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DESCRIPTION OF THE COLUMN VENDOME.

The column Vendome was erected by Napoleon to commemorate the success of French arms in the German campaign of 1805. This column is an imitation of the pillar of Trajan at Rome, of which it preserves the proportions on a scale larger by one-twelfth. Its total elevation was 135 feet and the diameter of the shaft 12 feet. The pedestal was 21 feet in height and frees 17 to 20 in breadth. The pedestal and shaft were of stone, covered with bronze bas reliefs, cast out of 1200 pieces of Russian and Austrian cannon, and representing the victories of the French army. The metal employed weighed 320,000 pounds. The bas reliefs of the pedestal represented the uniforms, armor, and weapons of the conquered troops. Four eagles weighing 560 pounds each, stood at the corners of the pedestal, supporting garlands of oak. The door of massive bronze was decorated with crowns of oak, surmounted by an eagle; above was a bas relief representing two figures of fame supporting a tablet with the following inscription:

NEAPOLIO IMP. AUG. MONUMENTUM BELLI GERMANICI ANNO MDCCCV. TRIUMPHI SPATIO, BUCTU SUO, PROSTIGATI EX OSMA CAPPO-GLORIAM EXERCITUS MAXIMI DECAVIT.

The bas relief of the shaft pursued a spiral direction to the capital and displayed in chronological order, the principal actions from the departure of the troops from Boulogne to the battle of Austerlitz. The figures, said to be 3000 in number, are three feet high; the length of the scroll 840 feet; a spiral thread divides the lines and bears inscriptions of the actions represented. The designs were furnished by Bergeret, and executed by 31 sculptors, one of whom was Mme. Charpentier. Above the capital was a gallery, approached by a winding stair-case of 176 steps. Upon the capital is this inscription:

MONUMENT ELEVE, A LA GLOIRE DE LA GRANDE ARMEE, PAR NAPOLEON LE GRAND. COMMENCE LE XXV AOUT 1806, TERMINE LE XV AOUT 1810, SOUS LA DIRECTION DE D. V. DENON; MM. J. B. LEPERE ET L. GONDOIN, ARCHITECTES.

The capital was surrounded by an aeroterium upon which was originally placed a statue of Napoleon as Emperor wearing the Roman costume. This was melted down in 1814 to form part of the horse of Henry IV., now on the Pont Neuf and was, during the Restoration replaced by a fleur de lis and a flagstaff; but on the 28th July, 1833, the statue of Napoleon, just of late seen on the column was solemnly inaugurated in the presence of Louis Philippe, his family, the Ministers and municipal functionaries. It was 11 feet high, and represented the Emperor in his military costume. It was modelled by Seurre. Napoleon the Third removed this statue when he re-established the Empire and replaced it with one similar to the first. The column stood upon a plinth of polished granite surrounded by an iron railing. The architects Gondoin and Lepère erected, it under the direction of the celebrated Denon at the total cost of 1,500,000 francs. The view of Paris and its environs from the gallery was magnificent and constituted one of the greatest attractions of that beautiful capital.

THE ICE-KING REFRIGERATOR.—This unique contrivance is admirably designed for preserving in a sound condition, meats and other comestibles, which rapidly spoil when exposed to the atmosphere in warm weather. Hundreds of persons daily examine it, and are invariably satisfied with the ocular demonstration of its usefulness for the purpose. It is still to be seen at No. 6 Carondelet street. We may mention that Mr. J. A. Warner, agent for the popular Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company, is the agent for the sale of this refrigerator, which, we assure our lady readers, is "a very handy thing to have in the house" during the summer solstice.

CANAL BANK.—Mr. C. Jumonville, cashier of this institution, announces through our advertising columns that the Board of Directors having been authorized by a majority in amount of the Stockholders, under the provisions of the act of the Legislature, approved March 16, 1870, extending the charter of the Bank and sanctioning a reduction of its capital, have decided to reduce the capital stock of the Bank to one million of dollars. The cashier gives notice to stockholders to present their stock certificates in order that new ones may be issued.

THE VIRGINIA WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.—Mr. Ernest Wilks, formerly of New Orleans, now connected with the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs of Virginia, writes to from Mobile that he will arrive in New Orleans to-day, and will be happy to furnish any information to those of our citizens who may contemplate paying a visit to that renowned watering place. Mr. Wilks is entitled to the confidence of the New Orleans public, and we hope his mission here will be crowned with success.

FAMILY GROCERIES.—Messrs. Pauk wood & Brother, wholesale and retail family grocers, No. 95 and 97 Camp street, will deliver goods at the watering places, on the Mississippi Sound, free of packing, drayage and freight.

The Ammonia car will continue to run during this week, and will be daily at Clay Statues on Canal street, at 9¼ A. M. and 5¼ P. M. Books for subscription to the capital stock of the company are open at the office of G. L. Laughland, No. 175 Common street.

Abstract of the Decision of the Supreme Court in the Nixon Case.

We make the following extracts from the decision of the Supreme Court of the State, rendered on Monday last, in the case of Salomon & Simpson, assignees of Nixon, versus the Auditor of Louisiana.

Per Ludeling, C. J.—The question presented in this case is one of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of the act of the General Assembly passed 1st March, 1871, and numbered 38.

The solution of this question depends on two facts, viz:

First. Did the debt of the State exceed 25 millions of dollars, at the date of the act of the Legislature aforesaid, and

Secondly. Did said act create a debt.

1. The evidence in the record leaves no doubt that the debt of the State exceeded 25 millions of dollars on or before the 1st of March, 1871.

2. It appears from the recitals in the act No. 38, that the State had sealed with J. O. Nixon in full, for the work done by him as public printer, and that his accounts amounted when so sealed, to $201,000 city notes, and he was to receive $150,000 in the settlement. If, instead of the State, it had been a private individual, who had contracted with Nixon, and who had given his note in settlement, could Nixon have enforced his claim for interest in consequence of the sale of the notes? Certainly not. After the agreement was sealed and the sale of warrants agreed upon, Nixon did not own the warrants, but the State did. Therefore, the State only who owned the warrants, could legally or justly claim for the interest.

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