Arreipouben und Dentidiand.

Schrife b. 11, Sebruer 1908.

Es wird mobi an ber Beit, bag ich endlich werder ein paar Beiten einzende, wir har Bert Binter wird bald ju Ende, mit har ben herr faßt aufglich frifden Schaer, welcher aber am Lage wieder verfchning bet. Der Januar war' glemlich fall, am 3-6 Januar hatten wer bis 15. Urab nach Menamur Källe, mas gegen 4 gabernheit gleichlommt, doch der fier benar ift jeht geitabe, nur das wir flate te Keinte haben,

We Brute ber flat mit bem Weefden fertig, jest geht es in bie Daibe, auf bas Leimen, gegen die Rangen. Denn wie es feint, merben bie Manpen benet ned mehr freffen, als im vergangenem Jehre, Dier maren aud 16 Mann 3as jenterle aus Gorlin 4 Woden jur Muse hilfe, aud find Baltgifde Arbeiter bier annefend, gange Etreden som Beise meiben gefchie en, ibbt bat ein feber Doil genng, wenn bas weiter fo geben otte, je mite beg ibelg trapp mirten . We bie Rangen but getommen fine, felt ber Baib aus, als mare Bener durchgegangen, teine einzige Rabel ift en ben meinen Rufein mehr. Es ift eine mahre Landplage. Bie febt die Raupen unjere Braiber vernichtet gaben tann men fid benten, benn an einer einliger Riefer murben aber . 8000. belder son guming eines Singersbid gegablt. Dog genn jeht von bem ilngenefer.

3a un,e...e Batodue, welde julu 3,500 Serten gabit, wurden im vergam genem Jahre 149 Rindet geboren. Bes followen, 39 Baate teldfen fich bie Gand jum Eredunde, 1908 erhitten bas heilige Abendulaft, barunter waten 81 Ronftemanden.

Maifeb Gantide bachte und, es ift nicht gut, bog ber Menich alleine fet, benn im vorigen Monal (tribe Januar) hat er fich and enbiich verheitalet.

Bein Schnager Chriftian Schride laft fragen, ben Correspondenten von Batte, ob feine Brüber noch um Beige, ob feine Brüber noch um Beben find, nämlich: Sfrumes der John Schen lind, nämlich, und Matthes Schernid in Baige. Ofe Multer mödie gernt weffen, wie es ihnen noch geht,

Da ber weiler fonft nigts befondes Bigliges vergetommen if, fo bell'ich foliefen.

Mit Gruß auf alle Bollsblattlefer &, an bie gerhete Rebatilen.

Jogann Danifde in Sgleife Deutschland

Correspondence from Germany

Schleife, on February 11, 1908

Dear Volksblatt!

It is again about time for me to send a few lines. The winter will be over soon. We have almost everyday fresh snow but it disappears during the day. January was particularly cold, January 2-6 we had 18 degrees Réaumur which is like 4 degrees Fahrenheit. But February is now mild. We only have strong winds.

People here are done threshing. Now they go in the heath for trapping to get rid of caterpillars. The reason is it seems that this coming year caterpillars will eat more than last year.

Here we had during 4 weeks 10 men of the Infantry from Görlitz as auxiliary workers, there are also Galician workers here to help. Big areas of the forest have been cut. Each of us will have enough wood if the weather continues, so wood will be scarce.

Where the caterpillars have been, the forest is gone as if it had burnt to the ground. No needle is left in the pines. It is a real plague for our country. One can imagine how deep caterpillars have destroyed our forests because over 3000 of those bugs, thick as a finger, have been counted on a single pine. But enough about the bugs.

Last year 149 children were born in our parish (congregation) which counts about 3,500 souls, 88 people died and 39 couples have joined hands to seal the bonds of marriage. 1992 got the sacrament, including 81 confirmands.

Even Matthes Hantscho thought that it was not good for a man to live alone because he eventually got married last month (end of January).

My brother in law Christian Schernik would like to ask the correspondents in Warda und Paige if his brothers are still alive: John Schernik, wheelwright in Warda and Matthes Schernik in Paige. The mother would like to know how they are doing.

Since nothing else important has occurred here I will close for now.

With greetings to all readers of the *Volksblatt* and to the editor.

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