

1859.

JUNE.

5. David B. Lain and Benj. F. Smith dissolve partnership at Beemerville. Mercantile business continued by Mr. Lain.

21. For a month past there had been an excited state of feeling in Montague esp. over the sudden death of Helena S. Quick, wife of Solomon Cole, but it was not until this date that the matter was given official recognition. The facts were as follows: About March 1, 1858, Solomon Cole, a respectable and wealthy farmer of Montague, married Helena Quick, of Pike county, who had previously begun a suit for breach of promise of marriage, in the Sussex County Courts. In October, 1858, Mrs. Cole effected an insurance of \$4,000 upon her life, in the Knickerbocker Co. of New York. The policy was in her own name and right, but some weeks prior to her death she assigned it to her husband. On March 14, 1859, Mrs. Cole gave birth to a child and died on March 21. She was at first attended by Dr. Schemil, and after three or four days by Dr. David Wickham. Witnesses testified before Coroner Abram Predmore, that favorable symptoms were shown by Mrs. Cole until the 21st, when Dr. Wickham called about noon. The patient complained that she felt rather worse than in the morning, and asked for medicine. Dr. W. prescribed for her, and after taking the medicine she was seized with convulsions and died with half an hour. The sudden death naturally caused comment, and the Insurance Company became suspicious. The body of Mrs. Cole was exhumed, and on May 21, testimony was taken, Drs. Hunt, Schemil and Allen giving the results of a post mortem, but were unable to give a positive opinion as to the cause of death. The investigation was then adjourned until May 28, in order that Dr. Hunt could secure a scientific examination of stomach and intestines by a New York chemist. Deceased was aged 25 years and 4 months.

21. Body of an infant found in Delaware, two miles below Port Jervis. Isaac Bonnell, Esq., held an inquest, but no clue discovered. Infant was fully developed and had been in water some eight or ten days.

27. Noting the improvements to the time-honored "Yellow Frame," and its commanding position, it was added: "It was erected when scarce another church spire arose heavenward in Northern New Jersey, and whose preservation as a relic of the past imperiously devolves upon the descendants of its venerated founders, many of whom hazarded life and fortune in the war of Independence."

27. Joseph Hill advertised extra quality of flour at Pleasant Valley mill.

27. Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Odenheimer chosen Bishop on the 13th ballot by Episcopal convention in session at Burlington. Salary raised from \$2,400 to \$5,500.

28. The Coroner's jury in case of Mrs. Solomon Cole, reassembled, but Dr. Doremus had not completed his chemical examination, and another adjournment of one week was ordered.

29. Dwelling and storehouse at Hainesville, owned by Amos VanEtten, and occupied by James Nyce, burned. Fire discovered at 2 p. m. on Sunday, in the dwelling, and flames soon spread to storehouse 15 feet distant. An effort was made to save the most valuable of the store goods, and they were piled in a wagon placed near the door. The load caught fire and was nearly ruined by fire, and the water used to extinguish it. Loss \$2,000; insured in Sussex Mutual for \$1,310.

31. The M. & E. managers had issued orders that all charges for freight, sent from New York and Newark to Newton and Andover, must be prepaid. The order raised a storm of indignation and was quickly rescinded.

31. Flora Temple defeated Ethan Allen on Fashion Course, L. I., for a purse of \$2,000, best three in five, to wagons. Flora took three straight heats in 2.25, 2.27½, and 2.27½. Hiram Woodruff drove the horse and D. Tallman handled the reins over the mare, and she out-trotted the horse, though he appeared to be in the better condition. The time was the best on record, and 12,000 persons saw the race.

1. Corner stone of Ebenezer church, near the White Stone, Warren county, laid. Services conducted by Rev. D. Graves, of Hackettstown, and Rev. E. M. Griffith, of Vienna.

1. Jacob L. Swayze opened business in the McCarter storehouse, and his ad. is unique.

1. John Shaw becomes postmaster at Gratitud, Sussex county, vice John Hunt, Jr., resigned.

1. Mrs. H. L. Douglass was the Newton agent for Wheeler & Wilson's machines, and W. H. Hoyt, of Warwick, was the traveling agent in Sussex and Warren.

2. Surveyors were mapping the lots on the Newton-Lafayette meadows. Six feet of the dam at Lafayette had been removed, and when the entire work was completed, and the channel deepened, it was expected that the bed of the stream would be reduced some eight feet below the level of the highway, near Case's tavern. The only objectors to the improvement were the trout fishermen, who found plenty of sport so long as the channel was obstructed.

3. The beauties and advantages of the twenty fresh water lakes in Sussex were pointed out.

3. County statement published in this issue, and occupies less than nine inches of space. It was ridiculous as a statement involving the expenditure of \$24,809.44. The indebtedness of the county was \$30,114.51. Bridges cost \$2,458.01, and the fees were \$417.77; election expenses, \$294.50; court expenses, \$2,746.24; coal for court house, \$95.80.

3. John F. Congar announces purchase of grocery and liquor business of Nelden & McCarter, in building occupied as the post office.

4-5. Unseasonable weather; tender vegetation nipped by frost; a high wind saved a general freeze. In the northwest vegetation was killed; snow fell in Syracuse, N. Y.

7. Sussex Medical Society met at the Cochran House. Fifteen members were present, and besides other business, a monument was ordered for a late member, John N. Dee, deceased, of Marksboro, who died just as he had, by means of great exertion, entered the profession.

7. A cow owned by Peter Hoover, living on the property of John Willis, near Stanhope, gave birth to four heifer calves, all living and doing well.

3. Investigation of Cole murder case not completed, but on this date Solomon Cole was apprehended and brought to Newton jail, where he was held pending a formal examination June 10. Dr. Wickham was arrested on June 2, in Port Jervis. Justice Penny told the complainant, Mr. Quick, a brother of Mrs. Cole, that he would hold the doctor twelve hours, in order to give proper time for evidence to be brought forward to justify the arrest; but much to the surprise of Mr. Quick, and indignation of the community, the Justice, within six hours, told Dr. W. that he could go, and he did not wait a second. He escaped arrest until Saturday, Sept. 1st, 1860. Governor Newell meanwhile offered a reward of \$500 for his apprehension and delivery at the Sussex county jail. On June 10 a hearing was given Cole at the court house, before Justice Andrew Shiner. Whitfield Johnson was prosecutor, and Robert Hamilton also appeared for the state. The accused was represented by John Linn and Thomas N. McCarter. The testimony was voluminous. It showed that Mrs. Cole, before marriage, was a successful school teacher; that Cole was devoid of literary taste, and had married her to escape paying heavy damages. The life insurance of \$4,000 was proposed by Dr. Wickham, at a visit Cole and wife made to his house. Solomon D. Westbrook testified that Cole had informed him, after the death of his wife, and the subsequent investigation, that Dr. Wickham had advised Cole to run away, and had offered him money to do so. The points upon which Cole was suspected was a presumable agreement

with Wickham to divide the insurance, and his aversion to living with a woman under legal compulsion; also that he had exhibited indifference when she was in the throes of death, and when the excitement raged, failed to take any steps to establish his innocence of the crime. Prof. Doremus gave result of analysis, which showed that death was the result of nux vomica, or its alkaloid strychnine. On June 15 Justice Shiner formally committed Solomon Cole to prison to await action of grand jury in September, and on June 20, the coroner's jury reassembled in Montague, and declared "that David D. Wickham and Solomon Cole did kill and murder Helena T. Cole, on the 20th day of March last, at Montague, by administering an overdose of nux vomica or strychnine, a deadly poison, by reason whereof she instantly died."

8. Governor Newell issued proclamation offering \$500 reward for arrest of Dr. David D. Wickham.

9. George M. Patchen, Brown Dick, Miller's Damsel and Lady Woodruff trot on Fashion Course, L. I., for a purse of \$1,200. Brown Dick won in three straight heats, though in the second he had but a head over Patchen, who had the outside, and who had broken badly.

10. An obituary notice of Col. Abraham Britton, who died at Madison, Morris county, on April 29, at the age of 80 years, pays tribute to his business capacities and the large contracts he had satisfactorily completed for public works. He built several sections of the Morris canal, and nearly the whole of the M. & E. Railroad from Newark to Morristown; among many other works were the railroad bridge over the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia and the cut on the N. J. Railroad at Metuchen.

10. A story is printed of a cancer doctor, who recently appeared in an adjoining neighborhood, and while treating a Mr. S., inquired for a suitable lady who would make a desirable companion. His appearance gave strength to his pretensions, and a spinster who had made some money by her own industry was recommended. The doctor visited her, and courtship progressed so fast that before her friends could interfere they were married, and having obtained possession of her money, which was his real object, he abandoned her, and left her penniless.

10. Hon. Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, had made a brief sojourn in Newton. He had served as Commissioner to China, Attorney-General of the United States, and various other public positions.

10. Item: "Local items in Newton, the past week, have been hardly worth gathering, consisting mainly of a trotting match, two or three fist fights, and some cases of frost-nipped beans, cucumbers, melons, etc."

10. A rivalry between the New Jersey Central R. R. and the Belvidere-Delaware Railroad caused the latter to carry passengers from Easton to New York for one dollar each.

10. Budd Haggerty, of Montague, lodged in jail on charge of bastardy, and also with an attempt to kill or drug his victim, a woman named VanEtten, whom he had decoyed to a lonely school house on the mountain. A confederate at the school house, whom he represented as a doctor, urged her to swallow the drug, but she resolutely refused, and finally escaped.

12. Outbuildings and contents on farm occupied by Jesse Adams, near Allamuchy, burned at sunset. Mr. Adams's loss covered by insurance in Hardwick Mutual. J. C. Runtion sustained a loss of \$300, but his policy in Sussex Mutual had just expired. His neighbors contributed enough to indemnify him. By hard work and a favoring wind the dwelling and wagon house were saved.

13. Sussex Mutual ordered 4 per cent. assessment to pay loss of Amos VanEtten.

13. Moses W. Northrup thrown from his wagon, while passing through Liberty street, and seriously injured.

13. Leading railroads from Atlantic border advance west-bound passenger and freight rates; 60 per cent. for the latter.

14. Morris County Bible Society met at Dover.

15. Sussex Baptist Association met at Hamburg. Sermon by Rev. R. Fisher. Addresses were also made by Revs. Bridgman, of Morristown; Osgood, of Philadelphia; and Carpenter, of Jacobstown. It was the 25th anniversary of the Association. The nine churches reported only 21 baptisms during the year, and a total membership of 830, an increase in one year of 13. Committee appointed to consider readjustment limits of the State Associations, in order to equalize northern and eastern portions.

15. Ladies Benevolent Association of Presbyterian church held strawberry festival in Park Hall.

15. First lecture in second course of Vernon Library Association, by Rev. W. H. Carter.

15. A railroad from Paterson to Boonton, and thence to Denville, was under discussion by Passaic people.

15. Post office at Sarepta, Warren county, had been discontinued.

15. Annual meeting of M. & E. stockholders at Newark. Edward A. Reeder, of Stanhope, presided. Net earnings of road for past year were \$110,040 01, or \$8,402.97 in excess of previous year, though expenses were nearly \$3,000 more. Report of secretary detailed arrangement with Mr. Stevens for building extension from Newark to Hoboken. Nothing of importance had been done during the year looking to continuation of road from Hackettstown to Phillipsburg.

17. Account given of the first creamery and cheese factory in Sussex county. It was established by Michael B. Titman, on his farm at Youngs' pond, (formerly owned by Joseph A. Scovill) and was daily using the milk of about 150 cows, 1,400 quarts, for which 2 cents per quart was paid delivered at the creamery. It was estimated that his net profit from cream and cheese was \$8 to \$10 per diem. Dairy-men were cautioned not to rush into the business, because it was easy to overstock the market.

18. Dedication of new M. E. Church at Andover. Bishop Janes preached in the morning, and Rev. Rusling in the afternoon. Collections and pledges aggregated \$750. Officers of Sussex Railroad were thanked by resolution for running a special train.

18. Samuel Dorland, of German Valley, Hunterdon county, writes to THE REGISTER, denying a statement copied from the Clinton Times, that there was a family tendency to suicide. Mr. Dorland was the father of Mrs. Harden, who was poisoned by her husband, and Mr. D. alleges that the story was started by a relative of Harden's counsel.

19. About this date Joseph McMurry, of Mendham, aged 70, died while sitting at the table with his family. His father died in the same sudden manner and under the same circumstances.

20. Rev. Thomas Davis had become pastor of the Baptist church at Lafayette.

20. Two men arrested in New York for passing several counterfeit bills on Sussex Bank of Newton. The bills had been altered from some other bank. One threw \$12 of the stuff into the street, and the other attempted to swallow his stock. At the same time they had plenty of good money in their pockets. The counterfeits were also passed in other cities.

20-22. Examinations at Newton Female Seminary.

21. Cornerstone of new M. E. church laid at Anderson, by Rev. E. M. Griffith, of Vienna, and Rev. A. H. Belles, of Washington. It was 38x50 feet, to cost \$3,000, and the lot was donated by P. H. Hann, of Belvidere.

21. Danforth & Cooke's representative visited Newton and made contract with Directors of Sussex Railroad for a new engine of equal value and power as the "Abram S. Hewitt," and to be delivered by November 1. Hon. Caleb Cushing, Col. Curtis, and other Boston notabilities dined with the Directors at the Cochran House.

21. Lady Woodruff, Geo. M. Patchen and Brown Dick trot on Union Course for \$800 purse. It was the finest trotting exhibition ever seen on any course, and three of the six heats were the fastest on record. Brown Dick was the favorite, and though he had speed lacked bottom. The first heat was a dead one between Lady Woodruff and Brown Dick; the latter took the second; Patchen took the third, and Lady Woodruff the last three, with Patchen second in the second and final heats. Time—2:30 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:32 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:29 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:31 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:31.

23. Flora Temple beaten by Princess in two straight two mile heats. Flora lost two shoes and cut herself badly. It was a great event in the sporting world.

27. Patchen, Brown Dick and Lady Woodruff met again for a two-mile race on Long Island course. Patchen won in two straight heats, Lady Woodruff second, Brown Dick third. Time was fastest ever made in two-mile heats, being 5:01 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 5:03 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

28. S. M. Hewlett, an eloquent advocate of temperance, spoke at Andover, and on the following evening at Newton.

29. Personal property of Sussex Foundry offered at public sale.

29. Patchen and Lady Woodruff met again for a purse of \$2,000, wagon and driver to weigh 300 lbs. Patchen won first, third and fourth heats. Time—2:30, 2:32, 2:31 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:33. The day was very warm.

30. Joe Pentland circus exhibits at Newton; coming from Hackettstown and going to Hope the next day.

30. Annual meeting of County Bible Society at Branchville. Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. T. Crane, of Jersey City, with addresses by Rev. Geo. S. Mott, of Rahway, and Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, of Newark.

#### JULY.

1. To reduce expenses post office department cut mail service between Newton and Belviders from tri-weekly to semi-weekly; the same reduction was made between Newton and Flatbrookville, and the daily mail between Newton and Deckertown was cut to tri-weekly.

1. Annual exercises at Rankin's Chester Institute, with an address by C. H. Winfield, of Jersey City.

1. In issue of this date is printed the letter that Dr. Wickham sent to the Insurance Company, notifying its officials of the death of Mrs. Cole. Also, Solomon Cole's letter to the same company, and a letter that Dr. Wickham wrote to Drs. Allen and Hunt, asking them to stand by him and save his reputation. Other documents brought out the fact that the letter to the company containing the second quarterly payment of insurance premium was written by Dr. Wickham for Mr. Cole. The most damaging feature of the letters was an assertion that Mrs. Cole had a disease which the post mortem proved did not exist.

1. The first notice is given that there would be a general closing of stores, by agreement, on July 4.

1. Theo. King, a well-known sporting man, arrested at Phillipsburg, for embezzlement of funds of a liquor firm.

There was renewed talk of removing a postmistress at Blairstown to make room for a voting Democrat.

A new Presbyterian church was to be erected at Belvidere, the present structure being insufficient to hold the congregation.

The work of building a steamboat to run on the upper Delaware was progressing under the auspices of Belvidere capitalists.

1. Peter Cannon, as General Agent of Sussex R. E., advertises 4th of July excursion rates to all points between Newton and Newark. The rate to Newark was \$2.50.

2. A gale and thunderstorm. In the vicinity of Newton fences and trees were prostrated, but at Hackettstown the wind was very destructive. A three-story building, 40x40 feet, owned by James Hance, Jr., was lifted from the foundation and made a mass of ruins. It was all enclosed except the front. The frame of the Epis-

copal church, or the main portion of it, which had just been raised, was also blown down, but timbers not so badly shattered as at Hance's storehouse.

2. A four-year-old son of William Bedell, of Sparta township, espied Joseph W. Washer, the paper carrier some distance away, and ran to meet him. The lad had gone but a few rods before a spotted snake darted from the road side, ran up the boy's leg, and coiled itself around his waist, where it remained until Mr. Washer came up and killed it. The lad was terribly frightened, and though it was a harsh remedy, it completely cured fever and ague, with which he had been afflicted for some days.

4. Quarterly statement of Sussex Bank showed capital stock of \$200,513; notes in circulation, \$136,625; due depositors, \$30,164.99; discounts, \$297,574.01.

4. Farmers Bank of Wantage had a capital of \$70,940; notes outstanding, \$53,590; due depositors, \$14,285.36; discounts, \$121,302.75.

4. Celebrations at Franklin Furnace, Sparta, Tranquility, and Hackettstown. At Franklin the orator was Judge Morton, of New York, and the reader was Morris R. Hamilton. Moses Stoll was the orator and S. P. Case the reader at Sparta. Music was furnished by the Andover Band, and the Washington Artillery of Newton took part in the parade. Amos Kinney was marshal. Ladies of M. E. Church held a festival to pay debt on parsonage. The celebration at Tranquility was in A. H. Kennedy's grove. Samuel T. Smith was reader, and Rev. S. T. Moore, of Phillipsburg, orator. At Hackettstown Rev. Newton Heston was the orator. The weather was unusually bright and bracing.

4. The national flag now contained 33 stars.

4. Public balls at Charles Coll's hotel, Andover; at Lewis B. Hiler's hotel, Sparta; and at E. Jones's hotel, Hope.

4-5. Juvenile concert at Branchville, under direction of F. S. Little and sister.

5. Dwelling of Rev. C. H. Edwards, at Rockaway Neck, Morris county, took fire from a gun, fired at a bird, and was almost wholly destroyed.

5. Rev. Myron Barrett, recently of Newton, had been appointed Secretary of American Tract Society for District of Pennsylvania.

7. Another rattling race on Union course, between George M. Patchen, Brown Dick, and Miller's Damsel. Lady Woodruff was drawn. Five heats were trotted in harness, for a purse of \$500. Patchen took first, second and fifth heats; Brown Dick the third and fourth. Patchen won the last heat and the race by about a neck. Time—2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:29, 2:28 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:29. It was the closest race ever seen on Long Island, and the time the fastest on record. Patchen stock in Sussex was at a premium.

8. There was universal complaint against the curtailment of mail facilities in the northern states, while none had been made south, where the income was still less.

8. G. J. Beebe desired to rent his new block of stores in Middletown, N. Y.

8. William G. Weaver had rented the Beaver Brook mills, near Hope.

9. Deborah, wife of Timothy H. Cook, of Greensville, killed by falling from a cherry tree. She was 64 years of age, and yet so sprightly and active that she had every prospect of a still longer life.

10. Garret Fuller, a young man who resided with a relative in Wantage township, had disappeared, after writing a letter to his uncle in Newton township, saying he intended to commit suicide.

11. Budd Hagertz, of Montague, who had been in jail several weeks on a serious charge, admitted to bail in the sum of \$500, by Justice Snook, of Lafayette. If the charge was true the bail was ridiculous.

12. Thieves rob Caleb Valentine's store at Drakesville; on the night of the 15th the store of Wm. & G. Morrison, at Succasunna, was also robbed. On the 10th the house of Abram Bilby, on Schooley's Mountain, was robbed while the family were at church. The perpetrators of the

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Bilby robbery were afterward arrested.

12. Prof. Hewlett lectured on Temperance in Presbyterian church. The intense heat lessened the attendance.

13. Engine in Newton steam mill disabled by broken piston rod.

13. Another lecture in Vernon Library course.

14. David Naar, as Ambassador Extraordinary of the State House Junto, spent two nights and a day in Newton, laboring with the idea of bringing the Lecompton and anti-Lecompton wings together. He left with the assurance that the object would be attained, but when the date of meeting of the leaders arrived (18th) at the office of A. J. Rogers, there was a number of politicians outside of the two committees to be reconciled. The result was that the armistice which had existed for a few months was ended, and Naar's mission a failure.

12. Mercury 93° in shade, and 95° on the 13th. The extremely dry and hot weather had used up the raspberry crop.

15. Third premium list of Agricultural Society, increased to \$3,000, published in this issue; with names of judges. The first premium list was \$1,000, and the increase had been \$1,000 each year.

15. Note made of improvements at Johnsonburg, which had not had scarcely a single new building in nearly 50 years. It was once the county seat of Sussex. Recently two new churches had been built, new stores and residences added, while the old stone church built by the Lutherans, had been transformed into a dwelling by Isaac Dennis. Even the old hotel, which had been guileless of paint, was undergoing a complete renovation.

15. The sworn statement of Dr. Wickham, which he made before Justice Abraham Bross, on May 20, is printed. It differed in material points from the affidavit which he made to enable Solomon Cole to draw the \$4,000 insurance from the Knickerbocker Life. Cole had made affidavit before Isaac Bonnell, Esq., that Wickham and himself were to pay two installments each on the premium, and finally to take equal shares of the \$4,000, in case of the woman's death. This seemed to be the impelling cause of the lamentable tragedy which followed.

15. James G. Fitts had his liquor store in the New Jersey Herald building, which is that now owned by John A. Quick.

15. "Sorrel Ned," owned in Easton, and "Skunk Tail," owned in Newton, trotted on Stuart course for a purse of \$50. Sorrel Ned took the money easily, winning all heats except the second, which was forfeited to Skunk Tail on account of foul driving. Time—2:44½, 2:50, 2:45½, 2:49½.

17. By the falling of a porch at the house of Mr. Ash, at Andover mine, Mrs. Wm. Peak, of Newton, had two ribs broken, and others in the party sustained more or less injury.

18. Mischievous youth tie a string to clapper of bell in Presbyterian church, and alarm the inhabitants by a vigorous tolling at midnight.

20. Corner stone of Newton M. E. Church laid in the presence of about 600 persons. Rev. D. W. Bartine took a leading part in the ceremony, and afterward addressed the assemblage from a stand erected in the public park, where temporary seats had been provided. Revs. C. S. Vancleve and C. Clark also made addresses. The collection amounted to about \$900. The corner stone contained copies of the Bible, hymn book, M. E. discipline, M. E. almanac for 1859, Christian Advocate, SUSSEX REGISTER, New Jersey Herald, Sussex Democrat, proceedings of Sussex Centenary in 1853, also names of all who had made contributions of money to aid in erection of the church.

20. A lack of laborers had seriously hindered the gathering of the harvest, and farm operations were scarcely ever known to be so backward in this county.

20. Announcement that the first fair of the Warren County Agricultural Society would be held at Belvidere on October 11-14.

20. The trial of Rev. Jacob S. Harden, indicted for murder, had been fixed for September. Hon. Martin Ryerson had declined to assist the defence, and J. G. Shipman had retained ex-Chancellor Williamson to assist him. Hon. Wm. L. Dayton and Joseph Vliet were to represent the State.

20. Sarah, wife of Peter K. Decker, of Montague, died at Newton, aged 25 years. She was a bride of only 18 days, having been married at Milford, Pa., on July 2.

22. Committee to build Clerk's and Surrogate's offices announce that it will require proposals until August 1.

22. Coleman & Bell become sole proprietors of the Willard House.

22. Barn on farm of M. B. Titman, 3 miles from Newton, burned by lightning. Two of the three horses were out at the time, and the third was saved by C. R. Cline's effort.

25. Rev. James I. Helm, formerly of Newton, and once pastor of the Salem Presbyterian church, had applied for orders in the Protestant Episcopal church of Pennsylvania.

27. Grand Division of Soss of Temperance held quarterly meeting at Dover.

30. Governor Newell and wife, and Jacob R. Freese and wife, after a tour through Warren county, held a reception at the Cochran House.

## AUGUST.

1. Post office re-established at Sarepta, Warren county. Peter Hopler, postmaster.

2. Dedication of new Presbyterian church at Parsippany, Morris county, and installation of Rev. Joseph F. Sutton as pastor.

3. Reuben VanSycle again to the front with a card asking to be elected as County Clerk.

5. I. C. Potter announces completion of perpetual lime kilns near Newton depot. In quantities under 300 bus. the price was 12½¢ per bus.

5. Nelden & Bodine announce completion and opening of New Jersey Foundry, cor. Moran and Spring street.

5. Elijah Bowen, aged 70, arrested at Frederick, Maryland, for his old folle—riding off a horse without the owner's consent. He had just completed a four-year sentence for stealing a horse in this county. The fellow dressed like a clergyman, preached whenever he could get an audience, and had probably stolen more horses than any man living.

8. Daniel S. Ayres, of Hope, advertises his recently patented washing machine.

8. A change of time table on Sussex Railroad. The running time between Newton and Waterloo was 45 minutes.

9. Corner stone of new M. E. Church at Waterloo laid by Rev. C. S. Vancleve, assisted by Rev. C. Clark. G. T. Jackson was pastor. The cost of the church was \$3,500, of which \$1,700 had been raised, Peter Smith giving \$500, and \$226 were contributed during the ceremonies.

9. Flora Temple beats the record, and makes 2:22 in a race against Princess.

10. Andrew Shiner, John Baxter, Jacob Cox, John Snyder, and Harmon Hockenberry, managers of the Paulins Kill Meadow Company, give notice of application for appointment of three commissioners to assess benefits through drainage of the east and west branches.

12. The cheapness and commonness of college honors was commented upon, tho' pointing out the degree of D. D. conferred by Williams College upon Rev. Barnabas King, of Rockaway, was an honor most worthily bestowed.

12. John C. Dennis, in addition to his oyster and fruit business, had opened a liquor store in basement of Goodale's building.

12. Newton steam mill announces that it is again running, after repairs, and that the cash system has been adopted.

12. Body of Mary Peer, of Rockaway, found floating upon the water just below the inclined plane in Stanhope, with a deep wound on the side of her head. Evidence before coroner's jury showed that

she took passage on a boat at Easton; was ordered to leave the boat at Stanhope, on the night of the 10th, which she did in company with two boatmen. These men testified that they left her in another boat at the foot of the plane. Suspicion was attached against a man named Kitchen, whose stories were contradictory, yet he was not arrested.

13. Anti-Lecompton Democrats of Sussex held delegate elections for Trenton convention.

13. Joseph Billiard drowned near Stanhope by falling from a canal boat. He had not reached manhood.

15. Workmen were demolishing the old Clerk's office building on the Green, where it had stood for about 58 years.

15. Port Jervis Union, from an authentic source, gives particulars of escape of Dr. Wickham. After leaving Port Jervis he went to New York, where he remained a week. In the meantime the disclosures of the investigation at Montague showed that there was no safety for his neck in this country, and he was hurried aboard a vessel, just weighing anchor for a foreign port.

15. Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Newton votes to call Rev. Geo. S. Mott, of Rahway, as pastor. Rev. W. C. McGee was Moderator of the meeting.

16. Final papers signed for extension of M. & E. R. R. to Hoboken.

16. Newman E. Benjamin, Slater & Co. dissolve partnership as freighters.

18. Dr. Carlos Allen issues prospectus of his new county map.

19. County Clerk Lyman Edwards gives notice that the Clerk's office, during the erection of the new building, will be in the fire engine house on Main street, opposite the residence of Thos. N. McCarter.

18. Warren Bible Society held its anniversary in a grove near Harmony Presbyterian church.

19. Smith & Case, at Sparta, give notice that their partnership will cease on October 1, next.

19. B. F. Sherwood warns persons from taking stone, sand or gravel from farm of Halsted F. Townsend, without permission, as he had taken a five year lease.

18. An unknown Irishman killed by train at Hampton Junction. He was in company with a fellow boatman, and they had left their boat at Hackettstown, while they indulged in a spree.

19. A communication occupies nearly a column detailing the trickery of a politician in connection with the Blairstown post office.

1-20. A series of articles appear, in which the writers undertake to establish the locality of "Sprout Hill."

20. While taking down the frame of an old barn on the farm of A. Reed Cooke, at Howard, Warren county, Frank Bower, a native of the Isle of Jersey, and in the employ of Mr. Cooke for three years, was killed by the breaking of the timbers as they were being lowered by tackle.

19. Alexander McDaniels, a widely-known freighter, died at Newton, aged 45 years.

20. David Dawson and John Fisher, both of Boonton, Morris county, arrested in New York, charged by James Munn, also of Boonton, with abduction of his wife, also his sister and two children. The women were found at the Globe Hotel. Munn recovered his children, but his wife refused to return, saying that Dawson, although a married man, (who had a son aged 10 with him) had treated her more kindly. The prisoners were held.

20. B. Hull & Son dissolve partnership at Flatbrookville. Business continued by Martin Hull.

22. Morris Teachers Institute held at Dover, under direction of B. Harrison, principal of Morristown Academy.

23. Dr. H. Lighthill, who took thousands of dollars from Sussex, makes his first visit to Newton.

23. Court appointed James Shotwell, of Frankford; Daniel D. Gould, of Wantage, and Moses W. Northrup, of Newton, as commissioners to apportion cost of draining the Lafayette-Newton meadows.

23. Newton Academy opened in charge of H. D. Chapin, who hopes the students will not suffer further from his protracted absence during the past year.

24. Corner stone of new M. E. Church at Millbrook, Warren county, laid by Rev. C. S. VanCleve, of Morristown, and Rev. C. Clark, of Newton.

25. A cool summer had cut the corn crop; stalks were plenty, but ears were few.

25. Democrats in convention at Trenton nominate E. R. V. Wright, of Hudson, for Governor.

25. The scenes at the Trenton convention, over the Sussex delegates, were almost indescribable. The committee on contested seats made a report admitting the two sets of delegates from Sussex, with one vote. Col. Sam Fowler withdrew from the convention, stating that his instructions were to that effect if the anti-Lecompton men were admitted. During the balloting for Governor, Judge Ryerson cast 31 votes for Peter D. Vroom. He was at once challenged by a Sussex delegate, who said the vote was 19 for Wright. When the second ballot was called, Judge Ryerson again cast 31 votes for Vroom. Jack Rogers denied it furiously, and oaths, execrations and confusion reigned. The vote of Sussex was recorded as blank, and then came a motion to exclude both sets of delegates. Judge Ryerson arose to speak on this question, when he was greeted by a howl of rage which seemed to come rather from wild beasts than from civilized men. The moral presence of the man somewhat abated the tumult, and he finally received a somewhat respectful hearing. A motion by a delegate from Hudson to exclude the anti-Lecompton men was voted down, 143 to 298. Then Robert Hamilton, to calm the uproar, moved that both delegations from Sussex have leave to retire. This the convention gladly granted, and the nomination was made without their presence.

25. David Gulick, confined in Belvidere jail, attempted suicide by hanging himself to the bed post with his suspenders. A fellow prisoner discovered him in time to save his life.

26. J. B. Woodruff says he has completed building recently erected for saloon purposes.

26. Price of flour at Newton steam mill ranged from \$4 for Kentucky white wheat, to \$3 50 for Jersey Red, and \$2 50 for western mixed.

27. Republicans of Sussex held meeting at Cochran House to choose delegates to gubernatorial convention.

27. Americans of Sussex asked to meet at Cochran House to name delegates to Trenton convention. Nine persons were chosen, six of whom were residents of Newton, and none of the nine are now living.

27. Coroner's jury in case of Mary Peer, whose body was found floating in canal at Stanhope, ordered arrest of captain of canal boat on which she came from Easton. Other parties were placed under bonds.

28. An unusually beautiful auroral display, beginning immediately after sunset, and continuing until after 2 a. m. on the next day. A host of superstitions were brought forward in connection therewith.

29. A slight frost in portions of this county.

29. Stillwater Academy opened new term in charge of George V. Griggs.

29. Sussex foundry property and a dwelling sold to E. C. Moore, at public sale, for \$7,100, which exceeded the incumbrance by \$1,100.

30. Fifth Avenue Hotel opened. It was considered the finest on this continent.

31. Newton and Andover M. E. Sunday schools have a picnic party in woods at Springdale.

31. Hotel at Drakesville, Morris county, conducted by Sylvanus Lawrence, destroyed by fire at 2 a. m. Most of household goods saved, though Mr. L. and his family narrowly escaped suffocation. Fire was discovered by a little girl in their employ, and originated by overheating of an oven, which set fire to the mantel. Loss about \$2,000; no insurance.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. Harvest home gathering at Andover. Addresses in Presbyterian church by Rev. Wm. C. McGee and Hon. Martin Ryerson. Music by Andover brass band.

1. J. B. & J. A. Hendershot dissolved partnership at Swartswood.

1. C. H. Albertson postmaster at Vienna, vice A. C. Howell, removed for opposing the Lecomptonites.

1. O. A. Douglass, recently foreman in the office of the Sussex Herald, was about to conduct a new Democratic paper at Bordentown.

2. Lent's circus at Hamburg; at Newton on the 3d; Stanhope on the 5th; and Dover the 6th.

5. Warwick Institute opened in charge of C. E. Benedict.

5. Board of Assessors of Sussex county find \$10,534,148 liable to taxation, and order an assessment of a fraction over 14 cents on a \$100 to raise the sum of \$15,000 for State and county purposes. The taxable property in Newton township amounted to \$1,973,262, on which the rate was over 42 cents on each \$100.

5. Thomas Hough, aged 75, late of Sandyston, died at Clinton, Pa., and his widow died six days later aged 72. They were temporarily visiting at Chilton, and expected to return to Sussex this Fall.

6. Sussex Courts opened, Justice Whelpley presiding. Six tavern licenses were granted, and one objected to. One of the licenses was to Thomas Armstrong, for the Cochran House, but he did not take possession of the Cochran House until October 1.

6. Dwelling of Edward Litz, in Wantage township, destroyed by fire, and one of his children, aged 4 years, perished in the flames. His wife had gone out to visit a neighbor, leaving five small children in the house. While gathered about the stove, the clothing of one child took fire, and while blazing the child jumped into a bed. The bed clothes caught fire, and caused the destruction of the house. An older child ran to the house of Mrs. Roder, near by, and told what had happened. She caught up a bucket of water, and ran to the house, but arrived too late to save the child, though she was instrumental in saving the lives of the other four.

7. Charles S. Olden nominated as candidate for Governor, by Republican convention at Trenton.

7. George Hursh and George B. Smith dissolve partnership at Coleville.

8. Henry M. Ward was given a verdict of \$75 against Samuel Fowler, for assault. The court had six heavy suits in the civil list, in which verdicts averaged over \$400. On the 9th the grand jury returned six bills, including one against Solomon Cole, for murder. He pleaded "not guilty at all." Trial was set down for October 24, in order to allow Justice Whelpley to go to Warren county and sit at the murder case of Jacob S. Harden.

9. Coal prices at Port Jervis were \$3.75 for egg, nut or stove.

9. Wm. H. Bell had begun fancy dyeing at Branchville mills.

9. J. K. Williams offered his services as painter, etc., to residents of Newton.

9. S. J. Hopkins was burning white crystalline limestone near Andover.

9. William Mattison advertises himself as successor to S. A. Everitt, in the tanning and shoemaking business at Branchville.

9. The M. & E. and Sussex roads seemed to be more alive for business, than at the present day, as they invariably announced excursion rates for State conventions and other gatherings.

10. A notable festival in Sandyston M. E. Church, which drew a large crowd of young people, many of whom were from opposite sides of the Blue Ridge, and met for the first time in the magnificent valley of the Delaware.

12. M. Quinn, O. S., ordered Washington Artillery to meet at Military Hall.

12. Camp meeting near Port Jervis, in charge of Rev. B. Day, P. E. of Newton district. T. H. Landon was the pastor in

charge.

14. Trot on Stuart course drew 1,000 persons, who expected a fast race. A very large delegation came from Deckertown, as the horses were owned in Wantage township, and by men of the same name—John E. Adams, "Little John's" stallion, "Young Andrew Jackson," easily defeated "Big John's" stallion, "Bay Rattler," in two heats. Time exceeded three minutes, and some sportsmen returned wiser than when they came.

15. Country banks were prey for the counterfeiters, and a \$20 counterfeit on Farmers Bank of Wantage had been detected in New York.

16-17. Thirty-six hours of heavy rain. The 18th and 19th were as fine days as ever enjoyed by mortals, and then the flood gates of heaven were opened on the 20th, 21st and 22d. Creeks were converted into rivers and bottom meadows into lakes. The storm on the 17th was particularly violent, prostrating trees and fences, and leveled corn and buckwheat to the earth.

17. State Fair ended at Elizabeth. It was a great financial success. M. B. Titman, of Newton, and William Armstrong, of Lafayette, took the premiums for best pairs of matched horses; Nathaniel Drake, of Green, took the butter prize; George L. Vansyckle, of Newton, and A. G. Vansyckle, of Andersontown, respectively took prizes on steers, best milch cow, best short-horn cow, heifer and bull calf. Wm. F. Wire, of Allamuchy, took nearly all the premiums on plows, and George M. Rorbach, of Newton, exhibited a hat 40 years old, and which was still good for ten years of service; it showed the sort of work old-time hatmakers did.

17. Auction of outlers privileges for Sussex Fair.

18. Ira M. Ellet, aged 22 years, killed near Sparta, by falling from a tree which he had ascended to gather a few grapes.

16-18. Erie trains held at Bergen tunnel by rioters, who had not received pay. No trains passed until the militia of Hudson county overawed the mob.

20. Death of Col. William L. Smith, at his residence near Fredon. He was a widely-known man, having served as County Clerk from 1846 to 1851, being the first Clerk elected to that office under the new Constitution, which took the appointment from the Governor. At expiration of his term he busied himself with agricultural pursuits, and when the Sussex Railroad was opened to Newton he entered into the freighting business. By his enterprise and liberality as a produce dealer he did as much as any other man to make Newton the best market in northern New Jersey. At death he was in the 59th year of his age.

20. Warren Courts opened for trial of Jacob S. Harden. Owing to absence of Dr. Chilton, case adjourned until next day, and again until the 26th, when it was further postponed until October 25th, owing to illness of Dr. Chilton, the chemist who made the analysis of contents of Mrs. Harden's stomach. And after the decision it was again postponed until the regular December term. David A. Dupue appeared with counsel for defence. A history of the prisoner's life showed that he was born May 11, 1837, near Blairstown. His education was in the common schools, and he had advanced so far that in the winter of 1855-6 he taught a school in Sussex county; at this time he also gained notoriety as an exhorter at Methodist meetings. In the following spring he became a colporteur, and during the summer traveled in Hunterdon and other counties. The next winter he was licensed to preach, and was stationed at Mount Lebanon church, in Rahway district. His zeal resulted in a large addition to membership, and his return to the charge was asked for two successive years. Over 100 persons were admitted to membership as the result of revival meetings, and thro' Mr. Harden's influence personal difficulties heretofore existing between members of the church were reconciled, and the

church enlarged and improved. With all this religious zeal he was a sort of clerical Lotbario, much given to making love to the country damsels. He became acquainted with Hannah L. Dorland, the daughter of Samuel Dorland, a miller, living near German Valley. His marriage to Miss Dorland was a compulsory one, she having threatened suit for breach of promise, and though she was but imperfectly educated, was a girl of good sense and much personal beauty. Harden enjoyed the hospitality of his congregation and made many marriage engagements that he had no intention of fulfilling. His marriage to Miss Dorland cut off his fun, and he took a supreme dislike to her.

21. Ladies of First Baptist Church of Wantage held festival at Gilbert Chardavoyne's.

21. Firm of E. C. Moore & Co. dissolved; business continued by Ira C. Moore.

22. N. C. Hedden had an ambrotype gallery in Park Hall.

19. William H. Shaw, of Mansfield, Warren county, an unmarried man, hanged himself near house of his father, with whom he lived.

22. Samuel Coleman, of Phillipsburg, found dead in culvert two miles from Phillipsburg, on Belvidere road, having perished through intemperance and exposure.

26. Hiram C. Clark (anti-Lecompton Democrat) removed as postmaster at Hainesville, and succeeded by a man named Jagers.

27. Rev. Henry S. Osborn installed as pastor of 2d Presbyterian church, Belvidere.

27. Hendrick Young, treasurer, asks payment of subscriptions to Canister M. P. Church, adding that Adam Smith is not authorized to collect or receive same.

28. Sunday schools at Sparta hold an interesting anniversary.

29. Examinations and exhibition at Chester Institute.

28-29. Examinations and exhibition at Blairstown Presbyterian Academy.

30. The firm of Sweeney & Young, millers, at Sparta, is dissolved, and succeeded by Sweeney & Hurd.

30. Item: "The first trotting match in America for money took place in 1818, for a wager of \$1,000 that a horse could not be produced that could trot a mile in three minutes."

OCTOBER.

1. Henry C. Kelsey purchased John T. Conger's liquor store, in Brittin building.

3. Sands, Nathan & Co.'s circus exhibits at Newton, bringing a steam calliope.

4. Third Sussex Fair opened under most favorable auspices. Weather perfect throughout, and in display and interest it exceeded the previous years. The Society realized about \$3,500 toward defraying its expenses, \$1,400 of which was taken in at the gate. Several trotting contests took place, the most exciting of which was between a bay mare from Long Island, named "Stella," entered by Theo. Morford; a brown horse from Freehold, entered by Wm. H. Strong; and a sorrel gelding "Pintarch," entered by A. J. Rogers. The bay mare took the race in three straight heats, much to the surprise of almost everyone, and yet there was an unknown quantity in the race. Time—2.35, 2.37, 2.43.

5. Among relics and curiosities exhibited at the Sussex Fair, by William Rankin, was an order book of Gen. Washington, dictated just before the battle of Long Island. Gilman T. Comings, of Sparta, also exhibited a turbine water wheel, which was then a new principle in hydraulic machinery.

6. Ball at Hiler's hotel, Sparta.

6. Isaac Wilkinson, of Newton, bitten by a rattlesnake, on exhibition in a house near the fair grounds. Some time elapsed before medical aid was given, but as the wound bled freely, it was thought that the virus would ooze out. This idea proved delusive, and notwithstanding the most vigorous treatment he lay 24 hours with his pulses beating between life and death,

and afterward recovered.

