

NEWSY LETTER FROM SIKO

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

Siko postoffice is no more. Its former patrons 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. Elina L. Nelson, of Dickenson Seminary, Williamsport, has returned to his duties at that place after spending the holidays with his parents at this 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.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, county president, was present and gave a helpful talk. Other encouraging talks were given by Rev. and Mrs. Boyce of Carley Brook, and Rev. Pritchard of Bethany. The excellent singing by Rev. and Mrs. Pritchard was highly appreciated. The Union wishes to thank all who so cheerfully helped to make the meeting and dinner a success.

Everett Pintler's child injured a finger very badly by having it caught in the cogs of a washing machine last Thursday.

J. W. Ridd and wife entertained friends at dinner on New Year's day.

Chas. Pintler is busily engaged in grinding bones and carcasses into chicken feed.

The Pulis house, now owned by O. M. Baker, is again vacant. C. Johnson and family having removed to Tanners Falls.

It is reported that the children of Elwin Smith have the whooping cough.

Mrs. Carrie Robinson entertained her Sunday school class, "The Crescents," at her home on Thursday evening, Jan. 2. A fine social time with delicious refreshments was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Augusta Seely is suffering with salt rheum in her hands.

No name has yet been found good enough for the fine baby boy that arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palmer's, December 23.

Anna Bolckom of Scranton, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bolckom.

Maud and Leila Ridd, of Honesdale, are visiting their parents.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

Indian Orchard, Jan. 6. Mrs. J. G. Swartz and children of Red Ridge farm, who have been the guests of Scranton friends, have returned home.

Samuel Saunders is making his home for the present with his daughter, Mrs. William Pregnall of East Honesdale.

Mrs. Floyd Bayly and son, Leonard of the Dunedin House, Beachlak, are spending several weeks at Sunnyside farm.

John H. Penwarden, of East Honesdale, called on friends here on Tuesday last.

Ella Frey, of East Beachlak, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Spry on New Year's day.

A. H. Gibbs lost a valuable horse on Monday last.

W. H. Marshall spent New Year's day at the home of Charles O. Blake of Bethany and the following day with ex-commissioner G. W. Taylor of Honesdale.

W. D. Buckingham received word on January 1st that his cousin, Clair Short, of Carbondale, had met with sudden death, caused by a fall from a delivery wagon.

The Guild held at Mrs. Chas. Wagner's on Thursday last was well attended. More members were added to the roll. This society is preparing to serve a supper in the basement of Christ church on the 24th inst. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Kathryne Wagner, of Honesdale, is spending several days with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Crosby were guests of their son, Minor, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Garrett, who witnessed the marriage of their son, Chester, to Miss Wilson of Honesdale, which took place at Dallas on the 1st inst., returned home on Thursday.

J. I. Henshaw, who for the past week has been the guest of his parents at the Twin Ash farm, returned to Lafayette College on Tuesday last.

Ward Maloney, of Scranton, is spending the holidays at Honesdale and Laurella.

Mabel Gray, of Honesdale, called at her old home here on Wednesday last.

Decatur Holbert was a business caller at the home of Howard Decker of Seelyville recently.

Mr. Schilling of Honesdale, spent New Year's day with friends in this vicinity.

Miss Bertha and Irma Ham of Honesdale, kept house for Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Garratt while the latter were at Dallas.

Jacob Switzer has lost one of his team horses.

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 a few days in New York.

Clarence Fortnam and wife have returned home.

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. Brooking, 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.

Angeles Tulley 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.

The cantata rendered in the M. E. church was greatly enjoyed by all.

The box party Wednesday evening at W. P. Downing's was a great success, realizing nearly \$67.00 which is to apply on the preacher's salary.

Miss Lola Richards was given a pleasant surprise on her birthday, Monday. She was greeted by about forty young people and was presented with a handsome bracelet.

Mrs. Richard Decker's daughter has been visiting here.

The W. C. T. U. meeting which was to be held on Friday at the parsonage was postponed owing to the inclement weather.

John Downing is home from school on account of being sick.

Frances Downing visited home during Christmas vacation.

A few of A. N. Henshaw's old acquaintances and friends went from around here to a surprise given him on Tuesday evening.

Schools began again Monday after a vacation since Christmas day.

News has been received that Mr. Carpenter will not return as he has secured a position in the city.

Mrs. Charles Budd and daughter spent last Saturday with Earl Ham at Indian Orchard. In the evening they attended the grange.

Mrs. Chas. Spry has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beemer, of Smith Hill.

The young people are skating on the lake.

Miss Lottie Oliver has been visiting Carbondale friends.

Mrs. W. J. Davey has been visiting her mother at Hawley. Mr. Davey's parents are keeping house until her return.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Margaret Crosby is convalescing. She has had an attack of the grip.

The writer has just received a letter from Lewis Penwarden of Pasadena, California. He has had the misfortune to break two bones in his arm and displace others while cranking his auto.

John Gregory, Jr., has returned to his work after a vacation spent at his home.

Miss Edna Olver visited her home lately; also Miss Inn Mitchell and Edith Marshall.

Miss Jennie Van Wert recently spent a few days at Peckville.

Nat Mitchell and brother spent a few days with Romaine Crosby.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland, Jan. 7.

Mrs. Emil Walter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Meyers, of New York.

John Moersch, F. A. Ehrhardt and G. L. Waltz are on the sick list.

Mrs. George Sommer and daughter Violet, are visiting relatives and friends in Bethlehem.

Harold Simons, son of Otto Simons, who has been suffering with an abscess in his head, is able to be out again.

George Connally, of Philadelphia, is visiting his father, A. J. Connally.

Henry Oppelt, who has been janitor of the Moravian church for a number of years, has resigned and Emil Huguemin will take his place.

Elizabeth Beehn, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is convalescing.

Edna Bidwell and Helen Gilpin of Hub, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in this vicinity.

Miss Edna Bidwell is attending the Mansfield Normal school and Miss Helen Gilpin Wyoming Seminary.

Mrs. Henry Green is visiting her son, Harvey, at Jermyn.

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.

The New Year's eve services were well attended and enjoyed by every one present.

Miss Lavina Trible attended the funeral of Mrs. Mickisch in Bethlehem.

Henry Salathe of this place, who makes his home with Wm. Salathe, East Stroudsburg, has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Madden are spending several weeks with their son, Harry, Hotel Nash, Scranton.

Mrs. A. J. Simons, who was visiting relatives and friends in Philadelphia, has returned.

DAMASCUS.

Damascus, Jan. 6.

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

Anita Skillhorn, 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.

Patrons' Day was recently observed at the Damascus High school.

There was a fine program given.

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

Dr. Tyler and wife are spending a few days in New York.

Clarence Fortnam and wife have bought by a Scranton man. Seven-

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. Howard D. Siep, principal of the high school. Prof. Siep gave a sketch of the principal events that have 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, a student at 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 Schitterle, of the Grange.

Mrs. John Hawk, president of the Ladies' Aid society, showed to what

the aid has been able to do for the church.

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 Pethick and cousin, Miss Anna Ross, are visiting relatives in New York.

During the week the remains of

William A. Pethick, 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. Bolckom, 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.

Stalker and son Arnold, Mrs. David Stalker, Mrs. John Schnakenberg, 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 Many spent Christmas in Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blake and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gammon 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 Gummoe

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