

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1889.  
HOME NEWS.

## ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSE SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:  
T. & C. N. R. RAIL.  
Going North: 8:01 A. M. and 5:12 P. M.  
Going South: 9:46 A. M. and 9:00 P. M.

Gen. A. Eddy and H. C. Cross, receivers.  
LOCKPORT BRANCH: T. B. & A. DIVISION.  
Leaves San Marcos 10:30 A. M. and 9:10 P. M.  
Arrives " 7:50 A. M. and 4:40 P. M.

C. COLLINS, Agent.  
Two Copies for \$3.50.  
Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, 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 parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at this office.  
The light-running "White."  
If you want any hauling of any description call on T. J. Hawk, San Marcos.

Dairies for 1889 at the Book store.  
Removed.  
Smith & Rogers have moved their meat market into the old McKie building recently occupied by T. J. Peel.

The "White" is king.  
Single copies of the FREE PRESS are on sale at the San Marcos Bookstore, as well as at the office, at 5 cents each.

Geo. W. Knight, Watchmaker and Jeweler, east side Plaza, San Marcos. n20  
R. F. McAllister, the oldest firm in the city. Keeps a full line of fresh groceries, and will sell as cheap as any one.

A Christmas present—the "White."  
Taylor & Taylor have removed their stock of groceries to their old stand on the east side.

A Rare Chance.  
The Mosher place for rent. Apply to T. C. Johnson.  
B. Dalley sells the "White."

One hundred cases of canned goods which will be sold cheap for cash by Wm. Giesen.  
Go to Copple's cheap grocery store for bargains in this line. A full and fresh stock, which is constantly renewed. Free delivery.

Buy the light-running "White."  
Christmas has come and gone but my stock of fancy groceries is still complete and in good order. A. C. Wiza.

L. D. Gage, east side of the square, has now a full well assorted stock of groceries, fruits, notions, etc., which he will close out at nearly cost in order to make room for a new and fuller stock. Call and see.

Clearance Sale.  
Mrs. Richardson will close out her handsome stock of millinery at prices that will ensure a quick sale. Please give her an early call.  
The noiseless "White."

Notice.  
The stockholders of the Glover National Bank will meet on Tuesday, January 8th, at their banking house for the purpose of electing officers. Tom H. Glover.

The "White" is the machine.  
THE CELEBRATED  
La Belle Wagon.

I am agent for this wagon and in receipt of a car load of them which I offer at low prices and on good terms. Wm. Giesen.  
You will find a full supply of feed of all kinds at the feed store of T. J. Hawk, San Marcos.

CHAS. HUTCHINGS  
Successor to  
G. W. DONALSON & CO.,  
respectfully invites an inspection of his stock of

HARDWARE,  
Farming Implements,  
STOVES,  
Tinware, Crockery, Etc.

The "White" gets there.  
Persons knowing themselves indebted to us will please call and settle up as we wish to collect all we have out without any exceptions. Taylor & Taylor.

Everybody buys the "White."  
Farmers' Alliance.  
The regular quarterly meeting of the Hays county Alliance will be held on Tuesday, the 9th of January, at Buda.

Wm. Garbrett.  
If you want your horse to have a good square snap take him to Hawk's Wagon Yard, San Marcos.

Now is the time to look after your breaking plows and I wish to inform my friends and customers that I am still agent for the old reliable "Castor" or "Oliver" Chilled Sulky Plows which has no superior. I also represent the John Deere and Eagle Plows and Standard Cultivator. This justly celebrated cultivator is materially improved this season.

Be sure to give me a call when in need of agricultural implements. Wm. Giesen.  
Ten times as many "White" sold in this county as any other.

Notice of Dissolution.  
The co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of Denny Bros. & Andrews was dissolved by mutual consent on January 1st, 1889.