6. Lecomptonites held a meeting in Newton.

7. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, John P. Jackson, and H. N. Congar, of Essex, address Republican meeting at the Court House. Charles S. Oiden, candidate for Governor, also addressed meeting.

7. Flora Temple beats herself at Cincinnati, O., making 2 23/4, and on the 15th at Kalamazoo, she made her famous record of 2.19 3/4.

8. Warren Democrats held Assembly conventions, and nominated County officers on the 15th.

8. Sarah I., aged nearly 6 years, daughter of Jacob S. Emmans, burned to death at her home in Sillwater township, by clothes taking fire outdoors where feed was boiling in a kettle.

10. Sussex Teachers' Institute opened at N. C. I., in charge of John D. Reynolds. George V. Griggs and Samuel Morrow were secretaries. Lectures were given in the court house by Dr. Carlos Allen, Chas. S. Halsey, A. M., Rev. J. M. Johnson, Prof. Isaiah Peckham and Prof. B. Harrison. Of the teachers who signed the application to the State Superintendent, none are teaching and many are dead. They were: Chas. H. M. Angle, Wm. D. Casterline, Geo. W. Harris, Anna M. Condit, Rev. T. B. Condit, John D. Reynolds, Charles W. Earles, Margaret J. Pitney, Sarah E. Maine, Abbey J. Grayson, Moses Delaney, Charles M. Kinney, Berice Perry, A. V. Smith, Hannah McCamly, O. W. Cook, Moses Stoll, Sarah E. Lambert, H. W. McBride, Sarah Gustin, Julia K. Brink, Frances B. VanAuken, George Van, T. A. VanDoren, Augusta L. VanNoy, F. L. Strong, Hannah E. Hunt, Mary J. Sayer, Virginia Finch, Lizzie Viola Edsall, Mary E. Roe, Amelia Retallic, H. D. Chapin, Kate M. Willis, George C. Chapin, George V. Griggs, Charles S. Halsey, L. Voloni Stockwell, Charlotte Faulen, R. G. Malnes.

11. First fair of the Warren County Agricultural Society opened at Belviders. It was a success, and excelled the Sussex Fair in fruit and fancy and domestic work, but fell far short in horses, cattle, etc.

11. William Armstrong, of Lafayette, sold his matched team for \$1,000 to a New York man. This team won premium at late fair.

11. Presbytery of Newton met at Hackettstown. E. Clark Cline, a graduate of Lafayette, was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and arrangements made for installation of Rev. George S. Mott, at Newton, and Rev. J. Sandford Smith, at Andover.

11. Newton District Preachers' Association held meeting at Hope.

13. Morris county grand jury failed to indict two men (names not given) who were imprisoned on suspicion of murdering Mary Peer, near Staubopy, and they were discharged from custody.

14. Dedication of new M. E. Church at Hackettstown. Sermon by Rev. Newton Heston, and addresses by Revs. Bartine and Corbit. Twelve clergymen were in attendance; about \$1,900 was subscribed, leaving only \$100 of the \$7,000 needed to pay entire cost of building.

14. E. C. Moore's price for coal at Newton was \$5 50 at yard; Stanhope price was \$3 50 for chestnut and \$4 for stove and egg.

15. Trustees of Lockwood M. E. Church met to receive proposals for building a stone wall 500 feet long, 3 feet high, and 12 inches thick, around the graveyard.

15. J. C. Runlon, a tenant on the farm of Jesse Adams, near Allamuchy, had another visit from the fire fiend. His barns were burned in July, and on this date his house was on fire, though timely discovery prevented great loss. Three days later it again took fire from the chimney.

16. Old John Brown takes possession of U. S. Army at Harper's Ferry, and holds it until evening of the 18th, when a storming party of U. S. marines killed Brown's son, and all but three of the original party of 22.

18. H. Raymond, Jr., had his final closing out auction of store goods.

18. Isaac Gordon murdered near Boonton, Morris county, by George Acker, who buried his body in a sand pit. The incentive was \$50 in the possession of Gordon, and indulgence in rum.

20. It is quite apparent that there was reluctance to adopt the name Republican for those opposed to Democracy, and the term "Opposition" is almost invariably used.

20. Patchen and Brown Dick trot on Eclipse course. Brown Dick won two heats, but lost the race on account of foul driving.

21. List of premiums awarded at late fair printed in this issue, occupying 2 3/4 broad columns.

21. Those assessed for benefits by Paulins Kill drainage requested to pay 40 per cent. to John Snyder, treasurer.

21. E. C. Moore and John Linn offer Sussex foundry property for sale.

24. Washington Artillery ordered to meet for "particular business."

24. Trial of Solomon Cole for the murder of his wife began, before Justice Whelpley. Defendant's counsel stated that he was sick; Dr. F. Smith was called and said that while Cole had some fever, he was not too ill to appear, and the trial proceeded. John Linn, T. N. McCarter and A. J. Rogers were defendant's counsel. The State was represented by Whitfield Johnson, Prosecutor, and Robert Hamilton. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining jury. Out of 34 names called the following were selected: Samuel O. Price, John B. Stinson, Wm. M. Polisson, George W. Price, Wm. Lantz, Richard S. Denton, Jr., Gideon M. DeWitt, Horace Warner, Samuel P. Roberts, Andrew W. Shaw, Richard Shered, Job Cory. The witnesses examined for the State were: James Cole, Mary Ann Cole, Isaac Cole, Matilda Westfall, Isaac Bonnell, Esq., Susan Hornbeck, Dr. John Schmel, Dr. John L. Allen, Solomon D. Westfall, William Cole, Dr. Doremus, James M. Chapman, Edwin H. Slocum, Brittin A. Westbrook, Robert T. Shiner, Dr. Budd, Dr. J. S. Hunt, Abram VanAuken, Miriam VanAuken, Catharine Cole, Orlando Vandeuken, Stephen Hankins, Richard J. Croel, J. Laforge B. Osterhout, Benjamin H. Cole, Wm. D. Bartlow, Solomon D. Courtright, Emanuel B. Quick, Irene Abers, Rev. Henry Dutcher, George P. Cole, Sanford Vandeuken, James Hornbeck, Daniel S. McCarter, Dr. Thomas Ryerson, Mary Hankins and Philip Decker. Dr. Budd was an assistant to Dr. Doremus, and the offer of the prosecution to prove by this witness that Dr. Wickham called on the chemists and offered a bribe to disclose in advance the result of their finding, was not admitted by the court. Opening for defence A. J. Rogers claimed defendant was a persecuted man; the victim of neighborhood gossip. The only witnesses called by defence were Mary Ann Cole, Phebe Cole, Matilda Westfall, Dr. Wm. L. Appley, Isaac Cole, R. Johnson Croel, John Croel, John Roman, and Dr. F. Smith. The burden of Dr. Appley's testimony was to throw the blame on druggist Vandeuken, who had put up the prescription for Dr. Wickham, intimating that he had used strychnine instead of extract of nux vomica. The testimony was finished October 29, the State and the defence finished their arguments on the 30th. At 7.30 p. m. Justice Whelpley commenced his charge to the jury; they retired at 9 o'clock, and two hours later returned with a verdict of "not guilty." The prisoner was discharged, and on Sunday morning left Newton, in company with one of his brothers, apparently broken down in health, and with but a few years to live. The trial occupied six days.

25. There was trouble among the Democrats of Warren county over the office of Surrogate. It was supposed that Mr. Hann, the present Surrogate, would be renominated, but he was turned down, and John Alshouse, of Harmony, nominated. Isaac H. Norton, another Democrat,

was in the field as an Independent candidate. Mr. Miller, of Harmony, was the Republican candidate.

25. Barn of John Layton, Jr., in Sandyston township, burned, with contents, causing a loss of \$1,500.

25-27. Orange and Sussex Conference of Baptist ministers met at Lafayette. Sermon by Rev. Joseph I. Grimley.

27. An early snow storm left two inches of fleece.

26. Helem Vanauken announces himself as an Independent Democratic candidate for Assembly, in Third district.

26. Patchen and Lanct met at Suffolk Park, Philadelphia. Patchen distanced Lanct in last heat, though the latter won the first in 2:25 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

28. Moses Bachrach and David Heixter had a clothing store opposite the Anderson House.

31. Reuben Vansyckle withdraws from contest for County Clerkship.

#### NOVEMBER.

1. Installation of Rev. George S. Mott as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Newton. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Murray, of Elizabeth; charge to pastor by Rev. Mr. Bush, of Stewartsville, charge to people by Rev. Mr. Kirk, of Belvidere.

1. Lewis Noman, "veterinary surgeon, or horse doctor," located at Perry's mills, near Deckertown.

1. Jacob A. Coursen, (late of McDaniels & Coursen,) draper and tailor, removes to rooms over Cummins & Co's. store. Agent for Singer S. M. Co.

1. John S. Rockafellow opened tailor shop over Stoll & Dunn's store.

3. Patchen defeats Brown Dick and Lanct at Philadelphia. Best time 2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

9. Festival at Beemerville church, with addresses by Revs. Peter Kanouse and Robert Crossett.

10. Martin Ryerson invited proposals for grading and working Madison street, from residence of George T. Smith to Springdale road. Robert Space took the contract.

8. Annual election. Very few meetings had been held in Sussex, but the vote was surprisingly large. For Governor, Wright received 638 majority over Olden; for County Clerk James J. Martin received 166 majority over Lyman Edwards. The total vote was 4377, and of these Peter S. Decker received 4292 for re-election as Sheriff. There was no opposition to Martin Cole in 1st Assembly district, nor to Charles Mackery in 2d district. In the 3d district Daniel D. Decker received 1172 votes and Helem Vanauken 562.

8. Warren gave Wright 725 majority, and elected John C. Bennett, Robert Rusling and Phillip Shoemaker to Assembly. Rusling was re-elected by 70, and Shoemaker defeated Charles Scranton in 3d district, by about 100.

8. Morris county elected to Assembly two Republicans and two Democrats.

10. Jubilee and feast over Olden's election, at Cochran House. People of Hope celebrated on the 11th and those at Johnsonburg on the 12th.

15. Sheriff Decker closes out stock in store lately occupied by Harvey Raymond.

15. Virgil Vanauken, tilling the farm of William C. Lambert, near Deckertown, had gathered 125 bushels of buckwheat from one bushel sowing of seed.

16. One of the pikes which old John Brown had manufactured for use in Virginia, was on exhibition at THE REGISTER office. It was sent to Newton by Irving Hull, who was then a resident of Richmond, Va., and a member of one of the military companies which went to Harper's Ferry.

16. James Vankirk, aged 33, died at Columbia, Warren county, from internal injuries received six days previous while sawing lath with a circular saw.

21. Patchen and Flora Temple met on Union Course. Darkness fell before race was finished. Flora won two heats in 2:28 and 2:23. Patchen took the third in 2:24. Patchen trotted under the saddle and Flora in harness. The race was to have

been finished the next day, but both horses were drawn by their owners.

22. Engine "Aaron Peck" delivered to Sussex Railroad Company. She was a counterpart to the "A. S. Hewitt."

24. Thanksgiving day.

24. Festival in M. E. Church at Millbrook, Warren county.

25. Luther Hill says he intends to close the brick business at Springdale, as at present conducted.

25. About 30 first-class farms in Sussex and Warren were advertised to be sold to close estates, and for other reasons.

25. Thirty tons of pork shipped from Newton depot, and twenty-five tons on the following day, besides great quantities of butter, poultry, etc.

#### DECEMBER.

1. Among marriages we find that on this date Rev. S. W. Hilliard married Abraham Lincoln and Mary E. Corby, at Dover. Both were residents of Randolph township.

2. Execution of John Brown at Harper's Ferry.

6. Sussex Court opened, Justice Whelpley presiding. Four tavern licenses granted, and application of Ford Shelly, at Sparta, laid over. It was an unimportant term, the civil actions being for small amounts, and the only State prison sentence was that of Henry McIntire (colored) who received one year for stealing a buffalo robe from Cochran House stables.

7. Trial trip of steamboat built at Easton for navigation of the Delaware between Belvidere and Port Jervis. The boat was 37 feet in length, 18 feet in width, and had a capacity for 100 tons of freight, drawing 26 inches when loaded.

9. New dwelling house of James Ilff, 3 miles west of Hope, burned in night, with tools of workmen. Loss, \$2,500; no insurance.

10. Two men killed and others injured by premature explosion of a blast in Oxford tunnel.

12. A card from Jonathan Whitaker shows how a libel suit against D. W. Kleinhaus, of Philadelphia, was settled by payment of costs and an unequivocal retraction.

12. John Haggerty, of Newton township, while at work on a building at Hamburg, fell a distance of 16 feet, and was seriously injured.

Some idea of the great amount of freight coming into and going out of Newton, may be obtained by the statement that on this date, in addition to large shipments of butter, poultry, flour, etc., the train carried 565 dressed hogs; and on the following day a less number, but whose aggregate weight exceeded the 565. One freighter paid out \$1,300 on the 12th and \$1,600 on the 13th, and he was but one of a dozen whose disbursements were on a correspondingly large scale. The earnings of the Sussex Railroad for the year ending December 1, were \$35,000, but cost of the new equipment prevented dividend.

13. Morning train service on Sussex Railroad cut to Tuesdays and Fridays.

15. Among the 100 rafts floated down the Delaware this fall was one shipped by Thomas Barnes. It was 195 feet in length, 63 feet wide, and drew 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet of water; eight men managed it, and it contained 3,000 railroad ties, 8,000 hoop poles, 35,000 feet of joist, 108,000 feet of wharf timber, 2,500 feet of tie timber, and 10 ship knees. It was the largest raft that ever went down the Delaware.

15. Excitement growing over the slavery question, and circulation of "Helper's Impending Crisis."

15. Judge Robeson, of Belvidere, had made arrangements to build a road from Belvidere to intersect the Warren Railroad at the Little Tunnel.

16. Job Woodruff declares that he has routed the enemy at 240 Main street, Stillwater. John W. Obodyke was his assistant.

19. Annual meeting of Sussex County Agricultural Society. A new executive committee was chosen. The crop prizes

were awarded as follows: Oscar Dunn, Wantage, best acre of winter wheat—yield 39 36-100 bus. per acre; competition on best wheat crop was very close, but the prize went to Asa Smith, of same township, who showed a yield of 90 bushels from 2 30-100 acres; James Tuttle, Wantage, best acre of corn—164 bus.; Azariah Davis, best quarter acre of potatoes, 111 $\frac{1}{2}$  bushels; John T. Vouzb, Green township, best field crop of oats, 51 39-100 bushels to the acre on nine acres; William Campbell, Vernon; best quarter acre of onions, 655 bushels.

20. Proposals received by Trustees to build school house at Houses Corner, 24x34 feet in size.

21. First sleighing of the winter.

21. Engine "Pohatcong" added to equipment of M. & E. R. R.

22. The deaths of two well known citizens occurred on this date, viz: Dr. Heman Allen, at Deckertown, aged 82 years, and Gen. John Smith, at Waterloo, aged 84 years.

23. Better facilities for manufacturing had enabled Woodward & Ryerson to reduce price of kerosene oil to \$1 per gallon.

23. Seymour H. Stickle desired to sell his lot, with gravel and sand bank, from which 600 loads were sold this year, and other orders unfilled. This is the present O'Neill property on Trinity street.

23. J. W. Gillam, secretary, gives notice that Newton Lyceum meets at old Academy, every Friday evening, and on this date, discussed "Are holidays more beneficial than harmful to mankind?"

23. "The Knowing Ones" reply to Job Woodruff's Stillwater adv., in a sarcastic style.

23. Jacob L. Swayze has an original adv., in which he vigorously gives his views on political subjects, and tapers down with small mention of his wares.

25. Walter, aged 12 years, son of late William Howell, of Sparta, playfully seized a gun on Christmas morning, not knowing it to be loaded and shot his brother Martin D., aged 9, killing him instantly. The sad affair occurred at the home of their mother, at Lake Mills, Wis.

26. Christmas tree festival in Park Hall, for children of Episcopal Sunday school. The whole affair was of the most enjoyable character.

27. Warren Courts opened. Justice Whelpley asked Prosecutor Vliet if he was ready to proceed with indictment against Jacob S. Harden. He said he would be ready next day, and the case stood over, but now the defence sought delay, on account of illness of Mrs. Ramsey, an important witness, who would not be able to come out for three or four weeks, and the case was postponed until the next regular term.

27. Miss S. D. Carman delivered two free lectures in Park Hall.

28. Dedication of new Presbyterian church at Marksboro.

28. Holiday ball at Union Hall, Hope. Music by H. B. Ogden & Co.

28. Unusually cold day, 3° below zero, and not above 3° all day. On the 29th it was 4° below.

28. William P. Ross, at Newton, and Theo. B. Ross, at Ross's Corner, were introducing the Howe sewing machine.

28. John C. Williams adds melodeons to his stock in trade.

28. Isaac W. Smalley, tailor, wishes to sell his property at Stillwater, on account of retiring from business.

30. A man named Mandeville, had been committed to jail, on a charge of opening letters for Jacob Shimer, of Montague. He was a teamster; obtained the letters from the Port Jervis office, and opened them. A valuable draft was missed, and the theft was traced to Mandeville, who gave up letters and contents.

31. A fortnight's sleighing had been excellent, but weather was too severe for enjoyment.

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JANUARY.

1. W. H. VanCampen and John H. Johnson enter into partnership in the shoe business in the ward Joseph L. Shaw becomes Mr. VanCampen's partner, doing business in the Rorbach building.

1. Morris & Essex R. R. Co. change ending of fiscal year from Nov. 30 to December 31, and declare a four per cent. dividend on earnings of seven months to Dec. 31.

2. Sussex Bank reported capital stock of \$201,025; notes in circulation, \$176,533; due depositors, \$45,091.37; discounts, \$312,632.40.

2. Farmers Bank reported discounts of \$139,328.84; capital stock, \$73,940; notes in circulation, \$82,736; due depositors, \$27,968.82.

4. Wood turning works of George Roe, occupied by John Hull, at Vienna, Warren county, burned. Insured for \$1,500 in Hardwick Mutual.

6. Levi H. Truex had bought store business of Trusdell & Young.

6. An ad. nearly a column in length, signed "Townsend Black Hawk" shows how Sussex was given to horse. It was a challenge to any stallion in New Jersey or Orange county, and begins with an accusation against "Shaw's humbug stallion, Kemble Jackson."

6. Anderson & Martin had succeeded Titman & Martin, at Newton.

9. John Buckley accepts the challenge of "Townsend's Black Hawk" and will trot his horse for \$500 or \$3,000.

10. M. E. Church at Millbrook, Warren county, dedicated. Sermons were preached by Rev. C. S. VanCleve and Rev. S. W. Hilliard.

10. Collapse of the Pemberton Mills, at Lawrence, Mass., by which 206 persons were killed and 814 injured. The property loss was over \$500,000, and it was the greatest calamity that America had yet known, occurring just as the mills were lighted up for the evening.

11. Ball at hotel of Peter Vanness, Johnsonburg.

13. Plaster as a farm manure has almost become obsolete, but at this time Joraleman & Howell, at Lockwood, were extensive dealers. Price, \$8.25 per ton at Newton, and 37½ cents per 100lbs. at the mills.

13. Under a new law Banks were obliged to publish a list of unclaimed dividends which had existed for two years. The Sussex Bank had 13, with an aggregate of \$90.50, while the Farmers' Bank had none.

14. Mahlon Barber, aged 40, died in Trenton Asylum. He had refused to take food of any character for several days, and died three days after his committal to Asylum.

15. Lyman Edwards & Son had removed their warerooms to store lately occupied by H. Raymond, Jr., in Walker's Block, but continued manufacturing at the old stand near the Episcopal Church.

16. Citizens of Hackettstown met to take action on proposed new county of Musconetcong. It was resolved to strike out of the bill mention of Hackettstown as the location for site of county buildings.

17. Inauguration of Governor Olden, at Trenton.

18. Grand Lodge of Masons elected officers at Trenton. Rev. N. Pettit, of Newton, was chosen Grand Chaplain.

19. At Morristown George Acker pleaded not guilty to indictment for murder of Isaac M. Gordon, of Mountville. Trial set down for January 30, and Court assigned VanCleve Dalrymple, Lyman A. Chandler and Theodore Little to defend him.

20. Evidence growing of the irrepressible conflict between freedom and slavery, and a division of the North and South.

20. B. F. Sherwood, who it seems was the author of the "Townsend Black Hawk" challenge, withdraws it on account of the death of his wife.

20. I. G. Owen announces that he has become proprietor of the photograph gal-

lery over Stoll & Dunn's store.

23. Store of Harris & Co., at McKainsville, Morris county, burned. Most of goods on first floor saved; loss, \$2,000 on stock, \$1,000 on building; insured.

26. John H. Wood writes upon the merits of Hungarian grass, which he has introduced at Walpack Center.

26. Alexander Hough had purchased red saw mill at Branchville.

26. Death of Hon. Ely Moore, at Leecompton, Kansas, where he was Register of U. S. Land Office, having been appointed by President Pierce, in 1854. He was 60 years of age; was born in Hunterdon county, and removed to Newton, where at the age of 16 he became an apprentice in THE REGISTER office. He served six years, and then went to New York city, where he became an active politician, and became one of the leaders of the Working Man's Party, in 1828. Afterwards he became a man of influence in Tammany's ranks; served two years in Congress, 1835 to 1839, and subsequently held the office of Surveyor of the Port and U. S. Marshal. About 1851 he returned to New Jersey, and became proprietor of the Warren Journal, which he conducted until appointed to the Kansas position. He was a man of fine abilities, but attached to theories rather than to practical views, and was generous to a fault.

26. Senator Moore introduced bill to charter Newton Gas Light Company.

27. Wire & Hart announce partnership in plow making business, at Warrenville.

29. Dr. M. F. Cross, who had but recently commenced practice at Lafayette, died at the age of 32 years.

30. Storehouse of Case & Ackerson, at Hackettstown, destroyed by fire.

31. A drifting snow storm, which made travel very difficult.

31. Miss S. D. Carman again gives two free lectures at Park Hall.

31. John Hendershot sells the store goods of J. B. & J. A. Hendershot, at Swartswood, at auction.

31. The cost of building railroad from Bloomfield to Paterson and Boonton was estimated at \$500,000, and another effort was to be made to secure stock subscriptions.

31. Reports of various railroads, made to Legislature, show cost of Sussex road to have been \$380,102.33; receipts of last year, \$33,511.54; expenses, \$25,549.38.

FEBRUARY.

1. Henry C. Keisey appointed as postmaster at Newton, in place of John McCarter, resigned.

1. William Pennington, of New Jersey, elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, after a contest lasting nine weeks.

2. Mercury 7° below zero.

3. Jasper Snook, formerly of Montague, had been convicted of murder of an infant, after trial at Newburg, N. Y. The charge was that some 14 years since he had killed a new born child, the fruit of an incestuous connection with his own daughter, and the daughter (now married) was the principal witness against him. Evidence that the man was irresponsible was shown in the fact that two hours after the jury's verdict he was fast asleep in his cell.

6. Annual meeting of Sussex Mutual. Year's business had been favorable, only one loss occurring.

6. Moses B. Northrup retires from firm of Northrup & Sons, in milling business.

7. A youth who was known only as "Bender," placed in Belvidere jail on a charge of robbing store of William Ramsey, at Port Murray.

8. Jacob D. Konkle, of Blairstown, had purchased the hotel at Belvidere, owned by Mayor Ribble, for \$14,000, and was to take possession March 28, under the name of "The Fremont House."

8. Grabenheim & Hetherington, of Newark, had arranged to occupy store house of L. L. Smith & Co., after March 20.

9. Dedication of new M. E. Church at Waterloo. Sermons by Rev. L. R. Dunn, of Orange; Rev. J. W. Seran, of Wantage,

and Rev. W. Tunison, of Jersey City. The cost, including bell, furniture, etc., was \$2,800. The bell weighs 956lbs. It was dedicated free of debt, and in addition \$50 presented to the wife of the pastor, Mrs. J. C. Jackson. Clawson & Hazen, of Hackettstown, were the builders.

10. W. A. & E. Meeker, of Succasunna steam flouring mills, opened grain depot at store of Wm. P. Nicholas, in Newton.

10. Sabrina Jennings and Sarah J. Beckwith, advertised Neversink Female Seminary, at Port Jervis, N. Y.

10. George Acker convicted of murder, in Morris Courts.

10. A gale of unparalleled violence and duration, causes some damage at Johnsonburg, and in other sections, but on the coast and in New York and Brooklyn it was frightful. The river was a complete sheet of foam.

10. James Wells, aged 55 years, fell from a grain stack upon a rail fence, on his farm in Sandyston. A broken rail penetrated his abdomen, causing speedy death.

15. The carcass of a wildcat, shot some three weeks since near Beemerville, had been stuffed and "set up" in the Newton depot as an exhibit of the varied products of Sussex.

15. The State's military equipment was ridiculous at this time. There were only 480 rifle muskets in the arsenal; also 3,246 new flint lock muskets, which were wholly useless. Of the 92 organized military companies in the State, only 43 had made returns to the Quartermaster-General.

16. Bill introduced in Senate to increase salary of Attorney-General to \$500; State Superintendent of Public Schools to \$500, and Clerk of the Supreme Court, \$2,000, all fees exceeding that sum to be paid to the State. Also, a bill to charter the Consolidated Franklinite Company, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000.

17. Death of Ira B. Newman, at Milford, Pa. He was a successful educator of youth; at one time he had a school in Newton. He was about 45 years of age, and possessed of such wealth that there was no need of his labors in a school room.

17. John Trusdell resumes photograph business in rooms over L. L. Smith & Co's. store.

17. Isaac Rosenkrans desires to quit mercantile business at Stillwater.

17. Hardwick Mutual held annual meeting on January 2, but statement just published shows 1389 policies outstanding, and disbursements during year of \$5,970.73, including balance of \$197.12 in treasurer's hands.

18. A notable snow storm, leaving a large body of snow, and on the 22d there was a notable rain, which caused a destructive freshet with the melting snow.

20. Justice Whelpley, at Morristown, sentenced George Acker to be hanged on March 20.

22. Shed on farm of D. M. Kerr, near Newton, blown down, and a five-year-old son of Mr. Kerr was seriously injured by falling timbers.

22. John D. Ackerson died at Lafayette, aged 83 years. He moved to Sussex from Bergen county, in 1805, and his wife survived him after a wedded life of 60 years.

24. Branchville dancing school gives ball in Odd Fellows Hall.

27. Republican, or "opposition" voters of Sussex met at Anderson House, to choose delegates to State convention, which marked the opening of the Presidential campaign. A Central Committee and corresponding members were named.

28. The amount collected in Newton for the Washington monument, through box in the post office, was exceeded by only three offices in the State, viz: Jersey City, Newark and Somerville.

29. Bill to authorize construction of railroad from Hoboken to Newark passed House 36 to 21. In Senate the vote was 14 to 7. It cost thousands of dollars and many baskets of champagne.

MARCH.

1. Abram & L. L. Smith dissolve partnership at Newton.

2. William Crigar publishes transcript,

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of deed for Free Church at Beemerville to controvert a claim made by Second Baptist Church of Wantage, and over which there was much excitement. The deed was made April 1, 1794, and acknowledged May 16, 1806. In the next issue John V. Roloson denies that the Baptists lay claim, but occupy the church through consent of the Trustees.

2. Lane & Woodruff dissolve partnership at Deckertown.

2. Mrs. Sarah Rorbach, en route from Newton to California, had her pocket picked of \$270 while leaving cars at Jersey City. Gasherie Dewitt, of Belleville, an entire stranger, collected enough money among his friends to enable Mrs. R. to continue her journey on the 5th.

5. Sussex Foundry property again offered for sale.

5. A panther or some other ferocious animal was creating havoc among farm stock in a portion of Washington, Warren county, and contiguous townships. A reward of \$50 was offered for capture.

6. Steamboat Alfred Thomas, making its trial trip from Easton to Belvidere, with 100 persons on board, blown up when a quarter of a mile from Easton, through water getting too low in boiler. Eleven persons were killed, and fourteen injured more or less seriously, one of whom died afterward. Coroner's jury found that boiler was poorly constructed and engineer was careless.

8. Festival at Ford Shelly's in Sparta, to raise funds to pay debt on M. E. parsonage.

11. Rev. James H. Dwight, a missionary to Turkey, delivered an address in Presbyterian church, Newton, in behalf of Bible cause. He spoke at Sparta in the evening of the same, and at Lafayette and Andover, on the 12th and 13th.

14. Henry W. Green confirmed as Chancellor, thus ending a fight between Senate and Governor, which had closed the Court of Chancery for over a year.

16. H. Raymond, about to leave Newton, places his tree and flower business in hands of Stoll & Dunn.

16. There were a number of local bills pending in the Legislature, including an act to charter the Newton Cemetery Company with a capital not to exceed \$20,000. The incorporators named in the bill were: Robert Hamilton, E. C. Moore, M. W. Northrup, D. S. Anderson, S. Cassidy, N. Pettit, T. N. McCarter and W. S. Johnson. Also, a bill to charter Newton Gas Light Company, with a capital of \$30,000; the incorporators were Daniel S. Anderson, Robert Hamilton, John Linn, John H. Nelden and John Townsend. Both became laws. A bill to charter the Sussex County Bank at Franklin Furnace, with a capital of \$50,000, was killed. The persons named to solicit subscriptions were John Linn, A. V. Bonnell, Samuel Fowler, W. H. Edsall, G. W. Greer, H. V. Edsall, Mark, Bellew, John Gibson, E. Potter, P. Wilson and R. Maybee.

17. Rev. Father McKay delivered a sermon in St. Joseph's Church, to which an admission was charged.

17. Anthony Adams, a negro, confined in Sussex jail, on a charge of chicken stealing, escaped by changing places with a jail attendant who had entered his cell to perform some duty. Adams locked the attendant in, remarking jocularly that he would try how it would go to act as jailor himself. He then left the building, and got off undiscovered. The attendant spent two hours in the cell before Sheriff Decker was made aware of the escape. Adams attained some notoriety two or three years previous, by reason of having been enticed from the neighborhood of Port Jervis, taken down south and sold into slavery. The authorities of New York commissioned James Bennet, Esq., to go in search of Adams, and he found and rescued him from servitude.

18. Tenant house on Isaac Ayres farm, in Wantage, occupied by Wm. Haggerty, burned with all its contents.

19. Snook buildings on Spring street sold at Sheriff's sale to J. Wesley Smith, for \$5,140. The rental at this time was \$800.

20. Pedlar's wagon standing under hotel shed at Lafayette, robbed of \$50 worth of goods.

21. Boy lodged in jail charged with stealing \$25 from Burr B. Kimble, at Monroe Corner.

20. Burglars enter barroom of Anderson House, and office of Newton steam mill, but in both cases were poorly rewarded.

23. Note made of the fact that Dr. David Jayne, the second richest man in Philadelphia, was a poor boy in Byram township, Sussex county, some 30 years ago. He was not considered of more than ordinary promise, but he had a taste for compounding specifics, and for awhile picked up an indifferent living by peddling his remedies through the States. Twenty years ago he began business in Philadelphia, without capital, and almost unknown, but he advertised liberally, knowing that publicity brings success, and now was a millionaire.

20. The O. U. A. societies in the State were breaking up; the State organ had suspended, all the chapters in Jersey City had succumbed, and all but one in Newark had given up their charter.

20. Jacob Snyder was associated with Ira G. Owen, in photograph business.

21. James Cliff, residing near Hope, whose house had recently been burned, sustains another misfortune, an unruly ox kicked him and broke his leg.

21. House indefinitely postponed bill to create county of Musconetcong.

23. Comment made upon the rowdyism in Newton, and the fact that justices and constables were more solicitous for reelection than they were for repressing violence and disorder.

23. There seemed to be a rivalry among the dealers in ground plaster. Colver & Huston quoted \$8.50 per ton at Lafayette; Joraleman & Howell had a cash rate of \$8 at Newton, while Samuel T. Smith quoted lump at \$5 per ton.

23. Dr. S. Dayton, dentist, spent half the month in Newton, and the balance in visiting alternately towns in Sussex and Warren.

23. Grabenheim & Hetherington make their first announcement as successors to L. L. Smith & Co.

23. Legislature adjourned. Among its acts were supplements to Newton and Deckertown Turnpike Co., Sussex Mine Railroad, and to repeal act to vote by ballot in Byram. Bills of the same character intended for Newton and Lafayette failed to be acted upon. Acts were passed to incorporate Consolidated Franklinite Co., Belvidere Gas Co., Warren County Farmers', Mechanics' and Manufacturer's Association, Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Warren county, and Morris County Agricultural Society.

24. Democrats of Sussex elect delegates to Trenton convention.

24. A Young Men's Republican Club organized at Cochran House. Of the 72 names attached to the printed call, only 10 are now residents of Newton, and 18 are known to be living. Martin Havens was elected president; A. C. Schooley and Joseph Coult, secretaries; David Ryerson, treasurer.

27. Two barns on farm of Morris County Almshouse, burned, together with other property, causing a loss of \$2,000; no insurance.

29. George Acker hanged at Morristown.

30. Nathan Cole, of Deckertown, had lost his nose through kick of a horse, and was congratulating himself that his life was saved.

30. A twelve-year-old son of Asa Willson, of Deckertown, had died from injuries received in a scuffle with a playmate a few days previous.

31. Daughter of Rev. Reuben Vansickle, aged 7 years, had leg broken by falling off a log, near her home in Andover.

31. Job D. Hunt, who had wandered away from Sussex county, last October, in a state of partial derangement, had been found in Oakland county, Mich., with his feet badly frost-bitten.

APRIL.

2. Newark M. E. Conference opened at Hackettstown, Bishop Scott presiding.

3. Sussex Courts opened, Justice Haines presiding. Business was unimportant. Twenty-five licenses were granted, one of which was to Jacob D. Konkle, for the Cochran House. Four new applications were laid over, though afterward Harrison Cole received license for a hotel in Stillwater (Fredon.)

6. George Drake says that parties who leased his store in the Kraber building, have made other arrangements, therefore he will continue the shoe business.

6. Nathaniel Drake, an ingenious citizen of Green tsp., had received his third patent; this being for a corn sheller.

6. The peach crop liar and the false news fakir had an existence.

6. A few weeks since THE REGISTER noted the capture of a pickerel weighing eight pounds, in a pond near Dover. Now the wind is taken out of its sails by a letter from Daniel Washer, of Oakland county, Mich., who says such a sized pickerel would not be noticed in his neighborhood. One had been taken from Washer's mill pond that weighed 18lb., and he himself caught one that weighed 14lb.

8. Rev. J. T. Crane, of Jersey City, preached in Newton M. E. Church.

5. Death of Samuel Gouverneur Ogden, at Astoria, L. I., in his 81st year. He was a son of Rev. Uzal Ogden, who was rector of Christ Church, Newton, as far back as 1783.

8. Joseph Squinton and Francis Lupi, bootmakers, had located near John A. Gordon's blacksmith shop, on Spring st.

9. Township elections. There was quite a strife in Newton, the candidates who worked the hardest were elected, without relation to politics. In Hardyston and Wantage there were contests over the question where the next town meeting should be held. Hamburg won over Franklin Furnace, and Coleville over Deckertown. Another incident of the Wantage election was the choice of Robert McMickle as Justice by seven votes over Enoch A. Ayres, a veteran Democrat.

24. Presbytery of Newton met at Phillipsburg.

9. Conference adjourned at Hackettstown, after a very harmonious session, with the exception of a heated discussion over the slavery question. By a vote of 67 to 57. Conference refused to define anew its position on that question, believing that the Discipline was sufficiently explicit on the "vexed question."

11. E. H. Woodruff and Theo. F. Anderson dissolve partnership at Stanhope.

12. Rev. E. H. Chapin, of New York, delivered lecture in court house. Subject—Woman and her work.

13. Frederick W. Ricord, of Newark, appointed State Superintendent of Schools.

13. H. N. Sherwood desired to sell the "splendid new building" corner Moran and Trinity streets.

14. Firm of Schooley & Shiner dissolved; business continued under firm name of A. Shiner & Co., John Schooley being the company.

16. Dr. Flagler's paper-mill at Morristown, burned, causing a loss of \$10,000.

17. H. Wyker closed out his store business at Beemerville.

17. John C. Heenan fought Thomas Sayers, at Hampshire, England, forty-two rounds, consuming two hours and six minutes. The news of the fight was not received until May, and was a great sensation for that day.

17. Scranton's store at Oxford Furnace, robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of goods; also, a large number of postage stamps.

17. Warren Courts opened, Justice Whelpley presiding. Trial of Rev. Jacob S. Harden, for murder of his wife, moved. The first panel of jurors was exhausted, and only eight acceptable jurors obtained. Another panel ordered, and Court adjourned until next day, when the jury was completed as follows: Philip D.



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Weller, Charles Walker, Horace V. Norton, David Smith, James Blair, Phillip Hartung, Aaron Cramer, John K. Teel, John V. Deshug, George H. Weller, John E. Stillwell, Edwin C. Albertson. The indictment was found at April term, 1859, and the prisoner had been in jail for a year, through three postponements of trial. During that time a new Prosecuting Attorney had been appointed, viz: James M. Robeson, vice Joseph Vliet, and Mrs. Ramsey, an important witness for the State had died. The prisoner had not suffered by confinement, and there was an evident hope that he would be able to relieve himself of the serious charge. His exemplary conduct in jail had created a favorable impression. Some thirteen columns of the testimony was published in THE REGISTER. The prisoner was ably defended by J. G. Shipman, David A. Depue, Benj. Williamson and Joseph P. Bradley, all eminent Jerseymen. The trial and arguments of counsel consumed fourteen days. J. G. Shipman and Joseph P. Bradley spoke eloquently in behalf of the prisoner. Attorney-General Dayton closed for the State. The jury retired at 6 p. m. on May 2, and returned in two hours with a verdict of guilty. The unhappy prisoner was overwhelmed, and shrieked aloud in agony.

The speech of Attorney-General Dayton occupied five hours, and was peculiarly powerful and convincing, sweeping away the theories of the defence, and showing the motive for the crime; how he stood by her deathbed unmoved by her appeals for relief, from the effects of the poison which he had been administering day after day. Judge Whelpley, immediately after Mr. Dayton ceased speaking, proceeded to deliver his charge. He occupied over two hours in the reading. It was exceedingly severe upon the prisoner, but entirely impartial. The circumstances of the case made it severe. When the jury returned into Court, it was about 8 p. m., and there being but few candles lighted in the court room, the scene in the semi-darkness was so solemn indeed. Harden's counsel had buoyed him with talk of a new trial, based on the severity of the Judge's charge, though no exception had been taken to it. As the foreman said "guilty," a low moan swept through the court room, and Harden's head dropped as if he were shot. His calmness forsook him, as he burst into tears, tearing his hair with his left hand, and burying his face in his handkerchief. The sheriff was ordered to remove him, and place him in irons. During the night his physical prostration was so great that physicians were in attendance continually. Thursday morning, May 3, Judge Whelpley, in the most solemn manner, sentenced him to be hanged on Thursday, June 28, after the prisoner and his counsel had declined to say anything in reference to such procedure. And thus ended one of the most extraordinary capital trials which ever took place in this or any other state.

19. John J. VanDeren, a widely-known hotel keeper, and a native of Newton township, died suddenly of apoplexy, at PortJervis, aged 60 years.

20. Dr. John D. Jackson had succeeded Jacob Powers as postmaster at Rockaway. Mr. Powers had removed to Pennsylvania.

20. Sussex Courts ended, the trial list being cleared, and yet the only case of general interest was a trial of six young men who were indicted for breaking up a religious meeting in the Stillwater M. E. Church. The case occupied three days, and resulted in acquittal of all defendants except one, and finding him guilty only of a part of the charge.

21. Additional 30 per cent. due on assessment of Paulins Kill Meadow Company.

20. Amos S. Mattison and Robert Q. Bowers had entered into partnership at Hackettstown, conducting the Willow Grove Foundry.

24. Democratic National Convention met at Charleston, and was in a dead-lock until May 8, meanwhile taking fifty inde-

clusive ballots. It then adjourned to meet at Baltimore, on June 16. Four of the New Jersey delegation, viz: Benj. Williamson, Robert Hamilton, J. L. Sharp and George F. Fort had supported candidacy of Stephen A. Douglas.

24. H. J. Harden & Son dissolve partnership at Beaver Run. Hosea V. Chardavoine becomes a partner, and the firm is J. V. Harden & Co.

27. Note made of the death, on March 29, of William Babcock, aged 106 years, at the residence of his son Samuel, in Hope township, Warren county. Deceased was a soldier in the Revolution, and served in the battle of Stony Point. He was a native of Rockland county, N. Y., and had resided with his son for past eight years.

27. J. Kline Williams, painter, etc., over Wm. H. Johnson & Son's store.

## MAY.

1. Jacob D. Konkle becomes proprietor of Cochran House, having given up his Belvidere purchase.

1. Annual meeting of Sussex Railroad Company. New directors chosen were: Aaron Peck, Martin Ryerson, Edward C. Moore, John Rutherford, John R. Stuart, Samuel T. Smith, John Linn, George M. Ryerson, John McCarter, Jr., Thomas N. McCarter, Samuel T. Headley. The old officers were re-elected.

2. Body of William Reed, a young farmer, of Sparta township, found after a two day's search, in his haymow. He had killed himself with laudanum, through domestic difficulties, which had found publicity through advertisements in the newspapers.

3. Wantage Musical Association gave concert at Deckertown.

4. Henry O. Ryerson moves law office to rooms on south side of Park, lately occupied by John Linn.

4. Harrison Cole advertises Fountain House, at Fredon.

4. W. D. Lanterman made a big bid for trade at Paulina.

4. Ellis Noe, a native of Morristown, and a former M. & E. engineer, died at Carmansville, N. Y., from shock, caused by killing a man on the Hudson River road, on the 21 inst. Though the coroner's jury exonerated him from all blame, he fainted away when the engine reached the spot on the second day after the accident, and died the same evening, never recovering consciousness. He was one of the best engineers on the H. R. R. R.

4. Body of William Sharp, of Belvidere, one of the victims of the steamboat explosion, had been found about one mile from scene of accident. It had been in water eight weeks, and was in a fair state of preservation, notwithstanding severe mutilations.

7. George M. Ryerson sustains a severe wound on the head, in an effort to stop a runaway horse, which had broken a carriage and thrown out two ladies.

