Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1889.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

I. & G. N.

	MAIL.	MAIL.
Going North: -	8:01 A. M.	and 5:12 P. M.
Going South: -	9:46 A. M.	and 9:00 P. M.

M. K. & T.

Geo. A. Eddy and H. C. Cross, receivers.

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We will give a copy of Kendall's valuable little work "The Horse and his Diseases," to every subscriber, new or old, who will remind us that he desires it. To others it will be for sale at 25 cents per copy.

Printing.

The FREE PRESS office has again in stock a nice variety of stationery for letter and bill heads, etc. It has the best facilities, and the best printer. It will therefore be to your interest to give us your orders.

WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at this office.

Fresh Garden Seeds. Ferry's celebrated and California seeds.

Coppie leads the field beyond all doubt in low priced tobacco. Call and see.

Geo. W. Knight, Watchmaker and Jeweler, east side Plaza, San Marcos. nv29

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood which Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes and thus cures rheumatism.

One hundred cases of canned goods which will be sold cheap for cash by WM. GIESEN.

Prof. J. Aronson will remain a short time longer. He can be found at Dr. Beall's drug store.

S. F. McAllister, the oldest firm in the city. Keeps a full line of fresh groceries, and will sell as cheap as any one.

A Rare Chance.

The Mosher place for rent. Apply to T. C. JOHNSON.

Cozby & Kruse, we notice are still turning out fine pictures. They catch the babies to the life. Their photo of the Christmas carnival attracts much attention.

Go to Coppie's cheap grocery store for bargains in that line. A full and fresh stock which is constantly renewed. Free delivery.

Clearance Sale.

Mrs Richardson will close out her handsome stock of winter millinery at prices that will ensure a quick sale. Please give her an early call.

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.

For Sale.

The dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. Briggs. This handsome property can now be bought for much less than cost—also for sale one Cunningham curtain Landeau, three horses and harness, and two cows. Call at house.

Red Diamond.

There is a change of front at this popular "institution," B. A. Sanderson is now the "boss," with W. H. Nunn as assistant. Its appearance is greatly improved, while the stock is also enlarged and improved. You will find there the choicest candies, fresh fruits, and other delicacies. Remember the Red Diamond.

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 "Casidy 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.

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 bespeak for them the same liberal patronage that has been extended fo me by the people of Hays and adjoining counties.

Respectfully,
C. A. ANDREWS.

CHAS. HUTCHINGS.

Successor to

G. W. DONALSON & CO.,

respectfully invites an inspection of his stock of

HARDWARE,

Farming Implements,

STOVES,

Tinware, Crockery, Etc.

Dissolution of Partnership.

SAN MARCOS, January 1st., 1889.

The co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of G. W. Donalson & Co., in the town of San Marcos, Texas, is this day dissolved by mutual agreement. All parties indebted will please call and make settlement, G. W. DONALSON.
CHAS. HUTCHINGS.

Referring to the above, I beg to say, that having purchased the entire stock of hardware and farming implements &c., of G. W. Donalson & Co., I will be pleased to meet our friends and patrons at the old stand. CHAS. HUTCHINGS.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A ball on the tapis.

S. F. McAllister, North side plaza.

The partnership between McAllister and Taylor finally failed to materialize.

We hear of several applicants for postmaster; among them two ladies.

We appreciate the high compliment paid us by our Pleasant Ridge correspondent.

All through our hills running springs now course along the hollows, just as in most other countries. It seems to us quite natural like.

Even a regular old-style "blue norther" would be welcome now—anything to break the monotony of rain and mud.

Since our last we have had more rain and mud. On Tuesday a slight norther came on, it cleared off and there was a very slight freeze on yesterday morning.

As will be seen, the Great Mogul is determined not to be cheated out of his display of fire-works. He proposes this time to "get a good ready," and do the thing right. Success to the effort.

The San Marcos and Hays county Auxiliary Bible Society will hold its anniversary in the Methodist church next Sunday, at 7 o'clock p. m. All friends of the Bible cause should be present. Whether you are a church member or not, please come out to the Bible meeting. J. H. COMBS,
President.

By the proclamation of the mayor which we publish elsewhere it will be seen that a mad dog scare is "on," and the dogs are likely to suffer. We confess we are inclined to be skeptical on the subject, especially at this season of the year; but are ready to concede that our canine population might be reduced to the public comfort and advantage.

The Texas Chautauqua has been located at Georgetown. Does the San Marcos papers want to know why it was removed from that place? They ought to know without being told.—La Grange Journal.

