austin.

Miss Martha Polk of this place is one of the appointees to Prairie View Normal Institute, near Hempstead, and leaves on Saturday to take her place in that institution. We trust she will do credit to her people.

Again we are happy to find ourselves remembered by Mrs. Hutchison in the way of fruits from their grounds. This time the samples are pears, and apples, one of them weighing about a pound. Many thanks.

Mrs. Ellsworth and two daughters, from Galveston, we learn recently visited this place, intending to spend some time, but not being able to find suitable accommodations, were compelled to go to San Antonio. They are as wealthy, and would have spent considerable money here. It is thus San Marcos stands in her own light.

Capt. McLondon, of Dripping Springs, a member of the Grand Jury, made up an agreeable call (not as grand juror). He is one of the model newspaper patrons who always pay in advance. He reports that their academy opened under the most flattering auspices. The attendance will be between 150 and 200.

Mr. Bozarth, of the Wimberley nurseries, called on us on Monday. He reports he has sold on his line of provided collections came up right, and expects to extend their business another year. They have had the misfortune to lose a large lot of German Carp, worth many hundred dollars, the result of imprudent management. Some of these would have weighed a pound. But they have not given up, but will "try again."

Otto Groos, H. Hellman and E. E. Bauer, Mrs. Kyle; James Forgy; Jacob's Well; M. Hinzle, Palestine; R. M. Day, Fort Worth; R. J. Brackneridge, Austin; W. S. Fly, Gonzales; D. T. Cahill, Quincy, Ill.; A. M. Larimore, Lockhart; Columbus Upton, San Antonio; registered at Hofheinz Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Col. Sledge fully agrees with the FREE PRESS as to the vital importance of an independent free school in San Marcos, and referred to Brenham for a striking exemplification of its benefits. There they have a school, which, by a trifling tax in addition to the public money, are continued ten or twelve months in the year. We understood Col. S. to say that the free school at Kyle was now run as a separate institution and started with 100 pupils. It always does well, and we should like to say more about it if we had time. It exemplified the kind of preaching the times require.

Rev. Mr. Harris preached a first rate sermon on Sunday at the Methodist church. It was an argument in behalf of the importance and dignity of honest labor, when imbued with the Christian spirit. He referred to the example of Jesus who worked at the trade of his reputed father, Joseph, and we should like to say more about it if we had time. It exemplified the kind of preaching the times require.

Received carload of two and four barbed galvanized wire which I offer a greatly reduced price, also nails lower than ever at Wm. Gieseler, agent.

New Goods.

Special attention is called to the circular of Green & Price, which will be found inclosed in our town distribution.

Look Here.

Ten first class telegraph instruments that cost \$10 or more, all new and complete, ready to be set up for \$5 each. Call on W. C. DUGGER.

Now is your chance—a first-class sewing machine, brand new, with all the attachments for \$25.00. Call at once. W. C. DUGGER.

For Sale.

Lots 5 and 6 block No. 9, Lindsey & Harvey's addition to town of San Marcos. Title perfect. For information see or write to Wood & Ford. SAN MARCOS TEXAS. Sept. 11th-1m.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

I Am Agent For

McCormick self binder, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons

Deer plow

Quality milky plows

Standard cultivators

Roller mowers

Wheeler Thrashers

and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

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An Example for San Marcos.

Hempstead Courier.

The city free school opened Monday with an attendance of 165, which number has been increased daily by new additions. They are divided as follows: In Prof. Gillis' department 35; Miss Hattie Kason, 43; Mrs. Harvey's 53; Mrs. Hooper's 34. This is a fine beginning. Prof. G. tells us that it is so much better than he expected that he was greatly surprised. The school is a public institution gotten up for the public good and should be encouraged by every one. No greater blessing ever befall the poor of our State than when the legislature gave a town the right to levy a tax for the support of schools. Every one of the teachers are instructors amply qualified for their positions. Prof. Gillis is a graduate of the Normal school at Huntsville, and is a young man of rare ability and will not doubt discharge the duties of principal of the school thoroughly, honestly and to the gratification of all. The other teachers are ladies well and favorably known by all of us, both as teachers and as citizens of our town.

The Courier in another article urges the erection of a good brick school house sufficient to accommodate their public school.

How much longer will San Marcos slumber over her imperative duty to follow such examples as the above?