A. S. DENNY,  
W. M. DENNY,  
C. A. ANDREWS.

Having sold my interest in the Dry Goods business of the late firm of Denny Bros. & Andrews to Denny Bros. I speak for them the same liberal patronage that has been extended to me by the people of Hays and adjoining counties. Respectfully,  
C. A. ANDREWS.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

See new card of Mr. Robbins.  
See card of San Marcos Marble Works.  
Still no old style January weather or norther.

See our Premium Book List in another column.  
The Christmas carnival was a partial failure owing to the rain.

See displayed advertisement of Wm. Giesen.  
See card of T. K. Hutchins, dealer in fresh fruits, fish, oysters, etc.

See new announcements and advertisement of Denny Bros.  
See displayed advertisement of J. W. Nance, Furniture dealer.

A clear day now and then sandwiched between several bad ones, appears to be the order of the weather of late.

Since writing the personal concerning Elder Wilkins of Austin he has reported here for duty. See announcement.

The old year closed gloomily, and the new appeared in the same style, with a cold drizzle and "any quantity" of mud.

Thanks to friends in various localities for furnishing us lists of names to whom to address sample copies of the FREE PRESS.

The distracting elements of the election and the holidays being past, let us turn hopefully to the duties and responsibilities of the new year.

The "Old Guard" of the FREE PRESS, who never surrender or falter in its support, we rejoice to say are coming to its rescue. They pay in advance—in many cases before the expiration of their time. Would all be such!

A feather in the cap of the FREE PRESS and quite a fair and decisive test of its superior merit lies in the fact that, as we are assured, nearly uniformly it is given the preference by one people when they wish to send a copy of a home paper to any one at a distance. They recognize it as a creditable representative of the town and county.

We wish to say to the many new readers whom our present issue will greet, that a pretty full line of choice miscellaneous books may always be found at the drug store of Raynolds & Daniel. Also school books, fine stationery, blank books, and everything in that line. No use in sending to distant places for your books or stationery.

THERE is no use denying the fact that this country has been very badly "set back" for a few years past, so much so that it will require another year or two of good crops to bring it again to the front. But though for obvious reasons money is still very close, the outlook for the future is very good. Let everybody look ahead instead of backward. A large crop of small grain is the first thing in order.

A Change.  
Mr. Geo. W. Donaldson retires from the firm of Geo. W. Donaldson & Co., hardware dealers. By close attention to business he has fairly worked his way to an independence, and now, like a wise man, he concludes to no longer devote himself to a business so laborious and exacting. We, in common with his many other friends, congratulate him on his happy deliverance.

Mr. Charles Hutchings, who succeeds to the business of the late firm, and who will hereafter conduct it, is a thorough and methodical young man of business. He will no doubt conduct the business successfully and to the entire satisfaction of the old and new patrons of the house.

How to Do It.  
We copy the following note, just to hand from one of our subscribers, as a hint to others. Many allow the weeks, months and years to go by without reference to any notice or statement of account, leaving us in the dark as to their wishes as to a continuance of the paper or when they propose to pay. We thank the writer for his favorable opinion and also for his square mode of dealing. We shall continue his paper with pleasure.

Please continue the FREE PRESS after my time is out. I have not the money now but will by the middle of January or the first of February, and then I will bring it to you. I think the FREE PRESS is a splendid paper and would not like to miss any of the numbers because I have not the money just now.  
Yours truly,  
L. W. ANDERSON,  
Staples Store, Guadalupe county.

We Mean Business.  
We desire and must have an understanding with a few of our subscribers. We have indulged them long on their promise to pay when able. That time, in our opinion is now; it can scarcely be possible that any man who earnestly desires it cannot pay for a copy of his home paper. We ask the class to whom we refer to redeem their promise. If they cannot pay in full, let us have a part of what is due, with a statement of when we may expect the remainder. If you do not intend to pay at all, say so frankly, so we may understand you. We want a "sign" from you one way or the other. We will give one more week for an answer, and will be compelled to cut off such as fail to respond. We cannot do business or make a living after this indefinite fashion.

