

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3, 1887. HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS. TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS: MAIL. MAIL.

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

Fresh oysters at CANDY FACTORY. WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at the FREE PRESS OFFICE.

Candy 25 cents at the Candy Factory. Valentines, a nice supply, sentimental and comic, at the BOOKSTORE.

Seed potatoes and onion sets at HARDY & CO'S. Hats, new stock, late styles, very cheap, at J. S. KILLIAN'S.

Get your fresh baker's bread and cakes every day at the Candy Factory.

Just received, seed potatoes, at McALLISTER.

All who wish nice pictures call at Chapman's studio, as he may remove his place of business.

Full line of canned goods and staple groceries generally at J. A. MORRIS.

CROP MORTGAGES for sale at the FREE PRESS OFFICE.

Chapman's banner scroll photos are not excelled.

Myopy, if you are afflicted it means Strabismus. The best are King's. Sold by Chastain and Knight.

Copie has removed his stock into the building adjoining his old stand. It is full and no mistake. His stock of groceries, fruits, candies, notions, etc., is complete and of the most desirable quality.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side of the Plaza, San Marcos.

Mott is constantly receiving new goods in addition to his former stock, and is selling them at low prices, so as to give the people a chance to see them when they go to his new store room.

Just received a new line of Ladies, Misses and Children's shoes for school and every day wear, a first class of public good show for \$2.50 for ladies, and a genuine cut lined button or lace shoe for the same, the best shoe for the money in the city.

The citizens of San Marcos and surrounding country are invited to call on the proprietors of the St. Leonard Hotel, when they have business in San Antonio. No where in Texas can nicer accommodation, better fare, or more home comfort be found, for \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. We have tried it and advise others to do the same.

We have not heretofore noticed the improvement made by Judge "Vad" in the spacious warehouse in the rear. It will add greatly to the convenience and good order of the firm. We notice it is already pretty well filled with goods suitable to it, such as sugar, molasses, a vast supply of which may be found in stock. Hardy & Co., we notice are getting everything generally in shipshape for the large business which we doubt not is in store for them.

Who Wants Wood? I am delivering mesquite wood at \$2.20 per cord. Leave orders at my residence, D. S. COURTS.

Military. Mrs. Richardson is closing out her hats and trappings at a great reduction. Hats 10 cents up, to clean out and make room for new spring goods. H. HARMY.

For Sale. Residence in San Marcos, consisting of large lots with improvements. The whole will be sold together, or the lots separately, to suit purchasers. Call on or address I. C. WATSON, San Marcos, June 17th.

PREMIUM OFFER. See advertisement of "Books for the Million," especially the last paragraph.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of H. Hardy & Co. has been dissolved by liquidation and mutual consent. H. Hardy & Co. will continue business at the old stand and they alone are authorized to use the firm name in liquidation of the assets and liabilities.

We the undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of H. Hardy & Co., for the purpose of carrying on a wholesale and retail grocery business, and we will endeavor to deserve the continuation of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon us in the past, and will spare no effort to make our house second to none in the town of San Marcos. Respectfully, H. HARMY, SAM R. ROSE.

STILL IN THE LEAD. With only first-class farming implements, such as the Cassaday Sulky Plow, the Standard Cultivator, the Newton Wagon, for which I am the sole agent, and I challenge anybody to produce a sulky plow, cultivator or wagon which give such uniform satisfaction as the above mentioned.

Besides the Deere Plows, I have also the agency for the Haiman Blackland Plows, which after two seasons' trial, are pronounced to be unsurpassable in black land and the same are sold at reduced prices. Give me a call. W.M. GIESEN.

Shoo-fly! Gush—gush!

We are having regular summer weather—running often up to 80° and upwards.

There will be services at the Catholic church on the 20th inst. Grand opening March 20th.

The Sunday Chronicle is the name of a handsome new newspaper at Dallas, conducted by Thayer & Florer.

Mr. J. E. Morris again favors the Free Press with a large advertisement of his Best Black Land Planter and announces a big reduction in the price. Call on him and learn particulars.

We would invite attention to the new advertisement of William D. Cleveland, the great cotton dealer. We believe shippers would do well to enter into correspondence with him.

