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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

(From the New York Sun, September 21, 1897.)

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 eight year 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 Street.

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 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 Vriginias. There would be no chlidlike 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 as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men 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 fairies 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 not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only 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.

LOOKING AHEAD.

"THE year is dying—let it die." We echo Tennyson's words. So far as we are concerned, anybody can have 1931 that wants it. We are all through with it, and we are thankful for that.

It has been a tough year, but, after all, we still survive. It may or may not have been the worst year, from the economic point of view, in American history. Some say that it was, and some think that we have had worse. If there were any worse years we don't remember them.

The important thing now is to look ahead and see whether 1932 is going to be any better and, particularly, what we can do ourselves to make it better. For one thing, we think that most people have dropped the idea that there is some easy way to get money without working for it. That is all to the good. The early American settlers had the right idea. One of the first rules laid down for the Pilgrims of Plymouth was "they that will not work shall not eat." That admonition, indeed, goes back farther than that. You can find it in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. It seems to us that we have pretty well got over the foolish notion that we, as a people, had discovered a way to beat that game.

There is no doubt that 1932 will still be a tough year compared with the year 1927. Everything isn't going to change for the better on New Year's Day. We have got to work our way back to a stage where everybody who wants to work will have a chance to work and nobody to speak of will be getting something without working for it. Everybody has got to work a little harder to pay off the debts that we ran up in the boom times, and that applies to individuals, states and the national government alike. Everybody has got to keep expenses down, and that goes also for governments, as well as for individuals. We think that in 1932 most people are going to watch the national, state, county and municipal governments and their expenditures very much more closely than we have been accustomed to watching them, and that the election next November is going to be determined largely upon their success in cutting off unnecesary expenditures without laying too heavy a burden of taxation upon those who are least able to carry it.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

By Bishop William P. Remington.

In all that God has created there is Divine intention, but because the Almighty in His wisdow and Father love chose to make man a free agent, there is a possibility of changing good into evil, and happiness into defeat and despair. The disobedience of man is the price God paid for creating us such as we are; and sin, suffering and misrule are the price we must pay for becoming human. Every great event or experience in our lives presents this challenge for good or evil. So the commemoration of any great day is either pure joy or dark despair, real happiness or unholy carousal. The observance of Christmas stands out above all other holidays as this kind of a challenge to us as individuals and to the world at large. It may mean to us love, peace and joy, the happy remembrance of what God has done for us and will do in us. On the contrary, it may bring us nothing but feasting, riotousness and the selfish enjoyment of what we receive from others. The Star of Bethlehem always shines and points to where the Young Child is cradled in a manger. To the shepherds it heralded the dawn of a new day, the coming of peace and good will; but to Herod it meant a challenge to his own authority, to his wicked way of living. To the Wise Men the Star shining in the East called them to an arduous journey that they might lay their best treasures at His feet; but to Herod it whispered the destruction of a rival. The Star either fights for us or against us, and which side we take determines the good or evil we get out of Christmas.

Never in our time, or perhaps in the history of civilization was this issue so clearly drawn as in this year of our Lord nineteen thirty-one. In the past a sense of well being and of contentment with things as they were, hid from our eyes the miseries of others and dulled our ears to the rumbling of the econnomic and social upheaval which was started with the World War. Now the handwriting on the wall is very plain. Selfish living, covetousness and greed, have brought forth their ugly deformed children—poverty, unemployment and misrule. In a land of infinite resources, and where our barns are filled with plenty, and our gold and credit still the strongest among the nations, our fruit lies rotting on the ground, our grain depreciates in elevators, and our machinery deteriorates from rust and idleness. All this tremendous power for good and the plenty of God's good earth, and yet the miseries and the poverties so many will suffer this Christmas Day! And all because, where the Star shines, some follow it in order to rob instead of to offer their treasures to the New Born King; to destroy a rival instead of to worship God in the Child that is born.

