

# CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMNS

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### HAWLEY.

Mr. Edward A. Peet, of Lake Ariel, and Miss Mame W. Bidwell, of Hawley, were united in marriage by Rev. Charles F. Smalley at the Baptist parsonage, Hawley, Pa., on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Peet will make their home at Lake Ariel.

On Christmas eve a very pretty cantata entitled "Santa Claus at Miss Prims," was rendered before a large and appreciative audience, by scholars of the Baptist Sunday school, under the able leadership of Miss Wilma Knapp. Mrs. Fred Wagner presided at the piano, Mr. H. W. Pethick leading the orchestra. The entertainment reflected much credit upon Miss Knapp and her helpers, revealing the fact that much labor had been expended by all taking part. The different characters were well represented; the star of the occasion in the eyes of the little folks was Santa Claus, being well taken by Mr. Ralph Seaman. The distribution of candies and gifts closed this celebration of the highest and best of religious festivals.

### BETHANY.

The doll which was being contested for at the store was won by Florence Manning, as she had the most votes. Stella Dudley coming the next on the list, was given a postal album.

Mrs. Henry Miller and daughter, Grace, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Paynter and daughter, Isabelle, of Carbondale, and Mr. W. C. Seifarth of Brooklyn, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johns and son, Howard of Forest City, came Friday to spend Christmas and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Johns.

Charles W. Sutton of Hancock, N. Y., spent Christmas with his family at the Lavo home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Noyes, of Honesdale, Mr. Herbert Echar of Hooperstown, Ill., were here over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faatz, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Faatz and son, Charles, ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bolckcom's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gammell and daughter, Elia, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett and sister, Maud, at Tanner's Falls.

Mrs. Kate Cleo gave a family dinner at her home, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hazen and daughter Marjorie of Seelyville being among the number.

Miss Alta Many spent Christmas at Torrey with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blake and family helped to make up the party for dinner, on Christmas, at Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Blake's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith, of Honesdale, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and two little daughters ate Christmas dinner with John Smith and family.

It snowed all day Christmas.

The M. E. church was comfortably filled Christmas night. Great credit is due Mrs. Edward Hacker and Miss Miller, who drilled the children, practicing for the past week and doing so well. The recitation, "A little child shall lead them," by Miss Emma Sargent, was one of the fine parts of the programme. The church was prettily decorated in red and green and a good sized tree held the gifts.

Mrs. Ruth Dix and family were nicely remembered on Christmas.

A blizzard struck this village on Sunday, keeping the people indoors; churches were closed, and roads drifted.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett and children, Bicknell and Helen, spent Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. M. B. Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Buel Dodge, of Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fitz and family of Aldenville, spent Christmas and Sunday with Mrs. George Hauser.

### DREHER.

The big holiday season is here again, the schools are closed for a time and for a few days there will be a cessation from all unnecessary labor. From statistics we can tell what the crops of the world amount to, by the year, but to compute the amount expended for Xmas gifts would make an expert tired. But it helps to make the children happy. We are to have sleighing and skating for the holiday this year, unless there should be a very sudden change in the weather.

Ice harvest is here and quite a number of people in this vicinity are storing the frozen water for the expected hot days to come. We have it twelve inches thick and real cool weather to handle it.

Postmaster A. C. Angel of Angels, Pa., is afflicted with neuralgia and toothache, and is not in enjoyable holiday trim.

Several mild cases of measles are reported over in Sterling township, that will interfere somewhat with the Xmas entertainment.

Robert Boyce is but little improved in condition after spending two weeks in a Scranton hospital. His complaint seems to be a puzzle for the doctors to solve. He is confined to his room.

Miss Effie Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kerr, is in a New York hospital, afflicted with scarlet fever, but her condition is not considered serious. She went to the city sometime ago and secured employment.

Hannah Nevin, aged about 80 years, a life time resident of Dreher, died of heart failure on December 18th. She was the only surviving member of the John Nevin's family of two daughters and six sons. The daughters were Mrs. Mary Akers and Hannah, the above named. The sons were John, Reece, Thomas, Jeremiah, Benjamin, and Bernard Nevin. The funeral was held at the Nevin homestead on Dec. 21st, in charge of Rev. W. E. Webster, and interment made in the Evangelical cemetery.

