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## OUR BOY LETTER.

### PRICES FOR FARMERS PRODUCE AND PRICES HE PAID.

Advantages to the Agriculturist in the Present over Times When his Products and Goods he Bought were Higher.

My dear Boy—Senator Wm. M. Stewart has said about the so-called imperialism issue just what I meant to say in this letter. So I send you his statement and defer any remarks of my own till some future time. Meanwhile, I take this opportunity to answer your last epistle.

You say that you told Mr. Skinner that labor had never been more adequately rewarded than during McKinley's administration, and that he replied, "That is not true so far as farmers are concerned. Before the demonization of silver I sold my wool for fifty cents a pound and my wheat for a dollar and a half a bushel."

Yes, my son, your father remembers those days. I taught school in the Skinner district the winter of 1872. The price of wool was 50 cents and the price of wheat was 1.50. I boarded with old man Skinner all winter. He did sell his wheat for a dollar and a half and his wool for forty-five cents in 1872. But I will mention some facts which he forgot to tell you, and you may jog his memory a little.

I studied algebra that winter by the light of a home-made tallow dip because Skinner could not afford to buy oil. Oil was forty cents a gallon. Now, in these days when the Standard Oil Co. is crushing the life out of Skinner he takes his oil can to the grocery and buys a gallon for twelve cents.

We used roasted wheat and burnt molasses in the place of coffee that winter because coffee was forty-five and fifty cents a pound. Now, the insatiable coffee trust makes Skinner pay thirteen cents a pound for good roasted Lion.

We used home-made sorghum instead of sugar. Skinner bought just six pounds of fifty-looking brown sugar that winter and paid a dollar for six pounds. Now, in these awful times, when the sugar trust is grinding the farmers under its iron heel, Skinner gets sixteen pounds of nice granulated sugar for a dollar.

Mrs. Skinner had one calico dress which she saved for Sundays. On week days she wore a linsy dress woven by her own hands. Calico was twenty-two cents a yard and people spoke of its being cheap at that. Now, you can get good calico at five to six cents.

The Skinnners rode to town in a big farm wagon in those days. I remember hearing Skinner ask the price of a buggy and when he was told that it was a hundred and forty dollars, he sighed and said that he could not afford to buy. Two years ago he bought two new buggies one for himself and Mrs. Skinner and one for the two girls, Melinda and Maria. He got the two for a hundred and ten dollars, fifty-five dollars apiece.

When I got through teaching that school I bought me a new suit of clothes. It was a ready-made suit of rather ordinary goods and cost me twenty-eight dollars. This summer I bought me a better suit from H. Schramsky for twelve dollars and fifty cents.

In those days Skinner sold a pound of wool for forty-five cents. With the money he could buy less than three pounds of sugar, or a little more than a gallon of oil, or one pound of coffee, or two yards of calico. This year he sold his wool for twenty-seven cents a pound. With the money he can buy four and a half pounds of sugar, or two and a fourth gallons of oil, or two and a fourth pounds of coffee, or five yards of calico.

Now it seems to me as plain as daylight that the best measure of remuneration for labor or farming products is the amount of food or clothing that you can get for them. I am best paid for the labor of a day when I can buy the most with the wages for the day.

Judged by this standard, never were the workingmen, and especially the farmers, of America, so prosperous as during McKinley's administration. There has been plenty of work for everybody who wants to work. Our folks have just been getting their church painted. They put me on the committee to attend to the matter, and the hardest thing I had to do was to find a painter. Every painter to whom I went had work engaged ahead for the season. At last I found a boy who knew a little about painting and gave him the job, and he did very well. Not only has there been plenty of work, but wages have been good and would far more than the necessities and comforts of life than the wages of the laborer in the days of depreciated currency after the civil war.