Is there any thinking man so utterly blind in these times that he cannot see that the root trouble in all the world today is GREED? We do not need any economic experts to tell us that. But is the remedy as clear as the diagnosis? If it was, all the Churches in all the world could not provide a capacity to hold the throngs of devout worshippers of the new born King. Our age is still blind to its deepest need, namely, that it must learn how to overcome selfishness thru worship of the Christ, and drive out greed by offering our best treasures to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The human spirit is so constituted that it must have loyalties, it must worship something or somebody. Every one of us must serve some end, we will either be servnats of God, Man or Things. The World War should have taught us what can happen to Man and to Things, when hate, lust and greed, plus the cunning instruments of man's own creating rule among us. We foolishly give ourselves to Things and they crumble in our hands; we worship Man and he tumbles from his pedestal. What is htere left but God?

All of our peace pacts, our disarmament agreements, our economic adjustments and social remedies will be nothing but striving and futility without the coming of a new sort of Christmas. The Christ Child must be taken into our hearts, His good will must change our evil ones, and this miracle cannot happen to us individually nor to the world at large until we follow the shepherds and the Wise Men to Bethlehem, and in adoraiton lay our tributes at His feet.

Great kindness and charity will be released this year, as we feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Bitter thoughts also will enter the hearts of the underprivileged and unemployed as they read of the surfeiting and drunkenness of those who have the price. There it is, right in this strange world of ours, good and evil alongside one another. Which shall it be for you, my friend? You cannot shirk the issue.

Christmas is everywhere; to some a foretaste of heaven, to others a very real hell. What makes it or unmakes it? Just our attitude towards it; whether we see the Star and run to adore Hmi; or we gorge our food and gloat over our presents and forget Gods poor and the out-stretched Hands of the Little Christ Child.

For every one of you I wish not happiness and prosperity, but joy and love and peace. I would ask you not what you have received, but what you have given. I would wish for you not more health to your body but new life to your soul—for this is Christmas, and the Stars sing and the heavens declare the glory of God. Christ is born. O come Let us Adore Him.

Sunday School Lesson

International Sunday School Lesson for for December 27

THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN EUROPE.

Rev. Samuel D. Price, D. D.

Review lesson offers unlimited opportunity for research. It is of value this time in relating the individual and often scattered events that we have studied in the life of Paul. While the work of the quarter began with the call "Come over into Macedonia, and help us, which was heard at Troas it will be helpful to survey the entire life of the apostle to the Gentiles. Read all of Acts if you can take the time, but begin at least with the conversion in chapter nine. You will need a map as you follow the travels of this itinerant evangelist on his four missionary journeys. Then you can reach good measure by reading the epistles that he wrote en route or while in the two imprisonments at Rome.

In Macedonia, Paul began the evangelization of the continent of Europe, whence the influence was extended to America. This second journey took Paul, with Silas, Timothy and Luke, first to Philippi and thence as far as Corinth. Fine results were obtained. Then he took his two working companions, Aquila and Priscilla, with him as far as Ephesus.

On the third journey more time was spent at Ephesus than elsewhere. Multitudes believed and gave evidence as they made a huge bonfire and destroyed their worthless charms and idols. Again Paul went as far as Corinth and then returned to Jerusalem, preaching en route where he was arrested. There more than two years were spent in prison at Caesarea before the eventful shipwreck voyage was made to Rome. During those two years in the Imperial prison the apostle taught, and wrote epistles. Then came a short release, followed by a second imprisonment which ended with his beheading. Paul evaluates his life by saying "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith."

"You'll Like This, I Betcha" — By Albert T. Reid

The FAMILY DOCTOR

by JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

THE NEW YEAR

Greetings to all! And, adieu to 1931. You and I, dear readers, have marked another mile-post on our trip. With the increase in speed they seem to show up so much faster—these mile-posts. And yet, there are precisely as many hours in this year as there were in the year of our Lord, number one. It's just busier that we are, that's all. So busy we don't notice the passing of time.

