

# FREE PRESS.

I. H. JULIAN, Editor.

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Official Paper of Hays and Blanco Counties.

We send this issue of the FREE PRESS to a number of persons who are not subscribers, hoping that, upon examination, they will like it so well as to favor us with their subscriptions. But they need have no fear that it will be continued, unless ordered and paid for. We never try to force our paper on anybody.

BISHOP McFAYE was called to preach the funeral of Bishop Maryin.

THE extra regiments have been ordered to Texas.

CONGRESS is in regular session, and the President's message has been sent in.

THE last issue of the San Marcos FREE PRESS comes out enlarged to nearly double its former size. We wish it success. The editor and proprietor of the paper, Mr. I. H. Julian, offers a lot of good printing material for sale at cheap rates.

We are under obligations to the San Saba News for the above.

A WASHINGTON letter says: "Those who aid the government as contributors to the revenue by the use of liquor or tobacco, must be gratified at the results of the business of last year as shown by the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Liquors paid a tax of \$57,469,429.72, and tobacco \$41,106,546.92, the largest sum ever realized from this source in any year."

CROCKETT BOONE, editor of the Atlanta, Texas, Express is the nearest relative of Daniel Boone, Kentucky's famous hunter. Mr. Boone has lately been the recipient of a relic, which formerly was the property of his distinguished ancestor. The relic is a large powder dish, and was used by the elder Boone daily.

MUSTCAL.—The services of a superior performer on the violin may be secured, for a reasonable consideration, by applying at the FREE PRESS office, and a favor at the same time extended to a worthy gentleman. We commend the matter to the attention of managers of balls, concerts, and others whom it may concern.

GOOD.—Half a million dollars, at least, will be distributed in Texas as back pay to the army and for the support of military posts and erection of Government buildings. This will certainly result in a decided mitigation of the money famine, especially in Western Texas.

BADLY SOLD.—We have received a letter from a lady at Dallas making inquiry after one Will P. Cone, real estate broker, who offered to deed her 640 acres of land in this county if she would send him \$200, which she was foolish enough to do, since which she can get nothing satisfactory from him. It seems Cone was at Kansas City when he thus swindled the lady. She says she is informed he once resided in this county, but old citizen informed us they never knew him. He probably belongs to the gang of land swindlers whose dark doings have been partially unearthed. We may publish the lady's letter in our next as a warning to others as well as a matter of curious interest.

COMMERCIAL COLLEGE IN SAN MARCOS.—We are very glad to say that Prof. G. W. Hensley, late conductor of Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Indianapolis, Ind., will open a similar institution in the store room of Maj. Barbee, in this place, on Monday next, the 10th inst., and will continue to May 1, 1878. The branches taught will be Book-keeping, Penmanship, Commercial Law, Commercial Arithmetic, Correspondence, Actual Business Practice. Terms for the entire course, \$40. Penmanship per month, \$5, payable in advance. Hours from 9 to 11 o'clock a. m., and from 2 to 4, and from 7 to 9 p. m.

Prof. Hensley is a graduate of a commercial college, and also in penmanship. His qualifications as a teacher are unquestionable. Those wishing to attend should hand in their names early, as the course proposed will occupy all the time.

CONFERENCE.—We have, as yet, seen no published report of the proceedings of the Methodist Conference at Corpus Christi, but have learned of the following appointments as to our own locality and ministers. Rev Mr Fisher is continued here as presiding elder of this district; Rev Mr Gillett remains in charge of this station; Rev Mr Joyce goes to Seguin as minister in charge; Rev Mr Belvin to Corpus Christi as presiding elder; Rev Mr Garrett goes back to Beeville, and Rev W H Killough (lately recommended from our district conference) is assigned to Lavaca mission.

MARRIAGE LICENCES issued during November: Antonio Martegas, Margaretta Alann Scott B. Magan, Caroline Sims. O. T. Brown, Pauline E. Belvin. Walter C. Dugger, Mary E. Pegues. Hays Bunton, Martha Kennedy. Jos. A. Butler, Kliza A. Hamilton. Theotes Reason, Sarah J. Moore. Anton Rosselle, Mary Cook. Harvey Jenkins, Eliza J. Johnson. E. K. Patton, Alice P. Bell.

A Valuable Premium TWO PAPERS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. THE Informer is an eight-page monthly, published at Elgin, Illinois, at \$1 per annum. It is opposed to sickness, intemperance, war and tobacco, each department being in charge of a special editor. We have an arrangement with the publisher by which we are enabled to offer it free for one year to each new subscriber to our paper, and to all old ones who renew their subscriptions and pay in advance. They will thus get two papers for the price of one. Let those who desire to do so send to or call at the FREE PRESS office.

AN organ—not a newspaper, but one of Estey's make—a new organ, a stir in the Christian Church at San Marcos. Deacon Green swears the machine shall remain, whilst Elder Driskill is equally as emphatic in his vows that it shall be put out. The fun grows furious, and in the meantime the FREE PRESS man taking alarm has barred doors and shutters, mounted his artillery and calls his attitude "armed neutrality." Discard of church music is proverbial, but this is the most horrible discord that ever smote the ears of mortal.—Austin Capital.

