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Parents and guardians, desirous of receiving for their children or ward's, besides a good elementary education, instruction in embroidery, plain and fancy needle-work, etc., should avail themselves of the opportunity here offered. The Sisters of Divine Providence, well known as efficient teachers, will open the above named School on the 14th of September. Pupils received at any time during the season. Charges for Board, Tuition, etc., etc., Eight Dollars per month. Address: BY GEO. LAGLEPER, oct. 19 1m New Braunfels, Conal Co., Tex.

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Practical and Analytical Chemists,
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The New Improved MONARCH LIGHTNING SAW
Is the cheapest and best. A boy six years old can use long hand and strap hand saws and cut any size of wood. Sent free to every applicant. For further information apply to
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A Household Article for Universal Family Use.

Eradicates MALARIA.
For Scarlet and Typhoid Fevers, Diphtheria, Sallow, Ulcerated Sore Throat, Small Pox, Measles, and all Contagious Diseases. Persons waiting on the Sick should use it freely. Scarlet Fever has never been known to spread where the Fluid was used. Yellow Fever has been cured with it after black vomit had taken place. The worst cases of Diphtheria yield to it.

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A member of my family was taken with Small-pox. I used the Fluid; the patient was not delirious, was not pitted, and was out of the house again in three weeks, and no others had it. - J. W. PARKINSON, Philadelphia.

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The physicians here use Darby's Fluid very successfully in the treatment of Diphtheria. A. STOLLENWERCK, Greensboro, Ala.
Tetter dried up. Cholera prevented. Ulcers purified and healed.
In cases of Death it should be used about the corpse - it will prevent any unpleasant smell.
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INDISPENSABLE TO EVERY HOME. Perfectly harmless. Used internally or externally for Man or Beast.
The Fluid has been thoroughly tested, and we have abundant evidence that it has done everything here claimed. For fuller information get of your Druggist a pamphlet or send to the proprietors,
J. H. ZEILIN & CO.,
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We recommend Carter's Iron Pills to every woman who is Weak, Nervous and Discouraged; particularly those who have Thin, Pale Lips, Cold Hands and Feet, and who are without Strength or Ambition. These Pills quicken the Nerves, give Strength to the Body, induce Refreshing Sleep, Enrich and Improve the quality of the Blood, and Purify and Brighten the Complexion. They cure Palpitation of the Heart, Nervousness, Tremblings, Nervous Headache, Leucorrhoea, Pains in the Back, and other forms of Female Weakness. Remember that Iron is one of the constituents of the Blood, and is the great tonic. Carter's Iron Pills are also valuable for men who are troubled with Nervous Weakness, Night Sweats, &c. In metal boxes, at 50 cents. Sold by all druggists, or sent by mail. Address
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SOLD BY RAYNOLDS & DANIEL

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Twelve Miles From Victoria, Texas.
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Taking advantage of the principle well established by physical geographers, viz.: that all fruit trees are improved by being carried toward their polar limit, and that they are deteriorated by being carried towards their equatorial limit - he has made his experiments and established his nurseries farther south than any other general nurseries in the United States. He sells no cheap northern trash to his customers. His trees and plants are therefore better suited to Texas culture than those of any other establishment in the world.
Our nurseries and grounds, embracing about sixty-five acres in horticulture, will be freely shown to visitors every day but Sunday.
Under our trees and plants received by mail, or through the care of our authorized agents.
Catalogues sent free to every applicant. For further information apply to
GILBERT ONDERDONK,
Mission Valley, Victoria County, Texas.
sept 25

Lines Suggested by an Election.