Clinton D. Gilpin, of State College, Pa., will spend a part of his holiday vacation at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. Gilpin.

Jacob Waltz is moving his saw mill from the Sprunks lumber tract on the Nevin's estate to the John Gerhart lumber tract.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hause arrived home on Dec. 19th, after a month's absence, visiting relatives and friends in Woodbury, N. J., Harrisburg, Reading, Pottstown, Phoenixville, and Philadelphia.

A merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all Citizen readers is the wish of the writer.

### WAYMART.

Dr. Asa Dimock of New York City, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. C. Ensign, returned home last night. He was accompanied home by H. C. Ensign.

Frank Inch and wife, of Carbondale, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bassett and little daughter, of Scranton, spent Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Inch.

Joseph O'Brien, of Olyphant, and Anna Doyle, of Carbondale, spent Xmas at E. C. Doyle's.

Ed. Dirlam, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting friends in town.

Dr. M. Noble and family, of Scranton, spent Xmas at the home of his father, Dr. H. C. Noble.

Ray Drake and Wallace Schaffer, of Matamoras, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reynolds and daughters, Bertha and Bessie, spent Xmas with their son Alvin, in Carbondale.

John Jeffrey, of Jermy, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E. Davis.

Irving Merwin is visiting relatives at South Kortright and Grand Gorge, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Danque and children spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Cole at Hillwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thomas spent Xmas with their children at Maple Grove.

### WHITES VALLEY.

Wednesday, December 22d, at 12 o'clock (noon), Miss Helen Odell was united in marriage to Mr. Bert Miller at the Presbyterian manse, in Honesdale, by the Rev. W. H. Swift. They were attended by Miss Susie Odell and Mr. Henry Bartholomew. The bride was attired in a tailored suit of green broad cloth with hat to match. Her maid of honor wore a tailored suit of dark blue broad cloth. That evening they returned to the bride's home where a wedding supper was served, only the immediate family being present. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at home to their friends at the Miller homestead.

Mr. Frank Dix is spending several days with his wife and daughters at the Gager homestead, recently purchased by him.

W. S. Bonham and son, Frank, came in their automobile from Carbondale Tuesday, and the former's mother, Mrs. G. N. Bonham, accompanied them home, and will stay for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hacker spent Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. Leroy Perkins, at Forest City.

Miss Rena Stark returned home recently from Scranton, where she has held a position several months in a milliner department.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hutchins of Carbondale, visited over Xmas at the latter's home, W. D. Glover's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Miller on Tuesday.

Miss Susie Odell visited several days recently at Mrs. Mary Bartholomew's, at Maple Grove.

### USWICK AND LAKEVILLE.

We have had quite a heavy fall of snow. The storm commenced Dec. 25th and snowed all day and night, and on the 2th the wind blew a gale and drifted the snow making the roads impassable; people will now be obliged to travel through fields and over stone walls and every way to get through.

The Uswick and Lakeville schools are closed this week for the holiday vacation.

All enjoyed a very merry evening at the Christmas eve entertainment at the M. E. church, which was well attended.

Miss Josephine Richter spent Christmas with Miss Evelyn Pennell.

Mr. Harold Crane arrived at Uswick on Friday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.

R. Crane. He expects to return to his employment at Scranton on Monday evening.

Mr. Harlan Locklin spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Locklin at Lakeville. He will return to his work at Marshwood on Monday evening.

Miss S. Helen Crane arrived Friday, and spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Crane and family at Uswick, and returned to her employment in New York on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Clarence Pennell is spending his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pennell at Uswick.

Mrs. William Long, of Scranton, formerly Miss Rettle Hall, of Uswick, has a little son, born Dec. 19, 1909. Both mother and babe are doing well. This is the third son born to them.

Mr. A. Sanders and sister, Augusta went to Mount Vernon, N. Y., on Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sanders.

Anthony Kostoch is spending a fortnight's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mordwanac at Uswick.

Ward Haney and his friend, Jos. Freeman, are spending their two weeks' vacation with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haney, at Uswick.

