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Aprill 23. 1883.

From St. Louis.
Ed. Faze Parss :-Among the "eighth" To be seen in this great city is its "Fire De partment." Let your readers, when visit-
ing St. Louis, call at the station house, and examine the wonders of this institution. Hure are the finest horses in the worid
standing in their elegant stalls waiting and listening for the "joker" to strike. At first movement of the instrument, places at the engine and woe be to the who makes a mistake and gets into the other fellows place
death for it.
The fire boys leap from their conches to find every horse thoroughly harnessed and
hitched up by machinery. Tho harness hitched up by machinery. The harneng
drops upon the animal's Lack with perfect drops upon the ne mormous doors rush open,
pr ecision, the eno the stalls fly open, ard in less than a nin
ute the excited and furious steeds are plung ing 1 k$)$ mad for the scene of the fire. It is
a sight to look upon. It is astouishing to see with what furions nad reckless speed the department can go through the dark
and crowded streets of the city. The reel and the heavy smoking and seething engine then come the hadders, all of the most mag nificent finish and workmanship. The loud yells of the drivers aud screams of the engine make night hideous, and the earth trembles as they pass to the fire. Surely this badly governed city can justly feel
provi of her fire department. The "old mau" (chief Sexton) is loved and respected by the "boys" who never fail to hear hii commands in the midst of dreadful hires,
where the old chief never fails to be prosent The mayor has just pleased everybody and shown his good judgment by reappointing the trusted chief for auo hal the pleasure of
Your correspondent receiving nn interesting letter this week
from Dr. C. Erhard, of Bastrop. His reminiscenses of the Santa Fo expedition are highly charactoristic of the men of that day
and richly deserve a place in the history a and richly deserve a place in the history a
well as in the gratitude of the "Republic." From Dallas.
We Atract the followng from a letter which was deferred on account of the pres
sure on our columns, as yet sufficiently persure on our columns, as yet sumicingly per-
tinent. Referring to the pending city election, the writer goes ou as follows:
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ed to logical reasons, and had heavy doses of persuansion, for this company thatt compa
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Lane was appe D. A. Young, Bro. J. P.
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QUEstross yos discosstos.
What are the varied duties of superin Leader. Dr. J. H. Combs. 2. What are the dutien of a Sunday
scholar? Leader, W. B. Moore.
 Smith, Jr.
4. The advantages accraing to tho Sun

day school lessons? Leader, day | H |
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Place $f r$ holding
R. Turner and J . ing. Scptember tist church. Time of meet ing. Scptember 32, at 10 a. m.
The first question, what obigations are
adult church members under to attend Sunaduit church members un, and atter a din-
day sehool, was taken up, and day sohool, was taken up, and anter a dam
cussion of some length the following pream-
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timont of this convention:
Whereas It is the daty of charch mem
bers to assist in any work that bers to assist in any work that teads to the
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intrture and ad monition of the Lord." nurrture and admonition of the Lord.
Resooved, That al churrh member
should earnestly engage in the work o shauld earnastly engage in the work of
teaching the Bible truths to the chiddren
and should let their influence tell with all and should let their influence tell with al
its power in behalf of Christianity, and no only cense to do evil, but learn to do well,
and help all thay can to make the Suaday and heip ail they can to make the Suaday
school a nursery of the church. In connec-
tion of which we would refer you to Dent.
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The second question, What are the bet mcans to secure regular attendance of tach
ers and seholars. was discussed following resolutions adopted:
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making the work truly a religions work.
The third question, what is the object
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up. and after a considerable discussion, th
following resolution was nooptod:
Resolved, that the object of all Sunda
school instruction should be to fit th
childreen for this lite, and prepars them fo
eternal enjoymenter in the life to come.
On motion of Dr. Combs, the conventio
On motion of Dr. Combs, the convention
proceded ot ete election of delegates t
represent this convention in the states con
vention at Fort Worth. which resulted i
the election of Brother J. P. Iane
J. H. Combs, with the Rev. Dr. D. A. Po
Oer and D.A. Young their alternates. W. A.
On motion of D. A. Porter. Mrs. W. A
ndrews was requested to write an essay on
the third question, and read at the next sit-
ting of this convention:
On motion of Dr. Combs, the convention
gnve a vote of thanks to the Snn Marco
Fres Press, and the Kyle Nutshell for
favor, and hone they will continue to fa
vor nus ith their publications.
The convention then adiourned to meet
San Marcos, Sept 22.1883.
J. J. A. Rocich, President.
J. L. ANDREw, Secretary.
Mysteries and Miseries of America,





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## WHITE GOODS,

Will also receive our careful attention and we will keep a full assortment of Checked and Striped Nainsooks, Victoria, Princess and Persian Lawns, Corded and
ted $S$ wiss.

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Clothing will be one of our specialties, as in the past; we carry the largest and best selected stook in the city

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We have just received a large invoice of these goods which are the best We has every lady in the city who has used them can attest.

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Thanking my numerous Friends and Customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon me last season, I assure them that it will be my only aim to try to please them in regard to prices and quality of goods and liberal and polite atten-
Yours Truly,

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WM. GIESEN. | melis |
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