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HUDSON PRESBYTERY MEETS.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH HERE.

A Large Gathering of Ministers and Delegates—Able and Interesting Addresses.

Milford, judging by the attendance of members, is an interesting place to the Presbytery of Hudson, and if it is a pleasure for them to visit our town it is equally a great pleasure for the people of this community to meet and greet them. They bring a breath from the sister churches which fans the flame of fraternity and causes the embers of zeal and new resolves to glow more fervently. Their words are full of kindness for the welfare of their brethren here and they speak with fervor of the steadfastness of this church and the great good she has accomplished in the past, while they bid her God speed in her work for the future. Such words cannot fail to arouse latent energy and inspire with confidence the efforts made.

The historical sermon last Sunday morning, by the pastor, Rev. Thos. Nichols, reviewed the history of this church from its beginning to the present. Evidently a spirit of grace moved some devoted persons to take steps to organize a Presbyterian congregation here in the early twenties, and a corporation was formed. In 1825 the church was organized by the Presbytery of Hudson and Rev. Thos. Grier became its pastor. Under his administration in 1826 there was a very large accession on profession of faith and again six years later a wonderful revival of religion swept over the town. Over two hundred and fifty were added to the membership during these two periods. There have been in the seventy-five years fifteen pastors. The first place of worship was in the old Court House and the first communicant service was held on the square in front. Subsequently a church was built near the site of the present edifice which served the congregation until 1874 when the new structure was erected.

The regular session was opened Monday at 3 p. m. with devotional exercises after which Rev. Otto R. W. Klöse, of Cohection, the retiring moderator, delivered a sermon. In it he spoke of the tendency in these days to follow strange religious devices, propagated mostly by weak minded men and strong minded women, and he attributed the movement to revise the confession of faith, which was a question before the body, as in some degree attributed to this weakness.

Following the roll call by Dr. Bonner, Rev. George E. Gillespie, of Pittsford, was elected Moderator and Rev. N. S. Brittain and Emmet Sloan, of Mongaup Valley, clerks.

Rev. W. M. Grant was then received from the Presbytery of Nebraska city to the Circleville church, Rev. J. L. Harrington from the Presbytery of Troy to Denton and Rev. Hugh Walker from the Presbytery of New Brunswick to Bridgebury.

The evening session was presided over by the Moderator and opened by the choir. After devotional exercises Mrs. Otto von der Heyde was heard in a touching and rendered solo "Come to the Land of Rest." D. F. Bonner D. D., of Florida, then gave a brief history of this church introducing some very interesting statistics regarding the membership and growth of other churches in the Presbytery. He was followed by Dr. Charles Bestie, of Middletown, on the topic seventy-five years of church life: opportunity and responsibilities. His address was humorous, statistical and hortatory. He gave some interesting facts regarding this church and said its opportunities were broader than those of any other in the Presbytery because there was not another Presbyterian congregation in the county and it could not be said of any other church in Hudson Presbytery that it had so wide a field. He deplored the fact that the membership of the churches did not increase proportionately to the growth of the communities and earnestly and eloquently urged to greater effort and activity. Congratulatory remarks were then made by Rev. C. E. Scudder, of the M. E. church, and Rev. C. B. Carpenter, of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Tuesday's meeting was occupied with the ordinary business, examination of candidates, receiving reports of committees and a question of a revision of the Confession of Faith. The four questions sent down by the General Assembly to ascertain the thought of the Presbytery were answered affirmatively which involved revision.

Arrangements were also made for

the installation of Rev. Hugh Walker at Bridgebury and Rev. Harrington, of Denton.

In the evening and after an anthem by the choir and preliminary exercises Miss Patty Bidis rendered a solo "Not a Sparrow Falls" in a very pleasing manner. Rev. G. E. Gillespie then gave the Greetings of our nearest Presbyterian Sister in a very effective ten minutes talk.

T. B. Thomas L. D., of Monroe, talked on the theme Presbyterian Women as Exponents of Christianity and Rev. Robert Bruce Clark, of Goslon, N. Y., made a very scholarly and interesting address taking as his topic American Presbyterianism; the strands from which it is braided. He showed how all nations from a very early period had contributed their forces and characteristics to the powerful church which is now effecting so much on this country.

A business meeting was held afterwards and into in the evening Presbytery adjourned. The next stated meeting will be held at Middletown.

The session has been one of great good feeling, the address were all enjoyed by the large audience and were eloquent and instructive.

The visitors were led in their praises of the beauty of the town and surroundings, pleased with their entertainment and the gratification which they expressed over their visit here is mutually shared by the congregation which they afforded great pleasure by the opportunity of greeting and meeting them.

