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# ANNUAL CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS IN TRENTON

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## **JANUARY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) Sermons appropriate to the advent of the New Year preached in all the churches. Very cold---thermometer at 4 degrees, fine sleighing.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The festivities of the New Year celebrated today. The usual "free blows" at the hotels. State Street House opened. First annual meeting of the Children's Home Association.
- 4<sup>th</sup> A snow storm. Sarah A. Cheeseman died, aged 6 years.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joseph Welling Temple died, aged 45. A cold, clear day---good sleighing, and plenty of it.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Daniel Loder's factory burned; loss \$5,000; insurance, \$2,300.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Reporter ventures on a drive with mine host of the Trenton House behind a pair of mettlesome and is mulet in the sum of \$3.40 for fast driving.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Town filling with strangers, in view of the assembling of the legislature.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Legislature met and organized. Mr. Roebling presents \$1000 to the Children's Home. Mercer Courts met.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grand exodus of disappointed office seekers left out in the cold by the Legislature. Rev'd. Peter Cartright lectured at the Greene Street Church to a large audience.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Corporation dinner took place at Major Cunningham's.

- 16<sup>th</sup> Private of Americans held at Temperance Hall.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Inauguration of Governor Olden; several military companies and a large number of strangers present. Mary Jane Vannest died, aged 11 years. Annual meeting of the New Jersey Agricultural Society held. U. S. Court met. New Jersey Monumental Association held its annual meeting.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Steeple of State street M. E. Church raised.
- 19<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Historical Society held its annual meeting.
- 20th Jane, wife of Wesley Danser, died.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Remains of Robert Agnew brought from New Brunswick and interred at the Cemetery.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Weather more moderate. John G. Saxe lectured on Love. State Medical Society met.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Fire broke out in Wilson's Woolen Factory; extinguished without much damage. Wm. \*\*\*\*rickson, of Ewing, thrown from his wagon in the city, and badly injured.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Catherine O'Hara died, aged 82.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Downie died, aged 21.
- 29th James H. Woodruff died, aged 54.
- 30<sup>th</sup> The death of Hon. Joseph Harker, member of the Assembly, announced in both branches of the Legislature. Patrick McGroty died, aged 35. John H. Johnson died.
- 31st Heavy snow storm. Number of arrests for the month, 36.

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 1st Military State Convention held; General R. F. Stockton, Jr., presided. Sleighing very fine.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Large number of men employed in tunneling the canal for the new railroad track; Captain Mulford is the boss.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The city is alive with sleighing parties; officers on the look out for fast driving.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wm. Rehr died, aged 44.
- 5<sup>th</sup> The weather has assumed a milder form; a prospect of a general break up.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ann Eliza Graham died, aged 4 years.

- 7<sup>th</sup> United States District Court met for trial of indictment against Ackerman and others for counterfeiting American coin. Good Will Fire Company celebrated the signing of a bill by the Governor, giving them original franchises of the Resolution company. Ana H. Titus, wife of Liscomb R. Titus, died. Union Fire Company celebrated their 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Editorial State Convention held at Temperance Hall. Republicans met and opened the campaign. Deborah Forman, wife of Richard Forman, died, aged 80. John Hall, infant son of Jos. Rooney, died.
- 10<sup>th</sup> A call issued by straight out Americans for a Union State Convention. A very unusual and heavy blow, continuing the whole night, shaking houses and keeping people awake during the night. Anniversary of Industrial Home for Children held at Greene Street M. E. Church.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Another heavy snow storm set in.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Trenton Library reopened at 77 Warren street.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Grand rush for Valentines, great time among the beaux and lasses. New Jersey Military Association held a meeting at State House.
- 15<sup>th</sup> The weather has made a sudden change from a spring like influence to snow and cold. Joseph Edmund died, aged 61. Executive Committee of State Agricultural Society held a meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> America Hose Company formally took possession of their new house in Montgomery street.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Uncle Amos' sleigh is upset, spilling out a company of three ladies; the horses ran away, but were sensible enough to stop at Major Cunningham's.
- 18<sup>th</sup> The snow storm was so great as to have detained the trains.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sensation at Temperance Hall; gas holder burst while an exhibition of Dissolving Views was in progress; the screeching of women and children was immense. Alderman Dean was drowned, or rather his voice, trying to restore the silence. Rose Dougherty, wife of John Dougherty, died, aged 32. Ida F., daughter of James M. Lee, died, aged 5 years. Dora, wife of Andrew O'Conner, died, aged 37.
- 21st A fire broke out in the stable of L. S. Sutphin; very little damage done.
- The Legislature celebrate Washington's Birth-day. Rev. D. W. Bartine delivered an oration. Daniel Fell died, aged 63. Trenton Rifles were out with a full band of music; closed by a grand ball at Dolton's Hall. The State Convention of straight out Americans was held, and nominated an Electoral Ticket; Hon. Joseph F. Randolph and Hon. James Bishop were nominated for delegates at large. Walter H. Nutt, infant son of Henry W. and Sarah Nutt, died.

