



## ANNUAL CHRONOLOGICAL INDEX

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## EVENTS OF 1862

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### JANUARY

1. The New Year was ushered in with a tremendous blow. Old Boreas had a very hard time to digest his New Year's dinner. The day was attended with its customary festivities. Charles, son of Joseph and Lydia Pearson, died, aged 19 years. Old Folks gave a concert at Temperance Hall.
2. Weather mild. Employment very scarce.
3. George Jones, a resident of the Third Ward, died of small pox. Emma, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Fuhrman, died, aged 2 years. The Federal troops advance into South Carolina.
6. The ground covered with snow. Fine sleighing. Children's Home annual celebration.
7. Plenty of ice; dealers in the article very busy. Samuel L. Fredericks, died, aged 36 years.
9. Joseph Kyeser had his arm broken by slipping on the icy pavement. Cavalry officers of New Jersey met at Trenton House.
12. Horace N. English, a resident of Trenton, visited Washington some time ago on business, and slipping on the icy pavement in front of Willard's, broke his leg, which afterwards had to be amputated. He died this day, aged 45.

13. James V., son of Thomas and Betty Wilson, died, aged 13 years.
14. Legislature of New Jersey met. The Senate was not organized until the next day. Mercer Courts met. Judge Brown presiding.
16. Nomination of Stanton as Secretary of War confirmed by the Senate. Annual meeting of the State Normal School Association held.
17. Skating in all parts of the city, even on the sidewalks. E. Wolcott Jackson, son of the late John P. Jackson, elected Superintendent of the \*\* Railroad. Col. Allen, of the 9<sup>th</sup> N. J. Reg't, drowned off Hatteras.
18. The ice on the Delaware gave way and took a trip to the ocean.
19. A fire broke out in the shoe store of J. F. Cheesman. Mrs. Margaret Forman, relict of Peter Forman, died.
20. Annual meeting of State Agricultural Society held. Ann Carey died.
22. Annual meeting of Masons and Sons of Temperance held. John Headley died, aged 72. Bayard, son of William B. Blackwell, died, aged \* years.
23. Catherine, wife of James Clark, died aged \*9 years. John Cruver hung at Newtown, Sussex County, for murder of Adam Skellinger. Dead body of an unknown Irish woman found in the Canal.
28. The news of the death of Col. Joseph Warren Allen, of the Ninth N. J. Regiment, by drowning, was received and produced a profound sensation in the Legislature and the city. Annual meeting of the State Military Association was held.
29. Democratic Legislative caucus held.
30. Judge Naar defends himself before the Legislature against the charge that as an editor he had favored secession. Governor nominates L. Q. C. Elmer, E. B. D. Ogden, and Peter Vrendenburg, as Judges, and C. P. Smith as Clerk of the Supreme Court.
31. As January came in so it stepped out, bright and clear. William Cathcart, a workman at the Wire Mill, fell from the bridge over the railroad, and was killed.

## FEBRUARY

1. This month was ushered in by a snow storm.
2. Sleighing fine. Mrs. Jane Hart, formerly of this city, died at Easton.
3. Another fall of snow.
4. The streets were filled with every description sleighs, and all classes of people were going at this perfect rush.

5. All is lite and gaiety in the streets, the merry jingle of bells filled every hour of the day. Samuel Hill died, aged 76 years.
6. Appointments by Gov. Olden, of Judges \*\*\* were confirmed. Trial of Joseph Bates for the murder of his wife commenced in Mercer Court.
7. Benjamin F. Waterman died, aged 8 years.
8. Trial of Joseph Bates for murder concluded, and guilty of murder in the second degree. Sentenced to ten years in the State Prison.
  
10. Henry Downey died, aged 19 years.
  
12. Obsequies of the late Col. Allen and Surgeon \*\*\*\*\* from the State House to the Depot. The Legislature had charge of this affair, which was very imposing. The military were out, and a large number of citizens from various parts of the State. Ellen W., daughter of Charles F. and Elizabeth Howell, died, in her 16<sup>th</sup> year. Hannah S. Williams died, in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age.
13. Editorial Association met. Mrs. Amanda \*\*\*st died, aged 30 years.
14. St. Valentine's day passed off as usual. The reporter, among the appropriate presents on such an occasion, received a likeness of Gen. McClellan. Leonard B., infant son of Hiram L. Rice, died.
  
16. Ex-Governor Pennington died.
17. The city much excited over the news of the capture of Fort Donelson by Union troops.
18. Randolph H. Furman was accidentally killed at Lock No. 3, aged 38 years. Demonstrations in various parts of the city on the cheering war news. Flags were flying in every direction.
19. Col. Wyndham appointed Col. of Halsted's Cavalry.
  