Fame in Florida.  
Mr. A. K. HAWKES—Dear Sir: I have thoroughly tested the glasses you adjusted to my eyes sometime ago, and find them to be unsurpassed in clearness and brilliancy. In fact, they are the best glasses I have ever used.  
W. D. BLOXHAM,  
Ex-Governor of Florida.  
All eyes fitted and guaranteed by S. F. McAllister, San Marcos. dec-1m

Religious Notice.  
Elder James Wilkins, of Austin, will begin a series of meetings at the Christian church this evening. They will probably be continued over Sunday and perhaps longer.

Talmsable San Marcos Property for Sale.  
A business house and lot on the public square. No better business location. Also two choice residence lots desirably located. They are fenced and were in cultivation last season.  
Address FREE PRESS office.

## Our Chautauqua.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—I think the plan outlined in last week's FREE PRESS, for putting the Chautauqua on a solid basis a good one, but it will necessarily take time to get a sufficient amount of stock subscribed, and in the mean time, we ought to provide for next summer's programme.

Dr. DuBoise said, so I am informed, that for five hundred dollars he could give us a better programme than we have ever had. I propose to be out of fifty to give ten dollars for the programme. I believe more than half the amount necessary can be raised inside of a week, if some one will take hold of the matter.

I would suggest that Judge Fisher take the matter in hand. If this plan does not suit, let us have a meeting of the citizens and adopt some plan that will insure a good programme for next summer.

The remark is sometimes heard, "they" have moved our Chautauqua to Georgetown. This is certainly a mistake. The hill is still here, the tabernacle is still here, the river is still here, and the founders of the Chautauqua are still here; and what is better, they intend to stay here.

From the noise and nonsense that we hear, one would think that the San Marcos people would wake up some fine morning and find that certain reverend gentlemen had taken the whole business up bodily and lumped it down on the banks of the San Gabriel.

If certain men want to go to Georgetown, in the name of common sense, let them go, and peace go with them, and to tell the truth we haven't many tears to shed at the parting. The idea of a state Chautauqua was conceived by Dr. Dutton and nobly set on foot by the whole people of San Marcos, and now to hear it said by men who live at a dollar's interest in San Marcos, "we've taken your Chautauqua away," it makes me mad. A. A. THOMAS.

PERSONAL.  
Mrs. Pierce, of this place, died of consumption a few days since.

We had a pleasant call one day last week from Mr. Pleasant of Buda.

Mr. Louis McKay, cashier of the Temple National bank, is visiting at this place.

Messrs. H. Hellman and Otto Groos were registered at the Hoffman yesterday.

Mr. J. S. Billingsley has laid us under obligations by a generous present of sweet potatoes.

Rev. Mr. Riggs, now presiding elder, will again reside at Lockhart, that place having made the best offer in the way of a district parsonage.

We accidentally overlooked in our last mention of the visit of Mr. Lee Wootton to this his old home. He has been absent for some years in the stock business in Prisdio county.

Mr. John Brown, son of our esteemed fellow-townman, L. H. Brown, Esq., is at home from Goliad where he has located for the practice of law. He has just recovered from a severe illness.

Our stolen dog has been returned. A letter from Mr. D. A. Glover to the man in Blanco who spirited him away "persuaded" the gentleman to send him back. In so doing he displayed some discretion.

Mr. E. Northcraft returned from Gatesville a few days since. He says the new reformatory has been received by the state and that the first story of the orphan asylum at Corsicana is nearly completed.

Our friend Capt. Fory will be a candidate for assistant doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Austin. We heartily endorse him as worthy of the position and hope he may get it.

The dawn of clearer recollection informs us that we were in error in stating that Dr. Nye's baby was a boy. We beg the young lady's pardon for having assigned her to the worse instead of the better half of humanity.

On our return trip from San Antonio we made the acquaintance of Elder Wilkins of the Christian church at Austin. He had been further west. We advised him to come over to San Marcos and preach, and he promised to do so soon.