Meanwhile, everybody knows that this prosperity has come about under a gold standard, and under a Republican administration. They also know that the Democratic platform dictated by Mr. Bryan denounces the Dingley tariff and the gold standard. My boy, it is simply astounding to me that any workman, or farmer, or business man should think seriously of voting the Democratic ticket this year. Leaving out the requirements of patriotism, self-interest ought to make every man a Republican this year. A supposition that the nation will vote to tear down our protective system and precipitate a financial revolution is an insult to the intelligence of the American people.

YOUR FATHER.

Real Estate Transfers.  
Robert H. Whitaker to Alice Richards, 2 acres Delaware, con. \$50.  
Alice Richards to Robert H. Whitaker, land in Delaware, con. \$1.  
Mary M. Kleinhaus, adm'r's, to Jacob Kleinhaus, Jr., 4 tracts Palmyra, 1,243 acres, con. \$30.  
Joseph G. Holbert et. ux. et. al. to Franklin Holbert and Elizabeth Holbert, 262 acres Lackawaxen, consideration \$7,500.  
Robert Struthers and wife to Richard E. Humbert and wife, lots on Water street Milford, con. \$1.  
Lancelot W. Armstrong and wife to Carrie Armstrong, eight lots Milford borough, on George and Fourth streets, con. \$1.  
Carrie Armstrong to Mary Ann Armstrong, same land as above described, consideration \$1.  
Frank A. Ben and wife to Valen the Fuhrer, 221 acres Palmyra and Lackawaxen, con. \$1,800.  
Geo. Daumann, Jr., Treas., to Edward Luckey, Abram Dills, Porter, 403 acres, consideration taxes.

Forestry.  
The Attorney General in response to a request by J. T. Rothrock, Commissioner of Forestry, has given his opinion that it is the duty of the commissioner of forestry to see that the officials upon whom is laid the responsibility of carrying the Acts relating to the appointment and duties of detectives and making constables fire wardens shall do so conscientiously and vigorously, and that failure on the part of either constables or county commissioners shall be visited with the severe penalties provided in such cases. The constables, and those employed by them, have an indisputable right to recover compensation.

The detectives should cooperate with the constables of the several townships for the purpose of preventing the destruction of the timber lands of the State by fire, and to bring persons guilty of the offence of setting fire to the same to justice.

Under these acts the county becomes liable to pay in any one year \$500, and the State the same.

McKinley Accepts.  
President McKinley's letter of acceptance of the Republican nomination for President is a masterpiece of what has been accomplished by the Republican party under his administration. There is not a weak or halting sentence in the letter. It meets every issue of the campaign and demolishes every argument that has been put forward by the Bryanites in opposition to any policy of the administration, including that of expansion, which the Bryanites are trying so hard to persuade the country in the face of absolute knowledge to the contrary, to accept as imperialism. If that letter were the only state paper ever written by President McKinley, it would alone give him the right to a place in the front rank of America's greatest statesmen. If any intelligent American has any doubt of how he should vote, a careful perusal of that letter will convince him that there is only one way to vote to insure a continuance of our present prosperity, and that is for McKinley and Roosevelt.

Dress making in all branches. Will go to the house or do the work at home. Address MARY LUDWIG, opposite Sawkill Mill, Milford, Pa.

## PERSONALS.

Dr. H. B. Reed was in New York Wednesday.  
J. V. Carhuft, of Delaware, was in town Monday.  
Paul Schanno, of Stroudsburg, was in town Tuesday.  
Miss Lila B. Van Eiten has returned to Bridgeport, Ct.

Sheriff E. Vandermark attended court at Newburg this week.  
Miss May Reed returned home this week from her trip to Europe.  
The Bluff House closes tomorrow after a very successful season.  
Mrs. Gottfried Weiland is visiting her son at Long Eddy, N. Y.

Clyde Kipp is on a visit to his aunts at Honesdale and Waymart.  
Hon. John A. Kipp made a business visit at Stroudsburg this week.  
Mrs. Randolph has returned after visiting her son at Sag Harbor, L. I.  
J. C. Grasmuk's mother of New York, is visiting him, on Harford St.  
Mrs. Bender, of Jersey city, is visiting the family of Geo. Dauman.  
Dr. Joseph H. Shull and son, of Stroudsburg, were in town last Monday.