9. Dr. Rosenkrans, of Hamburg, was exhibiting the tooth of a mastodon, found in the bed of the Walkkill, near Pine Island. It weighed 3 lbs. 6 oz., and was well preserved.

9. Board of Freeholders met. No change of officers. John Loomis, of Deckertown, made a written proposition to the Board to perform the duties of County Collector, for \$200 per year, or one-third what was now paid under the percentage system. Expenditures of county for the year were \$25,848.65; with collector's fees of \$562.97 to be paid out of a balance of \$817.95; among expenditures was the sum of \$3,000 for building Clerk's and Surrogate's office, though the entire contract cost was \$5,500; material in the old building sold for \$300. The commissioners were asked to retain their supervision until the shelving was completed, and the three (Smith, Linn and Moore) were voted \$50 each for services. Almshouse had cost for support, \$2,311.11, and farm produce had brought in \$774.30. John L. Everitt had been re-appointed as Steward. Claims growing out of the investigation of the violent death of Helena T. Cole, were presented.

After final action they aggregated \$1,323.47, of which \$500 went to Dr. Doremus and his assistant for chemical analysis; \$200 to Robert Hamilton, \$220 to Prosecutor W. S. Johnson, \$105.50 to Sheriff Decker and \$100 to Dr. Isaac S. Hunt and \$50 to Dr. John L. Allen. On motion of A. Lewis, of Wantage, salary of County Collector was made \$200 hereafter in full of all services required by law. Thomas R. Everitt, of Newton, was elected as Collector. The sum of \$16,000 was ordered to be raised by taxation.

10. Warren Freeholders repeal resolution making a fixed salary for County Collector, and go back to the percentage plan, after three years of saving. The percentage plan added largely to the salary.

10. Susan Welter, of Pahaquarry, Warren county, suicides with her son's razor, while deranged. She had been watched, but eluded surveillance.

10. Carr's flag stone quarry, near Deckertown, was in operation.

10. Wood's mowers sold at \$90.

13. Barn and outbuildings of Jacob Hornbeck, Jr., in Montague, destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$2,000, with only \$25 insurance. Fire believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

15. Lewis Hanke, barber, removes to room in corner of Cochran House.

16. Republican National convention met in Chicago, and on the 18th nominated Abraham Lincoln for President, on the third ballot.

16. Patchen again surprises the knowing ones, by defeating Ethan Allen in three straight heats, for a purse of \$2,000. First heat won by a neck in 2:25; the second by a length, in 2:24; the third, by two lengths, in 2:29. In another race on the 23d, to wagons, Patchen again won in 2:27, 2:26, 2:31. Another race, two-mile heats, was arranged for the 30th, but did not come off.

18. Dr. Rosenkrans, late of Hamburg, had opened an office at the Anderson House, in Newton.

20. The expenses of the Harden trial were estimated at \$5,000 for the county, and \$2,000 for the prisoner's father. The Board of Freeholders assigned \$100 to Jas. M. Robeson, the Prosecutor, for extra compensation, but he declined to take it, or have his services rated at 75 cents per day.

23. Dr. Carlos Allen began delivering his maps of Sussex county.

23. John C. Dennis sustains a broken leg through kick of his horse, while driving in Newton.

23. Hayard Taylor lectured before a large audience at the court house, on "Life in the Arctic Regions."

23. Samuel P. Roberts and wife thrown from their wagon near Drake's pond, through horse taking fright at cars. Mrs. R. seriously injured.

23. "Safety" writes of an effort to pump out a cistern on Spring street, with Engine No. 3, and the valves were so dry and useless that more than an hour elapsed before a feeble stream could be started. This starts "Safety" to thinking of the situation in case of fire. The treasury was empty, no assessment was made last year, and no officers were elected. The correspondent does not state the reason, but it may here be said that through some underhanded work two years previous, Chas. Crook was retired from the position of Chief Engineer, and William P. Nicholas elected in his place. The act seemed to have killed the department.

24. Frederick Shaff died at Berkshire, Tioga county, N. Y., aged 106 years. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and formerly resided in Sussex county, whence he removed to Pike county, and finally to Tioga. He was a wonderful marksman until he passed his 90th year.

24. A villainous attempt to burn dwelling of Jacob Hornbeck, Jr., in Montague. Fire kindled under the house at 10 p. m. was discovered and extinguished. His barn and outbuildings had been burned by an incendiary two or three weeks pre-

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vions.

25. Jackson D. Jay, recently of Decker-town, had become proprietor of the Railroad Hotel, at Goshen.

25. T. F. Anderson announces a closing out sale at Stanhope.

25. J. G. Shipman was making a great effort to secure arrest of judgment, or secure commutation of sentence to imprisonment for Jacob S. Harden.

28. James E. B. Stiles and Israel C. Potter form partnership in lime burning business at Newton.

29. Store of Alpheus Swayze, at Hope, entered by means of false key; only \$1 in cash was found, but the thieves neglected to take five valuable watches, which were in sight.

30. Morris R. Hamilton was about to leave Newton, to take charge of Camden Democrat.

30-31. Annual convention of Protestant Episcopal Churches held at Newark. Rev. N. Pettit preached sermon from Haggai 2: 4. Bishop said he had visited every parish and mission, and had confirmed 1015 persons, a larger number than had ever before been confirmed in one year.

31. Boston Franklinite Company organized at Franklin Furnace, with following officers: Directors, Oakes Ames, Phineas E. Gay, John Rutherford, John H. Brown, Robert H. Howell. President, John H. Brown; treasurer, Charles G. Nazro; secretary, Robert H. Howell.

## JUNE.

1. Work of taking U. S. census begun.  
1. Madame Duboye, Indian female physician, at Ward House, says she is not the "clairvoyant of Barnum's museum."

1. A. Shiner & Co. begin to close out their store business.

1. Price of Manny's mowing machines, \$100; mower and reaper, \$120.

2. Bay Bashaw and Andrew Jackson trotted on Stwart course for a purse of \$100. A large crowd present. Bashaw won first heat in 3:02, but lost the three succeeding heats in 3:01, 2:54½ and 2:50. He was said to be too fat for trotting.

3. Tornadoes were numerous within a fortnight. One on this date in Iowa and Illinois caused the loss of 150 lives and much property.

5. Farmers in Sussex, Warren and Morris were much agitated over discovery of pleuro-pneumonia in cattle of this state.

5. Medical Society met at Newton. Dr. Hulshtzer delivered address.

6. Bible Society held annual meeting at Andover. Sermon by Rev. Newton Heston.

6. Supreme Court heard application for writ of error in case of Jacob S. Harden, under sentence of death. Mr. Shipman presented eight objections. Court reserved decision a few days and then denied the writ.

6. The forests were vocal with the buzz of 17-year locusts.

6. Patchen and Flora Temple trotted a great race, on Union course, for \$1,000, the event having been postponed one day on account of rain. 15,000 people witnessed the race. Flora won the race, though in the second heat McMann, her driver, should have been ruled off, and forfeited the heat, for he deliberately drove in front of Patchen on the home stretch. The first was taken by a neck only, in 2:21; the second, by a neck, in 2:24, and the third, by a length, in 2:21½. On the 12th, the two met again for heats of two miles, and the great trotting stallion proved his superiority, winning the first heat by two lengths, in 4:53½, and the second, by over three lengths, in 4:37½. The mare could not compare with the horse in bottom, and while she was distressed, he was apparently in good trim for a new start. Patchen now received the praise that was due him.

8. Managers of Paulins Kill Meadow Company receive proposals to excavate a canal 20 feet wide on the bottom and eight feet deep, from Lafayette up the Kill to the Junction, about one mile.

8. County statement shows receipts of \$481 from tavern licenses, and \$200 from

four pedlar's licenses. Bridges cost \$2,096.46; election expenses, \$397; court expenses, \$2,901.88; lunatics in asylum, \$997.88; Brink & Knox had been paid \$2,000 on contract to build clerk's and surrogate's offices; board of assessors meeting cost \$39 and the county canvassers \$70.20; county debt was \$30,434.19.

9. Sudden death of John H. Neiden, of apoplexy, at his residence in Newton. At 5 p. m. he was in apparent enjoyment of highest health, and two hours afterward was a corpse. He was in the 45th year of his age; was born in Montague township, where he had resided all his life until coming to Newton three years ago. He was a partner of John McCarter, Jr., in lumber business, and possessing capital and enterprise, was a valuable addition to Newton's business interests.

9. Burglars rob stores of T. M. DeKay and John Osborne, at New Milford, store of R. S. Denton, Jr., in Vernon, and grocery and post office kept by Sylvester Givans, also in Vernon. They took nothing but money.

11. Executive committee of Sussex County Agricultural Society met in Newton, and adjourned without fixing any date for Fair. It created considerable talk. The committee were averse to holding a fair this year because of cattle disease that might prevent a display in that line, and for personal reasons. Another meeting was to be held on the 25th.

11. Sussex Railroad gives a tri-weekly early morning train instead of semi-weekly. Morning mail did not arrive until 12:15 p. m.

11. Burglars rob post office at Washington, Warren county; the store of John Flock, at Jacksonburg, and the Hunt store in Blainstown. The net haul was about \$100. Three boys, Sears, Pierson and Stiles, were the culprits who robbed Hunt's store.

12. Sussex Baptist Association met at Lafayette.

12. Mysterious disappearance and supposed murder of Captain William S. Bunn, at or near Jersey City. He was a son-in-law of Moses W. Northrup, of Newton, and when he left Rathboneville, N. Y., had some \$2,000 in his satchel.

13. Annual meeting of M. & E. stockholders at Newark.

13. Wife of John Fritts, a farmer, living near Asbury, Warren county, suicides by shooting.

15. Freighters of Newton give notice that no butter or other articles of a perishable nature will be received on Saturdays from this date until October 1, owing to the fact that freight stood in cars at Waterloo over the Sabbath, and was exposed to sun and liable to damage.

15. John A. Bernard, painter, had returned to Newton, and opened a shop in rear of new Methodist church.

15. Item: Comparing the marvelous time of 2:21 made by Flora Temple and Patchen, it was noted that the first trot in America was on Friday, Sept. 8, 1816, when a horse called "Old Blue," trotted three miles on the Salem turnpike at Lynn, Mass., in 8:42. He repeated this feat on the 10th of the same month in 8:56, and two days later in 8:00½. The horse was owned by Major Stackpole, and the judges were B. W. Crowningshield, Capt. George Talcott, Mr. Eckley and Mr. Bott.

16. Corporators of Newton Cemetery Company met at Surrogate's office.

19. Christopher C. Hetherington died at Newark, after a brief illness, aged 28 years. He was one of the firm of Grabenheilm & Hetherington, which had but recently commenced business in Newton. He was a native of England, and did not have a relative on this side of the Atlantic.

20. Court of Pardons refuse to commute sentence of Jacob S. Harden, who was to be hanged on June 26.

29. There were from 50 to 60 Patchen colts in Sussex, and every man was sure he had a bonanza.

20. The grass and other crops were heavy beyond precedent in this county.

19. Body of George Westfall, of Montague, found on railroad track opposite Fowler House, in Port Jervis. The fact that he had a considerable sum of money, which was not found on his body, induced belief that he had been murdered. He was 28 years of age, and had recently returned from California. An inquest was held, but no clue was found.

20. Martin Ryerson asks proposals for building a house on Halsted street, adjoining property of Allen Rosenkrans.

21. Peter Rooney, switch-tender at Port Jervis station, fatally injured through catching his foot in a frog, and being crushed by train.

21. Strawberry and ice cream festival for benefit of Hackettstown M. E. Church, Sussex people would be made welcome.

21. Owners of Patchen had refused \$25,000 for his purchase. Their price was \$35,000.

22. John Y. Foster, of Newark, who was announced as an unassuming young mechanic, addressed Young Men's Republican Club, in Park Hall. Branchville Glee Club sang.

22. Ira Westfall was a market gardener, on Madison street, near Catholic church.

22. Lawrence & Wills announce partnership at Stanhope.

22. At a union prayer meeting in Belvidere, Rev. Mr. Day stated that Jacob S. Harden had made a confession, and requested prayer for the man. The excitement was intensified by the announcement that Gov. Olden had relieved the prisoner until Friday, July 6.

23. Stephen A. Douglas and Herschel V. Johnson declared nominees of the adjourned Democratic convention at Baltimore. The Seceders' convention then met at the Maryland Institute, and nominated John C. Breckenridge and Gen. Joseph Lane. The latter were also endorsed by the Seceders' convention at Richmond.

23. Tannery buildings at Swartwood, owned by Jacob Hibler, destroyed by fire; loss \$1,000; insured in Sussex Mutual.

24. Masonic brotherhood celebrated St. John's day. The lodge entertained many from out of town, and had a fine supper at the Ward House.

26. Timothy H. Cook, who represented this county in the Assembly, from 1843 to 1845, died in his 68th year. He was a resident of Green tap, and was distinguished for an intelligent and honest performance of life's duties.

26-27. Annual examination at Newton Female Seminary. Exercises closed with an address in Park Hall, by Rev. Mr. Wells, of Jersey City.

27. Major George Walker, aged 74 years, a well-known resident of Newton, and a large property owner, accidentally thrown from his wagon against a pile of lumber near the railroad depot, and received a fracture of the skull, which caused death an hour later. The accident was caused by his forgetting to buckle one side of the breech-band when he harnessed his horse. He was a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated about 50 years ago, and the town lost a citizen who had aided materially in building it up.

27. Fair of Warren County Agricultural Society had been fixed for Sept. 11-14.

27. The long expected steamer Great Eastern arrived at Sandy Hook, after a voyage of 11 days. It first cost the curious \$1 to view her interior, but the figure was soon cut in two.

28. News received by Recorder Tilden, at Jersey City, that Captain Bunn was alive. He had been drugged and placed aboard a schooner by robbers, and was then in Florida, from whence he had written to his wife.

29. Nelson Smith was dealing extensively in building lumber, at Hardwick, Warren county.

30. M. & E. R. R. extended its 5.10 p. m. train to Hackettstown, on Saturday nights, for accommodation of summer boarders.

## JULY.

3. Sale of horses, cattle, etc., on George C. Shaw's farm at Gratitude.

4. Ball at Charles Coll's hotel, Andover; and a quadrille party, with seasonable refreshments, at Johnsonburg House.

4. Celebration at Bushkill, Pa., to raise funds for church. Music by Stroudsburg band.

4. Celebration at Andover with a Ladies' fair. Marshal, General Edwards; orator, Rev. S. W. Hilliard; reader, Rev. J. S. Smith.

4. Celebration at Deckertown. Orator, Cadet H. J. Kilpatrick; reader, O. W. Cooke; marshals, James J. Martin, Daniel D. Gould and Mahlon Cooper. Music by Andover brass band and Lafayette martial band.

4. Celebration at Hope. Orators, Col. Jacob R. Freese, J. G. Shipman and P. B. Kennedy; reader, John I. Blair. Music by Blairstown brass band; Washington military company present: fair held for benefit of Episcopal church.

4. Excursion trains over Sussex R. R. met all trains on M. & E. R. R. for Newark and New York. Excursion fare to Newark \$2.50, and return train did not leave Newark until 10.35 p. m.

4. Flora Temple defeated Patchen at Suffolk Park, Philadelphia, in three straight heats. Time—2.23½, 2.21½, 2.37½. The last heat was trotted in a drenching rain. On the 10th, they met again on the same course for two-mile heats. The first was taken by Patchen in 4.51½. A false start commenced the second heat, both horses going around the track amid the shouts of an excited multitude. The second heat was taken by Flora in 5.01½. Patchen broke several times, but coming up the home stretch nearly lapped Flora, when ruffians entered the track and threw clubs, etc. at Patchen's driver. Patchen was then withdrawn. Afterward he changed owners at a price of \$25,000.

6. Proprietors of the bridges over the Hackensack had applied for an injunction to restrain the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company from erecting a railroad, etc.

6. Execution of Jacob S. Harden, at Belvidere. The gallows, at Harden's suggestion, were made with a platform and drop, instead of being swung from his feet. Belvidere was crowded with a motley gathering, though not more than 150 could get into the jail yard. The Warren Blues, of Washington, Captain Stout, acted as police, but the arrangements for admission were so bad that the military simply increased the confusion. The crowd on neighboring barns, houses and trees was a repetition of the scenes at the Carter and Parke execution. At 1.25 he appeared in the prison yard, and appeared to weigh 150 lbs. and was five feet seven inches high. After kneeling in prayer he took leave of his friends, gave Sheriff Sweeney some directions about the signal which he desired to give himself, and as the black cap was drawn over his head a perceptible shudder passed over him and a low groan escaped his lips. At 1.31 he dropped the white handkerchief which had been placed in his hand, and the rope which held the weight was instantly cut by the sheriff. The drop was 3½ feet, and his dying struggles hard and long continued. Next to the Carter and Parke affair, New Jersey never knew such an exciting criminal case, nor where the hangman's noose was more righteously used. Harden wrote a book of admonition to the young, but his alleged confession was partially suppressed or rewritten. His remains were buried on his father's farm, 4 miles from Blairstown, and the sympathy of the community for the afflicted parents was evidenced by the attendance and deep solemnity at the funeral on the following day. Rev. I. N. Vansant, of Hope, and Rev. Mr. Reilly, of Blairstown, participated in the exercises: the sermon being preached by Rev. John B. Mathis, of Stillwater, from Hosea 6: 4.

9. A man went into Woodward and Ryerson's drugstore, and after purchasing a 3 oz. bottle of laudanum, walked to the door and took it down at one gulp. The clerk was alarmed, as the man had swallow-

ed enough to kill three or four men, and told him he would soon be dead, "Not much," was the reply "that is my regular dose to prevent spasms." The fellow walked toward the depot, and as he was not found for some hours after taking the dose much anxiety was in evidence. However, he turned up in the afternoon at the Willard House bar, none the worse for his big bite of opium.

13. "Plain Talk to Sensible Folks" stirred up the delay in organizing a school at the almshouse, as directed by the Board of Freeholders.

13. Death of Col. Simon Kilpatrick, of Wantage, after an illness of three years. Age not given, but "A Friend" contributes a very brief obituary.

15. Andrew, son of Ira Cook, of Frelinghuysen tsp., who had mysteriously disappeared three years since, and not been traced meanwhile, was found in Butler county, Ohio. His only reason for concealment was to overcome the objection of his parents to his residence in the West.

16. Dr. V. M. Swayze, of Easton, had purchased a collection of paintings, and opened a gallery in that city. The collection comprised 94 specimens of artistic skill.

18. William Sutterfoss, Samuel Cole and John M. Stiles break jail at Belvidere. Cole and Stiles were afterward recaptured.

19. John Flock, of Blairstown, advertises that "The Life, Confession and Courtship of Jacob S. Harden, will be published on July 21. Orders supplied at Hackettstown bookstore. It was sold at 25 cents per copy and the publisher paid \$2,000 for the manuscript. It was, however, not what the public expected.

20. The most remarkable celestial display that the eyes of man ever witnessed, was presented this evening at 9.45 o'clock. A huge meteor, with two heads, one shooting ahead of the other, emitting brilliant flakes of fire, and resembling an enormous rocket after it had burst, passed from west to east, apparently 200 or 300 yards high and was visible about 40 seconds. It presented the same characteristics and was visible at the same period of time throughout the New England States, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, thus showing the supposed elevation to be illusory, and the magnitude perhaps not inferior to the earth which we inhabit.

21. Sussex R. R. train on Saturday evenings, under new schedule held at Waterloo to connect with train leaving New York at 5.10 p. m.

22. A woods meeting at Springdale by M. E. denomination. When it broke up there was some fast driving on the Springdale flats and a young man from Hackettstown was thrown from his wagon and badly bruised.

18. Hon. Thomas Y. Howe, an eminent citizen of Auburn, N. Y., died of apoplexy. He was born in Sussex county, August 15, 1808, and went to Auburn in 1820.

20. Coe Lewis, aged 28, of Chimney Rock, Somerset county, killed his wife through jealousy and then committed suicide. He was born in Sussex co., where many of his family connections, who were highly respectable, still resided. Five years previous a man named Johnson suicided in the same house on account of jealousy toward the same man of whom Lewis was jealous. Lewis had been married three years.

20. The Phillipsburg Standard was authority for a statement that the same day that Harden bought the poison at Easton with which he killed his wife, he endeavored to get a check for \$1,000 cashed at the Easton Bank, to which the name of John I. Blair was forged. Through caution the officials refused, and then Harden tried the Phillipsburg Bank, where the forgery was detected, but no measures taken for his arrest. His identity would not have been discovered, if he had not confessed the act to the sheriff after the murder and arrest.

21. Sussex townships choose 12 Breckenridge and 10 Douglas delegates to State electoral convention.

23. It is decided to hold another Sussex Fair, on October 2, 3, 4, 5.

25. Two Democratic conventions at Trenton nominate two electoral tickets, viz: a straight Democratic ticket, and a fusion or Breckenridge-Bell ticket.

27. VanCampen & Vanderveer had opened a carriage trimming shop opposite Anderson House.

27. Mrs. Sarah Jane Benjamin announces that the Beaver Run foundry is running under her name, with Newman E. Benjamin as agent.

28. Congregation of Presbyterian church of Newton held a meeting, at which resolutions were passed instructing the Trustees to circulate a subscription to raise \$8,000 for enlarging the church from the rear; removing and enlarging the lecture room, and erect a parsonage. If sufficient money could not be raised by subscription the Trustees to be authorized to mortgage the land they may purchase to raise the deficiency. There was much discussion, and a motion to strike out so much as related to parsonage received only 4 votes. The original resolution was then carried without a negative vote.

30. After dry spell of five weeks a rainfall of 4 inches saved crops, which had recently suffered.

30. Census returns were beginning to come in, and A. H. Fitch reported that Caesar Soultz was living in Walpack tsp., at the age of 107 years. He was purchased as a slave in Esopus, N. Y., and after a long service and residence in Walpack tsp., in the Dewitt family, was offered his freedom. This he declined, and the estate had provided \$100 per year for his keeping until death.

30. Chancellor Green refused to restrain building of railroad bridges over Hackensack river for M. & E. extension to Hoboken.

30. Sussex Republicans elect delegates at Anderson House, to electoral convention.

#### AUGUST.

1. Thomas H. Shafer withdraws from firm of Shafer, Underhill & Co.

1. The census of Newton showed a gain of 969 in ten years. In 1850 the village contained 855 inhabitants; the present number was 1824. There were 308 dwellings, occupied by 359 families.

2. John Garrabrant, an extensive farmer at Mendham, lost a new set of outbuildings by fire, with valuable contents. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,500. Carpenters were working in the barn and men were unloading grain when the fire broke out. A year since he lost five horses, all killed by lightning, while grazing in an open field.

2. M. & E. directors make excursion over the road, and determine to begin work on extension to Phillipsburg.

2. The Warren foundry of Phillipsburg, was furnishing the seven foot main pipes for new Croton reservoir in New York.

2. Samuel Shelly, of Wantage, celebrated his 100th birthday.

3. A trot between Patchen and Flora Temple was announced for this date, on Long Island, but Wilke's Spirit warned sportsmen from betting on the race, as it was a "got up" affair. Patchen took first heat in 2.33. Flora took the others in 2.22, 2.23 and 2.24. Horses could hardly be seen for dust on track.

4. A tempest of wind and rain at Hackettstown, in which many trees were blown down, Dr. Rea's new building moved 18 inches from the foundation, and the gable blown out of a new brick building in course of erection by G. W. King.

5. Theodore Shauger, aged 12, drowned while bathing in Duulap's pond, near Sparta.

5. Barns of Hugh Exton, near Clinton, burned, causing a loss of \$3,000, and the life of Charles Heldebrant, aged 21, who was in the habit of sleeping in the barn.

6. William Teel killed by a fall of 80 feet from a ladder in Oxford tunnel. Jas. McLaughlin fell same distance but miraculously escaped with slight injury.

6. Moses W. Northrup and James F. Martin, begin operating steam mill, which has been refitted with new engine, etc.

6. Store stock of Shiner & Co. sold at auction.

7. William King, for 25 years superintendent of Dickinson mine, at Succasunna, dies from injuries received a few days previous while examining a new shaft.

8. Subscription papers were in circulation for the purchase of a bell, a public clock and shutter blinds for Newton M. E. Church. The Presbyterian congregation, which had long neglected its church property, was also trying to raise a fund for enlargement and the erection of a parsonage.

9. Alexander Humes, a student in the academy at Blairstown, hanged himself to a tree near the boarding house. His parents resided in New York; he was 18 years of age, and troubled with visionary ideas and imaginary difficulties, coupled with a sensitive temperament.

10. John Hopkins says he has sold out at Lafayette, and is going west.

10. George W. Earl assumes charge of Breese & Co's. express, and carts freight to and from depot.

10. Hazlet Slater announces lease of distillery at Lafayette, owned by Kays & Armstrong.

10. A. T. Hill, undertaker, at Marksboro, asks prompt notification of deaths during August and September.

10. Additional thirty per cent. assessment called by Drainage Company to be paid Sept. 1.

10. Belvidere Seminary, Rev. J. Addison Whitaker, principal; and St. Elizabeth's Academy, Madison, occupying buildings lately known as Seton Hall College, advertised.

10. Charles Dimlein, a German harness-maker in the employ of Thomas R. Everitt, becomes violently insane and causes much trouble. On the 11th he was sent to his family in Newark, where he again developed mania and severely injured a woman who was passing. He afterward attempted to hang himself, and nearly succeeded in making a fatal job.

12. Albert, aged 19 years, son of James A. Smith, of Newton, badly injured by falling from a tree while visiting relatives at Amity, N. Y.

15. John Rosenkrantz, of Wantage, had captured in the Wallkill, a turtle which weighed 39 $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds minus the head. The shell measured 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 19 inches.

15. Burglars enter houses of Andrew Shiner and James J. Martin. From the former they took a pair of pantaloons containing a purse and a wallet with \$75, and about \$50 worth of silverware. The pants were left in the door yard with a loaf of bread on them, and on the gate posts were placed the purse and wallet, with a cent in one and a bit of candle in the other. At Martin's they took a gold watch valued at \$100, some silver spoons, and a wallet containing a small sum of money.

16. The public was deprived of a treat through the settlement of a suit at Morristown. Andrew J. Rogers, of Newton, sued John B. Cox, of Morris co., before a Morristown justice, to recover amount of a promissory note given for lobby service at Trenton in 1859. Rich developments were expected, but it was claimed that the witnesses, who were then prominent in political life, paid the note, sooner than be placed upon the stand.

17. "Warren" writes of the \$50,000 thrown away in Frelinghuysen township in fifty years, by yearly working the roads with gutterwash.

17. "A. H. C." recommends sprinkling salt on brush and brush hedges, by means of which cattle will do better work than a scythe.

17. Residence of Mahlon Cooper, at Deckertown, robbed of \$16 in money and some silverware. Other houses were visited, but the burglars failed of entrance.

18. A remarkably severe electrical storm.

21. Andrew A., aged 8 years, youngest son of Andrew A. Smalley, drowned at Newark by falling from a boat.

22. A Shiner & Co. dissolve partnership.

23. Sunday schools of Newton and Andover M. E. churches held picnic in grove at Springdale.

24. John N. Johnson & Co. had opened a marble yard opposite Ward House, on High street.

24. The census returns of the county were given so far as it was possible to obtain them. Townships and counties were subdivided in the work of enumeration, and it was difficult to obtain precise figures. Vernon, Stillwater and Byram were missing.

24. Joseph Cuddeback quarreled with his neighbor, Peter G. Swartwout, in the township of Deepark, Orange county, because of a difficulty over some stray calves. While Swartwout was repairing the fence Cuddeback came up with a hatchet in his hand. After some words and blows Cuddeback struck at Swartwout with the hatchet and cut off his thumb, which was resting on the axe helve on his shoulder. Swartwout afterward had Cuddeback arrested. The grand jury at Newburg found a bill charging assault with intent to kill, and Cuddeback, then being in a hotel sitting room, on August 30, borrowed a pencil, and then went to his room, wrote a note to his wife, and then blew out his brains. He was connected with some of the best families in Sussex and Orange, was prosperous and industrious, but his overbearing temper had made him a terror to friend and foe alike. His violent death was made the subject of a homily on unrestrained temper.

25. Republican Club organized at Branchville. Stephen Hunt, president; Freeman Howe, secretary.

25. Blairstown cornet band, of 20 pieces, visited Newton, as guests of Jacob D. Koukle, of the Cochran House. They met with a hearty welcome, and deserved all the honors paid them.

27. Morris J. Wickham, of Goshen, fatally injured by cars at Jersey City.

27. Twenty thousand people view a race at Franklin park, Boston, between Flora Temple and Patchen. Time—2.28 $\frac{1}{2}$ , dead heat, 2.28 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2.28 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

27. Seventh annual institute of teachers of Sussex county opened at Deckertown, in charge of Prof. Wm. F. Phelps, of the State Normal School. Lecturers were Rev. J. Sandford Smith, Prof. B. Harrison, Prof. Charles S. Halsey, Hon. Lyman A. Chandler, and Prof. Phelps. Committee in charge of institute was A. Leake, H. D. Chapin and Samuel Morrow, Jr.

28. The first balloon ascension in Sussex, made by Prof. Brooks, of St. Louis, accompanied by William R. Coleman and Charles Pell. The ascension was made from the fair grounds, and was witnessed by at least 5,000 people, not one-third of whom contributed one cent toward the expenses. The rocks by the depot and limekilns afforded a better view than the grounds, and for this reason the ascension was not a financial bonanza. Notwithstanding this drawback every detail was carried out; the weather was cloudy, but perfect for the ascension which was made at 5 o'clock. The process of inflating the balloon was long and tedious, meanwhile the Middletown Cornet Band did its prettiest. The balloon ascended almost perpendicularly for 900 feet, when it was wafted to the eastward. About one mile from Newton it attained its greatest altitude, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and then the weight of three persons and the air pressure caused a descent near the farm of John Ayres. The spot was not favorable for landing, and ballast was thrown out, when the balloon reascended, and finally reached the earth a mile or two farther, near the Longcor school house. The calmness of the air and gentle progress of the balloon, enabled friends to follow in wagons and overtake the aeronauts, and in two hours the party and equipment were back in Newton. It was a most successful event except in cash returns, but if some gentleman had "passed the hat" a handsome sum would have been collected.

28. Louisa, wife of John T. Hemnover, suicides in Newark. She was 26 years of

age, and deranged from ill health.

29. A column given to V. M. Drake, to define his position, in which he emerges "with a clean conscience and a stiff shirt collar."

29. David Tingley, of Newark, fatally injured by Hackettstown train while crossing track at Denville station.

30. Woods meeting in Bigelow's grove, near Newfoundland.

31. William Bross, editor of Chicago Tribune, and a native of Sussex, addressed Republican Club, in Park Hall.

31. Premium list for next Sussex Fair printed. There were no catalogues in these days; one insertion in the papers and loose sheets were all that the public had to figure on.

#### SEPTEMBER.

1. Charles McCracken was a go-ahead manufacturer of carriages at Paulina, Warren county.

3. Dr. David Wickham arrived in Newton, in custody of officers Niven and Quackenbush, having been arrested in New York city, on the 1st inst., after a search of 16 months. He was indicted for the wilful murder by poison in March, 1859, of Mrs. Helena T. Cole, of Montague. He escaped from Port Jervis, in May, 1859, and eluded arrest until this time, though a reward of \$500 was offered for his arrest and conviction. His arrest was effected through the vigilance of William C. Wardell, of 22 Beekman street, a former resident of Newton, who knew him personally. At 1 p. m. on Saturday, Wardell, in passing through Chatham street, saw a gentleman and lady whom he thought he knew; he followed them a few steps and recognized the couple as Dr. Wickham and his wife. He saw them enter the law office of Chauncey Shaffer, Esq., and then reported his find at the Second Ward station house. Officer Niven was sent to make the arrest. At first Wickham denied that such was his name, stating that his name was James Lamont, and that he had just returned from Europe. Finally he was confronted by other persons than Wardell, who knew him, when he acknowledged his identity, and expressed a willingness to return to New Jersey without awaiting the formality of a requisition. Sheriff Decker was notified of his arrest, and on Monday morning went down to assume charge of the prisoner. Meanwhile the officers had started for Newton, and the two trains passed near Orange, neither of the officials being aware of the situation. There being no one to receive the prisoner, he was kept at the Cochran House, well guarded, until Deputy Sheriff McCarter appeared late in the afternoon, and removed the doctor to the county jail. The next day he was formally charged upon his indictment, and pleaded "not guilty." The trial was postponed until December. The Doctor was a fine looking man—a gentleman in manner and address.

4. State Fair opened at Elizabeth.

4. Festival in Park Hall in aid of Newton Baptist church.

4. Republican meeting at the court house addressed by Henry J. Mills and Judge Waugh, of Newark.

5. Douglas meeting at court house, addressed by ex-Gov. R. M. Price and Jacob Vanatta.

5. Harvest home at Succasunna M. E. Church, with address by Rev. N. Heaton.

5. Contract to build a school house in Sparta sold to lowest bidder, at Shelly's hotel. J. L. Decker and S. M. Fisher were trustees.

6. Newton Female Seminary opened fall term, with Miss L. C. Linn, principal; Miss S. Linn, assistant; Mille. Minna J. Zakrzewska, modern languages; Miss Lucilla Linn, primary department; William Raabe, music.

6. At a picnic of the Pleasant Hill Sabbath school, which formed a part of the Flanders Presbyterian Church, held in a grove near Mine Hill, there was a very happy gathering. Addresses, singing and feasting were brought to a climax by the

marriage of Sarah Jane Woodhull to Isaac Riger, by Rev. David M. James. The parties had been engaged for some weeks, and were prevailed upon to have the ceremony performed on this occasion.

7. State Fair closed, at Elizabeth. Sussex was not largely represented this year in the exhibits, but M. B. Titman took first prize for cheese, and five prizes for horses. W. M. Iliff of Andover, and Aaron H. Drake, of Hope, also won prizes for horses. On the last day of the fair a novel feature was a walking match for horses; there were five entries, including those of M. B. Titman, of Newton, and William Armstrong, of Layayette; Titman won the match.

7. Mary Predmore and Lizzie Ward, milliners and dressmakers, over Ira C. Moore's store.

9. Rev. Father McKay celebrated mass at house of William Wallus, in Slaptown.

9. House of Cornelius Anderson, near Keen's mill, robbed while family were absent at church. The thief sold some of his plunder at Johnsonburg, where he had remained over night, and was finally captured at Belvidere. He was a German.

11. A rush of light pork had begun to the city market. On this date 400 pigs averaging 100 lbs. each, were shipped, at a price of 7½ @ 8c. per pound.

11. Second Warren County Fair at Belvidere. It was inferior to the first exhibition because it was held at too early a date to suit the farmers. Most of the speed horses were from Newton. The first two days were stormy, and the attendance slim, but two bright days brought out a fair attendance and saved the Society from financial loss. A feature of the fair was a race between Alexander Adams and a celebrated mare. Adams was to walk half a mile fair heel and toe, while the mare trotted one mile. The first heat was won easily by Adams, while the second and third heats were won by the mare. Time—man, 3 10, 3 20, 3 25; horse, 3 17, 3 15, 3 20. In a second match, the man to walk a quarter of a mile while the horse trotted a half mile, the man won as follows: 1 24, 1 33; horse, 1 35 and 1 35.

11. Owing to inability of Judge Whelpley to remain in the Sussex Courts, jurors were discharged for the term. Grand jury in session three days, and notwithstanding the variety and number of complaints, found only nine bills, principally for assaults. John A. Gordon, Samuel Sidman, Jr., and Thomas Moffatt each paid \$15 and costs for resisting constable Reed in serving a warrant in Newton, and Gordon and Moffatt were further fined \$15 and costs for assaulting the constable while in discharge of his official duty. David Mandeville, charged with opening a letter addressed to another person, was discharged from custody. A singular incident occurred in the case of William W. Edsall vs. Thomas B. Dekay, to recover damages for diversion of a stream of water in Vernon township. The case occupied four days, and resulted in a verdict of six cents damages and costs, but during the progress of the suit, Thomas S. Dekay, a son of the defendant, happened to fall in conversation with one of the jurymen, and without thinking of the impropriety of the act, gave his views upon the merits of the issue. For this indiscretion Mr. Dekay was fined \$100, but upon a subsequent review and consideration of the offence, the fine was reduced to \$50.

14. John Chadwick desires to sell "the Dr. Hunt property" in Newton, also his fine stable equipment.

14. John P. Lewis admits his brother to partnership in business at Marksboro, under firm name of John P. Lewis & Co.

14. Rev. Livingston Williard, formerly of Sparta, installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Port Jervis.

14. A "Wide Awake" organization made in Newton, with thirty members. Amos Kinney elected captain, and John J. Jones first lieutenant.

14. Festival at Baleville Christian Church. Music by Andover brass band.

14. H. Grinton, operator of Morris and Essex Telegraph line, at Newton, announces increase of business, a reduction of rates, and general repair of lines.

15. Privileges of Sussex Fair sold.

15. Saturday evening express train withdrawn from Sussex railroad.

15. Dead body of wife of Joseph Voorbees found in canal at Dover. The couple had lived unhappily for some time past.

18. Prof. Brooks, who made a balloon ascension at Newton, in August, made his 36th ascension. The start was made from Middletown, N. Y., and he was accompanied by two ladies, one of whom was from Haverstraw, N. Y., and the other Miss C. E. Borden, of Middletown. An altitude of one mile was reached, and a landing made six miles east of Middletown.

30. Ball at Brick House, kept by Amos P. Beatty.

20. Third district Republican convention, held at Somerville, nominated Alexander P. Berthoud, of Washington, for Congress, on 6th ballot, over Charlie Scranton.

20. A new post office had been established at Ogdensburg, Sussex county.

21. Total population of Sussex, under late census given as a fraction under 24,000, but missing returns were not found. The increase since 1850 had been only about 900, not equal to the increase in Newton alone. It was stated that there was no chance of an increase so long as the forges and furnaces were idle, and farmers insisted on tilling 300-acre farms instead of 100 to 150 acres thoroughly cultivated. Under a judicious subdivision of soil Sussex was capable of supporting a population of 50,000.

21. List of judges appointed for coming fair printed.

21. Ten freighters of Newton give notice that after Tuesday during Fair week no freight will be received or bills paid. This was due to mistakes which had caused dissatisfaction to both parties.

21. Mrs. A. E. McCoy succeeds Mrs. H. L. Douglas, as agent for W. & W. sewing machines in Sussex, at Newton.

21. Henry C. Kelsey appears to have been the first person in Newton to sell wood, on orders, left at post office.

21. John Whitehead, Esq., of Newark, addressed Republican Club, in Park Hall.

21. Peaches of this period were possibly more appreciated and better flavored than those of a later date. Mrs. Julia Crockett, of Frelinghuysen, sent the editor a basket of this fruit, none of which measured less than nine inches in circumference, and some exceeding 10 inches. John Shaw, of Gratitude, almost duplicated the present in size on the following day.

21. The Prince of Wales begins his tour of the United States, as it then existed, making his first stop at Detroit, Mich.

22. Festival at Pleasant Valley M. E. Church in Walpack.

23. Death of Col. E. L. Snow, a noted temperance advocate, in New York city, aged 55 years. He was the founder of the order of Sons of Temperance, and spoke 6 or 7 years ago at a 4th of July celebration, at Mount Pisgah, in this county.

24. Flora and Patchen trot a two-mile race on Centreville track, L. I. Flora won. It looked like hippodroming.

25. The contract to build Hoboken and Newark Railroad had been given to Messrs. Cole, Andrews, Osgood, and Sergeant, the work to be completed and ready for the cars in four months. The bridge over the Hackensack was already complete, with the exception of the draw.

25. John Castner and his two sons suffocated one after the other in an attempt to check a leak in a cider cistern in their still house at Spruce Run, Hunterdon county.

26. Ladies of St. Thomas Church, Vernon, held festival at John Vandegriff's.

27. Cotillon party at Fountain House, Fredon.

27. Trot on Stuart course, Newton, for a purse of \$200, between Samuel Benjamin's b. s. Hambletonian, Jr., and Bay Bashaw,

owned by A. J. Rogers and Robert Hambliton. It was the result of a challenge issued by Thomas S. Dekay, of Vernon, in July. A correspondent gives all the details of the race, which was won by Bay Bashaw in 2.49 and 2.49½. Bashaw was driven by Edward B. Quick and Hambletonian, Jr., by Thomas S. Dekay. The judges were James J. McNally, Thomas Lawrence and Gilbert Charlavoyne.

28. Wide Awake club of 45 members organized at Hope, after a ringing speech by John Y. Foster.

OCTOBER

1. Dr. J. R. Riggs had formally declined renomination for Congress.

1. Quarterly statement of Sussex Bank shows a large increase in bills discounted, the total being \$296,945.14, with \$250 classed as doubtful, and which had been held so for two or more years. Notes in circulation, \$154,467; due depositors, \$52,838.46. The Farmers Bank of Wantage reported discounts of \$136,709.64; notes outstanding, \$110,655; due depositors, \$12,574.19.

2. Sussex Fair opened, and Jupiter Pluvius was on hand. Entries of horses, colts and mules exceeded any previous fair. The cattle display was unusually good, and the tents contained a bewildering display. Besides the attractions on the grounds, a Republican county convention, a Breckenridge meeting, nightly performance by the Carter Minstrels, and three performances of Lent's circus presented their peculiar allurements. Tuesday ended with a series of drenching showers. Wednesday opened bright and beautiful, and people poured into Newton until the town was full and boiling over. Thursday was the best day financially for the Society, and most unfortunate to the visitors. Clouds in the early morning betokened a storm, but it was thought that the rain would hold off until nightfall. Acting on this impression people came from far and near, and at 2.30 p. m., when there were not less than 8,000 people on the grounds the clouds suddenly began discharging their contents, and a stampede ensued. Every tent, porch, shed and covered wagon was in a very brief period crowded mainly by females, anxious to protect their finery. Lent's circus, which had just opened its afternoon performance on the lot across the railroad track, was crowded in a few moments by not less than 3,000 persons, and hundreds were unable to obtain admission. But the shelter was unavailing; the storm went on fast and furious, and the canvas of the circus, as well as the tents on the fair ground, soon became a sieve. There being no escape the people took the matter philosophically, and stood the drenching with as good grace as possible. Hundreds left town in the evening, as best they could, but hundreds were kept in such shelter as they could find. Friday opened dull and gloomy, but the afternoon was pleasant. As an agricultural display in its purest sense this fair was superior to any of its predecessors. A considerable amount of counterfeit money was passed during the fair by sharpers who had come for that purpose.

