

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1887.
HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
TRAIN PASSENGER AS FOLLOWS:
I. & G. N.
MIL.
Going South: 11:15 A. M. and 8:50 P. M.
Going North: 9:12 A. M. and 8:10 P. M.
T. B. & H.
Arrives: 8:40 a. m. Leaves: 8:55 p. m.

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Bracelets at cost. CHASTAIN & KNIGHT.

All goods cheap for cash at McALBERTS.

New crop of sugars and coffee at H. HARDY & CO'S.

A handsome line of Christmas cards at the BOOKSTORE.

The best stock of shoes is at P. T. TALBOT'S.

If you want a present for any body go to the BOOKSTORE.

New crop N. O. molasses and granulated sugar at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Fresh cheese, and a splendid article, always on hand, at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, sets the Plaza, San Marcos.

Holiday goods for everybody at the BOOKSTORE.

Citron, raisins, etc., at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Fine assortment of finest groceries at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Bananas, grapes, lemons and apples, BLUE FRONT.

Soaps, perfumes and toilet goods in great variety at RAYNOLDS & DANIEL'S.

Santa Claus' headquarters at the BOOKSTORE.

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Soda, lemon and animal crackers, BLUE FRONT.

Nice cakes and crackers for the holidays at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Dry goods and groceries very cheap, P. T. TALBOT.

Fresh fruit and nut homemade cream candies, at BLUE FRONT.

Christmas presents, beautiful bedroom sets, etc., at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Supplies for ALL sewing machines, B. DAILEY, San Marcos.

Our boss raw edge hats are in the lead, assortment unbroken, JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Excellent buttonholes made on the White Sewing Machine, it is far in the lead, B. DAILEY, San Marcos.

At Thos. Taylor's you will find a full line of choice family groceries as cheap as they can be sold elsewhere. Call and see.

New ginghams, domestics, Canton-flannels, etc., just opened, JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Glassware in new styles, lamps, plumb goods, albums, scrap books, etc., at the BOOKSTORE.

Dress goods, ladies' wraps, jackets, cloaks, dolmans, circulars, in full assortment at REDUCED PRICES to clear out, at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

We are now prepared to do all kinds of job printing in the neatest style and very promptly, such as letter, note, and bill heads, statements, programmes, cards, etc., etc. Our prices will be found to be lower than those of San Antonio or Austin. Leave our orders at the Free Press office.

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Stock Pasturage. I can take stock to pasture on my ranch in Guadalupe county. Finest mesquite grass and plenty of water. Special rates given on large herds for the winter. Apply to R. L. RAGSDALE, San Marcos, Nov. 3-2m.

Notice. The partnership heretofore existing between W. A. Coward and Z. T. Fuller, under the firm name of W. A. Coward & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. W. A. Coward will continue the business, pay all indebtedness and collect all accounts. [Signed] W. A. COWARD, Z. T. FULLER, San Marcos, Tex., Nov. 15, 1887.

A Card. To the citizens of San Marcos and vicinity: I take this opportunity of asking from you an examination of our holiday goods before making selections elsewhere. I have purchased my stock under specially favorable circumstances, and there is no doubt but that you will be pleased both as to quality and prices. We think that we have the most desirable and handsome selection that has ever been brought to this market in the way of Christmas goods. In order to convince yourselves of the truth of this, we simply ask you to call and examine them, we publish this card in order that you may avail yourselves in time of the very rare opportunity of purchasing from us such articles in the way of Christmas goods as you may wish. If you will only give us a call our goods and prices will speak for themselves without any comment from us. Our grand display will take place December 1, 1887. Respectfully, J. A. BEAL.

Let us give thanks. Still at this writing (23d) we have had no frost.

Lucy C. Lillie gives some personal reminiscences of Jenny Lind-Goldschmidt in the article which she contributes to the December Lippincott's.

A posthumous essay entitled "In Dickens Land," will appear in the Christmas Scribner's by Edwin Percy Whipple, the late critic and lecturer, who was one of the most ardent admirers of the genius of Charles Dickens.

Bret Hart's story in the forthcoming Christmas Scribner's is entitled "A Drift from Redwood Camp." The scene of it is on the Pacific coast—the region of his early successes. The hero of it, "Skeels," is said to be an interesting type of the "no-account man."

Albion W. Tourgee begins in the December number of Lippincott's Magazine a series of short stories of mystery, complication, and detective ingenuity, under the general heading of "With Gunge & Swallow." Each story will be complete in itself, though all revolve around a common center of interest.

