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## HISTORY OF ONE YEAR IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW WHICH COVERS BOTH THE LOCAL FIELD AND THE  
WORLD AT LARGE

The first year of the twentieth century was an eventful one for Trenton in many respects.

It was a year of almost unequalled prosperity both in mills and workshops of the city and on the farms in the immediately surrounding districts. Some rural crops did not turn out as well as growers hoped but high prices and abundance of product in most lines made up to the farmers for all deficiencies.

The twelve months just closed brought their share of public weal and woe. There were numerous occasions for general rejoicing and frequent times when sorrow ruled the people.

In the line of casualties the disaster to the City of Trenton was, perhaps, the most severe. Nearly a score of people lost their lives and as many more were injured. The wreck of the Nellie Bly express train was another accident which blighted many homes and cast gloom in many families.

Three murders attracted the attention of the civil authorities. The victims were Thomas F. Applegate, Mrs. John P. Murphy and John Kraus. The latter crime has been confessed by a man now awaiting trial. The Murphy tragedy is said to have not been premeditated and the man accused of killing Applegate is serving a term in jail, in spite of his protestations of innocence.

There was one hanging---that of Robert Hensen, for the murder of Mary Van Lieu and her child. Numerous crimes of lesser degree have been ferreted out by the police and punished in the courts.

A general strike among the building trades created considerable confusion in industrial lines but many important improvements have been made notwithstanding. The new court house has

been started, the crematory built, the public library about completed, numerous manufacturing plants have been enlarged and many private dwellings erected.

The death of United States Senator William J. Sewell has stirred the Republican party of the whole state and the election of a Democratic mayor and tax receiver in the city has still further agitated the politicians. Fire Chief McGill and the Rev. Father Dunphy were among the prominent public men who died during the year.

The investigation at the asylum created general discussion but failed to pan out as the agitators had expected. The celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Trenton was an event that attracted attention throughout the country.

## JANUARY

1---1901---Trenton people welcome the new century in Opera House and churches. Fireworks outside.

2---Charles N. Crittenden, founder of Florence Mission, arrived to carry on work in Trenton. Trenton Gas and Electric Company merges with the South Jersey Traction Company.

3---Trenton Trust and Safe Deposit Company inaugurates the small saving bank system.

4---Captain Skillman retired as commander of Company A, National Guard.

5---Secretary and Mrs. L. L. Pierce left the local Y. M. C. A. for Washington to assume control of Y. M. C. A. there. Charles Gettler painfully burned by an explosion of alcohol.

6---Week of prayer inaugurated in Trenton churches.

7---Postmaster Samuel L. Robbins committed suicide at Hamilton Square.

8---New Jersey Legislature organized.

9---William B. Holland killed by falling from window of State Street House.

10---Trolley company arrested transfer counterfeiters.

11---Ground broken for the De Laval Steam Turbine Company. Samuel Banks killed on the railroad.

12---Election of Inter-State Fair officers.

13---Mrs. William Maguire severely burned by exploding of oil lamp.

14---Beginning of the legislative business session. General Oliphant's appointment confirmed.

- 15---Judge Gummere charged grand jury against boxing contests.
- 16---Trenton messenger first to reach Washington with electoral vote.
- 17---City officers inspected almshouse.
- 18---Judge Gummere allows rule to review paving contracts.
- 19---Legislature met to proceed with election of United States Senator William J. Sewell.
- 20---Anti-Saloon League held meetings in all Trenton churches. George W. McGinness, 81 years old, frozen to death at Princeton.
- 21---Hebrew Charity ball.
- 22---General Sewell elected United States Senator.
- 23---Colonel Morris R. Hamilton died. Albert Vanderbeck, who lived in three centuries, died. Annual session Grand Lodge of F. and A. M., held.
- 24---Trenton Free Masons cable sympathy to King Edward on death of Queen Victoria. 25--- Fire Chief McGill died. William H. Potts died.
- 26---Colonel Hamilton buried.
- 27---Thomas Girton, of Yardley, died.
- 28---Justice William S. Gummere made chief justice. William Girshman killed at Coalport.
- 29---Presbytery of New Brunswick met in Second Presbyterian church of Trenton.
- 30---Exempt firemen entertained city officials. The Rev. Frank B. Everett left the East Trenton Presbyterian Church for New York. Class exercises at the State Schools.
- 31---George N. Nutt taken seriously ill.

## FEBRUARY

- 1---Convicted murderers of Jennie Bosschietter arrived at State Prison. Supreme Grand Lodge officers, B of U., in Trenton. Charles S. Allen appointed fire chief of Trenton.
- 2---Christian Endeavor Union celebrated twentieth anniversary.
- 3---Express car robbed on the Pennsylvania railroad near this city.
- 4---Trenton Ministerial Union endorses the Rev. Mr. Howell in his crusade against hotel keepers.

