

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1888.
HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSE SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:
I. & G. N. 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.
East Bound: 9:30 A. M. and 9:10 P. M.
West Bound: 8:00 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.
ARRIVALS AND LEAVES LOCKHART:
East Bound: 10:30 A. M. and 10:30 P. M.
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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.

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 articles addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Coronal Institute.
Money on tuition may be left at the First National bank at any time and the same will be properly credited.
A. A. THOMAS.

Fresh Oyster at Van Every's.
Go to McAllister's for pure Seed Irish Potatoes.
Fresh Garden Seeds, guaranteed, at Reynolds & Daniels.
Garden Seeds, guaranteed fresh at Reynolds & Daniels.
Sorghum seed for sale at HARDY & Co.

Still another invoice of Spring Lawns, Piques, etc.
JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

New line of scratch books, and blank books.
LAWSON & BASS.

J. B. Hankla's house, near the institute, for rent.
Everything generally kept in general stores can be found at JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos. n29

For new goods of every description in fine assortment at low prices.
JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

You can find everything in the Dry Good line at Denny Bros. & Andrews and they sell at popular prices.

J. V. Hutchins offers unequalled inducements to the trade—Come early and make your selections.

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.

Now shoes, for the smallest child to the largest man to be found.
JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

The World Renowned Estey Organ.
On easy terms. CHASTAIN & KNIGHT.
Fine assortment of the celebrated C. H. Garden & Co., fine fur Hats in new and attractive styles.
JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

To arrive by Saturday, a new invoice of French Satens of beautiful patterns and other desirable goods at J. V. HUTCHINS.

A large and well selected stock of the famous Jno. Kelly fine shoes, en route and already expected.

Denny Bros. & Andrews are now showing many new and handsome patterns in Spring Dress Fabrics and will cheerfully furnish samples upon application.

Now is the time for cultivators, double shovels sweep-stocks, sweeps, hoes, etc.
A full stock of all of these Goods including the "Stand Cultivator" on hand at J. H. GARY'S.

Well I do think Denny Bros. & Andrews have the nicest line Plain and Embroidered Kid Gloves I ever saw. Oh yes, I remember Embroidery and Fine Linen Towels, a pair, and girls please excuse me, for I must go and tell her about it at once.

Mrs. T. K. Hutchins.
South side of the square, she perhaps the most attractive store in its way in the city. Fruits, candies, nuts, etc., are among her specialties, and all fresh and nice. Don't fail to give her a call.

\$500 Reward.
On Wednesday night, February 29, two miles of my fence was cut by a party or parties unknown. With the assistance of the Governor of Texas, I will pay the above reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who did it.
J. B. McLELLAN.

Have you seen Denny Bros. & Andrews handsome display of White Goods? viz India Linens, Check Neckties, Dotted Swiss, Hamburg Embroidery and Fine Linen Towels, etc. The largest and most complete stock to select from to be found in the city.

The vacancy soon to be made in the District and County Clerk's office must be filled, but our store is already full of new styles of dress gingham and London cords in all the new shades. Corded battiste or gingham, at 10 cts per yard.
DAILEY & BRO.

Some of the things you will find at H. Hardy & Co's:
Fresh Prunes, Fresh Currants, Fresh Pear Grits, Fresh Coralline, and other delicacies, Onion Sets, Irish Seed Potatoes, Uncured Ham, Breakfast Bacon, and in fact everything in the way of Staple and Fancy Groceries at prices as low as the lowest.

The following standard articles with prices to suit the purchaser can always be found at Christian & Will's:
Window Green Corn, Snowflake Sugar, Durkee's Salad Dressing, Spices, Pepper, Best French Brand Crackers and Cakes, White Swans and roller Patent Flour, California Fruits of all kinds, Peppercorns and Baker's Chocolate, Crosses & Blackwell & Co's variety of Cigars, Cigars, Tobaccos, and in fact everything pertaining to a first-class grocery establishment.

Important to Farmers.
My fine Norman stallion, "Prince" will stand the present season at my residence in San Marcos, and also at my ranch on York's creek. The horse is two and one-half years old, further description or pedigree. Price \$1000.
H. B. SHAFER.

Mr. Carter, photographer, artist, who was an assistant of the popular and accomplished Mr. Freeman, who was here a few years since, but has for a good while been engaged in business for himself, has taken the name of Dr. Carter, lately retired by Mr. Freeman, and is now ready for business. Call and see him.