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report, Sept. 29:

J. A. Armstrong and Mary Travis. Wm. Johnson and Annie Wells. G. P. Shobers and Mary Black. Francisco G. De Leon and Lig. Morteniz. Mastidiano Cortez and Lape Albona. W. W. Kueck and L. M. Cooper. Frank C. Duck and Annie L. Hancock. Marshall Storey and H. C. Gallahan. J. D. Tally and Mattie Nichols. Leander Gonzales and Alphomo Martinez. J. A. Beal and Toluha McGehee. John C. Jaylor and Addie L. Mitchell. Louis Matis and Millie Lyell. Wm. Washington and Daphie Mickie. George Sanders and Little Gray. Henry Stone and Mary Burns. T. T. Thompson and Ellen Skaggs. Wm. Henson and Laura McWinter. S. E. Best and Emma Graves. Wilhelm M. Marsteller and Emma Heidenschek. Chaz Williams and Agie Walker.

That Christmas Demonstration.

All who feel an interest in the proposed Christmas parade, are respectfully requested to meet at the Court House on Saturday night to consider the question, and take such action as may be deemed best.

Conference Appointments.

San Marcos District—H. G. Horton, presiding elder. San Marcos Station—W. H. H. Biggs. San Marcos Circuit—J. F. Denton. Sognin and Mill Creek—H. S. Thrall. Lockhart Circuit—J. T. Gillett. Luling and Prairie Lea—J. S. Gillett. Gonzales Station—A. G. Biggs. Kyle Circuit—W. J. Joyce. Harwood Circuit—A. F. Cox. Dripping Springs Mission—J. A. Garrison. Belmont Circuit—J. W. Vest. Litton Springs Circuit—Samuel A. Dickenson. Cotton Wood Mission—Robert T. Allen.

Wedding Bells.

The social event of the week is the marriage of Dr. Lewis W. Cook, of our town, and Miss Emma Earnest, daughter of William Earnest of Austin. The wedding, we learn, is to take place to-day at one of the Methodist churches in Austin, and a dinner will be given the special friends of the happy pair at the Driskill Hotel. A reception will take place at the residence of ex-Mayor Cook on to-morrow.

Our young friend, the Doctor, we believe, has been "given away" by Madame Rumor to a lady of the Crescent City, and to others elsewhere, but like a loyal Texan, he chooses a fair lady of his own state, and certainly could not have chosen better. The FREE PRESS tenders in advance its congratulations and best wishes.

Our Special Clubbing and Premium Lists.

We sum up together some of our best propositions, all of which are only applicable to new subscribers, or such old ones as pay up back dues and in advance for another year.

1. We club the Weekly Fort Worth Gazette and the FREE PRESS both at \$2.80.

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3. The Weekly National Republican, Washington, D. C., and the FREE PRESS both for \$2.40. The Washington paper will give the proceedings of Congress and other matters of interest about the National capital.

4. Demorest's Magazine and the FREE PRESS at \$3.50 for both. Demorest is the ladies favorite, and withal is a strong advocate of temperance. See advertisement.

5. Wonderfully liberal Book premiums to subscribers to the FREE PRESS. See advertisement headed "Standard and Popular Works."

See also our regular Clubbing List for 1888. Make your selection from it, or of any other publication not included in it, and report to this office, where you can secure the lowest rates in connection with the FREE PRESS.

A very full line of stationery, RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

Nice assortment of jellies, fresh oatmeal, etc., at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Autograph and photograph albums, scrap books, etc. RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

Dolls, doll carriages, doll beds, drums, wagons, horses, engines and toys of every kind at the BOOKSTORE.

All the leading sewing machine needles, oils and supplies sold cheap, B. DAILEY, San Marcos.

The most complete stock of goods in our line that we have ever offered, at prices to suit the times. RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

For Rent. A small cottage near the Institute with four good beds enclosed. Apply to Mrs. Richardson, the milliner.

Millinery. Mrs. Richardson has received her second large supply of goods this week, which includes everything new and desirable.

Wanted to Rent. With or without board, a handsome furnished room. A healthy, slightly location. Inquire at this office.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Felix Smith was in the city on Monday. Hofheinz' new hotel will be open in two or three weeks. Green's building has new shutters which are of the appropriate color.

James Owenby has reached Portland, Oregon, and thinks of making it his home. James Storey is at home from a sojourn in Pennsylvania and is looking remarkably well.

The venerable Amariah Wilson still lives in Bell county, and we learn was recently here on a visit. We had a pleasant call last week from Mr. Edwin Gray, representing the San Antonio Printing Co.

The fruit and notion store of W. F. Copple has been closed for nearly a week on account of the sickness of the owner.