Every department of science has made strides during the past year; medicine has progressed, too. I think I can break up a cold now much quicker and cleaner than I have ever done before. Just put my patient to bed for ONE DAY, and give him a tablet every hour until perspiration starts freely. That's all there is to it. And, he might get well as fast with a tumblerful of hot water every hour, instead of the sweating tablet. But then, the patient wouldn't feel like he was being treated properly unless he had a little medicine, now, would he?

And I have learned to be skeptical of GERMS hammering down the enamel of teeth—the hardest substance in the human structure. Necrosis of bone takes place when nutrition is cut off by violence, plugged canals and other causes. Chances are, germs have nothing whatever to do with destruction of the enamel of teeth. Let's be sensible in the coming year. Your family doctor is able to tell you when and how to fight germs.

My New Year resolves are embodied in the simple determination to fit myself for BETTER SERVICE in the taking care of my fellow-man and myself during the coming year. I will be alert for the right, as my Master gives me to see the right. God bless you all!

LEXINGTON NEWS

By MRS. HARRY DUVALL.

Friday, Dec. 18, the Lexington school dismissed for the Christmas holidays. School will reopen January 4.

Thursday night the school gave the following program: Christmas carols, by all; tap dance, Louise Hunt and Marcella Jackson; recitation, 'A Letter to Santa Claus," Billy Nichols; folk dance, first and second grades; recitation, "Shopping Before Christmas," Marvin Cox; rhythm band, "Song of the Bells," "Hear Dem Bells"; skit, "Christmas Box from Aunt Jane," seventh and eighth grades; musical readings, Rose Thornburg; play, "Christmas Toy Shop," third and fourth grades; piano solo, "Moon Winks," Bernice Martin; cantata, "The Night Before Christmas."

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ingles and Mrs. Charles Inderbitzen left for Portland and Albany to visit relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ingles will also attend the teachers state institute to be held in Portland during the holidays. Miss Edith Tucker accompanied them to Portland and will spend Christmas with her sister, Irene.

Tom Frazier and his brother, Robert Frazier from Portland were in Lexington last Saturday for a time visiting with Tom Barnett. They came up for the purpose of seeing the gas well at Wells spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gray of the Social Ridge district entertained their neighbors at a party last Saturday night. There were about 60 present and the time was spent in games and cards. A lovely supper was served at the close of the evening.

James Leach and Paul Nichols spent a couple of days last week in Pendleton.

Helen Valentine and Eula McMillan from the University of Oregon and Ruth Dinges from Oregon State college returned home Saturday morning to spend the holidays with their parents. Wayne McMillan and James Valentine met the girls at Arlington.

A crew of men are busy putting in a new culvert on the Lexington-Rhea Creek market road near the Roy Campbell ranch.

Mrs. Lorena Isom went to Hardman Sunday to visit for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Delsie Chapel.

Mrs. LaVilla Howell and daughter Norma and Miss Clara Holey were Christmas shopping in Pendleton Monday.

A Christmas dance will be given Friday night at Leach hall.

George Gillis, fifth and sixth grade teacher, left Thursday night for Portland to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. Trannie Parker has been confined to her home for the past few days with a cold.

The Christmas program given at the Christian church Sunday evening, Dec. 20, was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was as follows: chorus, "Joy to the World," "Silent Night"; vocal solo, Ruth Dinges; recitation, Juanita Matlock; recitation, Ileen Kelly; musical reading, Mrs. Helen Nichols; play,' 'Going Home for Christmas."

Church services were held Sunday morning at the Congregational church. Rev. Napier announced there will be no services on Sunday night, Dec. 27, but on the following Sunday morning, Jan. 8, he will be back again.

Guests over the week end at the Thornburg home were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Matteson, Vina Parkins and her little grand daughter, Pearl, all from Ritter. Mrs. Parkins and grand daughter went to Tacoma and the Matteson's returned to their home at Ritter.

