

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1884

## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN FROM SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL MAIL  
Going South: 3:33 P. M. and 6:55 P. M.  
Going North: 1:15 " and 9:45 A. M.

### AGENTS FOR THE FREE PRESS.

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

County at large—  
H. S. FORTNER, County Assessor.  
J. O. C. RYAN, County Surveyor.

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W. F. LANEY, CROW & ESTELLE,  
C. HANDLER & BRO.,  
PETER SCHEMITT,  
W. E. WYATT, HUNTER,  
M. L. BREED, STEPLEY'S STORE,  
G. W. CALL, STANCO CITY,  
DR. J. B. PRICE, JOHNSON CITY,  
H. C. STORRY.

If the services of active friends of the paper as volunteer agents will be appreciated. All postmasters are also authorized to act as agents.

Persons not subscribers 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.

TWO DOLLARS will now pay for the Free Press to January 1, 1885.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement we do, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

### Law and Order.

The article on this subject, signed by two of the County Commissioners, is the matter of special interest referred to in our last to appear in our present issue. It will, as it ought to, command general attention in this county.

### New Volume.

The XIVth volume of the Free Press begins with this issue. It offers a good time to subscribe, and also for those subscribers who owe to "pay up." We trust both points will be duly considered and acted upon. With proper encouragement, we expect to make the present volume distance all its predecessors.

Our present issue will reach a good many citizens of this county who are not subscribers. We ask them to give the paper a careful inspection, and we trust that not a few of them will decide that they cannot afford to do without their county paper.

### That Christmas Special Edition—Interesting to Our Advertisers.

While we have not had the "inducements" offered to get up a special edition for circulation at the Exposition, and while the times are not sufficiently favorable to give a fair showing or to get up a first-class paper of that description, we nevertheless intend making a modest effort in that direction in our next issue, the 18th inst. We shall devote our reading matter nearly altogether to our brief showing up of the advantages of our Town and County, while we desire to give a complete presentation of the business interests and enterprise in the shape of business notices, to be inserted at the usual rates, ten cents a line. Our next issue will afford the last chance of advertising before the holidays, and of course every live business house will have something to say. We do not intend to miss any if we can help it. We hope also some of our leading houses may see the benefit of giving us, the novelty in San Marcos, of some handsome DISPLAYED ADVERTISEMENTS. We shall be pleased to have any of our advertisers prepare their own advertisements or notices in their own way, so we give this notice in time for all to think of the matter.

We shall print as many extra copies as may be desired, and with the favorable setting forth of the merits of our town and county, and a full presentation of our business people and interests, the last issue of the Free Press before Christmas will be a capital thing to distribute both at home and abroad.

For any and all kinds of fancy candies, go to James Taylor & Bro's.

Fresh groceries arriving every day at Jas. Taylor & Bro's.

Wheat bran at McAllister's.

Krut at McAllister's.

See advertisement of our Clubbing rates with Demorest's Magazine.

See new holiday advertisement of the Cincinnati Art Gallery.

Ladies Cloaks and Dolmans cheap at GREEN & PRICE.

Bargains in overcoats at GREEN & PRICE.

Business House and Lot For Sale On the Public Square, San Marcos. Inquire at Free Press Office.

In order to reduce my stock by Jan. 1st I will sell clothing at reduced price—now is your time. W. C. DOUGLAS.

You can get wool underwear at GREEN & PRICE.

Go to Green & Price's for Bed Blankets and Comforts.

Citrus, raisins, and best cream cheese at McAllister's.

Green & Price warrant every pair of their Philadelphia shoes.

Dried figs, dried blackberries, fresh cherries, peaches, currants, raisins, fresh cream and chocolate, at James Taylor & Bro's.

### For the Enforcement of Law and Order.

There will be a meeting of the law abiding citizens of this county, at San Marcos, on the first day of January, A. D. 1885, for the purpose of organizing a Law and Order League to operate in this county.

Rule I.—This association shall be known as the Law and Order League of Hays County, Texas, and its object shall be to enforce the laws of the State of Texas, especially against murder, perjury, the liquor traffic, gaming, theft, carrying arms, and to assist the officers of the law in their execution.

Rule II.—No person shall be admitted to membership who shall have been tried under indictment for any offense punishable by death or hard labor in the penitentiary, and if any member shall ever be convicted of any such offense, his membership shall thereby terminate.

New members may be added to this association only upon a vote in favor of the admission of such member by four-fifths of all the members of the association, taken by ballot.