### INDIAN ORCHARD.

The snow storm of Saturday and Sunday has filled the roads in this vicinity. It will be several days before heavy loads can be hauled over them.

Miss Emma Harvey, the ex-postmaster at this place, is on the sick list.

W. H. Dunn, Hiram Wood, William Ives and Delbert McIntire, of Beach Lake, Wm. Oliver of Genoungtown, and W. H. Marshall of this place, attended Odd Fellows Lodge at Honesdale on Monday evening of last week.

Charles Spry, Albert Jay and K. Neal Marshall went to Chestnut Lake on Tuesday last. They had good success.

Minnie Ousterout is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. H. Crosby.

Mrs. Vernie Budd of Beach Lake, spent Wednesday and Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Ray Bayly.

W. H. Hall spent Monday last with Scranton friends. He says that the streets were crowded with people who were getting ready for Christmas.

Charles Wagner is assisting Marcus Elmore at White Mills.

Mrs. Charles Smith and son, Homer, called on Beach Lake friends on Wednesday last.

Kathryn Wagner, of Honesdale, spent Christmas with her parents.

John Haggerty, of White Mills, Roy Killam, of Prompton, Miss Nettie Ham, of Honesdale, and Ada Ham of Hawley, spent Christmas with Thomas Ham and family at the Red Rock Farm.

J. I. Henshaw, who is attending Lafayette College, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henshaw.

S. Sanders and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peggall of East Honesdale.

Several at this place are suffering from the gripe.

Floyd Bayly and wife spent Sunday last with the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Garrett, of Beach Lake.

The Christmas exercises held at the Indian Orchard school house on Thursday evening last was well attended. The exercises consisted of songs, responsive readings, and recitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks of East Beach Lake, took the train at Narrowsburg on Friday last for New York City where they will spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

W. C. Spry treated his family and a few intimate friends to an oyster supper on Christmas.

### (From Another Correspondent).

Christmas day passed with several home gatherings, among them our attention was called to Mrs. C. H. Smith who entertained her sons, Howard and Harold, of Honesdale, Horton, of the Scranton Oral School, and daughter Grace of Aldenville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henshaw entertained their daughter, Mrs. Eva Toms, and daughter, Edna, of Honesdale, and son Irwin, a student of Lafayette College.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Braman entertained their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rice and children, Lester and Helen, of White Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Weeks their son William and wife of White Mills, and daughter Minnie of Liberty, N. Y.

Mrs. H. H. Crosby her daughters, Ella of Honesdale, and Mina, of Woodbourne, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Garrett their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall and children, Nellie and Harold.

Miss Ella Dills, of Duryea, was expected at the home of her brother, Samuel Dills, of this place.

Miss Barbara Williams, of Honesdale, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Miss Kathryn Wagner, of Honesdale, is visiting her parents, Chas. Wagner and wife.

Mrs. C. H. Smith visited friends in Scranton last week and was accompanied home by her son Horton.

The Episcopal Sunday school had a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Indian Orchard school house, which was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. Geo. Dolloway, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gregory, former residents of this place, but now of Binghamton.

East Honesdale, who has been suffering with rheumatism for several months past, is slowly recovering, at the home of her parents. The sudden death of an aunt, Mrs. Dolloway, was a sad shock to her in her nervous condition, but her many friends hope for a complete recovery.

Miss Emma Harvey, who has been quite ill, is improving at the present time.

Ada Ham of Hawley, is visiting her home at this place during the holidays.

Our "big storm" came in the form of a genuine blizzard. Some of the roads are reported "full" while others are "fine sleighing."

It seems too bad for Dr. Cook to turn out a fake. But such men as he and Zelaya must not try to impose upon the public. Zelaya has probably learned by this time that the Monroe Doctrine holds as good now as it did at the time it was first put into execution.

Nearly everyone reports the state of their health as having a "bad cold."

Miss Minnie Weeks recently visited relatives at Prompton.

On account of the illness of the teacher there was no school on Friday last.

### HAWLEY AND WILSONVILLE.

William A. Gregg died from a paralytic stroke on Saturday night at his home here. Funeral on Tuesday, the 28th, at his home at 2 p. m.