3. Joseph H. Coursen and David Lanning dissolve partnership at Stillwater.

3. William G. Steele nominated for Congress by Democrats of Third district, at Somerville.

5. In an address by George E. Waring, before the Milk Protectors' Association, at Brewsters station, N. Y., he said the idea of shipping milk to New York city was conceived twenty years ago, by Daniel Cornwall, of Orange county, and he found great difficulty in introducing it. People could not be induced to buy it, as they considered it doubtful if milk could be sent so far as from his farm to the city without some deleterious substance to preserve it. Finally Mr. C. sent the milk at his own risk to a grocer in West street, he himself bearing all losses. Soon afterward Mr. Sullivan, of Greenwich, who already carried milk in his own wagons to the city, had his cans carried on the plat-

forms of the passenger trains from Williams Bridge, as a personal favor on the part of the employes of the Harlem Railroad. This was the beginning of the immense milk transportation business. At this period, in addition to the domestic swill-fed manufacture, and some small dealers, the daily receipts of milk in New York were 160,000 quarts per day. In May, 1898, the average is 23,000 forty-quart cans, or 920,000 quarts to New York and Brooklyn, by railroad.

3. Sussex Republicans chose delegates to Congressional convention at Morristown. It was a mass convention, held at Anderson House, and a resolution was adopted to the effect that Benjamin B. Edsall was the choice of Sussex Republicans for Representative in Congress.

4. Lent's circus comes from Deckertown, and gives exhibitions in Newton at 11 a. m., 2.30 and 6.30 p. m.

6. Corner stone laid for new M. E. Church at Frankford Plains by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, P. E. It was postponed from the 1st on account of storm.

10. Political meetings of the period were amusing in this county. The Breckenridge and Douglas men at their respective meetings opened with abuse of the Republicans and closed with the greater luxury of tearing each other to pieces.

10. Republican convention at Morristown nominated Benjamin B. Edsall for Congress on the sixth ballot. Morris supported Theo. Little; Passaic, Socrates Tuttle; Bergen, John Rutherford; Sussex, B. B. Edsall. Five ballots were taken without a result. On the sixth ballot Bergen changed her vote and gave Edsall a decided majority, and the nomination was subsequently made unanimous. In the afternoon a mass meeting in the Park was addressed by Hon. John C. TenEyck and Wm. L. Dayton; followed in the evening by a Wide Awake parade and addresses by competent speakers.

19. The premium list of the late fair is printed in this issue. It occupies over three columns, and of itself is as good a compendium of the results of the exhibition as could have been made. Among the articles worthy of special mention was a cradle quilt, 211 years old, exhibited by Mrs. Horace Warner. V. M. Drake's comments on the vegetable, grain and agricultural exhibits make the report one of unusual interest.

10. Newton company of Wide Awakes, under Captain Kinney, paraded with other similar organizations at Morristown.

10. Complete census returns were not obtainable until this date, and were as follows:

	Pop. 1860.	Increase.	Decrease.
Sandyston.....	1327	153	
Walpack.....	783	68	
Montague.....	1008	7	
Wantage.....	3934		282
Frankford.....	1341		114
Lafayette.....	928		8
Newton.....	3270	809	
Green.....	823		
Sparta.....	1921	142	
Hardyston.....	1344		60
Byram.....	1419		256
Nernon.....	2619		
Stillwater.....	1642	74	
Total.....	23,068	1343	720

Increase in ten years, 623.

11. Prince of Wales had a magnificent reception in New York.

12. J. E. Pierson, undertaker and cabinet maker, at Stillwater.

12. Enthusiastic Republican meeting at Johnsonburg, addressed by Jackson Gairard and Jacob L. Swayze. Hope Wide Awakes were present, also Greenville Glee Club.

14. An early fall of snow in this section so heavy in its substance that it broke the limbs of many of the tender fruit trees.

15. The Hackettstown Gazette, which was a Douglas organ, refused to hoist the name of William G. Steele, the fusion candidate for Congress.

16. Court of Chancery opened with 100 cases on the calendar, 40 of which were divorce cases.

17. William Knapp, aged 38 years, a native of Newton, and one of the firm of C. & W. Knapp, killed by being thrown from his wagon in New York city, while returning from a drive with one of his children.

18. M. E. Church at Lafayette reopened for service after enlargement and other improvements. Sermons by Rev. C. A. Lippencott, Rev. J. W. Seran and Rev. S. W. Hilliard.

18. Fourth District Democratic convention, at Morristown, nominated George T. Cobb, after Daniel Holzman, of Bergen, had received a majority of the votes, and then declined.

20. Warren Democrats nominated Jas. K. Swayze for Senator; Wm. Armstrong for Sheriff, and Wm. E. Wire for County Clerk.

23. Warren County Republican convention nominated William Felt for Senator; Aaron O. Bartow, for Sheriff, and William N. Miller, for County Clerk.

25. Exhibition in Stillwater M. E. Church, by Sunday school.

26. Issue of this date contains closing remarks of Rev. Dr. Burchard at funeral of Dr. William Jefferson Johnson, a native of Newton, who died in New York city, on Sept. 23, aged 55 years.

26. Meeting at Branchville, addressed by B. B. Edsall and Jacob L. Swayze.

27. Meeting at Stanhope, addressed by ex-Gov. Reeder and B. B. Edsall. Detachment of Newton Wide Awakes present.

30. Republican rally and convention at Berkshire Valley. John H. Davis nominated for Assembly. Speeches by B. B. Edsall, Timothy Southard, J. Seward Wills, John Hill, and others. It was a gathering of the bone and sinew of the iron district, and Wide Awakes from Boonton, Dover and Rockaway were present with the Boonton brass band.

26. Democratic leaders of New Jersey met at Astor House, in New York, and patched up a new fusion electoral ticket, completing their labors at 4 a. m. on the following day. Jacob Vanatta was "playing both horses" with Senatorial aspirations.

30. Democratic nominations in Sussex were William H. Bell, Charles Mackerly and Daniel D. Decker, for Assembly; Daniel S. McCarter, Richard R. Smith and Abraham Predmore for Coroners.

30. Straight-out Douglas men met at Astor House, and after denouncing the Bell-Breckenridge-Douglas fusion in unmeasured terms, reinstated the electoral ticket formed last summer, only substituting the name of Thomas N. McCarter for that of Daniel S. Anderson, who was ineligible by reason of holding office of Surrogate.

31. Jacob L. Swayze and Joseph Coult addressed meeting at Stillwater.

31. Dr. C. Allen, George W. Houston and Albert Osborne address meeting at Vernon.

31. Festival at Stephen Smith's, Hamburg, for benefit of Baptist church.

NOVEMBER.

1. S. O. Cortelyou purchases Coleman & Bell's lease, and takes possession of the Willard House. Jefferson Dunning was his assistant.

3. Republican meetings at Middleville and Lafayette, the former addressed by W. S. Johnson, and the latter by Joseph Coult.

4. Body of John Croonon, aged 45, found in pond at Franklin Furnace. He was last seen alive the previous night, and there was a deep gash on the back of his head.

5. W. S. Johnson addressed meeting at Swartswood, and Jacob L. Swayze spoke at Deckertown. These meetings ending the Republican speaking campaign in Sussex.

6. General election. Lincoln had 180 electoral votes; Bell, 39; Breckenridge, 72. Sussex gave Fusion electors a majority of 404 over Lincoln, and the Fusion and Douglas combined had 1316 majority. Cobb's majority over Edsall for Congress, in county, 975; in the district, 1078. Edsall's vote was 500 higher than Buchanan's

in 1856, and 1600 over Fremont's and Fillmore's combined. His defeat was due to treachery of the Douglas men, who had promised support, and a big boodle fund.

Whole number of votes cast in county was 4,905; 5 were rejected. Sheriff Decker and the coroners were cut an average of 25 votes each. In the First Assembly district William Price ran as an independent candidate against William H. Bell, and defeated him by 298 majority. Charles Mackerly had no opposition in Second district, and received 1,314 votes. In the Third district Isaac Shiner ran as an independent candidate against Daniel D. Decker, and lost by a majority of 96.

6. Warren gave 230 majority for Fusion ticket, and Robert Rusling (Rep.) was re-elected to Assembly by 80 majority.

8. Republican jubilee in Newton with supper at the Cochran House, Festivities did not end until 3 a. m. on Friday. Newton Cornet Band, led by Prof. Northrup, and Emman's Martial Band, of Lafayette, furnish music. Wide Awakes of Newton and Johnsonburg paraded. Speeches by Jacob L. Swayze, B. B. Edsall, Joseph Coult and Wm. J. Wood.

9. Francis B. Topping had added furniture and undertaking to his chair factory at Deckertown.

9. William Drake and Amos Kinney begin business in stand recently occupied by John S. Smalley, near depot.

10. Proposals received to build school house in "Plains district," Frankford township.

14. Republican jubilee at Deckertown.

14. First engine and car pass through Bergen tunnel, on a temporary track. The first trip was made in 32 minutes and the return in 9 minutes.

15. Residents of Morris county had subscribed liberally to stock for a railroad from that place to Elizabeth.

15. Thomas Anderson, attorney-at-law, office with Thomas N. McCarter.

15-25. Subscription books for capital stock of \$250,000 for Sussex and Warren Railroad, opened at 50 Wall street. T. Lawrence, secretary.

20. Secession talk was rife in the South and the U. S. flag was tabooed.

20. E. Harden and A. L. Flock had a harness factory in Blairstown.

21. I. C. Moore sells at auction store goods at Stanhope, lately owned by Woodruff & Anderson.

23. Dr. Andrews, the bigamist, who had created a sensation some ten years since by eloping with a young girl living near Belvidere, visits Oxford school house, and attempts to kidnap a boy, whom he claims as his son.

22. A revised census table gives different figures from those previously published. Sussex had a population of 23,691; Morris, 34,699; Warren, 28,493.

23. Flatbrookville stage, containing eight passengers, upset near Hardwick. Mrs. R. M. Teel and Miss S. Howell seriously injured.

25. Diphtheria, which was prevailing in Ohio and Indiana, in a malignant form, was a new disease and had lately appeared in Sussex in a modified form.

23-26. Bitterly cold for the season, followed by rain, and an atmosphere "as wholesome as a partridge, and as mild as an emulsion."

26. Passenger car of morning train on Sussex Railroad thrown down embankment, at Waterloo, through a misplaced switch bar on a new track. The car was badly wrecked, but lives of passengers were saved through medium of two trees, which broke its further fall.

26. Wm. M. Babbitt, Clerk of the N. J. Court of Chancery, had purchased of the administrator of James Deazley his farm of 132 acres, near Newton, at \$80 per acre.

27. Dwelling of Nathan Horton, in Randolph township, Morris county, destroyed by fire. Loss, \$2,000, insurance, \$800.

28. Jacob Bunn, of Swartswood, instantly killed by accidental discharge of a gun in his hands.

29. Blairstown Cornet Band holds a festival in Mechanics' Hall.

29. Thanksgiving day.

30. About all the men now or who were prominent in life appear to have been married during the present month.

DECEMBER.

4. Sussex Courts opened. Judges Ayres and Hunt ordered adjournment to 2:30 p. m. in consequence of non-arrival of Justice Whelpley. Four tavern licenses granted, including one to Stephen O. Cortelyou. The case of the State vs. Dr. David D. Wickham was moved. Mr. Linn asked for temporary postponement of trial, because an important witness had disappeared, and the absence of Chauncey Shaffer, one of the associate counsel for defense. Motion denied. Counsel for prisoner was John Linn, Thomas J. Lyon, A. J. Rogers, Levi Shepherd, and Chauncey Shaffer. The State was represented by W. S. Johnson, Prosecutor of the Pleas, Robert Hamilton and Attorney-General William L. Dayton. At 5 p. m. the prisoner was ordered to the bar; meanwhile the court room was thronged with an anxious crowd of spectators. Prisoner looked hopeful and confident—was apparently in good health and spirits, and of prepossessing appearance. A jury was quickly empaneled, the prisoner's counsel challenging 19 persons and the State only two. The jury was composed of the following persons: Isaac Drew, John Halsted, John M. Newman, Robert McMickle, Peter C. Osborne, George W. Collver, William Snyder, John O. Case, Ladner Trusdell, Edward S. Slockbower, John Wilson and James I. Shotwell. The opening speech by Prosecutor Johnson was quite lengthy, and reviewed all the ground gone over in the previous trial of Solomon Cole, jointly indicted with the Doctor on a charge of murdering his wife by poison. The witnesses and their testimony did not differ materially from the previous trial of Cole, though the testimony of Dr. Doremus, Dr. Budd, Dr. Ryerson, and other physicians was more technical. A. J. Rogers opened the case for the defence. Dr. F. Smith, L. D. Miller and Wm. L. Apple were the experts for the defence; the former testified to examinations of child of Mrs. Cole, and inclined to belief that it was afflicted with venereal disease. Dr. Apple's testimony tended to throw the responsibility upon Orlando VanDeusen, a clerk in Ferguson's drug store, at Port Jervis, who, it was contended, did not know the difference between nux vomica and strychnia. At close of testimony Robert Hamilton summed up for the State, and was followed by John Linn for the defence; he by Chauncey Shaffer for the defence, and Attorney-General Dayton closed the arguments with one of his most powerful speeches. The testimony, the speeches of counsel, and the judge's charge, occupied twenty-one columns of fine type in THE REGISTER and the salient points are all preserved, tho' necessarily condensed. Credit is given to V. M. Drake for the excellence of the report. The case was given to the jury at 12:15 p. m. on December 14, the trial having occupied ten days. After deliberating four hours they returned at 4:15, with a verdict of manslaughter. A majority favored murder in the first degree, but being unable to bring the minority to that point, reluctantly consented to a verdict of a lesser degree. On the 19th, Justice Whelpley, after administering a scathing lecture to the prisoner, sentenced him to ten years at hard labor in State prison, and until costs of the prosecution were paid. The prisoner showed no emotion, whatever, after sentence or during the trial.

4. George Shrekagast suicides at Port Jervis, in presence of his family.

6. Mrs. Jacob S. Smalley loses \$35 and two baggage checks at M. & E. depot, through work of pickpocket.

6. The "Sharp Tannery" at Belvidere, destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$18,000; partially insured.

7. Comment was made upon a revelation made by the Herald, to the effect that a corruption fund of \$800 which had come into Sussex, had been pocketed by the

Douglas leaders, and was being utilized to gratuitously supply the Sussex Democrat to persons in the county, to the detriment of the Herald's interests. It was a family quarrel, in which the Republicans had no particular interest since the election was over.

10. Sussex Agricultural Society met at Cochran House, and re-elected former officers except George M. Ryerson, who declined to serve another year as Treasurer, and was succeeded by Daniel S. Anderson. Prizes were awarded for field crops to the following persons: Peter N. Ryerson, Vernon, 162½ bus. corn ears per acre; Wm. H. Hart, Green, 86½ bus. shelled corn per acre; James Cox, Lafayette, 133½ bus. corn ears per acre; Wm. C. Gray, Green, 174 bus. carrots on one quarter acre. Other producers of field crops failed to comply with the requirements of the Society.

11. S. W. Hilliard, P. E., issues appeal to M. E. Churches of Newton District, asking aid for sufferers through famine in Kansas.

11. First lecture of the course provided by Newton Lecture Association, delivered in court house, by Park Benjamin. Subject, "Fiction and Fact."

17. Meeting held in lecture room of Presbyterian church, Newton, to awaken a more lively interest in Sabbath school instruction. Rev. Joel Campbell was chairman, and H. D. Chapin, secretary.

20. South Carolina declares herself out of the Union, and appoints commissioners to get her share of forts, etc. The crisis was rapidly approaching.

21. Sheriff Decker leaves for Trenton with two prisoners, viz: Dr. David D. Wickham and Edward Steward, the first under a ten year sentence for manslaughter, and the second two years for an atrocious assault.

20. A committee of thirty-three Representatives was holding daily sessions at Washington, in the hope of hitting upon some plan to pacify the country. General Cass had resigned from the office of Secretary of State because President Buchanan would not put men in the forts at Charleston harbor to protect U. S. property.

24. Horace Greeley delivered lecture at court house. Subject, "Self-made Men."

24. Ball at Coll's hotel, Andover.

25. Holiday festival in Mechanics Hall, Blairstown; object, raising of funds to fence grounds of Presbyterian church.

25. Festival in basement of new M. E. church at Newton.

25. Tableaux and concert in Presbyterian church at Staubope.

25. Ball at Vanness's hotel, Johnsonburg.

27. Major Robert Anderson spikes the guns in Fort Moutrie, Charleston harbor, and with his little force of 65 men, takes refuge in Fort Sumter.

27. Judge William Hunt died at Fredon, aged 60 years. The Court of Common Pleas adopted a resolution of respect. His death was sudden as he had been in his place during the present term of Court. As an Elder in the Presbyterian church and in public life he was known as a safe counsellor and a firm friend.

28. John I. Riker indicted for assault and battery upon Mrs. Lozier, ends the agony by pleading non vult, after a jury had been out over 20 hours and reported inability to agree.

30. Death of John S. Hand, aged 18 years and 5 months, an employee of THE REGISTER, and the only apprentice that had died during the 48 years that the paper had been published.

31. Congregation of Presbyterian church gave silver bowl and cup to Charles P. Rorbach in token of his services as organist.

31. Farm of George C. Shaw, at Gratitude, sold at auction to Theo. F. Struble, for \$85.61 per acre. It contains 157 acres.

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JANUARY.

1. Festival in Andover academy for benefit of Presbyterian church.

1. Formal opening of the Erie's Bergen tunnel.

1. Festival in Stillwater academy for benefit of Presbyterian church.

1. New year opens bright and beautiful, with a crisp air and good sleighing.

2. Hon. Caleb H. Valentine died suddenly at Hackettstown, aged 72 years. He had been a prominent citizen of Warren county, and served in both branches of the Legislature, as County Judge, and for 12 years was a member of the Court of Errors and Appeals.

4. Observed as a day of National fasting by proclamation of President Buchanan; services held in churches and business generally suspended.

4. An appeal made to citizens generally for contributions of money, food and clothing to be sent to famine stricken Kansas. The committee was David Ryerson, B. B. Edsall, Jacob I. Swayze and Horace Warner.

5. Sussex railroad cut its tri-weekly morning train to one trip, viz: on Tuesdays.

5. Steamer Star of the West leaves New York with 300 troops and supplies for Major Anderson, at Fort Sumter.

8. Lecture at court house by Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., of New York city. Subject, "The Gentlewoman."

8. Anniversary of battle of New Orleans celebrated with unusual vim. Major Anderson divided the honors with General Jackson.

9. Festival in new building near Millbrook Church.

9. Star of the West fired upon in Charleston harbor, and was unable to land troops or provisions. Three shots out of seventeen fired took effect on the vessel.

10. First public reception of Centreville dancing school at hotel of George W. Lattimore.

11. What is claimed to be at last a correct census of New Jersey gives Sussex a population of 23,855, which is an increase of 164 over previous reports.

12. An unusually good panorama of Pilgrim's Progress exhibited in Park Hall.

15. An unprecedented revival of religion was in progress in the M. E. Church at Hackettstown.

16. Festival and fair at Ribble's hotel, in Hope, for benefit of M. E. Church.

17. Ball at S. M. Crossen's hotel, Stanhope.

18. Harry Lindenbaum succeeds M. F. Goldsmith, in clothing business on High street.

18. A Newark man, who came to Sussex to hear the Wickham trial, unburdens himself to the extent of a column over the great crowd that failed to obtain admittance, and scores Sheriff Decker for his incivility, etc.

16. Governor Olden nominated Edward W. Whelpley for Chief Justice; Whitfield S. Johnson, of Sussex, for Secretary of State, and Barker Gummere, for Clerk in Chancery.

18. This issue is filled with exciting events of the secession movement, and practical war in Charleston harbor.

22. Music class of Newton Female Seminary gave exhibition at court house to a crowded audience. Enthusiasm was created by a spirited rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the audience gave three cheers for Major Anderson.

25. Ball at Fountain House, with music by Newton Quadrille Band.

25. Miss M. M. Hunt, of Newton, and Miss A. M. Hartwell, announce that they have purchased the interest of Miss Warner, in the Monhegan Seminary, at Middletown, N. Y.

28. Babcock & Merrigan dissolve partnership at Lafayette.

29. Barn of John Sharpe, at Drakestown, burned with contents, causing a heavy loss.

29. Senate confirms nomination of Geo. H. Brown to succeed Judge Whelpley, promoted to Chief Justiceship.

29. By the accidental explosion of a gun, in the hands of Morris Slockbower, the contents of one barrel entered the side of his young wife who was at the washtub in

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their home on the farm of Wm. I. Shotwell, near Newton, causing her death in a few moments. Slockbower was preparing to go hunting, and in letting the hammer down one of the caps exploded. Deceased left two children—one 3 years and the other 16 months old. The coroner's jury exonerated the husband, but he was nearly bereft of reason by the accident.

30. A short time previous to this date a wild cat attacked Levi Wintermute, in open day, while he was cutting timber in the woods about half a mile south of Stillwater. It sprung upon his back from an adjoining tree, but by a fortunate grip upon one of its forelegs he was able to disengage the animal without serious bodily injury.

30. Eight weeks of continuous sleighing, with good prospect for weeks to come. At no time during the winter had the snow exceeded six inches in depth.

31. Henry O. Ryerson confirmed as Prosecutor of the Pleas for Sussex county.

31. Dedication of new M. E. Church at Frankford Plains. Sermons by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, Rev. Wm. Tunison, and Rev. John Scarlett. It was erected through the zealous efforts of Rev. H. J. Hayter, of the Lafayette charge; and in less than four months from the laying of the corner stone was ready for dedication. It was contiguous to the old church, which was built in 1810 or 1811, and was the first Methodist Church in Sussex county. Jas. C. Hagaman was the only person living who worshipped in the old church at the time of erection.

## FEBRUARY.

1. James Frenche announces his removal from Byram township to Newark.

1. Butter sold at 18 to 23 cents per pound.

4. An unusually large attendance at annual meeting of Sussex Mutual Insurance Company. On a ballot for Directors 193 votes were cast, and sixteen of the old board were re-elected without opposition. For the three remaining members the vote was as follows: John W. Lane, 97; Wm. M. Hiff, 96; John M. Kaight, 92; Z. H. Price, 93; J. H. Coursen, 93; Enoch A. Ayres, 91. Lane and Hiff were elected, and the tie between Price and Coursen was not formally settled, though Coursen declined and Price did not take a seat in the Board. The cause of all this strife was the subsequent election of a secretary and treasurer to succeed W. S. Johnson, who had served from the date of organization, some 20 years ago. The candidates were W. S. Johnson, Daniel S. McCarter, Joseph Coult and Franklin Smith. Johnson and McCarter led the poll, but neither could secure a majority of the Board; finally all opposed to McCarter united upon Dr. Smith, and he was elected. The losses of the past year had been \$1,787.41.

4. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Murray died at Elizabeth.

4. Col. Sam Fowier declares his position before some 200 prominent Sussex Democrats, at the Cochrane House. He scouted the idea of secession, and in unmeasured terms denounced the trampling upon the star-spangled banner in the South. "They are spoiling for a fight down there," said he, "and I for one—I, as a man who has always preferred fighting to quarrelling, would be willing to accommodate them in their belligerent ideas." Much more was said, but the Colonel seemed to magnetize the crowd, and his antagonists, who talked conciliation and compromise, were completely unhorsed.

6. Citizens of Vernon, at a meeting held in M. E. Church, arrange for a canvass of the township to secure aid for Kansas sufferers.

6. Celebration of the completion of the Erie's Bergen tunnel.

8. Ball at hotel of William Price, Branchville, by dancing school.

8. Dr. J. Linn Allen offers to lease his new hotel in Culver's Gap.

9. Death of Peter B. Shafter, aged 72 years, at Stillwater.

10. Tenement house of Wm. S. Vanhorn, at Johnsonburg, occupied by Jacob Ingle, destroyed by fire.

12. Agitation renewed in Sussex to build a railroad under "Sussex and Warren charter," from Stanhope to Warwick. It was estimated that the road, running through Sparta, Franklin, etc., could be built for \$600,000, of which two-thirds had been subscribed and promised. The line was to be built without issuing bonds.

13. Young bachelors of Stillwater give a ball at C. V. Rue's hotel.

14. E. I. Mohr succeeds Wm. Raabe as teacher of instrumental music at Newton Female Seminary.

14. President-elect Lincoln passed thro' New Jersey, on his way to the capitol. The party stayed two hours at Trenton, where the State authorities paid him honor.

14. Hackettstown Gazette sold by Sheriff Armstrong to Dr. Wm. Rea.

14. Daniel D. Craig succeeds Horace Ayers (resigned) as cashier of Iron Bank at Morristown.

15. S. F. Headley had recently introduced Scotch Mountain sheep on his farm in Morris town.

15. McKain & Cook announce a contemplated change in their business at Andover.

17. A collection taken up for relief of Kansas, in the Presbyterian church, Newton, amounted to \$117 86.

19. Juvenile concert in Andover Presbyterian church, under direction of J. D. Reynolds.

20. Ball at Brick House, Montague.

20. William C. Wardell receives the \$300 reward offered by Gov. Olden for arrest and conviction of Dr. David D. Wickham.

21. Solon Robinson, a noted agricultural writer, addressed farmers of Sussex at court house. It was a most instructive event, and the speaker captivated his audience.

22. Washington's birthday was celebrated with unusual fervor in the Northern, Western and Middle States.

22. County convention of friends of Sabbath schools held in Presbyterian church, Newton. A complete organization was effected, and resolutions adopted looking to continued usefulness.

## MARCH.

1. Jacob Conise and Edgar A. Dunning dissolve partnership in freighting business. Mr. Conise continued business, with office at store of G. H. Mills.

1. European nations were making preparations to abandon construction of wooden war vessels, and France had already built ships sheathed with plates of steel.

4. A secession flag placed in the public park over night was summarily disposed of soon after it was discovered.

4. Abraham Lincoln inaugurated as President, amid the most exciting scenes.

4. George Washington Hoag, a school teacher at Belvidere, had forbidden his pupils to read the New York Tribune.

5. Mortimer Thompson, better known as "Q. K. Philander Doesticks, P. B.," "talked" in verse on "Pluck," at court house. He infused patriotism in his "talk."

5. Kansas relief meeting held in Johnsonburg Presbyterian church.

5. Vernon township had contributed \$35 toward relief of Kansas sufferers.

6. Joseph Coult, of Newton, admitted to practice as an attorney.

6. The State Agricultural Society had about decided to hold its next fair at Newton.

6. Andrew J. Ayers, aged 27 years, killed by a falling stick of timber while assisting in raising a portion of the frame work of the new Presbyterian church at Hackettstown.

7. Bill to redistrict the Assemblymen reduced Sussex to two members. First district composed of Sandyston, Montague, Wantage, Frankford, Vernon and Hardyston—11,875 inhabitants. Second district, Walpack, Stillwater, Green, Byram, Lafayette, Newton and Sparta—11,970 inhabitants.

7. Four members of the "American party," in joint meeting, prevented an election for State Prison Keeper, and Rob-

ert P. Stoll retained the office for another year.

8. William Abel, formerly of the Clinton Times, had purchased and taken possession of the Hackettstown Gazette.

11. Beemerville Singing Society gave concert in church, under direction of E. R. Conklin, of Ottsville, N. Y.

13. Alson of George Decker, aged six years, of Millbrook, Warren county, while running with an opened penknife, stumbled, and falling, the blade entered his breast and penetrated the heart. The little fellow pulled the knife from his breast and died in a few moments.

15. Legislature adjourned. An incident of the session was the refusal of Senator Moore to go into joint meeting unless John Townsend, who aspired to the County Judgeship made vacant by the death of William Hunt, should withdraw. Mr. Moore carried his point, but the vacancy was not filled.

16. Old Methodist church in Newton, with lot, sold at public sale, to John B. Losey, for \$1,100.

17. The last services held in the old Methodist church in Newton. The closing sermons were by the pastor, Rev. C. Clark and Presiding Elder S. W. Hilliard. Few who witnessed the dedication 28 years previous were present.

18. Mercantile firm of John I. Backster and George W. Price, at Lafayette, dissolved by retirement of Mr. Backster.

18. Whitfield S. Johnson took possession of office of Secretary of State, and Barker Gummere the office of Clerk in Chancery. Mr. Johnson succeeded Thomas Allison, and Mr. Gummere, William M. Babbitt, who was about to become a resident of Newton.

19. Proposals received for digging a ditch or canal from junction of east and west branches of the Paulins Kill to the Big Spring, a distance of 3¼ miles. The ditch to be 7 feet deep, 8 feet wide at bottom, and 22 feet wide at the top.

20. Three railroad accidents on New Jersey railroads, one of which was the breaking through the canal bridge at Dover, of the up freight on the M. & E. R. R., and another the plunging a locomotive and passenger car in the drawbridge over the Hackensack river, on the Hackensack and New York road. The first delayed travel, while the last was a narrow escape for about 20 persons, but fortunately no lives were lost.

21. A great snow storm extending from Labrador to Georgia, and varying in depth from three inches to four and even seven feet on the level. In this vicinity it averaged two feet, but a high wind had drifted it into immense banks, and for miles the highways were impassible.

19. Stillwater school in charge of Chas. F. Fernald, gave exhibition in Harmony M. E. Church. Music by Blairstown Band.

23. Oakley B. Pellet announces disposal of his clothing stock; and asks settlement of accounts.

22. Concert in Park Hall by Ladies Benevolent Association. It netted \$40 notwithstanding travel was obstructed by a heavy snow fall.

23-24. Dedication of new Methodist Church in Newton. There were five successive services, on Saturday and Sunday, and the church was well filled at each, though the roads were impassable by reason of a snow storm on the 21st. Rev. Dr. Bartine, of Philadelphia, preached the opening sermon on Saturday, and Rev. R. L. Dashiell, of Newark, followed in the afternoon. Sunday morning Mr. Dashiell again preached, and at the close of the regular services Dr. Bartine proceeded to the solemn ceremony of dedicating the church and setting it apart as a temple for the worship of the living God forever. In the afternoon Dr. Bartine again preached. Mr. Dashiell gave the closing discourse in the evening. The whole cost of the lot and building—the bell, clock, seats, carpets, window blinds, etc., was stated at \$10,821; of which the sum of \$6,883 had been previously subscribed. At the Saturday service Dr. Bartine said he wanted to raise \$1,000 before he dismissed the au-



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dience. It was thought impossible, but the total was \$1,092. On Sunday various appeals brought the total up to \$2,650. The bell, which weighs 1000 lbs., had been placed in the tower on the 23d. The clock had not yet arrived.

22. Death of Gabriel B. Post noted at the age of 40, in San Francisco, California. Later issues gave a sketch of his career. He was a native of Sussex county; went to California with the first settlers; was chosen by the people of San Francisco as their first representative in the State Senate; he declined the office, preferring commercial pursuits; prospered exceedingly; and after a brief career of success, losses and fluctuations, died in the prime of life. He was possessed of great public spirit and abounding generosity. All the members of the firm died within a few months of each other, Mr. Post being the last.

23. Death of Alfred H. Fitch, aged 48 years. He was widely known in Sussex, in various capacities.

25. Thomas Coon had purchased an omnibus, for hack service, which was named "Star of the West."

26. A singular case appears, in which George W. King, and two other men named Robbins and Criger, had been arrested and placed in the Benton county (Indiana) jail, on the charge of murdering Dr. Jonas H. Roe, formerly of Sussex county, N. J. King's attorney advertised in the New York Tribune for information of the missing man, and he was finally found at New Massillon, Clay county, Ill. The causes which led to the arrest of King were due to the fact that Robbins and Criger were arrested for counterfeiting. Criger was released under \$1,000 bail, and before the trial came around both began to circulate a report that they had information of the murder of Dr. Roe, and that King had killed him. County officials made an offer to Criger that if he would give testimony before the grand jury, he would be allowed to escape trial on the charge of counterfeiting. On this testimony King was placed in jail. Criger afterward fled the country, Robbins was one of a gang that broke jail, and the discovery of the existence of the alleged murdered man released King from a foul conspiracy.

27. Committee of investigation decides that the York and Erie Insurance Company, of Middletown, N. Y., should close up its business.

28. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen appointed Attorney-General of New Jersey to succeed William L. Dayton, made Minister to France.

28. A Government loan of \$8,000,000 had been taken at 94 per cent. and upward, and it was considered a gratifying event. \$30,000,000 had been offered, none less than 90.

28. Cornelius Cadmus, of Wantage, aged 56 years, died of glanders contracted from one of his horses.

29. Mrs. Emily Dunn announces possession of millinery establishment formerly conducted by Mrs. M. Hoppaugh.

29. Announcement that Newton Collegiate Institute would open Summer term on May 2, in charge of Rev. Henry and Mrs. Mary A. Rinker.

29. Managers of Paulins Kill Drainage Company announce that the assessment to owners of property on the east branch amounts to \$3,301.73, and on the west branch \$3,280.28.

30. Within a fortnight, Sandford Hough, of Wantage, had lost four children, by diphtheria, aged respectively 2, 10, 12, and 17 years.

31. Universalist service at Branchville and in Park Hall, Newton, by Rev. Mr. Cargill.

APRIL.

1. Moving day terrors were augmented by a driving snow storm.

1. Firm of Lewis and Obed O. Willson, at Huntsville, dissolved by retirement of last named.

1. Joseph Coult and Thomas Anderson form law partnership, and open office two doors west of Newton bookstore.

1. Quarterly statement of Sussex Bank shows capital stock of \$201,500; notes in circulation, \$302,087; surplus fund, \$28,352, 77; due depositors, \$62,723.40; notes discounted, \$333,337.90.

1. Farmers Bank of Wantage reports discounts of \$140,926 71; notes in circulation, \$102,683; capital stock, \$79,940; due depositors, \$17,028.12.

2. The daily average of live calves sent to New York by railroad from Newton was 80, none of which were received unless coming up to the N. Y. standard of 100 pounds.

2. Sussex Courts convened. Justice Brown, recently appointed, presided, and this was his first appearance on the bench. Thirty tavern licenses were granted; two laid over. Eight civil cases were tried, James Frenche being the defendant in three of them; he was also tried and acquitted on a charge of perjury. The only state-prison sentence was that of George Frieland, who received five years for burglaries at Vernon.

3. A. A. Vance had been appointed postmaster at Morristown.

3. Dr. G. H. Parkhurst, Newton's first homoeopathic physician, locates over Goodale's drug store.

3. Examinations at Mt. Retirement Seminary.

4. A correspondent, writing from Hardwick, whenever matters warranted it, tells of the birth of triplets to Mrs. Bruger, of Columbia, Warren county. They were two boys and one girl.

5. Newton post office robbed of \$25, but the thieves, who were evidently experts, overlooked a snug sum of money in Mr. Kelsey's desk and a large quantity of postage stamps.

5. A Sussex locomotive badly damaged in an attempt to push a gravel car from limestone switch to Newton. An axle of the car broke, rails were torn up, the locomotive ran into the gravel pit, and nine freight cars heavily laden were banged together. No one was injured, but a German who was on the gravel car received a severe shock.

6. Charles S. Halsey, late principal of N. C. I., disposes of his household goods.

8. James E. B. Stiles and Israel C. Potter dissolve partnership in lime manufacturing business in Newton. Business continued by Mr. Stiles.

8. Death of Lewis Howell, at Newton, aged 70 years, formerly a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

8. Town meetings. Newton, Stillwater, and Lafayette, after two or three years trial of the ballot system, return to the "up and down the hill" style of voting. Newton voted \$2,500 for roads, \$800 for township purposes, and \$3,280 for schools. Of the five members of the Township Committee not one was a resident of Newton, though the town captured nearly all the other offices.

8. A special election in Newton for Justice of the Peace: George T. Smith received 384 votes and Andrew Shiner 163.

8. School money voted at the township election was not always given, but the following was reported: Newton, \$2.50 per scholar, or \$9,280; Green, \$1.50 per scholar for 638 children—\$937; Wantage, \$1,500; Frankford, \$999 for 666 children; Hardyston, \$900; Montague, \$500.

9. Meeting called at Cochran House to elect officers of Newton Fire Department; also to make an effort to reorganize the engine companies and raise money for fire purposes. It was adjourned to 16th, and then apparently killed by war fever.

9. Abram Sheeler, of Andover, exhibited six hen's eggs, weighing altogether 20 oz. All of them contained two yolks, except the largest one, which had three.

9. Newark M. E. Conference ended a six day's session at Rahway. By a majority vote on first ballot, Newton was selected as the place for the next annual meeting. R. B. Lockwood was appointed pastor of the Newton charge; J. P. Fort to Wantage; A. Craig to Rome and Greensville; John Faull to Port Jervis and Clove. C. Clark, the retiring pastor of the Newton

church, was sent to Mt. Horeb.

10. Charles Williams, of Canada, had agreed to work a tract of lead ore recently discovered on lands of Joseph Current, in Sparta township. The ore assayed 30 per cent., with a slight infusion of silver, or at the rate of \$30 worth of lead and \$4 worth of silver in a ton of ore.

10. The firm of Drake & Writter had been revived, after a separation of a year or so.

10. Henry O. Rverson announces removal of his law office to room in Goodale's building, and after May 1 was to locate permanently in new building opp. Hoppaugh's Hotel. That he never did, for two weeks later he marched away at the head of Sussex Rifles, afterward Company B, 2d Regiment.

12. The war begun! Fort Sumter fired upon. A surrender made on the afternoon of the 13th.

14. Rev. J. D. Cargill held Universalist service in Park Hall.

15. The country afloat. President Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers.

16. A large new building at Blairstown, erected by Marshall Hunt, for a Town Hall, and for stores, destroyed by fire. On the ground floor were the stove store of J. J. Edwards, the harness store of Harden & Flock, the cabinet rooms of Rice & Swayze; most of the stock of these persons was saved. The Blairstown Band, occupying an upper room, lost about \$100; the losses of Edwards, and of Harden & Flock, ranged from \$50 to \$100, though the latter lost their books and papers; Rice & Swayze lost heavily. The building was owned by R. G. Hunt and John Snover, whose loss was estimated at \$4,000, partially covered by insurance.

18. A large and enthusiastic union meeting held at Belydere. A company of volunteers was formed, and \$1,700 subscribed to equip them. John I. Blair led off with \$400 for the general fund, and \$20 per month in addition for the support of the families left behind. A rifle company was organized at Washington, and steps taken to form a cavalry company at Oxford Furnace.

19. Reference made to the blackberry obtained by Rev. Clarkson Dunn, some years since, near Marksboro, and which had been pronounced superior to the famed Lawton or New Rochelle. This was the Kittatany, and George H. Courseen was growing the plants for future sale.

19. A late storm of mingled snow and rain was referred to, as too dreary to do justice to the subject.

19. Reference made to the tearing down of an old house near Allamuchy, occupied by Samuel Cook, and which he intended to replace with a new house, though the timbers were yet good for years to come. This was one of the oldest houses in Warren county; it was erected in 1764, when men were so scarce in the region round about that help had to be obtained from Kingwood, in Hunterdon county, to raise its timbers.

19. Dr. Davidson, of New York city, was advertised to lecture in the court house, on "A Visit to the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky," but as no mention is made of his appearance it is probable that the war excitement overshadowed or prevented it.

20. John J. Edwards, who had been out of the dry goods business two years, had rented the Pettit store house, and was about to resume business in that line.

19. Paper neckties were advertised as novelties.

19. Owen advertised 16 photographs for \$1. Compare the photos of that day with the present.

19. A man named Lacey killed in the Franklin mine by a fall of earth.

22. John J. Edwards opened his new store in Newton.

22. The boys of Newton, after the adjournment of the great union meeting, bore an effigy of Jeff Davis about town, meanwhile sounding his knell on a Chinese gong, and concluded the performance by burning the traitor's effigy.

22. An immense union meeting held at Morristown, over which Hon. George T. Cobb presided. Morris had already offered three companies of volunteers to the Governor, and others were in process of formation.

22. A great union mass meeting on the park in Newton. Called to order at 2 p. m. by Joseph Coult. George H. Nelden was made chairman. The following vice presidents were named: David Ryerson, John D. Everett, Zachariah H. Price, Levi Shepherd, Isaac Bonnell, Thomas Lawrence, Morris Hoppaugh, Robert L. Beyerly, John Kelsey, Dr. Charles V. Moore. The secretaries were Moses Stoll, Edward A. Reeder, Peter Smith and George R. McCarter. The chairman appointed B. B. Edsall, Robert Hamilton, Daniel S. Anderson, Peter C. Orsborne and Martin Ryerson as a committee on resolutions; after which Col. Sam Fowler addressed the meeting in a powerful speech, of which an excellent summary is given. After an excellent summary is given. After music by the Sussex Cornet Band, and the singing of the "Flag of our Union," by a village choir, the committee on resolutions reported through B. B. Edsall. After reading they were adopted amid loud cheering. The following persons were appointed as a committee to raise funds to arm and equip the volunteers and to support their families during their term of service: Edward C. Moore, Jacob L. Swayze, John Linn, Thomas N. McCarter, William McDaniel, Hugh C. Clark, Thomas J. Bonnell, John S. Smith, Joseph H. Coursen, Samuel H. Hubbard, Samuel T. Smith, James B. Titman, Jas. L. Decker, Thomas Lawrence, Thos. T. Simouson, Peter S. Decker, John Loomis, William Benjamin. Judge Martin Ryerson, Col. Robert Hamilton, John Linn and E. C. Moore then addressed the meeting. Mr. Moore, as chairman of the committee, called for subscriptions, and \$3,142.25 were subscribed on the spot. A list of the subscriptions is given. Mr. Nelden then announced that the Sussex Bank had decided to offer the State a loan of \$30,000 for equipping the volunteers. This announcement was received with a tempest of cheers. Addresses followed by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, Jacob L. Swayze, B. B. Edsall, Joseph Coult, Rev. Thomas Davis and Rev. Mr. Moore. General Edwards announced that he would hold an election for officers of the volunteers on May 3, and the great meeting adjourned.

23. James G. Fitts chosen captain, and John J. Jones 1st lieutenant of the Newton volunteers. H. S. Linn and John A. Wildrick were organizing a rifle company. Col. Sam Fowler was to recruit a company in Hardyston and Sparta.

