

Local Intelligence.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

Table with columns for destination (ALLEYTON, VICTORIA, WACO, EL PASO, EAGLE PASS, CORPUS CHRISTI, LAREDO) and arrival/departure times.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the premiums awarded at the Fair the second day, we stated that a diploma was awarded to Menger & Son, for soap, which should have been a certificate.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire that disturbed the quiet of the city Thursday morning, proved a false alarm, Colonel S. G. Newton's chimney taking fire, ushering the advent of Christmas.

THEY SLAB.—Any one wishing to see that small slab of soap, can do so by calling in at Mr. P. C. Taylor's, Commerce street. Notice the advertisement in our columns of to-day. Premium soap retailed at wholesale prices, so that the people may test these soaps.

HARD AND SOFT QUARRIES.—The public are notified that on the 31st of this month, the Hard and Soft Quarries will be offered for rent, for the term of one year, payable monthly, in advance, in United States currency. The renting to commence at 10, a. m., at the Court-house door.

RENTING OF MEAT, COFFEE AND VEGETABLE STALLS.—The public are requested to notice that on Wednesday, the 30th December, Meat, Coffee and Vegetable Stalls will be offered for rent one year, payable made in currency, renting to commence at 9 o'clock, a. m., at the market west of the river.

Hotel Arrivals. Menger Hotel, December 22 and 24.—James Ellerson, Santa Rosa, R. A. Smith, Austin, E. Cunningham, Cibola, Colonel J. C. DeGress, U. S. A., Wm. Schubarth, Pecos, Negras, G. W. Tucker, Baltimore, Maryland.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all the patrons of the EXPRESS, both young and old, a merry greeting we extend to all. Santa Clause has arrived, loaded down with presents for everybody, for further particulars, call in and examine these presents at Hertzberg & Simon.

We remember the years that have gone by and passed away forever, when our stocking hung up near the chimney, and good old Santa Clause cramed it full, and in childish glee, danced around, shouting, and what Santa Clause gave me.

Christmas has a halo surrounding its memory's, reminding us that this is the day that our Saviour was born and came into the world, assuming the form of man to save mankind. Other associations, also are linked with golden chains. The name of Christmas, childhood's hour, a Mother and Father's love and devotion around the family circle. We are led to these thoughts as our eyes gaze around and look at the happy throng that passes by with smiles and shouts of joy. We are separated from those scenes, and far, far away from our childhood's home.

FAIR GROUND CHAT.—Ye, Reporter, has just awakened from a most singular dream, and so funny is this dream that it must be told through the public print. We dreamed that a team hitched to a Concord Hack was at our disposal to visit the Fair grounds and races, and as the last show of splendid and fine teams and equipments were ordered in the ring to have the award of merit, style and beauty, passed upon them, we went in too, like a brick, and lo, and behold, oh ye gods and little fishes, we drew the premiums as having the fastest and best team on the ground.

Julius Caesar! to think our Concord wagon eclipsed everything on the ground, amidst Colonel Lee's elegant and stylish team and his beauty of a carriage, Colonel May's regal team and hosts of others much more magnificent than ours; but notwithstanding all this, we were a ribbon. Well, we are much obliged to the gentlemanly judges for their set of superior judgment in those flesh and workmanship of art.

Three cheers for the Concord wagon and third rate draft horses, against style, beauty and worth.

Police Items. MAYOR'S COURT, December 24, 1868.—R. H. Neil, charged with being drunk and disorderly upon the streets, fined \$5 and costs.

or stand committed to the city jail for three days. We are ashamed to report through the public prints that the said R. H. Neil is a preacher of the Gospel, and resides at Saguin. He perhaps may be excusable, if he was sampling San Antonio whiskey and took a drop extra, making himself forgetful of his calling. He slept undisturbed in the city Hotel. Cornelius Turner, drunk and disorderly upon the streets, fined \$3 and costs, or committed to the County jail for three days.

Hon. G. W. Smith. The "Conservative" press is again engaged in blackening the memory of Hon. G. W. Smith who was assassinated at Jefferson. We can inform them that their deliberate efforts to justify assassination by the most absurd falsehoods is bringing the Democratic press of the South into perfect detestation by the whole world. Captain Smith was a pure christian, and a brave patriot who died in the harness. His blood shall become the seed of a million admirers who will teach their children the horrors that attended the efforts of a bad people to exterminate the little good remaining in their midst.