22. Washington's birthday celebrated by citizens at Temperance Hall; the Farewell Address was read. N. J. Monument Association met at State House.
23. John Mortimer died, aged 70 years.
24. The wind was unusually high, and did considerable damage. Mrs. Sarah Johnston died, aged \_6 years. Mary Ann Butterworth died, aged 22 years.
25. Supreme Court met. Death of Gov. Pennington announced; speech by Mr. Frelinghuysen; committee appointed on resolutions.
26. Speeches were made today in the Supreme Court on the death of Gov. Pennington, by Judge \*\*\*\*\*, Judge Ogden, Judge Ryerson, A. O. Zabris\*\*\* Courtland Parker. Mary Minor died in her \*5<sup>th</sup> year. Robert Smith died, in his 65<sup>th</sup> year.
27. Nomination of C. S. Leport as Prosecutor of \*\*\*\*\* for Sussex county was confirmed.
28. The Merchant's Bank closed. Committee of Legislature having reported adversely to its business.

### MARCH

1. The people are greatly excited in reference to war matters; all kinds of rumors are afloat.
2. The rite of confirmation was administered to between two and three hundred persons at St. John's Catholic Church, by Bishop Bayley.

3. Mary E., daughter of William P. Anderson, died, aged 14 years. The streets as slippery as glass.

Democratic caucus held. Josephine E. Phillips, daughter of John H. Phillips of Pennington, died, aged 21 years. Hon. Amos Kendall delivered lecture at the Normal School, which created a \*\*\*\*\* among the abolitionists.

Joint meeting of the Legislature held for the \*\*\*\*\*n of State and County officers.

John Cor\*\*\* died in his 66<sup>th</sup> year.

\*\*\*\*\* Burroughs died in his 44<sup>th</sup> year.

\_\_\_\_\_ killed at Camden by the explo\_\_\_\_\_ shell, which was being examined \_\_\_\_\_ persons at a hotel.

The streets are full of excitement at the news \_\_\_\_\_at of war; the Monitor and her timely \_\_\_\_\_ work of destruction made by \_\_\_\_\_ which the U S ship of war \_\_\_\_\_ and the Congress was disabled. \_\_\_\_\_ was let into the Delaware and Raritan

\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Yard Neal, son of \_ W. Neal, died \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey Annual Conference of the \_\_\_\_\_ met at New Brunswick. Slight \_\_\_\_\_ William Reed died, aged 72 years. \_\_\_\_\_ captured by Union forces. Committee to investigate affairs of Normal School reported. \_\_\_\_\_ Legislature passed an act appointing Com\_\_\_\_\_ to wind up affairs of the Merchants'

20. Resolutions were passed in the Legislature relative to the gallantry of the New Jersey Ninth Regiment, at Newberne, N. C. Mr. Vanatta addressed the Democratic Association of Trenton
22. Beaufort, N. C. occupied by Union troops. Capt. John W. Mickle, of Camden, died.
23. Enoch Warner died, aged 35 years.
25. Methodist Annual Conference at New Brunswick closed its sessions.
26. Delaware shad are among the delicacies enjoyed by those who have the dimes to purchase them.

28. The Legislature adjourned *sine die*. Big Bethel, Va. occupied by Federal troops. Alfred, son of Joseph Smalley, died, aged 1 year and 9 months.
29. Two prisoners escaped from the State Prison.
31. Fire broke out in a house near the Tressle works, owned by Joseph Nowen, entirely consuming the building. John Bachelder drowned in the Basin near the Wire Mill.

### APRIL

1. An unusual number of people "moving". Capt. Seddons is reported to have deserted. Mrs. Commodore Stockton died.
2. Jac\_alow removed to Mount Holly. United States Court decided that under the circumstances sentence of death could not be passed upon him. Com. Foote takes a fort on Island No. 10.
3. Weather remarkably fine. Theodore Bennett died, aged 44 years.
4. Reporter visits new gun factory of Field & Horton and makes a *report* thereof.
6. Active preparations for the Spring elections.
7. Council meets and grants tavern licenses. The Governor receives secession flag captured by Jerseymen at Beaufort. Laura N., daughter of John Rowley, aged 4 months, died. Island No. 10 surrendered to Federal troops. Battle of Pittsburgh Landing closed with victory for the Federal troops.
8. An unusual heavy fall of snow for the season; depth about 18 inches. Laura, infant daughter of John Cotron, died.
9. Frederick Wilson, son of Frederick Obert, died, aged 2 years and 5 months.
10. City Democratic Convention held for the nomination of candidates for city officers.
12. Frederick Bofinger died in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen died at New Brunswick.
14. City election; nine out of eleven officers elected are Democratic. Isaac R. Srope, of Hunterdon, died, aged 59.
15. Operations commence at Yorktown. Hon. Joseph Pharo, Senator of Burlington county, died.
16. Mary Ann Seavers died, aged 56 years. A writ is issued in Philadelphia for the arrest of Simon Cameron, for false imprisonment.
17. Several cases of small pox are found in the State Prison, and spreading. John Lincoln, infant son of John H. Wolf, died.
18. Siege of Yorktown progressing satisfactorily.
22. New Common Council organized. Lewis Parker Jr. appointed President, Matthew Brown, Clerk.
23. Catherine Redman Mills, wife of F. S. Mills, died, in her 43<sup>rd</sup> year. Judge Barclay Perrine died. William Briest died, in his 47<sup>th</sup> year. Several speeches were made at the Court House at a meeting of the Bar and Bench, respecting the death of Judge Perrine.