- 5---Mahlon Pitney appointed Supreme Court justice. John K. I. Cody and Miss Mary J. Williams married.
- 6---Mercer County Democratic Club held annual election and defeated the anti-Readingites.
- 7---School Board decided to apply to court to be relieved of the Skelton library fund.
- 8---Parent Association formed at Cadwalader school.
- 9---Flemington, fire swept; new bank destroyed. Andrew Anderson badly hurt by fall at the American Bridge Company plant.
- 10---Adolph May and Miss Gertrude Kahn married.
- 11---Dr. E. B. Witte succeeded by Colonel Charles A. Reed as City Hospital superintendent. Dr. Brace honored by High School Alumni. Central M. E. Church burned mortgage.
- 12---Mrs. John Suber found dead at her home. Mrs. Lottie Johnson died from burns.
- 13---Grand jury reported no indictments against boxing contests as held at the Trenton A. C. Modern Woodmen of America in annual session. Dr. William Rice died.
- 14---No indictment reported against Charles Hubbard, of Princeton, for killing the Italian, Nini. State convention of the New Jersey Prohibitionists held in this city. David Blurton found dead in his home.
- 15---Counterfeit dollars discovered in circulation in Trenton.
- 16---Mrs. S. J. Honeyville died suddenly at the Clinton street railroad station.
- 17---The Rev. Dr. Hunsberger announced that he would leave the First M. E. church for Camden. John Stone committed suicide.
- 18---Burglars robbed and burned the store of Williamson & Griggs, at Rocky Hill. Barbers held state convention.
- 19---Trenton and Turkish Bath Company bought the Dr. Warman property.
- 20---Fire in the Mercer County Wheelmen Club House. Assembly passed the armory bill. Pythian Knights in state convention.
- 21---Samuel Tomlinson and William S. Foresman died suddenly. Nellie Bly wreck horror.
- 22---General celebration of Washington's Birthday.
- 23---John S. Chambers died. Train wrecked at Bristol.

24---Quarterly meeting of St. Vincent DePaul held.

25---City paving case decided against the city in Court of Chancery. Coroner's jury viewed bodies of Nellie Bly wreck victims. United States Steel corporation chartered.

26---Dynamite found in Nellie Bly wreckage. Governor Voorhees signed armory bill.

27---Robert Hensen tried for the killing of Mrs. George Van Lieu.

28---Fiftieth council of the Improved Order of Red Men met in this city. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the W. C. T. U. celebrated.

### MARCH

1---Benjamin Smith struck by train at Southard street.

2---Charles Brown, of Yardley, died.

3---Jersey troops left Trenton for inaugural exercises at Washington.

4---Trenton Ministerial Union offered prayer for President McKinley and Vice President Roosevelt. Robert Hensen found guilty of murder.

5---Trenton soldiers arrived home from Washington.

6---Methodist conference opened at Camden. James A. Risdon killed on railroad.

7---List of those killed in Nellie Bly wreck increased to 16.

8---Seventeenth annual session of the Mercer County Board of Agriculture.

9---Gilbert W. Rue died.

10---Thomas F. Applegate found dead in his barn. Storm did great damage at Yardley.

11---Robert Hensen sentenced to hang Thursday, April 25. Murder suspected in Applegate case.

12---Legislative Correspondence Club banquet held. Appointments made at Methodist Conference.

13---Funeral of Thomas Applegate.

14---A. O. U. W. in state session. House of Assembly adopted resolution on death of ex-President Harrison. Henry S. Little gave Princeton University \$100,000.

15---Funeral of Henry N. Smith. Samuel Shinn arrested for murder of Thomas Applegate.

- 16---Bell Telephone Company decided to lay underground wires.
- 17---Newly appointed Methodist pastors preach for first time in Trenton churches.
- 18---Coroner Bower began Nellie Bly wreck investigation.
- 19---City of Trenton launched at Camden. House of Assembly passed redistricting bill. Council awarded crematory contract.
- 20---Carrie Schall held by coroner's jury for murder of her new born babe.
- 21---Suit brought by Mrs. Thomas Cummings to recover damages for death of husband on railroad.
- 22---Johnson Trolley Company began closing options on Calhoun street property.
- 23---Governor Voorhees vetoed Bishop Scarborough's fire insurance bill.
- 24---William Kane badly wounded in fight in North Feeder street house.
- 25---Court of Errors and Appeals voted to sustain the Meeker anti-spring election bill.
- 26---Mercer County Bar Association annual meeting welcoming Justice Pitney.
- 27---Engineer Benjamin Thompson died at St. Francis Hospital.
- 28---Conductor Sapp admits responsibility for Nellie Bly wreck. Bad fire at Jamesburg.
- 29---Joseph Johnson drowned while fishing in the river. Pennsylvania Railroad Company bought property in South Trenton. Asa F. Skirm died suddenly.
- 30---Sensational testimony given in Garcin divorce case.
- 31---Many persons confirmed in Lutheran churches.