- Warren street M. E. Church was organized. Pupils of the Philadelphia Institution of the Blind gave an exhibition in the Assembly Room. Ladies Fair and Festival for the benefit of State Street Church in operation at Temperance Hall.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Phillip A. Slack, son of Joseph A. and Maria Slack, died, aged 16.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Wm. F. Crosley lectured at Temperance Hall.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ann, wife of John Steward, died, aged 72. Ellen, daughter of John and Catherine Kain, died, aged 20 months. Beulah W., daughter of Dr. E. Hance, died, aged 13 years.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Great discussion in the House of Assembly on the Hoboken Land Improvement Company Bill.
- 29<sup>th</sup> The Hoboken Bill passed. Number of arrests for the month, 55.

#### **MARCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grand concert of one hundred children at the Front Street M. E. Church. Nomination of Judge Whelpley for Chancellor rejected by the Senate.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Excitement in the city, caused by the intelligence of the steamboat explosion on the Delaware.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sarah, wife of John Davis, died, aged 26 years.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Governor Olden signed the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company Bill. Elias S. Willis died, aged 24 years. Democratic primary meetings to appoint delegates to the State Convention met. Ithamar Moffet died, aged 27 years. Henry A. Moore, of Hightstown, found in a cow pit near this city, in an insensible condition.
- 11th Valedictory addresses of retiring Methodist Pastors delivered. Maggie Rooney died.
- 12<sup>th</sup> "Scout" indulges in a lovereminiscence, the heroine of which luxuriated in the euphonious name of Jane Jerusha Skeggs; tells how he was "ent out." The "Deacon of Glenwood" lectured on "Money."
- 13<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice Green nominated for Chancellor.
- 14<sup>th</sup> The nomination of Chief Justice Green confirmed. A man named Haslach had both his arms broken by the machinery at the wire mill. Henry A. Moore died from the injuries sustained by falling into a cow pit.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pugilistic encounter in the lobby of the House of Assembly between Absalom Woodruff and O. Vanderhooven, Esqs.; the miscreants taken before the bar of the House and acknowledged the corn.

- 16<sup>th</sup> Wm. Bedford died, aged 60 years. Joseph W. Taylor died, aged 75 years.
- 17<sup>th</sup> John Scott died, aged 56 years.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Important ornithological discovery by Dr. Sherman; a large number of blue birds seen in the streets.
- 20th Anna E. Fitzgeorge died, aged 9 years.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislature adjourned sine die.
- The waiters at one of the hotels become so intoxicated (with joy?) at the legislative exodus, that the intervention of the police is necessary to preserve order.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Abigail, wife of Samuel Brackett, died, aged 39. Two destitute strangers died from exhaustion, despite the efforts made to resuscitate them after their arrival here.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Martha, widow of John S. Mott, died. First shad of the season caught in the Delaware.
- 26<sup>th</sup> A frame building, between Academy and Hanover streets, injured by fire.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Court of Chancery re-opened.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Democratic State Convention held; delegates to Charleston appointed. Mary , daughter of late James Johnston, died.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Alicia McCue died, aged 87 years.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Opposition City Convention held; R. H. Shreve nominated for Mayor.
- 31st Number of arrests for the month, 46.

#### APRIL

- 1st The usual home comforts of the Sabbath were destroyed by the annual moving which took place yesterday. Miss Mary Jane Thompson, aged 26 years, died.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Council met to grant tavern licenses; 25 granted and 4 rejected. Elizabeth Howard, mulatto, aged 23, was accidentally drowned in the Water Power.
- 3rd Democratic City Convention met at Wier's Hotel and nominated F. S. Mills for Mayor; Julius J. Johnson, for Recorder; James F. Starin, for Marshal; Anthony Rowley and John Woolverton, for Chosen Freeholders; John S. Hutchinson and Wm. W. Norcross, Surveyor of Highways; John G. Stout, for Overseer of the Poor; John Ashmore, for Clerk of the Market; Peter Crozer, for City Treasurer; Andrew Dutcher, for Superintendent of Schools. Three men injured at the rolling mill by dumping a load of stone.

Edwin W., infant child of Edwin Stephens, died, aged 7 months. Union Industrial Home for Children removed to Warren street. 5<sup>th</sup> George T. B\_\_\_\_\_ died. Henry Calvin, son of Luther J. \_\_\_\_\_. Election for City \_\_\_\_\_ Democrats elect their whole \_\_\_\_\_ 9th Treasurer and School Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elect a majority of Officers. Post Office corner of Warren and 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Josephine, only daughter of Charles Megill, died, aged 20. \_\_\_\_\_\_. 12<sup>th</sup> George Rodman kicked to death by a horse, at the American Hotel. 13<sup>th</sup> New city officers assume their duties. Joseph Justice Jr., died, aged 45. People shivering \_\_\_\_\_\_ of a cold snap. 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Wm. M. Relway died after a lingering illness in his 71<sup>st</sup> year. Lewis J. Parrott \_\_\_\_\_\_ McGuire, aged 44. \_\_\_\_\_\_. 16<sup>th</sup> Mercer Courts met on civil list, Judge Vandyke presiding 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ opening. New Council organized; Richard Brandt elected President. 19<sup>th</sup> A boy named Charles Miller rescued from drowning. 20<sup>th</sup> Wm. Exton died, aged 39. Two burglars escaped from the Mercer jail. 21st Anna Mary, daughter of Wm. P. Mulford, died, aged 13 years. 2.2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Eli Cooley, D. D., died, aged 79. News of the sudden death of Wm. S. Sterling reached the city---occurred near Red Bank. Judge Ogden took the place of Judge Vandyke at Mercer Court: commenced trial of indictments. 24<sup>th</sup> Fourth Anniversary of Young Men's Christian Association held. Dr. A. H. Armour re-appointed Moral Instruction at State Prison. Thomas Augustus Shreve died, aged 19 years. 26<sup>th</sup> Annie E. Vanhorn, daughter of Jacob Vanhorn, died, aged 3 years. Deborah Stanhope died, aged 88.  $28^{th}$ A circus comes to town; great anxiety to "see the elephant."