24. Presbytery of Rockaway met at Dover, and adopted patriotic resolutions.

25. The ladies of Newton were busy at Park Hall, making clothing for the volunteers, who were boarded at public expense at the hotels of the village. When the men left they had suits of grey cloth, trimmed with black braid.

25. Union meeting at Blairstown, addressed by M. Hunt, D. C. Blair, W. C. Larzaller, John A. Raub, and others. Twenty young men enlisted as volunteers, 15 others having already done so.

26. A. M. Kanouse, of 435 Broadway, N. Y., gives names of nine persons in Sussex who had purchased pianos at that store.

26. How history repeats itself! The display of National colors was general, and men and women wore rosettes of red, white and blue. Bunting or even muslin flags were not so plentiful as in 1898, but prices had risen 400 per cent. Two weeks ago bunting could hardly find a buyer at \$7 per bale, but now was hard to get at \$20.

27. Union meeting at Franklin Furnace, addressed by Col. Sam Fowler and John Linn. A muster roll for volunteers was numerously signed.

27. Citizens of Stillwater raise a 12x18 flag, and give it two salutes of 34 each.

28. A miscellaneous item refers to the marriage, on this date, by Rev. J. Addison Priest, in the Presbyterian church of West Bloomfield, N. J., of Lieut. Henry

L. Crawford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Maggie J. Munn, of Bloomfield. The groom was attired in his regimentals and the bride was given away by her grandfather Captain Munn, 87 years old. Rev. Mr. Priest's remarks and the expected departure of the groom to the seat of war, made it the most solemn and impressive ceremony that guests from Brooklyn and New York ever beheld. It seemed unlikely at time this item was printed that Dr. Priest would ever become a resident of Newton.

30. Legislature met in special session to provide for the necessities of the times.

1. Father McKay begins a month's services in St. Joseph's Church, in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

1. Additional subscriptions for the war fund reported to be the amount of \$201.

1. Drake & Waster remove shoe store from Kraber's building to store vacated by L. Edwards & Son, opposite court house.

3. A correspondent gives credit for the Kittatinny blackberry to Mr. Wolverton, of Hope, who gave Mr. Dunn the first plants that were brought to Newton.

3. List of officers of Company A, with names of those who had signed the roll, shows 78 men and the following officers: Capt. James G. Fitts; 1st Lieut. John J. Jones; 2d Lieut. Benj. Stewart; 3d Lieut. Nicholas J. Cox. Of these only about a dozen are now living, and those residing in Newton are J. B. Hendershot, Martin Hughes and Jacob M. Bryan.

3. Captain Ryerson's company designated Company B, which is afterward retained, had 69 men and 11 commissioned and non-commissioned officers. There are few survivors, and not more than half a dozen now residing in the county.

3. E. P. Cook asks his old customers to visit his store at Andover.

3. John S. Smalley and Alfred Snook say that their partnership in blacksmithing business was dissolved a few months since.

3. Moore's cash price for hams was 12½¢ per lb.; shoulder, 10¢; dried beef, 12½¢; pickled pork, 10¢.

3. Clinton, son of William Robeson, drowned while playing along the race in Belvidere.

3. A proclamation by Governor Olden received in Newton to the effect that the four regiments of three months volunteers asked for from New Jersey had been filled, and the Sussex companies had not yet been mustered in. The news fell like a wet blanket upon the companies drilling in Newton, but the following day President Lincoln's call for 42,000 men to serve three years, unless sooner discharged, revived their hopes of getting in service. A vote in Captain Fitts's company revealed 65 who were willing to volunteer for three years, and about 50 of Captain Ryerson's company declared their readiness to do the same. Finally the men under Captain Fitts were dismissed for one week, and those under Captain Ryerson for two days.

2-3-4. Ice formed every night. All early fruits killed or seriously diminished.

4. Benjamin Walters, of Bridgeville, fatally injured by falling from a train on Warren railroad.

4. Union meeting held at Deckertown; though weather was inclement it was well attended. Col. Fowler and others spoke, and \$552 was added to the county fund.

5. A comet visible in the quadrangle of the "Dipper."

6. Rev. J. R. Adams sends a notice of marriage of Col. A. P. Berthoud to Amanda E. Winter, at Washington. The wedding occurred in the evening, and the next day the groom left at 11 a. m. to join his regiment.

7. Annual meeting of stockholders of Sussex Railroad Co.

7. Union meeting at Vernon; pole and flag raising; addresses by Col. Fowler and C. H. Winfield, of Goshen.

8. Board of Freshholders organized by election of Robert Hamilton, as Director, and John F. Conger, Clerk. Thomas R.

Everett re-elected County Collector. Bills of Dr. Doremus, Dr. Budd, W. S. Johnson and Robert Hamilton, for services in Wickham trial, aggregated \$600. Surplus Revenue fund amounted to \$38,688.76, of which the county had borrowed \$21,616, and \$17,072.76 was loaned to individuals. County Collector reported receipts of \$39,221.17, and after paying bills he had a balance of \$2,225.51. The almshouse had cost the county outside of the farm products, the sum of \$2,251.87 during the past year; the present number of inmates was 65; highest number at any one time, 105. The wood had been cleared from 60 acres of land, and the proceeds, \$908, had been expended in procuring fixtures for heating the building and cooking by stove coal. Peter Smith, Azariah Lewis and Hazlet Slater were the superintendents; the Board allowed Smith and Lewis \$15 each and \$25 to Slater, but voted that hereafter that the president should not receive any more pay than the others. This seems to have made a new choice necessary, as Archibald Drake, Sidney Bevans, and John Snyder were elected as successors to the old board. The bills of Drs. Doremus and Budd were cut respectively \$175 and \$25. The sum of \$16,000 was ordered to be raised by taxation, and the Board adopted a rule that hereafter election boards would be paid for two days service at each election, instead of the three days charge that had grown into a custom. Before adjournment a resolution was passed providing for an extra session in June, if war necessarily required such.

10. Two lists of additional subscriptions to the volunteer fund bring the amount up to \$4,461.

10. Legislature adjourned, after approving \$2,000,000 to arm and equip volunteers and provide a fund for their families. Senators from Bergen, Burlington, Hudson and Warren voted against the war measures; also one Assemblyman from Somerset, two from Bergen, two from Morris, one from Union, and one from Warren. One Assemblyman from Morris and one from Warren dodged the vote. Names were given in order that they might be remembered by future generations.

11. The "Gr. at Eastern returns to New York, seeking a charter as a transport ship. She was capable of carrying 10,000 men, with army supplies. Notwithstanding severe storms, her trip across the ocean was made in 9½ days.

15. John V. Bentley had succeeded Edward E. Jackson as mail agent on the M. & E. R. R.

13. A man named Feazler, said to be of English birth, committed to jail for stealing a horse from stable of Peter C. Rutan, in Wantage.

15. Flemington had outside all other places in the State for generous contributions to its volunteers. The town had raised nearly \$7,000.

15. The Sussex companies had resumed daily drills, and expected soon to be called into service.

15. Corner stone of F. E. Church at Libertyville laid. Addresses by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, P. E., Rev. M. E. Ellison, of Morristown; Rev. R. B. Lockwood, of Newton, and Rev. S. C. Mirteenes, the pastor.

21. The lumber and coal business of McCarter & Simpson passes into control of George Nelden, James M. Simpson, and James A. Terhune.

21. The Sussex volunteers, under command of Captains Fitts and Ryerson, leave Newton at 1.30 p. m. for Trenton. During the forenoon some 2000 to 3000 relatives and friends of the volunteers came to bid them farewell. After an early dinner both companies were assembled in the Public Green, where Bibles were presented to the officers by the Sussex County Bible Society, and the announcement was made that each private would receive a copy at Trenton. The presentation was made by Rev. S. W. Hilliard. He was followed by Revs. Messrs. Pettit and Lockwood, in brief and pertinent addresses. Captain Ryerson responded. Three

cheers were then given by the volunteers for the citizens of Newton who had treated them so kindly; three for the good old county of Sussex; three more for the ladies of Newton, and three times three for the officers and volunteers. A collection of about \$80 was taken up to defray incidental expenses on the trip to Trenton, and while this was in progress, Col. Sam Fowler, in a few strong and nervous sentences, exhorted the volunteers to do their duty, and see to it that the honor of old Sussex should be fully maintained by them in every position in which they might be placed. Then the companies formed in line, and proceeded down Spring street to the depot, with the Newton Cornet Band discoursing patriotic airs. Amid many demonstrations of love and affection, many handshakings and parting benedictions, they entered the cars provided for them, and after a few minutes detention, during which mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, rushed forward to speak a parting word of affection. As the train moved off there were

Tears at the parting—a murmur of prayer—Then, forward! the fame of their banner to share!

With a welcome to wounding, to combat and scars,  
And the glory of death, for the Stripes and the Stars!

The train reached Trenton in the evening. On the way down, between Drakesville and Dover, the engine collided with a cow near the bridge crossing the Rockaway river. The baggage car was thrown off the track, and its wheels cut into the bridge ties, etc.; fortunately no one was injured, but considerable delay ensued. Captain Ryerson's company numbered 96, and Captain Fitts's 93, when they departed, but recruits were secured the following week to bring them up to the maximum.

24. THE REGISTER appears in a new dress of type.

24. John Harkin advertises opening of "the great slate quarry at Newton." Mr. Harkin had had many years experience in the trade, and he pronounced the slate far superior to any yet discovered. It was described as located on Love Lane, "known as the old Democratic Platform ground." Before the timber was cut off this was the spot where Democratic mass meetings in this vicinity were held.

24. Sussex Mutual ordered six per cent assessment to pay loss of John Nyce, on May 2d.

24. L. M. Swayze announced a sale to close business in the brick store at Hope.

30. Thomas Gray, Jr., was running the upper mill at Baleville.

JUNE.

1. Caleb Swayze appointed postmaster at Hope, and James B. Titman at Sparta.

1. Misses Sarah and Fanny McDede, dressmakers on Halsted street, opp. residence of Dr. Ryerson.

3. Sussex Bank stockholders elect John D. Everitt to vacancy in Board of Directors caused by death of John H. Nelden.

3. Death of Stephen A. Douglas. Flags generally displayed at half mast.

3. Subscriptions of \$255 reported to volunteer fund from Sparta.

3. Kraber & Hand dissolve partnership in furniture business. Mr. Hand retires.

3. The committee to arm and equip Sussex volunteers met at office of John Linn, and prepared a statement of receipts and expenses. This is published in issue of June 7, and is a complete and satisfactory exhibit of the status of the fund, showing the purpose and to whom the money was paid. The total amount of subscriptions was \$4,583, of which \$2,887.75 had been paid in, and the committee had already paid out more than had been received, though the matter of uniforms was in question. The Quartermaster-General of New Jersey had directed General Edwards to procure uniforms for the Sussex men, as it was impossible for the State to get them in time. The uniforms and the board bills of 160 men used up nearly all the fund,

and there were forty families of volunteers to be provided for. \$204.44 were paid to Wells & Christie for boots; \$28.50 to Jacob L. Swayze for same; Rushmore, Cone & Co. were paid \$81.59 for cassimere, flannels, etc.; \$68.25 was paid for caps; \$30 for trimmings and buttons; \$74.26 to John J. Edwards for flannel and trimmings; for making uniforms, \$68.27 was paid to H. Lindenbaum; \$34.13 to George W. Tyler; \$73.63 to Martin & Reeve; \$56.01 to Ruthford Tuttle.

4. County Medical Society held meeting at Hoppage's hotel.

4. A canal boat, 180 feet in length, the largest ever run on the Morris canal, took 81 tons of coal from Washington to Jersey City.

4. New Jersey Railroad and Camden and Amboy Companies announce a mutual settlement of difficulties.

5. Alfred A. Ackerson admitted to practice as an attorney, and forthwith enters into partnership with A. J. Rogers.

5. Bible Society met at Deckertown.

5. Ladies of Newton had completed and sent to Sussex volunteers at Trenton 202 Havelocks.

6. The troops at Camp Olden were "kicking" over the insufficient and carelessly prepared food, and yet only one of the Sussex men was sick in hospital. Captain Ryerson's company had been classified as Company B, 2d regiment, and Captain Fitts's company as Company D, 3d regiment.

6. Recruits were wanted for Captain G. Hewitt Wallace's Company. He took a squad of men to a New York regiment.

6. State Editorial Association met at Morristown. Bad weather caused adjournment to 10th inst.

7. Firm of Shafer & VanCampen dissolved, Joseph L. Shafer taking entire charge of the business.

8. Barn of James Bevans, in Sandyston township, destroyed by lightning.

10. Rev. T. B. Condit had issued his book, "Morning, Noon and Night."

10. The river townships in Sussex visited by a severe hail storm.

10. Alpheus Howell appointed postmaster at Deckertown; Uzal H. Struble at Branchville; Jehiel T. Smith, Andover; Oakley B. Pellet, Newton.

10. The receipts of the Morris canal to this date had fallen off about 20 per cent. as compared with 1860, and there was poor show for a dividend.

10. Captain Judson Kilpatrick seriously wounded in thigh during battle of Great Bethel.

11. Sussex Baptist Association met in Newton. Sermons by Rev. Joseph I. Grimley, of Unionville, Rev. Wm. Archer, and Rev. Mr. Grenell. Churches were asked to observe June 28th as a day of humiliation and prayer.

14. Financial statement of county shows receipt of \$640 for tavern licenses, and \$25 from show licenses; bridges cost \$3,705 87, and freeholders' fees, \$580 16; election expenses, \$333.25; court expenses, jurors, constables, etc., \$4,013 52.

17. Major Depew's saw mill at Belvidere had been destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$6,000; insurance, \$1,000.

17. Executive Committee of Agricultural Society met to make arrangements for a public trial of mowing machines, on July 1, near Newton.

19. Annual meeting of M. & E. R. R. Co., at Newark. The net income of the road to Dec. 31, 1860, was \$109,111.45. Exclusive of commuters and those who ride free the road had carried 490,871 passengers without injury. Reports were made upon the Phillipsburg extension; also the project to run a line from Stanhope to Newburg, N. Y. The road to Washington would have been placed under contract except for the beginning of war.

20. Several Second Lieutenants and Orderly Sergeants had been displaced through lack of military knowledge and qualifications.

20. The war was severe on newspapers, no less than fifty having suspended publication within the past ninety days.

22. A riot on the "Mucklehoney Pleasure Grounds;" and an exhibition by Prof. Woods, a horse tamer, drew a large crowd.

27. House and barn recently erected by John Wentz, a German in the employ of George A. Juller, destroyed by fire between 12 and 3 a.m. The buildings were located on the Lafayette road, near residence of Alfred Snook, and as the house and furniture was insured for \$1,400, and the barn for \$100 there was good reason to believe incendiarism, at least that was what the Sussex Mutual thought. Wentz, who went home at a late hour, claimed that the furniture had been stolen from the house.

37. A note for New Jersey war loan of \$500,000 opened. All except \$4,000 were from residents of the State, and ranged from par to 1 per cent premium.

28. First, Second and Third Regiments leave Camp Otten, Trenton, for Washington, and went in to camp the next day.

28. George A. Juller announces removal of lager beer saloon to new building erected by Captain Fitts, on Spring street.

JULY.

1. Trial of mowing machines in Mucklehoney field. Eight machines entered, and all did their work handsomely. The committee of eight voted 4 to 3 in favor of first premium to the Buckeye, and second premium to the Allen. Weight, draught, length of cutter bar, price, and other particulars are given.

1. Oakley B. Pellet assumed charge of Newton post office, and removed it to the store of Jacob L. Swayze, and as a matter of course some half dozen unsuccessful applicants print their grievances in the Sussex Democrat.

2. Musical entertainment by pupils of Newton Female Seminary at court house.

3. Ball at Rosenkranz's hotel, Stillwater.

4. Celebration at Franklin Furnace. Marshal, General Edwards, music by Sussex Cornet Band; orator, George W. Green, of Goshen; reader of Declaration, John Linn; reader of Washington's farewell address, Martin Ryerson; reader of Jackson's proclamation, Samuel Fowler.

4. A quiet celebration in Newton. Ladies of M. E. Church held festival on the Green. Rev. R. Vanhorne, of Hackettstown, read Declaration, and addresses were made by Rev. S. W. Hilliard and others. In the afternoon an oration was delivered by Rev. R. L. Dashiell, of Newark.

4. Celebration at Stanhope. Marshal, Col. John J. Edwards; reader, J. Seward Wills; orator, Rev. R. L. Dashiell.

4. Celebration for Sussex and Warren, in grove one mile from Yellow Frame Church. Music by Blairstown Band; reader, Elias M. White; orators, Joseph Coult and Mr. Freeman.

4. Celebration at Forest House, Budd's lake.

4. Balls at King's hotel, Deckertown, and at Coll's hotel, Andover.

4. Congress assembled in extra session.

4. New and substantial dwelling house at Papakating, occupied by James D. Armstrong, destroyed by a fire originating in a chimney. Loss, \$3,000; no insurance. Two or three females of the family, in the absence of males, made an ineffectual attempt to extinguish the flames.

6. Jonathan S. Dewitt, of Deckertown, accidentally shot in head, neck and eye, while in range of his hunting companion, Christopher Treanor.

8. Barn on premises of David Ryerson, in Newton, destroyed by an incendiary fire. Loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

8. Commissioned officers of the Fourth Division New Jersey Militia, (comprising the counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon and Morris) met at Hackettstown, and requested Governor to order a camp of instruction. Adjourned to meet in Newton, August 6.

10. Captain Murray and Lieutenants Price and Belknap had been in Sussex for several days and secured a number of recruits for Sickles Brigade.

10. A splendid comet had been in view for two weeks.

10. Port Jervis "Mechanics' Union Independent Zouaves," who participated in celebration at Franklin, publish card of thanks for cordial and generous treatment by everybody.

11. A "peace petition" was in circulation in Vernon and elsewhere.

11. James A. Terhune withdraws from firm of Nelden, Simpson and Terhune.

13. A fire at 6 p. m. in the second story of Goodale's brick building, caused a loss of about \$3,000. It originated in the packing department, and the danger caused extraordinary efforts to extinguish the flames. In the adjoining room was 300 gross of boxes of friction matches; these were thrown out into the alley, and the rain which was falling at the time soon made them useless. It was a very exciting fire, and the man who showed the most bravery was James P. Kelly, then a tinsmith working in Newton, who was the first to enter the room filled with preparations of the most inflammable character.

13-14. A generous rain breaks a disastrous drouth.

14. Death of William Price, member of Assembly from First district. He had been ill for eight months, and unable to attend the extra session of the Legislature.

15. Captain Kilpatrick sent to New York to recruit a cavalry squadron.

15. William Allen appointed postmaster at Hackettstown, and Josiah Meeker, at Succa-unna.

16. Burglars take \$80 worth of goods from store of John C. Webster, in Newton.

18. The crudeness of enlistment in these days was shown in the various independent organizations. Morristown had organized a company of zouaves, a rifle company was formed near Phillipsburg; A. K. Stinson was organizing a cavalry company at Greenville, and a similar organization was forming at Deckertown.

19. A. J. Rice and George Carter announce that their partnership at Blairstown was dissolved May 6.

21. Battle of Bull Run; a panic and retreat. None of the New Jersey regiments were in the action, though the 1st regiment of three-year men aided in covering the retreat.

26. Henry C. Kelsey remained in grocery business, and in advertising specialties he exhibited the sagacity which has since characterized his business life. He was offering at this time rice at 6 1/2 c. per pound.

26. E. C. Moore's cash price for stove and egg coal was \$5.40 per ton.

26. M. B. Titman was buying horses for Government service.

29. Col. Kilpatrick, who had come to Sussex to recruit a company for his regiment, serenaded by Newton Cornet Band, at the Cochran House. He made a speech and was followed by Jacob L. Swayze, Joseph Coult and E. C. Moore.

30. New Jersey three month's regiment mustered out of service, but at least two-thirds re-enlisted afterwards.

30. Rev. Joel Campbell, of Lafayette, had received a call from a church at Greenville, Ill.

31. Martin Ryerson writes a letter defining his knowledge of the political situation, and the efforts to unite the Sussex Democrat and Sussex Herald.

#### AUGUST.

1. Conger & Sherwood assume charge of the Fountain House at Fredon.

1. Reuben Vansyckle again in line as a candidate for Sheriff's office.

2. Freeman Howe's grocery at Branchville, places Newark lager on tap.

3. John C. Allen, an employee of Sussex R.R., residing at Andover, jumped from a locomotive at Newton; his foot went under the wheels, and was crushed so badly that amputation was necessary.

5. From headquarters in Newton Col. Kilpatrick obtained 77 volunteers between 7 a. m. and 12 m., and 70 of these left for

New York at 1.15 p. m. Edwin F. Cooke, of Deckertown, recruited a second company, and on the 7th 31 men were sworn in and took the noon train. The officers were Captain Edwin F. Cooke; 1st Lieut., Henry Grinton; 2d Lieut., Geo. V. Griggs; orderly sergeant, Hotalen Malvin; company quartermaster, Wm. R. Mattison.

5. Margaret, aged 21 years, daughter of John Knox, of Newton, died after suffering six weeks of agony from burns received through bursting of a fluid lamp. She prayed daily for death, and when informed that the end was at hand, she received the tidings with a shout of joy.

6. Congress adjourns its special session, during which party distinctions had not been heard in the debates.

6. Directors of Sussex Mutual held a semi-annual meeting at Deckertown.

6. Seventeen commissioned officers of Fourth Division of the New Jersey Militia, met at Cochran House. General Edwards presided over the conference. Morris and Somerset counties were not represented. A resolution was adopted requesting Governor Olden to form a camp of instruction at Flemington, in September next.

6. The bill passed by Congress to raise \$20,000,000 by direct taxation imposed \$15,000 on Sussex county. A duty of 4c. per

lb. was added to coffee, 3c. on cocoa, 2c. on sugar, 2c. on chickory, 25c. on brandy, 10c. on wines, 50 cents on other articles. A tax of 3 per cent. was levied on all incomes over \$500.

7. Sussex R. R. Co. invite bids for building a bridge over turnpike near house of Abram Sheeler, at Whitehall.

8. All crops in Sussex were suffering from effects of drouth. More severe than any similar visitation for ten years past. In two-thirds of the State crops were good.

9. Miss A. McCarter announces arrangements for separating her school into two departments, and the building of a school house large enough to accommodate all who may apply. Building to be ready by Nov. 1. Miss S. Northrup was her assistant.

12. President Lincoln issues proclamation naming Thursday, Sept. 26, as a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting.

12-13. A welcome northeaster.

15. The whole number of volunteers obtained by Col. Kilpatrick and his assistants, in Sussex, was 136; of these a few were rejected for physical defects; but several declined to enter service because they would not be under Jersey officers. New Jersey had furnished five companies for the Harris Light Cavalry.

4. Mahlon Williamson, burglar, breaks jail at Belydere, and escapes by means of a rope ladder.

8. Linn Adams, a native of Sussex, who learned the tailor's trade with John A. Johnson, and afterward became the head of a large clothing establishment in Newark, died suddenly of bilious colic, at the age of 44 years.

8. The New Jersey Herald, under the management of James J. McNally, had become so offensive in its treasonable sentiments that H. P. Cooke, of Company B, 3d regiment, and H. S. Linn, of Company D, 3d regiment, had been instructed by members of their respective commands to notify the editor that no more copies of the paper were desired in camp.

13. Joseph, aged 35 years, son of Hon. Joseph Greer, of Newton tsp., fatally injured near reservoir, below Andover. His horse became frightened and sprang off a stone wall, falling, with Mr. Greer and the vehicle, upon a rocky bed some 6 or 8 feet below. A man named Homler saw the accident, and with his son did what he could until medical aid arrived, but the injuries were so serious that death ensued in 36 hours. Deceased was an excellent citizen in every sense; upright, prudent and industrious, leaving the pure example of a blameless life.

14. Elizabeth, widow of Barnet Siple, of Stillwater, died suddenly in night of suffocation, aged 80 years.

14. Joseph L. Shafer, in a card, announces himself as a candidate for Sher-

iff, and says he has been injured by slanderous stories.

15. Ball at Edward S. Hunt's hotel, Greensville.

16. Letter appears from Edward S. Newbury, of Company D, 3d regiment, also another from a member of same company, giving information of movements, and killing of a captain of a rebel cavalry company, by 15 men while on scouting duty. The captain is said to have been Archibald Gracie, formerly of Elizabeth, who was hanged in effigy last spring for treasonable utterances.

15-18. Woods meeting near Millbrook, Warren county.

17-18. Woods meeting near Roseville school house. Preaching by Rev. C. A. Lippencott; Rev. J. B. Mathis, pastor of Sparta circuit.

19. Officer Haury, of Newark, arrives in Newton with John Wentz and wife, who had been arrested on a charge of burning their house near Newton, on the night of June 21. Dr. F. Smith, secretary of the Sussex Mutual, placed the matter in the hands of Chief Wambold, and he found the furniture that Wentz declared had been burned, in their Newark home.

20. The Sussex volunteers in the Harris Light Cavalry leave New York for Washington.

20. Thomas Haines and Virgil Brodrick were recruiting in Newton for the First New Jersey Cavalry.

20. A new post office established at Centerville, with John B. Layton as postmaster. For years the people of that village had vainly endeavored to secure mail facilities. M. R. Kemble appointed postmaster at Hamburg, and George W. Price at Lafayette.

20. Rev. James McKay had been transferred to Orange, after three years of effective and faithful labor in St. Joseph's parish, Newton. His successor was Rev. Mr. Byrne, late assistant at St. John's, Newark.

20. Counterfeit 1's, 3's and 5's on Sussex Bank were in circulation.

22. Warren County Bible Society met at Hackettstown.

22. A young man took a horse, wagon and harness from Otisville, N. Y. The rig was abandoned near Deckertown, and it being doubtful if the young man had intended to steal, but only borrow, he was released upon promise of volunteering, which he did, and left on the 26th with the cavalry recruits.

22-25. Woods meeting at Swartswood. Evening services in M. E. Church.

23. Thomas D. Christie offers cash for hay and straw at the Newton hay press, near entrance to Fair Grounds.

27. Considerable money was being brought back to the county by mail and by visitors to the camps in Virginia.

27. Chancellor Green sits at the Court House, in a suit brought over the Franklin ores. It was not the first, nor the last time that the lawyers wore legal webs and subtleties over the question "What is Franklinite?"

28. Harvest Home near Kuowlton Presbyterian church.

28. The owners of the New Jersey Herald, in obedience to public opinion, which had been grossly outraged through his disloyalty, dismiss James J. McNally, and sell the establishment to Henry C. Kelsey.

29. Captain James H. Williamson was recruiting a company for the Seventh N. J. regiment, in Frankford.

29. Captain Brodrick and Lieut. Haines had enrolled 80 men for the 1st N. J. Cavalry.

30. "Abe" Grabenhein signs as agent, and says he is about to "secede" from Newton.

30. V. M. Drake, secretary, announces that owing to the unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of the country, that the State Society had decided to abandon their idea of holding its annual fair at Newton, and the County Society had also arrived at the same conclusion, believing that the effects of drouth and war had furnished good reason for deferring the exhibition until a more propitious time.

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24. Writing under this date from Camp Seminary, Va. E. S. Newbury, on behalf of soldiers of 3d New Jersey Regiment, returns thanks to ladies of Hackettstown, for a very large box of eatables for the sick, besides bandages, lint, etc. The box came very opportunely.

29. The reverse at Bull Run, and the audaciousness of the Southern sympathizers, whose encouragement of treason meant a continuation of the struggle, and consequently more peril for the volunteers, had awakened the Government to the necessity of laying a strong band upon the most virulent of the Northern press. On the 24th the Trenton True American suspended publication, as it said, "through fear of mob law," but the reason was that the Post Office authorities had forbidden its transmission through the mails, together with the New York Journal of Commerce, the Daily News, the Day Book, the Freeman's Journal, and the Brooklyn Eagle. In other cities and towns disloyal newspaper offices had been sacked by returned volunteers.

30. E. P. Cook begins to forward freight from Andover.

30. Captain Brodrick leaves town with 35 or 40 more volunteers, making enough to complete his company.

31. Pole and flag raising at Independence school house, Vernon, with addresses by Samuel Fowler, Moses Stoll, and others. The Wantage Rangers were present.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. Through neglect or otherwise 204 policy holders in Sussex Mutual had failed to pay assessment, and were advertised.

2. Stillwater Academy reopens in charge of Charles F. Fernald.

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2. The New York World and Courier & Enquirer establishment had been consolidated, and sold to John R. Ford for \$30,000, who was to pay all debts, besides a \$17,000 mortgage on the press. Its expenses exceeded the receipts by \$1,500 a week, and \$200,000 had been already sunk.

2. Captain H. O. Ryerson writes a letter denying the truth of a story that some members of the Sussex company in the Second regiment had attempted to create a disturbance because their enlistment before July 1 was for three months, and yet they were mustered in for three years. In vigorous language he denounces the author (correspondent of a Paterson paper) and says that although the men of Company B have had hard service, they patiently perform their duty, while nearly the whole of the Paterson company was under arrest for mutiny.

3. Charles Levy opens barber shop in Smith's brick building, Newton.

3. Cyrus S. Leport, who had returned to Sussex after a residence of two or three years in the West, appointed Prosecutor of the Pleas in the place of H. O. Ryerson, absent in the military service of the United States.

3. Sussex Courts opened, Chief Justice Woelpley presiding. Of the grand jury, comprising the best known and most prominent citizens in Sussex at that time, but two are now living. Chief Justice Woelpley delivered a lengthy charge to the jury, defining the duties of a citizen in the crisis, and outlining what constituted treason. He hoped there would be no traitors in Sussex county, yet, if any there were, it was the duty of the grand jury, upon due complaint, to present all such without fear, favor or affection. Seven tavern licenses were granted, and one refused for Monroe Corner. The grand jury returned seventeen indictments.

3. G. F. Bailey's circus visits Newton, but a series of showers deterred many from viewing the afternoon performance; between 5 and 6 o'clock a heavy rain, accompanied by a hurricane, blew down the large tent and overturned several baggage wagons. Fortunately no one was injured, but it was impossible to give an evening

performance. Park Hall was, however, utilized, and it never held such a crowd.

4. Representatives of the two wings of the Democracy in Sussex county, met at the house of John Townsend, in Newton. After a conference lasting into the morning of the 5th, the two main actors had kissed and became good friends, after four years of bitter estrangement. It was agreed that Peter Smith should be nominated for Senator, at a convention to be held on October 8.

4. Union meeting at court house, addressed by Hon. George T. Cobb, Jacob Vanatta, Benj. B. Edsall, Robert Hamilton and Samuel Fowler. E. C. Moore was chairman.

5. Union picnic at Carr's quarry, Wantage tsp. Music by Unionville brass band.

5. Lieutenants Rose and Fidken had established headquarters at Anderson House, to recruit a company for "Cameron Brigade," then encamped at Saltersville, Hudson county.

5-8. Woods meeting in Jacob Merring's grove, Frankford tsp.

8. Sandyston M. E. Church reopened for service after remodeling and repairs. Sermon by Presiding Elder. The ladies of the church held a festival on the 10th.

8. Elder William Lane preached his fourth discourse on the "Philosophy of Religion," in the old M. E. Church at Newton.

9. County Teachers' Institute opens at Deckertown, in charge of Prof. W. F. Phelps. Committee in charge was Wm. D. Casterline, D. M. Dewitt and Wm. A. Stiles.

10. The State and County tax for the year amounted to \$19,793 19, of which Newton raised \$3,733 77 and Wantage \$3,598 47. To this was added school, road and poor tax. The total for Newton was \$10,313 77, and Wantage was not far behind in its local taxes.

10. John P. Fowler was raising a company in Hardyston, Sparta, etc.; Lieut. Beach had obtained several men for the Sixth regiment; Lieut. Morford had taken a few recruits for the Halsted Cavalry, and Lieut. Wilson departed this day with a dozen more for the same regiment.

10. The fire in Goodale's building seemed to have awakened the people from their lethargy, and it is announced that two large cisterns at each side of the Newton Green are nearly completed, and will soon afford water sufficient for the extinguishment of fires in the business portion of the village.

10. Trial of John Wentz on two indictments for arson commenced. It continued four days, and caused much excitement. The jury failed to agree at first, though the Court offered to allow the members breakfast, saying that the case had been expensive for the county. On retiring again they agreed upon a verdict of "not guilty."

10. Toms & Smith were purchasing horses for the government, in Sussex.

10. Since 1844 there had been only one summer (that of 1854) in which so little rain had fallen as during the season just closed, and but two (1857 and 1859) when there was not a greater average of heat.

11. New dwelling of Conrad Vanderhoof, at Denville, Morris county, burned at midnight. Family barely escaped; loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

12. Hiram Ackerman arrested at Newark, for breaking open a trunk in his uncle's house, near Easton, and taking therefrom \$40. He was but 19 years of age, and in May last, while apprenticed to Alfred Thomas, a miller at Belvidere, he had absconded with \$300 taken from the safe of his employer, and no trace had been found until his arrest, the clue for which was effected through a letter.

12-15. Camp meeting in grove between Stillwater and Middleville.

13. Letters appear from Captain Henry Grinton, at Camp Oregon, and from E. S. Newbury, at Camp Seminary.

13. D. A. Sutphin locates in Newton as a produce buyer.

14. Captain L. D. Sims, at Anderson House, recruiting for Seventh regiment; J. H. Williamson having offered him the captaincy.

15. Audience room of the M. E. Church, which had been undergoing repairs and embellishment, reopened for service.

19. A "peace meeting" held at house of G. W. Rhodes, in Vernon township. Price VanNostrand was president. Joseph S. Martin, of Vernon, and John G. Trusdell, of Newark, delivered the principal addresses. About 200 persons were present, and though a white flag was placed on the pole, it was cut down by loyal men before the sun rose next morning. The war was denounced; in fact everything that President Lincoln had done was "unconstitutional."

16. John Cruver, of Sandyston, brought to jail in Newton, charged with the murder of Allen Skellenger, the previous afternoon. The facts were as follows: On the morning of the 15th, a girl named Almira Paugh (a sister of Allen Skellenger's wife) went to the house of John Cruver, in the Eastern part of Sandyston township. While there Oakley Williams engaged the girl to work as a domestic for his father. It was arranged that Miss Paugh should get her clothing from Skellenger's and return to John Cruver's house, where young Williams was to call for her. Cruver and his wife went with the girl, but stopped a short distance from the house. When Miss Paugh was about to leave, Skellenger saw the Cruvers, and said to his wife that it would be improper for the girl to go with them, as their reputation was bad, and their house a resort for immoral persons. Mrs. Skellenger at once followed her sister, and urged her to stay home. Then the Cruvers came forward, and a quarrel ensued. Cruver, who had a gun with him, threatened to shoot Mrs. S. Her husband, hearing the high words, came out of the house with an infant in his arms, and walked in the direction of Cruver, at the same time ordering him to leave the premises. This Cruver refused to do, and also threatened to shoot him if force was used. Skellenger placed the infant on the grass, and dared Cruver to shoot, though he (Skellenger) had no weapon nor made any hostile gesture. He had no faith in his adversary's threat, but he was terribly deceived. Cruver took sure aim and fired the whole charge into his left breast. As the unfortunate man pitched forward, so close was the range, he would have fallen against Cruver, had not the latter pushed him aside. Whirling around, with his arms widely flung out, he grasped his wife, who caught him in her arms, and let him sink gently to the ground. And there, giving a few gasps, he died, not uttering a single word after receiving the fatal charge. This occurred about 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Cruver skulked away, and about a mile distant entered the house of Martin Rutan, where he told that he had shot and killed Skellenger in self defence. In proof he showed the blood of his victim upon his hands and clothing. Cruver expressed an intention to return to the scene of the murder, and to make sure of it. Mr. Rutan and his two sons tied the murderer, and accompanied him to the scene of his crime. In the evening Justices Young and Hursh held an inquest, and the jury formally charged him with murder. Cruver was a stoutly built man of medium height, and about thirty years of age. Skellenger was about 26 years old, of industrious habits, and enjoyed a good reputation among his neighbors.

17. Because of the rebellion and the stock of unused stamps in the seceding states, a new issue of stamps and stamped envelopes was made. After this date the old issue could not be exchanged for the new ones.

17. J. Wesley Smith, of Newton, who had visited the Jersey boys just after the paymaster had been around, brought home \$1,018 for their families.

19. Morris County Bank closed its doors.

20. Letter appears from Joshua Dupue,

under date of Sept. 9, from Hillsboro, O. Mr. Depue removed from Sussex to East Tennessee, some four years previous, but now, with his family, and thousands of other Unionists, was forced to leave because he would not join the Confederate army.

20. A signed statement by Lieut.-Col. Kilpatrick and the officers of his command, gives details of an attempt to kill the men of the Harris Light Cavalry, by a reckless engineer, at Cockeysville, 21 miles from Baltimore. Four men were killed, and 15 wounded, by the train leaving the track. The engineer cut loose after the accident and ran away, but was arrested in Baltimore, through the energy of Kilpatrick's men, who cut the wires and telegraphed to Gen. Dix.

20. Report of Teachers' Institute held at Deckertown on the 10th, 11th and 12th. On account of storm it did not begin on the 9th as expected, and though the weather did not settle until the 12th, the attendance of teachers was nearly 50. The lectures were given by Prof. W. F. Phelps, Rev. Dr. J. F. Tuttle, of Rockaway; F. W. Ricord, State Superintendent; and N. A. Calkins, of New York city. A committee consisting of W. D. Casterline, O. W. Cooke and Garret Berry, issued an address to the people of the State upon popular education.

20. Rev. Mr. Harbaugh, of Hacketts-town, accepts call to 6th Presbyterian church of Philadelphia.

20. W. D. Steele begins forwarding produce for Hancock & Oliver.

21. Captain Theodore Cornell takes his uniformed company of cavalry, raised in Paulina and Marksboro, for parade at Greenville. Gen. Edwards and staff attended, and such a military spirit was awakened that 34 signed their names to a roll for a cavalry company.

23. "Glowlyl" writes some spirited lines to the tune of "America." He added in a note "that the sentiments are perhaps a trifle in advance." The editorial comment and after events show that the poet had a clearer view of the future than the editor.

24-25 Exhibition and examination at Blairstown Presbyterian Academy, in charge of S. S. Stevens.

25. County Sunday School Association met in Newton.

25. County Sunday School Association met in Newton M. E. Church. The whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years, was 8,473, and of these only 3,335 attended Sunday schools. There were 75 Sunday schools in the county and 124 school districts in which 49 were without Sunday schools. Officers were re-elected. In the afternoon R. G. Pardee, of New York, addressed a large gathering of children in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Pardee spoke again at the evening meeting in the Methodist church, and Branchville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

25. A presentment made by the United States grand jury in session at Trenton, and signed by all the members, says that complaints concerning certain newspapers had been made to the Grand Inquest, and that during this most critical period, while the capital of the Nation was besieged by armed insurgents, and 11 States in actual rebellion, the Newark Evening Journal, the Warren Journal, the Hunterdon Democrat, the New Brunswick Times, the Plainfield Gazette and the Hacketts-town Gazette "had persistently engaged in denouncing those to whom the great duty of national defense is constitutionally entrusted; in thwarting the efforts for self-preservation, and in fomenting rebellion by discouraging and opposing the only means by which it can be put down." Moses Stoll and Edward A. Reeder were the Sussex men on that grand jury, and all were among the most eminent citizens of the State.

26. Observed as a day of fasting and prayer, by proclamation of President Lincoln. Business was suspended everywhere, and the churches were well filled.

25. John W. Williams crushed by a fall-

ing tree at a chopping frolic in Hardwick township. He stepped aside from his own tree directly in range of a tree felled by another man. He died 24 hours later. He was 27 years of age, and left a wife and two children.

27. Sabbath school celebration at Marksboro. The weather was unfavorable for outdoor enjoyment, so the tables were removed to the church. Addresses were made by Rev. J. A. Reilly and Rev. S. W. Hilliard. Music by Blairstown Band.

27. Examination at Mount Retirement Seminary.

27. Recruiting was still brisk in Sussex and Warren. Captain Sims had secured 68 men. Captain Fowler and Lieutenant Warbasse had met with fair success in enlisting men for the 1st New Jersey Cavalry; Lieut. Beach was still in Newton enrolling men for a rifle regiment, and Lieut. C. P. Little was working in Sussex and Warren for Charles Scranton's company, 36 of whom had been secured in the region of Blairstown.

27. John Cruver, in county jail on a charge of murder, was unable to read, and his mental state was anything but cheering, pending an incarceration of three months before trial.

29-30. Woods meeting near Roseville school house. Rev. J. W. Seran preacher.

#### OCTOBER.

1. Frankford township with only 360 voters had sent over 100 volunteers to the front. Hardyston ranked next, and the total for the county to date, was 680, or one volunteer to every 7 votes.

1. Diphtheria was raging fatally in some parts of the county, mainly among children.

1. S. P. Hinds, of Newark, had been empowered to enlist 150 musicians, for New Jersey regiments. He was to visit Newton on the 9th and 10th, meanwhile those who could play brass or reed instruments were to apply to James L. Northrup.

1. Army blankets were so scarce, notwithstanding the great effort to make them, or secure them by importation, that the U. S. Quartermaster General appealed to patriotic citizens to give what they possessed, no matter if somewhat worn.

1. Seven brothers of the Mutchler family, of Phillipsburg, were in the Union army.

1. George W. Greer announces his candidacy for the office of Sheriff.

2. Presbytery of Newton met in semi-annual session at Hope, Warren county.

2. The total of Captain Sims's recruits was 90, and the last departed on this date in charge of Lieut. Chadwick.

4. The first detachment of Captain Fowler's company, 30 strong, left Newton, but for two or three days they had an unpleasant situation, owing to the absence of an official order, and their disbandment was imminent.

5. Committee on Volunteer fund report that since last settlement on June 31, E. C. Moore, treasurer, had received the sum of \$473.10 and paid out to 33 families \$376.26.

