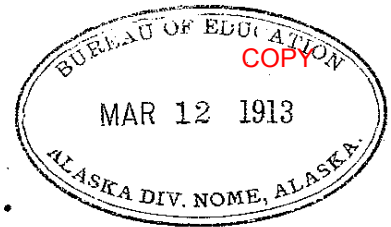


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ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Kotzebue, Alaska.
Feb. 23, '13.



Mr. Walter Johnson,
Special Disbursing Agent,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and vouchers received. Delivered the check to Tom Berryman for four dollars and the one to Mrs. White for sixty. Thanks very much for the Nome papers, reading matter is worth its weight in gold. We received many magazines on this mail but few letters.

At Kivslina, Noatak and Selawik everything is going along fine little sickness etc. I hear from them on most every mail, and get things for them at the stores here. Mr. Shields and I had a fine time while we were traveling together. About the middle of next month I shall leave for Shungnak to confine Mrs. Jones as they are very anxious I get there early as possibly. Arrival of the expected is about the fifth of April.

Not much sickness at present at Kotzebue, two patients in hospital at present, one is the boy from Shungnak that broke his leg, femur bone. He will begin to use crutches in another week.

On last mail I received letter from the physician located at Marmarth, N.D. where I left to come north, and he is anxious I return there as early as possible in the spring and go in partnership with him. The N.P.R.R. is going to build thru a new road to connect with their main line at Miles city, Mont. and the town is sure to boom for two or three years at least. Have decided to accept the proposition. Mrs. Barbour will be anxious to get back home as her folk are old and have been sick since we left. I wrote Mr. Lopp on the last mail before this, and explained conditions to him so he can look for someone else to come to this station etc. I have also left a letter for Mr. Shields when he arrives here late in March and he can talk it over with Mrs. Barbour. Have asked his permission to leave here early in June and follow the coast around to Nome and catch the first boat out, possibly with him. Would ofcourse pay my own expenses around the coast and nodoubt be able to do much work among the natives at the villages I visited enroute. Mrs. Barbour will stay here and look after the medical work, with the help of Snowden from Noatak and Samms from Selawik. They could hold this end down OK. If anything severe turned up ofcourse I would not leave but otherwise probably will manage to go. It will bring me to Dakota six or eight weeks earlier and that will be worth much as it essential I get there early in the summer.

We have enjoyed our stay in Alaska very much and I hate to leave so soon, intended to stay three years, but the future plans seem to be the best, going back to an established practice etc. We have appreciated your kindness in helping us out whenever you were able at that end, and hope to see you early in the summer.

Very respectfully,

P.S. Have you mailed Mrs. Barbour
my Dec. salary? we have
forgotten whether or not we need
them.

W. L. Barbour

Have not rec. vouchers
for this

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