Mrs. W. A. Andrews, principal of Science Hall Home Institute, called on us on Friday last. She informs us that her school is opening up with the brightest prospects.

We were glad to see the above in the Kyle News of last week, and to have later confirmation of the fact. Mrs. Andrews has taught in her neighborhood fully ten years, with general acceptance. She began teaching there, in her own home, in 1873. Afterwards what was known as Science Hall school house was built, and Mrs. Andrews (who gave it its name) was employed as teacher, and continued with slight exception last year, when she accepted a position in Kyle Seminary. Having in the meantime had a new dwelling house built sufficient to accommodate her school, and preferring to control the boarding department as well, she declined an offer to teach in the old house, and has re-established her school under the name Science Hall Home Institute, where she receives not only boarding pupils but others in her vicinity who prefer to send to her.

Prof. Whipple, a young gentleman from Iowa, also has a school in the old Science Hall building. What we have said may serve to obviate a possible confusion of names and ideas with respect to the two schools. We trust both schools may prove acceptable to their respective patrons and meet with a liberal support.

Kelly's Ladies' Shoes, a fine new stock, at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Warner's Corsets, a new supply at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

LAVES of Cleveland and Hendricks for sale at the FREE PRESS office.

Flannels, jeans, cassimeres etc., at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Extra inducements in produce. WM. GIESELER, agent.

MAIL FASHION BOOKS, just in—San Marcos Bookstore.

THE BOOKSTORE is the place to buy your School Books and school supplies.

A large assortment of BASKETS just received at the bookstore.

DUGGER is beginning to get in his new stock. Don't fail to call on him.

Corrois is quoted at 95 cents in this market.

Ladies dress goods, laces, embroidery, gloves, etc., latest styles, in variety, at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

JUST RECEIVED—Fresh kraut, grits, hominy, apples, potatoes, oat meal, quince, raisins, bacon, lard, flour. Free delivery. S. F. McALLISTER.

A COUNTRY fair to look upon, and not without some great merits. But is it not mighty hot and dry, though?

For Sale.

A No. 1 Piano, at a reduced price. Inquire at FREE PRESS office.

Canned goods, California fruits, etc., a fresh arrival, at Wm. Gieseler's.

Business House and Lot For Sale On the Public Square, San Marcos. Inquire at FREE PRESS office.

Fonsewing machine needles, attachments, and any piece you may want you can find at W. C. DUGGER'S.

W. C. DUGGER has just received a nice lot of piece goods. You can get anything made by his tailor in first class style.

For Sale.

A fine lot of thoroughbred Angora bunnies. Apply to the subscriber, residing two miles north of San Marcos. MAX ROOKER. Sept. 11-2w.

Three pounds Tomatoes fresh \$1.30 per dozen. Three pound Peaches fresh \$1.50 per dozen. Special bargains in all can goods. J. A. THOMAS.

Parties wishing to order from us can give orders from their homes to Mr. Granger, the same will receive careful and prompt attention. J. A. THOMAS.

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IMPROVEMENTS.—There are not less half a dozen new buildings in process of erection or just completed in our town. Among the former are the following: Mr. Mead is building a residence near Mrs. Kone's, Mr. Pate is building a dwelling for P. H. Garrison on some lots purchased by him from Dr. Woods, a part of the Doctor's home place, a choice location. The house is some 40 feet by 14, two stories high with dining room and kitchen in the rear. Mr. Oldham is building a cottage of several rooms just back of Dr. Woods' residence. And Mosher & Gladie are building quite a large residence for George Briggs, on the hill a short distance this side of Col. Ellison's. The Briggs house is quite unlike anything else in our town. The ground floor comprises in front, two main rooms 18x16, hall 12x27 and in the rear a kitchen and dining room 16x13 each. The building is two stories. The hall projects several feet in front, and there are galleries all around the building. The windows are to be on hinges. It will be quite a large and imposing structure, and occupies a commanding position.

The Kyle News says that Coronal Institute has 258 free school pupils, and Mrs. Duncan 108, making 364 free school pupils in San Marcos. This is a larger number than has heretofore been reported to us, but we presume is correct. If so, at \$5.25 per pupil, which is the allowance made by our trustees, the aggregate school fund to be disbursed among our white pupils will be \$1911.00. This makes a much better showing in behalf of an independent free school, than we have before been able to give, and demonstrates our ability to build a good new school house amply sufficient to meet all requirements, and to start therein a first class Free School, whenever our people awake sufficiently to a sense of duty to take the matter in hand. The proceeds of the sale of the old school property and the public money for a single year would build a house worth \$3000. The material for the school in the line of pupils needing education, will be found most ample, and rapidly increasing.