Rule III.—Each member, upon his admission, shall take the following oath, to be administered by the member presiding: I do swear that I will report to this League any violation of the laws of the State of Texas, which may come to my knowledge; that I will furnish to the officers of the law any evidence for or against a person accused of crime which may be in my knowledge or possession; that I will not, if summoned as a juror, plead any personal exemption to which I may be entitled, but will serve as a juror if I can conscientiously do so, and be guided alone in such case by the law and evidence.

Rule IV.—This association shall meet on the first Monday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M., and three members shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Rule V.—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, upon the first meeting in January, by a majority of the members present at such meeting, and shall serve until their successors in office shall be installed. If any election shall fail by default, such election shall be held at any following meeting.

Rule VI.—At the last meeting before any jury term of District or County Court, the President or member so acting, shall appoint at least six members upon a committee of safety, whose duty it shall be to:

1st. Report to the County Attorney in writing all the facts relating to crimes reported to this association since the last reported made to said officer.

2nd. To give to said officer any other facts conducive to the enforcement of laws, and to the safety of the community.

3rd. To attend the sessions of District and County Court during the trial of criminal cases, and as representatives of this association, to advise the County Attorney as to the selection of jurors.

Rule VII.—The County Attorney shall be ex-officio, the legal adviser and a member of this association.

Rule VIII.—These rules may be altered, amended or repealed, or new rules adopted by a majority vote of all the members present at any regular meeting of the League, notice of such action having been given at the regular meeting preceding, except rule II, which rule shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of four-fifths of all the members of the League after notice given at two regular meetings preceding such action.

PETER SCHEMITT, Co. Com'r. Beat No. 4.

J. R. BURLESON, Co. Com'r. Beat No. 3.

### PRINTING! PRINTING!

We have just received a nice new stock of bill, note, letter and other paper for job printing. Give us a call.

choice hand picked navy bonds 20 lbs for \$1.00 at LEAVELL'S.

Go to Dugger's for clothing.

Go to Dugger's for hats.

Best five cent cigar in town at LEAVELL'S.

Go to Dugger's for the best shirts in town.

Santa Claus has left his full stock of stockings. Select soon and by not disappointed.

Just received a car of Plant's flour, the finest in the market at GREEN'S STORE.

Go to Dugger's for underwear.

Go to Dugger's for hosiery, neck wear, collars and cuffs.

Go to Dugger's for two cheapest clothing in the town.

Uncannvassed sugar cured breakfast bacon at LEAVELL'S.

Anything in the grocery line you want, cheap and guaranteed to give satisfaction at LEAVELL'S.

Just received an assortment of California canned fruits, and jams. R. W. LEAVELL.

A first class telegraph instrument, complete and new for \$40 apply to W. C. DOUGLAS.

Holiday goods, as mince-meat, jellies, raisins, currants, almonds, citrons, etc. at GREEN'S STORE.

Fresh raisins, currants, fancy evaporated apples, etc. at LEAVELL'S.

Go to Dugger's for trunks and valises.

Barbwire lower than ever, and a full line of Hardware, plows, etc. W. C. DOUGLAS Agent.

Remember Dailey & Bro's are selling out their stock of Millinery goods at half price, such as Velvet Hats, Plumes, Tips, Ornaments, Black, Gray and White Fur.

Just received a lot over coats—bought under slaug hammer—which I can sell under New York cost. Come early before stock is picked over. W. C. DOUGLAS.

Don't forget to call on W. C. Dugger when you want clothing.

For Sale.

A scholarship in Johnson's Commercial College, St. Louis, Mo. Terms favorable. Apply at Free Press office.

If you want clothing go to W. C. Dugger, he will sell you cheaper than you can buy elsewhere.

We are receiving our stock of Hardware, stoves and Tinware. Also a nice line of Crockery, Glassware and Linens etc. W. W. DONALDSON & CO.

To Open next Week—Holiday Goods.

A beautiful stock of Photo and Auto-graph Albums, Frames, Toilet sets and Toilet articles like soaps and perfumery. Books and fancy goods. Come and see us. RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

See nice goods at Reynolds & Daniel's next week.

### PERSONAL.

A regular "house warming" took place at Judge Wood's on Friday night in the shape of a large party of young folks.

Elder Barbee, a noted Christian minister from Missouri, attended their convention here last week and preached several times.

Rev. Mr. Lane, representing the Sabbath school work, was in town Tuesday and made the Free Press a call.

We learn that Mrs. Josie Loon, formerly of this place, is to be married on the 18th inst. at San Antonio to Mr. D. J. Morris, of Atlanta Ga.

Elder Wilmett, editor of the Texas Christian, at Thorp springs, and in attendance at the district convention, called on us last week in our absence. We regret we were not in when he called.