And now the sapient and modest Giddy Gusher evidently attributes all progress, past, present and future, in this country to the remarkable paragraphs with which it is boring its readers week after week. Did you ever?

All the indications are that with a good opera house San Marcos would be a regular stopping point with some of the best theatrical troupes, public lecturers, etc. We trust we shall have the desired building in due time.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a Parlor Concert at the residence of Dr. Pendleton, Saturday night, Feb. 5, 1887. All invited. No admission fee, but a voluntary contribution will be in order any time during the evening. Money received will be used in erecting a fence around the church lot.

THE MITE SOCIAL.—Given by the Ladies Aid Society, Methodist Church, will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gregory on to-morrow evening, 4th inst. All cordially invited. Programme—Music by Cresset Band readings, Mr. J. V. Hutchins and Miss Minnie Book; music, Cornet and Bass Viol—Mr. and Master Harris; readings, Mr. Andie Wills and Miss Sidnie Koney; music, Cornet solo, Mr. Harris; reading, Mr. Lawrence McBride and Mr. Zim Lawson; music, Cresset Band.

Pleasant and profitable employment surely awaits a wide awake woman who will supply the demand, in this vicinity, for the N. W. Reversible Map of the United States and Canada and Pictorial Map of the World, 1887 edition, issued by the renowned Map Publishers, Rand, McNally & Co., 148 1/2 Monroe Street, Chicago. A Railroad and County Map of the United States and Canada, with the greater portion of the Republic of Mexico; a fine representation of Barthold's "Liberty enlightening the World," and the divisions of "Standard Railway Time," are shown on the face of the map. On the pictorial side are separate colored maps of the World, Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Mexico. Also select engravings, diagrams and statistical tables.

Purify your blood, tone up the system, and regulate the digestive organs by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists.

Rolla Egan To-night. Our people, many of whom have enjoyed the pleasure of hearing the above named talented humorist, will realize that there is a rich treat in store for them again to-night. We have heard many articles in his line, but feel free to say that we have scarcely seen or heard his equal. His entertainments too are as brilliant as they are genial and heart-reviving. Don't fail to go and hear him.

Hardy & Co. have a superior article of blank lined paper, in the shape of sheets of prepared paper, a lot of which is dissolved in water will make a splendid quantity of nice evenly distributed bluing. To add to its popularity, a present of genuine silver plated ware will be given with each package of the bluing. Call at Hardy's and learn all about it.

Coronels Notes. Prof. Thomas wore a "blind" several days last week. We are glad to welcome Miss Cora Butler back.

Misses Mary Hunt and Ella Davis have started to school again; we hope in good earnest.

Chas. Brown is president of our Society. Miss Julia, we are pleased to say, is back again.

Rob Shafar has returned to school, much to the delight of his many young lady admirers.

What makes John Ragedale lose so many books? Miss Ida Brockett was very much missed by the members of the Home class Friday.

Miss Susa Dick, one of our "brightest and best" pupils, left for her home Monday, much to the sorrow of her many friends.

N. H. Browne and Bob Happle, with their close cut locks, remind us of the "bristled all shaven and shorn."

A. C. Hamilton must have had a "streak of luck," as he has made a visit to the barber, and also has a new coat.

"Nil mortis in voce," says Horace. Surely he never had to select a subject for a topic oration.

Oh, what a time we had inviting the girls to our Society! Why didn't they come?

"Hark, hark, the huntsman's winding horn." Friday night Messrs. Kilgore, Ferguson, Fisher and McCallie participated in a grand possum hunt.

Our realists class evidently thinks it their duty to go through the long, majestic march with "energy divine."

"It is a dream, or are we wandering in the sun's glory?" The geography class really had a good lesson the other day.

"As the sleepless Eolus looks out from the heights upon the sacred rivers of Tarsus," so look the weary seniors seeking rest, and finding none, after a night of hard study.

The Virgil class is no more. "Of of a wide expanse, had I been told, that dark-browed Virgil rode his dream; yet did I never breathe it pure, serene, till I heard Horace speak out loud and bold."