A Fruitless Coon Hunt.

Monday afternoon Sheriff Vandermark received a dispatch to meet the Giant constable, of Lackawaxen, at Matamoras to receive two coons or properly speaking two colored gents, and convey them to the stone hotel to enjoy the hospitality of the county for ten days on the order of Squire Shannon, of Lackawaxen, for the offense of riding on the Erie with a mifunge book of the D. L. W. R. R. Frank landed in Matamoras all right and being kind hearted removed the irons to allow his birds to partake of a lunch at Allen's Hotel. The officers attention was drawn out on the porch for a moment when upon one named Geo. Brown 6 feet high weighing 190 lbs made a dive for the back door and escaped with Franks long steppers in high pursuit. While so engaged coon no two Albert Allen 5 ft. 8 tall sporting sore eyes leisurely recrossed the bridge to Ft. Jervis.

When the Sheriff and H. Ludwig arrived in Matamoras they of course joined in the coon hunt but after midnight returned to town empty handed. Frank says: the next chap who gets away from me will know it and don't you forget it.

How Matchler Got It?

There was no shadow of doubt in the minds of many here but that Pike's congressional conferees would go to the highest and best bidder if needed. It was carefully given out that Hon. Howard Matchler did not want a nomination and the assumption was, after Barber defeated Lauter in Carbon, that the bidding would not be spirited for the reason that Matchler's conferees would go to Barber, and the nomination be made without either Pike or Monroe. It has turned out differently. Of course Barber must have either Northampton or both the other counties to win. Shall wanted the nomination himself and could not easily be won over, and as it seems Mr. Matchler, the only one, saw his opportunity and bagged the game. The spot is pretty green but it is so green that it will taintly continue to be a party to lining one man's vest pocket as often as he thinks he needs a fresh supply of tooth picks.

Will Return Home.

A letter received from George Armstrong by his family says he went to Cape Prince Albert and there joined a party and went twenty miles in the interior, where they found gold but not in paying quantities. He has returned to Nome and on account of the ill health of his father will come back to Milford. Both himself and Howard Poillon are well.

Prohibition Meeting.

The Prohibitionists of Pike county are called to meet in convention, to make nominations, and other business, at Myers photograph Gallery in Milford Saturday Sept. 29 at 2 o'clock.

J. A. MEYER, Secretary.

A complete line of Mens fine shoes and Oxfords at T. Armstrong & Co.

PERSONALS.

A. D. Brown is on a business trip to Dover N. J.

Jas. W. Pinchot is at his country seat, Grey Towers.

Peter Rudolph Pickell is visiting his family in town.

Honore E. Kipp, of Wilsonville, was at Milford Monday.

County Superintendent Geo. Sawyer was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Briscoe, of Walton, N. Y., is visiting at the Coddleback farm house.

Mr. Loontzen and wife visited the family of Sterling Myers this week.

G. W. Pierson, of Blooming Grove was here yesterday to attend the sales.

Isaac Pinney for many years a resident of Schoocopee was here this week.

Frank Whitney left for the city this week where he has accepted a government situation.

John Baldwin and wife after a sojourn in town have returned to New York their home.

Mrs. Thomas Rodman, of New Hampton, N. Y., visited her friend, Mrs. J. B. Van Eiten, this week.

Thomas and Dennis McLaurin have returned to the city and will attend a business college this winter.

Mrs. Wheeler and Adams, after spending a season at Silver Lake, returned to New York Tuesday.

Mrs. Cora Barisley who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Tremp, returned to New York yesterday.

Dr. H. B. Reed will attend the Republican congressional conference to be held at Easton tomorrow, as a conferee from Pike.

Mrs. Susan Grandin has taken rooms in the Bourique House on Harford street and is prepared to do plain and neat sewing of all kinds.

Dr. Peter Hughes and family left Hotel Schanno Monday for Brooklyn, their home. Chas. Schanno accompanied them in a drive across the country.

W. W. Wood, of Honesdale, and A. W. Bishop, of Hawley, were nominated Monday by the Wayne county Republican convention for Representatives.

Herbert Van Etten, of Dover, has been visiting friends in this section a week, while on his way home from Scranton, where he has been spending his vacation in a machine shop. He will resume his studies in Steens Institute, Hoboken, in a couple of weeks.

Eugene Berry, of New York, aged about 21 years who had been stopping with James Conwell in Dingman township for the past month died of consumption Tuesday evening. He held a position in Dulmonnos where by reason of his steadfast and upright character he was highly esteemed.

Unclaimed Letters

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Sept. 22 1900.