We are just in receipt of a full line of paper for bill heads, letter and note heads, statements, and blank work of all kinds. Nice work and low prices. Call and see samples at the Free Press office.

A. F. Welch has opened a restaurant next door to Geo. Sheehan's barber shop.
"Too thin"—shoot iron as a fire proof wall, or the idea of such a thing.

The telegraph wire is now up between San Marcos and Lockhart.

There was a slight "skim" of ice on Sunday morning, and frost was apprehended at night, but we have luckily escaped thus far.

People who have no business with the courts ought to esteem themselves peculiarly fortunate.

Incorporation carried in Kyle by a small majority. She will soon have water works in operation.

The giddy gusher of the "late lamented" Crest has evidently left some worthy representatives and rivals behind him.

The C. L. & S. G. meets Tuesday night next at the residence of Rev. W. H. Biggs. A full attendance of members and those desiring to join the circle is expected.

See prospectus of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in our columns. As a newspaper, at least at the west and south, we believe it "takes the lead."

If you understand how to appreciate a good cigar, call on Adolph Voges, clerk at the Holtheim Hotel. Best brands of cigars and tobacco in town. Try 'em and see.

That Public School walk, so long and so often promiscuous by the council, still "hangs fire," leaving the poor children to periodically wade through the mud.

THE PNEUMOLOGICAL JOURNAL for March has a dozen readable articles, besides the editorial department. An attractive issue of this old favorite.

The store of the Farmers' Alliance at this place will be in Mr. Owbly's rock building on the square. We are not advised as to when it will open, nor who will have charge.

Improvements, we learn are in progress on Chautauqua Hill, and Mr. Code has cleared off the superincumbent vegetation and trimmed up the "bonnie banks and brass" of our matchless river. A good work.

We wish to return thanks to Mr. Y. E. Worley, manager of the "Eolipae Dairy Company," of this place, for a sample pound of their Jersey butter, "Little Elina" brand. We found it very nice. It is "hard to beat," and shows what can be done in this line even in Texas.

Again we rise to remark that the Free Press is the only one of our county papers which publishes full reports of the proceedings of Commissioners' Court, than which there is no more interesting reading to the people of this county. Our last week's issue contained the report of Commissioners' Court for February term.

The Chinese entertainment, Saturday night under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church, was pretty well attended in spite of the bad weather, and was a fair success. A supplemental entertainment and supper were given on Tuesday night by the ladies, which was a pleasant affair.

[The above was prepared for our last, but we failed to get it put in type].

Supper at Kyle.
There will be a supper given by the ladies of Kyle on Friday night the 23d inst., for the purpose of raising means to pay for a bell for the new Methodist church at that place. A "supper" at Kyle we are assured means a supper indeed—a square meal. The price will be 25c, which low rate is intended to induce the attendance of families as well as individuals. A special invitation is extended to the people of San Marcos to be present on the occasion.

The Boston Quintette Club was greeted on last Thursday night at the court house, by a large attendance of our most intelligent people. Each of the several instrumental performers seemed to approach near perfection as possible; but to our mind the two appearances of Miss Carpenter and her seraphic singing, were worth all the rest of the entertainment, fine as it was, many times over. All, we think, were delighted.

The following, which we clip from the Lullin Signal, will be found quite appropriate to this latitude at this time:
As the time for the city election approaches, it would be well for the people of Luling to be "casting about" for suitable men to fill the vacancies that will occur on the board of aldermen. While conclaves serve without remuneration, the office is no less an important one, and no man who should refuse to serve if called upon. Let the people select their best and most progressive men and elect them, and our local affairs will move onward harmoniously and satisfactorily.

District Conference.
Ed. FAZP PASSE—Please insert in your paper the following church notice, and oblige the San Marcos District Conference. The Methodist Episcopal Church, south, will convene in Kyle at 9 a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in April. Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C. presiding.
H. G. HORTON, P. E.

We learn further, from the Kyle Star, that a full attendance of ministers belonging to the district is expected, besides several lay delegates. Bro. Joyce proposes to have the Bishop dedicate the Methodist church and altogether the meeting promises to be one of unusual interest.

West Texas Musical Genius.
Mr. Harris, of our freight depot, recently presented us a copy of "Trumpet Notes," a musical publication of Elkhart, Indiana, containing, among other things, a portrait and biographical sketch of Miss Martha Babal, a successful concert player, and whose brother is known as the Cow Boy pianist. We regret that we have missed a biographical sketch of Miss Babal, which she proposed using. Suffice it to say that she is a native of Seguin, Texas, and is traveling with her brother, and both are receiving applause in the line of their profession. We say this with honor to West Texas genius.