26. Jerusba, daughter of J. H. Creveling, died, in her 13<sup>th</sup> year. Gen. Banks repulses Ashby's Cavalry in Virginia, near Gordonsville.
28. Joseph O. Clark, son of Henry W. Closson, died, in his 2d year.
29. The Republicans of the Fifth Ward organize a Union Legion probably to shut up the eyes of voters. Emma Jane, daughter of George W. Hammell, died in her 17<sup>th</sup> year. The capture of New Orleans is announced.
30. Parson Brownlow visits Trenton.

## MAY

1. May came in cold and dismal, an easterly storm prevailed the whole day.
2. News of the Capture of New Orleans confirmed. Trial for forgery (State vs Tantum) proceeding at the Court House.
3. Rebels evacuate Yorktown. The Attorney General publishes instructions to the Assessors of the State in relation to the Tax Law.
4. Gen. McClellan advances beyond Williamsburg and defeats 800 Rebel Cavalry.
5. The Rebels evacuate Williamsburg and the place occupied by Federal troops.
6. New City Police Officers elected by Council. George, son of Thomas Butterworth, died, aged 8 months.
7. Census of children in the city taken---number between the ages of 5 and 18, 1841. Death of Rev. Samuel Starr, formerly of this city, announced.
8. Edward A., son of B. W. Titus, died, aged 17 years. Rev. A. D. White elected Moral Instructor of the State Prison.
10. Mrs. Ann, widow of Abner Mitchell, died, aged 79 years. Norfolk and Portsmouth captured by Federal troops. Ann Maria, daughter of Daniel Dougherty, died, aged 19 years. A frame house belonging to Dr. Taylor, situate in Warren street, was burned.
11. Wm. G. Hill, formerly of Trenton, died at Allentown, aged 71 years.
12. List of killed and wounded Jersey men at Williamsburg published. Assistant Adjutant General Freese gives an account of the battle at Williamsburg, in the Normal School. A collection was taken up, which netted \$52.89, for the benefit of the soldiers.
16. Council repeals the Republican resolutions against the liberty of the press.
19. Margaret Caufield, wife of Patrick Caufield, died. Edwin M., son of George W. Hammell, died in his 10<sup>th</sup> year.
20. Funerals of Lieut. D. K. Lalor and Adjutant Aaron Wilkes took place, both attended by a military escort by Company A, National Guard. Jas. T. Sherman, Esq., a very reputable and valuable citizen, died suddenly in his 48<sup>th</sup> year.
22. Grand military parade of the Third Division of the New Jersey Active Militia took place at Freehold.
25. F. S. McNeeley, Esq., appointed Adjutant of the First Regiment of Mercer Brigade. General Banks retreats across the Potomac.

26. The work of recruiting for the Eleventh Regiment commences. Quite a number of military men here in search of commissions.
27. Union meeting at Temperance Hall, at which Richard S. Field and Jos. C. Potts make speeches.
29. Rebels evacuate Corinth; it is occupied by Union troops.
30. Harper Crozer, an ex member of the Legislature, and a very estimable man, died, aged 35 years. Battle of Chickahominy fought.
31. Daniel V. Carman died at Washington City, aged 18 years.

## JUNE

2. Ladies present a flag to the Constitutional Guards, Captain Dutcher.
3. Gen. McClellan's command enlarged, so as to include south of the Rappahannock and east of the Railroad from Fredericksburg to Richmond.
5. Freshet in the Delaware; great destruction of property above Trenton; the railroad between Trenton and Bordentown submerged. Mary A., wife of Wm. T. McDowell, died in her 23<sup>rd</sup> year. Wm. Vanhise died, aged 28 years.
6. Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas Bragg, died, in her 6<sup>th</sup> year. David McPherson died suddenly at Miller's Hotel.
8. Catholic burial ground near the city consecrated with a great procession, &c. George Ellsworth, infant son of Jacob Otis, died.
9. The Reporter returns from his first trip to Monmouth, and goes into ecstasies on account thereof.
10. Harry, son of Michael Hasson, was drowned in the Water Power raceway.
12. Capt. McChesney's company left Trenton for Washington to join the Tenth Regiment.
13. Henry Hines died, aged 42 years.
14. Recruiting going on in the city briskly---the streets are filled with soldiers.
16. The Reporter returns from a second trip to Monmouth, with over 100 new subscribers; ---immense sensation;---he writes an account of his trip. John Hogan died, aged 73.
17. Catherine Tucker died, in her 88<sup>th</sup> year.
18. Meeting of members of churches held to establish a City Mission. Flag presentation took place in Ewing to the Ewing Light Infantry---several speeches were made. A building occupied as a store in Chambersburg, was destroyed by fire.
19. U. S. Grand Jury in session, looking after traitors; not being able to find any, adjourned over to the next week.
21. Battle of James Island; General Hunter repulsed by the enemy near Charleston.
23. Sergeant Benj. Moorhouse has a big time with a crazy recruit; the recruit is finally locked up in the City Hall. John McK Dippolt died, aged 26.
24. Mrs. Margaret Hunt died, in her 85<sup>th</sup> year.

