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Johnson City, Tenn.

Oct 16 1896

Mr Henry Derry

Dear Sir

Your letter received. Contents
Noted I had not the least idea
You could see any property
at this time. The depression
of in prices of every thing
has a wonderful influence
on all kinds of property
and especially on farming
lands and it will continue
so as long as we have the
agitation of money matters.
There is no prospect of
better prices till we have re-
stored protection to our
manufacturers and American
products. That is our only
relief and I hope Harry
you can see it in that
light and cast your vote

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For sound money and high
tariff heavy the South is the
country where politicians run
high. We have speaking in
Johnson City nearly every
night on both sides. I am
vice President of a McKinley ^{club}
of four hundred. I take more
interest in this campaign
than any one of my life. I think
there is more at stake for an
American citizen heavy. I
know your politicians and
don't wish to offend you in
the least. But wish you to express
your convictions freely and
I would be only glad to know
how you stand and I will
assure you as a Proctor. I shall
not be offended. The South is
a great country but we need

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good protection. We have got
the minerals furtal lands abun-
dance of fine timber fine water
and a grand climate But only
give us protection. Then Northern
Capital will come south
than again we need better laws
here. But it will take the in-
fluence of Northern people to
get that I wish you could
come here But I dont see
any thing in the drug business
in this town. to say for you
to come for that business
I believe this climate would
suit you. We are doing a good
business now had a fine lot of
wheat bought at 60 to 62 1/2 cts have
about 10,000 bushels wheat is worth
70 cts here now and western
wheat laped down at our mill

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would cost 85cts we are getting
from \$4.10 to 4.50 per Bbl for flour
and 60 cts per cwt for mill
feed "this is confidential"
Ida Keagy spent 3 months
with us this summer we
were glad to have her with us
Ida is a good girl and a fine
lady she had a good time
while here and think she enjoyed
it. Harry cant you pay us
a visit I dont know when
I can come too home
I may come up about the holidays
I would like to visit you all and
I know it is my duty to come
up to see mother if McKinley
is elected which will in sure
better times and protection
I know will give. "then I will come
come home"

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Harry put your self
on record for voting for
protection to American
industries or at least for
sound money Palmer and
Buckner I expect
Harry will ^{say} to himself
when he reads ^{this} letter Andy
is a H-ll of a fellow
on Politicks. Give me
a good long letter. Any
thing is new's from Woodbury
or Loyrbury You said you
had a bid on the timber
land what was it I certainly
thought it should bring
a good market price
timber is good property
You Kandy Andy