Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1888

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

I. & G. N.

	MAIL.	MAIL.
Going South:	8:15 A. M. and	8:55 P. M.
Going North:	9:15 A. M. and	8:05 P. M.

T. B. & H.

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New York seed potatoes to arrive at J. H. GARY'S.

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FRESH GARDEN SEEDS. LAWHON & BASS.

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I have just received and opened up in the Nance building a strictly first class stock of groceries, no old goods, all fresh and nice, prices as low as the lowest. A. C. WILLS.

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A load of sugar cane hay or corn fodder. Apply at Free Press office.

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Fresh Garden Seeds for sale at J. A. Beall's Drug Store in bulk, from one ounce to a pound, not the unreliable that are sold on Commission.

"FIRST IN MARKET."

LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED.

Fresh and genuine. Now is the time to buy your seed for early planting.

RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

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The citizens of San Marcos and surrounding country are invited to call and make the acquaintance of the St. Leonard Hotel, when they have business in San Antonio. Nowhere 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.

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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.

2. The New York Weekly World and FREE PRESS, with a book premium, all for $2.90. See full particulars in our advertising columns.

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. The Galveston Weekly News and FREE PRESS at $3 a year for both.

6. The Detroit Free Press and the San Marcos FREE PRESS at the wonderfully low price of $2.75 for both.

7. 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.

The free term of our public school closes this week.

See advertisement of Denny Bros. & Andrews.

Dime show in town. That's the hard times ticket.

Martindale Station on the T. B. & H. wants a post office.

See advertisement of Thos. B. Ford of Blanco, of valuable irrigated farm for sale. A rare chance.

The late "cold spell" appears to have pretty much paralyzed what little business there was before.

Marshal Lyell it will be seen "opens the ball" this week with an announcement as a candidate for re-election.

Just as we have been expecting, there is to be a town at Martindale Station. See notice of lots for sale there.

It is quite needless for the FREE PRESS to re-state its views on such transactions as the recent "shooting scrape."

The board of examiners of teachers will meet at this place on to-morrow, and the Teachers' Institute on Saturday.

We regret that the excellent article by our farmer friend T. J. D., has to lie over, but it shall have place in our next.

The mercury has been near the freezing point during most of the time since our last, but as we write the weather is milder.

We are indebted to Schniedewend & Lee Co., Chicago, for a copy of their Specimen Book and Price List, which we find very full and complete.

We invite the special attention of our readers to the well written and unanswerable article on our Public Schools to be found in another column.

Mr. Gid. Johnson has handed us a copy of specimen verses of the Bible in 242 different languages into which it has been translated by the American Bible Society. Quite a curiosity.

See prospectus of the farmers' favorite, the old established American Agriculturist. We have copies of the premium pictures referred to, and they are all that they are said to be. We club the Agriculturist with the FREE PRESS at $3 for both.

The long talked of new book, introduced by Rose E. Cleveland is being published by the J. L. Herbert Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo. The reputation of Miss Rose Cleveland as a writer is such as to guarantee a large sale for anything coming from her pen. The publishers offer a rare opportunity to agents. See advertisement in another column.

We learn by a card from Judge Kone in the Times, as well as from other parties that the Blanco News was a little "off" in attributing the bad condition of the Blanco road entirely to the fault of the Commissioners' Court. But all the same steps should be taken to ensure a good road to Blanco, and the News did good service in calling attention to the subject.

A Curiosity.

Mr. D. A. Glover, of the National Bank, exhibited to us the other day quite a phenomenon, being a pair of antlers taken from the head of a doe recently killed by him. Mr. G. is responsible for the sudden demise of a grievous quantity of deer, and informs us that this and one other, are the only instances of the kind that have came under his observation. The antlers referred to were fully developed, like those of a two or three year old buck and evidently started growth several months later than is usual with the buck, as the velvet was not fully polished off.

This Weeks Wedding.

Monday for wealth,
Tuesday for health,
Wednesday the best day of all.

At the Methodist church on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at half past eight in the morning, Miss Mary Richardson was united in marriage to Mr. S. L. Trogdon, of Greensboro, N. C,

The morning was a little over-clouded, but the eye of faith could read between the clouds promise of a bright, sun-lit day.