Saying nothing of the grammar of the above, we believe we do know why a rival Chautauqua is proposed at Georgetown, viz.: to give a chance to certain soreheads to figure as leaders, which they failed to find here.

We believe the old adage that "the darkest hour is just before day," is applicable at this time. With the vantage ground gained the past season, with the almost certain prospect of even a better season, there must, we think, be a steady revival in business during the coming spring and summer. We ask those who are halting as to whether they can afford to take their county paper to think of these things.

Wanted!

The names of one hundred men, old and young, who are willing to take part in the grand torch light procession on the evening of the fire works display. Hand in your names at once and let us make a success of the occasion. By order of the

GRAND MOGUL.

B. W. SMITH, Chairman of Committee on torch light procession.

WANTED!—The names of 25 boys to take part in the Grand Procession. Give in your names at once if you want to join the procession. GRAND MOGUL.

Hand in your names to the secretary.

Coronal Institute Headquarters

On the south side is the place to call and settle your tuition accounts.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Walter Turner, son of Capt. P. R. Turner, was here last week on a visit. He is traveling for a New Orleans house.

We were pleased, the other day to make the acquaintaince of Mr. Tuttle, from that part of Guadalupe county whose people do business at San Marcos.

We learn that both Messrs. Laney and Watson, the principal sufferers in the late fire at Maxwell, had their losses well covered by insurance.

Miss Lily Ragsdale, who is attending the State University at Austin, had an alarming attack of pneumonia last week. For some days her life was despaired of, but we are glad to learn that she is much better, with a fair prospect of recovery.

We met our friend Captain Forgey this morning, just from Austin. He informed us he got left as to the Assistant Doorkeepership of the house; that no man from the west stood any chance. The Captain, however got the very respectable vote of some thirty to fifty.

Thos. Shumate, whom we remember as an emigrant to this place from "old Virginia's shore," several years since, and who has since been residing in parts unknown to us, is again here on a visit. He comes from Florida, and reports very cold weather there this winter.

We met Representative Ellison on Monday and he promised to have sent us from Austin, occasional letters giving the "true inwardness" of legislative proceedings. That is something, we know, which our readers will appreciate, as well as the shrewd and kind consideration of "Uncle Jake," as the young folks style him.

We were pleased to receive a call on yesterday from Captain Kercheville, whose residence in Texas dates back to 1842. Most of that time he has resided in Blanco county, but is now settled in our town. He saw service as a soldier both under the Republic of Texas and in the war of the United States against Mexico. We find Capt. K. very prepossessing in appearance and manners and are pleased to have him as a resident of our little city. He has lately started in business as driver of an express wagon, and we commend him to the favor of our people.

C. T. Bass, Druggist.

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 fit guaranteed by S. F. McAllister, San Marcos. dec6-1m

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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.

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Chautauqua Meeting.

A well attended meeting of our citizens was held at the court house on yesterday, to take action as to the future of our Chautauqua. After some discussion a committee of three consisting of Gid Johnson, A. A. Thomas and Fred Brown was appointed to collect means to the amount of $700 to secure a programme for this year's session, and another committee consisting of Mayor Hardy, Ed. J. L. Green and Thos. Johnson to solicit subscriptions of stock in the Real Estate Association as auxilliary to the Chautauqua. Some two thousand dollars was subscribed on the spot, and we learn the other committee have collected about half of the required $700.

We learn that Mr. DuBose has promised positively to lend his invaluable aid, and the probabilities now are that we shall have the most successful session of the Chautauqua this year that we have ever had.

Flowers in Midwinter.

West Texas thus far the present season, has fairly rivaled Southern California in climate. Peach and pear tree leaves are still green on the trees, while roses and even more delicate flowers are not rare. We were forcibly reminded of these facts this week by the presentation by our friend, Mrs. Gid Johnson, of a large and elegant bouquet of choice tea roses of several different varieties. Although in mid winter, it would grace the spring time any day. The grounds about the house of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, although in cultivation only a couple of years, are already famed for a profusion of choice flowers, as they will soon be for fruits also. Nor is this case exceptional in Texas, for the same blessed morning in came Master Daniel Murchison, son of our friend M. H. Murchison, with another bouquet of roses and other flowers, also of fine varieties while diversified in color, Mr. M, not only has grounds admirably "set off" with flowers but is one of our most successful growers of grapes and other fruits.

We wonder what our friends at the north will think of our winter gardens here in Texas.