30<sup>th</sup> Rafting very fine on the Delaware; fourth ward hotels reaping the harvest. The reporter discourses on the good feeling growing up among the firemen in the city. Number of arrests for the month, 26.

### **MAY**

- 1st The usual May day sports of the juveniles destroyed by an easterly storm.
- $2^{nd}$  Heavy rains; the streams swollen to an unusual height. Harden found guilty of murder at Belvidere.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Large number of rafts come down the river. Frances Rockhill died, aged 92.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Spring fever prevalent; the Reporter numbered among the probable victims. Hester Ann Bears died, aged 33. A child found drowned in the water power.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Firemen's Ball of the Eagle Fire Company. A warm day. Martha V. Howell died, aged 73.
- 8th Ex-Mayor Wood died, aged 59. Wm. A. Burk died, aged 69.
- 9<sup>th</sup> New Board of Chosen Freeholders organized. New Sunday School Chapel at the Episcopal Church, in Perry street, opened.
- 11th Funeral of Ex-Mayor Wood.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The first clear day for a whole week.
- 14<sup>th</sup> A pick-pocket nabbed at the depot in the act of robbing a lady. Artemisia C. Glenn died, aged 56.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Corinda Moore died, aged 23.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Professor Fowler lectured on Phrenology. Trenton City Bridge case argued in Court of Chancery. John Hulme died, aged 67.
- 21st Shad fisheries doing an active and successful business.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mary Augusta Rickey died, aged fifteen months. First strawberries appeared in market.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Thermometer for the past two day at 80 degrees. Bell and Everett men held a meeting at the American Hotel.
- 28th Contract for building the new wing to the State Prison awarded to Austin H. Patterson.
- 29<sup>th</sup> A child found in a bag in Perry street. Books for subscription of stock for the new bank opened.

- 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. S. K. Wilson and lady returned form Europe. Jane B., infant daughter of Wesley and Jane Adams, died.
- 31st Anna Mary, daughter of Jerome and Margaret Tantum died, aged six years. Number of arrests for the month, 62.

#### **JUNE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Weather very fine. Strawberries quite plentiful.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Col. Freese arrived from Chicago with a specimen "rail;" some folks didn't like it because it was only four feet long, but the Colonel told them to "rail on."
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer fairly set in. City very healthy.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quite a sensation in the streets about Jo. Guyer's shocking bad looking horse.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Supreme Court met---thirty seven cases on the list. Hon. Samuel D. Ingham died, aged 81 years. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey met. Death of Asa Whitehead duly announced in the Supreme Court.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society met respecting cattle disease. Members of the late Legislature make an excursion to Mauch Chunk.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Argument before the Chancellor for a writ of error in the Harden case.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Willie, son of Benj. H. Pippitt, died, aged 1 year. Rained nearly the whole week.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Large numbers of our citizens go to Philadelphia to see the Japanese.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Chancellor denied a writ of error in the case of Jacob S. Harden, the wife poisoner.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The weather unusually fine and invigorating. State Trustees of Public Schools met.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reporter publishes the remarkable adventures of Alphonzo Milligan.
- Remains of John V. Southwick, formerly of Trenton, brought on from Chicago for interment. Col. Borden withdrew from the editorial corps of the *State Gazette*. State Street Church dedicated. William Norton died, aged 69 years. Edward Thomas, son of Hiram Crabtree, died, aged 3 years. Mrs. Margaret Diamond died, aged 40 years.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Corner stone of Trinity Church (Episcopal) was laid; Bishop Odenheimer officiated.
- 16<sup>th</sup> New Jersey delegates start for Charleston.

- 18<sup>th</sup> Cook's Circus enters the city and creates a sensation among the juveniles. Trenton Rifle Company have a parade.
- 19<sup>th</sup> The Chancellor denies the injunction against Trenton City Bridge. William Waterfield died, aged 52. A boy named Black had his leg cut off by a mowing machine.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Court of Pardons met; case of Jacob S. Harden presented.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Application of Jacob S. Harden for commutation of his sentence from death to imprisonment for life was denied by court.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The execution of Harden respited to the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Confesses his guilt.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Democratic Douglas and Johnson Club formed.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Political campaigning has fairly commenced.
- Warren Street M. E. Sunday School have a picnic at Jackson's woods.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Thermometer stands in the shade at 92. Never Sweat Society has disbanded.
- 30<sup>th</sup> The Mayor calls the attention of council to the existence of dangerous nuisances. Jonathan Dennis died, aged 60. Number of arrests for the month, 38.