Card From F. A. Douglass.

KYLE, Sept. 4th 1884.

ED. FREE PRESS:—In the Hays County News of Sept. 3d appears an editorial in answer to an article contained in your paper wherein my name is used unjustly and in a manner calculated to do me injury and engender bitter feeling against me among our county officials.

I did not write the communication to the Blanco Star which is referred to and made the basis for the article therein contained, believing them to be untrue; and furthermore have never written any article which has appeared in said Blanco paper, for corroboration of which statement I refer to the editor thereof. It is not my custom to answer any article wherein my name appears unless it does me great injustice, or is so flagrant in its nature as to demand proper notice. I can not believe that you referred to me when you spoke of Mr. Vaughan's former partner and associate editor as being the author of the article in the Blanco paper alluded to, but Mr. Vaughan jumps at this conclusion and makes use of my name in his perille editorial, doing me great injustice, in order to strike a weak blow at the FREE PRESS. I was never Mr. Vaughan's associate editor on any paper, which you know, and for this reason infer that you mean another. By reference to the several copies of the Hays County News prior to April 1st you will see that I was the editor of that paper and had no associate; you will see further that I was the manager of the business thereof as well, and with these facts before you I conclude that it was not myself to whom you referred as the author of the said article, and the associate editor of Mr. Vaughan. Further Mr. Vaughan says that he should not be held responsible for my acts through once associated with him, (in what way he fails to state). In this he speaks wisely; for when one is groaning in agony of spirit beneath a heavy burden, it would be contrary to the golden rule to saddle upon him any additional weight. But so far none have sought to lay my faults or injudicious acts at Mr. Vaughan's door, for his kindness and the milk of human kindness coursing through the veins of our citizens would deter them from such a course. Lastly Mr. Vaughan states that I am not a citizen of Hays county, but as the laws of this state relate to citizenship make me such, and as I exercise all of the rights and privileges of a citizen, it is beyond the power of Mr. Vaughan to disfranchise me by a simple editorial. I did announce my intention of removing from Hays county, but concluded afterwards to remain, of which Mr. Vaughan was cognizant. Trusting that you will grant me space for the publication of this communication in order to render justice where it is due.

I remain, yours truly, FRANK A. DOUGLASS.

[As regards the above, we have only to say that the Kyle News had no warrant for stating that we said that Mr. Douglass wrote the article in the Blanco Star, as the extract in the News made from the FREE PRESS shows. In fact we had been led to attribute the article in question to another party, formerly an associate of Mr. Vaughan in the News.—ED.]

Death of Rev. T. S. Garrett.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of this worthy gentleman and faithful young minister of the Methodist church, which occurred at his residence in Lockhart on Tuesday. He was brought up boy and man at this place, was a student of Coronal Institute, and well known to all of us, and the announcement of his death created general sadness. It was but a short time since we met him here, and he stopped to inform us of the death of Dr. Burdett. His funeral took place at the Methodist church in this place on yesterday morning. The building was crowded pretty much to its capacity, the citizens and schools turning out in force. Rev. Mr. Bolvin read the usual funeral service and Rev. Mr. Joyce announced Montgomery's beautiful and appropriate hymn, beginning: "Rest from thy loved one, Rest from thy loved one,"

after which feeling addresses were made by Revs. Harris, Gillett and Bolvin. He remains very dear to the Pitts family burying ground in Stringtown, friends here by a large concourse of mourning friends. He left an example which will long tell for good where he was best known. The sympathies of the community go out towards his bereaved widow and children.

Hotel Property for Rent.

The property known as the Goodwin Hotel in New Braunfels is for rent from next 1st. of October. A good chance for an industrious party to make money. Apply to CLEMENS & FAYET. Aug. 14-7w.

For Rent.

A farm of about 160 acres of tillable land with servants house and cisterns, one well, and 80 acres of pasture, lying 2 miles West of San Marcos, on the San Antonio road, can be rented for \$3 per acre for the farm, or for one or several years, or for the customary crop rent. Apply to G. W. DONALDSON, San Marcos. Aug. 21-3w.