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"Florence Holt, 'Albia, Iowa. 'I am six years old.' Mamma Wants a Pretty Plate.

"Dear Santa Claus I want a dolly and my brother wants a hat for his ball. I want a little wringer too. My mamma wants a pretty plate. My brother wants a train of cars. I hope it is not too much. Your friend, 'I am six years old, Helen Hammond.'

"Dear old Santa Claus. I hope I am not asking you for too much but I would like a small piano and a table and some little chairs and a story book. Please bring candy and nuts and a little bed for my doll. I am a little girl eight years old and go to school every day. My name is Wealtha Miller, 414 North Wapello street, Ottumwa. So good-bye to you, Dear old Santa Claus."

"Dear Santa Claus: 'My name is Charlotte Richards. I would like to have a locket, a set of dishes and a doll buggy. I am a little girl twelve years old. Dear Santa Claus, my little brother Jenkin wants a bicycle and a hobby horse. He is three years old. 'Phillips Mines. Charlotte Richards.' 'Dear Santa: 'Please bring me a long-eared donkey with a short tail, a live one, a hobby horse, a milk wagon, a fire wagon, a toy cannon and a big box of blocks and anything else you want me to have. 'Charlie Glew, age four and one half years. 1301 East Main street.'

"Dear Santa Claus, 'I want a sled and story books, and a doll buggy and I want a set of dishes and a Black board. Mowertz wants a sled and a story book. Grace wants a ring and a story book and I guess that is all. If you have any more things than you need put some in the pile. We want some sugar plums. Mamma wants a fur. 'Thanks dear Santa Claus, '641 Center avenue. Violet Neilson.'

"Dear Santa Claus, 'Please bring me a pair of golf gloves, a veil, a colorette, a muff, a little cook stove, a coffee-mill, a coat, a dress, a pair of stockings, a pair of leggings, a sleeping doll and a stocking cap. I am five years old. I go to school every day and my home is at 1033 West Main street. I wish old Santa a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Yours forever, 'Genevieve Davis.'

"Dear Santa Claus, 'I see by my papa reading the Courier that Santa has a box at the Courier office for little children to write to Santa what they want for Christmas. I am a little boy five years old, and go to the Garfield school every day, and would like a drum if you please, dear Santa. 'Herbert E. Farrington, '480 Center avenue.'

"Dear Santa Claus, 'I am a little girl 3 years old and I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll, a go-cart, a new bonnet, story book, handkerchief, apron, tooth brush, oranges, nuts and candy. Good-bye Santa Claus. '518 Taylor street. Pauline Lutz.'

"Dear Santa Claus, 'The first of all bring me a new suit. Then a fire wagon, a drum, a two-wheeled bicycle and an air gun. Bring little brother Sidney a ball, a horn and a rubber doll because he would break any other kind. That's all. From 'Robert Hughes, 6 years.'

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of furs and a doll with brown curly hair and brown eyes. And don't forget my little brother Fred. He wants a box of blocks and a box of tools. My little sister Nadine wants a doll, a set of dishes and a little baby buggy. Now don't forget my furs and the other things. Yours truly, 'Blanche A. Miller, 'East Madison street, Albia.'

"Dear Santa Claus: 'I want a box of tools and a rubber ball and a sack of candy. Please don't forget me. I am a little orphan boy and live with my grandma, so good by Santa Claus. 'R. F. D. No. 5. Reece Solomon.'

"Dear Mr. Santa Claus: 'I am a little girl six years old and go to the Agassiz school. I have been a very good girl this year and I want you to please bring me a big doll that can wear my old dresses, a go-cart, a coat, a cap, candy and oranges. I do hope you will have a fine snow to come on so I can hear your bells. Good-bye dear old Santa. 'Miss Elsie Sherrick, '609 Ellis avenue.'

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MAY GET INTEREST

STATE FUNDS MAY BE DEPOSITED BY ORDER OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Attempt Was Made Last Year by the State Treasurer Gilbertson But the Scheme Was Defeated—May be Brought Up Again This Winter.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—The approaching session of the legislature will witness another attempt to have a law passed which will make it possible for the state treasurer to deposit the state funds where they will draw interest. An effort of this kind was made last winter, but without success. The measure was recommended at the last session by State Treasurer Gilbertson but notwithstanding this recommendation it failed to pass.