#### **JULY**

- 1st Anniversary of the Sunday School of the Third Presbyterian Church. Horatio N. Bostwick died, aged 56.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fire at the house of Wm. Grant, in Hanover street; damage slight.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Democratic ratification meeting in Front of Kays.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The day celebrated by exercises at the Normal School. Ladies Floral Festival at Temperance Hall, and the usual pyrotechnic displays by the juveniles.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Catherine H., wife of Robert Chambers, died, aged 74. Elizabeth J., wife of H. Dilts , died, aged 22.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Execution of Jacob S. Harden at Belvidere.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Accident on the Trenton and Philadelphia railroad; one man killed.
- 8th William, son of E. W. Fogg, died, aged 6 years.

- 10<sup>th</sup> Thomas B. Larue received severe burns at the Agricultural Works. Israel Fish died, aged \_\_\_years.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Store of Titus & Scudder entered by burglars before daybreak, and robbed of \$2,500 worth of silks. A vacation of six weeks announced in the Public Schools.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Amos Lanning died, aged 67.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Solar Eclipse. Elizabeth Hevlen died, aged 38.
- 19th Grand Harvest Home at Jackson's woods. Eliza P., wife of Dr. G. McChesney, died.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Thermometer at 94 degrees. Another panic among the "Never Sweats."
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Maggie, daughter of Wm. Houghtaling, died, aged 2 1/2 years.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Democratic State Convention met at State House; Douglas and Johnson Convention, at Temperance Hall, and Bell and Everett Convention, at Dolton's, opposite the American Hotel. Caroline, wife of Joshua S. Day, died, aged 43. Railroad depot took fire; extinguished without much damage. Harriet M., wife of Andrew Dutcher, died, aged 35.
- 26<sup>th</sup> First Baptist Church, in Centre street, dedicated. Charles F. McCoy died, aged 58.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Edward Dougherty ruptured a blood vessel in a fit of coughing, at dinner table, and died, aged 32.
- 28<sup>th</sup> A prisoner confined in the jail, attempted to commit suicide by hanging; prevented by timely interference. Accident at the Fourth Presbyterian Church by the giving way of scaffolding; four men precipitated to the ground---one severely injured. William White thrown from his horse and badly hurt.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Parade of German Turners and Trenton Rifle Company; they picnic at Jackson's woods. The City Bridge question decided; application for injunction denied.
- 31st Number of arrests for the month, 56.

#### **AUGUST**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adila, daughter of David C. Mount, died, aged 23 years. The President of Council, and other functionaries, are laying off at the Shore. Annual meeting of Odd Fellows of New Jersey held.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> A small campaign paper, called the *Wide Awake* made its appearance.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Great howling among the dogs in consequence of the Marshal's edict against them. William, infant son of Charles Garey, died.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Delaware Fire Company had a grand picnic in Jackson's woods. Thermometer, 92 degrees. Amy Elizabeth, infant daughter of Wm. S. Scott; Joseph A., infant son of Adam Exton; Sarah Maria, infant daughter of Jerome Tantum; David, infant son of Augustus Riley, died.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Anna Mary, daughter of Jesse Vansant, died, aged 6 years.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Eli, infant son of Aaron B. Charlleen, died. Republican State Convention met to nominate Electors. Picnic of the scholars of Parochial School of Saint John's Catholic Church took place at Jackson's woods.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School of Warren Street Church had a picnic at Greenburg. A boatman was drowned at the junction of the Canal and Feeder. George A., son of James Howell, died, aged five years.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Temperance men had a grand procession and a picnic at Moon's Island.
- 11<sup>th</sup> John Whittaker, Esq., of this city, was drowned at Long Branch. Charles Jenkins arrested for grand larceny of goods at Titus & Scudder's store.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Viola, infant daughter of Garrett S. Otis, died.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Germania Societies of Trenton, Newark, &c., had a parade in our city; they were seriously interrupted by a heavy rain. Alexander, son of Thomas Hamilton, aged two years, died.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Two small boys were arrested for larceny, and committed.
- 15<sup>th</sup> "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin." Interesting ceremonies at the Catholic Church.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Phillip S. Phillips died. Lydia Ashworth died, aged 60. Richard H., infant son of Hiram Crabtree, died. Mercer Beasley appointed Chancery Reporter. A boy named James Powel was drowned.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Dye committed suicide by hanging.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wm. Farrell died, aged 52. Margaret, daughter of James C. Slack, died.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Saint Francis Beneficial Society have a parade. Alice, wife of Elias Warner, died, aged 55 years.
- The Sunday School Scholars of the Front street M. E. Church had a picnic and were caught in a heavy storm. Sarah Bell, daughter of Samuel J. Lennox, died, aged 3 years.
- Union street Methodist Sunday School had a picnic. The rains of the last few days have overflowed the creeks and canal. Large breaks have occurred on the railroad and canal between Trenton and Princeton; trains are detained; navigation stopped.

