







# MOSS WEIR, REAL ESTATE STOCK.

Information to strangers gratuitously and gladly given.

For Sale:

A large list of ranches, plantations, farms and unimproved lands not mentioned here, for sale and exchange. Also sites, shops, drillings and lots in city.

160 acres, 35 in cultivation, 2 cabins, well timbered, 20 miles from city, \$1200.

300 acres, 200 in pasture, good new 3 room rock house, 7 miles from city.

444 acres improved farming lands, with houses, etc., and fenced, in Bexar county.

150 acres in Bandera county, 100 tillable, 20 in cultivation, in good neighborhood, Ac. Cheap at \$200.

250 acres, 6 miles from city, timber, 25 in cultivation.

Good business lots in central location, very fine for building upon.

1000 acres land in Atascosa Co for sale cheap.

4 acres irrigable land, with 4 room house, stable, for fine piece of property.

320 acres west of San Antonio, good for hay raising, permanent water.

180 acres 13 miles from San Antonio, on a stream, cheap at \$120.

3 very nice lots near lower bridge, sell separate or together.

2 lots near race track for \$125.

3000 beautiful land in Wilson Co upon the San Antonio river.

415 acre farm on Medina river, \$12 per acre.

80 acre farm, 30 fenced and cultivated, \$2000.

300 acres 3 miles from R. R. at \$25, very cheap.

1150 acres, 7 miles from city, cheap at \$20.

500 acres 4 miles from city, can be bought for \$10.

2 lots near upper new bridge lately located.

4 lots on San Pedro Avenue.

4 lots on Avenue O, near Milan Square.

Home and beautiful lot near and in fine view of R. R. Depot grounds, \$1500.

100 acres on Elm Creek, 75 cultivated, house 16 ft square, and shed, \$1500.

1400 acres on river in Bexar county, lake of perpetual water on premises.

For Rent:

House, suitable for hotel or large boarding house, \$12 per month.

House for 3 rooms, 6 acres irrigable land in cultivation, plenty pasture and grapes, for rent for one year at twenty-five dollars per month.

House, 4 rooms, twenty dollars per month.

Store in good location, to be used as a dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, or hardware.

Lumber yard for rent, now in use for that business.

Stocks:

500 fine Missouri Cows for sale.

250 year old Cows and Mutton lambs for sale.

100 imported Merino ewes, 1 to 4 years old, very fine, for sale.

2500 graded sheep, wanted, at our office.

65 very fine Vermont Bucks for sale, all acclimated.

100 horses, colts and yearlings, at \$20 each, for sale.

20 mules, \$20 each, for sale.

Lot of 1000 sheep for sale.

# DAILY EXPRESS CITY NEWS.

THURSDAY MORNING, Feby. 8, 1877.

San Antonio is a railroad city.

There are still about four days' work on the depot.

The river is slowly regaining its wonted clearness.

There is some talk of starting a boat club in the spring.

Who are to be the new Aldermen from Wards 1 and 2?

The man who does not enjoy this weather has no soul for glory.

We are to have a Public Weigher. He should know how to balance all.

The Menger Hotel keeps crowded. Where will the people be stored when the trains begin to run regularly.

It is not time that San Antonio should have a Board of Trade! What say you, men of business?

Hides are piled up before the doors of all our Commission Merchants, and most of our wholesale dealers.

Mr. Liebe, the tailor, we are informed, will soon commence building a business house near Main street bridge.

There is no lot up in the Templeton Alliance. Every play is well worth attending.

There has been no much bustle on the streets lately, folks have to keep on the look-out to avoid a collision.

Every other word you hear now is about the railroad. The thing is getting monotonous. Won't some enterprising fellow build a steamboat.

Fay Templeton, for a thirteen year old lassie, has a most surprising dramatic talent. Oh Sossanna! what a little fairy she is!

When the streets are blocked with freight wagons as ours have been of late, it looks as if there was something in having a railroad.

Short-hand Class. Complete instructions in Phonography, the best short-hand. For terms, address Lock Box 217, city.

Six months from to-day, the vicinity of the railroad depot will be covered with buildings—the owners of property there being seized with building fever.

DIED—In this city, on the evening of the 6th inst., Mary Evans, infant daughter of Leo and Mary E. Tarleton. Mobile papers please copy.

Shelf Knox has appointed as his agent in the place of Messrs. Stevens and Cardenas, resigned, Thomas Dashiell, Francisco Galan and Rafael Mastria.

Those big red freight remanulators, of Berg & Bro., are not conducive to the peace of the community. Every drayman in town grits his teeth when they heave in sight.

Remember that Mrs. Williams gives her reading in the Menger parlor this evening at 7 o'clock. Let every person who can appreciate an intellectual treat attend.