Rev. Mr. Scott, the new Methodist minister in charge, reached this place about the first. In company with Squire Coombs he is on a preaching tour in the county. We trust his pastorate will prove pleasant and profitable to all concerned.

Messrs. Whaley & Gosdin have dissolved partnership. Mr. Whaley will resume cabinet making, in which he is proficient. Mr. Gosdin has gone to Taylor to assist Mr. Mackin. A building boom is prevailing there and they will no doubt make it pay.

There has been quite an influx of transient printers lately. A dozen or more have passed this way within a few weeks past. The latest arrival had but one arm, but with his single hand could set type with considerable facility.

Enroute to San Antonio we met with Col. W. D. Carey, who is traveling for the Galveston News. Arrived at the city he stopped at the Porter Hotel, where he was an invited guest at the marriage feast of Madame P., who was married the Sunday before Christmas, after the morning service at the Methodist church, by Rev. Mr. Pinson. She married a gentleman whose name we cannot recall from Aurora Indians. The happy pair went north on a wedding tour of a month after which they will reside at San Antonio. We give these particulars because we are aware that Madame Porter is well known among our home people.

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## Henley.

HENLEY, TEX., Dec. 28, 1888.  
Christmas came, and so did the heavy rain, which has put the roads almost impassable again. The long talked of Christmas tree was put up at C. C. Reed's, superintendent of Sunday-school. Rev. J. W. McCarty gave a short lecture. The tree was well arranged and well filled with Christmas presents for the Sunday-school children. The children were all there; their parents were there; their friends and neighbors were all there; in fact everybody claimed to be present. Santa Claus made his appearance with his long white beard and red eyes. Everything seemed to be moving in grand style. But hark! About this time we began to hear loud and boisterous talking, and we soon found to our sorrow that in addition to everybody else, the Devil was there, also, in the shape of a wine jug and the wine bibber. The proceedings from that on cannot be described by your humble correspondent, for my contempt for such is so intense that I can't give it justice. Suffice it to say that Justice Crow's mill is going to try to grind out justice to them to-morrow. Hope they may get it.

On Christmas night there was a sociable at Mr. E. D. Watson's, which passed off to the satisfaction of all, none of the wine bibbers being present.

Success to the FREE PRESS as long as it advocates the principles of prohibition. So says  
HUGH OXLEY.

Buda Blottings.  
Mr. Editor you must excuse me for being so late, but since before the election we've been listening for carriage-picker Wheeler's bones of the Republican party to bustle themselves off into eternity, but it seems that the funeral is a momentous job, so I've fallen behind in my correspondence.

Dr. Castberry who is seriously ill with cancer, lately returned from New Orleans where he had remained two weeks consulting some physicians in regard to his disease.

We have a new depot agent who occupies Mr. Slack's property, who has removed with his son to Dr. Castberry's.

Christmas week was dull, damp and slushy.

Parties have been improving their property considerably of late.

There have been several weddings here in the vicinity of Sevier Hall.

Mr. Heiskill and Miss Reid, also Mr. Ed Walling and Miss Johnson. Mr. Will Carbaugh and Miss Wakefield of this place, and since we didn't get off ourselves we must mournfully close. BLOTTING.

Stapleville.  
The great thunderer is again grating along the colder curve of its ellipsis as the old years peddle off on its last legs. The occasional croak of the lamenting frog has subsided. The honey-fly is no longer here to commit his little errors of judgment in regard to the solidity of the cream, the temptation of the grave or of the stickiness of the catch-em-alive paper. The ministers have had their much needed rest, while their congregations have had some of the same. The land turtle with a new lie of an old date pen-knife on his bill is picking gravel for a winter home, and "all is quiet on the Potomac to-night." Nothing new from Dr. Fiat of Guadalupe.

Literary Notices.  
The January Century, both in a literary and artistic point of view, is equal to the best of its predecessors. Art, Ancient and Modern; the beginning of a series of articles by Parke, and the story of the Lincoln life to the announcement of Emancipation; a number of interesting stories; another of the articles on Siberia; an article on American Labor, and a great variety of other interesting matter.