5. Assembly nominations made in Warren county. The county convention was held on the 19th.

8. The reunited Democracy met in convention at the court house. A. J. Rogers opened the ball, and Joseph Greer was made chairman, with H. C. Kelsey and George R. McCarter as secretaries. Every bit of the machinery had been oiled, and there wasn't a single break. Peter Smith was nominated for State Senator by acclamation. Reuben Hayne, of Newton; Norton Hunt, of Vernon, and John Layton, Jr., of Sandyston, were selected for Coroners. Martin Ryerson, in support of a resolution offered by himself, congratulated the members upon the union of the factions, and declared his faith that after the rebellion was put down, the Democratic party alone could successfully administer the government. At this point an Irishman in a remote part of the room created great merriment by shouting that "he was glad to see the Judge back in his old place agin." Other addresses were

made by Col. Sam Fowler, Thomas N. McCarter, and Joseph Martin, the latter trying to explain his "peace" talk in Vernon.

8-11. Third fair of Warren County Society at Belvidere. The display was not so good as in former years, and the weather was bad.

8. In response to a circular issued by Gov. Olden, the Central Relief Committee of Sussex make an appeal for blankets, woolen socks, and winter underclothing for the volunteers.

10. Nelson Smith invites proposals for mason work on two houses on Hamilton street.

10. Republican Union convention met at court house; B. B. Edsall chosen president. A committee reported a series of resolutions endorsing the action of the Union county convention on September 4, and declared it inexpedient to make any partisan contest in the ensuing election.

11. Peter A. VanSickle, of Montague, publishes a card saying that he is willing to be elected as Sheriff of Sussex.

12. Union meeting at house of Azariah Martin, North Vernon, addressed by Jos. Coult and Dr. Carlos Allen. An 80 foot pole was raised for the stars and stripes.

15. Within a week Newton had narrowly escaped three damaging fires from kerosene lamp accidents.

15. Arrangements had been made to hold a horse fair at Newton on October 30th and 31st and Nov. 1st.

16. A Monmouth county horse called "George B. McClellan" and a New York horse called "Elmira Pet," trotted on Stuart course, at Newton. McClellan won first heat in 2:41 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and in the second was declared distanced on account of foul driving.

18. "Common Sense," whom we have reason to believe was Jacob L. Swayze, unmercifully scores Judge Ryerson's remarks in convention on the 8th.

18. Body of Alexander H. Stewart, of Co. I, 7th regiment, arrived in Newton in charge of Sergeant G. Newman and Corporal James McDougald, two of his late comrades. He was accidentally killed in camp near Washington on the 16th. A serjeant was instructing him how to handle his gun in case an enemy should attempt to take it away from him, when it was accidentally discharged, killing Stewart instantly. His body was conveyed to the residence of his mother, about 4 miles west of Stillwater village, reaching the house about midnight. She knew nothing of his death until the corpse was brought to the door, and was so overcome by the calamity that she fell senseless to the floor.

21. O. B. Pellett, postmaster at Newton, gives notice that old style stamps will be received in exchange for new ones for a period of six days; thereafter the old ones would not be good for postage.

22. Dr. Thomas Ryerson issues an appeal for subscriptions to provide rubber blankets for the troops. Gov. Olden desired to raise \$10,000 for this purpose, and he asked physicians in each county to aid him in securing the blankets by Nov. 2.

23. Festival for benefit of Branchville Presbyterian Church.

23. Festival in Johnsonburg Christian Church.

23. Up to this date there had been no frost that harmed anything in Sussex. A dry summer had been followed by a wet autumn; and the landscape was more like June than October. It was the mildest autumn ever known, and up to October 1 there had been no frost, even in Maine.

24. Ball at Beatty's hotel (Brick House.)

25. The weekly letters from the various camps to THE REGISTER gave a better insight to the hopes and doing of the boys than any history.

25. A. Albertson desires to sell his store business and stock at Marksboro.

25. Robert Hamilton, John Townsend, D. S. Anderson and John Linn, as commissioners, give notice that the first election for directors of the Newton Gas Light

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Company, will be held at the Cochran House, on November 4.

23. Conkling, Mulhern & Co., at Port Jervis, offer Lackawanna coal at \$3.50 and \$3.75 for egg and put.

22. Ira Hull killed by accidental discharge of gun of Martin Siple, while they were hunting in Hardwick township, Warren county. In crossing a fence Siple's gun was discharged, the whole load taking effect in Hull's thigh, cutting off the main artery, and he died in a short time.

22. Bridget Dorsey, a domestic employed by C. V. Freeman, at Morristown, mixed arsenic with biscuit she prepared for the morning meal. The family were made ill, but recovered, and Bridget went to jail.

24. The first telegraphic message across the continent was sent on this date from San Francisco to Washington. It was from Justice Stephen J. Field to President Lincoln.

25. Lieut. Grinton and Lieut. Morford make urgent appeals for blankets, the absence of which had caused much suffering and sickness in camp.

25. Union convention at Deckertown nominated Azariah Lewis for Assembly, in First District.

26. First Assembly district convention at Deckertown nominated William H. Bell over William H. Edsall. Bell was opposed by county leaders of both wings, and yet he won despite their labor with tongue and pen.

26. Union convention for Second district met at Cochran House. It proposed to nominate Thomas N. McCarter, but he appeared and said that he could not accept their nomination, as he was a candidate before the Democratic convention to meet on the 29th inst. The Union convention then nominated Edward A. Reeder, of Byram, who afterward declined.

28. The list of premiums awarded at the Warren county fair showed that a large proportion had been carried off by residents of Blirstown, Hope and Knowlton townships.

28. A great fleet sailed from Fortress Monroe. It had been three or four months in preparation, and consisted of eighty vessels, three of which were steam frigates, six sailing men-of-war, twenty-six gunboats, twelve ferry boats, and thirty steam and six sailing transports. It carried 20,000 to 31,000 soldiers under command of General W. T. Sherman. The date of sailing had been fixed and changed as often as the late expedition to Santiago.

30. Horse fair opened at Newton and continued three days. Notwithstanding opposition to the scheme, and short notice it was a success. Robert Walker, of Newark, took the premium for best double team, and Moses Taylor's horse "Belle of Portland" took the \$100 trotting premium, best time 2:31. James J. McNally was secretary of the Association, and furnishes a record of the prizes. A "drawing card" was a bear and bull fight, managed by S. O. Cortelyou. Great efforts were made to stop such an exhibition, but they were futile; the "fight" was, however, a great disappointment. His bullship handled the bear rather roughly, inserting one of his horns in Bruin's mouth, and cutting up other unseemly antics, until his bearship apparently indignant at such treatment, refused to have anything further to do with him. No effort could induce him to "come again to the scratch," and the spectators who had an idea of a "bloody fight" went home grievously disappointed.

29. James Dalrymple captured an eagle whose wings measured six feet from tip to tip, at Springville, Warren county.

39. Second Assembly District Democratic convention held in Newton. It revealed an exciting struggle between friends of William M. Iliff and Thomas N. McCarter, but just as the balloting was about to commence, Mr. Iliff mounted the stand and declined being a candidate. The nomination of Mr. McCarter followed by acclamation.

30. Sabbath school exhibition in Stillwater M. E. Church.

30. Aaron Ackerson, of Lafayette, announces himself as an independent candidate for Sheriff.

NOVEMBER.

1. John Stoll retires from his partnership with Charles P. Rorbach, in jewelry business, on High street.

2. A severe and widespread rain and wind storm. Some bridges were carried away in Sussex, but no great loss occurred from the gale. At Dover the dam owned by the M. & E. R. R. burst, and inundated the town. The total sum of losses reached \$4,000, of which I. B. Jolly sustained \$1,000, and various other citizens from \$100 to \$300 each. A correspondent who gives some details, says the havoc "beggars description." The Newark meadows were two or three feet under water, and the tide in Jersey City was higher than had been known for the past twenty-one years.

2. During the severe storm at 9 p. m., William, son of Joseph Bird, with his two brothers, John and Welch, attempted to cross the Morris canal at Bagot's lock, between Waterloo and Hackettstown, on a footbridge. In the darkness William made a misstep and fell into six feet of water; Welch plunged in after him, and John shouted for help. Their father's house being near, both parents rushed to the rescue, though Mr. Bird was delayed in lighting a lantern and getting a pole. The sides of the lock being smoothly planked the boys could not get out by climbing, and the pole brought by his father was the means of saving Welch, but William, who was badly bruised by his fall, was unable to grasp the pole firmly and was drowned. His body was rescued by securing a small boat from the Musconetcong, and floating it into the lock. Deceased was 21 years of age.

5. Annual election. Peter Smith, for Senator, received 3,487 votes to 817 for Aaron Ackerson, (Ind.); for Sheriff, Chas. Arvis received 2,886 votes; Reuben VanSickle, 941; George W. Greer, 600; Peter A. VanSickle, 244. In 1st Assembly district, William H. Bell had 1,517 and Azariah Lewis, 614; in 2d district, Thomas N. McCarter had 2,036 votes, there being no opponent. Hayne, Layton and Hunt were chosen Coroners, by an average vote of 4850. The popularity of the candidates developed only 7 scattering votes for Senator, 7 for Assembly and 3 for Sheriff.

10. Hambletonian, Jr., one of the finest young horses in Sussex, died at Deckertown. He was owned by John Linn, and valued at \$1,500.

11. James W. Porter arrives in Newton, having resigned as 21 Lieutenant of Company D, 3d Regiment.

12. John B. Layton brings to Sussex \$1,000 committed to his care by Sussex men in camp on the Potomac.

12. Rev. John Edwards, a missionary among the Choctaw Indians for 10 years, and at present residing in Newton, with his family, delivered an intensely interesting lecture in Presbyterian church upon the manners and customs of the tribe.

12. Rev. G. W. Lloyd installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Branchville. The sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, of Rockaway; Rev. F. F. Judd, of Parsippany, put the constitutional questions, Rev. R. Crossett, of Beemer-ville, delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. M. Johnson, of Chester, the charge to the people. This was the first installation of a pastor in the history of this church, covering a period of 42 years. The membership had doubled during the the four years in which Mr. Lloyd had labored, and from a state of dependence it had grown to one of prosperity and self-support. Its benevolent work was extensive, and its loyalty to the Union was pre-eminent, having sent from the limits of its congregation more volunteers and more money to sustain the government, according to its population and wealth, than any other section of the State.

18. Rev. G. Douglas Brewerton, pastor of Morristown Baptist Church, appointed

Lieutenant-Colonel of the Tenth (N. Y.) Legion. He was formerly an officer in the regular army and had seen service in Mexico and on the frontier.

20. Lieut. J. D. Gaddis comes to Newton and solicits recruits for 2d Regiment of Halsted's Cavalry. Captain E. P. Cooke also opens headquarters in Newton and Port Jervis for 100 men to complete Kilpatrick's squadron in Harris Light Cavalry.

20. Dr. Thomas Ryerson's report of contributions for purchase of rubber blankets for the volunteers, shows a total of \$383 53, of which \$50 was the individual subscription of Mary and John Rutherford, of Vernon. In addition \$75 had been raised and applied directly by citizens of Stillwater, through Dr. Moore, and of Frankford, through Rev. Mr. Lloyd. A citizen of Newton had also contributed these blankets to Company B, 21 regiment, at an expense of \$110. So that Sussex raised about \$573 for this object.

20. Barn of Zebedee Suover, near Blirstown, destroyed by fire.

21. Ball at Coil's hotel, Andover.

22. Sergeant James B. Young, a member of the Harris Light Cavalry, died of typhoid fever, at Arlington Heights. He was a native of Sandyston, and a son of Col. Peter Young. His brother being with him at the time of death, secured permission to bring his body home for burial. It arrived in Newton on the 28th, and was met at station by a detachment of Newton Zouaves, under Captain Cannon. Fifty young men of Sandyston intended to escort the remains from Newton to his father's home, but were delayed, and met the hearse at Branchville. The Newton Zouaves acted as pallbearers.

25. Prices of farm produce were low as compared with former seasons, though the shipments from Newton were very large. Butter, choice pails, 21 to 25c.; best half firkins, 18 to 21c.; best firkins, 17 to 19c.; dressed hogs, 4 1/2 @ 5c.; chickens, 7 @ 9c.; turkeys, 7 @ 10c.; geese, 5 @ 8c.; ducks, 9 @ 10c. Buckwheat flour, \$1 85 @ \$1.95 per 100 lbs.; oats, 48c.; rye, 80c.; corn, 68c.

27. New M. E. Church at Libertyville dedicated. Sermons by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, P. E., Rev. J. O. Winner, of Hudson City, and Rev. M. E. Ellison, of Morristown.

28. Thanksgiving day, by proclamation of Gov. Olden.

29. Gabriel Truex announces himself as successor to Bailey & Post, at Newton market.

DECEMBER.

2. John Townsend brought \$1,600 from the Potomac camp, for distribution among the soldiers' families.

3. Sussex Courts opened, with Chief Justice Whelpley presiding. Of the grand jurors the only survivors at the present time are William McDonalds and Peter S. Decker. No formal charge was made by Judge Whelpley, but he asked the jury, in case a bill was found against John Craver, to return it before transacting other business, so that the trial might be fixed for an early day. Cyrus S. Leport was re-appointed Prosecutor for the term. The jury returned a bill at 5 p. m., on the first day, charging John Craver with the murder of Allen Skellenger. When arraigned he did not seem to realize his position, and his plea to the indictment, "simply, not guilty," was given in a clear, firm tone. Thomas N. McCarter and John Linn had been assigned to defend the prisoner, and trial was fixed for the 9th.

3. Lieut. Gaddis departs with a dozen recruits for Halsted's Cavalry.

4. Sussex Cornet Band, led by James L. Northrup, and assisted by William V. Wallace, of New York, gave a concert in court house.

5. Willard House, near depot in Newton, destroyed by fire originating at 2 a. m. from hot ashes placed under a stoop. When fire was first discovered it could easily have been extinguished had there been a well or cistern convenient; wells were an impossibility except at great depth in the porous limestone of that vil-

city, and the construction of cisterns had been neglected, because the water was drawn in a lead pipe from a spring on Halsted street. Old No. 3 was taken to the fire, but it was useless for lack of water, and in two hours the hotel had disappeared from view. The stables and sheds were saved, owing to the stillness of the atmosphere. The lessees were Cassidy & Spaulding, who had an insurance of \$1,500 on their furniture; the building was worth about \$5,000, and was insured for \$2,000. It was owned by Evi Potter, subject to a mortgage for \$4,500, held by John Linn, A. J. Rogers and G. H. Nelden.

9. Trial of John Cruver, for murder of Allen Skellenger, begins. A. J. Rogers was added to counsel for defense; Cyrus S. Leport and Robert Hamilton appeared for the State. Jury obtained after calling 26 names, 16 persons being challenged by prisoner and one by the State. The jury was as follows: Edward A. Hunt, Peter Dennis, John Durling, David L. Hunt, Jacob Struble, William Cox, Oscar Andress, William Kyle, Philip Hopkins, Robert M. Kimble, Benjamin A. Potter, Thos. T. Simonson. Testimony did not differ from facts given at time of the murder. Messrs. Linn and McCarter made eloquent pleas for the prisoner, but Col. Hamilton's closing argument overwhelmed the sentiment of pity created for the prisoner. The charge of Justice Whelpley was a masterly one, and the jury retired at 5 p. m. on Wednesday. In one hour and 45 minutes they returned with a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree." The prisoner received the verdict with stolid indifference, but when going down stairs to his cell there was a perceptible trembling of the legs and weakening of his physical energies. This was the first conviction for murder in Sussex within 39 years. Since Sussex had been created into a county, 108 years ago, but seven persons had been hanged under the jurisdiction of her Courts. The first was a man named Seymour, who was hanged about the year 1764, for murdering an Indian; in 1781, two men named Maxwell and McCoy, were hanged for attempting to murder a farmer in Greenwich township. In 1796 Gottlieb was hung; Mary Cole was executed in 1811; Brakeman in 1821, and Van-Auken, January 25, 1822. In 1757 Benjamin Springer was tried and executed in Morris county, for the murder of Swartwout, near the Big Pond in Stillwater township. A special act of the Legislature changed the venue to Morris because Indian disturbances in Sussex rendered it difficult, if not dangerous, to hold a Court of Oyer and Terminer here. The murder of Swartwout has generally been attributed to Indians.

12. As a result of a bet with a Mr. Snyder, of Newark, Jacob D. Konkle drives a five-year-old, on the Mucklehoney track, at Newton, ninety-seven and one-third miles in eleven hours. The wager was \$100 that the horse could not trot 96 miles inside of twelve hours. A "small thing on Snyder" was in the fact that he backed out the night before the trot, on the plea that it was to be done in single harness. Konkle had determined to do it with a mate by his side, as there was nothing said as to how the horse was to trot. As there were outside wagers, Mr. K. went in and won the race. The start was made at 5 a. m. and the finish made at 4 p. m., the horse coming out in fine condition. For the first 30 miles the mate drew the entire load; for the next 40 miles the pull was even for both horses; for the remainder of the distance a fresh horse pulled the load, which was over a rough and frozen track.

12. A 10-year old son of Alpheus Gastin, died at Augusta from lockjaw, the result of a fall from a wagon, in which he and a number of other boys were returning from school.

13. John Cruver sentenced to be hanged on Thursday, January 23, 1862. Before sentence, Mr. Linn moved for a new trial on the ground of surprise; John Perkins, a witness for defence not being allowed to testify because he did not believe in the

Bible, or in the existence of a Supreme Being. This witness was expected to testify that Cruver had a wife besides the woman with whom he was living, and therefore the latter was competent to testify in the case. The Court refused the motion, saying that the prisoner could not take advantage of his own wrong. In sentencing Cruver the Judge said if he had not been a thief he would not have been a murderer.

15. Thieves take \$300 worth of goods from R. J. Drake's pedlar wagon, at Tuttle's Corner.

15. Prince Albert, of England, died of gastric fever, aged 42 years. His demise subdued the war fever in England, which seemed imminent between that country and the United States on account of the Mason & Slidell affair.

15. Captain Fitts and Captain Ryerson in Newton on furlough, after seven months absence.

15. O. W. Cooke, of Deckertown, appointed on Gen. McDowell's staff, with rank of Captain.

18. Gen. Fremont had been retired of his command, Gen. W. T. Sherman was reported to be insane, and the capture of Mason and Slidell, with consequent growth of John Bull, were the exciting topics.

19. Morris canal closed for the season, having been open six days longer than last year. 5,278 boats had passed the inclined plane at Newark, yet the business was much less than in the previous year.

20. Cotton sheetings had advanced in price from 8½¢ to 15¢. Raw cotton was selling at 40 cents per pound.

21. School exhibition in Lafayette Baptist Church.

24. Wantage Rangers give a ball at Deckertown, in Chardavoyne's Hall.

24. Oyster supper at Stoll's Mountain House.

25. Ball at Anderson House, Newton.

27. Inquiry made about the town clock, which was a year behind the subscriptions in appearing.

27. The first war tax was 20 cents per pound on all teas; 5 cents on coffee, and 2½ cents on sugar.

27. Barn owned by Morris Canal Company, near Brooklyn lock, burned with its contents, including 300 barrels of cement.

29. Dr. William Kitchell, superintendent of the State Geological Survey, died at Madison, aged 34 years.

30. Specie payments suspended by the New York banks, and all the country banks followed their example.

31. Festival in Andover Presbyteria Church.

31. Exhibition and festival in Newton M. E. Church.

31. Ball at Stoll's Mountain House.

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### JANUARY.

1. Ira C. Moore provided turkeys, chickens and geese for the families of all volunteers in Newton. He tried to keep it a secret, but the good deed could not be suppressed.

1. Mrs. Esther Richey, residing near Asbury, Warren county, celebrated her 100th birthday, and was still healthy and vigorous. As a reply to a challenge for an older person, Sussex presented Samuel Shelly, of Wantage, who was in his 102d year, with a vigorous mind and body. There were two or three other centenarians in Sussex.

1. Samuel T. Smith offers coal at Waterloo at following prices: chestnut, \$3.20; small egg, \$3.80; stove, \$3.90; plaster, \$4 per ton.

6. Jacob D. Konkle, for two years a popular host of the Cochran House, had leased the City Hotel, in Newark, and would be succeeded in March or April by Conger & Sherwood, who were former lessees.

6. Hiram Doty and Levi Utter placed in jail, charged with robbing Drake's pedlar wagon at Tuttle's Corner, on Dec. 14. Doty was arrested in Montague, where he resided, and Utter, in West Milford township, Passaic county. Both were deserters from the U. S. Army, and being armed made a formidable resistance. Both belonged to a notorious gang of thieves operating in

the border townships of Sussex and Orange, and Utter confessed the crime after arrest. The gang robbed Drake's wagon four times—once in Minisink, in 1851, of \$800 worth of goods; again in the autumn of 1860; again in Port Jervis in July, and again on December 14. They were locked up in the same cell with their old acquaintance, Cruver, whose execution was soon at hand.

7. Alfred Mabe, of Harmony Vale, aged 38 years, hanged himself in his barn. He was a worthy, industrious man, and no other reason than stomach troubles could be assigned for the act.

7. Captain Morford comes to Newton on a brief furlough, and brings word of the illness of Lieut. Griggs from typhoid fever.

8. James H. Simpson retires from firm of Simpson & Nelden, leaving the latter in charge of the coal and lumber business.

8. Sussex Mutual orders a six per cent. assessment to pay loss of Evi Potter.

9. Concert at Deckertown, in aid of "Soldiers' Friend Society."

10. Mrs. Diana, relict of the late Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Shafer, died at Newton, aged 72.

10. In making a correction of a misprint, it is stated that Wilhelmus Vanauken, who was hanged January 25, 1822, might have escaped conviction for deliberate murder, had it not been proved that he threatened to take his wife's life in previous altercations with her. He was hanged a few yards north of the Big Brook, and not far from the building erected by David Cassidy as a sarsaparilla factory. The day was so intensely cold that the body of the culprit was partially frozen when cut down. Sheriff Vanclave Moore superintended the execution, Judge Rossell was the presiding judge at the trial, and the prosecution was conducted by Theodore Freilighnyesen, Attorney-General of the State.

10. In the first notes of Ancient Local History, we gave a sketch of the life of Matthew Williams, who died in 1814, in Frankford township, at the age of 124 years. The issue of this date adds some further incidents of his life. He was married in Sussex county, at the age of 70 years, but lost his wife after she had borne him two children. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, he enlisted in the Continental Army, although 86 years of age, and fought through the war with the vigor of a man of 40. He survived the peace of 1783 more than 80 years, and died a pensioner of the United States.

14. Jacob L. Swayze gives his views on the war, in a free lecture at the court house. He took the ground that slavery was the cause of the rebellion and the Union would not be restored until servitude was annihilated.

14. Legislature met. Henry C. Kelsey was an applicant for the position of Clerk of the House, but was defeated by Jacob Sharp, of Warren.

15. The Baptists of North Vernon constituted a separate and regular church. Most of the Churches of the Sussex Association were represented on this occasion. The sermon was preached by Rev. Thos. Davis, from Eph. 5: 32. Rev. Zlotos Grenell became pastor of the new church.

15. In view of the approaching execution of John Cruver, Sheriff Arvis was overwhelmed with applications to witness it; one of these was from a woman. The execution would take place in the court room on gallows loaned by Morris county officials.

15. Ball at Stillwater hotel.

16. Ball at Franklin House.

16. Festival at Baleville church.

18. George D. Mains, aged about 60 years, killed by a falling tree while cutting wood on the premises of David Demarest, in Newton township.

18. Beginning of the great ice storm, which has not been paralleled. A gently falling rain partially freezing as it fell prevailed from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday night. Trees and shrubbery were



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enveloped in a thick coating of ice, and great destruction was caused to forest and fruit trees. The ice remained firm until Friday, and an embargo was laid upon the freight trains of the Sussex railroad. The track was covered with ice. Tuesday night and Wednesday trains could not run until men with picks had cleared the rails; the greatest difficulty being between Andover and Newton. Trains were from two to six hours late. I. G. Owen obtained fine photographic views of the scene in Newton park, on the third day after the storm ended.

20. News from camp was to the effect that Major Tucker had succeeded Colonel McLean in command of the 21 regiment; that Captain H. O. Ryerson had been advanced to the position of Major, and Lieut. John A. Wildrick became Captain of Company B, vice Ryerson, promoted. From Company D, 31 regiment, Captain Knight had succeeded Captain Pitts, and Lieut. Grubb had taken the place of Lieut. Jones.

20. Presbytery of Newton had recently dissolved the connection between Rev. Mr. Mitchell and the Phillipsburg Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Myron Barret had been made a stated supply.

21. State Agricultural Society met in Trenton. Sussex was represented by Lewis R. Dunn and Wm. I. Shotwell. They renewed the proposition to hold the next State Fair at Newton.

23. A revival in the Andover M. E. Church, for six weeks past, had resulted in eighty conversions, and the church was still crowded nightly.

23. John Cruver hanged in the court room at 1 09 o'clock p. m., the rope being cut inside of 15 minutes after the condemned man left his cell. Although the execution was witnessed by but few persons, a great crowd (at least 2,000) of men and boys, women, too, assembled near the court house. Skellenger's wife asked permission to see the murderer of her husband hanged. Her letter was unanswered. A guard of 100 men was furnished by Gen. Edwards, and if our memory serves us right it consisted of Captain Cannon's Newton Zouaves, and a company from Stillwater. Cruver's life had been little better than that of a heathen, and he was given religious instruction through Revs. Geo. S. Mott and E. B. Lockwood. He had been married three times and had two wives living, the third being being unable to visit him in his extremity. Being unable to read Cruver's imprisonment was harrowing to his mind, and on the 19th his nerves gave way and he was apparently on the verge of dissolution, but rallied through the visits of his clergymen and other Christian friends. He left a signed statement of his life, and his body was buried near Beemerville. He was an orphan at 6, never inside a school room but one day, and never attended church more than a dozen times. His life had been one of ignorance and crime. After being placed in jail he was alone for days and weeks with the memory of his crime continually haunting him. Finally some compassionate person gave him pictorial papers and crayons. He attempted to copy the pictures, and his first efforts were crude, but he soon attained a skill that showed his imitative facilities were above mediocrity. In fact had he been under correct moral influence he might have been a man of worth and intelligence instead of an outcast and a murderer.

27. The Warren County Agricultural Society re-elected its officers, and resolved to hold next fair on Sept. 30, and October 1 and 2.

27. A vessel arrives at Fortress Monroe, bringing accounts of the Burnside expedition, which sailed on June 11 and 12, and consisted of 125 vessels of all classes. It encountered a great storm off Hatteras, and seven vessels were wrecked. As the Ninth N. J. Vols., containing some 60 or more Sussex boys and a larger number from Warren county, had sailed on this expedition there was great anxiety to learn the extent of the disaster. Colonel

Allen, of the Ninth, was drowned in landing.

30. Pupils of Select School in Hope, give an entertainment in M. E. Church.

FEBRUARY.

1. The Hutchinson family had gone into the Potomac camp to cheer the soldiers with songs. One of Whittier's admirable poems, "Fiu' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott," had been sung, and its anti-slavery sentiment had caused the Hutchinsons to be driven from camp by order of General McClellan, and the order was enforced by Generals Franklin and Kearney. This prohibited song is reprinted in the issue of February 14.

3. Sussex Mutual re-elected its old officers. Total amount of premium notes at this time was \$42,861. During the past five years the average cost of insurance in this company had been nine cents on \$100 for a year, on first-class risks.

3. With the departure of 42 members of Captain Duncan's company, the roll of volunteers from the village of Boonton, Morris county, reached 200, or one-sixth of its whole population.

4. Lecture by Rev. George H. Doane, in St. Joseph's Church, Newton.

5. Chancellor Green decides the zinc case in favor of the Boston Franklinite Company, and decrees that the New Jersey Zinc Company shall pay for the ore already taken out by them. The amount involved was said to exceed one million dollars, and the Boston Company was expected to resume work at Franklin, which had long been suspended.

7. F. M. Ward announces his location in Newton as a millwright.

7. The fields were still covered with a crust of ice one or two inches in thickness and fears were entertained for the winter grain. The "slidding" was magnificent.

7. Letter from Dr. D. L. Duncan, under date of January 17, gives details of the disaster to the officers of the Ninth N. J. Regiment, off Hatteras.

7. Condit M. Predmore announces purchase of clothing/business conducted by Harry Lindenbaum, on High street.

8. Jacob M. Grover and Charles Arvis dissolve partnership in meat business; Gabriel Post succeeds Mr. Arvis.

10. Sergeant Benjamin Stewart arrives in Newton with body of Jonathan Totten, of Co. D, 31 regiment, who had died in camp of fever. He never was very robust. This was the first death in Company D, though thirteen of its members had been wounded in a skirmish. Mr. Totten's body was claimed by two young women as their husband. The body was buried at Flanders.

11. Pupils of E. I. Mohr give musical entertainment in Branchville Presbyterian church.

11. Just one month after the death of Andrew D. Martin, of Vernon tsp, Coroner Norton Hunt begins an inquest. Deceased left a large estate and a widow who was his second wife, and although the cause of death was undoubtedly pneumonia, ugly stories were in circulation. The widow was not the person to rest under such imputations, and she came to Newton, employed counsel, secured the services of physicians, and the body was exhumed. The lungs and stomach showed severe inflammation, but a substance was found in the stomach that the physicians did not recognize, and it was therefore sent to New York for chemical analysis.

14. Jacob L. Swayze offers to sell Stark Mills yard-wide sheetings for 15½ cents; Amoskeag do. at 16c; roll butter, 16c; Porto Rico molasses, 60c. per gallon; yellow refined sugar, 75c. for seven pounds.

14. The Belviders Intelligencer records the death of two men near that place, on the Pennsylvania side of the river, who were frozen to death while drunk. The fellow who was employed to lay out the bodies, took a half filled bottle from the pocket of one of the dead men, and braced his "nerves" for the work.

14. A professional gentleman of Belvidere had invented a submarine torpedo,

which could be forced in any direction desired by the operator.

15. Ex-Governor William Pennington died at Newark, in his 66th year. Death hastened by mistake of a druggist's clerk, who put up morphine instead of sulphate of quinine.

15. A great and unsparing weeding out of unfit commanders was going on in the army, and many young Sussex volunteers were promoted.

16. Fort Donelson surrendered to Gen. Grant, with a large body of troops, etc.

19. Schultz's tannery at Sparrowbush, near Port Jervis, burned for the second time in its history. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$25,000.

20. Death of William J. Willson, at Wantage, aged 72. He was a member of Assembly from 1837 to 1839.

20. Alfred Ackerson has law office over Woodward & Ryerson's drug store.

22. Rev. Manning Force died at the residence of John V. Vansickle, in Andover township, having been taken ill at Greensville, while collecting funds to pay for new M. E. church and parsonage at Flanders. He was born in Morris county, in 1739; his education was only elementary; learned the trade of a hatter; and at 19 embraced religion. Three years afterward, in 1814, he was given a traveling connection in the Philadelphia Conference, and labored almost without pause until the day of his death. He was Presiding Elder for 22 years.

22. Stillwater Guards, Captain C. F. Fernald, paraded in that village. It was announced that the Marksboro Cavalry Company and the Lafayette Guards would participate, and the whole force "under command of Brigadier-General Edwards, supported by his entire staff." The Blairstown Cornet Band furnished music and at exercises in the Presbyterian church, Wm. D. Casterline read Washington's Farewell Address.

22. Washington's birthday generally celebrated. Besides the parade at Stillwater, observances were held at Branchville, C. H. M. Angle reading the address. Hope, Warren county, had a festive demonstration in honor of recent Union victories.

23. A violent northeastern gale.

24. Annual meeting of Sussex County Agricultural Society held at Hoppaugh's Hotel. No change of officers; though a severe storm prevailed, the attendance was large.

25. Marshall Hunt had been appointed postmaster at Blairstown, vice Ann L. Howell.

25. Railroad reports furnished to the Secretary of State, showed that the M. & E. road earned \$79,634 above its expenses; carried 453,107 passengers, and three lives were lost by accident. The Sussex road reported receipts of \$23,811 51, and expenses of \$13,746.89; no dividends, no accidents.

26. Henry Adams died at Channahon, Ill., aged about 50 years. He was a native of Wantage, learned the tailor's trade in Newton, and for many years was in business at Newark, with his brother, the late Linn Adams.

27. Pupils of Hackettstown Academy, W. H. Budd, principal, gave a public entertainment.

27. Gov. Olden nominates Cyrus S. Leport as Prosecutor of the Pleas for Sussex county, vice H. O. Ryerson, resigned.

28. Owing to the demand for use in war vessels the price of white oak timber had advanced 60 per cent. within a few months.

28. Hardwick Mutual makes its annual report, showing policies in force to be 1264, a gain of 203 during the year. Its losses aggregated less than \$1,500.

28. John P. Lewis & Co. say they must leave Markshoro on April 1, and desire to sell stock at any price.

29. The Sussex Herald and Sussex Democrat consolidated under the management of Henry C. Kelsey and John W. Gillam. The localizer and ostensible editor of the Democrat, George R. McCarter, was left out in the deal.

MARCH.

1. Fernina, widow of Joseph Casterline,

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a Revolutionary pensioner, died near Dover, from burns received through falling into the fire. She was nearly 89 years of age.

5. Legislature, in joint meeting, turns down Robert P. Stoll, of Sussex, though he had been vindicated upon charges affecting his management of the State Prison. It also made Enoch A. Ayres Common Pleas Judge for Sussex (long term) and Daniel S. McCarter for short term. It was anticipated that the consolidation of the Herald and Democrat would give the short term to John Townsend, of Newton, but the Sussex members could not be brought into line. In caucus Townsend had 11 votes to 27 for McCarter. James H. Fancher was appointed Judge for Morris county, and Lewis C. Reese for Warren.

6. President Lincoln sends a message to Congress recommending a joint resolution for a gradual abolishment of slavery.

7. Amos VanEtten and John Clark announce that they have refitted the store and taken the business of John I. Westbrook, at Port Jervis.

8. Jacob D. Konkle sells his hotel furniture at Cochran House.

9-10. Naval battle in Hampton Roads; the rebel iron clad Merrimac controls until the Monitor appears on the second day of the battle, after three U. S. frigates had been lost, with many men. This conflict was the first in history between iron-clad vessels. In the first day's fight the Merrimac with ten guns virtually whipped a fleet of 211 guns. The appearance of the Monitor was a surprise to the Merrimac, as well as to the U. S. fleet. She sailed from New York on March 5, carrying two 11-inch columbiads, and 400 rounds of wrought-iron shot, each weighing 184 pounds. These were turned out of square blocks at a cost of \$18,800, and weighed 73,000 pounds. The Monitor, like the Vesuvius of the present day, was constructed against the opinion of naval experts, yet her timely appearance saved the Nation from disgrace and misfortune. Had she been less unwieldy she would have put a shot in the stern of the Merrimac, which was her weak point; and on account of her guns heating, the Monitor had to retire until they were cooled. Ericsson, the inventor, was on board during the fight, and his name at once became famous, though the naval authorities had stipulated no payment until his vessel proved its worth in battle.

10. Jacob L. Swayze, secretary of the volunteer fund, makes an appeal for unpaid subscriptions. It would sound as well at the present time as it did in 1862. Since last settlement Treasurer Moore had paid out \$310.40, and had advanced \$166.35 of his own funds.

12. An iron drum, weighing 13 tons, cast at the Novelty Works in New York city, was being placed in position at the inclined plane of the Morris canal at Stanhope.

13. Beemerville Singing Class gave concert in Presbyterian church, under direction of E. R. Conklin.

14. Yetter & Lanterman would pay cash for 10,000 bushels of rye delivered at Newton depot.

15. Stockholders of the Company for erecting a bridge over the Delaware, near Milford, met at house of James B. Cornelius, to consider the reconstruction of the bridge and other matters.

20. James C. Bailey resumed meat business, one door east of Cochran House.

20. C. C. Treanor, painter and decorator, at Deckertown.

20. Thomas N. McCarter removes his law office to new building opposite Hop-paugh's Hotel.

21. The sarcastic "pome" of "Nico Mineo" appears. It was entitled "A Peep Behind the Curtain," and was founded on a local political incident.

21. Item: "The ancient stone building occupied by T. N. McCarter, as a law office, adjoining his residence in Newton, is now in process of demolition. \* \* The building was originally, we believe, in the

possession of the Linn family. Subsequently it was conveyed to the late Judge Thomas C. Ryerson, who used it as a law office until his death; after which his son, Judge Martin Ryerson, became its owner, and occupied it for the same purpose, until 1854, when it passed into the hands of the present owner. The building was probably erected about 80 years ago."

21. Samuel Whitaker and James Coe announce that the summer session of Deckertown Academy will commence April 1, in charge of Lewis H. Hazeltine.

25. Conger & Sherwood were once more in charge of the Cochran House, succeeding Jacob D. Konkle, who went to Newark.

26-27. Examinations and exhibition at Blairstown Presbyterian Academy. On the 27th, Prof. Green, of Princeton, delivered a lecture on Education.

27. Rev. Thomas Davis, of the Lafayette Baptist church, had accepted a call to Hammon, N. J. He had served as pastor of churches in Newton, Lafayette, and Deckertown, for about 15 years.

27. Gabriel L. Beemer about to succeed James Linn (resigned) as postmaster at Beemerville.

27. Construction of the Hoboken depot had commenced. It was located in the Atlantic Garden, adjoining the ferry, and was 420x64 feet. It was expected to be ready for the cars on July 1.

28. An original ad. from Jacob L. Swayze, announcing reductions in groceries, etc., stated that "we cannot go out of the war with a National debt of less than two thousand millions of dollars;" that the share of Sussex would be nearly \$100,000 annually, and that he was willing to pay his share of it in any contingency if the Government would adopt measures to secure permanent peace hereafter."

28. Residence of William Nixon, near Morristown, destroyed by a fire originating in a barrel of ashes. Family escaped with only their night clothing.

28. J. Baier, Newark brewer, makes George A. Julier his county agent.

29. Edwards, Frambes & Co. open business in store of Edwards & Smith.

29. The "masterly inactivity" of Gen. McClellan was a subject of unfavorable comment throughout the Union.

## APRIL.

1. Peter H. Snook begins business in Newton as a "freighter."

1. Bishop Odenheimer confirmed seven persons in Christ Church, Newton.

1. John S. Smalley resumes blacksmithing business, succeeding Drake & Kinney, near depot.

2. Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, of Rockaway, invited to assume the presidency of Wash-bash College, made vacant by death of Rev. Dr. Charles White.

2. Newark M. E. Conference convened in Newton M. E. Church and continued in session until the 8th. Bishop Morris presided. It was a great event for Newton, at this date. Entertainment was provided for 170 clergymen.

2. Sussex Courts opened. Chief Justice Whelpley presided. Thirty-three tavern licenses were granted, of which three were to women. The applications of Edward T. Hunt and Evi Potter, Newton, were refused, and William Earl, Sparta, though opposed, received his license. Michael Cochran, Jr., received a license for the Fountain House.

4. In response to an appeal from the National Sanitary Commission, a meeting was held at court house, to further the supply of hospital necessities for wounded soldiers. John Linn presided; addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Armstrong and Dashiell. A committee consisting of Martin Ryerson, Charles P. Rorbach, G. R. McCarter, Samuel Johnson, Thomas N. McCarter, John Townsend, Anson P. Rosenkrans, John W. Lane, Thomas Anderson, John J. Edwards and James R. Hull raised \$200 within two days, and the ladies of the town entered heartily into the work of making such garments as the Commission desired.

7. Discounts of Sussex Bank had reached \$319,197.82, and \$135,710.59 at the Farmers Bank of Wantage. Deposits in the Sussex had grown to \$73,243.03; there was little advance in the Farmers' funds.

8. Newton Zouaves met in Park Hall, to receive new members. C. Cannon was captain, and Theo. Woodruff, O. S.

8. Isaiah Utter and Harrison Doty, army deserters, convicted of robbing Drake's pedlar wagon, at Tuttle's Corner. Utter sent to State prison for five years and Doty for four years. Anthony Adams, (colored) who escaped from jail by locking Sheriff Decker's darkey in his cell, about a year since, was tried on three charges. He was sentenced to one year for robbery, and to serve one day in county jail on a charge of larceny, and another day for breaking jail.

10. Phebe J. Rochelle and Bathania Wintermute had just opened millinery and dressmaking business at Sparta.

10. Death of Rev. Barnabas King, of Rockaway, in the 82d year of his age, and the 55th of his ministry among the same people.

10. Observed as a day of special prayer and thanks for National victories, by proclamation of President Lincoln.

10. Stoll & Dunn open the room adjoining their dry goods department, as a clothing store, in charge of Joshua Munn.

10-11. Branchville school in charge of C. H. M. Angle, gave exhibition.

11. County Collector Thomas R. Everett notifies families of volunteers in First New Jersey Cavalry, that he is ready to pay them \$6 per month from February 19. Widowed mothers also received same sum.

11. The law concerning taxes published. It was mainly arranged by Assemblyman Thomas N. McCarter, chairman of the committee. The apportionment of a State tax of \$100,000 for war purposes, and a U. S. Government tax of \$450,000, was as follows: Sussex, \$31,036 24; Warren, \$23,966 36; Morris, \$26,525 73.

12. Death of Hon. Theodore Freling-huysen, at New Brunswick, aged 75 years. He was the Whig candidate for vice president in 1844, running with Henry Clay.

13. Rev. John B. Hutchinson, of Livingston, N. J., preached in Newton Baptist Church.

14. Township elections. In Newton Rev. N. Pettit superseded Henry D. Chapin as superintendent of schools. Mr. Chapin's report showed that the Township Collector had used \$600 of school money for other purposes than which it was voted, and the schools were cut short. As the voting had returned to the helter-skelter style, there was no end of fun on the election of road overseers. For the Spring street district Benjamin T. Cour- sen defeated John Townsend, and the "boys" went off to celebrate. During their absence a proposition was made to hold the next town meeting at Dover, and it would have carried if Moderator George T. Smith had not exercised "strategy" and delayed making a decision until the Newton people could be brought to the rescue.

14. Jacob L. Swayze furnishes an interesting account of the fight for a legislative office between Henry C. Kelsey and Jacob Sharp. Mr. S. knew the inside of Mr. Kelsey's game, as Mr. S.'s influence had been solicited to secure the publication of an article in the Trenton Gazette. It is an interesting bit of political history, and as Mr. Swayze says, the paper copied by Mr. Kelsey was the workings of a more powerful brain, i. e. Martin Ryerson's.

15. Newton Fire Department met at Cochran House to elect officers and vote \$300 for new hose, etc. Charles P. Rorbach was chosen president; Thomas Anderson, secretary; John A. Johnson, treasurer; Franklin Smith, assessor; David Thompson and William H. Johnson, managers.