That bathing ark in the river by the mill bridge looks lonesome. Sunlon says she thinks of running it up behind his bath rooms, to accommodate his customers.

At auction, by Joseph Treuer & Co., on Saturday, February 10th, 1877, 1 fine Ambulance, 1 set silver-mounted Harness, two pair American horses. Sale positive. Feb 8th.

HOMOPATHY.—Dr. Fisher having returned to the city, will resume his practice and can be found at his office on Homer street, nearly opposite the Vance House, during office hours—8 to 10 a. m., and 1 to 3 and 5 to 6 p. m.

From all accounts the Amilan Minstrels are considerable "sells." They advertise to beat the Georgia Minstrels. They will have to go back to school, start fresh, and commence over again, if that is their ambition.

DISTRICT COURT.—In the case of Frank Dannel, vs. Martin Meech, verdict for the plaintiff for \$242.43, with interest from Oct. 74.

State vs. Stewart, charged with assault with intent to kill, verdict aggravated assault, and fine of \$100.

Mr. J. W. Gloss, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who has been in our city for some time watching an opportunity for going into business, has at last connected himself with Mr. A. L. Wood, in the dry goods line. The new firm will greatly enlarge their stock for the spring trade.

Cleaning the ditches is completed, we believe. The Alamo ditch just south of the Menger looks as if it could stand a little more scrubbing very well. Ditches are most useful institutions, but if not kept in proper condition they become most supreme nuisances.

It has been suggested for the benefit of sentimentalists and ladies, that seats should be placed upon the new iron bridge, as they are becoming the favorite rendezvous for folks so afflicted. What a delightful place for them to sit, and gaze at the pale faced moon, regardless of passers-by.

Now is your time, if you want a wagon, buggy, ambulance or cart. On Saturday morning next, Jos. Treuer & Co. will sell, at their auction rooms on Military Plaza, without reserve, a number of these articles, part of the stock of V. Eckenroth & Co. Bargains can be had. They will also sell a variety of other articles, for which see their advertisement on this page.

There seems to be doubt about the "railroad reservation" having been deposited to the G. H. & A. R. R. No records can be found to show it. The use of it should be given to the road, however, as it is certainly was the impression of every one that it had been set apart for that purpose, and was one of the inducements offered to push the railroad on to our city. The new Constitution prohibits corporations from donating public property.

Our architects are all busy. Won't those raised crossings be a comfort if we ever get them?

Charley Graham, who was struck on the head a few nights ago with a loaded cane, is in a dangerous condition.

They have a dog fight on the corner of Alamo and Commerce streets every morning at about half past 10 o'clock.

Now for the International. Let us not be satisfied till the whistle is heard from the north as well as from the east.

Mr. Gamble has moved his book and stationary establishment to the handsome room in the Crystal building.

A Street lamp is to be erected in front of the Court House. Some one suggests it is the place most in need of more light.

There seems no particular direction in which the city is extending most conspicuously. She is swelling around generally.

Houston street, many think, will build up to be the great retail street of the city. May be so; but as it is at present, people would have to hire one of Berg's Mardi Gras floats to get across.

Aldermen Ham, Teel and Degener compose the committee which is to see that the visitors on the 13th, are properly received. They should be assisted in every way by our citizens.

The Social Hop was a pleasant affair last night. The fair ladies were exceedingly bright, the gallant gentlemen most gallant. With dancing and pleasant converse, so wined the hours away.

Go over to the Alamo Literary Hall to-night. Take your sweatshirt along, or if you are minus one, take your wife, and you will be repaid by an evening both entertaining and instructive.

Some people are comparing San Antonio to Rip Van Winkle. She has awoken from a longer sleep than old Rip indulged in, however. She feels refreshed, and it is her intention to make things rip along lively in the future.

We remarked some weeks ago that our northern friends visiting the city who were then complaining of the cold, would have to pack away their overcoats before the winter was through. Behold the time.

Mr. C. P. Parker, an old Texas railroad conductor and a clever gentleman, called at our office yesterday. He is from Houston and says San Antonio is far ahead of that village in air and bustle.

That Irishman who applied to the County Clerk for naturalization papers, fearing they would take him to Huntsville with the convicts, has fled the country. Pat didn't seem to have much confidence in the honesty of his countenance.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Wm. Maverick is building three new store rooms near the depot. The carpenter told me he was hurrying them up, as they were already rented. Mr. Sam Maverick is also making arrangements to build several business buildings in the same locality. Mr. Chas. Carter is building a neat two story residence near Somers' Garden, and Thos. Crowley is putting up a neat cottage just opposite Mr. Carter's residence. Many others will be commenced next week.