The brothers S. W. and W. S. Jackson have removed to Pannin Co. Hays is losing too many worthy citizens of their sort.

J. E. Morris has not only re-roofed his dwelling, as stated in our last, but has "made over" and added to a portion of it.

W. H. Nance is visiting this place. He spent some six months of last season in Europe, making a pretty thorough and satisfactory tour.

Dr. Daniel is substituting the old cedar stave around his place with a fine picket fence, the best we have seen. It will be good for 100 years at least.

Thanks to Mr. Owenby for a paper containing extracts from a speech of Mr. Grady at Atlanta on the prohibition question, one or more of which we shall copy in our next.

Carey Miller, freedman, is a regular cyclone in the way of dissecting a woodpile. He works as if on a wagger going it on the double quick. The consequence is he says he never lacks for work.

Channey, son of Frank Donalson, while playing about the turn table on Sunday last received a severe cut on the leg and had a finger badly mashed. Dr. Woods informs us his injuries are not serious.

We were pleased to make the acquaintance of E. M. Cover, hotel keeper and blacksmith of Buda. Apropos he informed us that the name of the postoffice there, as well as the town had been changed to Buda, so that DuPre is at last finally eliminated from its future life.

The residence of our townsman Zantle (so "the boys" of his age sometimes call him) Hutchins, has been repainted, he has also renewed and straightened up his fences (we do not now mean politically) so that taking it altogether his town place never before looked so well.

We met banker Clemens of New Braunfels here on Monday. He spoke of the importance of towns like New Braunfels and San Marcos being on the best of terms and standing together for their own protection as against the grasping selfishness of San Antonio and other larger places. We thought his suggestions were good and timely.

Our old friend Wm. Thomas, Sen., was troubled during the summer very much with disease of his eyes, for which he could get no relief. Meeting him the other day he informed us that he had derived great benefit to his eyes from the treatment of Madam Duke of Austin, and that his general health had also greatly improved under her treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of Beaverdam, Wis., are here for the benefit of the health of their son, a young man, and are stopping at the pleasant home of Mrs. Briggs. They started to go to California, but were advised to stop here at least during the winter, which we think was just as well. The son already feels an improvement, which we trust may continue.

Mr. E. P. Reynolds, of the drug store, has shown us some wonderfully fine specimens of the Early Rose potato raised by Mr. Kidd in his irrigated garden since Sept. 1st. The largest weighed 1 1/2 of a pound. Mr. R. also gave us the dimensions of a remarkable okra plant left at the store for exhibition: It is 15 1/2 feet high, 15 inches in circumference; the bottom limbs 14 inches in circumference. These specimens indicate the capabilities of this country with proper cultivation. Mr. R. further stated that he had raised a good supply of vegetables etc., for family use without irrigation, the ground having been kept deeply and finely pulverized.

Sorghum for Sugar, Etc.

EDITION FREE PRESS.—Some few weeks ago I had the pleasure of reading an article in your paper from the pen of A. M. Young on the question of sorghum sugar making, and since that time I have been waiting and watching, expecting to see some action taken by our people toward starting a sorghum sugar mill in our city.

If there is any one crop that we produce in Hays county, that of sorghum can claim to be the most successful, as far as profit is concerned, to the planter.

In looking over the reports of sorghum planters in the eastern, northern and western States, I find the average yield per acre in tons runs from about 12 to 15 tons. Figuring the cost of same delivered at mill, it appears to be about \$1.50 per ton, so that we have a basis of \$24 per acre for the cane, at \$2.00 per ton (the price paid in Kansas at the mill for cane). Say we make only 20 bushels of seed per acre, and the same is worth 35c per bushel, makes \$6 per acre. This makes the value of each acre of cane \$36, or say a net profit of from \$10 to \$12 per acre, to say nothing of the value of the fodder crop.

One advantage we have over that of Kansas is the longer working season, something like twice the time.

With this new farm crop introduced and developed in our country, we will get up a boom that will put a quietus on the California fever.

Mr. Edler, would it not be advisable for our Merchants' Exchange to call a meeting and let us see what our town and country people can do in this matter?

Yours, SONORUM.

After diphtheria, scarlet fever, or pneumonia, Hood's Sarsaparilla will give strength to the system, and expel all poisons from the blood.

Kyle Notes.

All is quiet in our town as usual. Several drummers at the Commercial Hotel last Monday. Rev. A. S. Bunting is carrying on quite a successful meeting at the Baptist church. Our worthy friend Mr. A. S. Denny left for New Orleans last Friday on business.

We welcome the Star Vindicator, and wish it a grand success, as it richly deserves. Misses Minnie Roach and Ella Rogers left for San Marcos Friday eve on a visit to the well.

