

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1885.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS FROM SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS: MAIL. MAIL.

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.

Two Copies for \$5.00. 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 \$5.00 cash in advance.

Business House and Lot For Sale. On the Public Square, San Marcos. Inquire at Frazz Plaza Office.

Our present issue will reach a good many persons who are not subscribers. We ask them to give the paper a careful inspection, and we trust that not a few of them will decide that they cannot afford to do without it.

Printing! Printing! Having a good supply of commercial stationery, and being just in receipt of a lot of new type of latest styles, the Frazz Plaza Office is prepared to turn out handsome printing than ever, at reasonable rates. Give us a call.

The late Firemen's festival cleared over \$100.

Council meetings are very irregular these days.

Cranberries at CANNON'S.

Special inducements in Molasses and Sugar at GREEN'S STORE.

Pitted cherries at CANNON'S.

Oat Meal and Bird Food at McAllister's.

Graham flour at CANNON'S.

Come and see our stock of 1885 seed. Reynolds & Daniel.

Goods delivered free in city. S. F. McALLISTER.

Cabbage seed and peas, at Reynolds & Daniel's.

All kinds prunes at CANNON'S.

A new line of prints just received. DALLEY & BAO.

Mince meat and apple butter at cost at McALLISTER'S.

Onion Sots, at Reynolds & Daniel's.

Tomatoes, latest improved seed, at Reynolds & Daniel's.

Read our Clubbing Announcement with the Chicago Weekly News.

For Rent. J. B. HANDEL.

The Stockmen's Convention at Austin was rather thinly attended.

New varieties of Beans never before in this market at REYNOLDS & DANIEL.

Nice clean newspapers for wrapping paper for sale at the Frazz Plaza office for only 25 cents a hundred.

To arrive a full line of jellies and fresh canned goods at H. HARDY & CO.

Barbwire lower than ever, and a full line of Hardware, plows, etc. Wm. GREEN Agent.

We have on hand a good line of a Arctic over shoes for Men's, Ladies' and Misses, wear DALLEY & BAO.

Wanted. It to be remembered that the highest price for corn is paid at the Feed Store of STREET & COZ.

You will find corn fed beef for three months at POWERS & RAYMOND'S. 1mo

For Sale. A scholarship in Johnson's Commercial College, St. Louis, Mo. Terms favorable Apply at Frazz Plaza office.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

For Sale or Rent. The Store formerly occupied by Ln. J. Dalley. For terms apply to C. P. DALLEY.

Brilliant Oil at one dollar per can at McALLISTER'S.

We have three up stairs rooms for Rent cheap. Two of them suitable for business offices, one for sleeping room. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Rooms with Board. A few large, pleasant rooms, with first class board, can be secured at Miss Coleman's boarding house.

To Close Out. Mince Meat, 3 lb. for 25 c. No. 1 Mackeral \$1.00 per kit. at GREEN'S STORE.

Raynolds & Daniel have the largest stock of Landreth's Garden seed ever brought to San Marcos. The selection has been made with a view to special adaptation to our soils and climate.

SAN MARCOS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The approach of the railroad had an inspiring effect on our people and among other progressive measures the necessity of a fire organization was suggested. A large meeting of citizens gave approval to the idea, and the San Marcos Hook and Ladder Company was the result. Organized in the winter of '79 and '80. The liberal citizens, assisted by appropriations from the Council, furnished the company with an elegant truck the following spring. Great enthusiasm was manifested by the members for awhile, but bickerings in the company and a lack of encouragement from the people had their inevitable effect, and the company expired after a year's existence. For two years the truck was the "step-child" of the town and found a gratuitous and unwelcome home in unoccupied houses, during which time it was depolled of its axes, lanterns, and one or two ladders.

Confagurations at Lampasas and other Texas towns in the years 1883-4 again suggested the necessity of organizing protection against fire. The Water Company having laid their mains, and by contract with the town, provided fire hydrants on the square, gave additional incentive to the idea, and after several citizens' meetings, a Hose Company was decided upon. A process of "evolution" developed itself into the "Alert Hose Company," organized in May, 1884. B. B. Rose, President, Chas. Hutchings, Foreman, with competent assistants as officers, and able and active men for duty. The citizens with characteristic liberality subscribed for the purchase of a Truck, and the Council, true to the interests of the town, appropriated the deficit necessary, and a substantial and handsome truck was obtained. 600 feet of 3-inch hose was also bought, thus placing the entire business portion of the town under protection.