New Millinery Store.
MISS BETTIE COLEMAN
Is just opening a new stock of seasonable and fashionable millinery goods, at the stand formerly occupied by Miss Ruth Davidson, on the East side of the square. Miss Coleman might be said almost to belong to San Marcos, having lived here for many years, though more recently at Austin. She will be welcomed back by hosts of friends who appreciate her personal worth. She has had experience in the millinery business, and being to it rare good taste and artistic skill. The ladies of this place and vicinity should not fail to give her a call.

For Sale.
The Hillman property on San Antonio St. near the square. Apply to G. Vogelsang.

District Court Proceedings.

Price and Cook vs. I. & G. N. R. R., returned for new trial. Verdict, damages \$2300 for the former and \$1700 to the latter. An appeal will be taken.

Kansas Manufacturing Co. vs. H. Hardy & Co. with regard to wagons, judgment for defendants. Motion for a new trial. Emma Briggs vs. Geo. Brigg, divorce, granted.

Mrs. McCarty vs. N. McCarty, divorce, granted.

State vs. Eliza Gray and Kitty Nichols, burglary, acquitted.

State vs. Tom Coleman, mistrial.

State vs. Ivy Stevens, perjury, 2 years in penitentiary.

State vs. A. C. Danforth, indictment quashed.

State vs. Wash Mackey for murder of Dan Bryant, 5 years in penitentiary.

The grand jury has adjourned, and court is expected to adjourn this week.

"The Red Diamond Candy Factory" is the name of a new business stand just opened by Ely's Lander-plager of Austin. The location is the same as McClellan's original Candy factory. More news.

As will be seen by the allowances made by the Commissioners' Court, as published in our last, that while some \$125 were allowed for printing and stationery to large houses in St. Louis, Galveston, etc., only \$18 were allowed to the offices of our home papers. And that has been about the usual proportion for years past. Comment is unnecessary.

See the card of M. T. Chastain, mattress maker. He has served us with one of his mattresses which we find to be first-class. We remember reading some rhymes about a man who slept in an editor's bed, found it very comfortable, and wound up by saying that he could now better understand "how easy editors lie." Aside from the unjust sarcasm couched in the above, our wet mattress gives us a constant reminder of the sentiment italicized above.

PERSONAL.
E. P. Laney, of Wimberly, is in attendance at court.

We called to see Mr. Young on Sunday, and were pleased to find him better.

John Carter, photographer, has become one of our citizens.

J. W. Earnest and D. S. Combs are at home for a time.

Sam Jefferson, freedman, is the professional and practical water-hauler of this burgh.

Travis' new two story business house on San Antonio street, is hastening toward completion.

We notice in the Kyle Star an interesting essay read before the Oyster Creek Farmers' Alliance by Mrs. M. A. Brown.

Mr. Nichol is the fence-builder of San Marcos. He "dune up" Mayor Hardy's premises in that line last week, greatly to his advantage.

Mrs. Peyton Taylor's boarding house is on a boom. She leads the field. Seventy-five persons dined there the first day of court.

Seubert, the tailor, has purchased the Honne property, recently occupied by Mr. Mackin, and will have his shop and dwelling on the same lot. A nice arrangement.

Our young friend W. D. Mitchell has favored us with a paper of special interest containing an illustrated series up of Los Angeles county, California, portraits of the pioneers of Pasadena, etc.

Dr. Lewis Cook, of our town read an essay before the late meeting of the State Medical Association at Austin, which we learn was much admired by the members of the fraternity present.

We were glad to meet our young friend Mr. Irving, of Kerrville, this week. He was here as a witness, incidentally greeting of course, his numerous friends. He reports good progress at Kerrville, water works in operation. The railroad is expected to stop there for two or three years.

Our former employe, Joe D'Arcy, is now a Union printer and works on the News, Galveston. With a regular sit in prospect, he is hopeful of doing very well after a while. We hope his best hopes may be realized. He sends us some mementos of the craft from Galveston.

Rev. Mr. Joyce called on us Monday, and spoke of the new Methodist church at Kyle as being completed, and on a plan obtained from Philadelphia, which is greatly admired. Bishop Duncan is expected to dedicate the church on his coming visit, and Mr. Joyce said he would probably preach at San Marcos, pending his stay in this vicinity.