The supper on Tuesday night for the benefit of the Presbyterian church was well attended, and paid reasonably well. The Free Press reporter found it very pleasant, and tenders thanks for contributions.

We were around as usual at Johnson's for notice this week. A notable and various set, the reason being the appearance of a bouncing boy—a ten pounder—at his home. Mother and child doing well, and Thomas "as well as could be expected."

Rev. Mr. Bolvin filled the pulpit of Mr. Harris at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. His sermon was a very good practical one, evincing a clear head and feeling heart, despite the fact that age begins to tell upon him. He was heard with attention and respect, as he well deserves to be.

We indulged in a buggy ride on Sunday down the river to a point a short distance below Martindale. The day was fine, our company very agreeable, and not having been down this way for years, we enjoyed the occasion greatly. A noted and various improvements both at Martindale and on the way. Elder Martin had a meeting in progress at the Baptist church as we passed.

Marianna T. Polson, a traveling lady lecturer, "held forth" on "Woman's Rights" to a small audience at Harpo's Hall, having been unable, as we learn, to procure the Court House, where it was at first announced she would speak. But for this she would no doubt have had a much better house. On Sunday P. M., she lectured at the Christian church on the subject of "Peace," and the house was crowded to its capacity. We regret we could not be present, for the subject is a most important and pertinent one, and we judge highly new in Texas. We hear the lecturer highly spoken of.

The Express correspondent at the Austin Fair last week thus refers to a work of art of a lady of our vicinity which has heretofore been noticed in the Free Press: The Express correspondent mentioned among a very large and the exhibit of ladies' work, a crazy quilt which is one of the prettiest and finest pieces of work of the kind ever seen in this country, both as to material, make, artistic finish and blending of colors. The most remarkable part of its history is that it is the work of Mrs. A. C. Pitts, of San Marcos, who is 75 years of age and was born in Texas 38 years ago.

We have some letters from J. W. Thompson, now a shipping clerk in the Texas department of the New Orleans Exposition, some passages from which are given elsewhere. As will be seen, a big beet and a hill of remarkable potatoes (in anticipation) comprised the contents of the contributions to the World's Fair, up to date; wonder if our people will be proud of this state of facts? Better that than nothing, however. Mr. Thompson asks us to state that he will gladly aid any of our people who may visit the Exposition in procuring good boarding places. Also will take special charge of anything they may send for exhibition. His office is 26 Camp st.

OUR LITTLE ONES is an established success. In proof of this the fact that it is reprinted in Great Britain is conclusive. Price, \$1.50 a year; clubbed with the Free Press, \$3.05 for both.

GOLDEN DAYS continues to come to us to the delight of our household. It might be justly styled "the young people's favorite." Terms, \$3 a year; clubbed with the Free Press at \$4.35 for both.

While our formal heading of "Temperance column" has not been kept up, our readers will notice that we have all the same had a column or more of choice temperance matter. Apropos, see proceedings of State convention Woman's Christian Temperance Union, on our first page. It will be seen that all the leading influences of church and general society at Corsicana gave the meeting their countenance and fellowship.

As we neared Cleburn's ford enroute for Martindale on Sunday, we found there a large concourse of colored people to witness a baptism. This was our first view of the new bridge at this place. It appears to be O. K. The steep hill this side the ford is now avoided. By the way we hear it suggested that the ford should be kept open for travelers and teams for watering purposes. A good thought.

Much has been said about the alarm of the colored people in consequence of Cleveland's election, but it has been found, it seems, that the amount of the alarm is not much after all. We have neither seen nor heard of anything of the sort in and about Greensboro. The colored people here are too intelligent to be frightened on such an account. So far as can be seen they are about their work as formerly.

We clip the above from the Greensboro, N. C. Workman. The same might justly be said of our colored people here. Almost to a man they voted freely the Republican ticket, but they have not had the least idea of having to go back into slavery, or suffering any other serious detriment in consequence of the election of Cleveland. They are much too smart for that.

### A Good Suggestion.

The following note from Col. Elliott, Commissioner for Texas at the New Orleans Exposition, addressed to a deputy commissioner, shows the practicality and point of what was recently said editorially in the Free Press:

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 24, 1884.

Dear Sir:—There will be a fine field for inducing capital and labor to Texas from here this winter. Can you not induce those interested in immigration to have a representative here to properly place before the people the advantages of your section, so as to induce immigration? Any outlay, it seems to me, in this direction would vastly benefit your section. Let some of your representative men come here with such views and work up the all important matter, and I can keep the cars filled with travelers anxious to know about and see Texas under proper guidance and right treatment. Now is indeed Texas's opportunity, and certainly that of your section and city. When I can serve your section as above, advise me.