STAGE SWEEP AWAY.—The stage was swept away at Rock Creek on the road between Austin and La Grange, and the mails and baggage were lost. The passenger, James A. McKee, contractor of the Huntsville Penitentiary, Dr. Fielding, dentist of New Orleans, and M. Whidin, editor of Flake's Bulletin, saved themselves by swimming.

As much as we in Texas disregard what is said of us by the Radicals, and re-echoed by General Reynolds and the Northern press, Texas is suffering mostly from these sources, and it requires great circumspection and patience to correct and put down these evil reports. The circumstance and patience that is to "put down these evil reports," sounds very much like the attempt of the frog to swell himself as big as the elephant.

The New York Herald on Texas.

The New York Herald, after quoting Gen Reynolds' last report of the bad state of affairs in this State, says: "We suggest that this condition of affairs in Texas calls for prompt action on the part of our Executive power. A commission should be appointed to consider the condition of the State and report upon it. In case of the confirmation of General Reynolds' report, which is without doubt, from what we know, correct, Texas should at once be turned over to military rule. This will be the quickest method to restore it to peace and prosperity. Nothing but inexorable military law will produce quiet there and the quicker it is put in force the better for our whole Southwestern country, which is sadly afflicted by this Texas cut-throat government."

The Convention reporters of Flake's Bulletin of the 10th instant says: A resolution was introduced by Thomas to make a quorum sixty, which was lost. The object was to enable the anti-divisionists to break up the quorum in case the division was forced.

THE TYLER INDEX.—Four issues of this weekly came to us recently in one mail. Better look after the mailing clerk or Postmaster.

Christmas Presents FOR ALL, Big and Small!!

We again call the attention of the public to the CLOSING OUT SALE of our stock of Toys and Fancy Goods, at rates lower than anywhere else, to suit all parties. Call and see.

HERTZBERG & SIMON, nov. 25d4 wim.

Whiskey, Another supply of that celebrated brand, "Pride of the West" and "Planters Friend." Just received and for sale by SAMPSON & TORREY, dec. 1st wim.

To Consumptives. The Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON will send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the prescription, with the directions for making and using the simple remedy by which he was cured of a Lung Affection and that dread disease, Consumption. His only object is to benefit the afflicted, and he hopes every sufferer will try this prescription, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing. Please address Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, No. 165 South Second Street, sep. 21 wim. Williamsburgh, N. Y.

ESTRAYED OR STOLEN. FROM the undersigned a half-bred Sorrel horse 5 or 6 years old, branded IXL and counterbranded on the left hip; HB on the left shoulder; 15 on the left side of the neck. Ten dollars will be paid to any one who will deliver said horse to me at Castrovilla. Nov. 17th wim. EUGENE GILBERT.

F. GROOS & CO. COMMISSION MERCHANTS. AND DEALERS IN GROCERIES, DRY-GOODS, &c. San Antonio, Texas. Payments and collections made at all accessible points of Continental Europe and Great Britain. (July 7d) Sole Agency of French Linen in the Southern States.

P. BRIERRE, No. 5, CHARLES STREET, (Up Stairs) New Orleans, La. Linens of all kinds, Shirt Bosoms, Lawns, Cambrics, Handkerchiefs of all kinds, Table Linens, (kinds) Towels, Sheetings, nov. 25d4 wim.

STEELE & WILLIAMS, (Late John Withers & Co.) Commission Merchants, Commerce Street, Dec. 24th wim. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

LEROUX & COSGROVE. Tin, Sheet Iron And Copper-Ware Manufacturers, And Dealers in Castings and Hollow-Ware of all descriptions. Wood and Willow-ware, Tin Plate, Block Tin Lead, Wire, Kettle ears, Copper and Brass, and a general assortment of Tinner's Furnishing Goods. Have just received and constantly receiving, a fine assortment of Cooking Stoves, comprising the celebrated Cotton Plant Queen of the South, Magnolia, Delta, Picayune, Texana and Mutual Friend. Also, a fine assortment of Well and Cistern Pumps, with galvanized Iron and Lead Pipe, Coal Oil and Coal Oil Lamp, Ward's Union Washing Machine, Messers five minute Ice Cream Freezers. And the Steel Spring Parlor Hooking Chair. Particular attention paid to the Manufacture of Tin-ware, Tin Roofing and Gutting. Our ambition is, quick sales and small profits. LEROUX & COSGROVE, may 19d4 wim. Commerce Street.