15. Mrs. C. L. Cole reopens millinery business, opposite New Jersey Foundry, on Spring street.

17. Boxes filled with bandages, lint, jellies, etc. forwarded to Yorktown, where

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a floating hospital was to be fitted out.

17. Adjutant-General Stockton issues an order disbanding the Reserve Militia of the State.

18. It was noted that every battle that had been fought on Sunday during the present war, the attacking party had been defeated.

18. Perry Cory, for two years with J. Spill & Co., assumes charge of jewelry business of C. P. Rorbach.

21. Miss Mary Moran opened a school on Church street, Newton.

22. Presbytery of Newton met at Stewartsville.

24. Jacob D. Koukle, of Newark, had sold his team of hay horses for \$750, to Mr. Pierpont, of Brooklya. This team trotted 97 miles in 11 consecutive hours, at Newton.

24. Misses E Rorbach and A. M. Vance remove millinery to rooms over Edwards, Frambes & Co.'s store.

25. A. J. Howell, at Johnsonburg, was not only a tailor and cutter, but kept groceries for sale, and also did hair cutting and shampooing.

25. The total number of articles shipped from Newton to the Sanitary Commission, up to this date, was 22 hospital shirts, 56 pairs of drawers, 37 linen handkerchiefs, 736 bandages, 11 bed ticks, 1 pair socks, and about 35 pounds of linen lint, besides linen sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., from various portions of the county.

29. Isaac Halsey recovers a verdict of \$142.13 from Simon Walters, a Newark butcher, for 46 sheep stolen from plaintiff's premises near Stanhope. The thief sold them to Walters, who slaughtered and sold the carcasses.

30. Two horses stolen from stables of James Lewis, near Stillwater.

28. Jonathan W. Longcore exhibits a patent stone digger at Newton. It had done good work in the vicinity of Sparta.

31. Aaron Peck, president of the Sussex Railroad, resigned the superintendency, and the directors elected John Schuyler, formerly an engineer on the Harlem & New Haven Railroad to succeed him. He entered upon his duties May 5.

## MAY.

1. Elizabeth, wife of John H. Hall, died suddenly of apoplexy, while visiting her daughter at Bergen Hill, N. J. She was 66 years of age and enjoyed the highest health up to the moment she was stricken.

1. G. F. Gibson had opened an abattoir on Trinity street, below M. B. Titman's residence.

1. Stephen Fitzsimmons opens cooper shop on Mill street.

1. Within a month or so lawyers had cut interest rate on loans from 7 per cent. to 6 per cent.

3. William Sharp, of Johnsonburg, one of the original subscribers to THE REGISTER, made his fiftieth annual payment.

4. Thomas Gray, one of the oldest and best known residents of Newton, killed by train at Market street station, Newark. He had gone to Newark, on Saturday, in company with John B. Grover, to transact some business and visit his two sons. In the evening he went over to New York, intending to return on a late train. During the evening he became separated from Mr. G. and the latter returning on the midnight train, and not finding his friend at the City Hotel, supposed that he had remained in New York. However, Mr. G. had taken the 11 p. m. train, and falling asleep, was carried to Elizabeth. He awaited the owl train, and on arrival at Market street station stepped off the platform while the train was in motion, and fell between the stone platform of the station and the train. Three wheels passed over his back, crushing the backbone and causing instantaneous death.

5. Executive committee of Agricultural Society met to make arrangements for improving fair grounds, preparatory to holding State Fair.

5. W. W. France, of Hope, issues a card denying and explaining certain accusations.

7. Patrick O'Neil entered the Waterloo station at 10:30 a. m., but finding that a train for Rockaway did not leave until 2 o'clock, he went to the Waterloo hotel, and became intoxicated. He started from the hotel at 1:30, and was hardly out of sight before his clothing took fire from some cause and he was burned to death before assistance reached him. The accident occurred within fifty feet of a running brook, but the man was so besotted with liquor that he did not avail himself of the means to extinguish the flames.

9. Such a radical change in the methods of assessing taxes had been made, under the new law, that the Attorney-General issued instructions and explanations covering 2½ columns.

12. H. T. Fox and Henry T. Sloan arrive in Newton, take supper at the Cochran House, and then drive to the home of a friend two miles west of town. About midnight Constable Doty, of Dover, and four or five friends arrive with a warrant for passing counterfeit money on I. B. Jolley. The bill was for \$3 on the Hartford Bank, and on the way up Doty ascertained that Fox and Sloan had passed similar bills at McKain's, on the Plains; at Smith's, Stanhope; and at Coil's, Andover. At 3 a. m. on the 13th Doty and Constable Kerr disturbed the slumbers of the pair, and found \$60 in counterfeit Hartford 3's and about \$25 in good money in Fox's clothing. Sloan, who was a native and former resident of Hardyston township, had no money of any kind. They were brought to Newton, and while Jack Rogers was figuring upon some scheme to secure their release, Constable Jep Baldwin rode into town with a warrant issued at Stanhope, that was in all respects so perfect that Rogers gave up the contest, and his clients went to jail.

14. We find recently many notices of death and wounds among Sussex volunteers, but as they are fixed in government records, it is unnecessary to reprint them now, though the case of Jonathan Burrell was somewhat singular. The same charge of canister at Roanoke Island that took off Burrell's right leg, took off both legs of Corporal John Lorasce, the head of a sergeant, and killed Captain Henry, by windage; the skin not being broken.

14. Robert Hamilton re-elected as Director of the Board of Freeholders, and Reuben Hayne made Clerk. Action of Superintendent of the Poor House, in purchasing 7 12-100 acres of timber land at \$51 per acre, of M. R. Everitt, was approved after an explanation had been made. Thomas R. Everett re-elected as County Collector, without opposition, and \$193.66 added to his salary on account of extra duties. \$149.24 was allowed Sheriff Arvis for expenses in procuring gallows, for execution of John Cruver, and other duties connected therewith. The sum of \$18,000 was ordered to be raised by taxation. Special committee on accounts of Cruver trial allowed \$100 to Prosecutor Leport; \$65 to Robert Hamilton; \$65 each to Messrs. Lion and McCarter.

15. For a week disastrous fires had raged on the Blue Ridge; most of the mountain west of Culver's Gap was burned over and much timber destroyed. On the 9th, fire, aided by a high wind, careered on both sides of the mountain in Pahaquarry, extending into Hardwick and Stillwater. It was the most disastrous event of the kind within the memory of living man. Fires also raged in the mountains of Passaic and Morris counties.

16. Brigade Board of Sussex met at Cochran House, by order of Gen. Edwards. Joseph Coult was Brigade Major.

5. The Boston Franklinites Company resumed work at the Franklin mines, under the direction of John H. Brown. At this period it was estimated that there were two millions of tons of ore, at and near Franklin, worth from \$3 to \$5 per ton, in the ground.

5. Battle of Williamsburg, in which the Second New Jersey Brigade and Sickles Brigade were engaged. Co. I, of the 7th

regiment, recruited in Sussex county, had 3 killed and 9 wounded. The total loss of the Second Brigade was 113 killed, 342 wounded and 56 missing.

13. "A Few Words in Self Defence," by Jacob L. Swayze, gave evidence that he was master of the art of saying what he had to say with clearness and vigor.

15. Great hopes were entertained that all our battle-ships would be sheathed with Franklinites iron, which had stood tests that no other could.

15. Death of Dr. Peter Sailor, at Easton, Pa., at the age of 92 years. No man ever lived in this country in whom the people had such implicit confidence as a healer of diseases. The belief had gone abroad that when Dr. Sailor failed there was no remedy, and yet nine-tenths of his cures were effected by hypnotic influence.

16. Samuel Springstein, one of the first engineers who ran over the Sussex Railroad, killed in a wreck on the Long Island road, near Flushing. He was a native of West Milford, Passaic county, and about 35 years of age.

19. William R. Morris, of Newton, while fishing in Delaware, below Dingman's Ferry, found body of unknown woman of middle age floating in water. Body was fully dressed. It was afterward identified as that of Mrs. Frederick Keeler, who was drowned by falling from bridge at Matamoras, and had been in water about four weeks.

20. Lake Hopatcong was swarming this season with bass and pickerel. The latter ranged from 3 to 8 pounds in weight.

23. "Godwyll" contributes a dirge in honor of Sergeant James S. Gustin, Corporal George Myers, and others, who fell in the battle of Williamsburg. In "Godwyll" Sussex had a note of the first water, and his famous lines, "Tis Come a Last," which were written for and printed in THE REGISTER in October, 1861, had found their way to the Virginia camp, in the shape of handbills, and were circulated in various other ways, until some literary pirate sent them to the Christian Intelligencer, as a production "written expressly for that journal."

23. In part of the edition of this date appeared a notice of the death of Lewis VanBlarcom, of Lafayette, which report had been brought to the office. He had been indisposed, yet by no means seriously ill. It was remarked: "He is a young man of education and ability, and we trust that many years of activity and usefulness are in store for him." Well, that young man afterward enlisted, became a captain in the fighting 15th, lost a leg in the Wilderness, was a prisoner in Libby, and is to-day alive and as active as any man could be at his age, and with his injury.

23. John J. Edwards returns from Virginia, having failed to get body of Corporal James S. Gustin beyond Yorktown, under orders of Gen. McClellan.

23. Gov. Olden authorized to form another regiment of infantry.

23. John Townsend and "Veritas" furnish replies to Jacob L. Swayze's communication. In the issue of the 30th Mr. Swayze fairly kills "Veritas," in an article headed "A Few Facts for those That Think," but the editor announces that the article is paid for as advertising matter, and those who wish to answer him must do the same.

24. Uriah Sweezy, formerly a stage driver between Vernon and Warwick, fell into an unguarded well in the public street in Warwick, and his lifeless body was not found until next morning.

25. Rev. G. W. Lloyd preaches a funeral sermon in honor of the late James S. Gustin. A few days later members of a band of rebel sympathizers in Branchville sent a letter to THE REGISTER ridiculing the service, the pastor and the trustees of the church. It was a horrible example of indecency, aside from its lack of patriotism.

26. Death of Dr. Lewis Condict, at Morristown, in the 90th year of his age; a man of ability and influence, frequently honor-

ed by his fellow citizens with offices of trust and responsibility.

27. A Newark man offers a reward of \$50 for Captain Charles Henderson, who had absconded with \$900 in cash collected from various persons.

28. Annual meeting of stockholders of Sussex R. R. Co.

29. Mrs. G. C. Kite had opened a boarding and day school on Sussex street, Dover.

30. The "telescope" had arrived at the Mountain House, above Branchville.

31. V. M. Armstrong and Wm. M. McNeely were running the hotel at Lake Hopewong.

32. O. D. Reeve, late of Martin & Reeve, announces purchase of stock of goods and clothing business of C. N. Predmore, formerly conducted by Harry Lindbaum.

33. O. D. Blair, president of the Belleville Bank, was walking down Court street, New York, having in his possession a satchel containing \$33,000, when a boy ran up to him and charged him with having broken a glass shade by running against him. Mr. Blair was unconscious of such an occurrence, and denied it, but the boy persisted, and a crowd soon collected. A policeman arrested Mr. Blair, and took him before Alderman Hall, at the Tombs, who, on hearing an explanation of the affair, discharged Mr. Blair.

34. Abdallah Chief and Chalkline met at Newton. The horse that the managers determined should lose persisted in winning four heats, and the match broke up in a wrangle.

#### JUNE.

1. Twenty business firms in Newton give notice that hereafter all petty thieves, male or female, who may be detected in pilfering from their stores, will be published in the same manner as Ira C. Moore did for a thief caught stealing a ham from his store.

2. Centre street hospital in Newark had just been opened for the reception of wounded soldiers, under the control and management of Marcus L. Ward, who, for a year or more, had devoted his time to the exclusion of all personal business, in promoting the comforts of our soldiers and providing for their families.

3. Citizens of Newton met to arrange a 4th of July celebration.

4. Hutchinson troupe sang in Park Hall.

5. Medical Society met at Anderson House. Those who were practicing without license were notified that the Board of Censors would meet at same time.

6. An extraordinarily heavy rainfall, succeeding two days of showery weather.

7. Bible Society met at Sparta, but owing to a severe storm there was no opening sermon. Rev. Dr. Wiley, of Pennington, and his alternate, Rev. S. W. Hilliard, both failing to appear. The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance of \$201.97. A resolution was passed to supply Bibles to jail, poor house and hotels; also to secure, if possible, a copy of the Bible, such as was circulated by the Society at its foundation in 1817, to be preserved among the archives of the Society. Is it there?

8. The deluge of rain on this date was destructive to bridges in Sussex, though its inland streams were small. Outside of the county, and especially in Pennsylvania the flood was ruinous. All the small wooden bridges on the Clove creek, all on the Flatbrook, several on the Paulskill and Pequest, and some on the Walkhill were either swept away or seriously damaged. Demarest's saw mill at Slabtown, Warren county, was swept away, and all the lower portion of Blairtown was under water, through a lot of staves lodging against the bridge at Blair's mill, filling up the arch and making a compact dam. A break in the canal caused a loss of \$20,000 at Port Jervis, divided between about 30 individuals. In Pike county three bridges, which cost \$2,000, were destroyed; Sherman's tannery at

Milford, was a total wreck; G. P. Miller's wagon factory was damaged to the amount of \$2,000; Mott's saw mill undermined, and various other property holders in Milford suffered loss. All the bridges on Broadhead's Creek, Monroe county, except the railroad bridge, were swept away, and the D. L. & W. Railroad did not repair its losses in a week. Stroudsburg was very seriously damaged, the Pocono Creek was on the rampage, and all the bridges leading into the town, including the iron bridge and the new stone bridge in course of erection, were swept away. Two large dwellings, a grist mill, two stores, a factory, a foundry, etc., went to ruin, and the loss in the town alone was \$150,000. Those residing along the Delaware suffered some loss, but the Lehigh region at Mauch Chunk and White Haven was one scene of ruin.

9. Body of a young child found in mill pond at Beattystown, Warren county, with gas in its side: it was probably murdered.

10. O. B. Pellet, postmaster, announces that hereafter the mail for the Monday morning train will close at 5 15 o'clock on that day instead of the Saturday evening previous.

11. N. Burrows announces a tri-weekly line of stages between Middletown and Newton, with a stop-over at Deekertown.

12. A special election in Green township to fill vacancy in office of Assessor, caused by death of Warren Shiner. Samuel H. Hill was chosen by 38 majority over Nathan S. Hart, in a total vote of 176.

13. The First New Jersey Cavalry led into ambush at Harrisonburg, during which fight Colonel Wyndham was made prisoner; Captain Thomas R. Haines was killed by a sabre stroke on the head, and other Sussex boys were killed or missing. Captain Virgil Brodick avenged Captain Haines's death by shooting Major Green of Ashby's Cavalry.

14. Annual election of Sussex Bank.

15. N. Pettit, the new township superintendent of schools for Newton, met trustees and teachers in Miss McCarter's school house, to consult upon condition of schools in township, which he had found unsatisfactory.

16. Ladies of Newton met at Court House to sew on soldiers' garments.

17. John Shaw exhibits specimens of iron ore recently discovered near the Great Meadows in Warren county.

18. Special term for trial of appeals.

19. Cash prices at Newton steam mill: Wheat, \$1 10 to \$1.40; rye, 70c.; corn, 53c.; oats, 35c.; buckwheat, 45c. Best wheat flour sold at \$1 50 cwt.

20. Guy Francisco, aged 26, killed by lightning while seeking shelter under a tree near Eaton's plane, 1 1/2 miles above Dover.

21. J. P. Lewis & Co. announce completion and opening of their new store house at Markshoro.

22. Death of Alpheus Gustin, at Augusta, aged 66 years. He was the senior member of the Sussex Bar, having been licensed as attorney in November, 1820; was made counsellor in 1824, and was prosecutor of the pleas from 1826 to 1831. He was widely known and highly esteemed, no less than 300 vehicles being ranged in the vicinity of the village church where his funeral services were held. For a year prior to death he had been afflicted with a most painful disease, which he bore with fortitude, and meanwhile had lost one son through accident and another in battle.

23. Dr. J. Watson Young had located in Montague, in house formerly occupied by Dr. Hornbeck.

24. Jacob Vanatta, through the columns of the Morristown Banner, was making a noble effort to bring his Democratic brethren up to a hearty support of the efforts to crush the rebellion.

25. Annual meeting of stockholders of M. & E. R. R., at Newark. Net income for year ending December 31, 1861, was \$81,034.06. The unsettled state of the country had affected business, and the

passenger traffic showed a falling off of 35,764 over the previous year. The extension from Hackettstown had been deferred, but preparations were being made to begin work whenever the time was favorable.

26. Strawberry festival in basement of Newton M. E. Church.

27. County statement appears, and a new feature is the State Bounty paid to wives and all dependent widowed mothers of volunteers. It amounted at this time to \$666 per month. It made work for the County Collector, besides the duty of deciding whether the claimants were entitled to the funds, as there were cases where women, apparently respectable, and wearing a pensive air of bereavement, were never married to the persons whom they claimed as their husbands. There were 111 persons drawing a State bounty of \$6 per month. The total expenditures of the County for the year ending May 15, were \$39,588.14, including a balance in hands of Collector, amounting to \$3,398.53. Bridges cost the county \$3,029.17, besides fees of \$638.12; poor house, \$2,183.11; election expenses, \$312.10; court expenses, \$2,796.63.

28. Warren County Fair Association changes date of fair to October 7, 8, 9 and 10—one week later than originally fixed.

29. Joseph L. Shafer, on this date, caught in Wawayanda pond, a trout weighing five pounds, and measuring 2 1/2 inches across the back, and 22 inches in length. Reuben Hayne caught on same fishing excursion a pair weighing two and three pounds each.

30. There are many articles about soldiers, some of great length, detailing their trials and adventures. Andrew R. Lepore had been visiting Sussex relatives, after a year's imprisonment in Libby; Geo. Whitfield Sears, of the 73d N. Y., had been badly wounded on the 11th inst.; Thomas J. Steele, of Co. D, 31 N. J., had died of smallpox on May 10; Benj. Stewart, C. Hendershot, Benj. Pickett and Lieutenant H. S. Linn, of the same company, were ill in the Yorktown hospital; and David R. Everitt, of Co. I, 7th N. J., had died of typhoid fever. Lieut. Horace Bristol had been promoted to captaincy of Co. B, 1st N. J. Cavalry.

31. A correspondent of the Newark Mercury, writing from Newton, gives details of a marriage in Saint Joseph's Church, which runs somewhat as follows: "Jimmy" and "Bridget" had kept company for two years, and were "engaged." Later there came to the village a younger and fairer lass, named Catharine. Jimmy soon learned to neglect Bridget and cleave unto Catharine. After three months of billing and cooing, the faithless Jimmy caused the bans to be published. Bridget's friends were not idle; they told the story of his previous engagement, to the priest, who summoned Jimmy to his presence, and charged him to fulfil his promise to the deserted Bridget on the following morning. There was no appeal for Jimmy, and the disconsolate Catharine, who had even arrayed herself in the wedding garments, packed up and took the most direct road out of the village. The little church was filled to overflowing, by people of all denominations, who were drawn together by a desire to see how an unwilling groom would look and act.

32. Sussex County Assessors met at Newton to consider and advise each other in regard to the new tax law.

33. Citizens of Newton met at Howell's Hotel, in response to call of Executive Committee of Agricultural Society, and gave assurances of moral and financial support for the coming State Fair.

34. Hutchinson family sang at Branchville; at Newton, on the 25th; at Deekertown, on the 26th; at Blairstown, on the 27th, and at Hope on the 28th.

35. Dr. Campbell's dental office in Goodale's building, burglarized and damaged by various acts.

36. Charles Scranton, A. D. C., solicited volunteers for Ninth N. J. regiment at Newbern, N. C.

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26. The cantata "Flora's Festival," given in Mechanics' Hall, Blairstown.
27. Strawberry festival by ladies of Stanhope Presbyterian Church.
27. A letter from Captain Brodrick tells of the fight at Harrisonburg, and Captain Haines's death.
27. Item: "The citizens of Hacketts-town have taken measures to introduce into their town a plentiful supply of water from never-failing springs located one hundred feet above the town."
30. Sussex Railroad again tries a daily early morning train, and were about to issue excursion tickets to New York, good for one day, at \$3.
30. Captain Logan was recruiting in Newton for his company in the 11th N. J. Vols.
30. Track of Sussex Railroad had been improved, new sheds provided for live stock at Newton, and an enginehouse was about to be built.
30. Among a class of 40 recently graduated from Princeton, was John Cochran, of Newton. The degree of M. A. had also been conferred upon Thomas Anderson, of Newton, and Dr. Joseph Hedges, of Wantage, who were members of the class of 1850.

## JULY.

1. Rev. Reuben VanSyckle leaves Sussex to fill appointment to a chaplaincy at Fortress Monroe.
2. President Lincoln calls for 300,000 more men for three years, or the war; and under this call Gov. Olden asks volunteers for four more regiments from New Jersey.
2. Books of subscription to capital stock of Morristown Bank opened at office of Theo. Little.
4. Ball at Eagle Hotel, Stillwater. Music by Search. Isaac Rosenkrans, proprietor.
4. Ball at Brick House, kept by J. H. Bowman. Music by Newton Quadrille Band.
4. Celebration at Lake Hopatcong Hotel, Dr. James Riley, of Succasunna, read the Declaration, and addresses were made by Wm. J. Wood, of Rockaway, and A. W. Cutler, of Morristown. There was an afternoon regatta, and a ball in the evening. The lake fleet was in charge of "Admiral" Sperry.
4. Festival at Presbyterian church, Oak Hill, (Newfoundland.)
4. A "quiet retreat" at the Fountain House.
4. Celebration and fair at Marksboro. Orator, James M. Robeson; reader, Isaac Wildrick.
4. Celebration in grove of Wm. VanSickle, at Libertyville.
4. Celebration in Dr. VanDeusen's grove, Montague, for benefit of M. E. Church. Hiram C. Clark, reader; addresses by Revs. S. W. Hilliard and R. B. Lockwood.
4. Grand celebration at Newton. Marshal, General Edwards, assisted by Col. John J. Edwards, and the following staff officers: Major Joseph Coult, Major Geo. Nelden, Major Thomas Anderson. Cortlandt Parker, of Newark, was orator; Daniel S. Anderson read Declaration; Lieut. H. S. Linn was standard bearer, and Robert Mills bore the cap of liberty. Music by Sussex Cornet Band. The oration of Mr. Parker was eloquent in the extreme, and was printed in a supplement, occupying seven columns of space. The morning exercises were held in the Presbyterian church. The following organizations participated in the parade: Deckertown Rangers, Lafayette Guards, Stillwater Rangers, Newton Zouaves. Under the gay show there was a feeling of gloom. An afternoon meeting was held in the Park, to consider the present emergency. There had been seven days of bloody fighting, from June 25 to July 1, before Richmond, and the losses had subdued and impressed the Nation; it was the most sorrowful 4th of July that had been known, yet in the quiet and subdued spirit there was a wealth of patriotism to suffer and endure any sacrifice to preserve the Nation. John Linn presided at the meet-
- ing in the Park; John H. Brown and Peter Smith were vice presidents, and Joseph Coult, secretary. Addresses were made by Mr. Linn, Martin Ryerson, Thos. N. McCarter, B. B. Edsall, Dr. Thomas Ryerson, Robert Hamilton and E. C. Moore. The result of these speeches was the appointment of a committee consisting of Hon. Martin Ryerson, B. B. Edsall, Robert Hamilton, John H. Brown, George H. Nelden and Thomas N. McCarter (with power to add to their number) to collect, receive and expend funds to aid in enrolling volunteers, in relieving the sick and wounded, and aiding the families of such volunteers as may need succor. Over \$700 was subscribed on the spot, and then Col. Hamilton offered a resolution, which was adopted with great enthusiasm, recommending that Col. Sam Fowler be appointed to command one of the four regiments just called for. The committee issued an address, and arranged fourteen meetings in different places with various speakers to arouse the people to one more united effort.
6. Rev. J. M. Hops preached a funeral discourse on death of Corporal Thomas J. Steel, in Newton Baptist Church.
6. Rev. D. W. Moore begins preaching services at Perry's Mills and Monroe Corner.
8. A list of killed and wounded in the fight at Gaines' Mill on June 27, had come to hand, and shows a total of 1039 in the First New Jersey Brigade. Co. D., of the 3d, lost two men and nineteen were wounded. Major H. O. Ryerson was reported as having fallen on the field, probably fatally wounded, but there was a belief that he had been taken to Richmond.
7. Contract awarded to George Nelden to build 63 horse stalls, 200 cattle stalls, besides repairing others already built on the Fair grounds. The contract covered 40,000 feet of lumber, and the price was \$550.
7. Barn of Philetus Wilson, in Wantage, burned by lightning. An insurance of \$800 in Sussex Mutual covered about half of the loss.
8. Theophilus H. Address, of Stillwater, had been assigned to duty as a medical cadet at Fortress Monroe.
9. The Soldiers' Aid Society had just sent another box of supplies, containing 80 hospital garments, 350 bandages, and 12 pounds of lint. An appeal was made for linen, to make lint, also wines and jellies, to be consigned to Mrs. Thos. F. Anderson.
10. Specie for change had become so scarce that many small dealers were using tickets for the transaction of business.
11. Andrew Coker, aged 55, hanged himself in Sussex jail, with a bed cord. He had been committed to jail for burning the barn of Joseph E. Dyer, in Frelighuysen township, on the 9th inst. Coker had abused his wife until she left him, in April last. He denounced everybody who harbored her, and uttered the most direful threats. Mrs. Coker hired with Mr. Dyer, on July 5th; on the 7th, Coker made his appearance, and lurked in the neighborhood until the 9th, when the barn was burned. He had said "that Dyer would find the hiring of his wife the dearest hire he ever made," etc. He fulfilled his threats, was arrested in Byram township, and hanged himself within 24 hours after commitment.
15. James J. McNally had removed from Newton, and engaged in the publication of the Goshen Independent Republican.
16. Sergeant George B. Cox, a native of Sussex, opens recruiting office in Newton for Co. A. 11th regiment, Capt. Kearney. About 50 Sussex men had enlisted already in Captain Logan's company.
17. Sussex was responding nobly to the call for volunteers. Samuel Fowler had been assigned to command of 15th regiment; Captain James Walker had made good progress with his company, and expected to soon go to headquarters at Flemington. David Ryerson, of Newton, had made an offer to give \$5 to every man mustered into service, which was equivalent to a gift of \$500.
20. A list of deserters from First New Jersey Cavalry, numbering 137, is published in this issue, by order of Adjutant Yorke. Twenty-six were from Sussex.
21. Sussex Mutual orders a five per cent. assessment.
21. Officers of the Sussex Brigade met at the Ward House; Brigadier-General Edwards presided; S. Dennis acted as secretary. The following officers were present: Colonels, Hiram C. Clark, S. Dennis, John Miller, John J. Edwards; Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Bailey; Major Joseph Coult, Major B. A. Westbrook; Adjutants, S. T. Overhiser, Ira Joralemon; Captains, B. W. Decker, John M. Rosenkrans, J. K. Odell, Joshua Cole, Benj. Drake, Warren H. VanSyckle, Cornelius Shimer, Sanford Nearpass, E. Grover, Coulter Cannon, C. F. Fernald; Lieutenants, Henry Stoll, Samuel Christie, Jr., Charles J. Baxter, John B. Armstrong, Benjamin Metler, Amzi Bedell, A. S. Lawrence, Nelson P. Parsons, T. C. Mealing, Elbridge Smith; Paymaster, A. C. McKain. The Board pledged itself to do all in its power to aid the recruiting of Col. Fowler's regiment; deprecated enlistments in other regiments until the former was filled, and declared that the members were ready to march on orders of the Governor. Col. Miller offered a resolution for drill and inspection in September, which was adopted. The oath was administered to all officers not previously sworn and commissions issued.
21. At a war meeting in Newton, Judge Ryerson, at the conclusion of his speech, offered to give \$200 to the first company recruited for the 15th regiment. Rev. S. W. Hilliard added \$50. There were three companies in process of formation, one under Captain Walker, of Lafayette, one under Captain George W. Hamilton, of Hardyston, and one under Captain James H. Simpson, of Newton. The eagerness to serve under Col. Sam Fowler was manifest everywhere, and the war meetings throughout the county were addressed by Judge Daniel Haines, George H. Nelden, Hiram C. Clark, Thos. N. McCarter, Robert Hamilton, Thomas Kays, and others.
22. The 83d anniversary of the battle of Minsink, celebrated at Goshen, and a monument erected through munificence of the late Dr. Merrit H. Cash, was dedicated. It cost \$4,000. John C. Dimmick, of New York, delivered the oration. It was remarked by the editor: "This celebration was localized and monopolized by the Orange county people, apparently forgetting that Sussex county furnished a portion of the forces which fought at Minsink. One company of Sussex militia, under Captain Joseph Harker, served in Col. Tustin's expedition, and at least two of the men—Nathan Wade and Stephen Mead—whose names are inscribed on the Goshen monument as victims of the Minsink massacre, were members of Captain Harker's company."
22. Major H. O. Ryerson, who had been reported as dead, arrived in New York, with 500 other wounded soldiers, who had been exchanged. His wounds were healing, though he had suffered from lack of surgical attention.
28. The City Hotel, in Newark, which Jacob D. Konkle, recently of Newton, had tried to run as a first-class house of entertainment, had been closed by the Sheriff.
29. Hickory tree on farm of James V. Vancamp, near Paulina, struck by lightning. Mr. Vancamp, H. P. Smith and Isaac Messler, had sought shelter under it, and all were prostrated by the shock; Mr. V. was so seriously injured that his recovery was considered hopeless, but he finally recovered.
30. The VanNest Gap tunnel, near Oxford Furnace, commenced May 17, 1854, was now finished. It was worked at each end and from three shafts, the deepest of which was 157 feet. The west end required arching for 1,311 feet, the last keystone being placed in position June 28. The tunnel and its approaches cost nearly \$500,000; it saved three miles of travel and an elevation of 105 feet.

AUGUST.

1. The Government issues postal stamps to meet the demand for small change. Postage stamps were made a legal tender for all dues under \$5.

2. Mary Ann Smith, aged 12 years, of Irish parentage, killed in a sudden and singular manner near the Franklin Zinc mine. She was gathering berries, in company with another female, and in crossing a fence she fell upon the stub of a freshly cut blackberry vine, which penetrated the jugular vein, and she bled to death in about five minutes.

3. Rev. Levi Morse begins pastorate of Baptist churches at Lafayette and Newton.

4. Major H. O. Ryerson, now free of fever, arrives in Newton.

4. An auroral display of remarkable brilliancy throughout the continent, and particularly in this region.

4. A draft for 300,000 men ordered.

4. A deputation of Western men wait upon President Lincoln, urging the formation of negro regiments, which had previously been talked of. The President positively declined to put arms in the hands of the negroes.

4. Marcus L. Ward acknowledges donation of comforts for soldiers in Newark hospital, sent by Mrs. Thomas J. Bonnell, Mrs. A. J. Coykendall, and Misses Vandeuken and Finch, of Montague.

5. Col. A. J. Johnson, of the 8th N. J. regiment, seriously wounded in battle of Williamsburg, was at the home of his brother-in-law, S. J. Coursen, in Newton.

5. A two-hour display of atmospheric fireworks. Such incessant and brilliant flashes of lightning had rarely been known, and the city of New York seemed to be the centre.

6. At a public meeting in Blairstown, John I. Blair offers \$10 to each man volunteering, and about twenty accepted the offer.

8-9. Extremely hot days. Many strokes. Heat ended on 9th by a severe thunder storm. Three persons in Newton stunned and prostrated by a shock.

8. The First New Jersey Brigade, thro' casualties of war, sickness, discharges and deserters had been reduced in six months from 3,500 to less than 1,200. About 400 men of the 4th regiment were taken prisoners at Gaines Mill. It was estimated that not less than 75,000 men were on furlough in different parts of the country, and this had greatly affected the efficiency of the army. On August 11 an order was issued revoking all furloughs except those given by the War Department. All officers absent after the 18th, who were capable of joining their commands, were to be dismissed or treated as deserters.

8. Sussex County Teachers' Institute, which was to have been held on the 11th inst., postponed until September 1, at Deckertown. The war and draft had overshadowed everything else.

11. Friends of the National Administration choose delegates at the Cochran House to gubernatorial convention on the 21st inst.

12. Joseph Monell shoots Emma Bergen, alias Hoppaugh, and then hangs himself. The tragedy occurred in one of the houses formerly occupied by laborers at the old Edsall Furnace, at Hamburg. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon neighbors were attracted by a shot, and entering the house found the woman mortally wounded with a pistol shot in the abdomen and on going to the second floor found Monell hanging by the neck to a rope, life being extinct. The woman was an abandoned character, and the man a son of one of the most respectable residents of Hardyston township, but who for a long time had led a life of profligacy. In her ante-mortem statement before Coroner Hunt, the woman stated that Monell came to her house and insisted that she should elope with him. On her refusal he shot her with a double-barreled pistol. He then shot himself, but the charge failing to kill, went up stairs and hanged himself. The woman was the reputed wife of a soldier in the First N. J. Cavalry.

12. On this date Captain Walker had 88 men in Camp Fair Oaks at Flemington; Captain Simpson had 78, and Captain Hamilton 25, though the latter had 30 or 40 men on his roll who were not yet ready to go to camp.

12. A movement to make Judge Daniel Haines the Union Republican candidate for Governor had been ended by his peremptory declination.

12. Coffee was selling at 35 and 31c. per pound, and an adv. shows that rye was being used as a substitute.

14. The town stirred to an unusual degree by the fact that Miss Clara L. Vansyckle, who had gone riding with George M. Drake, the previous evening, had returned in convulsions of extreme agony, from which she died on the morning of the 15th. A coroner's jury was in session on the 16th, 18th and 19th, before which Drake was summoned, but did not appear. He was then placed under \$2,000 bail. On the 19th the jury rendered a verdict charging Drake with malicious murder, and he was arrested and placed in jail.

14. On account of the coming draft the "skeddadle rangers" were moving into Canada.

15. Governor Olden appoints commissioners and examining surgeons for the draft. The commissioners for Sussex, Morris and Warren were Robert Hamilton, Vanclave Dalrymple, Charles Sitgreaves; examining surgeons, Thomas Ryerson, George A. Quimby, Samuel S. Clark.

15. First appearance of a cut of the original Goodale building, on Spring st.

18. Village of Horseheads, N. Y., in which a number of Sussex people had settled, almost entirely destroyed by fire.

18-19. A brisk movement in produce, especially butter. The shipments by rail from Newton on these dates aggregated 483 firkins, 37 tubs, and 80 pails. The same trains carried, besides quantities of other freight, 150 live calves, 37 dressed hogs, etc.

19. Peter Ackerson, aged 45 years, employed on gravel train of Sussex Railroad, jumped from moving train at Whitehall, but lost his balance as he struck the ground. His head came in contact with axle box of car, causing instant death.

19. A beautiful aurora appears at midnight; with long shining columns, reaching almost to the zenith. A new comet was also visible at this time.

20. The Soldiers' Relief Committee issue a new appeal for volunteers to fill up the old regiments, and appointed meetings in every township for Saturday, August 23. Enlistments now would count upon the county's quota under the coming draft.

20. Robert Hamilton appoints the Assessors of the different townships to make an enrollment of the persons liable to draft, and appoints the week from Aug. 26 to Sept. 3, to hear excuses of those claiming to be exempt from military duty. Sessions were held at the court house, where the surgeon also examined those who claimed exemption from disability. The rendezvous of the drafted men for Sussex, Morris and Essex, was at Newark. Col. S. M. Fowler, of the 15th regiment, was ordered to enforce the draft order in the fourth military division of the State. The quota of Sussex was 362 men, the townships of Newton and Montague raised their quota without a draft. Warren's quota was 613, and Belvidere, Independence and Phillipsburg were exempt. The quota of Morris was 659, and the total for the State, 10,478.

21. Marcus L. Ward nominated for Governor, by Republican Union convention, at Trenton.

21. A large party of excursionists from Newark M. E. Sunday schools, arrive in Newton and picnic in woods near railroad station.

22. Thomas Anderson announces his intention, in company with James H. Williamson, to recruit a company of volunteers for nine months service, from Montague, Frankford, Lafayette, Newton and Sparta.

25. The premium of \$250 offered by Judge Ryerson and Rev. S. W. Hilliard, at a meeting in the court house, on July 21, was awarded to Captain G. W. Hamilton's company, and paid to the men pro rata.

25. William Clark, of Sandyston, aged 25, accidentally fell from wagon near steam mill, and received a bad fracture of leg below the knee.

26. The three Sussex companies of the 15th were fully recruited.

20. Warren County Bible Society met at Stewartsville.

21. Henry K. Morford, aged 58 years, who conducted a cabinet making business in Newton some 30 years ago, killed at Goshen, N. Y., by being run over by a freight train.

22. George M. Drake taken before Justice Whelpley, at Morristown, on a writ of habeas corpus, and admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000—Nathan Drake, his father, becoming security.

25. The heaviest consignment of butter ever sent to the city was sent from Newton on this date. It consisted of 576 firkins, 58 tubs and 89 pails, equal to 64,950 pounds or 32½ tons. On the following day 167 firkins, 21 tubs and 112 pails, equal to 23,350 pounds, or 11½ tons. Within two weeks the shipments of butter alone had been over 100 tons. This, with the vast amount of other freight going over the road showed the resources of Sussex at this period.

25. Every township was endeavoring to raise its quota without a draft, and a bounty of from \$50 to \$100 was offered. On this date Captain Fernald came to Newton with his company of about 100 men. They were examined by Dr. Ryerson, and on the 27th and 28th went down to the Newark rendezvous; 23 of these men were from Walpack, 27 from Sandyston, and 28 from Stillwater.

25. Members of the 15th Regiment mustered into service at Flemington. There were 930 men, of which Company D, Captain Walker, had 85; Co. I, Captain Simpson, 88; Co. K, Captain Hamilton, 96; but would have had the maximum but for rejections by surgeons and the refusal of some to take the oath at the last pinch. So far as the physique of the men was concerned, it was the best regiment yet recruited. Two of the companies were from Hunterdon, two from Warren, two from Morris, one from Somerset and three from Sussex.

25. Stoll & Dunn dissolve partnership. Business continued by S. C. Dunn, tho' Mr. Stoll remained for some months.

26. At a meeting in Deckertown, addressed by Jacob L. Swayze, the sum of \$3,800 was subscribed and pledged to secure Wantage's quota of 88 men for nine month's service.

25-27. The presence of volunteers, with their wives and sweethearts, made the town very lively and the business done by Owen in the photograph and ambrotype line was enormous. Before going to the front a picture was as essential as any other equipment.

28. Dedication of new Presbyterian church at Hackettstown. Sermon by Rev. Dr. McIlvaine, of Princeton. In the afternoon the pastor-elect was installed, Rev. Dr. Magie, of Elizabeth, preaching; Rev. Messrs. Barrett and Kirk gave the charges; Rev. Wm. C. McGee presided. A concert was given in the evening, at which the new organ contributed no small

29. Although Newton had been declared exempt from draft through neglect of Assessor of previous year to collect the names of those liable to military duty, yet it was trying to raise 40 more men, to whom a bounty of \$100 was given.

29. The raising of the quota of nine month's men had interfered with the Government's requisition for 150 men to fill up the old regiments, and unless an extension of time was granted it was feared that there would be a draft in Sussex.

29. The Fifteenth regiment left Flemington for Washington. It was 940 strong,

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and armed with Enfield rifles.

30. Job Woodruff sells his store goods at Stillwater, having culled in the 27th regiment.

30. Democrats of Sussex elect delegates to Gubernatorial convention to be held Sept. 4.

30. Beginning of the terrific fighting at Manasses, in which Colonel Taylor was mortally wounded, Captain Campbell killed, and the First Brigade lost 305 in killed and wounded.

26. A marriage by Rev. Edward McCosker, on this date, indicates that he had become rector of St. Joseph's Church.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. The schools of Miss McCarter and Miss Moran reopened.

1. Teachers' Institute convened in Deckertown, in charge of Rev. Wm. Travis, of Princeton. The lecturers were Rev. George S. Mott, Prof. Isaiah Peckham, and State Superintendent F. W. Ricord. On the second day 34 teachers were present.

1. Board of Assessors met and apportioned State and County taxes of \$30,096.25, on a total valuation of \$12,040,612. Number of polls given as 5333; acres of land, 280,512.

1. The new National Tax law goes into effect. Nathaniel Lane, of Paterson, was the Assessor of the Fourth district, and Eugene Ayers, of Morristown, the Collector. The stamp duties on notes, checks, etc., did not take effect until October 1.

1. The work of examining nine months men and those claiming exemption concluded by Commissioner Robert Hamilton and Surgeon Thomas Ryerson. The Assessors returned a total of 4082 in the county as liable to do military duty. Of these 605 were exempted for deficient eyesight, etc.; 40 were ruptured. After examination, Dr. Ryerson refused exemption to 317. Out of the volunteers previously examined, Dr. R. passed 392, 27 were rejected though entitled to exemption, and 15 were rejected who were not entitled to exemption. The whole number examined by the surgeon exceeded 1000.

2. Up to this date transportation had been furnished by Commissioner Hamilton for 392 nine months men, an excess of 30 in the Sussex quota, and Vernon was expected to send 55 more. Captain Fernald's Company had 107 men, of which 26 were from Sandyston, 24 from Walpack, 33 from Stillwater, and 24 from Green. Captain Anderson's company had 100 men, Newton furnishing 44, Lafayette 16, Frankford 39, Vernon 1. Byram furnished 37 for Captain Franks's company; Sparta 40, Hardyston 15. Wantage gave 93 for Captain Dennis's company. All of these went to the 27th regiment.

2. Justice Brown opened Sussex Courts in place of Justice Whelpley. Only two civil cases tried, on account of so many witnesses being absent serving in the army.

2. Prof. Mohr's classes at Newton, Branchville, and Lafayette gave concert in Presbyterian church at Lafayette.

4. Beginning of four days woods meeting at Millbrook, Warren county.

4. Joel Parker nominated for Governor by Democratic convention at Trenton.

5. Abram Shafer, of Stillwater, had broken the trout record and exhibited one caught in Wawayanda lake, that weighed six pounds and measured 24 inches in length.

5. Beginning of a three days woods meeting in grove of John Iliff, near Newton. Preaching by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, with sacrament on the 7th.