25. U. S. Court recommences its sessions. Princeton College Commencement. Andrew Dutcher appointed Clerk of the United States Court. President Lincoln passed through Trenton in an extra train. Sad railroad accident occurred between Trenton and Bordentown; six cars were thrown into the canal, two persons killed and four wounded---all soldiers from Massachusetts.
26. Preparations are going on for the celebration of Fourth of July. Thomas W. Reading died, in his 31<sup>st</sup> year. Six days battle before Richmond---White House evacuated---McClellan makes a successful movement.
29. Secretary Seward passed through Trenton in an extra train---probably gone in search of the President, who went through on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
30. News is confirmed of the repulse of Union troops on James Island. Loss 688 killed, wounded and missing.

## JULY

1. Mary Gordon, widow of Wm. Gordon, died, aged 86 years. The Governors of 18 States meet and recommend the calling out of 300,000 men, in order to put down rebellion at one blow. The President concurs.
3. The city is greatly excited on account of rumors of killed and wounded in the battles before Richmond. Burroughs, son of Samuel Mentz, died, in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
4. Fourth of July was celebrated by a parade of the First Regiment of Mercer Brigade. The children connected with St. John's Catholic Church had a grand pic-nic at Edge Grove. The convicts in the State Prison had an extra fine dinner. An accident occurred in Cranberry by the bursting of a cannon.
6. Walter Lindsey died, in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
8. Mrs. Eliza Ayres died, in her 80<sup>th</sup> year. Gov. Olden issues a proclamation calling for four regiments of volunteers.
10. Official list of the killed, wounded and missing Jerseymen in the battles before Richmond published in the TRUE AMERICAN. John Phares died, aged 63 years. A son of Mr. Palmer Hart was drowned in the Canal, near the St\*\*\* House.
11. Mary H., wife of Joseph Whitaker, died.
12. U. S. gunboat Naugatuck on her way to New York. Patrick Conner was accidentally killed at the Rolling Mill.
15. Ruth Sweeney died, in the 85<sup>th</sup> year of her age. A fire occurred in the rear Col. Charles H. Dean's residence. The death of James Newell, of Salem, a prominent citizen of this State, is announced. Henry State, son of John States, aged 14 months. An immense Union meeting was held in New York.
16. Mrs. Charlotte Hart died, in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of her age. General Halleck resigns his immediate command at Corinth.



17. Corporal Parent, of Allentown, was accidentally shot in the breast at Camp Perrine. By great care he recovered, but unfit for service.
18. Wm. J. Smith, son of the State Treasurer, died at Hightstown. An address issued by Major General Joel Parker to the officer and men of the Third Division of Militia, urging them to respond to the call of the Governor for men.
23. Intelligence of the death of Lieut. George Heisler, of U. S. Marine Corps, was received; he died at Memphis of fever.
24. A large war meeting held at Temperance Hall. Col. Cannon, Rev. Dr. Wiley, J. F. Rusling, and Jos. C. Potts, made speeches; about \$2,000 were subscribed.
26. A boy named Thomas Major, son of John Major, was drowned in the Feeder near Moses' farm.
27. John Drummond died, aged 70 years.
28. David Anderson, from Pennington, met with injuries at the Trenton depot, from which he died soon after. A laborer was seriously hurt on the farm of George A. Hall, Sharon, by the running away of a horse.
29. Union Street M E Sunday School have a grand pic-nic. John Mahan died. Melville, son of Theodore Groot, died, aged 10 months. Major David Hatfield, of the First New Jersey Regiment, died in Elizabeth from wounds received in the battle before Richmond.
30. Mrs. Helen M. Rice, died, aged 54 years.
31. Mrs. Dorcas Daymond died, in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of her age.