#### APRIL

- 1---Building strike began. Ministerial Union asked to have canal closed Sundays.
- 2---Pottery complications added to building strike. City Solicitor Macpherson gave opinion that council cannot discriminate in favor of union labor. Flour mill at Ewing burned.
- 3---City Sinking Fund annual report made, showing increase of \$162,567.82 over previous year.
- 4---Coroner's inquest of Nellie Bly wreck concluded.

5---Trenton Lamp Company merged with combine. Patrick Tiffney died from injuries received in trolley accident.

6---Railroad Conductor Sapp arraigned for manslaughter. Crematory site selected.

7---Special Easter services in all the churches. Murderer Hensen assaulted his keeper.

8---New High School dedicated. John Risdon died.

9---Spring meeting of the New Brunswick Presbytery at the Prospect Presbyterian Church.

10---Theodore Young died. Professor Thomas Duffield died. Councilman Charles E. Bird resigned from Council to become city solicitor.

11---Coroner Bower began the Applegate inquest. Teacher's Club petitioned for increase in salaries.

12---Charles G. Roebling placed cables on East river bridge.

13---General pottery strike threatened.

14---Easter celebrated in Greek churches.

15---School Board reorganized. Reception for Secretary Fry at the Y. M. C. A. Annual benefit for St. Francis Hospital by Player's Club. Big fire at Craft Bow Factory.

16---Strike among the potters.

17---Joseph Johnson's body recovered from river. Meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the New Jersey Conference. Samuel Shinn held by the coroner's jury for murder of Thomas Applegate.

18---Stephen Hulse found dead in bed. Detective John Clancy killed Paul Golobotzsky accidentally.

19---Willey Brothers lumber offices at Broad Street Park entered and safe blown open. John Donovan found dead in Roebling's mill.

20---Princeton steam railroad line bought by the Johnson trolley company.

21---Mrs. Annie Mahaney found dead in her chair. Sacred Heart parish girls held jubilee procession in the rain.

22---Fire bugs burned three buildings at Lawrenceville.

23---New State House offices occupied. Harry C. Valentine appointed battalion adjutant.

24---Detective Clancy exonerated for killing Golobotzdky.

25---Charlotte Turford knocked down and robbed by Charles L. Croasdale, who was quickly captured.

26---Field day of Second Regiment N. G. N. J. Body of Alfred Tomlinson of Bucks county found in the Trenton Basin.

27---Trenton Savings Fund Society took possession of new home. Second Presbyterian church decided to accept resignation of the Rev. Dr. Voorhees.

28---William T. West died.

29---Justice Garrison declared unconstitutional the act changing from county courts and councilmanic bodies the exclusive privileges of granting licenses. National President Huber arrived to settle carpenters strike.

30---John Austin Sloan and Miss Susan Katzenbach married. James Donovan buried.

#### MAY

1---Camden-Trenton Railway opened its Stanton street station extension. General Sewell sailed for Europe.

2---Sterling, the colored man arrested here, found guilty of murder in first degree in Philadelphia.

3---Arthur Sprowl, of Bordentown, shot while in his door-yard by unknown assailant. Decision that Board of Freeholders hold its election of officers at regular May meeting.

4---Murphy's boom for Gubernatorial nomination assumes shape.

5---Seven members of Shiloh Baptist church baptized in the river.

6---The Rev. Mr. Howell, at Minister's Union meeting, condemns practice of Sunday liquor-selling.

7---New Jersey Colonial Dames met in Trenton House in annual session. Former City Surveyor Robert T. Sloan buried. Calhoun street option held by Johnson syndicate expired. Cyrus K. Barnhart selected to succeed Charles E. Bird as president of Common Council.

8---Joseph H. Black elected director of Mercer County Board of Freeholders, to succeed Josiah Jones.

9---Suit to foreclose mortgage begun in Chancery by Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.



10---Robert Ashman died early this morning.

11---Public schools participate in May day. Trenton Times purchased by the present management.

12---Governor Voorhees out for first time after his serious illness.

13---Julia Putki died from result of burns. Suit against A. V. Manning & Sons begun by Bernard Kamber, of Kamber syndicate, seeking to recover \$5,000 damages.

14---Forty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of New Jersey. Bids for new court house opened at court house.

15---William H. Simmons badly hurt by being thrown from his wheel. Chas. H. Walton disappeared. Mrs. Emma Jenkins commences suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

16---New York banker's objection to New Jersey's assessment of property in Weehawken brings to light a mistake of a century ago. Motion made to non-suit the case of Mrs. Emma Jenkins against Pennsylvania Railroad Company denied.