Owing to the severe snow storm on Christmas, there was but little outdoor sign of merry making. Pedestrians were scarce, but quite a number of rigs were out conveying guests from the Scranton and New York trains to the homes of relatives and friends out in the country anticipating many outdoor pleasures, but to their chagrin on Sunday morning, found themselves snow bound. However the festive times awaiting them indoors fully compensated.

D. J. Branning and wife entertained his sister, Mrs. Wm. Mott, husband and daughter, Jessie and Bertha, of White Mills, and his youngest sister, Jessie Branning, of New York City.

Albert Whele and wife, of Wilsonville, served a family dinner at which all of their children and grandchildren were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Brigham and daughter, of Port Jervis, arrived on Friday.

Mrs. Eberhardt of Tafton, entertained her daughter, Miss Hausman, and friend of Scranton.

Joseph and Mrs. Shook also served a dinner to their large family, all of the married sons with their families being present.

Henry Hardler and wife, of Bone Ridge, had as guests their daughter, Anna, and son, Henry, of Honesdale.

George Shearer, of Bone Ridge, passed Christmas with friends at East Hawley.

Frank Gilpin, wife and daughter, Lucy, of Bellemonte avenue, went to Paupack on Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gilpin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Julia Compton and her pupils had Xmas exercises at the Tafton school house on Friday night.

The Bellemonte silk mill employees have one week's vacation. Mabel Sleezer will pass the time with her parents, Jacob Sleezer and wife at Lakeville.

Warren Murphy, of State College, is home for the holiday vacation.

Edward Bunnel of Hawley, attended the dance and oyster supper at Lakeville on Friday night.

Chauncey Bishop of Lakeville, spent a few days last week at Hawley stopping at the Wayne County House.

The death of Charles Seeley occurred at his home in Hawley on Friday after an illness of about one year. The deceased was a young man of good habits, and a member of the M. E. church, whose pastor, Rev. B. P. Ripley, officiated at his obsequies on Sunday.

Florence Williams is having a porch built on the south-west side of his house.

General insurance agent, W. C. Knapp, has purchased the glass cutting business of Simon Spangenburg. Mr. Knapp and Mr. Shields after making much needed improvements on the machinery that is there now, will add many new frames and will run the shop on a larger scale. Mr. Spangenburg and wife intend soon making an extended visit in the western states.

Wm. Watts, who has been snow bound at his cottage, managed to get home to-day by employing a two-horse team. Consequently he and family reached home safe and sound.

### SHERMAN.

The Christmas exercises in the church were fine, as each child that took part did his best. The solos rendered by Mrs. Moon were exceedingly fine and listened to by a very appreciative audience.

Miss Lottie Sutherland of Brooklyn, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Willis Early.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Warner, of Binghamton, are visiting their parents in this place.

Clair Littell of LeRaysville, Bradford county, is home for a short time.

Arthur Arneke, of Binghamton, visited at Mrs. D. Arneke's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hitchcock were in Susquehanna calling on friends last Wednesday.

Miss D. Littell is home for a two weeks' vacation from her school at Lackawack, N. Y.

The sleighing has come at last; the snow is about a foot deep and will make fine sleighing.

Misses Flossie Arneke and Muriel Gardner of Deposit High school, are home for a week's vacation.

A. W. Parsons is visiting friends in Binghamton.

## ACETYLENE GAS PLANT DOES MISCHIEF AT HAMLINTON

The Home of C. L. Simons, a Merchant, Badly Wrecked.

An explosion of gas wrecked the home of C. L. Simons, a merchant at Hamlington, Wayne county, Pa., at 10:30 Thursday night.

As if almost by an act of Providence all of the members of the family escaped injury though the wrecking of the house was nearly complete, and it is in such shape that the well planned Christmas festivities will have to be held elsewhere.

That their lives were spared, however, is the one best thing that they will have to be thankful for at the holiday season.

The force of the explosion was so great that the house was lifted from the foundation, floors twisted in all sorts of shapes, and one side of the building completely torn from the main structure.

