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Immigration officials estimate that over a million emigrants will enter this country in 1907.

Even if you don't wish to buy, call at Lado's and mingle with the crowd that is buying.

Snow fell at Homer, Arcadia and other places in north Louisiana on Wednesday of last week.

Why do you scratch? Royaline Tetter Ointment will stop that itching or your money back.

The school board of Avoyelles parish will issue bonds to the amount of \$17,500 for the purpose of building schoolhouses at various points throughout the parish.

Wines and liquors are holiday necessities. If you want the best, have a talk with Fred Rogge of the Nichols Hotel.

William E. Gray, of Crowley, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Shreveport, giving his liabilities as \$21,979, with assets aggregating \$21,049.

New Cure for Epsitopy.

J. B. Waterman, of Westwego, O., rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epsitopy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleanser and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at J. J. Leche's.

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On its first run out of the shops, V. S. and P. engine No. 300, with Engineer C. W. Kennedy at the throttle, ran down and killed B. W. Richardson, a well-known citizen of Dubberly. A peculiarity of the accident was that Richardson was struck by the tender and thrown into the air, falling on his head and breaking his neck. His body was not at all mangled.

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LIST OF LETTERS

Remain in the Postoffice at Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, December 28, 1906.

Almond, James; Morgan, Marshall; Brooks, Kate; Morris, Elie; Brown, John; Morgan, Margaret; Butler, Minerva; Marlin, Edna; Clark, Henry; McInnis, Minnie; Carter, Henriette; Mack, L. L.; Corbett, S. B.; Mack, S. L.; Daniel, Malinda; Mack, S. L.; Davis, John; Mack, S. L.; Dorcy, Richard; Mack, S. L.; Dery, Sarah; Mack, S. L.; Dupre, A. J.; Mack, S. L.; Domingue, Elizabeth; Mack, S. L.; Elmer, Will; Mack, S. L.; Frank, Mattie; Mack, S. L.; Gilman, A. W. (2); Mack, S. L.; Hollen, Willie; Mack, S. L.; Hoyer, William; Mack, S. L.; Harris, Mary; Mack, S. L.; Hill, Annie; Mack, S. L.; Hooker, John; Mack, S. L.; Hunsatt, Marie; Mack, S. L.; Joseph, Lillie; Mack, S. L.; Johnson, Harriette; Mack, S. L.; Kelly, Thomas; Mack, S. L.; Lewis, Rosa; Mack, S. L.; Linder, J. J.; Mack, S. L.; Lambert, Susan (2); Mack, S. L.; Landry, Alice; Mack, S. L.

When calling for these letters ask for them at the Postoffice, Donaldsonville, La. JOHN F. TREPAGNIER, Postmaster.

A FATHER'S PRAYER.

For The Times-Democrat.

He slumbers in the circle of my arm,
My little, little son—my baby boy;
And just the simple touch of his small form
Exalts my soul with love's supremest joy.
Beside me, with her sweet face turned to mine,
The mother of my child is wrapt in prayer,
While far and wide the bells of Christmas chime
Their sacred tidings on the midnight air.

Peace shadows me!—my life is more than blest...
A little sock hangs from my mantel-shelf,
And close against my proud, enraptured breast
I hold a tiny image of myself.
Who calls me poor when I have hope and health
And strength to labor for this helpless one,
And, crowning all, love's greatest gift of wealth
In one who is the mother of my son?

Nay, only poor is he who is alone
And joy akin to mine in vain may crave,
Or one whose hoarded wealth can not atone
For hopes that lie within a little grave;
And poor are they who bear without surcease
The poverty of love that fate decrees:
So pity most and send Thy Christmas peace
To such as these, O God! to such as these.

ELLA BENTLEY.

TOYS FOR TEN THOUSAND.

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year, as usual, her gift consisted of a beautiful doll, handsomely attired in bridal finery, with trousseau complete. It was her wish to make the beneficiary of this gift the most deserving child, if possible, of all the thousands who called for presents, and one of the gentlemen of the committee went in search of some especially worthy little girl. He found her, a little cripple, seated with her mother on the curbing outside the hall. The poor mother of four children, one a baby in arms, had been unable to secure any tickets to the distribution, but had gone to the hall early in the morning, hoping to be able to get something for her little one. Her case was one that readily appealed to the committee.

"Come with me," said the gentleman, and a helping hand was extended the little cripple. Through the aisle flanked by thousands of presents and by the throne of Santa Claus the little girl was led right up to the spot where Miss Baker sat. What greeted her eyes was an object calculated to bring gladness to the heart of any child. Could it be a vision? No, for the lady that held it stepped over and laid in her little arms a great, big, beautiful doll, and told her that dolly and all its finery were for her. Overcome with emotion, she clasped it to her heart, and her eyes filled with tears. She was speechless, but her manner spoke volumes and showed that Christmas had certainly brought with it gladness to at least one little heart.