The case of J. M. Simpson, who was arrested some time since as an escaped penitentiary convict, and returned to prison for his alleged unexpired term of four months, will be generally remembered. On his return he was re-arrested and committed to jail on a charge of perjury for voting and accepting office as deputy sheriff. The grand jury failed to indict him on this last charge, and he is again at large. We learn that he persists in affirming that the penitentiary officials made a mistake and got the wrong man.

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Vogelsang's Best.

We need scarcely say that the sketch of a scouting party in Western Texas in 1856, which appeared in the Free Press week before last, was from Vogelsang's Cosmos. We claim to know a good thing when we see it, and we pronounce it really a meritorious production. So satisfied were we of this fact that we sent a prepared copy to the San Antonio Express, calling their attention to it. The result was its appearance in the Express of Sunday. We now add the following additional passage, not previously published by us. It is quite funny:

On the 29th of Oct., 1856, a young farmer from Fayette county, Texas, rode into Fort Mason, Texas, and enlisted for 5 years in the U. S. Army. He had worked hard on the farm since 1849; he failed, and concluded to make a change. He could not speak much English, and his pronunciation of certain words was so queer that he made a laughingstock of himself when he had a conversation in a crowd. Although 22 years of age he had less smartness than a city raised boy of 17. It surprised the recruiting officers when he gave in his occupation as a farmer; there was no farmer on hold it below their dignity to pass as farmers.

Vogel's first difficulty in the army was the daily ration of the light baker's bread, which was insufficient for a stomach used to corn dodgers. Estates were sold at the rate of hunger, he went to Orderly Sergeant Nichols and told him that the bread at the mess-house was too light to satisfy his hunger. Serg. Nichols and Serg. Rosenthal (a German Jew), who was present, brought into a room of laughter. Serg. Nichols gave the baker, got one loaf, or daily ration, and ate the whole of it behind the baker's oven. The story of Vogel's complaint that the bread was too light leaked out, and he was so much teased about it that he determined to get no more bread than the rest of the men, and in a short time he got used to it without inconvenience.

All that Vogel had to do was to answer to roll call and attend to the horses twice a day, about one hour's work; and as he was used to constant labor, he felt the same. He noticed that in the public road leading up to the Fort from Fredericksburg there were many boulders protruding out of the ground to the inconvenience of teamsters. He concluded to level them down for exercise, and went to Kessler, the company quartermaster, and asked for a sledge hammer and went to work. After a few hours Kessler came down to where he was working, took the sledge hammer from him and told him that the non-commissioned officers had a consultation among themselves in regard to Vogel's antics. They decided his being without orders. Some days later he got very tiresome, and stimulated by a desire to give an equivalent for his monthly wages, he went to the Orderly Sergeant and asked him for something to do, which caused a great laughter of the sergeant and by the way, the sergeant gave him an ax and told him to go with the wood wagon. Afterward he had no more cause to complain for having nothing to do.

We also copy the concluding paragraph with respect to the fugitive slave "Bob":

We publish this narrative, not only because of its general interest, but more especially in order to rescue the memory of a hero who, for more than a year, naked and alone, without artificial resources, defended his liberty against the State of Texas, the Comanche Indians, and the U. S. Army. In order to make it possible for fugitive Bob to remain a man and a citizen in a world of brute, he must have had a constitution equal to that of Adam before his fall in paradise. In our judgment Bob was a hero worthy of ancient Sparta.

Buda.
March 6th, 1888.

A young section hand was seriously hurt yesterday morning. He was going to some quarry with seventeen others on one hand-car, and sitting on the front, his foot was caught between the ties and he was dragged under the car, which passed over his leg, crushing and tearing it severely. He was taken to the Austin hospital on the following night.

Mrs. Nichols and her daughter moved to Austin last week.

Mr. J. N. Goforth is out of the lumber business, leaving no lumber yard now in Buda.

W. J. Goforth is buying cattle for the Austin market.

The popular blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla, is having a tremendous sale at this season. Nearly everybody takes it. Try it yourself.

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Staples' Store.

An allegoric old lady from Georgia, once said, "it never did rain in Texas, but when it rained it never stopped." She went back to Georgia, so tradition says. Now we think her phrase rather a parable or conundrum, although it "shorter" sounds like a etc, and especially the "etc." However, last year's drought, and this year a continual rain, "shorter" confirms the truth that she was about half right.