## AUGUST

1. First gun of the fall campaign fired off at Dutch Neck. Irene Randolph, daughter of Thomas J. Watson, died, aged 10 months. St. Michael's Church has been undergoing important repairs.
2. John C. McLaughlin died, aged 24 years. Mary, infant daughter of Charles Bechtel, died, aged 10 months.
4. Capt. S. Vansickell returned from the war in bad health. Rinaldo, son of James Keeler, died, aged six months. George Kugler died. Frank Irving, son of Samuel N. Porter, died, aged eight months. Daniel, infant son of Patrick Corcoran, died. A draft for 300,000 men ordered by the Secretary of War.
5. Sons of Temperance have a grand pic-nic at Edge Grove. Meeting held at Pennington to encourage entitlements.
6. Military matters are prosperous. Enlistments are going on finely; some Republicans have actually been induced to shoulder a musket. Destruction of the ram Arkansas. Battle of Baton Rouge.
7. Mary Elizabeth, daughter of T. Rusling Rainear, died, aged 8 months. Adam, infant son of Adam and Elizabeth Exton, died, aged 9 months.
8. The thermometer stood at the very agreeable point of 90 degrees in the shade. The uniformed militia turned out and were reviewed by the Col. Elizabeth, daughter of John Wilson, died, aged 5 ½ years. Government issues an order for the arrest of persons who shall discourage enlistments.

9. Battle of Cedar Mountain fought. Beautiful flag staff and flag raised at the State Arsenal under the direction of Mr. Samuel C. Kerr. Mabalee, wife of Gideon Stout, died, in her 55<sup>th</sup> year.
12. Chancellor Green denies the application for injunction against the Delaware Bay Railroad.
13. Police of the city held a grand pic-nic at Edge Grove. Mary Johnston, wife of Henry B. Bechtel, died, aged 5\* years.
14. Lydia Ann, infant daughter of John J. Moneyhan, died, aged 17 months.
15. Thomas A. Wooley, son of James R. Wooley, died of typhoid fever at Memphis. Jesse, infant son of George J. Vanhart, died. Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Michael Augustus Meyers, died, aged 3 months.
16. Col. Corcoran, a prisoner of war, at Richmond, released.
17. James J. Smith died, aged 83 years. Harrison's Landing evacuated.
18. Gov. Olden issues his proclamation for the raising of New Jersey's quota of 300,000 men, which is 10,478.
20. Messrs. Kugler and Wright arrested by Deputy U. S. Marshal Harris, assisted by Constable Dean.
21. Republican State Convention held; Marcus L. Ward nominated for Governor. Adjutant Gen. issues an order giving quotas of troops by townships, wards, and counties.
22. Col. Corcoran passed through Trenton enroute for New York. Eleanore Tilton, infant daughter of Peter J. Wagner, died, aged 5 months.
23. The State authorities contract for the building of barracks. Charles B. Headley died, aged 35 years.
25. The Eleventh Regiment left Trenton for the seat of war. Sword presented to Lieut. Johnson, at the Eagle Engine House. Beneficial Society hold a pic-nic at Edge Grove.
26. Kugler and Wright, arrested by Marshal Harris, were taken to Washington. Louisa Frances, daughter of Peter C. Wagner, died, aged 1 ½ years. Professor Bart is inducted into office as Principal of the Model School.
28. A six shooter, belt and sash presented to Lieut. Roberts. George B. Raymond, of Bordentown, appointed Provost Marshal for New Jersey. Anna Rebecca, daughter of Charles Carr, died, in her 12<sup>th</sup> year.
29. Harvest Home for the benefit of soldiers held in Ewing; Jos. C. Potts, Geo. H. Steward, and others, spoke; the affair netted \$290. Kugler and Wright, upon arriving at Washington, were discharged. Battle of Manassas fought (27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>).
30. Several wagons loaded with recruits from Mercer, Ocean and Monmouth arrived, making the town more than usually lively.

## SEPTEMBER

1. General Kearney killed at the battle of Chantilly, near Fairfax Court House. A man named Stout, confined in the Mercer County Jail for an opinion expressed, has succeeded in arousing some attention to his case. Mary, wife of Robert R. Aitken, died, aged 48