When the City Engineer's report was read concerning the proposed crossing, one of our portly Aldermen who does business on Main street, not far from the Main Plaza, whispered out with evident satisfaction, "that's a step forward."

We have been suggesting this step for some time back, and must congratulate the community it is in a fair way of being taken. The people are looking to you, Mr. Improvement Committeemen, for speedy action on the subject.

The Herald boasted a few days ago that printers in its office had set 1,500 ems per hour, as an average in a three-hour run. One of the youngest typos in our office, Master Ike Jordan, in one hour, a few days ago, and without pausing his "lick," showed up over 1,700 ems, and he wasn't feeling well either. We believe we can push him, and make him show 2,000 ems per hour, and without reading his stocks, we will venture the cigars for our friends of the Herald that he can show the cleanest and best spaced proof.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.—In passing down Main street yesterday, we could not but recognize the change that seems to have come over people. Our business houses were all astir, and improvements were going on everywhere, we turned our eyes, Mr. Ben. Mauerman was fitting up his new gunsmith shop, Judge Gamble was busy with all hands arranging things in his new book store, and Cunningham & Edwards, book and shoe dealers, were busy with customers in their new, attractively well-stocked establishment. A spirit of pride and isle in displaying their goods seems to be growing upon our merchants. An era of prosperity dawned for them, which will eclipse the business success of the past, but figure fortunes can only be made by hard labor and shrewd, energetic competition. Competition, however, is the life of trade.

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

It is alike entertaining, instructive and stimulating to read and consider the rise, progress and utility of these institutions.

How can we read their history without being entertained? How can we peruse their immense influence and observe their extensive operations without being instructed? How can we possibly read of the scarcity and expense of books in the times of our ancestors, and the difficulty of obtaining them for either love or money, without being, now that they are in the reach of the poorest, stimulated to research and inquiry? Let us, for a moment, revert to the time of the important discovery of printing by that triad, Gutenberg, Faust and Schodder.

They held the relation to the art preservative that the great Watts holds to that mighty power which is now delighting the hearts of San Antonio's—steam. The first principles of the art of printing had been in use from time immemorial. It remained for these three great men to improve them by spreading the large engraved blocks by the more convenient, movable types. Naturally the number of books published increased, at a rate then considered rapid, after the discovery.

Then occurred the influence of government, and the printing press was allowed only such books to appear as pleased the authorities. A little later the clergy became possessed of this power, and the sixteenth century—until a very recent date, epochs existed, and the peculiar privilege of printing particular books was given to every one. Books continued scarce, and only the immensely wealthy could obtain them, and even then it was with many hard tedious ceremonies, religious and judicial. More recently, large numbers of books were collected, and libraries established in the larger cities and towns in the Old World, but the conditions of membership were such as to prevent all but a very few of the enjoyment of their advantages.

In the course of time, however, men with enlightened and philanthropic minds, who had risen from the people and knew their wants, founded libraries and reading-rooms for the use of the middle and working classes. The latter are known in the British Isles as mechanics' institutions, but few mechanics frequent those in the smaller towns, as they are under the control of directors who allow nothing but such as they deem suitable to enter these institutions.

The manner of selecting directors is such as to preclude the possibility of rotation in the office, and, accordingly, the few who choose anything, both for the reading-rooms and libraries, that advocates fogynism, i. e., that are conservative in their character. Being of the opinion, in the British Isles, that no library, that people in humble callings should not be educated, that they should get above their work and their artificial superiors, the encouragement of working men to their libraries is utterly neglected, so that we now see professional men and well-to-do tradesmen the sole, or nearly so, directors and beneficiaries of institutions devoted to the poorer classes.

The history of public libraries in the United States may be said to have begun with that established by Benj. Franklin. None having, so unimpaired the sentiment of our nation, can possibly fail on reading the correspondence from his pen relating to the Library of Philadelphia, to feel grateful for, and much encouraged by, the great mission of working men to the United States about four thousand public libraries numbering upwards of two hundred and fifty volumes each. This is as it should be.

In a country like this, libraries ought to be well supported. Its institutions assume the active co-operation of all citizens in the work of government, and the promotion of the welfare of the people, and competent to discharge intelligently the duties that devolve upon them, these institutions will lose their vitality, degenerate, and eventually become controlled by the selfish and the ignorant. A knowledge of history, jurisprudence and political economy is that which every American citizen should possess to fit him for co-operation in the management of that government under which he has, advantageously speaking, the happiness to live.

A community ignorant of these subjects is execrable only when it has no source from which to derive the knowledge in question.

