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WILLIE'S AND ANNIE'S PRAYER

'Twas the night before Christmas,
"Good-night" had been said,
And Annie and Willie had crept
into bed;

There were tears on their pillow
And each little bosom was heaving
with sighs.
For tonight their stern father's com-
mand had been given
That they should retire precisely at
seven

Instead of eight, for they troubled
him more
With questions unheard of than
ever before.

He had told them he thought this
deception a sin,
No such thing as "Santa Claus"
ever had been;

And he hoped, after this, he should
never more hear
How he scrambled down chimneys
with presents each year.

And this was the reason that two
little heads
So relentlessly tossed on their soft,
downy beds.

Eight, nine and the clock in the
steeple tolled ten,
Not a word had been spoken by
either till then.

When Willie's sad face from their
blanket did peep,
And whispered: "Dear Annie, are
you fast asleep?"

"Why, no, brother Willie," a sweet
voice replied,
"I've tried it in vain, but I can't
shut my eyes.

For somehow it makes me sorry be-
cause
Dear papa has said there is no
Santa Claus.

Now, we know that there is, and it
can't be denied,
For he came every year before our
mama died.

And then I've been thinking that
she used to pray,
And God would hear everything
mama would say,

And perhaps she asked Him to send
Santa Claus here
With the sack full of presents he
brought every year."

"Well, why tan't we pray, dest as
mama did then,
And ask God to send him with
presents adn?"

"I've been thinking so, too," and
without a word more
Four little feet bounded out on the
floor,

And four little knees the soft car-
pet pressed,
And two tiny hands were clasped
close to each breast.

"Now, Willie, you know we must
firmly believe
That the presents we ask for we are
sure to receive.

You must wait, just be still, till I
say 'Amen,'
And by that you will know that
your turn has come then."

"Dear Jesus, look down on my brother
and me,
And grant us the favor we are seek-
ing of Thee.

I want a wax dollie, a tea set and
ring,
And an ebony dolliebox that shut's
with a spring;

Bless papa, dear Jesus, and cause
him to see
That Santa Claus loves us far better
than he;

Don't let him get angry or fretful
again
At dear brother Willie and Annie;
Amen."

"Please, Desus, 'et Santa Claus tum
down tonight
And bring us some presents before
it is 'te;

I want he should dive me a nice
'litle s'ed
With bright shinin' yunnners and all
painted yed;

A box full of tandy, a book and a
toy;
Amen, and then, Desus, I'll be a
dood boy."

Their prayers being ended, they
raised up their heads
And with hearts light and cheerful
again sought their beds,

And were soon lost in slumber, both
peaceful and deep,
And with fairies in dreamland were
roaming in sleep.

Eight, nine, and the little French
clock had struck ten,
Ere the father had thought of his
children again.

He seems now to hear Annie's half-
suppressed sigh,
And to see the big tears stand in
Willie's blue eyes.

"I was hard with my darlings," he
mentally said,
"And should not have sent them so
early to bed;

But of course they've forgot all
their troubles ere this,
And that I denied them the thrice-
asked-for kiss;

But, just to make sure, I'll steal
up to their door,
For I never spoke harshly to them
before."

So saying, he softly ascended the
stairs
And arrived at the door to hear
both of their prayers.

His Annie's "bless papa" drew forth
the big tears,
And Willie's grave promise falls
sweet on his ears.

"Strange, strange I'd forgotten,"
said he, with a sigh,
"How I longed when a child to
have Christmas draw nigh;

I'll atone for my harshness," he in-
wardly said,
"By answering their prayers ere I
sleep on my bed."

Then he turned to the stairs and
softly went down,
Threw off velvet slippers and silk
dressing gown,

Donned hat, coat and boots and was
out on the street,
A millionaire facing the cold, driv-
ing sleet,

Nor stopped he until he had bought
everything,
From the box full of candy to the

YULETIDE IN THE COUNTRY

Christmas Day in the Old Farm Home
Recalls Fond and Pleasant
Recollections.



CHRISTMAS in the country,
Christmas day in the old
farm home. What pleasant
memories it recalls to some
of us, and what good times
it will mean for many of us this year.
There is really no place like the farm
home for Christmas good times and
jollity and good cheer. Here, if any-
where, prosperity and plenty abound,
and in family gatherings and in neigh-
borhood reunions, with an abundance
of the fruits of our labor with which
to spread our bountiful boards, old
friendships may be renewed, new ones
made, and even the stranger within
our gates may be added to the list.

At Christmas time we may put into
practice the real principles of neigh-
borhood. Living close together does not
always make neighbors. Speaking ac-
quaintances are not always neighbors.
To be real neighbors we must have
the spirit of neighborliness in our
hearts which prompts us to get to-
gether once in awhile, to gather
around a well-laden table and feast,
and visit, and laugh and joke and have
a rousing good time. To love our
neighbor as we do ourselves, we have to
know him pretty well, and there is
nothing like these neighborly reunions
as a means of getting acquainted.

It may be that some of us will have
to do a little mental and spiritual
housecleaning before Christmas day
dawns. We shall have to rid ourselves
of all the old rubbish of grudges, dis-
likes, jealousies and ill feelings which
we will find pigeon-holed away when
we begin to overhaul the accumula-
tion of the years. You will have to
throw all this into the discard before
you can get into the real Christmas
spirit, because the two will not mix.
If you have wronged your neighbor in
any way, Christmas is a good time to
make reparation. And if you feel that
you have been wronged, why, just for-
get it, and the Christmas spirit and
the Christmas "get-together" will do
the rest. Christmas should be a time
of peace and good will to all mankind,
and not to a few favored friends. It
should be a time of reviving old as-
sociations, of renewing old friend-
ships, and of making new friends, and
the peace and good will, the neigh-
borliness and good fellowship thus re-
vived should not be allowed to die out
as the yule fires cease to burn, but
should flow out in a plentiful stream
to enrich our lives through all the
days of the coming year.

tiny gold ring.
Indeed, he kept adding so much to
his store
That the various presents outnum-
bered a score.

