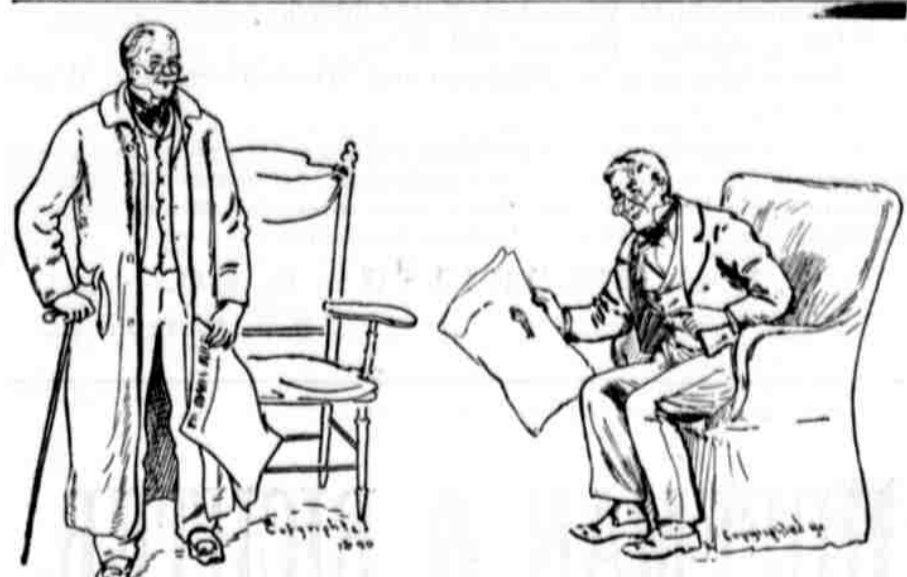


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An Interview with the Sculptor of This Excellent Work of Art. (Special Correspondence.) PARIS, April 15.—America may well rejoice at the coming to its borders of the equestrian statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, to be unveiled at Richmond, Va., May 29.



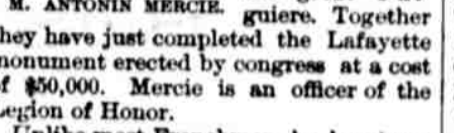
THE LEE STATUE. (From a photograph.)

An equestrian statue is one of the most difficult feats in sculpture. Venice and Copenhagen possess the two finest equestrian statues in the world. Critics declare the Lee monument equal if not superior to any equestrian work at Paris. It is forty feet high, forty-one feet across and weighs eight tons, and is the result of four years' careful study.

"The Confederate troops moved noiselessly excepting their yell," explained Col. C. P. E. Burguyn, civil engineer and delegate sent by Virginia to receive the statue. "The committee thought the design too theatrical. They were business men, not artists."

Cost of Modern Journalism.

New York, May 1.—Conjecture and gossip in newspaper circles have lately been exerted as to why Mr. Ballard Smith happened to be on board of the City of Paris at the time of the accident to that steamer.



M. ANTONIN MERCE. They have just completed the Lafayette monument erected by congress at a cost of \$50,000. Mercie is an officer of the Legion of Honor.

"When the duc loaned me the saddle," concluded Mercie, "he said, 'Ah, I see, you wish to make the south fighting-victorious!' 'The war,' I replied, 'is over.'"

DOES RACE MAKE CLIMATE?

Does the Anglo-Saxon Change the Climate Where He Locates? (Special Correspondence.) NEW YORK, May 1.—Twenty-three years ago I visited Fort Riley, Kan., when the military reports referred to it as on the western border of the thickly habitable region, and talked with officers and traders of Ellsworth, a little beyond, as "on the edge of the Great American Desert."

I have heard more curious things, for which I cannot personally vouch. Many witnesses say that for many years the border between the soft grass of the Missouri valley and the regular plains grass traveled regularly westward at the rate of two or three miles per year.

In Australia the changes have been stupendous. Vast tracts on which the summer heat was almost intolerable have become comparatively temperate. The air is still hot, but there is a softness in it which makes it far more agreeable; the nights are more refreshing, the breezes more cooling, and in the vicinity of cultivated tracts even the desert air is less prostrating.

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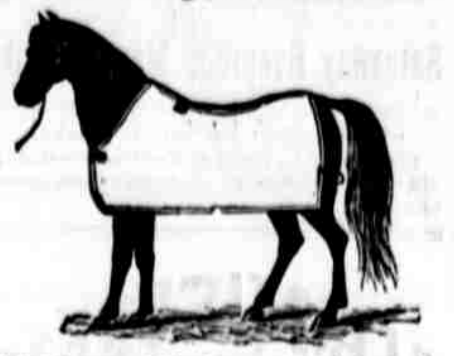
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