This year Mr. Gilbertson will take no position either way. "I did all I could for the measure then," said Mr. Gilbertson yesterday. "I was checked by both sides, and now I think I will not take any position on the matter." The proposed measure has been under discussion among different members of the legislature, and a prominent member of the legislature who was in Des Moines recently, said that such a bill would surely be introduced. The measure has been defeated largely through the efforts of the banks. It was opposed by the Des Moines banks, and to some extent by outside banks.

State Treasurer's Bond. Together with the movement to have the state funds deposited where they will draw interest, will probably be a movement to have the state pay for the treasurer's bond. The present state treasurer, Mr. Gilbertson, must furnish a bond in the sum of \$1,000,000, which costs about \$5,000. His salary is \$2,700 a year. At present the banks which get the state deposits furnish his surety. If he were compelled to do so himself, the profit in holding the office of the state treasurer would be considerably on the wrong side of the ledger.

Would Add to Income. Those who favor the proposed law claim the state ought to make \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year on its funds. They say there would be no more risk in making the deposits where they would draw interest, than is incurred by the present manner of depositing state funds.

The opponents to this measure, on the other hand, urge that this is not so. They claim that banks that are not on a firm foundation would bid the highest, and intimate there would be no fair way of distributing the funds other than by means of a bid.

County Funds Mentioned. The same question has been raised in connection with the depositing of county funds in which connection many are of the opinion that the county should pay the treasurer's bond and that the funds should draw interest. This is now possible, but only one or two counties are said to take advantage of the law.

There are arguments for and against the measure," said Treasurer Gilbertson yesterday. "The efforts that have been made in the past have always failed. The Des Moines and the outside banks were opposed to the change. Then banker members feared that they might be cut out of receiving state deposits and they opposed it.

Minnesota Makes Provisions. In Minnesota they have a law of this nature, and I think they get 2 per cent for their money. In Missouri they also have a similar law to the one which is being discussed and they draw 1 1/2 per cent, if I remember rightly. In Minnesota they have a commissioner who examines into the condition of the banks where the money is deposited, looks up the securities and does other supervisory work of a similar character.

"I don't know how much money we would make if such a law were to be put into effect in Iowa. It would depend, of course, upon the average of money in the hands of the treasurer. That average would be difficult to obtain. If it were taken at the present time it would be over a million. If taken six years ago it would be considerably less. If the state went back to the old borrowing times, and the treasurer's bond were being paid for by the state it would work a loss to the state."

ENTER ENCAMPMENT. Six Candidates Initiated Into the High Branch of Odd Fellowship. Six candidates for the first degree were initiated into Encampment No. 221 O.E.F. at the Odd Fellow hall on East Main street last evening. Following the initiation of the candidates, about seventy members of the encampment and a number of visitors from Batavia and Chillicothe enjoyed an oyster supper and a social time.

TO REFORM THE TARIFF. Minority Leader of House in Speech at Banquet Tells of Democratic Plans. Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—Congressman Williams, democratic leader of the national house, at the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Free Trade League here last night. According to Williams, the goal in the tariff reform race is no free trade, but tariff for revenue only. The speaker said that the evolution would be so carefully and gradually effected that it would not disturb the industrial and commercial conditions.

TWO WILL BE LEFT

A PAIR OF REPUBLICANS IN IOWA SENATE WILL LOSE CHAIRMANSHIPS.

Not Enough Honors to Go Around This List This Year — Republicans in Higher Body of Legislature More Numerous Than for Years.

Des Moines, December 22. — For the first time in years, it is impossible to accommodate every member of the Iowa senate with chairmanships. Hitherto there have been sufficient plums of this kind to go around among republicans and to leave one or two for the democrats. The sweeping victory of the last election has, however, confronted Lieutenant Governor Herriott with disappointing someone.

While Mr. Herriott has been very careful to give out no intimation as to his preferences for chairmanships he has not hesitated to state that there are but forty chairmanships at his disposal, and as there were forty-two republicans in the senate who aspired to chairmanships, two must be disappointed. He did not commit himself further but it is understood that the old members will be well cared for and that it will be two of the new members who will be disappointed.

The senators-elect who have visited Des Moines this week are discussing this phase of the situation with considerable interest and it is probable that the last of the month will find all of them in the city looking after their interests in this regard. Each chairman is given the privilege of naming the committee clerk. The latter earns \$3 a day and the average senator has a number of applicants for this clerkship.