The propriety of organizing the Hook and Ladder Company was agitated, and after several informal meetings an organization was perfected of "San Marcos Hook and Ladder Company No. 1." Judge E. R. Kone president, C. H. Rose foreman, with a membership of stalwart "actives" who give good promise of efficiency when work is to be done.

In September, 1884, by concurrent action of the companies a Fire Department was organized, and E. P. Reynolds was elected chief. Yet without uniform, and unwilling to tax the liberality of the Town Government or present the generally unweelcome subscription paper, the firemen determined to give the public an entertainment, from the result of which they hoped to provide the needed dues. The 19th of October is the red letter day of the department, for then our people, always liberal, manifested an almost excess of generosity, matron and maiden, sire and son, rich and poor, all gave encouragement by their presence, and the "gala occasion" promised in the announcements was really one of good feeling and prolonged into the night with results so substantial, that "the boys" to-day have belt and blouse that or helmet to betoken their membership. Every occupation is represented in the companies and promotion is the "reward of merit."

ORGANIZATION.

E. P. REYNOLDS, CHIEF. ALERT HOSE COMPANY.—B. B. ROSE president, B. W. Smith foreman, W. S. Carter first assistant, J. F. Pate second assistant, T. J. Peel secretary, C. L. McCoy treasurer, H. Goodspeed steward, Chas. Hutchings, G. A. Christian, J. H. Durham, Gus. Cook, H. W. Davis, Cal Griffin, S. D. Griffin, Victor Julian, G. Felder Kerr, T. B. McGinty, W. H. Nance, A. E. Northcraft, B. Price and G. Reese.

SAN MARCOS HOSE & LADDER NO. 1.—E. R. Kone president, C. H. Rose foreman, W. C. Dugger first assistant, Julius Rudolph, second assistant, James Stuart secretary, Wm Taylor financial secretary, Fritz Lange treasurer, A. Laumen steward, Peyton Taylor, Roger Byrne, A. Y. Oldham, Thos. Herling, Aug. Frank, G. Heinemann, F. Vogel, Meadows, Jake McMullen.

The department now has a good house and apprentices and men are in condition to promise efficient service should they be called to duty.

In a town like ours where a fire might not occur once a year, some social pleasures and privileges are necessary to preserve the fire organization, and the citizen who disapproves of parades and festive occasions, does so without appreciation of their influence in stimulating the pride of corps. In course of time literary associations may grow up and a firemen's library may cement the organization. This done, the citizens will only have to give approving words and the department will sustain itself.

Rattlesnakes are, considering the season, quite numerous in these parts. We have heard of several being killed within the past two weeks.

Prof. Pritchett informs us we were in error in supposing the Chataqua Summer Schools, referred to in our last, to be Normal schools. They are simply out-door schools, conducted upon a system which is becoming popular.

We learn a Business Men's Mutual Protection Society, or something of that sort, designed to protect them from the non-paying class of customers, talked of. If we understand the subject, we think the idea is a very good one.

A very peculiar, and very silly prejudice exists among our otherwise intelligent business men against displayed advertisements, everywhere else so common. Take up newspapers from almost any town, and you will find them largely devoted to this class of advertisements, giving a live and healthy appearance to their columns, and the impression of the live business character of the places where they are located. But here a few lines of local notices, are almost the sum total. A casual observer, might conclude that there is but little business done here. We cannot but wonder how "our folks" came to be so much wiser than all the rest of the world, in considering that such advertisements are useless? Have they ever reflected that by this course they are doing injustice not only to their home paper, but still more to the business reputation of their town abroad? We have, however, now a fair start in the way of displayed advertisements. Will not our business men generally follow suit, if only for the pleasure of a new sensation? No objection at all to local notices, but we want displayed advertisements as well.

Firemen's Ball and Supper.

A ball being needed by the fire department to place on its new "engine house," and the treasury not being full enough to meet the expense, it was decided after some opposition of the members, to give a ball and oyster supper in order to raise a portion, at least, of the amount needed. Having but a short time to prepare for the occasion, they went vigorously to work and with the kind assistance of the ladies of our town, who contributed large numbers of cakes, chicken fixings, and other good things innumerable, and assisted personally at the supper, everything was shipshape at the proper time. Besides the viands indicated above, oysters were served fried, stewed or "straight," that is raw, and everything was in the greatest abundance. Supper was to be had at any time from 8 o'clock to 12.

AT THE BALL ROOM.