Now there is consolation among the ambitious Seniors, as to what shall carry off the honors. "Beware! He who would rival Pindar must expect the fate of Lear."

Wednesday evening Prof. Neilson struck terror to the hearts of the Philosophy class by requesting a private interview after school. However, "tick, tick, that ticked well," and it turned out to be nothing more than some verses and "Dignity!"

During last week several of the boys "whiled away the weary hours" by "playing dolls" in school. We want give them away, however.

PERSONAL.

Dr. E. A. Dial is at home on a visit. Miss Mollie Bruce is spending some time at Lockhart.

Miss Mollie Cotten has been visiting for some weeks at Austin. Judge Fisher has removed his office to the National Bank building, up stairs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Capron, of Austin, have been here on a visit for a week past. Mr. Lindsay's condition remains very much the same as it was at our last report.

Judge Wood has built a new stable and carriage-house on the lot bought of Mrs. Howard.

Dr. W. A. McFetchee writes us of his removal from Bell Rock, Bustrop county, to Uvalde, Uvalde county.

Prof. Jo Cephas, colored, is teaching a school for his poor people the house being located on the Poor Farm.

Mr. J. A. Thomas favors the Free Press with an interesting letter from Georgia, which will appear in our next.

Mr. Will Malone, of San Angelo, is here on a visit with his family. He will return soon, but his wife will remain longer.

Prof. A. A. Thomas is justly called "ever the two-faced" boy newly arrived at his domicile. The baby girls are almost daily coming, too numerous to mention.

Mr. C. H. Ran has gone to DuPro to take charge of a backsmith shop. His family remain on his ranch near this place. Mr. Morris has bought his tools and outfit here.

Mr. Russell, of Alabama, a brother of Mrs. Baker, of Kyle, who is in poor health, is here on a visit. He reports things equally as hard in Alabama, outside of the manufacturing towns, as in Texas.

We learn that Mr. Neighbors, too, has resigned the office of County Attorney. We have heard no reason assigned. One thing is certain—it can be from no lack of needed work in the prosecution of evil-doers.

We rode out on Monday on a business errand to Mr. J. S. Billingsley's. We were glad to notice a good deal of land ready for planting. The soil is rich in that vicinity, and there are some small tracts for sale, as we learned, at reasonable prices.

After a sojourn of some months at Corpus Christi, where he was employed on "The Citizen" of that city, Mr. J. V. Hutchins returned home to stay, and will lend his assistance in the various departments of the business of the Free Press office.

One of the results of the coming railroads as we learn will be a large three story brick hotel, by name Hotel Heffner, to occupy in considerable part the square upon which his present hotel is situated. Dan possesses the preliminary means and enterprise to carry out his plans in the best style.

The Century for February. The variety in the contents of the current Century is not less noticeable than the geographical distribution of their origin. In subjects and contributors all sections of the country are represented, and appeal is made to many tastes. Politics, biography, travel, fiction of four kinds, art, scientific, astronomical, public opinion, war, reminiscences, literature history, poetry and humor furnish topics of vital and present interest. The drawings, by Winslow, Homer, Pennell, Blum, Kemble, Alexander, the beautiful practical engravings of astronomer and scientist, and by a novel one of "A Flash of Lightning," (from a photograph), the reproduced of the newly discovered Roman bronze statues, and the portraits of American statesmen and divines, show no willingness to subordinate the excellence of the pictures to the excellence of the text.

The Life of Lincoln, by Hay and Nicolay, is occupied with Lincoln's first term in Congress and his life as a lawyer, this installment concluding the first portion of his biography and carrying its subject to his forty-first year. The campaign for Congress, his opposition to the Mexican war, Lincoln's maiden speech in the House, his fall to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, his attitude toward appointments to office, and his characteristics as a lawyer are part of the subject-matter of the February chapter.

The Mexican war is discussed, and pictures are given of Western life in 1840, and vivid character sketches of Peter Cartwright, C. E. D. Baker, and others. The engraved portraits include Presidents Van Buren, Tyler, Polk, and Harrison, Gen. John J. Hardin, Peter Cartwright, and his wife, David Davis, Col. Seaton, David Whitton, and Joshua R. Giddings.

