

NEWSY LETTER FROM SIKO

Postoffice Abandoned—High Wind Demolished Big Shed—Home Threatened by Fire.

Siko postoffice is no more. Its former postboxes now get their mail from the Dyberry postoffice by the hand of the same carrier as formerly, P. O'Neill.

Much damage was done here by the terrific wind on Friday afternoon and evening. The 72x18 feet shed adjoining the barn belonging to L. W. Nelson was blown completely off and away from its foundation and demolished.

Chas. Schweighofer came near losing his house by fire. The chimney burned out with a vengeance, but the house was saved.

Prof. Elma L. Nelson, of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, has returned to his duties at that place after spending the holidays with his parents at the place.

The January meeting of the Pleasant Valley W. C. T. U. was held at Mrs. W. J. Ogden's on New Year's Day and was followed by their annual oyster dinner which was well attended.

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Mrs. Joseph Hause has returned from Scranton.

The Bible classes of the Moravian Sunday school held a social in the Sunday school room on Thursday evening.

DAMASCUS. Damascus, Jan. 6.

Prof. Petbeck is still with his father, H. Petbeck.

Anita Skillborn, who was home for Christmas vacation, has returned to her school at West Chester.

Frances Larkin, of Jersey City, is spending the holidays with Mrs. J. Burke.

The Damascus High school opened Monday, January 6. All are glad to have it open.

Mrs. Peter White is ill. The sleighing is nearly gone and people are again using wagons.

There is no skating yet.

PRESTON. Preston, Jan. 6.

The South Preston grange boys have organized an orchestra with R. F. Mumford as instructor. Go to it boys, we wish you all kinds of good luck.

Frank Doyle purchased an Indian motor cycle this fall. Frank took it out one day recently and tried to run through a snow bank.

The blamed thing threw him off, kicked him, ran over him several times and then quietly laid down on its side.

Frank then put it in the barn and decided to wait until next spring to break his neck.

The farmers in and around Preston have been loading their apples on cars at Poyntelle. They were bought by a Scranton man. Seven-

ty-four cents per hundred was all that was paid for good fruit, and that is considered a very small price.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haag, of Starlight, spent Sunday with the latter's father, J. S. Davall of this place.

Mrs. Iva Stone, S. E. Brookings, also Clarence Spencer spent part of last week in Carbondale.

C. H. Spencer purchased a Ford touring car recently. Gee, but the farmers around here are getting high toned, and still our city cousins continue to call us seedy.

Agnes Tuttle is visiting friends in Starucca.

J. S. Davall and wife are in Honesdale for a few days.

James Caffrey, of Walton, N. Y., called on old friends here last week.

BEACH LAKE. Beach Lake, Jan. 6.

We are starting another new year. So let us hope each one has made good resolutions and will keep them during the entire year and so make 1913 a better year than 1912 proved to be.

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GOULDSBORO.

Gouldsboro, Jan. 6. A large congregation filled the M. E. church Tuesday evening at the watch night services.

The pastor, Rev. G. F. Robinson, had arranged an unique program for the occasion, something entirely different from any previous services held here.

The first on the program was Prof. Toward D. Slep, principal of the high school. Prof. Slep gave a sketch of the principal events that had happened in the world at large throughout the year, taking the different countries. His discourse showed much reading and study and was very interesting.

Harold Edwards, of Bucknell, took up the United States and in a clear, concise manner placed the events of each month before the congregation.

He was followed by Miss Emma Bates whose article was full of interest—the State of Pennsylvania for 1912. Mrs. G. A. Kerling gave the history of Gouldsboro for the year.

Miss Helen Smith told of the work done by the Woman's Relief Corps. Miss Mary Schierle, of the Grange.

Mrs. John Hawk, president of the Ladies' Aid society, showed to what a large extent the ladies had helped in meeting the church expenses of the last year. It showed that the Aid had had a very prosperous year.

E. F. Sebring, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school, gave a sketch of the Sunday school for the year, showing a great growth in the school and that it is in a good condition.

"Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgotten" by Miss Mollie McAree, telling where many old neighbors are now living and how occupied, was of much interest, especially to the older residents.

Miss McAree also read a poem written by Byron Phillips especially for the occasion. Gus Matthews had a recitation. Mr. Robinson gave a very fine talk at the end of the program. Songs, old and new, were interspersed throughout the program.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Major, of Scranton, who have been visiting Mrs. S. A. Adams at Hillcrest, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. M. E. Smith was the guest of Moscow friends on New Year's day.

Miss Edna Hyde, of Prince Rupert, B. C., a student at Lasell Seminary, Auburn, Mass., is spending a three weeks' vacation with her cousins, Mrs. S. A. Adams and R. W. Balcom at Hillcrest.

The Wide Awake club gave a Leap Year dance in Solomon's hall New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Morgan entertained at dinner Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Major and Miss Marcia Major of Scranton. Miss Edna Hyde of Prince Rupert, B. C. and Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Kerling.

Miss Florence Adams, who has been spending several days with her parents, has returned. Her sister, Mrs. Bessie Adams came back with her and is spending a few days with her at her grandfather's, E. N. Adams.

Miss Margaret McAndrew, of Scranton, spent the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret McAndrew.

Harold Edwards of Bucknell, Geraldine Kelley of the State Normal, Stroudsburg, and Ina Surplus, of Bloomsburg State Normal, spent the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. J. M. Smeltzer and son Luther, of Lebanon, and Miss Mollie Hager, of Roselle, N. J., have returned home after a visit with their mother, Mrs. S. S. Hager. Mrs. Hager and Miss Hager spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ellenberger at Sunnycrest.

Mrs. C. W. Garagan and Miss Emily are spending a few weeks at Atlantic City, Old Point Comfort and other points.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall Tuesday, Dec. 31, a daughter.

Ralph Adams, of Binghamton, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Adams.

Mrs. Amanda Latham and Miss Benjamin, of Nicholson, are spending some time with Mr. David Ellenberger. Mrs. Ellenberger and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Latham at Binghamton for a few days.

Herbert Lerose was called to Scranton on New Year's by the death of his mother.

At the annual business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society held at the home of the president, Mrs. John Hawk, Thursday afternoon, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Mrs. John Hawk; vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Rhodes; secretary, Mrs. S. D. Adams; treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Sebring; assistant secretary, Mrs. Joseph Matthews; organist, Mrs. G. F. Robinson. After the meeting dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Hawk, assisted by her daughters, Misses Mabel and Lillian Hawk.

TRESLARVILLE. Treslarville, Jan. 4.—The New Year was begun in Treslarville by a number of people attending prayer meeting in the Evangelical church.

Mrs. Andrew Van Luvan is still indisposed.

Elmer Pugh is ill of pneumonia.

Florence Edwards and lady friend spent New Year's in Scranton.

Miss Denise Swingle and brother Mark, celebrated New Year's Day by visiting friends in Cortez.

The New Year starts out full of business. It is hoped that it will continue to be prosperous.

LOOKOUT. Lookout, Jan. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hill, made a trip to Equinunk on Wednesday.

Earl Mogridge is working for E. Teeple.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp, Jr., of Norwich, N. Y., passed Christmas at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stalker, of Canton, Pa., spent Christmas with Mrs. Stalker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Rutledge.

Mrs. John R. Maudsley recently entertained her brother, Mr. Rodes. Mr. and Mrs. E. Teeple visited their daughter, Mrs. F. W. Clouston, at Honesdale Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The Ladies' Aid met at the parsonage on New Year's day. All report a very pleasant time. Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Ruben

Stalker and son Arnold, Mrs. David Stalker, Mrs. John Schnackenberg, Mrs. White, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Lewis, all of Stalker.

Mrs. George Kellam returned from Hawley on Tuesday where she has been to help care for her grandson, Claud Blum, who has been very sick.