Were gathered the youth and beauty of the San Marcos valley, to the number two hundred or more, including nearly all of our San Marcos belles who are votaries of the graceful muse and love to trip "the light fantastic toe." Others were present from adjoining towns, and all seemed to be enjoying themselves to the utmost. Among those in attendance we noticed several staid matrons, whose countenances beamed benignly upon the scene, and who were evidently in full sympathy with the youthful throng.

A feature of the evening was the prize cake auction, Judge Kone officiating. The first cake was to be awarded to the most beautiful lady in the room, Miss Willie Williamson, of San Marcos, and Mrs. Reed, of Lockhart were immediately put in nomination and the bidding was "fast and furious." Mrs. Reed led off with a majority but the champions of her competitor came nobly to the rescue and it was nip and tuck between them. Just here some of the company who had not taken part in the contest called loudly for "music" and there being an apparent lull in the voting, the cake was awarded to Mrs. Reed though "millions" were yet in sight, the Judge probably overlooking this fact. The announcement of the result was received with great applause by the Lockhart delegation and numerous friends of the fair winner, who we learn is a very popular young lady. This cake brought \$23.60. Later in the evening another cake was put on for the most graceful dancer, and won by Miss Jessie Lyell.

The hall was tastefully decorated. Festoons of cedar hung on either side and across the stage, with Chinese lanterns placed at intervals. In the middle on either side, enclosed in large wreaths of cedar, were the colors and emblems of the two companies, while wreaths of cedar hung along the middle of the ceiling. Taken all together it made an extremely neat appearance, and the committee on decoration, Messrs. Carter, Smith, and Northcraft, deserve special credit for the manner in which they discharged their duties.

The music was furnished by Messrs. Riggs, Williams, Peoples, Reed and Richardson, who gave their services free of charge. The San Marcos Brass Band also discoursed good music between times.

We believe we have never seen before in San Marcos, as successful and enjoyable an affair of this kind. Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening, and, to use a well worn quotation slightly modified: "A hundred hearts beat happily, and when, amidst areas, with its voluptuous swell, soft eyes looked love to eyes which spoke again. And all we met merry at the Firemen's Ball." JOHNSON'S MEX. 47

To the People of San Marcos.

I am directed by officers and members of the San Marcos Fire Department to extend to you their very grateful thanks for the evidence of appreciation of their merit displayed in their very liberal patronage of their recent entertainment. The results have been far above the expectations of the most sanguine, and the new pledge of our regard for the fire boys will nerve each one to "do and dare" his utmost in your behalf should the fiery element ever jeopard your property. Where all have been so liberal, invidious distinction would be improper, but special thanks are tendered the ladies who toiled so faithfully to make the supper a success. We are rich in thankfulness, but poor in ability to give expression to our feelings of obligation.

Some of our friends among the old Texans think they have a good joke on us because in a somewhat personal editorial last week we reflected on a young New Yorker as a Yankee, while we, being an Indian, say, are also a Yankee. Not at all, gentlemen; allow us to say you need to be better informed on that point. Know, then, that the people of the South half of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are nearly all of Southern origin, and no more Yankee than those of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, or Missouri. The New England States are the home of the Yankee proper, and New York (aside from its Dutch element) is also mainly occupied by them. More anon on this subject.

From what we have incidentally learned, contributions to the census—always lively in this community—are being unusually brisk, so we "line out" the following for all parties to sing. Where the gender don't suit the parties will at least be gallant enough to join in the music.—Ed.

THE NEW BABY.

There came to port last Sunday night The queerest little craft, Without an inch of rigging on; I looked, and looked, and laughed. It seemed so curious that she Should cross the Unknown water And moor herself right in my room— My daughter! O my daughter! Ring out, wild bells, and some ones too! Ring out the lover's moon! Ring in the little woodpecker! Ring in the bird's nest too! Ring out the moon! Ring in the sun! Ring in the milk and water! Away with paper, pen, and ink— My daughter, O my daughter! —Geo. W. Child.

A Valuable Horse-Book for Twenty-Cent.

"A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases" is the title of a valuable manual of 21 pages of which 2,000,000 have been sold. For sale at the Frazz Plaza office, price 25 cents. Will be sent by mail, postage paid on receipt of price.

Monday was a beautiful day, but a cold drizzle has prevailed ever since.

Subscribe for the Free Press.

RABBIT METAL very below New York cost at this Office.

PERSONAL.