17---Charles L. Croasdale sentenced to five years in State Prison for attempt to commit highway robbery on Miss Charlotte Turford. Jacob B. Foster seriously hurt by being crushed under his car.

18---Hopewell visited by bold housebreakers, who entered several places. Sambor Tot killed on Pennsylvania Railroad.

19---Burglars ransack the residence of Gen. William H. Skirm.

20---Many Trenton machinists quit work, striking for working day of nine hours, with no reduction in pay.

21---New company organized to build pottery on May street. Machinists at Oliphant Specialty Manufacturing Company win victory, returning to work at nine-hour day and twelve and one-half percent increase in wages.

22---Court House Commission forfeits John Barlow's check for \$10,000. George Ege, of Pennington, dropped dead at the United States Hotel. Mrs. Martha Marsh wins suit against William McLaughlin, getting a verdict for \$12,000.

23---Public decides to help buy lot for armory site. First car of Trenton-Camden Railway Company runs into Burlington. Endebrook selected coach of Princeton basketball team.

24---William Mullen, inmate of City Hospital, found dead in the boiler room. All hotel licenses granted before Judge Rellstab, despite remonstrances.

25---James Ward killed beneath derrick on Johnson trolley road. Matthew S. Delaney, a brakeman in employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, cut in two by car wheels near Chambers street bridge.

26---St. Paul Temperance League denounces Inter-State Fair Association for its claim in regard to liquor license.

27---Suit brought by Hart Brewer Company to recover \$1,777.31 from the Eureka Flint and Spar Company for alleged damages caused by defective output.

28---South Trenton property-owners object to Pennsylvania Railroad changes. State Military Board abandons purchase of Fischer lot for armory.

29---William Ford, of Burlington, committed suicide. Chambers lot of Princeton avenue, selected by State Military Board for armory site.

30---People of the city unite with veterans to honor memory of the dead. Ewing street cigar factory becomes part of American Cigar Company.

31---Johnsons relinquish hold on the old "Morrell" line of trolley roads from Bristol to Philadelphia.

## JUNE

1---Thomas Smith, of Princeton, committed suicide by drinking acid.

2---Third Presbyterian Sunday school celebrates fifty-second anniversary.

3---Struck jury drawn in case of appeal from commissioners in condemnation proceedings of Sarah B. Stockton lands. Mrs. John V. Dahlgren and Harry S. Lehr married in St. Patrick's Cathedral, in New York.

4---Annual meeting of the Society of Sons of Revolution. Justice Gummere appointed commissioners to assess benefits of residents along macadamized roads. Lively fight of City Clerk Murray against Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which Mr. Murray won. Remonstrances filed against Millham portion of East Trenton intersecting sewer and against sewerage of East State street. Edward Merrick, of Center Hill, Pa., himself with suicidal intent.

5---Dr. Green appoints two teachers from State of New Jersey to go to Philippines. Miss Emily Thomas Lake becomes wife of Stephen Wert Blackwell, at Washington, N. J.

6---Professor John Ward Stimson resigns as principal of Art School.

7---Bell Company began effort to secure Home Telephone Company. J. L. Edwards elected captain of State school's baseball team for next season.

- 8---Princeton meets Yale on baseball field. Princeton won by score of 15 to 5.
- 9---Mrs. George Woolman, of Burlington, attacked by two vicious bulldogs and severely bitten.
- 10---Grand jury fixes responsibility for condition of Brunswick pike. Edward Sapp, "Nellie Bly" conductor, not indicted. Supreme Court decides that trolley companies and other concerns using highways must be taxed as real estate.
- 11---Charles Hubbard, Princeton colored man, pleaded not guilty of manslaughter. Strike of linemen on Johnson trolley line to Princeton. Former Vice Chancellor John T. Bird, president of Bar Association of Mercer County, announced standing committees.
- 12---Four year old son of Dr. J. S. Allen narrowly escaped roasting to death. Home Telephone Company acquired by Philadelphia financiers.
- 13---Death of Robert H. Tomlinson. Notices of suit to Supreme Court served upon authorities over dismissed Company D men.
- 14---Isaac Schaffer, iron worker, fell 70 feet from railroad at Yardley and escaped death. Celebration of "Flag Day" by public schools. Interstate Telephone Company decided to double its stock.
- 15---Edwin C. Osborne, treasurer of Princeton University, died at the home of his bride-elect.
- 16---The Rev. Dr. Thomas O'Hanlon preached baccalaureate sermon at Pennington.
- 17---Edward A. Hunt, well known newspaperman, died. Lizzie Fawcett frightfully burned. Thomas G. Barker put on trial for attempting life of the Rev. John Keller. Common Council decided to advertise names of taxpayers who have failed to send in their personal assessments. George N. Nutt died.
- 18---Miss Tessie Farley eloped with James McCue, of Hackensack. Edward Metcalf and Patrick Callahan committed to jail on charge of incendiarism. Professor Edwin C. Osborne buried. Common Council scored school commission.
- 19---Trial of Charles Hubbard, of Princeton, for killing of Charles Nini opened. Bristol Street Railway Company chartered under new law of Pennsylvania.
- 20---Funeral of George N. Nutt. Military funeral of Edward A. Hunt. Burglars entered home of Mrs. Charles E. Green.
- 21---Thomas G. Barker found guilty of assault of the Rev. Mr. Keller with intent to kill. Samuel Shinn arraigned on charge of murder of Thomas F. Applegate.
- 22---Royal Arcanum day celebration.