Farmers are making a move on themselves. They seem to have new zeal and energy, pushing forward by the strength of corn dodger and bacon. Sometimes Johnnie comes seldom, so we're little sick. I never saw farmers so enthused in any church experience as they are over the good prospects of cotton and corn. "Old Timers" say this is the year to *crust out* and sun your past experience, digest it well, smoke some of it, keep it on your table every Sunday when big folks come to see you, keep it on your shoulders and wear it, get there with your wool hat on.

No farmers can't break like merchants, there's no side track for them to switch on at the appearance of some shadow, even ruin. They've got to butt it square in the face, and if they tremble about the knees the least bit they are disgraced forever, and couldn't buy a pair of socks on 30 days time.

Though you must not say anything about it, for we hear bonanza stocks of spanking brand new spring goods have come from New York, and I intend to invest in some knitting thread for Annie, and a pair of suspenders for myself, if I can stand them off, and besides I want good stuff too.

We see Capt. Holmes occasionally sizzling by on his new velocipede. Adieu,
DR. FLAT, of Guadalupe.

AN INDIAN RAID.

An Old-Fashioned Massacre on the Frontiers.

The Swamps on the War Path—Red Knif's Terrible Raid—Miriam Dane, the Belle and Heroine of the Frontier, Made Prisoner—Kit Carson, the Famous Scout and Indian Fighter, to the Rescue.

RED KNIFE, an Indian chief of unparalleled courage and ferocity, while raiding the frontiers and massacring the inhabitants, captured a beautiful white girl—MIRIAM DANE—who he resolved to save alive and drag to his lair. He also took MIRIAM's parents alive, so as to compel the heroic girl to obey him in order to save them from torture.

KIT CARSON, the famous Scout and Indian fighter, was a warm friend of the DANES', and he resolved to rescue them at all hazards. He knew RED KNIFE's fiendish character, and fully and keenly realized the awful fate which MIRIAM DANE would meet, unless he could rescue her. His lion-like soul was deeply aroused and all his unequalled skill and cunning as a scout and Indian fighter were displayed in tracking RED KNIFE down. The account of the varied and tragic incidents attending KIT CARSON's heroic efforts to save MIRIAM DANE (as given in number seven of the New York Ledger, now for sale by all newsdealers) forms the most interesting, the most romantic, and the most thrilling Indian Story which has ever been told since America was discovered and the contest between the white man and the red man began.

Ask any Newsdealer for number seven of the New York Ledger, now for sale at all news-stands. If there is no news-stand convenient, send six cents (postage stamps will do) to ROBERT BONNEY'S SONS, Ledger office, corner of William and Spruce streets, New York. Terms for the Ledger for 1888, postage free: One year, \$3.00; six months, \$1.50; four months, \$1.00.

CITY ELECTION.

We are authorized to announce D. P. HOPKINS as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Assessor and Collector at the coming April election.

We are authorized to announce J. E. PETERIS as a candidate for City Assessor and Collector at the coming April election.

We are authorized to announce O. M. AVEY as a candidate for City Marshal at the coming April election.

We are authorized to announce LUCIUS J. DAILEY as a candidate for City Marshal at the coming election.

We are authorized to announce JAS. M. TURNER as candidate for City Marshal at the coming election.

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

Election Order.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the city of San Marcos, I, Hammett Hardy, Mayor, do hereby order that an election be held in the several wards in said city on the 3d day of April, it being the first Tuesday in April next, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of the following officers, to wit:

City Marshal.
City Assessor and Collector.
City Treasurer.

One alderman in Ward No. 1, to succeed W. D. Wood.

One alderman in Ward No. 2, to succeed E. J. L. Green.

One alderman in Ward No. 3, to succeed Roger Byrnes.

One alderman in Ward No. 4, to succeed Peter Smith.

Polls will be opened at the following election places, under the management of the following presiding officers:

Ward No. 1 at John Barber's; manager, Ralph Smith.

Ward No. 2 at Vogelsang's shop; manager, Chas. Cook.

Ward No. 3 at south room Court House; manager, Chas. W. Gregory.

Ward No. 4 at Truck House; manager, Thos. C. Johnson.

Said presiding officers will make the returns thereof to the City Council on the next day thereafter, and in the manner and form as prescribed by law.

The voters in each ward shall vote for City Marshal, City Clerk, City Assessor and Collector, City Treasurer, one Alderman in their respective wards. And one City Engineer.

Given under my hand and seal of the city of San Marcos, this 14th day of February, 1888.
[SEAL] HANNETT HARDY, Mayor.

The