James Bennett, of the P. J. Gazette has been spending the week in town.  
Miss Alice Ryman is spending a few days with friends at Ocean Grove.  
Thomas Whitney, of New York, is visiting his mother at the Jordan House.  
Joseph Percival and wife, of New York, are here spending a two weeks vacation.  
Bertha Kleinhaus, of Blooming Grove, is visiting her friend, Miss Elith Lewis.  
Mrs. Emma C. Baker, of New York, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Augustus Groesch, of Jamaica, L. I., visited his father at Niechoconk a day this week.  
A. T. Seeley has been visiting his son, Silas, who is not in the best of health, at Plainfield this week.  
Henry Kelmel and friend Ernest Erick, of New York, are visiting at Glenside cottage on Harford street.  
Mrs. S. A. Salmon, who has been visiting in town several weeks has returned to her home in New York.

Mrs. Anna Blatt, formerly Ott, of Newark, N. J., is visiting relatives in Delaware, her former home, this week.  
Norman Harsell, business manager of the Turf Field and Farm, of New York, was a guest with his family this week.

Chris Hermann and wife visited relatives down in Lehman a few days last week and also attended the Monroe county fair.  
Mrs. Unsworth, Mrs. Bonsell, Dr. H. E. Emerson and wife and Mr. Davis, of New York, spent a pleasant day at Brink Pond Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Wieland, of Long Eddy, who has been visiting her parents, D. H. Predmore and wife in Montague for several days returned home Tuesday.  
Ex-Treas. Dauman and wife will leave to-morrow for a visit in Scranton and with friends in Greene and Mrs. Dender, who has been their guest, will return home to New York.

Hon. J. J. Hart, G. A. Sweponiser Treas. G. F. Rowland, John Englehart, of Matamoras, J. C. Bull and Josiah F. Terwilliger left yesterday to attend the Democratic congressional convention which meets at the United States Hotel in Easton today at 11 o'clock.  
The President and Mrs. McKinley went to Somerset, Pa., to attend the marriage of their niece, Miss Mebel McKinley and, unless there is some unexpected change in the situation in China, which is now waiting on the action of the powers, they will go from Somerset to Canton, for a short stay before returning to Washington. Gen. Chaffee has been ordered to hold his troops in readiness to leave Pekin at any time.

P. C. Rutan has opened his bicycle and repair shop on Broad street, where may be found a good stock of wheels and sundries, and an experienced workman in charge to make necessary repairs.

For Ladies', Misses' and Children's fine shoes and ties go to T. Armstrong & Co.

Full stock of mens' and boys' hats at T. Armstrong & Co's.

## SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE IT.

Sermon by the Moderator Monday and Addresses by Prominent Members Will be an Occasion of great Interest.

The program of exercises for the meeting of Presbytery here next week has been arranged and the following order will be substantially followed:  
The Moderator will preside Monday evening, and after devotional services, Dr. Basser, the stated clerk, will present the greeting of the Presbytery of Hudson to this church. He will be followed by Rev. Charles Beattie D. D., of Middletown, a son of a former pastor, who is an entertaining and intensive speaker. His topic will be "Seventy-five years of church life, opportunities and responsibilities." From the known ability of the speaker and his being conversant for many years with the affairs of this church no better selection could have been made.

The evening exercises will conclude with appropriate remarks by Rev. C. E. Scudder, of the M. E. church, and Rev. C. B. Carpenter, rector of the church of the Good Shepherd.  
Dr. Winters, of the First Presbyterian church of Middletown, will preside Tuesday evening, and the first address will be by Rev. Geo. E. Gillespie, of Port Jervis. He will be followed by Dr. Thomas, of Monroe, who will talk on "Presbyterian women; the debt of the church to them." This is a broad subject and one which may be said to almost underlie the well being and prosperity of the church. The reverend gentleman has a theme which may well command all his eloquence and ability.