Sophia Blum, of East Stroudsburg State Normal school, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blum.

Ella Dodenberg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ford Daley, at Tanners Falls this week.

Harry Roberts has gone to Tanners Falls to work.

Frank Lester has sawed 550 cords of wood for his neighbors this fall.

BETHANY. Mrs. Harry Mary spent Christmas in Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blake and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gammell for Christmas dinner.

A party to see the old year out and the new year in was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gummo Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Pritchard and baby spent New Year's Day at the W. C. T. U. meeting at Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ogden's, Pleasant Valley.

David W. Manning is making a rapid recovery from his recent attack of bronchitis. His son, Charles, of Newberg, spent Sunday with him.

Mrs. Kate Clemo, of Honesdale, is visiting her son, Ezra and family. Mrs. Charles Petbick and cousin, Miss Anna Ross, are visiting relatives in New York.

During the week the remains of William A. Petbick, who has been dead over ten years, were removed to the new part of the cemetery here by the side of his wife, who died last March.

Mrs. M. E. Bolkoem, of Honesdale was a holiday visitor here with relatives.

Dinner will be served at the home of Nat Sargent, Thursday, Jan. 9, for the benefit of the M. E. church.

ORSON. Orson, Jan. 7.

Mrs. Percy Lehman presented the first package at the postoffice under the new parcel post law which went into effect January 1, 1913. Under the old law the package weighing two pounds would have cost 32 cents to send but under the new in the 2d zone it only cost 10 cents.

The revival meetings held in the M. E. church for several weeks past, have now closed after having been quite well attended and several having manifested a desire to begin a better life. Cottage prayer meetings will be held at the different homes Tuesday evenings of each week during the winter. All are invited to attend.

Orson people entertained their usual number of holiday visitors, among whom were Reba Hine and Rose Smith of Stroudsburg State Normal School; Myra Belknap and I. W. Hine of Binghamton; Mrs. Elvira Box of Lakewood; Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Evans and son Spencer of Edwardsville; Royal Hine of Carbondale; Jessie Temperton, of Lester-shire, N. Y.; Chester Hine, of Rochester, N. Y.; Ralph Lee of Lester-shire, and Mrs. Howard Palmer and children of Jermy; also Mrs. Fred Wadin and daughters of the same place, who have all returned to their several homes.

D. J. Hine is visiting in Scranton. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dant Benedict, a daughter.

Stanley Hine is ill at his home.

The many friends of Ralph Spencer, formerly of South Preston, who some time ago went to Denver, Col., for his health, will regret to learn that he is now confined to his bed.

Alfred Whipple, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat better at this writing. His nurse, Mrs. David Benedict, of Thompson, has returned to her home.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosher is very seriously ill. A trained nurse from Scranton is in attendance.

Arch C. Hine and H. B. Hall were business callers in Honesdale last week.

St. Jay will be on the grand jury the coming term of court.

Rev. Harkness of Ariel, was a business caller in town this week.

All news items left at the postoffice for the correspondent, Mrs. Stanley Hine, will receive prompt attention.

Miss Margaret Smith has been offered a school at Waymart as soon as her term is ended here which will be in about two weeks.

EQUINUNK. Equinunk, Jan. 7.

The M. E. Sunday school held its annual election of officers and teachers Sunday evening in the Sunday school room. The following were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. Chas. Warren; assistant superintendent, Chas. De Lacker; treasurer, Miss Hornbeck; secretary, Blanche Frisbie; organist, Mrs. Erle Lord; teachers, Rev. S. J. Tolley, Mrs. C. E. Woodmansee, Mrs. Erle Lord, Miss Hornbeck, Mrs. I. Ludwig, Mrs. S. Myers.

Augusta Southwell is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Farley.

Mrs. Hall has returned to her school work at Lordville after an enforced vacation of three weeks owing to several families at that place having smallpox.

Rosabelle Pine, who is teaching at Millies, N. Y., spent Xmas week with her parents, J. Pine and wife.