If, however, a thesaurus of knowledge, including the kind of which we have spoken, be within the reach of a community, and they avail themselves not of it, then they would deserve to suffer all the evils of an administration of vice-politicians and jobbers, such as heavy, unequal and unjust taxation; misappropriation of the revenues; laws enforcing unjust and unwholesome restraints; and all other evils that an ignorant constituency is heir to. Indeed, the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah would not be understood by such a community.

But, it may be opposed, as the bulk of a community are not able to comprehend a class of works referred to—a very substantial reason why those who are should devote the more of their time and attention to it.

Drop a pebble into a still body of water, and the extent of surface that will be covered by the ripples resulting will be in proportion as the agitation is great.

So with a library. Let the number of those who avail themselves of a library be large, and the number profiting by intercourse, be it never so little, with these, will be correspondingly large.

Again, if those immediately benefited by a library advance as far as they possibly can in whatever department they may pursue, then the persons beneficially influenced by them will be so much more improved, and indebted to them for that improvement.

San Antonio has been too long without a library, accessible to all. This great desideratum has been at last supplied, and it is much to be regretted that we give assurance of indications of its completed success.

It is no mere money making affair, and deserves therefore to be heartily supported by the public generally.

This "People's College" is under the control of a practical librarian, who has studied the management of libraries both at home and abroad, and is fully apprized of the responsibility of his position as educator of both old and young; and while he will endeavor always to keep the supply of solid matter up with the course, he will at the same time bear in mind that there are the young, who want entertainment and stimulation; the tired, who want diversion and relaxation; and many who, by commencing with a very small, will be led to that higher class of works.

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## Large Attractive Sale!

By Jos. Treuer & Co., Auctioneers.

Will be sold on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 9 o'clock a. m. precisely, in front of our salesrooms, south side of Military Plaza, to make a division of property, the following, by order of Mr. V. Eckenroth:

- 3 Wooden Axle Wagons, new,
- 3 Iron " " " "
- 1 Spring " " " "
- 1 Butcher Cart " " " "
- 2 Fine Ambulances " " " "
- 1 Buggy with Top " " " "
- 1 Buggy without Top " " " "
- 1 Dray, second hand.

- 2 Ladies' saddles, 1 fine saddle, 2 second-hand saddles, 2 sets harness, 1 large tent, 3 pistols, 10 pairs blankets.

And on account of parties leaving the city:

- 1 span American Horses,
- 1 fine Ambulance,
- 1 set Silver-mounted Harness.

- 8 family sewing machines, bestands, 2 kitchen safes, tables, mattresses, feather pillows, 1 show case, 500 sacks, 1 counter, 2 large wheels, 1 shot-gun, 1 watch, 2 cooking stoves, 1 lot blacksmith's tools, 1 lot of crockery and glassware.

also

- Dry goods, clothing, notions, boots, shoes and hats.

O. FETTER, Auctioneer.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS.

All Knights Templars who wish to attend the Grand Commandery, at Galveston, Texas, can obtain the necessary certificates by applying to the undersigned on or before Thursday, Feb. 8th, 1877.

R. H. NEAL, E. C., 24 San Antonio Com. No. 7, K. T.

REMOVAL.—G. Caen French dyer and scourer, has removed to 57 Commerce street, opposite Leroux & Cosgrove's. Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore, he asks a continuance of same at his new place. Jan 30th

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We take pleasure in showing our goods and would be glad to have all come and examine them.

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## Large and Attractive LAND SALE!

A Rare Chance to Secure good Bargains for Homes in the City of San Antonio.

On Monday Tuesday, February the 26th and 27th.

WE WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT AUCTION, WITHOUT RESERVE, FOR CASH IN U. S. CURRENCY THE FOLLOWING LOTS IN THE CITY:

1st.—12 excellent building lots, 20x37 1/2 vars., near Upper Ashbor Ditch, fronting on a public square, in very desirable locality.

2nd.—20 building lots, 20x30 vars., in the southeast part of city, near the new Valley Ditch.

3rd.—42 building lots in eastern portion of the city, near the Railroad Depot. The lots are well situated and overlook the city.

Will also sell from 50 to 100 lots in the northern portion of the city, in the vicinity of the upper new bridge and Upper Labor Ditch, at private sale at Bottom Prices, if called for in 30 days. The sale will take place at our office.

No. 13 Commerce St. H. F. & W. H. YOUNG.

The Dollar Store.

## Schram & Co's Dollar Store.

THE MOST ATTRACTIVE STORE IN THE CITY

Polite and attentive Ladies and Gentlemen to wait on the Public. We will be pleased to show goods, and intend to make our Establishment the favorite resort of the buying public. Among the numerous articles comprising our stock are the following: