

INTERESTING LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

WHAT SOME OF THE YOUNG FOLKS HAVE TO SAY TO KRIS KRINGLE.

Mrs. Ashmun, Miss Mary Harper and Rev. Taylor met yesterday morning and went over the letters sent to Santa Claus through the Signal. There were many excellent letters, some excelled in penmanship, others in composition. The judges weighed all points very carefully and, unanimously, their decision was as follows:

- PRIZE WINNERS.**
- First prize for girls (\$5.00) Hazel Hopkins.
 - First prize for boys (skates) Gordon Everett.
 - Prize for girls of six—Laura V. Watkins.
 - Prize for girls of eight—Susie Smith.
 - Prize for boys of seven—Maurice Equals.
- Some letters received from distant districts were very meritorious indeed and in fact remarkable considering the very short terms of school held, and the boys and girls who wrote them will undoubtedly win some of the future prizes if they will persist.

Below we give the prize letters and a number of others worthy of a place in the paper. Two letters had no signatures. Mary and Ocia Hitt received the 50 cents for first definition of procrastination.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec. 16, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl only a eleven years old and I want oh, so many things for Christmas.
I want an opal ring, a doll with golden curls, with blue eyes that open and shut, a nice book, some games, oranges, candy and nuts.
There is a big chimney in our house so you will have no trouble in getting in.
You may come as early as you wish for I am going to bed early.
If you cannot bring these I wish you would bring Mr. Lockwood's offer of five dollars.
And oblige
Hazel Hopkins.

Weiser, Valley, Dec. 18th, 1902.
Dear Santa—
I am a country boy and live not very far from town. I hope you will come and leave me a few presents just the same as you do in town also leave the other boys and girls here some presents. You are going to have a cold time this Christmas Santa, unless the weather changes very much. Santa I am only twelve years old. Well I guess I will quit because it is getting late.
Good-by Santa
From Your Friend
Gordon Everett

Weiser, Flat, Dec., 18, 1902.
Dear Santa—
I should like to have a doll, stove, bed, dishes and some candy and nuts.
Please bring me a pair of mittens, a new dress, bracelet, a ring, a handkerchief and a pair of new shoes.
Hoping my letter will not be overlooked.
I am Your Little Friend,
Susie Smith.
I am Eight years old.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec., 21, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus:
Here comes a little 7 year old boy to tell you what he wants for Christmas. Please bring me an Air gun. One that will shoot sure enough shot. A sled so I can coast down the hill with my little sister, a little Drum. Some nice candy, oranges, nuts, apples, cake, and please dear Santa don't forget to bring my little sister a doll baby. she is so small to write you a letter. if you have not enough for both stockings, please put all in hers. So good by dear Santa until Christmas.
your little friend
Maurice Equals.

P. S Mamma says dont forget to bring a bottle of castor oil.

Weiser, Ida Dec. 20 1902.
Dear Old Santa Claus
please will you bring me a nice set of furs for I need them to wear to school it is so cold.
I also would like a new doll as my old one has lost one leg. And most of its hair. In fact I wish I would bring all of our family and Grandma & Grandpa nice presents if you have enough to go around. With best regards
I remain your friend.
Laura V. Watkins.
Age 6 year.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec. 17, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus:
The last Christmas present I got was a set of dishes. I want a stove that I can cook on and that does not melt when you built a fire in it and that has a stove pipe in it.
And a sack of candy and nuts, and

some gum and a string of beads, I have not been so late or out since I've went to school this year.
I am ten years old.
Your Truly
Julia Kennedy

Dale, Idaho, Dec. 15th, 1902.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:
When you come up Hornet Creek will you kindly bring me a fancy work box and a little writing desk. And please leave a little wooley lamb for Brother Lincoln. I am eleven years old, and Brother Lincoln is two years old.
From Yours Truly
Minnie Elliott.
To Santa Claus.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec., 17, 1902.