NORTON & DEUTZ, Pay the highest price for Hides, Skins AND WOOL. jan. 3-69d4 wim.

NORTON & DEUTZ, Main Plaza, San Antonio. Hardware & Cutlery, Woodenware, LEATHER, Paints and Glass, Agricultural Implements. PUMPS, STOVES, ARMS, &c. jan. 3-69d4 wim.

Notice to Tax-Payers. Assessor and Collector's Office. San Antonio, Texas, December 1st, 1868. The Tax-payers of Bexar county are hereby notified that those who fail or refuse to pay their State and County taxes for the current year, within ten days from date hereof, an addition of ten per cent will be added to the tax, according to section 22nd of the tax law. All tax payers that within the above mentioned time fail to pay the Convention tax, will be considered as refusing to pay the same, and will be dealt with according to instructions received at this office. C. NUNEZ, A. & C. H. Co. By E. Mondra, on Deputy, dec. 4d4 wim.

COFFEE! COFFEE!! 100 Sacks RIO, strictly choice. For sale by H. GRENET, nov. 17d4 wim.

CONFECTIONERY FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE. Will be found the greatest variety, with all kinds of Candy, at the lowest rates at HARNISCH & BAER. Near the Bridge, Commerce Street. Orders for cakes of any description executed with neatness and dispatch. dec. 11d4 wim. E. PRETNERIEDER.

Livery and Sale Stables. East Side Alamo Plaza, San Antonio Texas. G. WILLIE, PEAY & CO., Having purchased all the right, title and interest of the firm heretofore existing under the style of Spangler & Peay, will continue the business at the old stand. Returning thanks for former patronage, we hope to merit in future, the confidence of the public. Mules and Horses bought and sold at reasonable rates. nov. 13'68 d4 wim.

A. SARTOR, JR., COMMERCE STREET, NEAR THE BRIDGE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. HARDWARE, Carpenters Tools, Ploughs, Agricultural Implements, Paints, Oils, Window Glass, CLOCKS AND WATCHES, warranted for one year. STEEL AND PLATED SPECTACLES. Landreth's Garden Seeds. GROCERIES. October 22nd, 1868, d4 wim.

WESTWARD, HO!!! FAST EXPRESS MAIL FOR EL PASO. THROUGH IN SIX AND A HALF DAYS. Passengers leave San Antonio on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 8 o'clock a. m., for EL PASO, via Brown, Fredericksburg, Fort Mason, Fort McKavitt, Fort Concho, Camp Charliote, Fort Stockton and Fort Quitman. FOR CHIHUAHUA. Passengers leaving on Wednesdays connect at Fort Stockton with the Stage for PRESIDIO DEL NORTE. Passengers leave San Antonio on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock, a. m., for Eagle Pass and Fort Clark. Via Castrovilla, New Fountain, Dhanis and Uvalde. Fare Reduced. These routes have been newly stocked and the FARE REDUCED to the unprecedented low price of 15 cents Currency, per mile. T. G. WILLIAMS, Agent, at Steele & Williams, No. Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas, October 16, 1868. (d4 wim).

J. H. KAMPMANN, ARCHITECT & BUILDER, Is prepared to contract for all kinds of Mason Work, Stone cutting, Carpenter Work, Plastering and Painting. J. H. KAMPMANN'S NEW DOOR, SASH AND BLIND FACTORY. The undersigned having completed his new Factory, in which all work is done by Machinery and Steam power, is prepared to make at the shortest notice: Doors, Windows, Blinds and Millings of every description. Rippling and Planing Lumber. Making 1 inch and 2 inch Flooring, and all other articles connected with the Carpenter Business. Seasoned Lumber, White and Yellow Pine and Louisiana Swamp Cypress constantly on hand. ALSO SAWING ROCK BY STEAM POWER. ALL ORDERS WILL BE PROMPTLY EXECUTED. OFFICE—On Nacogdoches Street, near the Alamo. March 12d4 wim. J. H. KAMPMANN.

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