23---A row in the Mennonite church at New Hope.

24---Three Laventhal boys ran over at Coalport; one killed.

25---Property owners plan opposition to railroad change in South Trenton. Court of Errors decided against Yardville line crossing Pennsylvania Railroad.

26---Henry Collins tried before Judge Rellstab on charge of setting fire to a barn.

27---Trenton Friends visit old meeting house and other places of interest at Stony Brook.

28---George Levering found guilty of keeping a gambling house. Justice Gummere revoked recent order authorizing State Charities Aid Association to visit State Home for Girls. Two local electrical worker unions unite.

29---Ex-Councilman Moody's printing office gutted by fire. Professor Israel G. Russell accepted position as State Geologist.

30---City Marshal Horatio M. Jobs, of Bordentown, died.

## JULY

1---The thermometer stood 104 in the shade. General Skirm retires from D. P. Forst & Company.

2---Several persons overcome by the heat. Severe shower and high winds do considerable damage.

3---Arthur Phillips badly hurt in a runaway accident.

4---Independence Day more generally celebrated than ever before. More cases of heat prostration. Two year old Winfield Schley killed by the trolley.

5---Mercer Traction Company files a map for Calhoun street route.

6---Trenton Potteries Company files big building contract.

7---Three horses killed by lightning at Washington's Crossing.

8---Rain storm dispels the heat. Sam Shinn placed on trial for murder.

9---New Jersey Baptist Convention held its annual meeting at Association Hall.

10---Big mass meeting to urge public baths.

11---Shinn defense opened in Mercer Court. Charles S. Scott died.

- 12---Charles Rickey drowned in the river. Samuel Shinn found guilty of murder.
- 13---Quaker City added to the Trenton-Wilmington Steamboat line.
- 14---Switchboards of the Home Telephone Company burned out.
- 15---High School cadets go into camp.
- 16---Carrie Schall on trial for murder in Mercer Court. Skirm case hearing in Chancery Court.
- 17---Carrie Schall acquitted on the charge of murdering her infant.
- 18---Ground broken for Union Baptist Church.
- 19---Harry Shock on trial for larceny, Mercer Court. Mrs. Lydia Ann Parsons, Morrisville, centenarian, died.
- 20---Warden William Hayes, of the asylum, denies the charges of abuses in the institution.
- 21---Andrew Bush, a deaf mute, seriously assaulted on Cass street.
- 22---Asylum managers decide to investigate the charges against Warden Hayes. Severe thunder storm does much damage.
- 23---Lawyer John L. Conrad marries Miss Annette S. Hawk.
- 24---Judge Rellstab scores Inter-State Fair midway in Mercer Court. John Hazlett died. Cigar dealers decide to close Sundays.
- 25---Charles Mack fatally injured by falling from tree at Princeton.
- 26---Jonathan Steward died. Complaints made against pool in Passaic street.
- 27---Mrs. Alice Crook, of North Warren street, fatally injured in fall.
- 28---Several typhoid fever cases developed.
- 29---"Red" Levering convicted of keeping a gambling house, sent to county farm. Ephraim Kaufman dropped dead.
- 30---Typhoid epidemic feared.
- 31---William Bohlinger killed in fall from Coalport pottery. Victor Holcombe, of Titusville, killed on railroad.

