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The law instituting the order, originating with and supported by Napoleon, then of the consulate, and opposed by Carnot and his followers, was enacted in May, 1802, and the first distributions of its decorations took place at the Hotel des Invalides two years afterward. It was intended as a counterpoise to the orders of the clergy and the nobility, and its prizes were to be the reward of every form of merit irrespective of the rank or place of the recipient. In its original institution there were fourteen cohorts, each with its chief town and each consisting of seven grand officers, twenty commanders, thirty officers and 350 legionary knights. It superseded the old aristocratic orders of France: That of St. Michael, founded in 1469 by Louis XI, as a rival of the great Burgundian Order of the Golden Fleece; St. Esprit, founded by Henry III, 1578, and that of St. Louis, which was created by the Grand Monarque in 1692. The oldest order, that of St. Michael, was distributed by Francis II and Henry III with more liberality than discretion. Under the first eighteen knights were made at one time, equivalent to the simultaneous distribution by Lord Rosebery of eighteen Orders of the Garter, enough to take the breath away from every herald and capitulary in Europe. In the reign of the latter it came to be known as the general dog collar; on the whole, it was quite time to support its waning prestige with a new institution, but it was not allowed that the famous old order should fall altogether into disuse and discredit. It was given as an auxiliary and accompanying decoration with the new one, and, so reinforced, recovered some of its old dignity and value. Its members wore a black ribbon and a collar of golden cockelshells represented in portraits of Louis XI, Charles XIII, Francis I and other royal and noble personages of that period. Louis XIV founded his order of St. Louis in 1693, its ensign being the red ribbon, afterward chosen by Napoleon for the Legion of Honor in preference to white, which, as the emblem of purity, he had first favored, but finally rejected it, as it was the badge of the Bourbons. He was willing to usurp their throne and royal prerogatives, but for some obscure reason of taste or sentiment seemed delicate about appropriating their colors.

At the restoration, in 1814, the Bourbons did not venture to abolish the new order which had grown into great popularity, but they restored the old ones, and made them all as useful as possible, giving out the new decorations in particular with a liberality which rather cheapened their value. They adopted the absurd device of presenting the image of Napoleon along with that of Henry IV on its crosses, a usage corrected some years later in the reign of Louis Philippe. Under Napoleon the order had come to embrace 105 grand officers, 300 commanders, 450 officers and 5,250 knights, most of them, but not all, being the reward of military service. In 1824 the members had risen to the number of 28,000, and as it was decreed that sentries should always and everywhere salute the red ribbon whether it was on the breast of soldier or civilian, the constancy and multiplicity of salutes became a ridiculous as well as an oppressive physical burden, and the custom was abandoned.

Louis Philippe was forced to abandon the old orders restored by Louis XVIII, and the three saints, Michael, Esprit and Louis, went down together, no more to be resuscitated. But the bourgeois king was lavish in bestowing the new order, and in 1848 its membership had reached 52,000, and the provisional government endeavored to suppress it as a vehicle for official corruption. A law to this effect was passed, but it had speedily to be rescinded.

In 1852 Napoleon III purified the order and gave it a new set of statutes, adding another to its graduations of honor, that of the Grand Cross, the highest of its decorations. After Sedan the government forbade its bestowal upon civilians, but was speedily compelled to restore it to its old status. The people could do without a government, but not without an order open to all classes. Between this period and 1873, the enrollment of the order showed an increase to 70,000 members, a burdensome multitude greatly exceeding that of the wearers of the Henry III dog collar, and a reform of its ordinancy became imperative. It was decreed that it should be given to no legislator while he remained such, an interdiction which prevented Victor Hugo from receiving the Grand Cross when a senator. There were likewise other restrictive and regulative ordinances, the most important of which, passed July 25, 1873, provided that only one nomination should thenceforth be made for every two that lapsed, a provision which it was computed would in forty-six years restore the order to the proportions designed by its founder.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

Charles Parsons, plaintiff, vs. Franklin R. Wallace, et al., defendants.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale issued out of the district court of the First judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Lewis and Clarke, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1894, in the above entitled action, wherein Charles Parsons, the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale against Franklin R. Wallace et al., defendants, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1894, for the sum of $1,939.71, besides interest, costs and attorneys fees, which said decree was, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1894, recorded in judgment book No. J of said court, at page —, I am commanded to sell all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Lewis and Clarke, state of Montana, and bounded and described as follows to wit: The north thirty-three (33) feet of lots numbered twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29), in block numbered five hundred and forty-eight (548), of the original townsite of Helena, according to and as said lots and block are more particularly described upon the official plat of the said named original townsite now on file in the office of the county clerk and recorder of the said county of Lewis and Clarke. Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Public notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 8th day of January, A. D. 1895, at 12 o'clock m. of that day, at the front door of the court house, Helena, Lewis and Clarke county, Montana, I will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, sell the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand.

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CHARLES D. CURTIS, Sheriff.
By FRED E. HOSS, Under Sheriff.
Cullen & Toole, plaintiff's attorneys.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Charlotte Johnson, plaintiff, vs. S. G. Baldwin, Lulie B. Baldwin, F. R. Wallace, C. F. Lotz, assignee, and George Yersy, defendants.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale issued out of the district court of the First judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Lewis and Clarke, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1894, in the above entitled action, wherein Charlotte Johnson, the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale against the above named defendants on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1894, for the sum of $3,686.54, besides interest, costs and attorneys fees, which said decree was, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1894, recorded in judgment book No. J, of said court, at page —, I am commanded to sell all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Lewis and Clarke, state of Montana, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Lot No. fourteen (14), in block L, of the Blake addition to the city of Helena, the said lot having a frontage on Broadway of forty-two (42) feet, and a depth of one hundred (100) feet, according to and as said lot and block are more particularly described upon the official plat (amended) of the said addition, now on file in the office of the county clerk and recorder of the county of Lewis and Clarke, state of Montana, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Public notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 24th day of December, A. D. 1894, at 12 o'clock m. of that day, at the front door of the court house, Helena, Lewis and Clarke county, Montana, I will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, sell the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand.

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