Church Matters.

The Methodists of this place, who since conference have not had regular ministerial services, were quite overjoyed at the arrival of their regular pastor in charge, Rev. Mr. Scott. He held his first services on Sunday morning last, when he preached to a large and appreciative audience. High hopes are entertained of a period of sucessful minis-terial labor.

Elder Wilkins, the Christian minister mentioned in our last, held several meetings in spite of the rain and mud. He preached on Sunday a very good sermon on man, principally in his religious relations. The preacher is a fine singer as well. We learn that arrangements are sought to be made to secure his services for this place and Lockhart jointly. This ought to be practical now that the distance between these points is almost annihilated. It seems to us the Presbyterians also might be able to make a similar arrangement.

The value of certain kinds of local news is well set forth in the following critical but badly spelled communication:

DEAR SIR:—I hereby offer my resignation as a subscriber to your paper, it being a paper, it being a phamphlet of such small knonsense as not to Benifit my family by takin' it. What you need in your sheet is branes and some one to russel up news and write eddytoryals on live topics. No menshion has been made in your shete of me butcherin' a poland china pig weigin' 369 pounds, or of the gaps in the chickens out this way. You steugnsly ignore the fact that the tater bugs am eatin' things up out here, and say nothin' 'bout Hi Simpson's durham bull calf breakin' its legs fallin' down a well, or of grandma sipes having the sore legs. Two important weddins' here have been utterly ignored by your column, and a two-kolumn obitchuary writ by me on the death of grandpa Henry, was left out by your shete, to say nothin' of a alphabetical poem beginnin' with "A is for Andy and also for Ark," writ by my darter, This is why your shete is unpopler here. If you don't want any eddytorials from this place and ain't goin' to put in any news in your shete we don't want your shete.

Yourn in disgust,
HIRAM DOAKES.

P. S.—If you print that obitchuary in your next isoo I may sign again for your shete.—[National Editorial Journalist.

No dang r of our friends of the Times and Star Vindicator receiving any complaints of the above description.

Letters from the People.

We take the liberty of giving the following sample letters:

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS,
January 8, 1889.

DEAR SIR—With a sincere wish that the "New Year" may be a prosperous one for yourself and the FREE PRESS, I inclose you a postal note for two dollars, which you will please place to my credit, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,
DR. J. W. HARRISON.

WIMBERLEY, January 9, 1889.

DEAR SIR—After thanking you for continuing my paper after my time had expired, would state that I would like to take it, and will settle with you for it in a month or two. Respectfully, T. W. THOMP.

Our First Institute.

Purfuant to the advice of friends and the request of farmers near Austin, the first Farmers' Institute of Texas will be held at Austin, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 7, 8 and 9, 1889 The exact programme will be announced later through those columns and through the State press. Besides local talent the following gentlemen have been requested to deliver addresses and read papers on that occasion: Governor O. M. Roberts, opening address; Commissioner L. L. Foster, Needs of Texas Agriculture; Capt. John Ednar, County Roads; Prof. F. A. Gulley, Tile drainage of Texas; Geo. W. Curtis, Acclimatation of Imported Cattle; Col. W. E. Hughes, Experience with Thoroughbred Cattle; Dr. J. D. Fields, Marketing Farm Products; W. S. Marshall, Windmills on the Farm; W. A. Clark, W. P. Hancock, Maj. A. J. Rose, and several others whose subjects have not been agreed upon.

The meeting, even at this early date, promises to be a great success. We earnestly invite farmers from all over the State to meet with us and to come prepared to come prepared to discuss the subjects mentioned and to propose others which may occur to them as of interest to their section or vital to Texas agriculture.

We request the press of the State to give notoriety to the movement and in this way assist what we believe will prove of greater direct benefit to the material interests of Texas than anything yet proposed.—[Texas Farm and Ranch.

A Farmer's New Year Outlook.

EDITOR FREE PRESS: The year 1889 has come. Now we can put into practice renowed resolutions. No doubt every individual of energy and enterprise has resolved and planned to execute his work more diligently in the future than in the past.

Very good, so long as those resolutions are put in practice. But how many resolve and re-resolve and never seem to ascend in the scale of moral worth? Verily, many seem to think resolutions will suffice, still plod along the paths of mediocrity.

Many of us who till the soil for a livelihood bemoan our condition and think things are unequally divided, yet by a close diagnosis of the disease and sin that so hinder in the road to success and prosperity, the fault may be found lying at our own door.