Ladies—Mrs. Clara Geisler, Mrs. J. B. Heed, Mrs. J. Harding, Miss Victoria Lehn.

Gents—M. C. Klein, J. B. Lang, M. D., A. H. Loong, Oscar Seibert.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Stood Death Off.

E. B. Monday, 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; all digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50¢ at all drug stores.

Notice!

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Forest Lake Association for the election of a board of directors, and the transaction of any business which may lawfully come before them, will be held at the Club House of the Association in Lackawaxen township, Pike Co., Pa., on Tuesday, October 24th, 1900 at 1 o'clock p. m. Wm. C. DAVIDSON, Clerk.

Dated New York, Sept. 15, 1900.

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

PICKED UP BY THE RAMBLER.

School number one, over in Montague, is without a teacher.

Mrs. Daniel Predmore, of Montague, who has been ill for sometime, is improving.

The town failed to get that extra coat of paint, but our Borough Building is receiving some repairs which appears rather early in the season, as it is not finished yet.

Last week's wind storms caused the down fall of apples and peaches, the latter were cheap for a few days.

Threshing buckwheat has commenced, and if water enough to come raise the streams so the mills can run, pan cakes will be in order.

Some early made elder is getting good and is touching the spot.

Sunday evening's shower was very welcome, but it interfered with the church attendance.

Henry Canne has successfully moved the Pinchot house on to its new foundation. The Squire accomplished the job without a hitch.

Public dance at the Grand View House this Friday evening Sept. 21.

The County commissioners examined the Raymondskill bridge, near Schanno's, last week.

A front gate across the side walk after dark is apt to call forth some hard language. A mud puddle in the side walk is apt to spoil some drapery.

Hainesville, the capitol of Sandyston, is making up a number of lawsuits being billed to come off there in the near future. One of interest will be tried there Friday afternoon before J. B. Fuller, Esq., and a jury. The Rambler will attend.

The Register makes the following remark: This year the women have gone bare headed and bare armed. Next year they can go bare footed if Bryan should happen to be elected as President.

The snakes must be gone to winter quarters. But the season of gunning accidents is nigh at hand.

Last week I promised to give you the assessors reports of the assessed valuations of the different townships of Sussex county. I will break my promise and only give the three which join Pike across the river: Montague, polls 186, number of acres 25,000, real estate 233,750, total assessed 24,700, amount taxed 281,750.

Sandyston, polls 265, number of acres 27,000, real estate 265,750, total assessed 76,850, amount taxed 279,650.

Walpack, polls 115, number of acres 13,240, real estate 113,538, total assessed 49,500, amount taxed 158,613.

It will be seen that Montague as the upper township is assessed the highest.

A Comparison of Prices.

Having had the privilege of looking over a day book kept by Pinchot & Co. in 1826. I will note the prices of some of the commodities sold then. Our readers can compare them with prices of the present day.

Calico per yard	31c.
Muslin per yard	25
Gingham per yard	10
A broom sold for	13
Morocco shoes	1.25
Calf skin	1.50
Coarse skin shoes	2.50
Heavy boots	2.50
Barrel of mackerel	5.50 to 8.00
" pork	14.50
Nails per pound	11
Black stockings a p'r	1.00
Hum per gallon	60
Gin per gallon	75
Whiskey per gallon	38
Beer per gallon	45
Meals each	12 1/2
Powder per pound	50 to 63
A saw mill saw	3.50
Brown sugar per lb	12 1/2
Leaf sugar per lb	18
Coarse salt per bushel	25
Black stockings next to cotton	81
Straw hat	37
Wool hat	60 to 1.00
Candles per pound	19
Candle wick per pound	39
Tobacco per pound	17
Tobacco per plug	65
Chocolate per pound	31
Paper of pins	15
Tea per pound	1.00 to 1.50
Coffee per pound	18 to 22
Molasses per gallon	30 to 50
Wheat per bushel	1.00
Rye " "	70 to 82
Oats " "	37 to 56
Pine boards \$12m, straw 5 cts a bundle hay \$12 a ton, pork 4 1/2 a pound, beef hides 5 cts, and a days work, common labor was 37 1/2 cents.	

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BRIEF MENTION.

Autumn begins to-day.

W. Almer is improving in health.

Ross B. Van Anken does not improve.

Mrs. M. Rudolph is quite ill with rheumatism.

The Old Point Comfort Club will camp at Twin Lakes next week.

The corner stone of the Blooming Grove Baptist church was laid yesterday.

For sale cheap a threshing and separator in good condition. Inquire of Wm. Angle.

FOR SALE—A good platform Scales, capacity 1,200 lbs. Enquire of Mrs. M. Rudolph, on upper Broad street, Milford.