Fate Will be Known in Two Weeks. Mr. Herriott has let it be known that he will announce his selections for chairman in just about two weeks. Interest in the principal chairmanships is accordingly at white heat. Without any inside information, with nothing but history upon which to base a guess there appears to be a consensus of opinion among the best advised that Senator Warren Garst will not be promoted to the ways and means committee although Mr. Herriott holds him in the highest possible esteem, but will be retained at the head of the committee on appropriations. There appears to be a growing impression that Senator Hayward of Davenport will head the ways and means committee, the ranking committee of the senate, being advanced over the head of Senator Lewis. For the chairmanship of the judiciary committee it is known that Senator F. M. Molsberry of Columbus Junction is an active applicant, but here again the previously formed opinion that Senator C. C. Dowell of Des Moines would be honored with this chairmanship still prevails.

Much Attention to Appropriations. Measured by the actual importance of the work to be performed, it appears that the appropriations committee should be the ranking committee this year anyway. There is a heavy demand for appropriations by the various state departments and especially by the state board of control. Since the latter not only obtained everything it asked two years ago but was actually awarded more, the heads of the various other departments at the state house have determined to press their requests more aggressively and to see that if the usual amount of cutting down prevails in their respective departments that the appropriations committee should be the ranking committee this year anyway.

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MORE MAIL FOR SANTA

Letters From Young Members of the Courier Family

More mail for Santa Claus has been coming to the Courier office in trust for the Christmas saint and he will have his hands full if he answers all the requests that are made by the little children in the big Courier family. The letters published today are not from Ottumwa lone but some of them come from out of the city. Santa would be wise to make an addition to the big pack he always carries so that he need not disappoint any of his trusting little friends who use the mails to tell him what they want as Christmas presents. The letters received since Saturday follow:

He Wants to Slide. "Dear Santa Claus, 'Please bring me a bob-sled. 'Frank D. McKee, Jr. A Real Boy's Letter. "Dear old Santa Claus, 'Please send me an air rifle and shots and a French harp and watch and candy. This is all, from 'Drakesville, R.R.No.1. Clair Martin.'

Billy Has Moved. "Dear old Santa Claus, 'I want you to bring me a little bob-sled, a Shetland pony, a knife like papa's, an air rifle with loads, a watch that runs, and some candy and peanuts. We don't live where we did live; we live on the Jake Rowe place. Santa Claus, you may put my pony in the hen house north of the path. Good-bye good old Santa Claus. From, 'Drakesville, R. R. No. 1, Billy Allen.'

Remembers Her Grandparents. "Dear Santa Claus, 'I want a little doll cradle, some little dishes, a little ring and a little lamp. And be sure and take Grandma Youngberg and Grandma Adcock something and bring me some candy. Good-bye Santa Claus. From, 'Hattie Mae Allen, 'Drakesville, R. R. No. 1. 'I am Charley Allen's little girl.'

A Typical Little Girl's Request. "Dear Santa Claus, 'Will you please bring me a dolly, a new bonnet, a new coat, a new dress and lots of little toys, oranges, nuts and candy. Good-bye Santa Claus '518 Taylor St. Celestine Lutz.'

Don't Forget to Come. "Dear Santa Claus, 'I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas, I want

some skates, an air gun and would like to have a box of colored chalk. You might bring me some candy and nuts. I am six years old. I go to school, and live on Ellis avenue. Don't forget to come. Good-bye, from your friend, 'Lewis Ramsey.'

"The Younger Set." "Dear Santa Claus, 'I am a little girl 3 years old and I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll, a go-cart, a new bonnet, story book, handkerchief, apron, tooth brush, oranges, nuts and candy. Good-bye Santa Claus. '518 Taylor street. Pauline Lutz.'

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Four of a Kind. Thomas, Frances, Johnny and Catherine Rowland, who live at 1643 East Main street, send four letters written after the same style except as to gifts. Thomas wants a harp, Frances a sled, Johnny a drum and Catherine would possess a pair of skates. Frances' letter follows: "Dear Santa Claus, 'I hear that you have lots of toys to give away and I know that I will get what I want, too. I want a sled. I will watch for your wagon every day,

"Dear Santa Claus, 'I want a sled and string of beads and a doll. I am a little girl six years old. Well this is all, so good-bye Santa Claus. 'Lillie Hammer, 'R. F. D. No. 5.'

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