

MORE MONEY FOR DREDGING RIVER BEING SOUGHT

Efforts are being made at Washington, D. C., to have the appropriation for work on the channel of the Willamette river increased next year, according to a letter received here this morning from Senator McNary. The letter, sent to F. W. Karr, head of the Salem Navigation company corroborates one received a few days ago from Congressman W. C. Hawley. Both Hawley and McNary inspected the river channel last summer.

"It was apparent to me," writes McNary, "that much of the dredge work would disappear with the high waters of winter." He adds that he is working for an increased appropriation for the construction of wing dams, in order to make the work of government dredges during the summer permanent.

The original allotment for work on the upper Willamette river was \$17,500. This amount was increased by \$20,000. Nearly all of both amounts has been used.

McNary himself grew up on the banks of the Willamette river, he states in his letter. "I well remember," he says, "the old Occident and Orient, the City of Salem, the H. S. Bentley and others

that made daily trips to Salem, and the keen rivalry that was manifested by the operators of the vessels to see which one would reach Salem the earliest. I would like to see a return of those days."

Confectionery Opened.

Monmouth, Or., Nov. 26.—N. J. Arnold opened his new confectionery store Tuesday night. Mr. Arnold recently sold his grocery store to the Associated Stores of Salem. His new store is equipped with a modern refrigeration system and he will cater to the students and tourists trade.

POLK ODD FELLOWS MEET

Monmouth, Nov. 26.—Model Encampment No. 35 of Monmouth and Independence held their annual home coming meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall in Monmouth last night. A large attendance being present including brothers from Dallas and other places in Polk county. Grand Patriarch Robt. Henderson of Salem was present in his official capacity this being his night to inspect Encampment No. 35. The Royal Purple degree was conferred on Walter

Smith of Monmouth. After the meeting the members adjourned to the banquet hall where a sumptuous repast was served.

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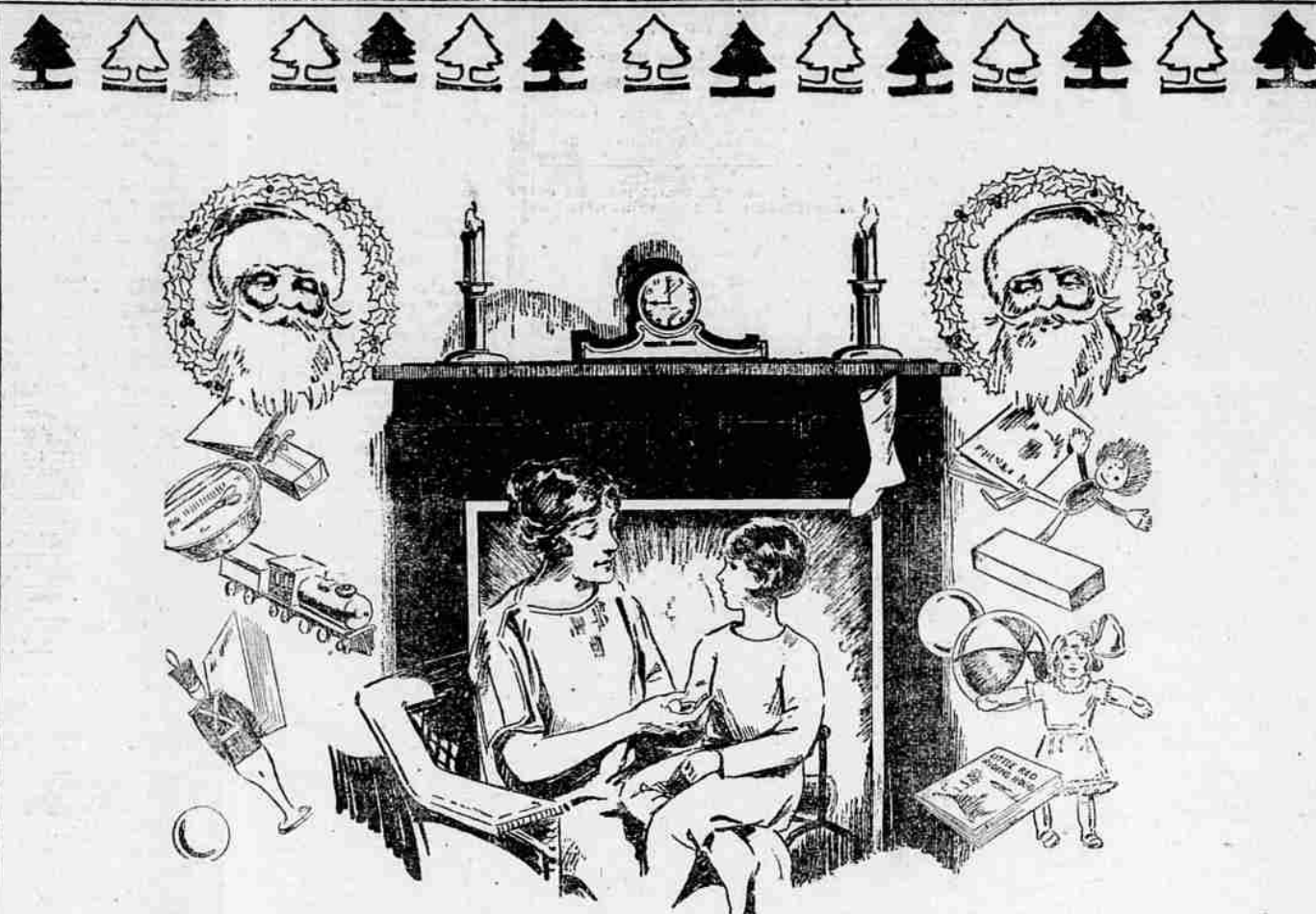
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Is There a Santa Claus?

(By Permission of the New York Sun)

WE take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor — I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says: 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia O'Hanlon
"115 West Ninety Fifth St."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a

Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.



Not believe in Santa Claus! You might just as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire a man to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fair-

ies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.



You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which even the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Our faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.



No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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