- 24<sup>th</sup> Hundreds of workmen are still engaged in repairing the breaches on the railroad.
- 27<sup>th</sup> The canal was opened today for light boats. Forty rafts came down the river.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Thomas Car, Assistant Superintendent on the Belvidere Railroad, died. Mary L., wife of Wm. P. Anderson, died, aged 45.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Lewis, wife of A. B. Dodd, died. Edward Dolton Jr., died, aged 24.
- 31st Number of arrests for the month, 70.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> A cowhiding affair took place in the streets; insulting a lady the cause.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Will Fire Company have a picnic at Jackson's Woods. Peter S. Phillips died, aged 33 years.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew D., son of J. H. McGuire, died.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Second District Republican Congressional Convention met, and re-nominated the Hon. John L. N. Stratton.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Local Preachers assembled.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Albert B., infant son of A. B. Dodd, died.
- 10<sup>th</sup> German picnic at Jackson's Woods.
- 11th Hugh Drain, one of the accomplices in the robbery of Titus & Scudder's store, arrested.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons met. Harvey Brearley died, aged 62 years.
- 13<sup>th</sup> A young man named Wm. Purcell fell from the roof of a three story brick building, in Warren street, and was instantly killed. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar met.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Residence of R. C. Belleville entered by a burglar; repulsed by that gentleman after a struggle. G. C. Stephenson died, aged 39.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Charles D. Benjamin died, aged 61.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Operatives of the rolling mill have a picnic. Board of Chosen Freeholders met.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mercer Courts opened, with twenty-four cases on the calendar. U. S. District Court met. Anna Coleman died, aged 82. Amos Cook died, aged 49.

- 19<sup>th</sup> Mary, widow of James Gordon, died, aged 49.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mary Catherine, daughter of M. Roberts Hough, died, aged 7 years.
- 25<sup>th</sup> United States Circuit Court met; the case of Jackalow taken up. Stephen Daymond died, aged 81 years.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Augustus Green nominated for Congress by the Democratic Convention at Freehold. Edward H. Barwis died, aged 26 years. Fire at Jones Pipe Foundry, in Fair street; loss trifling.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Eagle Fire Company start on an excursion to Lancaster.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Thomas Combs died, aged 79.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Number of arrests for the month, 45.

#### **OCTOBER**

- 1st Farmer Green opens the Congressional campaign. A son of James Brooks, of Ewing, was kicked by a horse, and fatally hurt.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> William Conover died, aged 31 years.
- 4<sup>th</sup> One of our city physicians committed matrimony. Wm. Vanhorn died, aged sixteen years. Charlotte C., wife of George Mitchell, died, aged 37 years.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Political meetings are all the rage.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Republican County Convention met at Princessville. Several cases of wife beating in the city.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Republicans are shaking at the bare idea of losing Pennsylvania tomorrow.
- 9<sup>th</sup> The attention of our people is almost entirely engrossed by the Pennsylvania election.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Republicans nominate Wm. Boswell for the Legislature.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Pennsylvania election has given the Democrats the blues. Mercer County Sabbath School Convention met. Some of our firemen had a run to Bordentown.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The new Trinity Church edifice was opened to visitors. Hamilton Square Republican meeting held today; as the procession passed through Greene street to this meeting, a little girl was run over by a wagon. A workman named McCaffrey was seriously hurt between two cars.
- 13<sup>th</sup> The first snow fell today. A child run over by \_\_\_\_\_\_ the rolling mill. An artful dodger succeeds in getting ribbons from several milliners.