Then homeward he turned with his
holiday load,
And with Aunt Mary's help in the
nursery it was stored.

Miss Dollie was seated behind a
pine tree,
By the side of a table, spread out
for her tea.

A work-box well filled in the cen-
ter was laid,
And on it a ring for which Annie
had prayed.

A soldier in uniform stood by a
sleed
"With bright shining runners, and
all painted red."

There were balls, dogs and horses,
books pleasing to see,
And birds of all colors were perched
in the tree.

While Santa Claus, laughing, stood
up in the top
As if getting ready more presents to
drop.

And as the fond father the picture
surveyed,
He thought for his trouble he had
amplly been paid,

And he said to himself, as he
brushed off a tear:
"I'm happier tonight than I've been
for a year."

I've enjoyed more true pleasure
than ever before;
What care I if bank stocks fall ten
per cent more?

Hereafter I'll make it a rule, I be-
lieve,
To have Santa Claus visit us each
Christmas Eve."

So thinking, he gently extinguished
the light
And tripped down the stairs to re-
tire for the night.

As soon as the beams of the bright
morning sun
Put the darkness to flight and the
stars, one by one,

Four little blue eyes out of sleep
opened wide,
Then at the same moment the pres-
ents espied.

Then out of their bed they sprang
with a bound,
And the very gifts prayed for all of
them found.

They laughed and they cried in
their innocent glee,
And shouted for "papa" to come
quick and see

What presents old Santa had
brought in the night—
Just the things that they wanted,
and left before right.

"And now," added Annie, in a voice
soft and low,
"You'll believe there's a Santa
Claus, papa, I know."

While dear little Willie climbed up
on his knee,
Determined no secret between them
should be,

And told, in soft whisper, how An-
nie had said
That their dear, blessed mamma, so
long ago dead,

Used to kneel down and pray by
the side of her chair,
And that God up in heaven had an-
swered her prayer;

"Then we dot up and played, dest
as well as we toud,
And Dad answered our prayers.
Now wasn't he dood?"

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 5

November 25, 1921.
At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was passed
providing means whereby every Stockholder, whether able to attend the
annual meeting or not, might cast his vote for the Directors of his
choice.

For the past six years a sufficient number of shares has not been
represented at the annual meeting to permit of holding a legal election
according to our bylaws. Therefore, the old Board automatically were
required to serve. Vacancies have from time to time been appointed by
the remaining Directors.

The accompanying Ballot must be marked, sealed in its voting
envelope and mailed or presented to the Secretary, so as to be in his
possession before 7:00 P. M. of January 9th, 1922.

SAMPLE BALLOT

JANUARY, 1922

FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE DIRECTORS FOR THE NARBONNE
RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 5

The following is a complete list of Stockholders, together with their
last known address as shown by the books of the Company on Novem-
ber 1, 1921.

VOTE FOR FIVE DIRECTORS

NOTE—The five Stockholders receiving the highest number of votes
will be elected Directors for the ensuing year. In the event that one or
more of those elected will not serve, the next highest in receipt of votes
will be considered elected.

To vote for a Director mark a Cross in the circle in front of the
party's name:

0 J. K. Adams, Lomita, Cal.	0 Daisy Knights, Toledo, O.
0 Albert Alden, Lomita, Cal.	0 C. F. Knutsen, Lomita, Cal.
0 Edward Anberg, Lomita, Cal.	0 Anna L. Larson, Santa Monica
0 Andrew Anderson, Ray, Ariz.	0 R. Larson, Lomita, Cal.
0 A. E. Anderson, Lomita, Cal.	0 W. H. Lee, Los Angeles, Cal.
0 A. H. Anderson, Lomita, Cal.	0 H. B. Linderman, Lomita, Cal.
0 Charles Anderson, Lomita, Cal.	0 W. D. Lockhart, Lomita, Cal.
0 Paul Anderson & C. A. Thirup,	0 Andrew Longran, Lomita, Cal.
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0 S. Argo, Lomita, Cal.	Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.
0 Jackson Autry, Lomita, Cal.	0 L. Lowe, Lomita, Cal.
0 C. F. Baker, Lomita, Cal.	0 W. H. Lydell, Monrovia, Cal.
0 Marie W. Baker, Lomita, Cal.	0 H. A. Maddox, Lomita, Cal.
0 John Bebb, Wilmington, Cal.	0 F. Mading, Lomita, Cal.
0 John Bergstrom, Lomita, Cal.	0 M. Martinez, Lomita, Cal.
0 H. E. Blanchard, Burnett, Cal.	0 C. F. Mathers, Lomita, Cal.
0 August Bloom, Lomita, Cal.	0 M. Micholson, Lomita, Cal.
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0 M. Brock, Lomita, Cal.	0 Z. F. Newell, Lomita, Cal.
0 Geo. W. Brooksby, Lomita, Cal.	0 D. C. Narver, Los Angeles, Cal.
0 Ralph Brown, San Pedro, Cal.	0 Susie O. Newhouse, Covina, Cal.
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0 W. A. King, Lomita, Cal.	0 Louis Zoethout, Lomita, Cal.
0 W. O. King, San Francisco, Cal.	

PROXY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby appoint _____ as my proxy, with power to act for me and in my stead, the same as
if I were present in person, to vote _____ shares of stock vested
in me in the Narbonne Ranch Water Company Number Five, at Lomita,
Los Angeles County, California, at the Annual Meeting on January 9,
1922, at 7:00 o'clock P. M., at the Company's Office.

(Signed)