- years. Mary Ellen, infant daughter of Douglas Friel, died, aged 14 months. Gen. Taylor, who was wounded at the battle of Manassas, died. About 700 troops arrived in Trenton from different parts of the State.
2. Intelligence of the death of Capt. Joseph Abbott, in the battle of Manassas, received. The Fourteenth Regiment, at Freehold, left for the seat of war.
  3. William James, son of James McKeever, died, aged 14 months.
  4. Democratic State Convention held; very large and influential; General Joel Parker nominated for Governor. Mrs. Mary Updike died, aged 72 years.
  5. Greene Street M E Sabbath School had a pic-nic at Edge Grove.
  6. Some of the Republican leaders troubled about the nomination of Parker. Richard S. Field takes the field! State Street M E Sunday School have a pic-nic in Edge Grove. Anna Mary, wife of John Mars, died, aged 35 years. Thomas McBride receives a blow from some unknown person, in front of his house, from which he died on the following day.
  7. Rebels threaten Maryland and Pennsylvania. Washington City is seized with a panic.
  8. Margaret, infant daughter of Thomas Blackburn, died, aged 13 months.
  9. The War Committee in this city think the rebels may come to Jersey; streets are full of rumors; Democrats are ready to meet the rebels, or any other man.
  10. Catherine Pickett died at Pennington, aged 46 years. Col. Gershom Mott promoted to a Brigadier General. Soldiers' Aid Association held a meeting at First Presbyterian Church; Dr. Wiley and others spoke, and were quite fierce and warlike. A man named Jackson makes a war speech at the Union Street M E Sunday School pic-nic.
  11. List of killed and wounded at the Manassas battles is published.
  12. A private in Capt. Neal's Company, named Walter Davis, died very suddenly. Hon. John R. Thomson died at his residence in Princeton.
  13. A whiskey row across the river terminates in the death of one Amos Sheppard and in the wounding of two others, by the discharge of a gun by one John Kern.
15. Two prisoners, named Whitmore and Kirk, escaped from the New Jersey State Prison.
  16. U. S. District Court met. Remains of Capt. Warren Ibrie, of the 61<sup>st</sup> Illinois Regiment, who lately died, arrived. General McClellan routs the rebels and drives them before him in Maryland.
  17. Battle of Antietam fought.
19. Joseph Case died, in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
  20. John Kern, who shot Amos Sheppard and others, arrested. Leon Kahnweller died, in the 48<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
22. The list of killed and wounded Jersey men in the recent battles is published in the TRUE AMERICAN; list followed by others in the paper of the 23d.
  23. Sword presentation to Lieut. Roberts at Dolton's Hall. U. S. Court met to try three persons for making pewter quarters, dimes, and half dimes; the affair turned out to be rather trifling; three men named Bokers were convicted and sentenced to six months in State Prison.
  24. The Twenty-First Regiment left Camp Perrine for the seat of war. Henry Ostermeyer died. Crater's stables destroyed by fire at Flemington.

25. Catherine B., daughter of Peter Grattan, died. Albert S., son of Lewis A. Hill, died, in his 9<sup>th</sup> year.
26. Republican Congressional Convention met at Hightstown, and nominated Wm. F. Brown, of Ocean. The Twenty-Third Regiment left Beverly for the seat of war. The Twenty-Sixth Regiment left Newark for the seat of war.
27. Sword presentation took place at Andrew Wier's to Capt. Samuel Mulford, afterwards promoted to Major. John Sweet died, aged 73.
29. The Twenty-Second Regiment left Camp Perrine for the seat of war.

## OCTOBER

1. Democratic Congressional Convention for the Second District held in Trenton; Geo. Middleton, of Monmouth, nominated.
4. Charles Parker died, aged 76 years; the deceased was father to the Governor elect, Hon. Joel Parker. Battle at Corinth; triumph of the Union forces.
5. Politicians are remarkably active in preparations for the campaign. Rebels again defeated near Corinth.
6. Jane J., wife of Ebea Cubberly, died, aged 38 years.
7. Funeral of the late Charles Parker took place; attended by a large concourse of people. Mrs. D. K. Ingham, widow of the late Samuel D. Ingham, died, aged 67 years. Nathaniel Stratton nominated for Congress in the First District.
8. Information from Washington calls for a meeting of the Miss Nancy Association; the meeting was held; the whole city was trembling with anxiety.
9. The weather is most remarkable; as calm and balmy as a tropical climate. Wm. G. Steele nominated for Congress in the Third District. Mercer County Republican Convention held at Princessville; Martin Voorhees nominated for Senator, R. C. Belville for Clerk, and R. C. Robbins for Surrogate. The Marshal and police, by direction of the Mayor, arrest eleven negroes in the swamp and send them to the County Jail. Edwin C. Vancleve died, in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
10. Stuart's rebel cavalry enter Mercersburg and Chambersburg, Penna.
11. Democratic County Convention held in Trenton; Joshua S. Day Chairman; Edward W. Scudder nominated for Senator, John D. Bartine for Clerk, and James H. Scudder for Surrogate.
12. Jacob Denny, son of John Denny, a member of Company E, Fifth N. J. Regiment, died, aged 25 years.
14. Newark City leads off the Democratic ball for the fall campaign; she gives about 2,000 Democratic majority. Pennsylvania election; Forney telegraphs to the faithful in Trenton that the State has gone Republican by 50,000 majority; the Republicans have been waiting to "see it" ever since.
15. The Reporter prophesies that Parker will be elected by over 10,000 majority.
16. The man who wanted to bet \$100 that Parker would no be elected left the city in a canal boat. Andrew J. Rogers nominated for Congress in the Fourth District.
17. Mrs. Letitia Roberts, wife of Samuel Roberts, died, aged 54 years.