- 15<sup>th</sup> Samuel Agnew died, aged 63 years. A man fell from the new bridge into the Delaware; he came off with a ducking.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Synod of New Jersey met in First Presbyterian Church. The Court of Chancery met.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs. McIlvaine, mother of Judge McIlvaine, died, aged 70 years.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Fourth Presbyterian Church dedicated. The Democrats nominate William S. Yard to represent the Second District in the Legislature.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Van Amburgh's show creates some excitement. The Edwin Forrest resumes her trips.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Special term of Mercer Court held.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Gift concert of Trenton Hose Company. Mercer County Democratic Convention met. William, son of John Sassiman, died, aged five years.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Delightful weather. A heifer dashes through the streets knocking over juveniles and kicking up dust.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Two fires---Richardson's barn, in Spring street, and a stable at the head of Warren street; the first destroyed, the latter saved.
- 27<sup>th</sup> William Little, of Third Ward, died suddenly.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Richardson's barn, on Pennington road, burned with a serious loss of \$4,000 or \$5,000 in horses and crops.
- 29<sup>th</sup> The Mayor offers \$300 reward to detect incendiaries. James Brooks' son, who was kicked by a horse, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, died, aged 8 years. Phillip Phy\_\_ Green died, aged 50 years. Aaron Epley arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the recent fires.
- 30<sup>th</sup> John Dickinson's barn burned; loss small.
- 31st Grand City Democratic Rally at Temperance Hall. Number of arrests for the month, 58.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1st Independence Hook and Ladder Company, of Rahway, visit the city as guests of the Union Fire Company.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Democratic Union Demonstration; the largest and most imposing ever seen in Trenton.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Heavy rain storm, lasting through the whole day with unabated violence and swelling the river and streams.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Election day; Wm. S. Yard elected over Wm. Boswell to represent this district in the Legislature. Supreme Court opened.
- 7<sup>th</sup> John Whitehead died, aged 45. A man named Peter Gouldey burned to death at the lime kiln.
- 9<sup>th</sup> County Canvassers met at the Court House. Lydia J., wife of the late Dr. John Howell, died, aged 77.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Part of the new city bridge carried away by a raft; raftman arrested and held to answer.
- 12<sup>th</sup> A string was discovered mysteriously attached to the City Hall bell; the reporter is of the opinion that "thereby hangs a tale."
- 14<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Kehoe, died, aged 36 years.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Jane Welling died, aged 84 years.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fire at G. W. Waterhouse's stocking factory; damage about \$1,200, covered by insurance.
- 19th Mercer County Teacher's Institute assembled. Thomas Handey died, aged 27 years.
- 21st Court of Errors and Appeals met. A gentleman named Dittenhoffer, a resident of New York, died suddenly at the American Hotel. Second snow of the season.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ann Palmer died, aged 54 years. William Paulding died from injuries received while on his way to a political celebration at Pennington.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Spice Mill of Cornish & Covert, at Millham, destroyed by fire.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Very cold and windy.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Clara Graham Williams died, aged five years.
- 27<sup>th</sup> State Canvassers met to canvass the vote for Electors and Congressmen.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day; services in the churches generally. Great massacre among the feathered tribe.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Harry Ellis Willis died aged four years. Company A., City Battalion of National Guards, organized. Number of arrests for the month, 45.

#### **DECEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held to make arrangements for the celebration of the Battle of Trenton. Malcolm, son of Julius J. Johnson, died, aged three years. Elizabeth Cook, aged 93 years, died.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Union Street M. E. Church first lighted with gas.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Errors and Appeals delivered opinions. Sarah D., daughter of Stephen Tice, died.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Another snow storm. Reporter and Colonel Cook visit the Asylum---both returned. Found 314 patients.
- 5<sup>th</sup> President's message published in Trenton. Electors for President and Vice President met--four cast votes for Lincoln and Hamlin and three for Douglas and Johnson. H. J. Mills appointed messenger to Washington.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Julia Levy, only daughter of J. D. Hall, died, aged 11 years.
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's Church (Episcopal) reopened.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Union State Convention met to consider perilous condition of the Union.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Herbert F. Yard, aged 35, died.
- 13<sup>th</sup> The Edwin Forrest discontinued her trips for the season.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Trinity Church was consecrated. The America Hose Company resolve to purchase a steam fire engine. Accident at the funeral of H. F. Yard; horses became restive, upset and broke the carriage of Benjamin Fish. Mrs. Yard, the mother, and Joseph B., a brother, were injured; the father and widow escaped without injury.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Decius W. Rice died, aged 59 years. Otis L. Claften died, aged 35. Lucy Ann, daughter of the late Rev. Samuel L. Southard, died.
- 16<sup>th</sup> A bogus philanthropist appears, calling himself Cooper, and takes in sundry clergymen. He is finally taken in himself and furnished with lodging at the county jail. The ice in the Delaware removes tressle work of one span of new bridge.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Orville Gardner, of New York, lectured for benefit of Harmony Fire Company. Adeline H. Muchler, died, aged 5 years. Resolutions were passed by Excelsior Division on the death of Herbert F. Yard.
- 18th Public meeting held for relief of Kansas. James Pettit died, aged 44.
- 19th Joshua Hart is killed on the Belvidere Railroad.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Public meeting held in aid of the poor. Republicans held a private meeting to strengthen "back bone." State Temperance Convention.
- 21st Lucy Ann Gordon died, aged 66 years.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Weather very fine. Kris Kringle begins to show himself. Joseph Gillingham, infant son of Henry N. Barton, died.
- The juveniles in ecstasy. Visions of plethoric stockings loom up. Joseph Crozer died, aged 33. Marion Stokes, widow of the late Samuel Stokes, died.
- 24<sup>th</sup> The depots of Christmas presents crowded. Lucy Abbot died, aged 72.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day. General festivities and rejoicings. Services in several of the churches.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Battle of Trenton celebrated. Great time. Hessians taken. Three military companies from Freehold and Camden, and Trenton Rifle Company, and five companies of Continentals participated. Capt. V. W. Mount, of Monmouth, personated General Washington, and Capt. T. D. Hutchinson, General Rahl.
- 27<sup>th</sup> The Sunday School scholars of Warren street Chapel (Presbyterian) have a festival. A little girl rescued from drowning in the Assanpink. The Masons have their annual supper.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Several arrests for stealing chickens. Those engaged in the *fowl* business were negroes---three were sent to jail. A workman at the new railroad, named McCafrey, was killed. Wm. Eldred died, aged 15 years.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Caleb C., son of Joseph Hill, died.
- The last day of the year opens with a two inch snow on the ground. Negro sent to jail for stealing seventeen chickens. This evening the Methodist Churches and the Young Men's Christian Association follow the old year to the grave with religious services. The year as gone. The Reporter has completed his task. The year closes amid a National crisis, threatening civil war between the government and some of its subjects. May a kind Providence \_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of evil to general good, and may the coming year be one of unexampled peace and prosperity!

