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All Communications for the Free Press should be sent in on Monday to insure insertion the same week, and all advertisements and business notices not later than Wednesday noon.

Positively no communication published unless the writer's real name accompanies it, and for publication unless desired; but for our own benefit and protection.

The Grandest Offer Yet. For the next sixty days, we are authorized to club the famous Texas Siftings, price \$4, with the FREE PRESS, both for only \$3!

Sixteenth Year. The present issue of the FREE PRESS begins its Sixteenth Year. It has been so long before the public of western Texas and elsewhere, that it needs no introduction nor any promise as to its future course.

Our this week's edition of the FREE PRESS consists of 1400 copies. It is intended to make the paper and its unexampled clubbing terms better known, with reference to the enlargement of its subscription list.

The Washington Irving stories begun in our present issue, will run through our columns for about two months. We shall try and supply back numbers, but to insure against missing any part of the stories, you should at once send in your subscription.

Our Special Clubbing List. Texas Siftings, the regular price of which is \$4, and the FREE PRESS, \$2.00, both for only \$3.00, or just one half regular rates. See displayed advertisement in another column.

2. The New York World, weekly, and the FREE PRESS at only \$2.80 for both. The World is one of the prominent Democratic papers, each number contains 84 columns including a high class popular novel.

3. The Detroit Free Press, and the FREE PRESS both for only \$2.60. See advertisement.

4. The Fort Worth Gazette weekly and the FREE PRESS at \$2.80 for both, or \$3.10 for the Sunday Gazette and FREE PRESS. See advertisement.

5. Texas Farm and Ranch and the FREE PRESS both for \$2.50. See large advertisement.

See our revised Clubbing List. Make your selections and we will promptly fill your orders.

Let us hear from our campaign and other subscribers whose subscriptions expire Jan. 1st.

SAN ANTONIO is building a city hall on Military Plaza, and the United States building is in progress near Alamo Plaza.

Do you want a reliable, first-class Texas paper? You will find it in the Fort Worth Gazette. See prospectus on our fourth page.

Savings banks are among the greatest blessings to the people in the old states. They ought to be provided for by law in Texas.

The Texas Farm and Ranch is doubtless the best paper for Texas farmers. See full announcement of clubbing rates with the FREE PRESS on our fourth page.

Col. Saran, of this county is out in favor of extensive sorghum culture in Fort Bend county, and other portions of Texas once devoted to the growth of ribbon cane.

The FREE PRESS is the only one of our county papers which publishes full reports of the proceedings of commissioners' court, and real estate transfers.

It has been unjustly charged against our Chastiquas that it was a Methodist affair. But the charge does seem to be against the proposed Georgetown enterprise, the Methodist preacher only wanting to "run the machine."

By a notice in our local columns it will be seen that the Hays County Farmers' Alliance will hold its next meeting at Buda, on Tuesday next, the 8th inst. We hope to hear of a full attendance and a thorough reorganization of this worthy and commendable movement. It has gone through many tribulations, but we see no reason that it should grow weary in well doing.

READER, did you ever reflect that the simple general observance of the "Golden Rule" would of itself be a positive and absolute cure for all the political and social ills which threaten the safety of our government and the happiness of the American people?

The stories about outrageous treatment of women in Alaska, over which Senator Voorhees worked himself into a frenzy, are now denied.

This is the season, peculiarly, in which the poor should be remembered. We always remember the fine sentiment with which Burns concludes his touching poem, "A Winter Night," in which he invokes the remembrance not only of suffering humanity, poorly protected from the wintry blasts, but also of "the unsheltered cattle and silly sheep."

To the next Texas legislature: Why defer giving relief to the great body of our people by lowering the rates of interest? Our people are suffering deeply for cheaper money.

Said William Cobbett, the great English champion of the rights of the common people: "I know of no position in life which is improved by having ignorance for its portion."

The dispatch which appeared in the Express a few days since that Revs. McIntire, Armstrong and Stovall had "signed away" the Texas Chastiquas to Georgetown, is handsomely disposed of in another column by Prof. A. A. Thomas.

WASHINGTON IRVING is a model both in style and sentiment. What a contrast with the sensational night-mare inspired later writers of the Rider Haggard school!

San Marwick of San Antonio has donated \$10,000 towards the erection of the Alamo monument. This looks like it might really be built.

You cannot possibly send a more respectable and appropriate New Year's gift to friends residing at a distance than a subscription to the FREE PRESS.