St. Nicholas, from the same publishers approach this standard, if possible, to perfection as a magazine for young people.

The Magazine of American History opens its 21st volume with a strong January number. It has for a frontispiece a superb portrait of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, followed by a series of articles of much historical importance and interest. This is a work well worthy of permanent preservation.

The January number of Lippincott's Magazine begins with a complete novel, entitled "Hale-Watson," by Mr. Elliot Sewall, a new writer from that fertile Southern center of the country. R. H. Stoddard commences his promised series of literary criticisms and criticisms with an article on Edgar Allan Poe, containing some fresh anecdotes and much entertaining matter. A very remarkable article by Charlotte Adams describes "Literary Society as She was Seen," and details how in one of the leading literary houses in New York the most absolute indignities from the literary ladies there assembled and narrowly escaped being robbed. A notable contribution is entitled "The Capture and Execution of John Brown," by an eye-witness and consists of a series of articles written by Parke, and which was one of the company engaged in the suppression of John Brown's outbreak. Pointed after-wards rose to be colored in the Southern army.

The January Eclectic opens the new year well. A magazine full of the cream of the best foreign writing and thinking should certainly have a liberal public support. William Morris, the Socialist poet, discusses the revival of handicraft in industrial art and manufactures with great suggestiveness, and shows how there lies herein one of the means for the uplifting and improvement of the lower classes. Sir R. S. Ball takes up the subject of the great eruption in Krakatoa, which has just been the subject of a most charming exhaustive scientific report. It will be remembered that it was this eruption which caused the very curious sunset effects which were observable nearly all over the world a few years ago, and which then made such widespread scientific talk. Mrs. Mors Gaird discusses "Ideal Marriage," from her peculiar standpoint in a manner to provoke controversy. A brilliant picture of London and England a hundred years ago, is given by G. W. Kewley. Frederic Harrison offers a brief of the argument in favor of Co-munism or the religion of humanity, as it is sometimes called, with his usual vigor and skill of treatment. The other features of the magazine are no less attractive.

The Philosophical Journal has reduced its rates from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per year, but there will be no reduction in quality or quantity of contents. This work has now been published for over half a century, and still shows all the vigor of its earlier days.

Literature, John B. Alden's Weekly Magazine, is a readable and valuable work. Each number has one or more biographical sketches of eminent literary people, with literary criticisms and notes. Only 50 cents a year.

The most remarkable series of articles on the life of George Washington, by Hoop's Biographical, Try & S. of all druggists.

Wood wanted at this office.  
Fire at Maxwell.  
We regret very much to learn that on New Year's night the buildings of E. P. Lamm and J. A. Watson, merchants of the new town of Maxwell, were destroyed by fire. We are not informed as to its origin. We are informed that Mr. Watson's building was insured.

## For the FREE PRESS.

Babies.  
O how happy are the babies!  
Linnocent little sunbeams bright,  
Little faces, sweet and joyful,  
Little hearts so pure and light.

Pretty little dimpled fingers,  
Little amiss round and fair,  
Eyes like modest twin violets,  
Curly locks of golden hair.

O the dear, sweet little babies!  
Mothers' greatest joy and pride,  
Far more precious is their prattle  
Than all the world beside.

Still those little feet must walk  
On life's rugged pathway drear;  
Must feel the touch of earthly sorrow,  
Hardships, disappointments, care.

May God protect the darling babies,  
Bless them all, yes, every one  
And take them all in His loving arms  
When their days on earth are done.

Real Estate Transfers.  
SINCE OUR LAST REPORT, DEC. 13.  
Gov. Ross to Henderson & Overton Branch railroad, patent to 640 acres survey No. 5, Hays county.