We do believe we utter a truth when we say that no individual can truly succeed whose thoughts are not well directed, whose aims are not noble, whose actions are not such as become a man. This, we think, can be made applicable from a moral or financial standpoint.

As to the finances of the agricultural people we are beyond a doubt too extravagant. Many times we make extravagant store bills, thereby jeopardizing our financial stunding. This, no doubt, covers one of our greatest failings. By avoiding this one extravagane, and keeping the corners up around our farms, we may yet outride the storm notwithstanding the combination of syndicates.

This has truly been a wet winter, and judging the future by the past, we will have a dry spring for a crop. One extreme follows another. No plowing of any consequence has been done, and from present prospects cannot fairly begin to operate before February and the soil will very likely be quite cloddy.

Now Mr. Editor, we do not wish to weary you or trespass upon your readers, so we will make our bow, wishing you and the country at large, a happy new year.

J. T. D.

Yell.

The quiet and peaceful hamlet designated by the above name, is probably unknown to most people even in the county, who reside ten miles or more from the site of its location. It takes its name from the Rev. Mordecai Yell, who I believe has the honor of being first on the list in the State in his holy calling, as he also was the first itinerant preacher known to the State of protestant persuasion, which dates back to the days of the Republic of Texas, or fifty years ago.

Yell is situated about midway between Kyle and Blanco City, and one short year or two ago, it seemed to promise to become a place of some importance as it boasted a steam mill and gin, a large new store and two blacksmith shops. But alas for human hopes! all is now changed; the mill and gin have been removed to New Martindale and the store went with them, while the the two blacksmiths have both gone and their smithies stand tenantless.

Amongst the folks who left to try fickle fortune on the prairies three years ago Mr. Dyas with his family have returned. At any rate he won a wife while he was away, and as for the rest, I think it is chiefly experience. Another neighbor, Mr. John R. Ross, was made happy on New Year's eve by Miss Annie Quick bestowing upon him her hand and heart, and we join in congratulating the happy quartette.

Now another old citizen and long resident, Mr. Tom J. Staples, has determined on relinquishing farming and trying carpentering in Austin. We all wish him every success. Other changes have occured amonst them Old Mr. Starr and family have left for some place west of San Antonio.

Owing to the continued rains no attempt has been made to clear or break the land, and we are free to confess we find it very hard to in everything give thanks, and the best we can do is to try and keep an even keel.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harold and family from Blanco City, a few days ago. Mr. H. is one of the Union soldiers in the Mexican campaign and much respected by all who know him.

Well, Mr. Editor, this is the season for good resolutions, but we have so lamentably failed in that line that we can't make you any promises for the future or our conscience might have occasion to accuse us and we already get many a prick, but we do wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

AN OLD FRIEND.

Dripping Springs.

We could not get off our word in season, so will now send our best wishes for a Happy New Year. May the FREE PRESS and her worthy editor see many of them.

Christmas has been rather dull here because of the rain. When will it stop? It seems to be all rainy season nowadays. Owing to the same cause we cannot now give many notes as to the number of frolics the young people have participated in.

A most successful entertainment ocurred at Mrs. McLendon's on Wednesday night, Misses McKellar, Ella Wallace, Garrett, Tina and Louisa Harting, Kate Howard, Mattie Red, Ava and Maud Roberts, Mollie Livingston, Cinthy Crow and Mesdames Walter Phillips, Ollie Sorrels, Walter McKellar and all the gentlemen from far and near were there.

Miss Jennie Williams still continues very low though Dr. Pounds' skill has raised Miss Vishta from her sick bed. We hope her sister will also improve.

In our last letter we wrote of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk's removal to Mrs. Daniel's home. We were misinformed, they moved to the Lincoln place.

Miss Georgia Pounds returned home on Friday. All her friends will be pleased to greet this vivacious young lady after her long absence.

We have heard of a dance which took place Friday night at Mr. Bill Martin's but did not get particulars.

Mr. Ed. Wallace said he would whip any man who says he is not the happiest man in the world. It is a son.

It is with deep sorrow and sympathy that we report the death of Miss Jennie Williams.

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

Notes from Pleasant Ridge.

Immanuel's Land, in and near Martindale, is to be cultivated by Rev. Mr. Kimball, Baptist.

The mass is honor of Christ was of the usual quality and in full quantity. The spirit of the occasion has been perverted. Christmas trees were numerous but shone with beautiful silk handkerchiefs.