When the little girl had received her gift, the other members of the family were brought in, and each of the children was given something to make them rejoice.

While this tender scene was being enacted in one corner of the hall, the harder children of the streets were grappling with the problems of choice between wagons, horns, dolls, tops, dinner sets, beds, bedroom sets, and, in fact, every conceivable present to be found on the list which good St. Nicholas carries around with him when he visits the homes of children on Christmas eve.

To a line of dangling toys their attention was called soon after they passed the Christmas tree by which good Santa sat in his red cloak fringed with white fur. He was the same genial old man they had been told about. Now he appeared to them a real live saint of flesh and blood. They saw his white beard and felt the caress of his hand. They looked into his blue eyes and met his smile, and they heard his kind words. Some were afraid at first, and hesitated to approach, but when he held out his hand to them with a tiny doll, they grew bolder and went near.

It is not often that old Kris deigns to show himself in broad daylight, but for the occasion of the annual distribution of toys and dolls by the Times-Democrat he kindly agrees to depart somewhat from his usual custom of visiting children in the nighttime, and shows himself for a few hours in the daytime. A merry old man he is, too, in the sunshine. Though the light might strain his eyes a little, he smiles through it all, and when the distribution is over takes his flight over the house-tops to prepare his sleigh and reindeer for a visit to the homes of children in the night. By 3 o'clock Monday afternoon he was gone; where, no one knew, but he came again in the night to reward good children while they slumbered.

Though his stay in the hall was short, not one child went away without a present. In fact the boys and girls departed with as many toys as they could conveniently carry. Some had their arms full of dolls, others had wagons, others tops and horns and jumping jacks. Not the kind that run up and down a string, but big, stuffed jumping jacks that clapped their hands when you pressed them. There was a general demand for this toy. Not a child who saw one but wanted it, and when it was handed out the squeezing and the jumping began.

At the farther end of the hall was arranged a special table, over which presided two good genii, who distributed nickels. They were bright, new nickels, too, which held within their circumference all the joys of a purchase of gum, candy and other good things, although

intended for car fare. As far as the candy was concerned, there was a liberal supply of it, and nearly every child carried away several sticks.

As happy as might have been the recipients of the gifts, there was none the less a great satisfaction for those who served on the committees during the day. For them the occasion held something of an obligation to their own childhood. Men as they were, and many of them fathers, they had not forgotten the days when they, too, looked upon Christmas eve as the greatest of the year. They served in every capacity in which they were called with a willingness which left no doubt of their sincerity in the good cause.

The immediate vicinity of the hall was crowded for the greater part of the day with spectators who lingered to see the children come out with their newly acquired possessions. Who could not but feel something of the excitement of a child on the moment of its triumph? Who would not allow his thoughts to flow back to the days of wild abandon, when everybody was a friend, and the whole world a playground? Fleeting as the moment might have been, it nevertheless was a reason to pause a minute or two, if only to catch a fleeting breath of the simple thought which came from over the fields of long ago.

Cold though the day, there was warmth enough in the spirits of the children to fire the heart of the most melancholy. The little ones, however, did not feel the cold. Hatless and coatless in many instances, personal comfort for the time being did not count. The glare of tinsel on the great tree, the bright toys gazing at them from the other side of the parapet, the music, the hustle and laughter, made up for everything else. It was their day and they had it. The time was theirs and they took advantage of it.

It was a tired, yet satisfied, committee which wound up its labors in the afternoon. While greater and more pretentious preparations were going on in other places in the city for the celebration of Christmas, there was one spot in New Orleans on which was focused the happiness of ten thousand happy poor, and that spot was at the Washington Auditorium Hall.

Happy in their simplicity, grateful for the pleasure which had been afforded them, they rested last night in their humble beds with the consciousness that they had not been forgotten by the big world on the eve of the greatest day in the year, and their prayer must have blessed those who gave in the name of Him of Israel.

Tired Women.

What numbers of women find their way in pair through the endless dazes that crowd brain and hand and heart. But life's work must still go on. Painful as it is, and tending to suffering women, it gives strength and quiet to the tired nerves, tones the digestion, improves the appetite, brings rest to the weary sleep, regulates every function, rids the system of poisons, puts roses on the cheeks and joy in the heart. And it does it in a so different from that of ordinary medicines that it calls forth the kindest praise. Pleasant to take as lemonade. Try it. 50 cents a box for \$2.50. For sale by F. L. Trepagnier, J. J. Leche and Edmund Richard.