At the appointed time a large number of expectant friends were assembled, awaiting the approaching ceremony. As the organist struck the chords of the Swedish Wedding March, the bridal party entered, Miss Sallie Richardson, with the groom, passing up one aisle, while the bride, leaning on the arm of her brother, Dr. Richardson, passed up the other.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. H. Belvin and rendered very solemn and impressive by the stately bearing of the minister and his singularly sweet and sympathetic voice,

"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder" was pronounced as by divine right, and bold the hand that would sever the sacred bond.

The bride was dressed in an elegant traveling suit of dark green cloth, with English walking hat to match, and made a fair, sweet picture beside the gallant groom.

They were driven directly to the depot, as they were to leave immediately for their future home in Greensboro, on the borders of Old Virginia.

Miss Mary Richardson is the eldest daughter of Prof. Richardson, an honorable and highly esteemed citizen of our town, but formerly of Virginia. So Mr. Trogdon, in taking from Texas so well-loved a daughter is but giving back "her own" to a sister state.

Coming as a comparative stranger to claim his bride, he made favorable impressions every where, and won warm praise for his own sake as well as for hers.

The presents received by this couple were many and handsome, and the congratulations hearty and sincere. A happier pair ne'er started out on life's ways together.

And so amid smiles and tears and tender wishes, they set forth on the fair new journey before them, steeped in the beauty of that love-lit dream—

"Old, and yet ever new, and simple, and beautiful always." F.

CITY ELECTION.

We are authorized to announce WM H LYELL as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal.

Whispers from the Wedding.

The account of the wedding this week will be found written up in another column by a far more graceful and cunning hand than ours. We add a few "remarks" on our own account,

In the marriage of Miss Mary Richardson, and her consequent removal, San Marcos of a verity loses one of her very best young ladies. Having known her well from her little girlhood, we feel competent to speak on the subject. Carefully nurtured in all that is good and of good report, she has abided therein. Mr. Trogdon is indeed fortunate in having won her for his wife.

The marriage service was conducted by Father Belvin with a power and unction which were impressive.

The happy pair will make their home in the old historic town—now in the progress of events developed into a flourishing, bustling city—of Greensboro, North Carolina. May their joy and peace be like a full-flowing river—say the San Marcos!

PERSONAL.

Walter Dugger is again at home. It would seem he can't stay away long.

We had a pleasant call on yesterday from Mrs. Wren and Mrs. Oliver of our city.

We notice that R. H. Manlove is out on crutches. Hope he may soon be all right.

Mr. Beverly Hutchison we learn left on yesterday for Virginia to take to himself a wife.

W. W. Woolfolk and family left for Oregon or Washington Territory via California last week.

We hear a rumor of the elopement of a young couple from Austin to San Antonio via this place.

We are glad to learn that our friend B. W. Smith is out of danger from his serious attack of congestion of the lungs.

J. L. Connally informs us that he never before knew our farmers so well advanced in their preparations for planting. Good news.

Miss Jennie Fry has closed her school near Georgetown, and we learn is assisting Prof. J. A. Thomas in his school on Long Branch.

Mrs. Dial left on Monday to join her daughter, Mrs. J. B. French, in California. A happy change, we trust. Mr. Young and family are occupying her late home.

C. S. Ivey, assistant P. M., is disabled from duty by an attack of mumps. During his absence, Miss Florence McMeans, a daughter of the P. M., is assisting him.

Mr. Ford has returned from Washington. He had a wearisome but on the whole a pleasant trip. He says that Washington is unusually dull for this season of the year, or when Congress is in session.

We should have noticed sooner the receipt from our friend, Jay E. Hunter, of copies of the special illustrated editions of the three leading papers of Los Angeles, the Express, Herald and Times. They make a fine showing for the city and country.

Mrs. McPherson, of the Kyle Star, was in the city on Saturday and favored the FREE PRESS with a very pleasant call. She spoke warmly of the kindness and liberality of the people of Kyle. The amiable lady will be apt to find friends wherever she becomes known.

Charley Wetzel had a "close call" the night of the shooting at Shultz' saloon. He was engaged at his desk in the rear of Giesen's store adjoining when he heard the shots, and soon after felt himself hit, but the ball happily was so far spent as to do him no serious damage.