### RECAPITULATION

	No. Arrests	No. Deaths
January	36	8
February	55	15
March	46	16
April	26	12
May	62	13

June			38	8
July			56	12
August			70	22
September			45	14
October			58	10
November			54	11
December			44	19
				-
			590	160
	No. of arrests last year		727	
	Decrease	137		

# INTERMENTS IN THE CITY DURING THE YEAR 186

The following is an accurate statement of the number of interments in this city for the past year, obtained from official record:

CemeteryAdults 73, children 52, still-b	orn 10-	135	5
First Presbyterian Church burying ground,			1
St. Michael's		7	
Friends			5
Public	16		
Second Presbyterian		20	
German Catholic		30	
St. John's Catholic		81	
Union Street Methodist	17		
First Baptist	26		

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Let us rejoice that crime seems to have been decreased, judging from the number of arrests; and that Death has decreased his ravages also, in the last two years.

Whole number of interments in the city, 394. For five years past, the interments are as follows:

1856	1857	1858	1859	1860
406	402	307	363	394

# BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 1860

The following is believed to be an accurate list of the buildings and improvements made in the city during the last year. Considering the times, it compares favorably with former years:

# FIRST WARD

Pottery for Millington, Asbury, & Co., with machinery, by Nutt & Warner,	\$6,000
Parsonage of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, built by Forman & Reed,	4,000
Building for Yates, Rhodes, & Co's Pottery, by Nutt, Warner, and Johnson,	5,000
Pottery for William I. Shreve, by Pitcher & Graham,	8,000
Cottage for Andrew Dutcher, by John Kane,	5,000
Improvement at Fountain Hotel for N. E. Britton, by Graham & Forman,	500
Two brick houses on Carroll street, for Jonathan Stewart, by Wm. R. Titus,	1,200
Additions to Jacob Warner's property in Greene street, by R. Aitken,	400
New Brewery on Hanover st., for Fischer,	500
H. N. Barton, improvements,	500
John Mars, improvement in Hanover street,	500
Isaac Dunn, additions in Hanover street,	2,000

Henry Speeler, additions, by Nutt & Warner, 5,000	)
Joseph Pearson, Washington street,	900
Dr. E. I. Grant's improvement, by D. S. Anderson,	1,200
George S. Green's improvement,	300
General Perrine's improvement, by D. S. Anderson and Bennett & Carlisle,	500
Christopher Noble's improvement,	200
Wm. Pearson, State street, improvement, 1,000	)
David Mount's improvements,	500
James Drake's improvement in Monmouth street,	100
James Tindall's three story brick, in Southard street, 2,000	)
John R. Dill's improvement in Warren st.,	850
\$45	,650
\$45 SECOND WARD	,650
	,650 \$250
SECOND WARD	
SECOND WARD Wilkinson & Blackfan, barn on Willow street, Samuel Kerr, builder,	\$250
SECOND WARD  Wilkinson & Blackfan, barn on Willow street, Samuel Kerr, builder,  Cheverie, Spring Manufactory, by Johnson & Howell,	\$250 500
SECOND WARD  Wilkinson & Blackfan, barn on Willow street, Samuel Kerr, builder,  Cheverie, Spring Manufactory, by Johnson & Howell,  Isaac Heulings' frame house, by Hankinson & Wilson,	\$250 500 700 300
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SECOND WARD  Wilkinson & Blackfan, barn on Willow street, Samuel Kerr, builder,  Cheverie, Spring Manufactory, by Johnson & Howell,  Isaac Heulings' frame house, by Hankinson & Wilson,  Isaac Heulings' frame barn and stable, same builders,  James Murphy, three story brick house on State street, by Johnson & Formar	\$250 500 700 300 4, 3,000
SECOND WARD  Wilkinson & Blackfan, barn on Willow street, Samuel Kerr, builder,  Cheverie, Spring Manufactory, by Johnson & Howell,  Isaac Heulings' frame house, by Hankinson & Wilson,  Isaac Heulings' frame barn and stable, same builders,  James Murphy, three story brick house on State street, by Johnson & Formar James Murphy, addition to store, same builders,	\$250 500 700 300 3, 3,000 300

David Vanaman, hot-house, by Forman, Biles & Hunt,	400
School House, Higbee street, for City, by Henry Scott & Samuel Mulford,	3,000
Harmony Engine House, for city, by Wm. Titus, Tucker and Warren streets,	1,200
Hand-In-Hand Engine House, for City, Willow street, by Wm. Titus,	1,200
Patent Roofing establishment for Moses & Co., Feeder street,	200
Wm. Turner, brick house, Quarry street, by Wm. Clark,	600

Forman & Kite, brick house, corner of Delaware and Front streets, by Biles & Furman, 2.000