Mrs. Gene Gentry was able to return home Monday from Dr. Gray's hospital in Heppner. She has been ill there for the past four weeks.

Last Friday night a double header basketball game was played at the gym. The high school played their first game of the season with Arlington and defeated them with a score of 14 to 21. Neil Shuirman was referee. Lexington Athletic club played the Heppner town team and the score was 16 to 35 in favor of Lexington. Lawrence Beach was referee. The line-up for the Lexington high school team was Kenneth Warner, center; Pine Thornburg, left forward; Dale Lane, right forward; Laurel Ruhl, right guard; Llewellyn Evans, left guard; substitutes, Sam McMillan and Garland Thompson. Line-up for the Lexington Athletic club was Edward Burchell, center; Vernon Warner and Edwin Ingles, forwards; Clarence Carmichael and Elmer Palmer, guards; Vernon and Archie Munkers, substitutes. Heppner's line-up was Vinton Howell, center; Neil Shuirman and Hank Robertson, forwards; Jack Stewart and Harold Gentry, guards; Stanley Reavis, Cornett Green and Gordon Bucknum, substitutes.

Lexington grange installed their officers Saturday night and six members were obligated into the third and fourth degree. Beginning in January they will hold only one meeting each month.

Last Thursday morning after the sleet and rain the streets were covered with ice and several of our citizens took some hard falls.

Enroute to school the Martin bus struck the ice and turned over on its side, breaking down a wheel. No one was hurt. Charles Breshears went into a tail spin with his Ford and it was just luck that he avoided a wreck. Everyone was glad to see the sun come out and melt the snow away.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt and daughter Louise and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shriever went to Pendleton Tuesday to do some Christmas shopping.

The Gazette Times' Printing Service is complete. Try it.

Succeeds Alfonso

Niceto Alcala Zamora, first Constitutional President of the Republic of Spain, recently inaugurated for a term of six years.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, on the second Tuesday in January, 1932 (January 12, 1932), between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

J. W. BEYMER, President.
Dated this 17th day of December, 1931.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, on the second Tuesday in January, 1932, (January 12th, 1932), between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., of said date for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting.

W. E. MOORE, Cashier.
Dated this 11th day of December, 1931.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, administrator of the estate of Joseph W. Rector, deceased, and has accepted such trust. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, with vouchers duly verified as required by law, to me at the office of my attorney, J. O. Turner, in Heppner, Oregon, or to the undersigned administrator at 975 Michigan, Ave., Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 10th day of December, 1931.

J. L. CARTER,
39-43 Administrator.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Umatilla, and to me directed on a judgment in said Court rendered on the 10th day of December, 1931, in favor of Marie McGirl as plaintiff and against Charles McGirl as defendant for the sum of $1750.00 and the further sum of $150.00 attorney's fees, and the further sum of $129.45 costs and disbursements, I did on the 11th day of December, 1931, levy upon all of the defendant Charles McGirl's right, title and interest in and to the following described real property in Morrow County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27; and the East Half of Section 33; and the West Half, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, all in Twp. 1 South Range 29 E. W. M.

Also the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4; and the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, all in Twp. 2 South Range 29 E. W. M.

Also the South Half of the Northeast quarter, and the Southeast Quarter of Section 4; and the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9; all in Twp. 2 South Range 29 E. W. M.

Also the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14; and the West Half of the West Half, and the Sutheast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter, and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, and the East Half of Sectoin 22, all in Twp. 1 South Range 29 E. W. M.

and I will, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, the 23rd day of January, 1932, sell at the front door of the Courthouse in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, all the right, title, interest and estate the said Charles McGirl had in and to the above described real property on the 11th day of December, 1931, or since then has acquired, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the proceeds of said sale to be applied as the law directs in satisfaction of said execution and all costs.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1931.

41-45 C. J. D. BAUMAN,
Sheriff of Morrow County, Oregon.

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