Just think of it, the Detroit Free Press, the foremost literary, family and humorous paper, for only 60 cents in connection with the San Marcos Free Press. See advertisement on first page.

WASHINGTON LETTER. [From our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, 1888. Secretary Whitney is very much pleased at the success which attended the second warlike expedition he has been called on to send out during his administration of the Navy department, dispatches having been received this week stating that the Haytian government had turned the American steamer which they seized over to Admiral Luce as soon as he made the demand.

The Republicans seem to be a greedy lot. Not satisfied with having just elected a President, some of them have already begun to boom Senator Allison as the candidate for 1892. But probably this premature boom is only intended as a menace to Mr. Harrison, who has possibly already begun to indulge in dreams of again being the candidate of his party.

If the canvass for the Speakership of the next House continues to spread at the rate that it has up to this time, when the Fifty-first Congress meets every republican Representative will be a candidate for Speaker. This week has brought out three new candidates, notwithstanding Christmas and the Congressional recess.

It is proposed to add a schedule of inquiry to those allowed by the House bill providing for the taking of the eleventh census. The new schedule is to be a complete census of the Confederate soldiers now living, with their terms of service.

The Blaine fight is getting to be very interesting to democrats, as it has now reached a stage which makes it certain that it will go right along for the next four years, no matter whether Mr. Blaine goes into Mr. Harrison's cabinet, or gets snubbed by the President-elect Mr. Harrison.

Some weeks ago Dr. Charles W. Macune tendered his resignation as business manager of the Alliance Exchange at Dallas, but the board of directors declined to accept it, which fact was published at the time in The News.

The following, from the Greenville Banner, is full of wholesome truth: "Some people cry 'hard times' by way of apology for not settling their just debts which they could meet by an effort."

Dealer (to clerk)—I am going to make those boys' diagonal suits \$15 to-morrow. Clerk—Fifteen dollars! Why, we've been selling them for \$10 all along.

Woman (to tired tramp who is resting at the gate)—If you'll come round to the back door I'll give you a piece of pie. Tired tramp—Thank you, am, not any; you gave me a piece of pie when I passed through this section last summer.—Exchange.

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Be Sure. If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. A Boston lady, whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience as follows: "I am one where I want to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to buy another brand of Sarsaparilla, but he told me that Hood's was the best, and I bought it."

To Get. I had a trial of it, I did not like it, I did not need it for anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, and he told me that it was the best, and I bought it.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. 100 Doses One Dollar.

SAN MARCOS Marble Works. Wm. N. NANCE, Proprietor.

The Eleventh Census. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The senate committee on the census has not as yet had any meeting to consider the house bill providing for the taking of the eleventh census. A bill for this purpose passed the House of Representatives at its last session.

The Kate Adams, the fastest and finest steamer that ran between Memphis, Tennessee, and Arkansas City, was burned on the 23d inst. forty miles below Memphis, while en route for that city.

Dr. Giddings' Guests. The distinguished Methodist Episcopal Bishops, Reverend Walden, of Cincinnati, and Goodsell, of New York, are visiting San Antonio, the guests of Rev. Dr. Giddings, of Trinity Methodist church.

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Notice that the stories advertised below are begun in the present issue of the Free Press.

Here Is a Treat!

Four of Washington Irving's Best Stories.



Washington Irving. [The above Portrait is a remarkably good likeness of that Famous Author. If you have no portrait of Irving, cut this one out.]

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To Farmers. The Standard CULTIVATOR The Cassidy SULKY PLOW Th. Deere and Eagle, Steel and Wooden Beam FLOWS and DOUBLE SHOVELS.

T. K. HUTCHINS. Fresh Fruits, Confectioners, FISH, CYSTERS, Etc. SAN MARCOS. Oklahoma. JEWELERS. FITCH & ROBINSON, NANCE BUILD.

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Subscription price \$2 a year, And pay, in advance, the yearly subscription price and \$1 additional we shall send for one year a copy, weekly, of our paper and also for one year a copy, weekly, of THE CELEBRATED ILLUSTRATED HUMOROUS PAPER TEXAS SIFTINGS.

The subscription price of SIFTINGS is \$4 a year. It is a 16-page paper, profusely illustrated by the leading artists and caricaturists of the day. The matter of original humor, it is acknowledged to stand at the head of the illustrated press of the country, and has been well named "The Witty Wonder of the World."

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