What means this gathering of humble men,
From the lone hamlet, and the quiet vale?
Hath War's harsh trumpet awaked the woodland glen,
And doth this tumult speak the dreadful tale?
And are deserted shops and schools the tokens
That the bright, silken bonds of Peace are broken?
Or hath Oppression - Iron sceptred power!
Lashed to resistance the free soul of Man?
Or hell-born Anarch, with her deathful dowry
Of all the evils crowded in life's span,
Cast her fell plagues upon the startled air,
Engendering hydra forms of dark despair?
Or have the dwellers on Columbia's soil -
Who daily toil together side by side,
Come forth to yield themselves a conqueror's spoil?
Or gaze with reverence on kingly pride;
And all unmindful of their equal worth,
To bow the knee to a poor worm of earth?
No! -neath the flag of Freedom, fairly streaming
Mid the bright drapery of the azure heaven,
The sun - God's blessed emblem! - now is beaming
On men, to whom the prize of Man is given -
To kneel no lord in earth or heaven, save Him,
At whose dread name all earthly pomp grows dim!
Lone dweller in the twilight of the Past!
Pilgrim 'mid ruined domes and fallen fane!
Mourning the mighty wreck which time hath cast,
The shade of earthly glory that remains, -
From the dim regions of primeval night,
Exalt thy gaze to scenes of Promise bright!
Thou, who hast wept the faded pride of earth;
Thou, who hast wept o'er her history;
And marked the stars that sang upon her birth
Dim in the twilight of her long decay, -
Behold! re-visitng Freedom's sun
Proclaims Oppression's mad career is run!
What read we in the pages of the past
But the vain triumphs of barbaric pride?
Lo! the "Madmor's marble wastes" this lesson cast
On Time's remorseless, swiftly-rolling tide, -
And Rome and Athens' sepulchred renown
In awful tones of death still speak it down!
The course of Empires and States of old
Has only changed the theatre of woe;
Successive conquests o'er earth have rolled,
But Man, the lord of earth, did never know
His dignity. All hail the glorious day
That sweeps the shades of ignorance away!
We have the page of Knowledge to inform,
We have thy light, Religion! to illumine, -
And in the shelter of our God's right arm -
'Neath which the fiendish hosts of hell consume -
To the bright goal of Liberty we move,
In the firm brotherhood of Peace and Love!
Yes! while Man's soul shall keep its native tone,
And thrill to Freedom's heaven-breathing strain -
Though other lands 'neath fell oppression groan,
And wretched hours still swell to days of pain, -
Bright o'er the gloom Columbia's beacon-light
Shall gleam, to guide the wandering world aright!
August, 1843. I. H. J.

A Trip up the Country.

GAY SPRINGS, Hays Co., Texas,
Oct. 23, 1882.

EDITOR FREE PRESS: Thinking that perhaps a few items in regard to a portion of the adjacent western country might be regarded as news to some of your readers, I will submit the following brief account of a trip made recently up through Hays, Blanco, Kendall and Kerr counties; by the way of Cedar Valley, Dripping Springs, Blanco City, Boerne, Comfort, Center Point, Sisterdale, &c.

Cedar Valley is located on the road leading from Austin to Fredericksburg, about sixteen miles from Austin, and near the south-western division line of Hays and Travis counties. At Cedar Valley are two stores, post office, blacksmith and woodshop, house of public entertainment, wagon yard, &c. From this place to Dripping Springs, nine miles distant, the road runs through a hilly rough country, but is dotted along with sheep men and their herds. Dripping Springs are situated near the west side of a large, beautiful, fertile valley. This place (situated in Hays county) took its name from an eternal dripping of water from underneath shelving, or projecting rocks from the craggy bluffs of a deep ravine. The little village at Dripping Springs is improving very rapidly. The academy at this point is a well constructed, roomy, rock edifice, that would do credit to any inland town. There are three merchantile houses in operation now, and two more nearly completed, also public entertainment, post office, church-house, &c. The road leading from Dripping Springs to Blanco City, for the first ten or twelve miles, passes through a rich, tastefully improved, thrifty looking farm. Then mountains and hills set in on the right, while Onion Creek, with here and there a good farm is seen on the left. But now the road leads over a high mountain divide between the head of Onion Creek and the Blanco river, and when the top is attained, the eye is greeted with a broad valley of table lands which is beautiful to behold, and to add to the grandeur of the scenery, miles beyond are seen the towering peaks of the Twin Sister mountains, which are situated between the Blanco, and Guadalupe-rivers. When the valley of the Blanco real is reached, no one could wish to see more beautiful, rich, and productive looking lands; and the present growing cotton crop