## AUGUST

- 1---Grocer's annual excursion to Atlantic City. New crematory tested and pronounced satisfactory by the committee.
- 2---Mercer County jury charged with securing conviction of Henry J. Burns by lot. Harry Shock sent to the county farm for thirty days. William M. Nutt made steward of the almshouse; Robert D. Vandenberg, overseer of the poor; and Walter Firth superintendent of the crematory.
- 3---Fifty laborers strike at the American Bridge Company's plant.
- 4---Unclad stranger creates consternation at Trenton Junction is arrested and sent back to Hopewell almshouse. Charles B. Cogill died.
- 5---Asylum investigation commenced.
- 6---Samuel Shinn sentenced to eighteen years in state prison. City authorities and State Hospital managers at odds over proposed new sewer.
- 7---George J. Kerr, convict in state's prison, begins suit in Chancery Court to gain division of estate of his father. The father died through grief because of his son's connection in the Bosscheiter case.
- 8---Annual picnic of city officials at Tullytown. Ex-Governor Newell died at Allentown.
- 9---Trenton youths chase supposed ghost at Hillcrest.
- 10---Answer filed in Chancery Court in Cahill will case.
- 11---Charles B. Lawshe died.
- 12---Supervisor Winn at the asylum investigation says food served was mostly good.
- 13---H. J. Burtis denied new trial in Mercer Court on charge of malicious mischief and petit larceny.
- 14---The Rev. Henry Ridgely Robinson injured in a railroad wreck at Perth Amboy. Samuel Shinn removed to state prison.
- 15---Feast of Assumption observed in the Catholic churches.
- 16---Counselor James Buchanan charges gigantic conspiracy at the asylum.
- 17---Joseph Goli's skull fractured at Mackenzie's foundry. Martin Hammel died.
- 18---Big dam burst at Mt. Holly, depriving the city of its water supply.

19---Counselor John H. Backes charges misappropriation of \$65,000 at the asylum. James Boughey found drowned in the canal.

20---Ex-Governor Newell buried. Clark Gibbs, Sr., died. Knights and Companions of Friendship in annual session.

21---Annual outing of the Trenton Elks at the Inter-State Fair grounds.

22---Doctor William F. Jones brings murder charge against asylum attendant. P. R. R. secures South Trenton property.

23---Frank W. Moore, Ewing Township farmer, found with a bullet wound in his head; admits he shot himself.

24---Dr. Ward admits he was derelict in his duty at the asylum.

25---Big flood in the river.

26---Police dock at the First precinct station too small to hold large number of offenders.

27---Frank G. Lamphear decides to leave educational work at the Y. M. C. A. because of failing health. J. Pemberton Hutchinson died at Newtown. Annual canstatter volksfest held at Hill's Grove.

28---Steamer "City of Trenton" blown up. John Branigan seriously hurt at Mercer pottery. Arthur Leland Kniffin and Miss Ann E. Mayer married.

29---Death list in the "City of Trenton" disaster reached sixteen today.

30---Dr. Jones fails to appear at the asylum investigation, in spite of his promise to do so.

31---Funeral of Miss Justina Stratton, victim of "City of Trenton" explosion.

## SEPTEMBER

1---Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, founder of the Door of Hope, New York, preached for her son, the Rev. S. V. Whittemore, pastor of Olivet Baptist church.

2---Labor Day generally observed.

3---Trenton Street Railway Company asked Council for franchise in South Trenton.

4---Giles Wotton, a Bucks County farmer, found drowned in the canal. First trolley car crosses Calhoun street river bridge.

5---Michael Mulrey died from injuries received on the railroad.

- 6---Big fire in Kirk's saw mill.
- 7---Three houses burned on Union street.
- 8---Steamer "Twilight" runs aground and is considerably damaged.
- 9---City schools open for fall term.
- 10---Morrisville Traction Company blocks Pennsylvania Railroad improvements. Public test of the crematory. Edward Scudder killed at Trenton Junction on the railroad.
- 11---State Normal and Model schools open for another term.
- 12---Convention of the State Association of Liquor Dealers held here.
- 13---Numerous robberies at Lambertville.
- 14---Paul Conover died at Lambertville. Mrs. John P. Murphy found dead in her home. Her husband charged with her murder.
- 15---Trenton ministers paid tribute to the memory of President McKinley.
- 16---Dr. Green organized the State Normal school plan of study.
- 17---Mrs. John P. Murphy buried. Ten-year-old J. Albert Harple killed in Bristol mill.
- 18---Local Democrats get together for Gubernatorial campaign.
- 19---Solemn funeral services held in local churches in memory of President McKinley.
- 20---Coroner Bower conducts inquest in the Mrs. John P. Murphy case. Two persons shot at Bristol in an attempt to kill a mad dog.
- 21---Mrs. Daniel L. Cook died.
- 22---Yom Kippur celebrated by the Trenton Hebrews.
- 23---Mrs. James C. Taylor died.
- 24---State military board selects Fischer site for the new armory.
- 25---Dr. Baldwin stricken with paralysis at the asylum investigation.
- 26---Franklin Murphy nominated for Governor by the Republicans.
- 27---Ten months old baby of Mrs. Marv Gauntt burned to death in bed at Mt. Holly.



28---Crematory contract taken to Chancery Court.

29---Triple celebration of the Feast of St. Michael, All Angels and Parish Day held in St. Michael's P. E. Church, which is nearly 200 years old.