Yours truly,  
JOHN F. ELLIOTT, Com'y.

### A Consideration.

Why is there such a rush for holiday goods at Holbrook's?

Answer—Because he has the best and largest stock to select from and at prices to defy competition.

### Premiums.

We are still offering as a premium to paid up or renewing subscribers, Kendall's valuable treatise on the Horse and his Diseases; or a copy of the American Farmer, a valuable agricultural monthly, the regular price of which is \$1 a year.

### Begin With the Year.

We beg to suggest in future settlements for the Free Press that payments be made with reference to commencing with the year. We regard this as a good general rule. The beginning of the year is upon the whole the best time to have a newspaper subscription begin. It is easily recollected and saves all questions on that score. It is popular, as our list already shows. Two dollars now will pay to Jan. 1st, 1885.

### Science Hall Home Institute.

A friend has favored us with further interesting matters from Mrs. Andrews' school. One of them is a report of a debate in a society of the young ladies of the school on the comparative power of knowledge and wealth. The arguments on both sides are creditable to the disputants and we regret that we have not space for their publication. Another matter of interest furnished us was an autobiographical sketch from the Christian Index of Rev. J. T. Hiller, professor of mathematics in said school. He is 79 years of age, yet displays more mental activity than most young men. We subjoin a list of the pupils of Mrs. Andrews' school as kindly furnished us:

### YOUNG LADIES.

Laura Shaw, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Emma Johnson, Hondo City, Medina Co.; Hattie Large, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Josie Jones, Austin, Travis Co.; Edna Cookrum, Johnson City, Blanco Co.; Ora Martin, Kyle, Hays Co.; Sadie Anderson, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Sadie Martin, Kyle, Hays Co.; Ada Wallace, Haymond, Presidio Co.; Alma Miller, Austin, Travis Co.; Nonie Dudley, Coleman City, Coleman Co.; Trudie Pannell, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Ella Wood, Live Oak, Bastrop Co.; Ella and Lila Everitt, Kyle, Hays Co.; Falba Porter, DuPre, Hays Co.; Annie and Mattie Ward, Kyle, Hays Co.; Mona Danvers, Kyle, Hays Co.; May and Eric Black, Kyle, Hays Co.; Blanche Adams, Kyle, Hays Co.; Willie Brenda, Luling.

### YOUNG GENTLEMEN.

Frank Stanley, Kyle, Hays Co.; Jodie Pannell, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Charles Long, Devine, Medina Co.; Joseph Cloud, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Albert Houston, Del Valle, Travis Co.; Fletcher Cole, Austin, Travis Co.; Ollie Cole, Kyle, Hays Co.; N. S. Ward, Kyle, Hays Co.; Alpheus Stanley, Kyle, Hays Co.; Han, Nichols, San Marcos, Hays Co.; Willie Wallace, Haymond, Presidio Co.; Guy Andrews, Kyle, Hays Co.; Lutie and Vernon Porter, Kyle, Hays Co.; Robbie Michael, DuPre, Hays Co.; Claudie Duncan, Kyle, Hays Co.; Hillyer Ward, Kyle, Hays Co.; Malcolm Black, Kyle, Hays Co.; Frank Ferguson, DuPre, Hays Co.; Earl Andrews, Kyle, Hays Co.

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last to the 10th inst:

Hundo Gensels and Poupura Gonzales. Cash, Connally and Lila Bradley. James F. Rasor and Nannie Dyer. W. H. Barbee and Dora F. Porter.

All kinds of sewing machine needles, oils and attachments at W. C. DOUGLAS.

Donaldson & Co. are revolutionizing their store room to adapt it to their hardware business.

J. V. Hutchins has built a warehouse for Agricultural implements, adjoining his store. It is some 30x35 feet, and is already well stocked.

The house for the Fire company on the first lot, rear of Johnson & Johnson, is a fixed fact.

Christmas comes but once a year. Why not all go to Taylor & Bro's and lay in a supply of the nice things they have for sale?

Green & Price will have a new lot of Philadelphia shoes next week, call and get a pair.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

Five hundred cords wood for sale at Fred C. Brown's wood yard. Office at Livestock Stable. Call and leave your orders for winter wood.

Blacksmiths and Wagon makers can now supply themselves with Iron Steel and Wood material from our stock just received. G. W. DONALDSON & CO.

Having recently sold to Mr. H. Hardy an interest in my business the firm will hereafter be known as H. Hardy & Co. JNO. A. THOMAS.