Dear Santa—
It has been so long since I have written to you. This time I am going to tell you what I would like to have best, and that is a pair of skates. There is no reason why you should have a good time. We are going to have a nice Christmas tree for you to put the things on. I expect this letter to meet you at the North Pole. Now Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Yor Friend
Ina Jenney
Nine years old.

Weiser, Ida, Dec. 21, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a sled and a train and a trunk and a pair of skates, and a watch and some candy, and boy dolls, how many Raudeers have you Santa Claus. I want a toy monkey that will crawl up a string, and a horse, and a cup and a toy gun, and some marbles and a wagon wheel and some solgers. Howard Snider. I will be 10 years old one month from Christmas day.

Weiser, Ida, Dec., 18, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am ten years old. I'd like for you to bring me something, for Papa said that if you were poor this year. If you think that you cannot afford to bring me anything, please bring Currey something. For I head to take care of him when mamma was so sick.
Yours Until next Xmas,
Sarah Mitchell.

Weiser, Ida, Dec., 18, 1902.

Dear Santa—
I should like to have a pair of skates, drum, wagon, train, tool box, book, horn, gun, ark, fiddle, boots and a lot of candy and nuts.
Hoping that I have not ask for to much, and that you will not forget me.
I am yours truly,
Tom Smith.
I am ten years old. Flat.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec., 16, 1902.

A letter to Santa Claus.
I want a doll that goes to sleep. I want a trunk to. The baby wants a drum. Guy wants a toy box. I want a book. I want a dresses and table.
Good by Santa Claus.
Sadie Roberts.

Weiser, Ida, Dec., 21, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus
on Christmas all boys and girls are glad and their hearts are free. All I owe I owe to my mother. How many reindeers has Santa Claus. My teacher's name is Miss Dale and I like her. And we had a Entertainment at our school tri-day. And santa clause came and gave us sum nuts and we eat them and had a good time that day.
Harry Snider.
I will be ten years old one month from Christmas day.

Weiser, Ida, Dec 20, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus;
Please bring me a bicycle and I want a doll too.
Oh yes I want my stockings full of candies.
And Dear Santa Claus Charley my little brother wants a horn and a drum.
And things that make lots of noys.
Well Dear Santa this is all I can think of now.
If I think of anything more I will write again.
So good by Santa
Your friend
Verta Rhea
Weiser, Ida.
Dec. 2s, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am ten years old. This is the first year I ever went to school. Mamma always taught me at home. I am in the fourth grade now. Now I want you to bring a story book, skates, ring and a sleeping doll and some candy and nuts.
Dear Santa do you think I have asked for too much? Santa I want you to bring all I have asked for. Santa I wish you merry Christmas. Santa I will hang my stocking up in the corner.
Your Little Friend
Ina Reeves.
Council, Idaho.
Dec 21, 1902.

Dear old Santa Claus.
I am a little girl eleven years old, and live on Hornet creek in the snow. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I have a nice organ and would like to have a pair of vacas set on it.
I would like to have a sled as we have a fine place for coasting Hollie wanted me to let you to bring him some A B C

blocks.
I will close for this time. Come and see me every year.

Good By.
From Della Jackson to Santa Claus.

Weiser, Dec. 12, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a trunk piano, and a watch and a doll cradle and a Doll chair, and a Doll baby brigy and a Doll hat
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Dear Santa
I am a little girl ten years old and have tried to be good all the years through but for fear that you might forget to come to our house I am going to write you a little letter. I should like to have a large Doll with curls and red slippers with fur tops. I have a little brother Marshal who is the sweetly brother in the world so please bring him a rocking horse drum and ball.