Rev. Robert Bruce Clark, of Goshen, will also speak on "American Presbyterianism; the strand from which it is braided." And these suggestive thoughts will lead to the new centers upon which the churches are so soon to enter and which if zeal and aggressive work is continued may be far more fruitful in results than any which have preceded. Dr. Clark is a well known musician, and an impressive speaker. It will be observed that the interesting occasion has been embraced by those in charge to make it one which will be highly instructive and edifying. The speakers are all men who are recognized as being among the ablest in the Presbytery and with the enticing themes selected the people may be assured such religious fervor will dominate the eloquence that a new impetus may be given in this community to work in the grand cause, and the next quarter of a century be anticipated in the good results which will flow from this Anniversary.

Republican Club Organized.  
Pursuant to a largely signed call a very respectable number of Republicans met Wednesday evening to organize a club for the coming campaign.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy was elected temporary Chairman and Harry Angle Secretary, after which a permanent organization was effected by the election of A. D. Brown President, Dr. von der Heyde Vice President, Arthur Mitchell Secretary and Robert Findlay Treasurer. It was voted that the name Republican Club of Milford be adopted, and a committee was appointed to draft suitable by-laws to report to a meeting to be held this Friday evening at 8:30. Let there be a good attendance that the important work of the campaign may be energetically undertaken.

Stood Death Of.  
E. B. Munday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a grave-digger. He says: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Electric Bitters, and he was soon much better, but continued their use until he was wholly cured. I am sure Electric Bitters saved his life." This remedy expels malaria, kills disease germs and purifies the blood; aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50c at all drug stores.

Rutan the bicycle dealer and repairer has reduced the price of renting and repairing bicycles. A few bargains in wheels from \$5 up. Guns rented and repaired. Shop on Broad street Milford Pa.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Remember the meeting of Presbytery here next week.

Vandermark fire company will picnic at Brink Pond Sept. 28.  
L. W. Armstrong now takes occasional rides around the town.  
Maine gave about 32000 Republican majority at the election held Monday.

If it is possible for Shull and Hart to make six equal eight one of them may pay the freight.  
The Milford Lyceum room will be open on Mondays from 2 to 4 p. m. after Saturday Sept. 15.  
The unprecedented drought caused many springs and wells to fail which had never been known to do so before.

Jacob Kleinhaus Jr. and Geo. E. Horton were both unfortunate with horse flesh this week. Each lost an animal.  
The Milford Water Co. contemplates laying mains from foot of Harford street to Strables mill and down Mott and Water streets.  
The historical sermon, next Sunday morning, in the Presbyterian church, by Rev. Thomas Nichols will be of great interest and should attract every member of the congregation.

John G. Hood, manager of the Delaware Cemetery on Thursday of last week erected an elaborate monument on the plot of the James P. Crane family.  
Earless corn is a common product this year, all on account of nature's refusal to furnish moisture. Fortunately it cannot go to seed and so possibly affect the crop next year.

The reason why they have to carry water to the fish down at Dingmans is because Port Jervis is using it all to make beer. They never let any water pass that village, especially in campaign times.  
Contractor Canne is making good progress toward moving the Pinchot homestead house on the new foundation in the center of the lot, and will probably complete the job this week.

A moderate gale here Wednesday shook nearly all the apples and pears which the drought had left on, off the trees. In some sections of the state and in the west it was severe and inflicted considerable damage.  
The new concrete building of H. B. Wells on Harford street is being finished. It is reported that part of the first floor will be occupied as a laundry and part by hardware fittings of all kinds and lumber, doors, sash, blinds etc.

Should Northampton and Carbon unite and make the nomination while Pike and Monroe sit on the fence and view the procession, they will nevertheless be counted on to furnish the majority to elect. The spot will likely try to remain green.