\$15,325

## **THIRD WARD**

1 two story frame in Lamberton st., below Furman st., owned by Lewis Harmon, cost \$600 1 two story frame in Lamberton st., below Furman st., owned by Jacob Gilbert, cost 900 1 two story frame in Lamberton st., below Furman st., owned by Michael Curran, cost 525 1 two story frame in Lamberton st., below Furman st., owned by Thos. Kelly, cost 850 3 two story frames in Centre st., below Furman, owned by Peter Dehee, cost 650 2 three story bricks in Centre, below Furman, owned by Thos. Hammilton, cost 2,000 1 two story frame in Centre, above Furman, owned by James Barcley, cost 500 1 two story frame in Centre, above Furman, owned by Morris Mathews, cost 600 1 two story brick in Centre, below Bridge, owned by Morris Mathews, cost 1,150 1 three story brick, in Broad, below Bridge, owned by John Gladden, cost 700 1 two story frame in Second, below Federal, owned by John Foley, cost 500 1 two story frame in Second, below Federal, owned by John Powers, cost 300 1 two story frame in Second, below Federal, owned by Andrew Young, cost 600

1 two story brick, in Broad, below Bridge, owned by Edmund Holt, cost	700
1 three story brick building, corner of Taylor and Mercer sts., owned by cost 3,000	Taylor & Houdayer,
1 two story frame in Market, owned by Mathew Lumley, cost	1,000
2 two story bricks in Market, owned by Mathew Lumley, cost	2,000
4 three story bricks in Jackson, owned by Geo. James, cost	4,000
2 two story bricks in Clay, owned by Enoch Hunt, cost	1,600
2 two story bricks in Lewis, owned by John Conover, cost	1,660
1 foundry on Lewis, owned by Goulding & Gillingham, cost	3,500
1 two story kitchen in Lamberton below Bridge, owned by Peter Hartma	n, cost 225
Improvement to St. Paul's church on Centre st., cost	1,000
-	\$28,500
FOURTH WARD	
1 three story brick house in Warren st., for John Drummond, by John Ka	ne, \$1,000
2 two story brick houses for A. W. Yard, by Carlisle & Bennett,	2,200
H. G. Slack, an addition,	700

Rest of Fourth Ward is unreadable.

1 two story frame \_\_\_\_\_ for John Kane,

Stephen Tice, an addition,

E. H. Stokes, a green house,

# FIFTH WARD

1 three story brick and stable on Warren street, for Wm. Dolton, builders, S. Mulford, Furman & Kite,  $$4,\!000$ 

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450

2 two story frames on Jefferson street, for Michael Mullen, builder J. J. Johnson	on,	900
1 two story frame on Kossuth street, for Joseph O'Shea, builder J. J. Johnson,	550	
1 two story frame on same street, for Wm. Middleton, by J. J. Johnson,	3	
3 two story bricks on Southard street, for Samuel Kerr, by Kerr & Fell,		
Additions to property of D. R. Bower, street,		
Trinity Church, on Academy street, by & Hughes,		
2 three story bricks on Perry street, for Joseph Hannum, by Pitcher & Kane,	3,400	
2 two story frames on Woodruff street, for Joseph Hannum, by John Kane,	400	
1 three story brick on Montgomery street, for Edward Grinslade, by Lloyd & I	Norton,	2,500
Additions to Mr. Farley's house in Perry st.,	200	
Cooper shop in Perry street, for Frank Bender,	100	
1 two story brick house in Southard street, for Mr. Young, by Fell & Kerr,	1,800	
1 two story brick near Clinton street, for Michael Fox, by S. Forman,	500	
1 two story brick in Kossuth street, for Margaret Conlow, S. Forman builder,	450	
1 two story frame in Esher street, for John Rains,	325	
1 two story frame for Michael Shay, in Franklin street,	300	
1 two story frame on Brunswick turnpike, for George Weil, by Fell & Levy, co	ost,	800
2 two story frames for John Benson, Rose st.,	700	
Foundry of Pelton & Fell, Woodruff st.,	2,000	
Improvements to the Parker property, corner of Perry and Greene streets,	1,000	
	33,025	_

# SIXTH WARD

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Edward Davies' additional brick kiln,	1,500
Additions to D. Lynch's pottery,	4,500
1 kitchen in Second street, for Wm. Clark,	175
Two story and a half frame in Centre st.,	600

\$6,775

	RECA 1858	APITULATIO 1859 1	N 860
First Ward,	73,050	64,300	45,150
Second Ward,	10,300	18,750	15,325
Third Ward,	35,335	52,340	28,500
Fourth Ward,	2,500	17,330	8,950
Fifth Ward,	27,750	16,155	33,025
Sixth Ward,	850	9,500	6,775
	\$149,785	178,355	137,725

Showing a decrease in the improvements and buildings in the city for the last two years---less than in 1858 of \$12,060, and less than 1859 by \$40,630.

## FIRES AND ALARMS

During the year there have been 38 alarms of fire. Of this number, 22 were false, and 16 for fires. The amount of losses by fire, \$15,000; amount of insurance, \$4,000. The causes are stated as follows:---Carelessness, 5; burning tar, 1; accidental, 2; defect in smoke stack, 2; sparks from locomotive, 1; incendiary, 5---16.