There are many other things, Dear Santa that I should like to have but I am afraid that your tiny rein dears will not be able to carry your sled so bring me only a doll and divide my other toys with the poor little children across the way whose papa is very sick. And if their chimneys are so small for you to creep through.
You may leave them on my stockings and I will deliver them early in the morning
Thanking you Dear Santa for your kindness to all little boys and girls and wishing you and your tiny reindeer a merry Christmas and Happy New Year, remain your little sweetheart
Hazel Smith.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec. 7, 1902.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus.
Please will you bring me a big doll fifteen inches long Christmas Santa Claus. One with slippers and buckles and stockings.
You are the best man in the world. I like you so well that I will write you a letter I love you very well. You are so good that I think I will get some presents. I got presents last Christmas and I think that Santa Claus will bring some presents this Christmas.
I am eight years old.
From your loving
Ocia Hitt
Weiser, Idaho.
Dec. 16, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus—
I wrote to you last Christmas. So I thought I would write to you now. We are not going to have a Christmas tree here. I don't want you to forgive me. I want a doll because I broke my other one. When you go round you want forget me?
I will close now
from Dollie Shaw
Age, 8 years.
Weiser, Ida, 20th.

Dear Santa Claus.
Please bring me a Piano a real one not a toy Piano. and please remember all my little school mates, and my good kind Teacher, and bring Baby Sister a doll and doll buggy, and candy and nuts enough for us all.
good Bye.
Your little Friend Edith Watkins.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec. 17, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus.
I had a birthday party last Saturday and I had eight little friends come to spend the day with me.
Dear Santa Claus you will not find me at the Congregational church Christmas night.
We are going to Baker City Christmas night.
Dear Santa Claus I want a large doll that will go to sleep and some candy.
Dear Santa Claus you will half to excuse me from writing with pen and ink. Because in are room at school we do not write with pen and ink in are grade.
Flora Burrows
8 years old.

Dec. 17, 1902.

I am ten years old, and I attend the Haas school. I want lot lots of nice things for Christmas. I want a doll and a book and a set of dishes, and a doll bed and a doll stove. But we're snowed in and I am afraid you can get here.
Miss Bell Dailey.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec. 16, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus.
I will write this letter to dear old Santa Claus.
And if I don't spell all the words just right next time I'll do better.
Santa Claus knows all the naughty things we do.
I live out in the country and we have no happy times.
If I just had one doll, I would remember you.
At Christmas what happy times you have.
We will have no christmas tree in our valley where we live.
And you can imagine how welcome a little present would be.
Well I will close my letter now hoping to hear from you at Christmas time.
Your friend,
Gertrude Shaw.

Weiser, Idaho, Dec., 20, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus—
I am very glad it is time for you to come around again.
When you come please bring me a pretty wax doll about one foot and one half long, bring a carriage for her, and also an iron bedstead.
It is snowing, and I hope it will snow enough so you can come in your sleigh.
Good bye,
Your loving friend
Nellie Watson.

Weiser, Ida, Dec. 17, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus. I am looking for you Christmas night.
I am expecting a new pair of skates, and I want you to bring the poor people's children things to eat, but there are not very many of them here, but there are others in other places.
Dear Santa Claus why I want a new pair of skates is why my skates will not fit me, and I have to wear the boys skates.
Ray Burrows.
10 years old.

Weiser, Ida, Dec 17, 1902.

Dear Santa Claus.
I will write you a few lines.
Santa Claus, you are the best man I ever did see.
I like you so much that I will write you a letter. I know that you will be glad to give good little girls presents.

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I wish you would give me a doll 14 feet long. Santa Claus, Vancie said that you would come down the pope-pipe Christmas.
I am ten years old. I will close for this time.
From your loving
Mary G. Hitt.

Weiser Idaho, Gladys cookley

Dear Santa Claus.
Mamma say the signal office will give five dollars to the little girl who writes you the best letter.
I am eight years old and will try for that five dollars. I would like to have a Christmas tree with some nice presents on it.
So you may leave me one for Christmas.

I have a little Brouther two years old he would like a drum a train of cars and a little hatchet so bring them to him please, as this is all we want I will close my letter give my love to Mrs. Santa Clause and keep a share for yourself.
Gladly Cookley.
If you have any little santa clauses give them my love to them.

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