MAIL LETTINGS.—Our P. M., has handed us a copy of the U. S. Government advertisement inviting proposals for carrying the mails in Texas for four years from July 1, 1878. Proposals received until Feb. 2. The following concern this locality: From Luling, by Prairie Lea and Martindale to San Marcos, 26 miles, twice a week and back. Bond required with bid, \$800.

From Austin by Cedar Valley, Dripping Springs, Tynar, Blanco, Stonewall, Fredericksburg, Cherry Spring, Loyal Valley, Hedwig's Hill, Mason, Menardville, Fort McKavett, and Ben Ficklin, to Fort Concho, 247 miles and back, six times a week. Bond required, \$40,000. Present pay \$40,200. This is a "big thing."

From Austin by St. Elmo, Onion Creek, Mountain City, San Marcos, Stringtown and New Braunfels to Marion, 60 miles and back, six times a week. Bond required \$4,000.

The Detroit Free Press. By way of calling attention to this favorite paper for the coming year, we cannot do better than to quote from a late letter of the managers to us, as follows:

The Free Press is one of the very few Northern papers having any considerable circulation in the South, or which desires and publishes Southern correspondence. There is hardly a locality in the South where this paper is not taken, and where it has not secured warm friends, for the interest it has taken in Southern affairs. It has advocated all measures looking to the development of new industries, the establishment of permanent peace and friendship, and the election of office of representative men whose administrations must be prolific of peace and harmony.

During the coming year The Free Press will publish articles from the pens of various State governors in the South, letters from centers of business, and communications from those in position to know the needs of their State and can suggest beneficial changes. We further desire to hear from planters, fruit-growers, stock raisers, miners, and manufacturers. Their communications will interest thousands in the North who are restless for a change of abiding place, and must be of benefit to the South.

All other departments in The Free Press will be maintained and made full of interest to all readers, and it hopes to make many new friends.

The price of the Detroit Free Press is \$2.00 a year. We will take pleasure in ordering it, or will club it with the San Marcos FREE PRESS at only \$3.25 for both, cash in advance.

## TEXAS NEWS.

Bell county has a population of 20,000.

The Rothschild case, at Jefferson, has been set for the 17th of December.

A. B. Hemphill's cotton gin, Bastrop county, burned. Loss \$2,000.

Last year Texas made 64,000 more bales of cotton than any other State in the Union.

Over 900 cars of cattle were shipped from Texarkana during the month of October.

Thirteen counties in northern Texas produced last year 7,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The trial of Ham and Tullis, the land swindlers, was set for the first week in December at Austin. The latter was sentenced to the penitentiary.

Since the first of January last Cuero has received 2,812,000 feet of lumber and shingles in proportion.

Texarkana has eighteen saw-mills within a radius of ten miles, which cut 300,000 feet of lumber per month.

Mexican dollars, good as new, are taken for ninety five cents only in Galveston. Quarters and halves are proportionately reduced in market value.

One sheriff and one deputy-sheriff are now serving terms in the Texas State prison for firing on and killing prisoners who were trying to escape.

An exchange notes the fact that quite a number of land agents are involuntarily retiring from business and taking up quarters in the various jails of the country.

A party of Evangelists are making a tour of Texas. They are said to be traveling in a wagon, and to pitch their canvas tabernacle wherever their religious admonitions are most needed.

It has come out at Austin that the temporary lessees of the penitentiary, Messrs. Burnett & Kilpatrick, have been a part of the firm of Ward, Dewey & Co., as silent partners.

Rusk Observer: The new penitentiary begins to show finely. The building will be a most excellent one, well constructed and of the best material. The work is progressing steadily and well.

Dr. Sam Houston, the eldest son of the illustrious President of the Republic of Texas, thinks of leaving the profession of medicine for that of an editor, and will probably locate at Longview.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

ESTRAYED—Dec. 4th, 1877, by J. E. Burleson, Com'r Precinct No. 3, Hays Co., one brown horse, 15 years old, branded with Spanish brand. Also, one dark mare, gentle to ride, 6 or 7 years old, branded 8 on the left shoulder.

Witness my hand, Dec. 4, 1877. J. L. Green, Clerk C. C. H. Co.

List of Letters Remaining at the Postoffice in San Marcos, December 1st, 1877: Kurgamy, M. C. Halidon, Mr. Davis John W. Gurr, J. W. Jale, mma. Mays, T. B. (Miss) Keny, J. A. Auble, F. M. Porter, J. A. Paie, Mrs. Lizzie Terry, Sterling Woods, Alex. I

Persons calling for these Letters will please say "advertised." A. VOM STEIN, P. M.

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Of the story element, the brightest feature is the beginning of the new serial by Miss Alcott, entitled 'Under the Lilacs,' with illustrations by Mary Hallock Foot.

The Christmas Number contains also the opening of a new serial story for Boys, a tale of tropical life, by Gustavus Frankenstein, entitled 'Tower Mountain,' admirably illustrated by the artist Moran and Kelly;

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