Gen. Lee's Birthday.

Following is the proclamation issued by Gov. Blanchard with reference to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee:

"To the People of Louisiana:
"As the greatest name, next to that of Washington, and equal to his, in the history of the south, is that of Robert E. Lee, who believed that duty was the sublimest word in the English language, and so lived as to impress that thought upon all, it is meet and proper that the people of the south should observe the anniversary of his birth, and that the youth of the south should be taught to revere his name. The one-hundredth anniversary of his birth will occur Jan. 19, 1907.

"In order that the people of Louisiana, in common with the people of other southern states, may celebrate the day, I recommend:
"First—That, while the birthday of Gen. Lee has not been made a legal holiday in Louisiana, yet, as the date above mentioned is a Saturday, which is a half holiday in many portions of the state, business, as far as possible, be suspended on that day, so that the people may join in such appropriate ceremonies as may be arranged for the occasion.

"Second—That the schools of the state take such action, either alone or in conjunction with the different Confederate organizations, as will make the day one long to be remembered by the children, and that there be placed before them, in some appropriate manner, the character and life of Gen. Lee.

"Third—That the military organizations of the state join with the Confederate organizations, veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy, in a proper observance of the day, by reading reviews or other ceremonies, the details of which are left to the officers in command of the several organizations."

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January 16, 1907—Rodman, at \$900 per annum, in the quartermaster's department at large, Boise, Idaho. No educational test will be given.

January 16-17, 1907—Clerk-translator-typewriter, (male), qualified in French, German and Dutch, in the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, at \$1400 per annum. Age limit, 20 years or over.

January 23, 1907—Vignette engraver, at \$2200 per annum, bureau of engraving and printing. Age limit, 20 years or over.

Tariff clerk, (male), at \$900 per annum, interstate commerce commission. Age limit, 20 years or over.

Messenger, qualified as packer, at \$720 per annum, bureau of standards, department of commerce and labor. Age limit, 18 years or over.

Cook, (female), in the Indian service, at from \$450 to \$600 per annum; several vacancies exist and qualified persons are urged to enter this examination. No educational test will be given.

January 23-24, 1907—Kindergarten teacher in the Indian service, at \$600 per annum, at Fort Apache, Arizona. Age limit, 20 years or over.

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January 23, 1907—Stenographer and typewriter, departmental, Philippine and Panama Canal services; one vacancy exists at Leadville, Colo., at \$1200 per annum; two at \$3.25 per diem in the bureau of equipment, Mare Island, Cal.; and one in the office of the postoffice inspector, New Orleans, La. Age limits—For departmental service, 18 years or over; for the Philippine service, 18 to 40 years; for the Isthmian Canal service, 20 to 45 years.

Applications and further information to be had at the office of the district secretary, room 18, customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The National Magazine for January is a "snappy" number. "Affairs at Washington," by the editor, Joe Mitchell Chapple, is exceptionally strong in character, and several additional pages are added to this department, giving to the reader an insight into affairs at the national capital such as can be obtained from no other publication. "Cuba's Malady" is the title of one of the most timely articles of the month, written by John Vavara Noel, who has been in Cuba for some time and has made a study of the conditions that led up to the intervention by the United States. Kate Restieux contributes an interesting article upon John Greenleaf Whittier, the great American poet. Charles Warren Stoddard furnishes one of the best stories he has written for many months, under the title of "Caprice." "The Bright Side of Packingtown," by Mary Humphrey, gives the reader an intelligible idea of conditions, and is so widely different from the sensational material that all good people, except those who are looking for "yellow literature," will appreciate the article. The "Home Department" is, as usual, full of those helpful hints that we all want to know. The editor adds to the "Happy Habit" articles a set of "Resolutions," which are good for all living beings. The number is filled with the very best of fiction, among which might be especially noted "Reversing an Engineer," by C. C. Johnson; "The Poor Man's Cow," by Miriam Sheffy; "A Comedy in the Air," by Charles McIlvaine; "His Client," by F. Binney de Forest, as well as other fascinating stories. The National's recent cover designs are excellent this month by one of Manning's typical American girls, which is the best thing this well-known artist has yet done.

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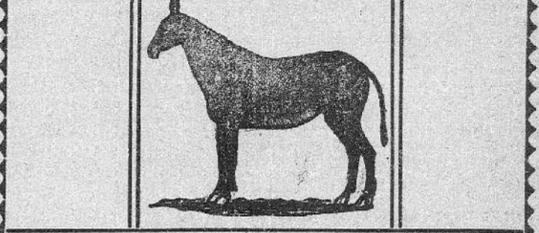
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