Lawhon & Bass, Druggists.

Needed Information Given.

We have heretofore referred to the increased trouble now placed on our county assessors by the State Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History in requiring him to furnish answers to certain queries propounded merely for statistical purposes. We are informed by Assessor Fortson, that because of lack of information as to the design of asking said queries, a disinclination to answer them is to some extent prevailing among our citizens. At the request of Mr. Fortson, we therefore give place to the following circular, which explains itself, and ought to satisfy all that there is no sinister motive in seeking the desired information.

AUSTIN, TEX., JAN. 10, 1888.

MR. R. S. FORTSON, ASSESSOR, Hays Co.

Dear Sir:—The information sought to be obtained in the statistical blanks heretofore forwarded you will be compiled for publication in book form by this department for general distribution. The statistics of each county will appear as reported to this office, and the importance therefore to your county of a thorough and complete report will readily suggest itself to your mind.

An explanation to the citizen of the use to be made of the statistics will doubtless remove any reasonable objection to answering any of the questions propounded.

No record of the names of persons whose farms are mortgaged will reach this office, nor will any such record be kept in the counties. The object of the questions is to ascertain the total number and amount of such mortgages in the state.

There is no penalty attached to a refusal to answer the questions propounded. The counties whose citizens refuse the information will, however, suffer by contrast with counties that fully appreciate the benefits to be derived from a correct representation of their wealth, resources and condition. If, after the above explanation, any person should refuse to answer the questions propounded, enforse on the blank, "refused to answer," and report the total number so refusing.

If objection is made to signing the oath as it is printed on the blank, you are authorized to change it so as to read, "to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Trusting the above explanations and instructions will aid you in the proper performance of the difficult task before you, I remain, Very respectfully,

L. L. FOSTER,
Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is a purely vegetable preparation, being free from injurious ingredients. It is peculiar in its curative power.

For Sale.

Lots in the new town of Martindale on the T. B. & H. Ry., are now for sale. For prices &c., address J. D. Trammell, First National Bank building.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

What They Are and What They Should Be---A New School Building Indispensable.

As many of our citizens are devising ways and means whereby San Marcos, with its many exceptional advantages and resources, may be brought to the attention of people seeking new homes, I desire to emphasize the fact that San Marcos can be made an educational centre which will attract the many families seeking a healthful location where superior educational advantages present themselves.

These worthy familes, bringing wealth, will locate here whenever we can advertise the fact that in addition to a healthful climate, romantic scenery and life giving waters, the children can be accommodated in a comfortable and commodious public school building and the more advanced pupils placed to receive the benefits of an excellent high school already established.

Our citizens are ever ready to make investments in any enterprise that will return a per cent. While railroads and factories prove profitable investments, yet the best investment that can be made to perpetuate the prosperity of San Marcos is a suitable and attractive house for the use of the public school. There is now a pressing necessity for the erection of a house large enough to accommodate the present enrolment, in order that each child in this community may receive the benefit of the public school fund. The sacrifice to be made for this purpose is the best investment that our citizens can make. In addition to the return indirectly of the dollars and dimes paid out, the investment in educational facilities not only widely advertises the town but leads to economy of government, the lessening of crime, the creation of new industries, decrease in taxation, and enables the rising generation to properly understand the rights and duties of citizenship. All of which appeal to the highest sentiments of those who desire to ameliorate the condition of mankind.

Public education is not a charity, but it is a duty which this intelligent community owes to its children whom it can not afford to permit to remain in ignorance.

Let us view the question from a business point. The National aid will increase our school fund to about $5,000, provided a liberal spirit has been manifested by this community. It will then be a wise business transaction to make that amount of money or any other amount do the most good.

With all the children located in one building containing large airy rooms, there will be an economy of fuel, as one furnace will suffice; economy in the better arrangement of the different grades which require the nicest adjustment in order to work with harmony and efficiency; economy in that distribution of labor which characterizes the graded school system; economy in regularity of attendance and greater enrollment of pupils.

This city in the year 1885 voted to take charge of its public schools. There is no law by which that act can be reconsidered. Having done so much in the way of voting and talking, shall we now sit idly by when the growth of the public school system has exceeded our first expectations and demands our serious consideration and prompt action?

