

Don't Stay Late To-Night.

The hearth of home is beaming With rays of rosy light, And lovely eyes are gleaming As fall the shade of night.

The world in which thou movest Is busy, brave and wide; The world of hor thou lovest Is in the ingle side.

The world is cold, inhuman, Will spurn thee in thy fall; The love of one pure woman Outlasts and shames them all.

Small Farms.

It is an interesting question whether this country would not be richer and more powerful if the population was concentrated in the original thirteen colonies, leaving all the vast domain west of the Alleghanies to the Indians and buffalo that once possessed them.

The expansion of our population over the vast area embraced within the Atlantic and Pacific oceans the British boundary and the Gulf of Mexico, forces upon us the habit of owning large farms and the vice of slovenly cultivation.

Large farming in this country, even with the aid of improved agricultural machinery and implements, is a dangerous business; it generally ends in disaster. There are few men who make fortunes on large farms; they generally make their fortunes, or the beginnings of them on small farms and lose them on large ones.

Michigan and Illinois rank as among the first of the western states having little or no state debt to pay. Illinois has for years been virtually out of debt.

MARKET REPORT.

San Marcos Retail Price Current.

CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE FREE PRESS, BY DONALSON & JOHNSON.

GROCERIES.

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, including Sugar, Coffee, Tea, and various oils.

DRY GOODS.

Table listing various dry goods items and their prices, including Bro. Domestic, Sheetings, and Cottons.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF HAYS COUNTY—GREETING:

Whereas oath has this day been made before me by Charles H. Briggs that F. E. Johnson is a transient person so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, you are hereby commanded that you, by making publication of this writ in some newspaper printed in Hays county, if there be one, but if there be no newspaper printed in said county, then by publication in some newspaper printed in the nearest county where there is one, for three successive weeks before the return day hereof...

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