The immigration move has sustained quite a shock from our community. Notably Uncle Tom Deviney has been made to hear the rousing notes of another one of Earth's best gifts—a baby. Others could be named.

Josh Wilkins is not dead but on last account he was laboring under some embarrassment—"a sand bank in each eye."

Washington Irving's stories will be reread as they appear in the FREE PRESS columns.

I do not like to flatter, but it comes in so nicely right here: "Mr. Julian as an editor, in point of nice selection and high moral tone, has but one superior; the editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate." So said a prominent minister. Give us lots of Irving.

If the rainbow was not hung in the heavens I should certainly be on the lookout for another Noah. I'd pass myself as some sort of an animal. An old farmer said, "I feel almost sure of a good cotton crop this year," and he is "no sardine," either.

We still look for Winter, "Cruel as Death and hungry as the grave," as surely as we do for the "Wish of Nature," Spring.

"UNCAS."

Rio Rustlings.

It has been sometime since I have written to your paper. I am feeding beeves for Billie Jackman and I have to feed Sunday and every day and I do not have time to get the news. After I get through I will be more punctual in writing.

Mr. G. A. Trevy has moved on Maj. Harwood's farm.

People are thinking of the next crop.

Mr. Lute Porter and bride visited Blanco during Christmas.

Dull Christmas on the Blanco at Riverside.

A certain young gentleman from San Marcos got stuck in the mud between Kyle and his town.

Two young men scared off a young man from his best girl a Sunday or two ago.

Prof. D. W. Kerner is getting along nicely with his school.

Mr. Manlove's two boys came very near being drowned in the Blanco Thursday, during Christmas week, but were rescued by Sidney Jackman.

There were several races on Parke's track during Christmas.

Tom Jackman, Ed. Trevy and Rustler have scarcely time to go to see their girls.

Mr. Jodie Goode, from Lampasas, is at his sister's, Mrs. Wilson.

About five hundred beeves are being fed in the Riverside neighborhood.

Ask Mr. J. P. how he likes Miss J. L.

RUSTLER.

Proclamation of the Mayor.

Whereas, It has been made known to me that there is a rabid dog within the city limits of San Marcos, thereby endangering citizens of said city,

Therefore, I Hammet Hardy, Mayor of said city, do hereby issue a proclamation forbidding the running at large of any dogs in said city limits, not muzzled, and the City Marshal or policemen are hereby ordered to destroy any dog found within the City Limits of San Marcos in violation of this proclamation,

Given under my hands, this the 4th day of January, 1889.

HAMMETT HARDY,
Mayor.

We have the proceedings of the County Alliance at Buda, but too late for insertion this week. In spite of the bad weather and roads, delegates representing sixteen alliances were present, besides visiting brethren. Lecturer T. A. Evans, of Hutto, delivered an address. The next meeting of the Alliance will be at San Marcos, April 2d.

Coal is worked in Kilkenny within ten to twenty miles of three railways, but there is no branch railway to the mines.

A new use for the omnipresent braiding is to put it on the black watered ribbon that trims bright felt hats. It is sewed on in wavy patterns that run athwart the watering, and is accounted no end stylish, as is the vermicelli brocade, with the figure gone over in braid of another color, after which the stuff makes panels, waistcoats and so on, for gowns of plain silk in the same hue.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucus surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damages they will do are tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O, contains no mercury and is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucus surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine, it is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co.

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Successors to Denny Bros. & Andrews.

GASTRONOMICAL TIDBITS.

It is to be said of the best cooks that they are known by their soups and sauces.

He who ventures to eat beefsteak pie in a strange restaurant is a soldier at heart.

In favor of banana fritters the only thing to be said is that they are very filling.

Unless broiled ham is cut exceedingly thin and freed from grease, nobody emulates Oliver Twist with it.

Alleged "mushroom sauce," without any mushrooms, is one of the delusions and snares of some restaurants.

Truffle sandwiches are something new at the afternoon teas and very palatable to those who like truffles.

Stilton cheese and ship biscuit is the latest gastronomical caprice of the toddling army of local Anglomaniacs.

Any one, even of depraved taste, must notice the great difference in the quality of oils in which sardines are packed.

There ought to be a law of six months and nine days for the man at table d'hote who undertakes conversation with his mouth full.

Pies such as "mother used to make" are rarely met with nowadays, probably because the modern mother don't know how to make pie.

Some of the daintiest and most palatable desserts of the hour are founded on fruits, and float about on a sea of whipped cream and wine.

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GEORGE STEPHAN

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