The future progress and welfare of San Marcos demands that the highest educational advantages be promptly provided for the children.

It has been said that ample school room is already provided. That is a fact if we permit children to be crowded like cattle for shipment. The Coronal Institute can seat 250 pupils in a crowded condition. The public school building 150; total, 400. The scholastic enrollment is 500 children between the ages of 8 and 16. Those under and over age attending school 100. Transfers 130.

The public school buildings should be condemned, as they are in no respect adapted to the wants of a graded school system. They are neither well arranged nor comfortable, and being situated on the extreme edge of the town, are accessible only over bad sidewalks. One house is an old wooden structure which having been wrecked by the hurricane of '86, the probabilities of a serious casualty are imminent.

The many inconveniencvs have their effect upon the attendance, discipline and general efficiency of the school.

We are ever ready to find fault with the general condition and progress of the school, with the teachers, with the trustees, with the management, but we take no steps to place teachers and children in a substantial building well equipped with all modern improvements. The trustees may employ experienced teachers, but in order to succeed, to give satisfactory results, the school should be subject to no conditions of instability. Neither teacher nor pupil can accomplish the highest good amid uncomfortable surroundings. If we demand the highest results we must make all conditions favorable.

While the principal objection that has been raised against the erection of a public school house is the expense attending it, let us remember that the cost of such a building is in the way of permanent improvement. The money is re-distributed back to the community, which retains perpetual possession of an edifice that adds value to all property, and which more than any indicates the advancement in education, culture and progress of the people. Many cities and towns of Texas are building magnificent public school houses. To be behind the age, abreast of it, or in front of it are the three conditions of a community as well as of the individual. Shall we of San Marcos be laggards, doing nothing in this great work of human progress? Let us awaken to the fact that a public school building is now a necessity. Let us all take a just pride in the welfare and permanent advancement of the schools of San Marcos, remembering that they are of infinite value. CITIZEN.

For Sale.

A farm of forty-seven acres, sixteen acres irrigated, ten acres in ribon cane, two sets of dwellings about two hundred yards apart and other out buildings. A hydraulic ram that supplies the dwelling with water thence to a reservoir and to a trough for stock, a fish pond with German carp, the water works and irrigation are from a spring that stands the test of the dryest seasons. A good bearing orchard of peaches, pears, apples, plums, cherries, figs, grapes; this property fronts the Blanco river near town. I would take half in San Marcos city property if in a desirable location, or one half down, balance on time to suit purchaser. For further information address

THOS. B. FORD,
jan26tf Blanco, Blanco Co., Texas.

Luling.

I send you a word, from this city, about the few houses to rent and other good things. I think of no town in the state where there are more or better handled stocks of goods for the number of citizens. Nor have I seen more saloons sanwiched by the stores in any little town. They loom up like the devil in Paradise, and many people are persuaded by them.

A casual glance at the comfortable home of Dr. Williams will convince any one that the sandy land is not easily discounted. He raises 3 to 3 thousand pounds of grapes, at an average of 8c per pound, a fine orchard and garpen and apiary that has yielded 10 barrels of extracted honey, all this supplimented by two fine Jersey cows. On this snug income he can afford to retire from the practice of medicine and live comfortably in town on two acres of black sandy land. Why need men go to California? I must tattle a little about the in-door hospitality of this veteran physician. His eldest daughter, Mrs. Lambkin, presides over his house, and with her accomplished sister, Miss Lizzie Williams, teaches a large music class in the academy, and they are smoothe up with their profession. After school hours they just turn their home into an elysium of vocal and instrumental music.

I learned from Mr. Will Rideout that the grange store has succeeded well and is now on a sure foundation.

The railroad by Lockhart will doubtless affect Luling somewhat, but the increase of the farming interests will offset the loss and the plucky young town will grow. W.

Dripping Springs.

If my letter comes late to hand this week, you must lay the delay to the pheuomenally cold spell through which we have just passed, so unbecoming in "the Sunny South." Until now my ink has been frozen, and my steel pen so contracted that I could not put down a thought. I believe this explains why our daddies used quills, they were not affected by the weather, and they furnished whittling when one's thoughts ran slow. Now, as steel pens gives no such relaxation, and one's hair gets so badly mussed in trying to rub a thought out of one's head.