30---Inter-State Fair opened.

## OCTOBER

1---James M. Seymour nominated for Governor by the Democratic convention.

2---Farmer's Day at the Inter-State Fair.

3---Unknown negro torn to pieces on the Belvidere railroad. Ground broken for a new wing at Mercer Hospital. Captain Cleary elected president of the Superior Officers' Protective Association.

4---Last day of Inter-State Fair. Divorce granted Edward H. Garcin in the Chancery Court; his wife's petition ignored.

5---William M. Compton hangs himself at Mt. Airy.

6---Cal Quinton's house in Wilbur robbed by a man who sharpened kitchen knife with evident intention of fighting if discovered.

7---George W. Williamson died of heart disease. John K. Ashton falled.

8---Thirty-seventh annual convention of Trenton Baptist Association in Central Baptist Church. Cigar dealers decide to open Sundays. The Rev. Father William F. Dunphy died.

9---Lambertville provides extra police because of numerous robberies.

10---James Murphy died suddenly.

11---The Rev. Father Dunphy buried. Windsor post office robbed.

12---Contemporary's "outing day" opens Trenton's social season. James Henry found dead in store in Bristol.

13---Bishop McFaul laid cornerstone of parochial school in Jersey City and made stirring address on public education.

14---James Murphy buried.

15---Governor's party starts for Jersey day at the Pan-American Exposition.

- 16---William McKinley school opened. Annual session of the Daughters of America held in Masonic Temple.
- 17---Frank O. Briggs nominated for Mayor of the city by the Republicans. Frank Huber drowned in the water power.
- 18---Seventh anniversary of Bishop McFaul's elevation to that office.
- 19---Grace Baptist congregation decides to erect new church.
- 20---Zapf's hardware store robbed at Princeton.
- 21---Washington A. Roebling exhibits a big display of orchids at New York flower show.
- 22---Annual convention of the Great Council Degree of Pocahontas held here. State Jr. O. A. M. in session.
- 23---Joseph Parker frightfully injured at Bloom & Goldey's feather bed factory in elevator accident. Frank S. Katzenbach named for Mayor by Democrats.
- 24---Gubernatorial candidate Seymour speaks in Trenton. William Coleman died at Windsor.
- 25---Non-union mason causes a strike in the erection of telephone conduits. City flooded with counterfeit dollars.
- 26---Louis English seriously hurt on the Reading railroad. Meeting of the Mercer County Teachers' Club.
- 27---Stables burned at Inter-State Fair grounds. Fire in two potteries.
- 28---Ministers and elders of the Presbytery of New Brunswick meet in the Third Presbyterian Church. Contractor John Margerum killed in a fall at Morrisville.
- 29---Trolley power house burned at Mt. Holly.
- 30---James E. Shockley, desperate negro from Mt. Holly, arrested by Detective Frawley as fugitive from justice. State Baptists in session at Flemington. Gubernatorial candidate Murphy in town.
- 31---Union labor lifts boycott at new Court House and Public Library.

## NOVEMBER

- 1---Yard Breese starts movement for City Troop. Richard Tessien murderously assaulted at Duetzville.

- 2---Changes made among the pure food inspectors. Andrew Morrell accidentally shot at Princeton.
- 3---Big missionary rally at Hopewell.
- 4---Trenton Ministerial Union decided to help retail clerks to secure closing of cigar stores Sunday. Fireman John McGowan fatally injured at Boyd decorating works fire.
- 5---Election in the City and State. Salvage building of the Salvation Army burned.
- 6---November term of Supreme Court opened.
- 7---Former President Cleveland principle speaker at Founders' Day exercises at Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh. Annual meeting of the asylum management.
- 8---Rubber men's night at the Y. M. C. A. Annual meeting of the New Jersey State Conference of Mothers.
- 9---Common Council committee and the P. R. R. agree about South Trenton franchise.
- 10---Y. M. C. A. opens week of prayer for young men.
- 11---Semi-annual convention of Chancellors of New Jersey C. W. B. L. Supreme Court decides that excise boards appointed by court are illegal.
- 12---Annual meeting of Mercer County Medical Society.
- 13---Charter secured here by the J. P. Morgan \$400,000,000 Northern Securities Company. First snow of the season.
- 14---Police Commissioners send official notice to Trenton Athletic Club that prize fighting must stop.
- 15---Court of Errors and Appeals confirms the decision of the lower court in convicting Robert Hensen, the murderer of Mary Elizabeth Van Lieu and her baby boy.
- 16---Patriotic orders decide to aid in the celebration proposed for December 26, the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Trenton.
- 17---Corner stone laid at the new Grace Baptist Church. Three attempts to burn Roebblings' mills.
- 18---Trenton, Lawrenceville and Princeton trolley line opened to public.