Bids for hauling 25 tons coal from either Port Jervis or Matamoras 2 1/2 tons to be delivered at school buildings in Milford, 2 1/2 tons to Schooneveld, to be received by the undersigned to Sept. 17th 12 M. H. E. EMERSON Secy. School Board.

A team belonging to Wm. Kilaby of Dingmans Ferry, driven by E. Smith which had been hauling tackle to Port Jervis on returning Tuesday last week ran away near cave bank. The wagon went down the bank and the team ran to the foot of the hill near Conashaugh. No great damage was done.

Nelson and Ray who were confined in jail here for awhile and who broke into the house of W. A. Parshall Esq., in Port Jervis were paroled at Newburg this week. The former, who is an old jail bird, was sentenced to Albany penitentiary for seven years and the latter to Elmira Reformatory.

August Springs, an employee of Henry Tissot, in Dingman township came to town Monday morning, drove on to Matamoras, tied his horse in front of Millers Hotel and disappeared. His wife and child are anxiously waiting his return. No motive for his strange act is known as he was apparently on good terms with all.

A fraud order has been issued by the Post Office Department against L. D. Bass, and two alleged concerns conducted by him in Washington—The American Teacher's Agency and the American Civil Service College, one used to collect fees for securing school teacher's places, and the other for securing government positions.

## PICKED UP BY THE RAMBLER.

Geo. Horton lost a horse Sunday morning.

Where was the cyclone?  
The Port Jervis Gazette tells of a cow climbing a stone fence to reach apples. Pike county did have a cow which would dig potatoes.

Sussex county is poorer this year than last. In 1899 its total assessed valuation was 12,156,270. This year it is only 11,589,221. Next week I will give the assessed valuation of each township.

John J. better known as Jake Vansickle, of Sandyston, has been re-elected Chairman of the Sussex county Board of Assessors.  
Here is what Editor Little, of Newton, has to say about improving a town: There are many ways to improve a town. One of the first, however, is to lay stone sidewalks. Every property owner owes it as a duty to his neighbor and to the community to place in front of his property a stone walk. The expense of a stone walk is not great and the stone lasts a life time. Such a walk increases the value of property makes it more rentable, and adds both to the appearance of the street and to the comfort of all who walk.

Moses Gumaer, of Sandyston, brought a load of peaches into town Saturday which in quality surpassed anything we have seen so far.  
Miss Louisa Shubiger and Miss Eva Cooper, of Montague, were callers over here Saturday.

Crocker and Hill or vice a versa are in a great and glorious wrangle in New York. Both are Democrats and both are working for Crocker and Hill, and the successful downing of the Democratic ticket.  
The Grand View house closed its boarding season last Saturday.

There will be a private dance at the above mentioned house on Friday evening Sept. 21. Jas. Thornton will be manager.  
No where in town is the departure of the strangers noticed more than around the P. O. at mail time. Charles and Horace no doubt are glad that the rush is over.  
The boys from across the river don't have as much business over here now evenings, since the girls have returned home.

Any one wishing to enjoy a show or bath can be accommodated by calling at Strables rider mill.  
Mr. Wolfe our chief Burgess preached a very practical sermon in the M. E. church Sunday evening taking for his text Acts 24 chap. 25 verse.

Wells and springs which never have given out are dry now, and the prospects of rain this (Monday) morning are as remote as ever. But pretty soon the down pour will come, as one extreme always follows another.  
Jim Bennett, of the Port Jervis Gazette, is spending a few days in town looking after the interest of that paper. Its pretty late for Jim to get off any snake yarns, but he may study up something else.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that the floor on the Mott street bridge had more wide cracks than were necessary. A new floor has been laid under the supervision of Ex-Commissioner Wallace Newman.

Miss Nettie Brink, the only daughter of Jackson Brink, is seriously ill at her home in Montague. Dr. Kenworthy, of this town, is rendering medical aid.

Unclaimed Letters  
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Sept. 15, 1900:  
Ladies—Mrs. Meta Kling, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. L. J. London.