Car load of flour expected daily H. HARDY & CO.

Full line of fancy candies to arrive in a few days. H. HARDY & CO.

Having been appointed Deputy Inspector of hide and cattle of Hays county, I will attend promptly to all inspection at this place. Office at Feed & Exchange Store. E. L. THOMAS.

There is a Texas State Geological and Scientific Association with its principal office at Houston. E. T. Dumble, the secretary, may be addressed for further information.

Misses Russell & Ellison of the San Marcos Book-store are in frequent receipt of new goods, and will be prepared to surpass their former admirable displays of Holiday goods.

If you want to make your wife a Christmas present, give her a good sewing machine, a White, you can get a \$40 machine for \$25 at W. C. DOUGLAS.

### Notice.

All whom it may concern are hereby notified that the corporation taxes are now due, and I am ready to receive and receipt for the same. T. M. PRINCE, del'l sw. Marshal.

Go to the Traveller's Home, San Antonio, for good accommodations, No. 628 Austin St. 13 block from G. H. & S. A. R. R. Depot on street car line. Charges to suit the Times. P. H. PERRY, Prop'r.

### 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.

Mr. Herring our local timer and stove-maker, is generally known, has removed to his new shop, near the north-east corner of the public square, where he is again getting under way, and is ready to fill orders for anything in his line promptly and at reasonable prices. A good line of Cooking and Heating Stoves.

### Commissioner's Court Proceedings.

A special term of said court convened on December 1st. Present all the members. Bonds of various county officers were approved. Adjourned.

Met Dec. 22. The Court proceeded in a body to the County Poor Farm, and ordered some needed repairs.

Ed. Christian & Co., allowed \$12.62 for material to repair house at poor farm.

Jas. Wilson was allowed \$5 for repairs at Poor Farm.

Ordered that the proposition of E. Northcraft to superintend the construction of a new fence around the Court House be accepted at the sum of \$25, he to contract for the necessary material and present bills to this court. Adjourned.

Santa Claus has but one depot and that with Robbins.

A special offer for the holidays. A White, Leader or Home sewing machine for \$25 cash (only for a few days.) W. C. DOUGLAS.

### List of letters remaining in the Post Office at San Marcos Texas for the week ending Dec. 8, 1884:

Bergstrom, Hon. O. Marcos, Jan 2

Burgo, Tom. Mossa, Holario

Evick, John. Brown, Leon

Hurlburt, Ed. A. Ruiz, Jose

Johnson, C. B. Soto, Ascencion

Jenkins, J. H. Sans, Apalonia

Littpage, Miss Lizzie Taylor, Mrs. Tena (col)

Luna, Prudentiano Williams, J. D.

Massey, Mrs. Anna Woodruff, Ella

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised, giving date.

ALBERT HEATON, P. M.

### To Close Out at Half Price.

Finding the state of my health will not permit my remaining in my present business this is to announce that I will at once proceed to close out my stock of Millinery goods at very reduced rates. The ladies are invited to call and secure some of the bargains. Mrs. ALLEN JONES.

Just received one car load of First & Bradley Sulkeys, Garden City Clipper wood and iron beam Stirring Plows, 100 Double-Shovels, 50 Churning Cultivators, 100 Churning Cotton and Corn Planters. Two car loads of Salt. One car load of Plant's Patent Flour, the best in the market. I will sell these goods lower than ever before offered. J. V. HORTON.

Dec. 11-1m.

### I Am Agent For

McCormick self binder, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons

Deer plows

Casidy milky plows

Standard cultivators

Rockwell hay rakes

Wheeler Thrashers

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

WM. GIBSON.

See prospectus of that excellent magazine, the Eclectic.

EXOTIC NEWS.—J. W. Thompson writes us from New Orleans on the 4th. We have only space this week for the following passage:

"The Fall of potatoes (lowest) raised by Mr. Geo. McNehee which is supposed to be on the road, but has not arrived, will take the premium of Texas. Also a bush raised by Mr. Chastain of your town will be about the largest, it is 3 months old and weighs 22 pounds.

### Transfers of Real Estate

Since our last report to the 9th inst:

Wiggins Frank and Victoria Morrison to Thos. O. Johnson lot 4, block 1 in San Marcos, \$300.

F. Linowebler and wife to A. H. Johnson, 71 acres, near San Marcos, \$100.

The same to Basil Dailey 25 acres of Wm. Woodley acre \$300.

W. O. Hamilton for Cemetery Association to P. J. C. Smith 3 lots in same \$20.

W. W. Peavy to Edward Sunderland lot 3 and 9 in block 10 in Kyle \$275.