In the cellar of the building, which is a large modern home, Mr. Simons had installed an acetylene gas plant of fifty-light capacity. The presumption is that the automatic shut-off did not work and that after the tank had filled to its capacity the gas kept on generating until the cellar was filled. Then, it is believed, the furnace ignited the gas and the explosion followed.

The plant had been freshly charged during the afternoon, so there was plenty of gas for a terrific crash.

Viewing the wreckage leads one to wonder how the family escaped death. At the time of the explosion Mr. Simons was next door in his store. The explosion was so great that the windows in the store building, which is fifteen or twenty feet away from the house, were shattered and the roar, together with the breaking of glass, attracted Mr. Simons' attention. Just a few minutes previous his daughter Claire, aged 15 years, had telephoned to her father that the lights had gone out and that there was something wrong with the plant. He told her not to bother with it for a few minutes and that he would look into the matter. Before he had time to make an investigation the explosion occurred. It would appear that he was mighty fortunate in not being in too great a hurry, for had he started for the cellar when his daughter telephoned it is a hundred to one that he would have been caught by the force of the explosion in the cellar.

The telephone which Miss Claire used is on the wall directly above the gas plant. That she didn't loiter about the room many seconds after telephoning to her father is also another piece of good fortune for the explosion lifted the floor where she had been standing and shattered things considerably in that part of the house.

After telephoning to her father she left the room and went to the porch in the rear of the house, where her mother had gone for some reason just a minute or so before. They were both somewhat out of the zone of the crash and escaped without a scratch.

Mrs. Sanford Williams, Mrs. Simons' mother, had just a few minutes before left the dining room to retire and she was spared from injury by being on the second floor of the building. Not five minutes before she had climbed the stairs which after the explosion were found to be heaved loose and the bannister even torn away from its fastenings.

Two children, Donald, aged 8 years, and Clay, aged 6 years, were in bed on the second floor when the explosion occurred. The room they occupied was but little damaged, and while the force of the explosion helped them out of bed without much fuss they were not in the least hurt and they came bouncing down the rickety stairs in jig shape with eyes as big as saucers and hair standing straight.

There was still another most fortunate feature in connection with the time that the explosion occurred. There had been Christmas tree doings in the Methodist church at Hamlington and the people from the countryside all turned out to enjoy the festivities. They got through with the celebration early and everything had just about been wound up for the night, in fact, many of them had adjourned to Simons' store for the final good night chat, "merry Christmas" felicitations and also to make the last purchases before the day of all days of the winter season, when bang went the gas.

Flames shot out from the house, following the explosion, and then everybody got busy. They worked individually and in groups but they worked effectually and the fact that there were so many willing hands about the place at exactly the right time saved the wrecked home from falling prey to the flames. After a hard tussle the fire was extinguished.

While during all the excitement there was much rushing about to see if all noses could be put out there was a more systematic search made by all hands and it was found to the joy of everybody that all answered to roll call and that nobody had been even hurt just a little.

A little later the pet cat was found and while he was ruffled up a bit he was all right and his fur is straightened out and he is as slick as a whistle. But the canary. The sweet songster had a fine little home of its own in the dining room. The home is still about the building, but the door has sprung on its hinges and the bird has flown. He left in such a hurry that there was no farewell note and it is presumed the songster took

to the tall timber. With an open winter and mild weather he may hold out, but if it cools up some the Simons' hope he will muster up courage enough to come back and look things over and see for himself that things could have been worse.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Keene of Maplewood, extend their heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who came so readily to their assistance last week, after fire had destroyed their home and contents. 10312.

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### 5-Big Vaudeville Acts-5

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### TRIAL LIST.—Wayne Common Pleas

- 1 Jan. Term, 1910. Beginning Jan. 7.
- 1 Ames vs. LaBarr.
- 2 Spillvogel assigned to Honesdale Dime Bank vs. Brutsche.
- 3 Dunn vs. Dunn.
- 4 Mitten vs. Hunkele.
- 5 Ramble vs. Pennsylvania Coal Co.
- 6 Richter & Sons vs. Wayne Storage Warehouse Power Co.
- 7 Hirt vs. Messler.
- 8 Truesdell Admr. vs. Arnold et al.

M. J. HANLAN, Clerk.