The March Chunch Gazette says the reason why Matchler was nominated instead of Barber was because he saw Hart first.

A. T. Seley has been drawn on the U. S. Circuit court traverse jury and will go to Phila. Oct. 15 to perform his duties as a juror.

The Republican congressional conference to nominate a candidate for the Eight district will be held in Easton tomorrow, Saturday.

Bryans letter of acceptance makes imperialism and the trust paramount issues, but the free silver question is after all the principal plank.

Murray H. Chapin, of Bridgeport, Ct., where he is connected with the Union Type Writer Co., sent a liberal donation to the Galveston sufferers.

Elder George Mitchell was elected by the Presbytery one of the delegates to the meeting of Synod which convenes at Geneva N. Y. in October.

The New York Democrats nominated J. B. Stanchfield, of Elmira, for Governor and William F. Mackey, of Erie, for Lieutenant Governor. There is such harmony between Croker and Hill that the state will surely be lost to the Democrats.

Mr. Doyle and family, of Coney Island, who have occupied the Briscoe house on High street, have purchased the McMullen farm at Schoocopee and will move there in December. His son-in-law, who is a carpenter, will in a future reside here.

The strike in the Anthracite regions is now on and many thousand miners are out. Efforts have been made to arbitrate and they have not been wholly abandoned, but the present outlook for a settlement of the grievances does not seem hopeful.

Charles Mayne opened yesterday a new place of business in the Wallace building where he will manufacture a proprietary medicine. LeRoy Kipp has been employed to superintend and Mrs. Alice W. Drake and Winnie Bourique are engaged to work in the business.

The papers report something of a feeling in Monroe county among Democrats against Matchler. All he probably cares about it is to have them turn up the usual majority. If they do that what matter how they feel or whether they have any feelings. The biggest plank in the Democratic platform is a how to get there.

Jervis Gordon and family removed this week to Port Jervis which will be their future home. He has resided in Milford for the past thirty-five years during which he ran the upper mill, and became widely acquainted in this section. His many friends will wish him comfort and happiness in his new home and will miss his familiar face here.

The Appellate of the New York state supreme court has handed down a decision affirming the action of the railroad commissioners granting permission to the D. V. and Kingston R. R. Co. to construct its road along the canal from Kingston to Lackawaxen. Appeals have been taken in this state from the conflicting opinions of Judges Purdy and Simonton as to the right to construct in this county.

The Pike conferees assign as reasons for supporting Mr. Matchler that the three upper counties could not unite on a man, and as they believed Mr. Bryan would be elected President and as Matchler stood in close relations to the Demo Pop candidate it would be best for the district to nominate him. Well these are weighty reasons and perhaps the best the far sighted conferees can assign, but there are many Democrats in this vicinity who are unkind enough to call them entirely too diaphanous for consumption.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM F. BYER.

William F. son of Catherine and the late Jacob Byer, died at his home in Matamoras at 7:40 o'clock Friday afternoon of valvular disease of the heart and phthisis. His health began to fail early in the year, but with characteristic energy and industry he continued at his work until the first of April when he became too weak and since then his strength has steadily failed until death came to relieve his sufferings. Throughout his long and trying illness he was patient and resigned.

He was born in Matamoras 27 years 2 months and 9 days ago. He attended the public schools there and was a studious pupil until 15 years of age, when he received employment in the glass factory of Brox & Ryall where he was continuously employed for the twelve years up to the falling of his health. He was a faithful and industrious worker and while quiet and unassuming in manner, made many friends because of his true worth, and his untimely death is deeply regretted by a large circle of acquaintances.

Deceased leaves his mother and five brothers, Charles, Jacob, Frank and Arthur, of Matamoras, and Edward, of Elizabethport, N. J.

The funeral services were held at the house at 2:30 o'clock, Monday afternoon. Interment in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

AARON BEHRENSFRESSER JAGGER.

Though in failing health Mr. Jagger continued his usual employment until some three weeks before his death which occurred last Monday morning. He was a son of the late Jacob H. Jagger and was born Aug. 16, 1837 in Delaware township which has always been his residence and where was well and honorably known, having filled the office of constable for twenty one years in succession besides being elected to other local offices. He married Cornelia a daughter of William C. Carhuff, with the following children survive: Mercer and Jacob, of Madison, N. J., Jennie, wife of Wallace Bensley, of Lehman, Stoll, Bartow, Samuel, Emily, Frederick and Levi at home. He also leaves surviving brothers and a sister, Daniel and Albert, of Delaware, Elizabeth, wife of Geo. Lattimore, of Swartswood, N. J., and Jacob residing in the west. The funeral conducted by Rev. Atwood, of the M. E. church was held Wednesday morning.