C. E. Woodmansee and son, Louis, visited at F. M. Woodmansee's home at Lake Como recently.

Wm. Bleck was a visitor at Honesdale Monday.

Florence Cuddihoe, of Port Jervis, was home for a few days during Xmas week.

Millard Lord and family spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips at Galilee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ewalt were business visitors at Honesdale Thursday.

Louis Woodmansee, who has spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodmansee, returned Monday to Pennington Seminary, Pennington, N. J.

Mrs. William Emrich and sons spent part of the past week with

her parents at Fremont Center, N. Y.

Mrs. Lulu Lorunner and children returned to her home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., Saturday. They have been spending the past two weeks at the home of Henry Knight and wife.

Mrs. Riedler, who has been quite ill for a couple of weeks, is able to attend to her home now. Her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Kellam, of Hancock, and Mrs. Thomas, cared for her during her sickness.

Mrs. S. Coddington and daughter, Delphia, visited friends at South Branch New Year's day.

Granville Frisbie sprained his wrist while coasting on Grocery Hill Saturday.

F. S. Watson spent Sunday with his parents, J. S. Watson and wife.

The following pupils of the Manchester school were in attendance every day of the past school month: Edna Woodrow, Emma Campbell, Dorothy Chapman, Thelma Haddaway, Freda Joy and Walter Branning.

Ralph Gillo took charge of the funeral of Mazy Lawrence at Look-out Monday as Mr. Knapp, our undertaker, was not able to go.



WM. G. PRICE, COMEDIAN. With Price & Butler Co.

Price & Butler's opening bill at the Lyric theatre Thursday, Jan. 9, is "The Cry Baby," one of the recent successes just released for stock use. George Butler will appear as "Babe," a cow boy, nicknamed by his friends on the ranch. The story concerns the efforts of "Babe," who was stolen when a child to find his mother. The entire production is carried and all of the scenery used from the studios of Gustave Schell, Columbus, Ohio. The first act is the garden at Mrs. Sturtivant's home, the second act her library. The third act is the main street in Hell's Neck, Texas, and the last act Crow's Cross, Texas, a lonely spot in the mountains. Specialists will be introduced by George Butler, Billy Dunne, "The Man From Ireland," Charles LeLand, "The Eccentric Dancer," Wm. Price and Eleanor Butler, comedienne. Popular prices for the attraction, 10, 20 and 30 cents. Special 15 cent ticket for ladies for the opening night. Sale limited.

SOUTH STERLING. South Sterling, Jan. 7.

The sick are improving.

New Year's Day was celebrated by a fine parade. The oyster supper in the evening was a fine success, the proceeds being \$82.50. The Washington Camp Band furnished the music which was enjoyed by all.

Geo. I. Barnes returned to Perkiomen Seminary Monday.

W. H. Osborn attended the funeral of his aunt in Carbondale Thursday last.

Mrs. Wm. H. Osborn and son, Lewis, have gone to Scranton to see her brother-in-law, James Price, who is very sick.

Miss Ellen Long, who has been visiting relatives here for the last year, has returned to her sister's home, Mrs. M. P. Barnes, in Iowa.

Harry Burks spent New Year's day with his mother at the home of Geo. H. Lancaster.

Miss Lydia Gilpin returned to school in Baltimore to-day; also Miss Catherine Gilpin returned to Wyoming Seminary.

Miss Leola Smith and Stephen Dunning spent the holidays at Philadelphia.

STATEMENT. Notice is also given pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the government, payment of the interest of the state debt, receiving proposals for the sale of public works and for other purposes," approved the 27th day of July, 1842, that the assessors of the several townships and boroughs of Wayne county have made their returns of their assessments for the year 1912, and that the following is a statement of the aggregate values and assessments made by said assessors of the several subjects of taxation enumerated in the 11th section of said Act of July 27, 1842, and in the several Acts supplementary thereto, and of the whole amount of county taxes as assessed in said townships and boroughs.

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