Gentlemen—Charlie C. Anderson, James Brennan, Chas. Burk, Mr. Eagle, Prof. Carl Tracy Hawley, R. C. Kitzing, Chas. Parker, O. Reynolds.  
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.  
CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.

A Shocking Calamity  
"Lately befell a railroad laborer," writes Dr. A. Kollett, of Willford, Ark. "His foot was badly crushed, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly cured him. It's simply wonderful for Burns, Boils, Piles, and all skin eruptions. It's the world's champion healer. Cured guaranteed. 25c. Sold by all druggists."  
Hats and caps. Latest Styles at T. Armstrongs & Co's.

## OUR NEXT REPRESENTATIVE.

### REASONS WHY HE SHOULD BE LONG TO THE MAJORITY.

Failure of our Demo' Representatives to Protect our Interests They have been a Detriment to Our Welfare.

There are several excellent reasons why the name of our next representative at Harrisburg should be William Angle, and the voters who seek the best interest of the county ought to give them careful consideration. We have always, except in one instance, been represented by a Democrat and we ask the people to reflect on what they have done, and omitted to do, in behalf of their constituents.

When the Erie asked a change in its route and to enter the county at a point inaccessible to our people, it was allowed without protest, and we were thereby deprived of great benefits besides being compelled to pay tolls across a bridge to reach it. When the bridge became unsafe and the Erie desired an act to relieve it of the burden of repairing and maintaining the structure, it asked for and obtained the passage of the Lamont Mining and railroad bill, which allowed it to transfer all its rights to a perfectly irresponsible corporation, and when efforts were made in the courts to have the sale set aside a Democratic legislator, W. H. Dimmick, prevented a verdict against the Erie, and, when later the Legislature was asked to afford relief Lafayette Westbrook, our Representative, by a deliberate fraud practised reported a resolution that the Erie had complied with all the requirements and made a valid sale to a corporation which had erected a satisfactory bridge, thus frustrating all efforts to have the wrong righted.

Our laws for the collection of taxes are of Democratic origin, and as well known, they seriously inconvenience farmers, and it is becoming difficult to secure collectors.  
When the forestry bill, which allows the State to purchase large quantities of our lands and thereby exempt them from taxation thereby imposing great additional burdens on the people, was on its passage our Democratic representative entered no protest and made no effort to protect our interests. It is retorted that this measure was passed by a Republican legislature and he was in the minority. True, but had he been up to the level of the occasion he could have pointed out the injustice to his people and asked redress. This he wholly neglected to do, and thereby became the party to the great wrong. We should have relief in some form and, if it is urged that a Democrat being in the minority is powerless to prevent the infliction of such injury to his constituents, it is fair to assume that his efforts to obtain redress will be equally fruitless, even should he make the attempt. Why not therefore send a representative belonging to the majority party whose voice and efforts may have weight? Surely when we can point to an unbroken line of acts acquiesced in, or promoted by, our Democratic representatives which have been highly prejudicial and positively injurious to our interests it is time to ask whether a change may not produce benefits. Mr. Angle is a forceful speaker, he would be heard with the majority and would be heard attentively. The reasons he could adduce for relief from the effects of Jackson Brink, are cogent and would probably prevail. There are other measures for our benefit which might be urged with effect if presented by one with whom the majority was in full sympathy. Voters would do well to look to their own interests and cast their ballots so that they may effect the most individual benefit to them.

Hurricane at Galveston.  
A terrible storm raged along the coast of Texas last Saturday night, which was the most disastrous that ever visited that section. Galveston was practically wiped out and the loss of life is estimated at fully 5,000. Bridges were carried away, buildings, shade trees, fences, telegraph and telephone wires were demolished and the property loss is enormous not only in that city but in other towns far up and down the coast.

For Sale.  
The noted Sawkill House property. About two and a half lots on corner of Harford and fourth streets and running back to alley in rear of barn. Inquire of J. C. CHARBELLAIN Real Estate Agent, Office on Harford street.