18. The folks are having a great deal of fun over the Pennsylvania election.
20. William Tucker, a very estimable citizen, died suddenly, aged 58 years.
21. Martha Grant, wife of William Grant, died at Cranberry Neck, aged 67 years.
22. Peter Crozer nominated for Assembly for the Trenton District. City Missionary Union Meeting held at State Street Church. A contraband visits a lady's house, and after some insulting language, decamped, with Boss Dean at his heels. Thomas P. Moore nominated for the Assembly in the First District.
23. James Howell nominated for Assembly in the Third Assembly District of Mercer County.
25. Sword presented to Lieut. Wilson at Sutphin's Hotel; Lischer's Band and a large party present.
26. The Saxony Mills, belonging to James Brooks, burned to the ground; loss about \$20,000 over insurance. Lydia, wife of John H. Cotton, died.
27. Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Johnston, died, aged 31 years. Caleb Shreve, son of R. H. Shreve, died.
28. Capt. Kahnweiler's Company of City Guards have a parade. John T. Robinson, editor of the *Princeton Standard*, died.
30. Everybody seems to be engrossed in the elections. The campaign is spirited and yet not acrimonious.

## NOVEMBER

1. Mary Ann, wife of Charles B. Howell, died, in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of her age. John O. Stearns died suddenly at Elizabeth.
3. The last two days have been entirely monopolized in electioneering. Elizabeth S., daughter of Charles Coleman, died, in her 6<sup>th</sup> year.
4. Election day, Democracy successful everywhere; Mercer county elects the whole Democratic ticket with a single exception---the County Clerk---and he fails by only four or five votes; the State is Democratic, both branches of the Legislature and all the Congressmen except one.
7. County Canvassers met and declared the result:---Parker, Democrat, for Governor, 134 majority; Middleton, Democrat, for Congress, 158 majority; Scudder, Democrat, for Senator, 209 majority; Belville, Republican, for Clerk, 5 majority; J. H. Scudder, Democrat, for Surrogate, 267 majority; average majority for Democratic Coroners, 162. This cheering event was hailed with the first snow of the season.
8. James S. Green, a prominent man in the State, died at Princeton, in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age. The order relieving General McClellan from the command of the Army of the Potomac was received. Alma C., daughter of Peter C. Schenck, died.
9. A man in Jackson street died very suddenly after having shoveled off the snow from the pavement in front of the house in which he boarded. Elizabeth, widow of the late Jacob Blackwell, died in her 91<sup>st</sup> year. Four inches of snow fell.
10. Hugh Noble died, age 1 year and 10 months.

11. The funeral of the late James S. Green took place at Princeton; a large number of people were in attendance. Common Council passes to a third reading an ordinance to issue small change notes.
12. Gen. George B. McClellan arrived in the Owl lines, reaching this city about 4 o'clock.
13. Grand ovation given to General McClellan; immense number of people present; introduced to the people by Andrew Dutcher; General McClellan replied very neatly. James Rowand murdered in Princeton.
14. Achsah Paul, wife of William B. Paul, died.
15. Arthur W. Vanderveer died suddenly in his 49<sup>th</sup> year. Coroner's inquest held in Princeton on the body of James Rowand; Charles Lewis arrested on the charge of the murder.
16. Chauncey Abbey, an old printer, died in his 68<sup>th</sup> year.
17. Gen. McClellan's quarters are thronged with visitors; the State Street House has become the great place of attraction.
18. The jury of inquest in the Princeton murder case close their labors and render a verdict that James Rowand came to his death by blows inflicted by Charles Lewis.
19. The committee on the management of the war are very much exercised in consequence of the presence of Gen. McClellan. Florence Burnside, daughter of J. Madison Drake, died, aged 5 months.
  
21. The remains of the late Capt. Abbott arrived.
22. Alexander C. Farrington died, aged 57 years. Richard S. Field, to the astonishment of everybody, was appointed United States Senator by Governor Olden, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John R. Thomson.
  
24. The remains of Capt. Joseph Abbott, who was killed at the battle of Manassas, were followed to the grave by a large concourse of people; the military honors were performed by Company A, National Guard. Julia Davenport, wife of E. T. Green, Esq, died.
25. State Canvassers met and announce the vote for Governor and Congressmen; the totals for Governor are Parker, Democrat, 61,314; Ward, Republican, 46,715; Parker's majority, 14,599.
26. The annual arrival of petty thieves is duly announced by the police.
27. Thanksgiving Day---very little observed---Col. Revere of the 7<sup>th</sup> New Jersey has been promoted to Brigadier General.
28. Charles Coleman died, in the 32d year of his age.
  
30. The weather is unusually pleasant. The city is gay and attractive.

## DECEMBER

1. Newspapers of the State insist pretty generally upon the appointment of a United States Senator in the place of Richard S. Field, on the first day of the meeting of the Legislature. Eliza Burton died at an advanced age. Congress met. The President delivers a message of the most remarkable character---a literary, a financial, and a political curiosity. The Reporter goes to Philadelphia for a copy of the message, and is taken in and done for. Brigadier General Mott is presented with a testimonial of respect at Bordentown.