Matchler Nominated.

At the Democratic congressional conference held in Easton last week four aspirants were named. Hon. Laird H. Barber, of Carbon, the present incumbent, Hon. J. H. Hull, of Monroe, Hon. Howard Matchler, of Northampton and Hon. J. J. Hart, of Pike. On the 18th ballot Pike's conferees went to Northampton and Mr. Matchler was named. This is said to have been a great surprise to him and an entirely unlooked for outcome. If so, and he really did not want the nomination, it would have been an easy matter with his five conferees to have given it to either of the other counties. But Democratic politics and ways are like the peace of God past finding out until revealed by a series of surprises, and there may be others in store for them which will appear later.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles Angstein Sr. to Charles A. Angstein Jr., 74 acres Greene, consideration \$1.

Jacob J. Eager to Alpha J. De Witt, lot 139 Matamoras, con. \$100.

Charles T. Young and wife to Blooming Grove Baptist church, 1 acre, consideration \$1.

G. F. Rowland, Treas., to Easton Anglers association, Daniel Brown, Porter, 328 acres, con. taxes.

Commonwealth to C. C. Hull Patent, 29 acres, Porter.

C. C. Hull to James B. Zeartaw et al., same land, consideration \$55.

Susan E. Maginnis to Mary E. Van Etten 105 acres Lehman, consideration \$1,000.

Mary E. Van Etten and husband to Susan E. Maginnis, lot 827 Milford Boro., consideration \$1,000.

For Sale.

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

OUR BOY LETTER.

"IMPERIALISM" AND "MILITARISM" NOT ISSUES.

Reasons why the Bryan Party (Democratic) Wishes to Make Them Paramount Issues.

My Dear Boy—You ask why the Democrats insist that imperialism and militarism are the "paramount issue of this campaign."

The reason, my son, is very plain. Our Democratic friends are pushing these things to the front because there isn't anything else for them to talk about this year. All the rest of their powder has been burnt once and won't even fizzle this year.

Their platform denounces the Dingley tariff bill, but they do not wish to meet us before the people on that issue. The hard times under the Wilson bill and the present prosperity under our protective tariff furnish an object lesson which makes it uphill business to argue free trade this year.

Their platform also denounces the gold standard legislation and demands free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. But that powder was burnt four years ago and events have shown the falsity of their predictions.

They are like the boy when beaten playing marbles says, "Let's play something else." Beaten on tariff and the money question, they want to play "militarism" awhile. Their lack of any other issue is responsible for the conjuring up of the spectre of "imperialism."

But while they are not talking about free trade or free silver, the people are not going to forget that they are the free trade and free silver party. And, as Mr. Lincoln used to say, that reminds me of a little story.

One of our excellent missionaries and his good wife went to an island Polynesia about fifty years ago. They stayed there sixteen years and their work was wonderfully successful. They found a tribe of savages. They left a tribe of civilized, Christian people, industrious and temperate, "clothed and in their right minds."

The incident which illustrates my point occurred during the first year of their residence on the island. A chief clothed in sunshine and nothing else called on the missionaries. They treated him politely, but as he left the house the missionary followed him and said: "Chief, we are glad to see you and want you to come again, but in my country men wear clothes and my wife is not accustomed to see men without clothing. The next time you come to see us won't you please put on a little clothing, one or two garments at least?"

The chief promised compliance. A few days after, he entered the missionaries' home with a satisfied smile on his face, saying, "Me all right now."

He had on a shirt collar and a pair of socks.

My son, Mr. Bryan and his friends are badly deceived if they think that their "imperialism" collar and "militarism" socks will hide the free trade and free silver nakedness of the Democratic party from the gaze of the American people.

By the way speaking of "militarism" I advise you always to watch with suspicion any man or any party that is afraid of the United States army. Our army is a volunteer army of as gallant men as the sun ever shone upon. They are our defenders and the protectors of our persons and property. Hard-working, uncomplaining, brave and faithful, they follow the flag through summer's sun and winter's storms, through tropical jungles and the dangers of fever and of battle for you and me and for the country's sake. If a man is a good, law-abiding citizen he has no reason to be afraid of an American soldier.

My great grandfather was one who fought as a captain at the battle of the Brandywine under "Mad" Anthony Wayne, and I feel like taking off my hat to every soldier I meet. And whenever I find a man who is afraid of the "tyranny" of our gallant little army, I feel like asking him what he has been doing. It is a small army for so great a nation, and the introduction of "militarism" in this campaign shows that our Democratic friends are hard up for an issue.