Sarah P. Mather to Otto Groos, 36 acres S. Hinton survey No. 12, \$1,000.  
Anna M. Giddings and W. L. G. and Heber Stone to Julia Mitchell and J. M. Nance 160 acres survey No. 32, Thos. L. Chase grant, \$240.

Mary A. Cooke to E. H. Wallace, part of lots 1 and 2, Dripping Springs, \$600.  
Otto Groos, to Mrs. Sarah P. Mather 132 acres W. B. Atkinson survey, and 110 acres B. T. Hughes survey, \$5,500.

Charles Warner to J. C. and H. I. Best, 237 acres, 143 acres John Owens survey and 95 acres Andrew Mitchell labor \$5,600.

Helen E. Turner to Elizabeth D. Turner, 300 Acres Samuel Little headright, consisting of lots 329 and 330, \$14,000.  
J. S. Barnes and J. S. Wetmore, to Wm. Dwyer, lots 15 and 16, 6k, 5, \$157,500.  
Chas. Wolf to Wm. Dwyer, lots 4 and 5, 6k, 8, \$150,000.

George W. Sampson to Martha J. Weir, 300 acres of land, \$14,000.  
Gov. Ross to Peter J. Dannon, patent to 105 acres on Spring creek.  
J. M. Cape to A. Y. Oldham, 63 acres Bagley tract, \$750.

Gov. Ross to M. H. Howard, patent to 80 acres on Barton's creek.  
Chas. M. Porter and wife to Moses Johnson, 121 acres S. Hinton survey, \$1220.  
W. L. Frauks to W. D. Trimble 4 acres J. L. Goforth preemption, \$900.

J. N. Whisenand to M. A. Johnson lot 2, 6k, 4, R. K. \$275.  
Madeline W. and Harold C. Durar, to W. T. Chapman, 2 acres quarter section No. 19 B. F. Hanna survey, \$20 and other consideration.

Madeline W. and Harold C. Durar to W. T. Chapman, part of B. F. Hanna league, \$1.  
J. M. Wolf and wife to O. E. Andrews lot 6, 6k 4 Mountain City addition to Sau Marco, \$1000.

S. M. Cemetery Association to J. O. De woe, 6k 14, div. D. cemetery grounds, \$20.  
Edward B. Walling to Joseph Biles, 743 acres E. Allen league, \$14,000.  
James I. McQuinn to Joseph Biles, one sixth interest in 351 acres Trinidad Varietas survey, 200 acres P. J. Allen league and 5 acres Isaac Decker league (Travis county) \$762.50.

W. F. Caldwell to N. K. Faris and wife one half interest in 700 acres out of T. J. Chausiers and Juan Veremendi league and part of John Williams, and K. H. Williams surveys, 8,500.

N. K. Faris and wife to T. W. Caldwell, part of lot 5 6k 13 San Marcos, \$8500.  
A. B. Storey guardian Paul M. Cheat-lum estate to Jas. H. Bishop, one half interest in part Veremendi league on west side of the San Marcos river, \$1888.

A. S. Barleson to E. W. Kyles 5 acres. T. J. Chambers league, near San Marcos, \$750.  
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## Marriage Licenses.

Since our last report, November 29th:  
M. W. Deak and Sallie E. Hancock.  
Sam Lawson and Adelaide Buntion.  
C. W. Grays and Miss Rhoda Johnson.  
Rasio Narijo and Rosa Rosalie Nerijs.  
J. S. Hawk and Mary Dixon.

Hicario Sandoval and Francisca Rubio.  
H. A. Lovelace and Lena Beverly.  
August Kerper and Louisa Hattig.  
John H. Martin and Julia Buntion.  
The Johns and Lillie Langlin.

R. F. Oliver and Susie Black.  
Webb Brady and Alice Lavash.  
Rodney H. Heiskill and Susie Reid.  
L. D. Porter and Nora Jackson.

R. S. Clayton and N. M. Payne.  
E. B. Walling and Mary E. Johnson.  
J. L. McNett and Fannie F. Fry.  
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