I have been in several houses during this norther and found everything, including news, frozen up, but as badly as we suffered, it is nothing to the hard time the people of the northwest have experienced. Our pity, at least, should be extended to them. I see by the telegrams that many lives have been lost, and that several train loads of live stock were frozen in transit.

In this locality some chickens were frozen stiff on the roost, and I saw a dove so benumbed with the cold that it had lost the power to fly.

Major Cook is quite ill, and Mr. Frank Roberts is laid up with a seriously sore throat

I am assured the fair, to be held under the auspices of the Farmers' Alliance, is an assured fact, though the location is not yet determined upon. This is a matter which should interest the hearty co-operation of every one in our county, and, indeed, every farmer and stockman.

Jan, 23.—Since we thawed out last week so that I wrote you as above, we have had another turn of ice and it is again warming up—for how long?

We learned last week that Mr. Gibson, more generally recognized as an old landmark by the title of Blue Gibson, is dangerously ill. Very few names are better known in this section, and we hope the obliterating hand of time will spare this for some years yet.

We are glad to hear that Major Cooke's condition is somewhat improved.

It seems a pity with the good weather we have had this winter for saving bacon, that so few persons have had any hogs to kill. Now that we are nearly without such stock on the range, would it not be well to give up the idea of letting them run at large, so that a poor man can fence and cultivate a field without being obliged to put more money in a fence than his field is worth when fenced against hogs. A man can put a fence up which will secure his field from the inroads of other stock for one-fourth (or less) the cost of the fencing he must do to keep out the "porker." A word to the wise is sufficient, but, unfortunately, many men are tied to old prejudices, and yet the world *does* turn. ON DIT.

P. S.—As we go to mail we learn of the death of Mr. Gibson, and also of Mrs. Robinson, near the Lone Man. O. D.

Wimberly.

The coldest weather of the season has just passed. This is surely what the oldest inhabitants of Texas would style an unusually hard winter. The stock that has to depend upon the grass can't stand much more such weather. The loss of stock caused by the great north blizzard last week is immense.

Our school, notwithstanding the cold weather and all its troubles with the mumps, is coming along smoothly.

Prof. Saunders left this morning for San Antonio to buy horses. He expects to continue shipping for awhile.

H. C. Hubbs has moved eight miles above Wimberly on Dr. Harrison's ranch.

Mrs. Mary Wimberly has just recovered from a serious attack of the mumps.

Mrs. James Egger has gone to Blanco City to visit her relatives and friends

J. S. Cruze has gone to San Marcos to attend court this week.

E. P. Lansy is out collecting this week.

Mrs. Ragsdale is improving slowly.

Wimberly wants a doctor.

A FRIEND TO THE FREE PRESS.

Jan. 23.

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Lockhart.

Town crowded with people Saturday in spite of the norther.

Preaching at the Methodist church in spite of the cold breeze.

Good attendance at the Christian Sunday School, nothwithstanding the cold snap.

Ed. Heppenstall sold another lot yesterday and things keep looming.

Miss Annie Peck, an accomplished young lady from Gonzales, is a guest at the fireside of Mrs. J. J. Williamson.

May the good Lord put it into the hearts of the people to warm and feed the poor through the blizzard, even if the cows must die. Wife says: What about our cows? I dunno. OCCASIONAL.

Jan. 22.

DYSPEPSIA

Causes its victims to be miserable, hopeless, confused, and depressed in mind, very irritable, languid, and drowsy. It is a disease which does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy to throw off the causes and tone up the digestive organs till they perform their duties willingly. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proven just the required remedy in hundreds of cases.

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Send all orders to the FREE PRESS office, San Marcos, Texas.

Isaac H. Julian,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

SAN MARCOS, - - TEXAS.

Letters of inquiry concerning any matter of business or local interest, accompanied by a stamp for reply, will receive prompt attention.

A Distinguished Judge Says:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 29, 1887.

Mr. A. K. Hawkes:

Dear Sir:—I am 62 years old. I bought a pair of your Crystalized Lenses about a year ago, when I could with difficulty, read very large print. After using your glasses three or four months I noticed that my sight improved, and I now read the finest print with the naked eye. JAMES H. BELL.

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—BY—

S. F. McALLISTER,
San Marcos.

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