John T. Townsend has returned from Mexico. H. W. Waldron, representing the San Antonio Express, made us a call. The F. D. A. is postponed until the 23d inst., will meet at Dr. Meyers.

The eldest of the Swanson brothers, from Llano, was in town on Monday. Rev. W. L. Kennedy, now of Huntsville, writes us to renew his subscription to the Free Press.

We are glad to learn that our friend J. S. Billingsly is recovering from his protracted illness.

Mr. Hardy, of Hardy & Co., has returned from a sojourn in Northern Texas, and is again at the helm on the South side of the square.

Mr. Emon, of Aransas, associated with Mr. Alexander in mining interests in that State and an old friend of his, took part in the festivities of Friday night last.

We had a pleasant call on Tuesday from T. B. Ford, late of Dripping Springs, but who is now about removing to Blanco where he has purchased a choice homestead.

The Blanco News learns that the killing of Joe Kyle, at Mason, Texas, a few days ago, by Zack Light, was altogether unprovoked, Kyle having no weapons with which to defend himself.

Messrs. Brown, Benson, Lewis, Hall, Prof. Miller, of the Lockhart Academy, and perhaps others, were among the gentlemen from Lockhart in attendance at the ball on Friday night. Of course they were accompanied by ladies.

An escaped lunatic stopped at Mr. Van Every's the first of the week. Obtaining an inkling of the fact, Marshall Prince telephoned Dr. Denton, and he was returned to the Asylum at Austin.

T. J. Weir, printer, who spent some months at this place, removed with his family last to Austin last week.

They have a Cannon in the grocery store on the first floor of the Wood Building. We notice they frequently "fire him out" in a delivery wagon.

Young Mr. Ezell who came home from Honduras some months since, has concluded to remain here, and is improving a place in the mountains.

Our old friend J. H. Horn, died at his home in residence in this vicinity on Monday. He had been declining for a good while. He was a successful man in his time, and possessed some fine traits of character.

Will Burleson brings us word from Mr. Springer, who is attending commercial school at Austin that it is a mistake about his having fallen heir to a fortune, as reported in our last.

W. B. Crocker informs us that his son and family of Liberty Hill, Williamson county have come down on a visit and report the prevalence of a very fatal form of fever in that vicinity. But few who have been attacked have recovered.

Miss Allen Jones has favored us with a beautiful bouquet of geraniums of different colors, etc. There is a peculiar charm about flowers in winter. Mrs. Jones has a profusion of them the year round. We think her for so pleasant a remembrance.

Geo. Franklin returned home Friday evening from the New Orleans Exposition. He says any one can live cheap there on water and bananas. Bananas are worth five cents a dozen. We do not infer that George lived on that diet however.

Happening at Mr. Wootton's the other day, we had a pleasant chat with the Mad-Club man, and gave work at the Mad-Club. The latter showed a quilt, the piecing of which she had but recently completed. It contains nearly 10,000 distinct pieces, and is very beautiful, and is besides a wonderful achievement for one so young.

Dr. Combs, our Representative, left on Monday for Austin to attend the present session of the Legislature. We hope he will fall to write the Free Press showing up some of the inside workings of that "institution." We are sure he would thus oblige many of his constituents.

At the ball Friday night we met a young gentleman named Cowan, a printer and associated with Mr. Neighbors, formerly editor of the Lockhart Register, and now proprietor of the Kyle, at San Marcos. He was at the office sold for \$600; the paper will be published on Saturday, hereafter. A. L. Cahell is setting type at Lockhart.

James Gutell, of Mexico, called on us on Tuesday. He, as also we believe the rest of the family is much pleased with life in our sister Republic. He said they had received nothing but kindness from the natives, and have enjoyed perfect heat in the winter, and sold for 7 cents an acre; \$300 is the highest price for a league. When we recollect that this was about the case once all over Texas, we cannot doubt that there is a brilliant future to the emigrant to Mexico—provided he should not have to wait too long.

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Just What Democrats Need. Henry N. Copp, Land and Pension Attorney of Washington, D. C., sends the U. S. Salary list and Civil Service Law, price 50 cents. All Government salaries above \$500 are given, including the executive departments, army and navy, internal revenue, custom houses, Indian agencies, diplomatic and consular service, post offices, &c. There are fully 110,000 Federal offices for present Cleveland to fill. Twenty specimen pages of examination questions are given, with the Civil Service Law and regulations. This is probably the cheapest form in which this much desired information has been published.

Every young man, and woman who has not decided a time calling for a new change of dress, should call on Mrs. Day and Davidson, east side of the square. Call and see.