"The Balling of Jefferson D. V." as recounted by one of the chief actors in the affair, Hon. George Sheen, of New York, is the subject of a paper by George P. Lathrop. Mr. Sheen's interview with Horace Greeley, Garrison, Henry Wilson, F. P. Blair, Chief Justice Chase, and President Johnson, in bringing about the release of Davis, form an interesting, connected narrative which has not before been given to the public.

There is much other interesting matter in this number which our space will not permit us to particularize.

St. Nicholas, from the same publishers, is replete with interest, but here again want of space will not permit a fuller notice.

A Wonderful Journal. There are not more than a half a dozen publications in America that can rightfully claim a circulation of over a hundred thousand copies per week, and among weekly newspapers but two or three can boast that number.

One of those is the Weekly Detroit Free Press, which is so wonderfully popular that it circulates in excess of 200,000 copies each week. A little calculation shows that to print this immense issue—the Free Press requires an eight page, fifty-six column paper—it requires rolls of paper aggregating 135 miles in length and 13,550 pounds in weight. It is a heavy day in the Detroit Postoffice when the Free Press is mailed. There is also an English edition of the paper, printed in London, Eng., 80,000 copies being sold every week, making a grand total of 280,000 copies per week.

The popularity of the Free Press is attributable to the peculiar charm and attractiveness which pervades its columns, appealing strongly to the sympathies and compelling the admiration of readers. It occupies a sphere of its own, and is unique and unapproachable among newspapers; there is no other like it.

The Free Press is a high toned literary family journal, which seeks to instruct, amuse, elevate and improve the masses, by publishing only that which is pure and good. Its literary standard is the highest, its pages being entirely free from the degrading and polluting trash which characterizes many other so-called literary and family papers. Celebrated the world over for its wit and delightful humorous sketches, it never descends to the low and vulgar in order to create a laugh. It is in short, a light, crisp and wholesome magazine-newspaper, which any man, woman or child will be the better for reading.

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LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Driftwood. Rev. Julius B. French, accompanied by Mr. C. E. Capron of San Marcos, was here last Saturday. Mr. French preached Saturday night at Driftwood and Sunday at Bethel. There was a good attendance at both places. Sunday was a beautiful day and the ladies turned out bringing their "baskets" with them and we had a regular old fashioned social time of it. If, Mr. Editor, you should ever be seized with a desire to wander from the smoky city and rest from your labors, just come up to our country and be present at Mr. French's appointments at Bethel, and listen to the good preaching, and see the generous hospitality of the people who meet there and you will amply reward for your trouble.

We learned that Prof. Hubb's school at Bethel was doing finely, also the Literary Society and Farmers' Alliance were in a prosperous condition.

Prof. Andrew's school at this place is doing well. In response to the above, we would state that it would give us great pleasure to be present on an occasion of the kind above indicated. Having had the good fortune (as we regard it) of being brought up in the country, and having lived and worked on a farm during the first 25 years of our experience in life, we yet feel quite at home among country scenes and people, and retain a warm interest in both.—Enron.]

Martindale. The remains of Mrs. W. Jennings were brought here from Austin Friday for burial. The bereaved friends of the deceased have the sympathies of the entire community.

Mrs. S. McCullough has returned from a trip to New York. His family have been visiting relatives at Seguin.

The many friends of Prof. Dominic regret that he was compelled to give up the school here on account of his wife's ill health. He leaves soon for Mississippi. Fortunately the patrons of the school have been able to secure the services of Maj. Bishop and his accomplished daughter Miss Mamie. We are informed that the Maj. as a teacher and disciplinarian preeminent-ly excels.

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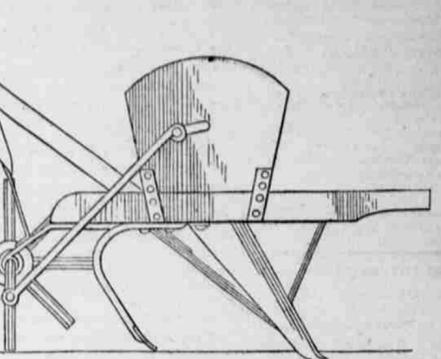
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