2. Hannah Cecelia, daughter of Thomas Cummins, died, aged 4 ½ years.
3. The President's message becomes the subject of severe and amusing criticisms. Elias Disbrow died, aged 26 years.
4. Editorial State Convention held at American Hotel; Editors very much exercised in regard to the rise in the price of paper. Hunterdon County Grand Jury present bills of indictment against the persons concerned in the arbitrary arrests of Kugler and Wright. Col. Torbert, of the First N. J. Reg't, appointed a Brigadier.
5. The second snow of the season fell. Morgan F. Mount, of Hightstown, meets with a serious accident by the running away of his horse. Garret S. Cannon appointed one of the Managers of the Asylum. Eliza H., eldest daughter of Charles Peters, died. Harriet, wife of Frederick Reppart, died, in the 51<sup>st</sup> year of her age. Philemon G. Updike, a prisoner in Mercer Jail, died.
7. The thermometer stood 15 degrees above zero; the coldest day of the season.
9. Indictments by the Hunterdon Grand Jury against arbitrary arrests published. Edwin James, of New York, counsel for Charles Lewis, charged with murder, visited the Mercer County prison. Juliet Phillips died, in the 56<sup>th</sup> year of her age.
10. The Provost Marshal visits Trenton---supposed to be on the track of the War Committee. Philemon Dickerson, Judge of the U. S. District Court, died at Princeton.
11. Battle of Fredericksburg commenced. Weather very mild and pleasant.
13. Three or four burglaries committed; one of the absurdities of these burglars is to attempt the robbery of a Reporter. Garrett Servis, of Hunterdon County, died of apoplexy.
15. Major Samuel Mulford, in consequence of injuries received, resigned. A party of men and women from the country come into town to steal from merchants are detected and arrested. Thomas P. Murtough died of injuries received at the Rolling Mill.
16. The fearful list of killed and wounded from the Fredericksburg battle begins to come in; among the number is General Bayard. Burnside recrosses the Rappahannock. A riot occurs at South Amboy among the workmen of the railroad in consequence of wages.
17. A fair commences at Temperance Hall for the benefit of Trinity Church. Jacob Sharp, Democrat, appointed a paymaster in the army.
18. Alderman Watts officiates in the absence of the Mayor. Collins R., son of James R. Wooley, died, aged 30 years.
19. The funeral ceremonies of the late General Bayard took place at Princeton, attended by the First Regiment, Mercer Brigade, and many distinguished persons. Officer Dean makes a haul of idlers about the Post Office.
20. A very cold day. Mary Ann Holt, wife of William Holt, died.
21. Owl line run off track between Rancocas and Camden; switch tender killed. Assanpink covered with skaters of all ages. Victor Whitlock died, aged 35 years. Mary Catherine, wife of Charles L. Mathieu, died, in her 50<sup>th</sup> year.
22. George, infant son of George Ashmore, died.
23. Official list of killed, wounded and missing in the First New Jersey Brigade published in the TRUE AMERICAN. Isaac Baker appointed Post Master at Princeton.

24. Midnight mass held at the Catholic Church. Good Will ball held at Temperance Hall. Major Dan Lodor married.
25. Christmas day celebrated very generally by all classes. Hotels give a free blow on apple toddy; sundry people are "toddyed." Turkeys have generally surrendered. William B., son of Joseph G. Everett, died, aged 3 months. War Committee held a meeting. Col. James N. Hay, died, aged 80 years.
26. Trenton Rifles celebrate the battle of Trenton with a parade and a ball at night. Susan B., daughter of John G. Doran, died, aged 2 months.
27. News of the capture of the steamship Ariel by the Alabama is received. Adjutant Gulick, who was an active participant in the battle of Fredericksburg, visits Trenton, after an honorable discharge. The Reporter is presented with a horse by a committee of ladies and gentlemen; the animal was valuable, inasmuch as he lived without eating.
29. The weather is beautiful; everybody is in good humor; merchants are visited by scores of ladies, and trade is quite brisk.
30. The War Committee threaten to *cane* the Reporter; bets are offered that they are not *able*. Inspectors of State Prison have a full meeting. Trenton Delaware Bridge Company and the City Bridge Company unite to put up the toll to the old price. Notaries Public have long faces---the people are doing what the banks don't---paying their own notes.
31. The year closes with an easterly storm, beginning with a slight snow squall. Watch night meetings are held by the Methodists and the Young Men's Christian Association. Men are rejoicing that the old year is dying; his history has been one of war and blood; false preaching and false political theorizing; his legacy is paper and promises. Let him slide.

### **MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS**

*In Trenton, for one year, from June 1, 1861, to June 1, 1862.*

Marriages	231
Births, (359 males, 338 females,)	697
Deaths, (214 males, 184 females,)	402
Deaths, last year,	476

### **SCHOOLS**

No. of children of the school age,	4,585
No. of teachers, (5 males, 22 females,)	27
Amount expended for schools,	\$11,491.92



## **IMPROVEMENTS**

There has been but little building in the city for the past year. Although there have been over 50 houses put up during the year.