19---Justice William S. Gummere sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Senator Mahlon Pitney sworn as associate justice. State Convention of Odd Fellows. Council aids battle anniversary project.

20---P. R. R. begins work on this side of the river in South Trenton improvements.

21---John P. Murphy arraigned in Mercer Court on charge of murdering his wife. Annual session of Mercer County Institute at High School.

22---Four hundred ironworkers given a reception at the Y. M. C. A.

23---Former President Cleveland very ill at Princeton.

24---Big rain does serious damage in city and county.

25---Mayor-elect Katzenbach and Tax Receiver Hooper take oath of office.

26---Committee presents report on asylum investigation.

27---John P. Murphy, alleged murderer of his wife, denied bail in Mercer Court.

28---John Kraus murdered in his store on Lincoln avenue. Thanksgiving day generally observed.

29---Ministerial Union decides to oppose any attempt to resume prize fighting in Trenton.

30---Edward Walton, police telegraph lineman, falls from pole and is painfully hurt.

## DECEMBER

1---Peter A. Malloy, of Bordentown, killed on railway at Cranbury.

2---Trenton Ministerial Union condemns Trenton Athletic Club for holding prize fights. James Jackson, former policeman, dies suddenly.

3---Charles Brown hanged at Mt. Holly for murder of farmer Hunter.

4---State Grange met in annual session. Union street residents object to encroachment of P. R. R. tracks. Harvey Tomlinson died.

5---Trenton battle celebration assured. Franklin Williams held for the murder of Kraus by Coroners' jury. Trenton Press Club organized.

6---State Grange sessions closed. Roeblings boiler room damaged by fire. Centre street residents object to P. R. R. encroachments.

7---Senator Sewell arrived at Camden from the south.

8---Effort made to save John Young, murderer of farmer Hunter, begun in the Court of Errors and Appeals. John Bekler fatally hurt while gunning. Edward McVey found not guilty of breaking and entering.

9---Mrs. Mary M. Yard died.

10---New Jersey Pigeon, Poultry and Pet Stock Association show opened in Washington Hall.

11---John W. Griggs' boom for United States Senator launched. Final hearing of the Clancy-Skirm litigation begun.

12---Trenton Street Railway Company announced intention to construct road to Pennington. Senator Skirm examined in Skirm-Clancy suit. Carle Debonis killed on railroad.

13---Battle of Trenton celebration plans assume definite shape. Major Coward qualifies for a regular army commission. Board of Managers of State Hospital at Morris Plains inaugurated agitation for an asylum for insane convicts. Walter West & Company's barn burned.

14---Joseph Carl committed suicide. Thos. N. McCarter's boom for attorney general set going.

15---Aaron Wintermute, of Hunterdon County, seriously injured.

16---Freshet in the Delaware river. Trenton Chinese decide to oppose the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act in Congress. Welling Sickel mentioned as congressional possibility. Eastern Manufacturing Potters' Association met here. H. J. Burtis' barn burned.

17---Assembly caucus held today, and William J. Bradley chosen speaker. Henry Collins charged with incendiarism, released from jail. Delaware river freshet subsides.

18---Edwin Albert Walker, Isaac Weatherby and George R. Cook testified in Skirm-Clancy suit. Princeton University authorities take precautions against small pox.

19---Colonel Gillmore and Adjutant General Oliphant score State military laws. Hettrick, alias "Williams," murderer of John Kraus, captured in Syracuse.

20---Small pox discovered in Trenton. Henry Nicklin resigns from the water commission.

21---Trenton Street Railway Company decides to oppose Camden Company's entrance to this city. Colonel Eckford Moore enters race for park commissioner. Reception tendered to Father Fox on return from Europe.

22---Criminal list of October term of Mercer Court ended.

23---George Hettrick arraigned for the murder of Kraus in First precinct police court. Governor Voorhees mentioned as probable successor to Justice Van Syckel on Supreme Court bench. Governor-elect Murphy acquaints himself with new duties.

24---Delaware river jammed with ice. Battle celebration plans completed.

25---State Treasurer George B. Swain dies suddenly in Newark. C. Asa Francis elected president of Senate.

26---The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Trenton celebrated.

27---Senator William J. Sewell died at Camden. Robert Hensen hanged for the murder of Mrs. Van Lieu and child. Republican council caucus held. Pyrotechnic display in connection with battle of Trenton celebration in Monument Park.

28---Plans for General Sewell's military funeral made. Mayor vetoed Camden & Trenton trolley ordinances.

29---Assanpink creek, swollen by heavy rains, damaged property. The Rev. Marcus H. Martin, once principal of State Model School, died in Los Angeles. Charles A. McNaulty died in State Prison.

30---Three new cases of small pox discovered in Trenton. Frank R. Brandt resigned as deputy clerk of United States District Court.