is extremely fine. Crops of all kinds have been good this year. Blanco City, situated on a beautiful plateau of land on the north side of the Blanco river, is a very thrifty looking mountain town. It has a half dozen or more dry goods and grocery stores, two or three drug stores, one or more hotels, a feed stable and wagon yard, courthouse, cotton gin, churches, &c. There is also a gin about one mile below town, and one about the same distance above town, all of which seem to be doing a fine business.

On the road leading from Blanco to Boerne, a distance of about forty miles, after leaving the beautiful valley of the Blanco, quite a rough mountainous country is seen, which continues until within five or six miles of the Guadalupe river, when a delightful country again is seen, and the valleys immediately on the Guadalupe are unsurpassed for beauty and richness, and some of the most thrifty German farmers live here. Thence to Boerne in Kendall county is seen a very pretty country all the way, which is about nine or ten miles. A large majority of the population of Kendall county are Germans, who seem to be as contented and thrifty as they desire to be, seeming to regard honesty as the best policy in all things. Boerne, situated on the north bank of the Cibolo, is probably as neat, tidy, and healthy a town as there is in the west; everything looks so life-like. In this place is a hotel which would be an ornament as well as a substantial adjunct to any city in the state. It presents a one hundred and eighty foot front, is full two stories high, with upper and lower galleries the entire length of the building; it is builded of rock, and to every appearance of the choicest material. The back part of the building is so constructed as to make the whole in the form of a T. I was not in the house, and consequently cannot speak of its internal appearance. The American hotel is a large commodious wooden edifice, beautifully situated and surrounded. There are other hotels in this place which I did not notice particularly, and all other necessary business establishments in proportion, mills, gins, &c. On leaving Boerne in the direction of Comfort, which is west a distance of about eighteen miles, the road passes through a very pretty farming country for several miles, and then crosses a mountainous divide back to the valleys of the Guadalupe river, on which stream the remarkable town of Comfort is located. The land here is very beautiful, rich, productive, and healthy. On every hand are thrifty German farmers, a greater part of whom live in good stone houses.

Comfort is probably the most remarkable town in the state of Texas, if not in the United States. It contains somewhere from five to six hundred inhabitants, and there is not one single American, Mexican or Negro living in it, nor do I think there is one of any other nationality except Germans. But most of these speak good English. There is a good English and German school combined, in which both languages are taught perfectly, now in successful operation at this place. There is not a more generous, kind, social, and apparently honest people living on the globe, perhaps, than at Comfort. Everything seems to be thrift, life, peace, and enjoyment among all ages and sects; in fact the place seems to indicate its own name (Comfort.) In this place lives neither a lawyer, nor a preacher, nor a drunken rowdy or outlaw. But a lively, social German did tell me that there was living out in the country a lawyer, a doctor, and a preacher, but that the preacher was the lawyer, and the lawyer was the doctor, and the doctor was the preacher, and that the three always went together, whether the business was spiritual, legal, or medicinal. Mills, gins, and every convenience necessary to meet the people's interests are found here.

As much as I like to linger here, I must bid adieu and go to Center Point, a distance of nine or ten miles, every mile of which is through the broad, rich alluvial valleys of the Guadalupe river. Center Point is in Kerr county, and is located on a plateau or table land extending for miles around, which is unsurpassed for beauty and fertility. The settlers here are mostly Americans, and I hardly need to add they are kind and generous, for this is a natural outgrowth of a frontier mountain country. At this place is a church and school house, and an apparently intelligent, thrifty Sunday school was in session when I arrived there. A good hotel, a large store and other minor establishments for the public convenience are found here. In fact, from all the surroundings of Center Point, it evidently must ever be a thrifty, growing, healthy inland town. Sisterdale is located

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