PEYTON TAYLOR.

In buying Eupion and Astral Oils be sure to see that the cans are so stamped. Oils now being offered in this market and claimed to be equal to our Eupion and Astral are not so good or as high a fire test oil as the Brilliant Eupion and Astral are water white redistilled 160° fire test and any oils without the cans being so stamped are not genuine and not as good in quality or fire test as Brilliant oil.

WATER-PURIFIER OIL CO.

An assortment of groceries, fruits, vegetables, confectionery, etc. at the late stand of Mrs. Day and Davidson, east side of the square. Call and see.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE BOUGHT IN NEW YORK.

I Bought Last Week the Entire Stock of Mr. E. E. BAKER at Kyle, of the assignee.

and am now offering \$10,000 WORTH OF GOODS AT NEW YORK COST.

You will find it to your interest to give me a call before purchasing. Special attention is directed to my stock of

DRY GOODS, AND NOTIONS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES & HATS.

Hardware, & Groceries.

Don't forget that I am selling a large number of ZIEGLER SHOES at Cost. Respectfully J. V. HUTCHINS. San Marcos, Oct. 22d, 1884.

DR. A. J. KOLB, Physician & Surgeon.

SAN MARCOS, TEX. OFFICE at Reynolds & Daniel's drug store. See

G. W. DONALSON.

DEALERS IN—

HARDWARE,

Cutlery, Guns & Rifles, Stoves & Tin-ware.

Wood and Willow Ware.

Crockery and Glassware.

Iron & Steel, Wagon Material.

Agricultural Implements.

San Marcos and Hays County Bible Society.

This benevolent society held its twenty-ninth anniversary in the Christian church of this place on Sunday night, 11th inst.

Services in the other churches were suspended and pastors and people united in this meeting. The congregation was large, the services interesting and instructive. They consisted of good music, reports of the work of the society during the past year, and addresses by Rev. J. B. French and Rev. W. B. Rankin, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for Texas.

At the table in front of the altar were seated the President, Prot. J. N. Richardson, who presided with dignity, and the Secretary, Mr. Charles Hutchings, who discharged his duties in his usual graceful manner. The popular Treasurer, Dr. J. H. Combs, was nicely complimented in mentioning a life member of the Parent Society by a contribution of thirty dollars for the year, and friends of the cause.

The society adopted a by-law which made each of the pastors of the churches in our city co-operating with the society, a member of the Executive Committee. This is a wise provision and will be helpful to the churches and aid in carrying out the chief object of the American Bible Society and its Auxiliaries, which is to seek out the needy and destitute and supply them with the Holy Scriptures without note or comment by gift or sale at cost.

This institution is doing a large and good work. As an instance: one of our pastors who is interested in the good of our Mexican population, wanted Bibles and Testaments for the Indians. The San Marcos Library was unable to furnish them. An application was made to the Parent Society, endorsed by the President of the San Marcos Auxiliary, and three dozens of Bibles, in value \$15.00, were at once donated by the Parent Society for this commendable work.

There are 120 Auxiliary Bible Societies in this State. These with the 20 colporteurs at the expense of the Parent Society, put in circulation annually over 50,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures in thirteen different languages in this State.

From the Bible House in New York City over 1,000,000 copies of the Scriptures, printed in 164 languages and dialects, are annually distributed throughout the world. Last year it employed 400 colporteurs in America, and gave work to 200 persons in its building at New York. It also employs 377 colporteurs in foreign countries, and has 20 manufacturing houses beyond the seas. Its business is conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of 38 laymen of various Christian denominations, without salary.

The Hon. F. T. Frelinghuysen, now Secretary of State, at Washington City, was lately elected to and has accepted the Presidency of this great institution.

In the United States there are 18 District Superintendents, over a like number of Bible Societies. The State of Texas constitutes one District, of which Rev. W. B. Rankin, is Superintendent, with headquarters at Austin, Texas. He visits our town monthly in his official capacity, and is lenient and unsectarian, sustained by the gifts of those who love and believe in the Bible.

Caution to Consumers of OIL. In buying Eupion and Astral Oils be sure to see that the cans are so stamped. Oils now being offered in this market and claimed to be equal to our Eupion and Astral are not so good or as high a fire test oil as the Brilliant Eupion and Astral are water white redistilled 160° fire test and any oils without the cans being so stamped are not genuine and not as good in quality or fire test as Brilliant oil.

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