Mr. McNaughton Jr. has opened a jewelry store on main street. Messrs. Walter Denny and Bob Hubbard visited San Marcos, Sunday.

Though times are hard, it effects not the sale of gum, among some of the young folks, anything to relieve the monotony. Mr. Arthur Roach and his wife (nee Miss Lila Oulton) will be at the Commercial Thanksgiving day. I trust you will hear from Kyle in the future under more favorable circumstances. AMICUS.

[Glad to hear from "Amicus," and that he is again amiable. Hope he will supply the long felt want of the FREE PRESS in the way of Kyle correspondence.—Ed.]

From One of Our Hunting Parties.

KERRVILLE, Nov. 14, 1887. We left San Marcos for the upper country just a week ago to-day, arriving at Blanco at 6 p. m.

Our next stopping place, the ranch of Mr. Peter Woods, 15 miles west of Blanco, was reached about noon next day. This neighborhood is known as Mountain Glen, and is as picturesque and romantic a locality as can be found in Texas. It is on the head waters of the Blanco, which is here a mere mountain brook. Along this valley many good farms of from 25 to 100 acres are in cultivation.

Those who have enjoyed the scenery on the backbone near the Comal county line in Hays county, can form some idea of this country.

Contrary to our expectations we found no cedar on the upper Blanco, the hills are covered with brush, chiefly red oak, though some are nearly devoid of any kind of timber. The valleys, where they are of any width are covered with post oak, and at the head of many of the hollows between the hill ridges may be found lasting springs of water.

Mr. Wood's ranch lies on both sides of the river, which ensures an abundance of water. We found Mr. G. G. Montgomery engaged in shaping things up about the premises and the fair and amiable Miss Jettie Woods of San Marcos, duly installed as mistress of the mansion. Miss Woods is teaching the Mountain Glen school, and seems to greatly enjoy the management of her little flock. This is not her first experience in the mountains, as she taught the same school before.

There is a fine apple orchard at the head springs of the river owned by Judge G. V. Gates, who has trees 15 years old which were loaded with fruit this year. The orchard is watered by some half dozen over-living springs.

After several days of preparation our party started for Kerrville. One of our crowd is an old mountaineer and bear hunter, and an unerring shot with the rifle, and the prospect seems fair that we will at least have plenty of fresh meat in camp.

We arrived here Monday afternoon, after passing through the beautiful valleys of Grape and Block creeks and the Guadalupe. Grape creek is almost entirely a German community, and has a country store, dance hall, etc. It is a fine rich valley, and the improvements bear testimony to the thrifty industry of the people. Many of the people have good stone houses and out buildings. Water is generally secured by driving wells.

Block creek, next on the road, is in the main an American settlement and is dotted with well improved farms.

Comfort, the next stopping place, is purely German, as much so as the Fatherland itself. Here we enter the magnificent valley of the Guadalupe, which is frequently two and three miles broad and contains farms as rich and productive as those of the San Marcos valley. Surrounded as it is by an amphitheatre, as it were, of hills several hundred feet in height with the river winding through the centre of the valley, it presents a beautiful scene. At Comfort we strike the S. A. & A. P. railroad which follows the valley to Kerrville. We noticed 4 saloons in full blast at Comfort but no churches.

At Centre Point we met Mr. S. J. Thomas and Miss Ella Horn, his niece. There is a good school of 150 pupils and three churches, Christian, Baptist and Methodist, at Centre Point. We found Mr. Thomas the same jovial gentleman as of yore, and as young as ever.

"At Kerrville, ten miles further on, we found the delightful mountain scenery unsurpassed for health and destined to become the health resort of all Southwestern Texas. Here we met Mr. Irwin and Jim Horn, ex-San Marcos, finding both in good health and spirits. The large commodious hotel, the influx of visitors and health seekers coming to this point. A sale of town lots takes place here to-morrow, we understand they are rated at about \$200.

But your readers have been previously informed about Kerrville and its surroundings and I have not time to write more at present. VIAJENO.

P. S.—We are bound for the head of the Neusee.

WARREN'S Log Cabin Remedies—old-fashioned, simple compounds, used in the days of "old reliable." They comprise a "Sarsaparilla," "Hone and Buchu Remedy," "Cough and Consumption Remedy," "Scalping for the Hair," "Extract," for External and Internal Use, "Plasters," "Rose Cream," for Catarrh, and "Liver Pills." They are put up by H. H. Warner & Co., proprietors of Warren's Safe Remedies, and promise to equal the standard value of those great preparations. All druggists keep them.

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New York Observer	2.15	4.20
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