6. Funeral of Gen. Philip Kearney, at Trinity Church, New York.

8. The gunboat Osceola had captured two valuable prizes off Charleston, and two of its crew were sons of M. H. Cooper, formerly of Deckertown.

8. Lieut. N. K. Bray thanks citizens of Frankford who have contributed to comfort of his company at Camp Frelinghuysen.

18. Gov. Olden issues a proclamation

urging the militia force of the State to perfect themselves in drill and prepare for service. In another proclamation, dated September 23, he urges greater activity in filling the quota of 4,000 men to prevent a draft, which had been postponed.

9. Lieut.-Col. H. O. Ryerson, though still lame from his wounds, returns to duty, hoping to do some service.

9. Rev. L. R. Dunn, of Morristown, delivered lecture in Newton M. E. Church. Subject: "William, the Silent, Prince of Orange."

9. Sussex Baptist Association held quarterly meeting in Hamburg Church. Sermon by Rev. D. B. Patterson.

10. The grand jury was not discharged until this date, having adjourned from the 5th, after presenting 15 indictments. They awaited a chemist's report, and on this date returned a bill charging George M. Drake with murder. Most of the indictments were for assault and battery, and the price for this fun ranged from \$5 and costs to \$50 and costs. Henry T. Sloan and James Fox received a sentence of two years for passing counterfeit money, in April last.

10. There were 2,100 men in the barracks at Camp Frelinghuysen, Newark, of which Sussex had sent more than 400.

10. Under this date Dr. W. P. Vail, of Johnsonburg, relates an incident of the Revolution, told to him by Mrs. Rebecca Cook, of Frelinghuysen, who was 91 years of age. In the year 1780, one of the darkest periods of the Revolution, Mrs. Cook, then 9 years old, had been taken by her mother to attend a Baptist meeting held in a log meeting house, in Blairstown township, near the present residence of Henry Freeman, on which a brick school house now stands. The minister, Holmes, preached upon the binding obligation of loyalty; adding, that he would speak with still greater plainness and severity, but for the fact that he did not wish to give offence to some who did not share his patriotism. Instantly an old man, by the name of Loughberry, sprang to his feet, demanding of the preacher, "Are you afraid of man?" Startled by the abruptness, and re-assured by the boldness of his questioner, he replied "No." "Then," resumed the old patriot, "go on, and give the tories their due." And, said the old lady, he did go on, "as hard as he could."

11. George M. Drake rearrested, and pleading not guilty to an indictment (containing five counts) for murder, by use of stramonium, was surrendered to custody of Sheriff, and trial set down for first day of December term.

11. Woods meeting in Merring's grove, near Tuttle's Corner, in charge of Rev. G. F. Hawk.

12. A concert in Court House, by pupils of Prof. Mohr, nets \$17 for Ladies' Soldiers Aid Society.

14. Battle of South Mountain, Md. Five of the Sussex boys wounded.

15. Rusling Down, writing in behalf of Captain Fernald's company, thanks ladies of Sandyston for a tub of butter, and the presentation of a sword to Lieutenant Pettit.

15. Sale of privileges for State Fair, 110 feet front, sold for \$200, and 120 was sold two weeks later.

17. Death of Dr. John H. Armstrong, aged 34 years, at Stanhope.

17-21. Woods meeting in Byerly's grove, near Roseville.

19. J. Schnyler, superintendent of Sussex R. R., and the seven freighting houses in Newton give notice that no down freight will be received from September 29 to October 6. Also, that no up freight will be delivered after 10 a. m. of each day.

19. Another of Jacob L. Swayze's novel ads. appears, and its predictions were verified by later events.

19. The firm of W. H. Chardavoyne & Co. announce opening of their new store at Warwick, N. Y. The firm consisted of Richard E. Edsall, John Vandegriff and W. H. Chardavoyne. They operated three stores, one at Dewitt, Iowa, another at

Hamburg, and the one just opened at Warwick.

22. President Lincoln issues his famous Emancipation Proclamation.

23. Acknowledgment of receipt by Newark Hospital, of box of jellies, fruit, bandages, etc., from ladies of Markshoro.

24. Fire destroys the stables of two hotels at Flemington, together with six horses.

25. Examinations and exhibition at Blairstown Academy.

25. Board of Freeholders met to consider propriety of offering a bounty to encourage volunteering. A proposition to give a bounty of \$25 to \$30 was voted down, though Director Hamilton made an earnest appeal in its behalf.

25. Ladies of Yellow Frame Church send a large box to Newark Hospital, containing 204 bandages, lot of towels, jellies, wines, etc. Also, 161 pounds of assorted dried fruits, a barrel of onions and a tub of butter.

26. Lewis M. DeCamp, aged 68 years, died at his home in Jersey City. He was formerly Sheriff of Sussex county, and removed from Newton about twenty years ago.

26. Sidney Smith, 1st. Lieut. Co. K, 27th regiment, returns thanks to citizens of Sparta, for present of a sword, sash and belt. 1st Lieut. Thamer Snover, of Co. A, same regiment, returns thanks for present of \$25 from ladies of Stillwater.

26. Ward & Allen announce completion of enlargement of Anderson House to double its former capacity.

28. D. E. Frambes and T. F. Margarm retire from firm of Edwards, Frambes & Co.

29. Col. John Rorbach, of the 104th N. Y. Vols., arrives in Newton, suffering from effects of typhoid fever. Lieut.-Col. Kilpatrick arrived on same train.

30. State Fair opened at Newton. The second day brought a drenching rain. There was a greater variety of exhibits than usual, but "horse" predominated, and there was some fine trotting contests. A hogish tragedy marked the first day, when a large boar owned by Ephraim Potter upset its cage and rushed upon an unoffending rival, the property of Isaac C. Snook, and in less a minute ended the rival's life. Barret Havens exhibited a "piece of pork" that weighed 932 pounds. The Fair held over on Saturday, and the attendance saved the Society from serious loss. The exhibition, while not a financial success, was far from being a failure, even in the most troublous period of the war. A plowing match on Friday attracted much attention. Among the last events on Saturday was a race between a horse and a man named Adams, who walked a quarter mile in 1 22 before the horse could trot half a mile. Thomas, a professional runner from Newark gave S. O. Cortelyou four yards start in a race of 50 yards, and was beaten by Cortelyou.

30. Valuable horse owned by John Rutherford, of Vernon, broke away as Mr. Rutherford was about to step into the wagon. It ran up High Street, thro' Division and down Main, where the wagon was smashed at the corner of Spring street, and the animal so badly injured that its value was gone.

30. Note made of the fact that eight sons of Eleazer Cassidy, of Wantage, were serving in the volunteer army, and doubt expressed if a parallel case could be found in the United States.

## OCTOBER.

1. Captain Virgil Brodrick promoted to be Major of First New Jersey Cavalry.

3. Marcus L. Ward and Joel Parker, the opposing candidates for Governor, attend the State Fair.

3. John McCarter and Horace V. Edsall commit an atrocious assault upon Jacob L. Swayze, in the reading room of the Cochran House. It had its origin in politics, and the details of the matter cover three-fourths of a column.

7. Dr. Pelatiah Fitch, of Hope, had been made assistant surgeon of the 10th

regiment, and Rev. John Faull, of Deckertown, chaplain of the 27th regiment.

7. Presbytery of Newton met at Hackettstown.

7. Rev. R. L. Dashiell gave lecture in Newton M. E. Church. Subject, "Toll and Trust."

8. Presbytery of Newton receives Rev. James Petrie from Presbytery of Hudson and arranges for his installation as pastor of Phillipsburg church on Dec. 3.

9. Deckertown Academy reopened in charge of John Vrooman, A. B.

10. Republicans of Third district met at Somerville, and nominated Orestes A. Brownson, for Congress.

10. In command of G. W. Mendel, the 27th regiment left camp in Newark, for service in Virginia, in a pouring rain.

10. Mrs. M. K. Vanamon publishes opening of millinery and fancy goods store, opposite Court House.

10. John G. Trusdell adds a general insurance business to his law practice in Newark.

13. Sussex Republicans elect delegates to Congressional convention at Paterson, on 17th. The latter convention, after organization, was adjourned to the 22d, at Morristown.

13. William H. Bell secures renomination for Assembly in First District, having completely outgeneraled the Newton Clique, which sought to punish him for his vote against Henry C. Kelsey.

15. Jonathan N. Pickle, of Roxbury township, Morris county, committed to Morristown jail, charged with murder of his brother, Firman N. Pickle. On the previous Monday, while on a fishing and gunning excursion they drank freely from a jug of rum. A quarrel ensued, and Firman threatened summary vengeance upon Jonathan and his family. The latter reached home first, having taken the precaution to stop at his brother's house and secure his gun; Jonathan proceeded home and awaited the threatened attack, which was soon made with clubs and a dirk knife in hand. Fearing that Firman would gain entrance, and do him and his family bodily injury, Jonathan fired the shot gun, killing his brother instantly. The brothers respectively aged 47 and 49 years, had large families, and were nephews of Hon. Jonathan Pickle, of Hunterdon county. The remote cause of the altercation was jealousy, and the immediate cause rum.

16. Fourth District Democratic convention held at Morristown. Hon. George T. Cobb declined to stand upon a platform which declared "that the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln was both unconstitutional and impolitic." This had been previously planned, and the notorious Jack Rogers had prepared the way so effectually that an informal ballot showed that he had a majority of all the votes cast, and was thereupon regularly nominated. The disgust of loyal Democrats could not be printed in cold type.

16. Distillery at Allamuchy, operated by Paul Angle, destroyed by a fire originating from the low wines taking fire while the distiller was charging the kettle.

17. Zillah L. Coursen and Emma J. Ward announce partnership in millinery business.

17. Republican Congressional convention met at Paterson, and after effecting an organization—John Hill being president—by a vote of 49 to 21 voted to adjourn until the 22d instant, at Morristown, in order to consult with the Democrats who had been so grossly outraged by the action of their convention on the previous day.

19. Rev. J. P. Durbin, D. D., a very eloquent speaker, occupied pulpit of Newton M. E. Church.

20. Sussex R. R. cuts its early morning train service to Mondays and Fridays, and changes freight train schedule from 5.1 to 7.30 p. m.

21. Burglars enter house of John Iliff, near Young's pond, and abstract two watches, some female clothing and \$5 in specie. Though the thieves entered Mr. Iliff's bedroom, and searched his clothing,

neither he nor his wife was awakened. The object of their search was undoubtedly \$300, which Mr. Iliff had drawn from bank that day, but which he had hidden in a secure place. The same evening the residence of Mrs. Peter Struble, two miles east of Mr. Iliff's, was entered while the family were at tea, and clothing belonging to some visitors from New York was taken.

22. Adjourned Republican convention assembled at Morristown, when it was resolved to be inexpedient to make a party nomination for Congress. The convention being adjourned sine die, a mass convention was held, over which John H. Brown presided. Other prominent Democrats participated, and after the hearty and unanimous nomination of John Linn, of Sussex, as the candidate, speeches were made by Thomas N. McCarter and Judge Martin Ryerson that will live in history long after their bones crumble to dust. The reporter of the Newark Mercury, who gave an outline of these speeches (which appear in THE REGISTER) said it was impossible to do justice to either of them. For earnest, impassioned language their equal probably never was known in any gathering.

24. Daniel Budd announces that Mr. McGowen, of the Belvidere Classical School, had consented to take charge of the Chester (N. J.) Institute.

24. Concert in Presbyterian church, under direction of Prof. S. P. Hinds, who had been instructing the Sabbath schools of the various churches in the rudiments of music.

24. Levi H. Truex and D. E. Frambes form partnership in Newton.

25. Robert Hamilton nominated for Assembly by Democrats of Second district.

27. Dr. Brownson spoke at Belvidere, and on the 23th at Hackettstown and Johnsonburg.

28. Donations of dried apples for use of soldiers received at court house by Ladies' Aid Society.

#### NOVEMBER.

4. General election. A reverse for Union men, under the cry of "the d-d abolitionists." Joel Parker elected Governor by 14,596 majority; his majority in Sussex was 1958. Jack Rogers wins a seat in Congress, having 1290 majority in Sussex and 2,927 in the district. As will be seen he ran 668 behind Parker in Sussex, and 6,989 in the district. Wm. H. Bell and Robert Hamilton were elected to the Assembly without opposition. Total vote polled, 4,403.

5. Rev. Reuben Vansyckle having been released from chaplaincy of hospital at Fortress Monroe, appointed to Deckertown charge vice Rev. John Faull, chaplain of 27th N. J. Vols.

6. When returning from Newton after a lecture at night, horse driven by John Iliff took fright near Drake's pond, and broke the shafts. Mrs. Iliff was thrown out and somewhat bruised. It was necessary to take her to a neighboring house, and during that duty a thief stole Mr. Iliff's buffalo robe and sundry packages of groceries which were in the wagon.

6. Horace Warner's bookstore burglarized, yet the culprits did not take anything of any value, money seeming to be the object of search.

6. Rev. J. K. Burr delivered lecture in Newton M. E. Church. Subject, "The First Congress."

7. Gen. McClellan removed from command of Army of the Potomac.

7. A Democratic festival was to have been held in Newton on this date to celebrate the great moral and political victory of Jack Rogers, but the elements ruled otherwise, and a "norther" completely squelched the project. Snow fell for 12 hours, and then recommenced and continued on the 8th and 9th. In this section the snow was 10 to 12 inches in depth, and the roads were badly obstructed by drifts. Large quantities of corn, turnips and apples were ungathered. The storm extended from Nova Scotia to Florida, and

caused much suffering among the soldiers in Virginia and elsewhere.

7. Fire at 4 a. m. destroys slaughter house of G. F. Gibson, in "Kirby Hollow," Newton. Loss, \$400.

10. Wm. H. Lane adds cabinet making and undertaking to his wood working business in Deckertown.

10. Sussex county was divided into three internal revenue districts, under the following assessors: Peter C. Osborne, John W. Laue and O. Pellet Armstrong.

10. Fisk & Hatch begin advertising National loan at 6 per cent., called "fiftwenties."

13. Hoboken & Newark Railroad, connected with the Morris & Essex Railroad, opened. Train conveying invited guests made trip from Newark in 18 minutes. A collation served at the Hoboken House. Outside of railroad officials, the invitations in Sussex were confined exclusively to Breckenridge Democrats. The contract of the M. & E. R. R. with the New Jersey Railroad would not expire until October 13, 1863, and it was announced that M. & E. trains would not run over the new road until that date, meanwhile the extension to Easton was to be effected.

13. Deacon Gabriel Brass, one of the landmarks of Wantage, died at the age of 86 years.

16. President Lincoln issues an order enjoining observance of the Sabbath in the Army and Navy.

18. Elizabeth, widow of Philip Wil-drick, died at her home in Hardwick tsp., aged 101 years. She was survived by three widowed sisters, aged 93, 82 and 78 years, all residing in the same neighborhood.

20. The freshet of last spring had caused a great scarcity of coal, and the Morris canal had 1,000 boats in service between Easton and Jersey City, and had hired men to break ice in an effort to keep the canal in operation as long as possible.

20. Edward A. Reeder had been appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, for Sussex county.

21. Peter Cannon signs as General Agent of Sussex Railroad, indicating that J. Schuyler had retired.

21. Col. Sam Fowler, after a severe illness in Washington, from typhoid fever, comes home on a brief furlough.

23. Pastor of Newton M. E. Church begins a series of extra services.

24. A great rush of freight over Sussex road. The shipments of dressed hogs on this date were 1034, and 722 on the 25th, making an aggregate of 220,000 pounds. A corresponding supply of poultry was shipped, and prices fell under the over supply.

28. The Court of Errors reverses the Chancellor's decree in the zinc ore cases.

27. Thanksgiving day.

27. Kerosene oil, which had been sold at wholesale as low as 25 cents per gallon, had now risen in price to \$1 per gallon.

29. Three young men of Flatbrookville were hunting along the Delaware, when the dogs in their company began to fight. In an effort to separate them, the gun of one of the hunters was discharged, the shot entering the breast of one of his companions, causing a wound which resulted in death in about 30 minutes. The victim was the 17-year-old son of Daniel Smith.

#### DECEMBER.

1. War prices were in evidence. Newspapers were raising their subscription terms, or curtailing the size of their sheets. Calicoes sold at 14 to 22 cents per yard, unbleached muslin, 16 to 29c. per yard, the latter for Amoskeag; sugar, 88 to 94c. for 7lb.; tea, \$1 to \$1.40 per pound.

1. George Nelden and Robert M. Rorbach form partnership in lumber business at Newton.

2. Sussex Courts opened by Chief Justice Whelpley. Only three or four of the grand jurors are now living.

4. A fierce fire in Morristown destroys stable of W. K. and G. W. King, and a carpenter shop; several adjacent buildings were damaged.



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6. At this date there were 1106 soldiers in the Newark hospital, and donation of a large box of delicacies from ladies of Beemerville was acknowledged.

7. Jacob Snook, aged 70 years, died at Newton from effects of injuries sustained in a runaway accident some weeks since.

8. Trial of George M. Drake, for murder, began at 3 p. m. Attorney General Frelinghuysen and Thomas N. McCarter assisted Prosecutor Cyrus S. Lepore, for the State. The defense was represented by John Linn, Robert Hamilton, Andrew J. Rogers and John G. Trusdell. Mr. Hamilton asked postponement for 24 hours, and after submitting affidavit, the request was granted. Trial resumed on the 9th, at 10. Jury obtained without much delay, the defense challenging 15 of those called. The jury was composed of Jacob Dewitt, Andrew J. Coykendall, Robert Everitt, Benjamin Metler, Jacob Westbrook, Aaron W. Clark, Chauncey Depue, Jonas Smith, Guy Price, John H. Roe, James Roe, Barret Drew. Testimony closed on the 12th. Thomas N. McCarter addressed the jury for 3½ hours. A. J. Rogers, for defense, spoke five hours, and was followed by Robert Hamilton, who spoke 5½ hours, or until adjournment on Saturday night. On Sunday the jury, in charge of three constables, attended service in three different churches, morning, afternoon and evening. At 9 a. m. on Monday, 15th, Attorney-General Frelinghuysen made the closing speech, occupying 2½ hours. Chief Justice Whelpley charged the jury, occupying about one hour. His statement of the law formed the basis under which the defendant escaped conviction. The Chief Justice said he could not be convicted of murder unless the poison was administered with intent to kill; he could not be convicted of manslaughter under the indictment, which was for murder at common law, inasmuch as the statute of this State, making abortion a high misdemeanor, punishable with imprisonment for fifteen years, had repealed the common law which made death resulting from the commission of that offence murder in the second degree or manslaughter. The jury was therefore confined to one issue, whether he was guilty of wilful or premeditated murder in the first degree. This technicality saved the defendant, and after the jury had been absent four hours they rendered a verdict of not guilty. Drake was then held to bail by order of the Court in the sum of \$4,000, to answer any presentment that might be made against him by the next grand jury.

11. The Fifteenth regiment receives its baptism of fire at Fredericksburg. Major John P. Fowler killed. The 27th and other nine months men also had a taste of this hot stuff.

11. Colonel Henry O. Ryerson, who had been assigned to command of 231 New Jersey Vols., was conspicuous for his bravery in battle to-day.

12. Wheat flour selling at \$7.85 and \$10.25 per barrel. Tobacco advanced from 3 cents per paper to 4 cents; eight for 25 cents.

12. Barn of James Hulbert, at Walnut Grove, burned, and a Mrs. McCord arrested on suspicion of having caused the fire.

13. Rev. George W. Horton leaves to assume chaplaincy of 1st regiment, Sickles brigade.

15. Sussex Brigade Board met at Cochran House.

13. The Presbyterian church at Washington, Warren county, destroyed by fire this evening. The church was new and cost \$20,000, was finely furnished and had one of the finest organs in the State.

15. The pirate Alabama was playing havoc with Union shipping, and five or six vessels were scouring the ocean in pursuit of her. On the 17th of November she escaped from the U. S. ship San Jacinto, at Martinique, under the 24 hour neutrality law of the French government.

16. Hon. George T. Cobb sends to THE REGISTER a specimen of paper made from corn husks. It was too brittle and of bad

color for newspaper use.

16. Barn of Samuel Jones, in Morris-town, burned.

16. Superintendents of Alms house advertise for a Steward to succeed John L. Everitt, resigned.

20. Rose & Chidester dissolve partnership at Stanhope.

21. Funeral of Sergeant-Major John P. Fowler, at Franklin.

22. Sussex Co. Agricultural Society re-elected its old officers at annual meeting at Hoppongh's Hotel.

23. Dr. John R. Stuart appointed Examining Surgeon for wounded and disabled soldiers making application for relief under Pension laws.

24. Mountain House, in Sandyston township, owned by Dr. J. L. Allen, and occupied by John B. Stoll, destroyed by fire about sunset. Only portion of furniture saved. Loss, \$4,000.

24. Ladies' Sewing Society of Baptist church held festival in Park Hall.

25. Christmas festival in basement of Stanhope Presbyterian church.

26. At Mankato, Minn., on this date, 38 condemned Indians were hanged. The gallows was so constructed that they all fell at once. There was a great crowd of spectators, but no disorder.

27. Rev. D. W. Moore delivered lecture on "Physiology," in Baleville church.

27. Thomas Roberts, of Hackettstown, found dead in bed with his throat cut. He had become quite dissipated, though friends remonstrated without effect. The previous night he told his brother there would be a death in the house before morning. He was 35 years of age, and survived by a wife and three sons.

30. A heavy fall of snow while the ground was very muddy.

31. Festival at Brick House, for benefit of Reformed Dutch Church of Montague.

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1. Ladies of the Soldiers' Aid Society held a festival in the Court House, for benefit of sick and wounded soldiers. Contributions came from surrounding townships, and the net proceeds were \$362. A pleasant incident was the presentation of a silver cake basket to the wife of Sheriff Arvis, as a tribute of respect for her unwearied efforts to make the gatherings of the ladies of the Association as pleasant as possible, and to promote the objects of the Society.

1. Great advance in price of printing paper was making publishers squeal, but THE REGISTER was an exception, preferring to bear its burden of the war without complaint.

1. The Emancipation proclamation of September 22, 1862, is declared in effect in all territory of the United States then in rebellion.

3. Noting the fact that the rebel newspapers were calling Gen. W. S. Rosenkrans a Jew, it was stated that he was a Roman Catholic, and his ancestors were among the very first settlers of Sussex county; they were all Protestants. Jacob Rosenkrans, the father of the General, removed from this county to Ohio, about the year 1795. He was one of the party of emigrants who went thither from Sussex with John Cleve Symmes, the father-in-law of the late President W. H. Harrison.

3. Organization of negro regiments had at last been decided upon. They were to be put to the kind of service for which white men are not believed to be constitutionally suited.

3. Frequent notices of deaths among our volunteers show that then, as now, typhoid fever claimed more victims than the bullet.

3. A son of Franklin Alexander, aged 11 years, drowned while skating on the inlet of paper mill pond, at Morris Plains.

5. Quarterly statement of Sussex Bank shows discounts of \$296,749.74; notes in circulation, \$249,245; deposits, \$95,296. Building Committee on account of new banking room, was charged with \$1,867.75.

5. Farmers Bank of Wantage reported discounts of \$150,908.94; bills in circulation, \$161,484; deposits, \$36,611.97.

6. The plans for Jacob L. Swazey's house in Newton, had been exhibited in Trenton, by architect Chauncey Graham, who also drew the plans for the Babbitt mansion.

5. A card from Rev. Henry Rinker, principal of Newton Collegiate Institute, says that though he resigned several months ago, his engagement ran to the close of the Spring term. Owing to private business matters he had secured a release, and the Board of Trustees announce that on January 26, Rev. William Travis will assume the duties of principal, with Miss Susan C. Linn in charge of the female department.

5. A little daughter of James Matthews drowned while crossing the ice on cotton mill pond at Whippany. Her mother, in a frantic effort to save the child, nearly perished.

8. Ladies' Aid Society of Newton acknowledge receipt of a box of hospital stores from patriotic ladies of Sandyston.

9. Isaac Holten, of Branchville, says he is the first licensed auctioneer in Sussex. No other could act, under the internal revenue law.

9. J. W. & L. H. Smith had removed freighting office to S. C. Dunn's store.

9. Jansen H. Beemer advertises that his mammoth ox, weighing 3,300 lbs., will be disposed of at Chardavoyne's hotel, Deckertown, on February 21, by chance, at \$2.50 per ticket.

9. A. Yetter, T. P. Cornell and Theo. Marthis were grain buyers, with headquarters at Anderson House, Newton.

10. Persons interested in the incorporation of Newton requested to meet at the Cochran House. In consequence of a severe storm, this meeting was adjourned until the 17th inst.

13. Ladies of M. E. Church invade the parsonage and surprise Rev. Mr. Lockwood and wife. The latter received a handsome silver cake basket.

14. Newark Military Hospital acknowledges receipt of box of luxuries and delicacies from Ladies' Aid Society of Pappakating. Also, a box from ladies of Christ Church, Newton, in September last, and another at the present time containing 40 shirts, dried fruit, lint, etc.

14. Store of H. B. Strait, at Sparta, robbed of from \$300 to \$500 worth of goods, and a small quantity of money. Thieves also stole a horse and wagon owned by Charles Durling. A yearling colt also disappeared at the same time, and by means of its unshod feet the thieves were traced by Sidney Smith and others from Sparta to Andover. Residents of Andover also joined in the pursuit. Arriving at the house of Job Sanford White, 1¼ miles north of Andover, the tracks of the colt indicated that it had lingered for some time. It was ascertained that a son of Mrs. White, named Freeman Goble, had arrived that morning, and had gone to the garret to sleep. A part of the posse in charge of Constable Reed, of Andover, entered the house. William Earl, of Sparta, was in advance, as they went up the stairs; he discovered Goble crouching behind a barrel, and as he exclaimed, "here he is," Goble fired a small revolver loaded with shot into the face of Mr. Earl: one of his eyes was nearly torn out and the sight destroyed. Goble fired another barrel at Jacob H. Shuman, slightly wounding him in the forehead; a third shot took effect in the legs of Henry Hammel, and a fourth lodged a few shots in the shoulder of Constable Reed. The young desperado then kept his pursuers at bay for a short time with a double-barreled pistol, but was soon forced to yield. He was brought to Newton in company with Mr. White. The mare, colt and wagon were found on the Brighton road, about half a mile from White's house. With the exception of a few trifling articles, all the plunder taken from Strait's store was found in White's house. Also, the spoils of several other robberies in the vicinity, including a gold watch and garments

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taken from house of John Iliff last October; ladies' dresses taken from houses of Mrs. Phillip Struble and William H. Pinkney; also a few articles stolen from house of William Kyle, in Green township; also a lot of jewelry, cutlery, clothing and fancy articles recently stolen from pedlar's wagon of Lewis Fox, at Whitehall. Goble was scarcely 18 years of age, but seemed to be an inveterate thief, and after arrest proudly told of his burglarious exploits; said he belonged to a gang of five persons, and that they had formed plans for robbing several places, including the Sussex Bank. Mr. White was a man of good repute, of a highly respected family, and was the last person who would have been accused of receiving stolen goods; he and his wife were admitted to bail in the sum of \$500 each, to appear at the April term. Goble was a deserter from the army.

15. Among real estate advertised to be sold this month were the Ayers farm, hotel and mills at Allamuchy; the White farm of 385 acres near Andover; the Hazlett Slater property at Lafayette, and the William Gray farm at Woodbourne, Wantage township.

15. The brick store erected by Edwards & Smith, on Spring street, had passed into possession of Hull & Rosenkrans.

16. George Conklin and Amos S. Reed had taken out licenses as auctioneers.

16. "The Flower Queen" given in Leveville church by E. R. Conklin's class.

17. Adjourned meeting of citizens of Newton to act upon the question of incorporation, held at Cochran House. A motion that the town be not incorporated was withdrawn to enable Thomas N. McCarter to offer a resolution "that it is inexpedient, at this time, to proceed further with the incorporation of the village." Mr. McCarter spoke briefly, and then requested Joseph Coult to read a letter from the cashier of the Hackettstown Bank. This letter stated that \$900 was amply sufficient for keeping the streets in order, paying their officers, and providing for the poor of the village; they were well satisfied with their situation, and did not desire to return to township methods. This opened a debate in which incorporation was advocated by Messrs. T. N. McCarter, Robert Hamilton, Joseph Coult, Dr. F. Smith, Andrew Shiner, and others. The opposition was by E. C. Moore, Elijah Blackwell, Dr. J. R. Stuart, and others. The question was put, and it was decided by a large majority to proceed with the incorporation. Joseph Coult, Franklin Smith, T. N. McCarter, John Linn, John McCarter, Jr., and Andrew Shiner, were appointed to draft a charter, and the meeting adjourned to January 24, at the Court House.

20. Thieves, whose object seemed to be the possession of money, were raiding stores in Port Jervis.

22. Announcement that the Sussex Railroad would, on April 13 next, place an evening milk train upon their road, with the hope that it would become a "permanent institution." Train was to leave Newton at 7.30 p. m., and arrive in Jersey City at 2 a. m. Aaron Peck signs as President.

24. Captain Fernald, of Company A, 27th N. J. Vols., makes an appeal to Sussex for rubber blankets for his men.

24. Job S. White and his wife Lydia, re-arrested on complaint of Lewis Fox, charging them as receivers of stolen goods, and falling to give bail were committed.

24. Train on Newark and Hoboken R. R. runs into open draw in bridge over Hackensack river, at 6.15 a. m. Engine and smoking car went into the river; remaining car left hanging over edge of the draw. Jacob Woodruff, engineer, and Manning Gallagher, fireman, drowned; R. Riordan and Samuel Harris jumped from engine and escaped; Conductor Havens escaped from smoking car, but a young man named Vincent, and Theodore Mallow, a boy of 18, were drowned. John M. McCoy, of Newton, was a passenger on this train, but escaped uninjured, though many of his fellow passengers were bruised.

24. Adjourned incorporation meeting held at Court House, Henry Simpson, the original chairman, presiding. George R. McCarter was secretary. Committee on charter reported, through Joseph Coult, two propositions: 1st, charter similar to that of Hackettstown, with some modifications. 2d, an act of the Legislature setting apart as a road district all that portion of the township of Newton embraced in a circle of half a mile from the Court House. E. C. Moore moved to accept the report, and when that was done followed with a motion to adjourn. Lost. Dr. Ryerson moved the adoption of the second proposition. A long debate followed, during which several amendments were proposed and withdrawn. Jacob L. Swayze asked Dr. Ryerson to withdraw his proposition, and this being done Mr. Swayze moved the adoption of the 1st proposition. Another long debate followed, amid great confusion, but when a vote was finally reached it was against the proposition. Robert Hamilton moved to refer the subject to the next town meeting. Lost. Dr. Ryerson then moved the adoption of the 2d proposition, to be voted upon in nine sections. This was adopted, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

25. Twelve persons immersed in the new baptistry in the Newton Baptist Church, by Rev. Levi Morse.

26. Henry T. Sloan, sentenced at last September term of Court, for passing counterfeit money, died in State prison, aged about 40 years.

27. Ladies' Aid Society met at Court House, to make up some 300 hospital garments. Members were requested to bring their sewing machines.

27. The right to use Nathaniel Drake's improved churn power in the State of New York, had been sold by that Sussex inventor, for \$6,000.

27. Edmund Bevans, of Sandyston, had been chosen as the successor to John L. Everitt, who had resigned as Steward of the Alms House, after April 1.

29. Rev. J. Townley Crane delivered lecture in Newton M. E. Church. Subject: "Talk about Talk."

29. Gold was selling at a premium of 53 per cent.

30. Wm. J. Shorter, of Deckertown, joins the army of licensed auctioneers.

30. A singular coincidence was the death on this day of Mary Armstrong, at Lafayette, aged 31 years, and on the 31st, in New York city, her sister Martha, wife of John Cummins, aged 36 years. Both died of typhoid fever.

30. Partnership between Evaline Rorbach and Amanda M. Vance, dissolved.

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2. At this date there were twenty-one distilleries of apple whiskey in Sussex county, whose yield during this season, was about 40,000 gallons. Morris county produced 60,000 gallons, and the government tax was twenty cents per gallon. To meet this tax distillers required farmers to give two more bushels of apples than formerly for a gallon of whiskey, though the advance in price much more than paid the tax.

2. Firm of Nelden & Bodine dissolved. Business continued under the style of G. H. Nelden & Co.

2. Sussex Mutual met at Hoppage's Hotel. The only change in officers was the election of Daniel S. McCarter as secretary and treasurer, vice Franklin Smith. The losses of the year aggregated \$1,732.50, though the payments included \$2,900 on the Willard House loss.

2. Directors of M. & E. R. R., in session at Newark, decide to proceed at once with the construction of the extension to the Delaware river.

3. A stone grist mill, owned by William Baker, at Bernardsville, burned, with its contents—a large quantity of grain belonging to neighboring farmers.

3. Rev. Charles Rosenthal, of Scranton, Pa., held service in the German language in lecture room of Presbyterian church, Newton.

4. Festival by ladies of Andover M. E.

Church.

4. The coldest day of the winter, 6° below zero.

4. Joseph Coult acknowledges receipt of \$554 sent home by members of Co. D, 27th N. J. Vols., and adds that the members of that company had exceeded all others in their allotments, having sent home from two months' pay, \$1,372, of which, besides the amount he received, \$448 was sent to Henry McDanolds, of Branchville; \$135 to Thomas Kays, of Lafayette; and \$135 to John H. Brown, of Hardyston.

5. Harold Stivers, aged about 30, died at home of his uncle, S. H. Stivers, in Branchville. Though weak in body he had an ardent desire to serve as a soldier. He applied for admission in the first companies, but was twice rejected. He finally succeeded in getting in Co. I, 7th regiment, but shortly after entering upon active duty was sent to hospital, and finally discharged from service for disability.

6. The allotment rolls of companies D, I, and K, of the 15th regiment, and Co. A, 27th regiment, had been received by D. S. Anderson, and the total to be paid to families and friends of soldiers amounted to \$3,636.93.

9. Sussex Bank declares a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. From the manner in which it is emphasized we judge this to be the first dividend at that rate.

10. Thomas Armstrong had purchased meat business of James C. Bailey, in Newton.

10. Barnum's pets, Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren, married in Grace Church, N. Y. The smallest wedded pair in the world.

10. Printing paper had gone up to 20 and 24 cents per pound. The Herald claimed it had forced a paper dealer to sell at 15 cents on the strength of a former contract.

10. Jonathan Pickle convicted in Morris Courts of the murder of his brother, Furman Pickle. Jury out five hours. In view of the extenuating circumstances, Justice Whelpley immediately sentenced him to twelve years imprisonment at hard labor.

11. Dr. F. W. Perry died at Mendham, from effects of a nail running into his foot. He was 46 years of age, and one of the Assistant Assessors of Morris county.

13. "The Lay of the Goose," by Curry Comb, appears. It describes the adventures of "a certain smart professor, with Jewish principles and nose, withal a rank Secesher." This chap was E. I. Mohr, and he vainly sought to establish a libel suit, because his adventure at Branchville had been told in verse, without mentioning his name.

14. New Jersey Editorial Association met and chose officers. Also, appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of building or renting a paper mill for the manufacture of paper for the use of the Associated Press of New Jersey. There were at this time, 57 weeklies and 11 dailies published in the State. One newspaper had been started during the year, and 12 discontinued.

15. Tuttle & Rosenkrans had purchased the clothing store of S. C. Dann.

15. A three-quarter interest in a lead mine, near Port Jervis, had been sold for \$240,000.

15. Even at this late period it is galling to read of the obstructions placed in the way of the U. S. Government, in its efforts to suppress the Rebellion. The cry of nigger, and the efforts of the Copperhead press, led by Vallandigham, et al., undoubtedly prolonged the war by a year or more, and added greatly to the suffering and loss of life.

17. Engine house of M. & E. R. R., at Newark, burned, together with four locomotives.

19. Residence of Elias G. Brasted, near Monroe, robbed of a gold watch.

19. Elias Mains arrested at Waterloo, by constable Baldwin, on a charge of passing a \$10 Treasury note raised from \$1. Upon his person was found \$60 in counterfeit \$10 greenbacks; also, a \$50 Treasury

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note, altered from \$2. He confessed his guilt, and stated that he was furnished with the counterfeit Treasury notes at \$30 per \$100, by a man named Myers, who ran a barge between New York and Elizabethport. Myers was arrested on the 20th upon this information, and another notorious counterfeiter was named, but had not yet been arrested.

21. Captain Daniel Bailey had resigned his commission after a two months' illness from typhoid fever, and the report of the physicians that he would not be well enough for service again through the winter. He expected to re-enlist as soon as his health would permit.

21. Beemer's big ox was not disposed of by lot, as intended, but was sold to Bray & Drake.

22. Fourteen more baptisms by Rev. Levi Morse, in Baptist church.

22. A heavy fall of snow brings sleighing.

25. The great dearth of cotton had caused agitation for the cultivation of flax. George H. Mills sought to revive its growth in Sussex and Warren by offering seed to all who would sow it, and Mr. Mills offered to purchase the product.

25. A post office had been established at Clove, Wantage tsp., with Jansen H. Beemer in charge.

25. The Union sentiment was growing more bitter against the "copperheads," and such loyal Democrats as Gov. Tod, of Ohio; and Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee, were stirring up the Great West, as it never had been stirred before.

26. New Jersey Senate passed "peace" resolutions, denouncing the war, by a strict party vote, 13 to 8.

27. "Hervey" contributes to THE REGISTER some stanzas on the remark made by the brave little boy of Captain Wainwright, who was killed on the "Harriet Lane." Even after the death of his father he stood manfully at his post, and said: "They will not kill ME, will they?" We wonder if that lad is not the present fearless commander of the Gloucester?

27. Rufus J. Drake offers \$50 reward for detection of thief who robbed his wagon at Stillwater.

27. William H. Walker, of Newton, escapes injury in a wreck near Princeton, N. J., by which three cars filled with passengers were broken up, and some twenty injured.

28. Edward Pierson arrested at Jersey City, on suspicion of being an accomplice of Elias Mains, who was recently arrested in Morris county, on a charge of counterfeiting, and escaped from Morristown jail. Pierson was captain of a canal boat, and not only secreted Mains, but gave him clothing and money. Mains was now in Sussex jail, on a similar charge, though it was not suspected at the time of his arrest that he had another charge against him. Myers, his accomplice, was an Englishman, who formerly resided at Stanhope, under the name of Robbins. He bore a bad reputation, and left the place suddenly to avoid arrest for stealing.

## MARCH.

1. The storehouse of J. W. Cummins & Co. had been entirely renovated, and John J. Edwards employed as one of the salesmen.

2. E. A. Stiles announces that he had changed his purpose to close his school, at the urgent solicitation of patrons.

2. Marshal Hunt, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, for Warren county, prints his notice of dates and places for paying taxes in THE REGISTER, its circulation in the upper townships exceeding any other journal.

5. Rev. R. S. Arndt delivered lecture upon "Character of Washington," in Newton M. E. Church.

5. Jacob Vanatta, a member of Assembly, introduced a bill to prevent the immigration of negroes and mulattoes into New Jersey.

6. Elizabeth, relict of the late Judge Joseph Y. Miller, died at Newton, aged 82 years.

8. A singular phenomenon at 11 p. m. While the snow was falling rapidly a re-

markably heavy thunder clap shook the window sashes in this section, and there was a trembling as if in the throes of an earthquake.

9-11. The most snow and best sleighing of the winter. A large sleighing party from Blairstown Academy visits Newton.

10. Gold deals in Wall street had fluctuated between 150 and 172 within a week, closing at 158 1/2.

10. Lists of deserters from the army were growing painfully large and numerous. Some from this region had been caught and heavily sentenced.

11. Legislature in joint meeting, appointed Common Pleas Judges, viz: Henry K. Winans, Sussex; Jacob L. Sharp, Warren; Samuel O. Bryant, Morris.

11. The Peace resolutions were the special order in the Assembly, but were postponed until the following week, when they were passed by a strict party vote, Mr. Bell, of Sussex, being absent. It was remarked: "The infamy of the base deed will cling to all concerned while life endures, and then be transmitted to their children and their children's children. The tories of the Revolutionary war had infinitely more manhood than the miserable cravens, in the present crisis, who lay their bellies in the dust, and implore Jeff Davis to hold his hand, and grant them a respite, that they may propose terms of surrender which will be acceptable to him and his fellow Rebels."

12. Note made that a little girl, whose name was not ascertained, had been burned to death at Deckertown, by her clothes taking fire.

12. Union Leagues were being formed throughout the country to counteract the work of the Knights of the Golden Circle. The form of organization adopted was printed, and the wish expressed that at least seven be instituted in the County of Sussex.

14. Col. Sam Fowler arrives in Newton, having resigned his command of the 15th N. J. Vols., after an absence of five months from illness.

14. Henry M. Ellett, of Stillwater, had received a bad fracture of the right arm while hauling wood.

12. State Tax bill reported by Robert Hamilton, differed in some respects from Mr. McCarter's bill of 1862. No deduction was allowed for debts on real estate; mining and manufacturing companies were to be taxed upon all their real and personal property, but not upon their stock. The amount of tax to be raised was \$300,000, or three times greater than in 1862.

17. Stockholders of Sussex and Warren Railroad called upon to meet at Hoppaugh's Hotel.

17. Very Rev. Bernard McQuaid delivered a lecture in St. Joseph's Church, Newton. He paid a glowing tribute to the life and character of St. Patrick. The audience while not large, was more numerous than any other lecturer, no matter how distinguished, could gather in Newton.

18. Samuel Shelly, of Wantage township, aged 103 years, died at the home of his son, in Sparta. Through life he enjoyed the most vigorous health, and up to within a brief period of his death was remarkable for his physical activity and the clearness of his mental perceptions. No other person in the county was now living who had reached the century mark.

19. Confidence in the loyalty of Governor Parker was such that a State loan of \$200,000 brought a premium of a fraction over 13 per cent.

20. Note made of the death of a venerable couple named Rogers, aged respectively 84 and 82 years, residing in the upper part of Wantage township. The husband died first, and as his body was being removed to the cemetery, the old lady remarked, that if they would defer the interment for a few days her body would then be ready for the grave. In one week her forebodings were fully realized. Both died from a decay of nature.

20. Though holding its meetings in January, the Hardwick Mutual never

published its annual report until March. At the last meeting on January 3, at Hope, the total number of policies in force was 1,090. The losses for a year and seven months were but \$109.49. During the 21 years of the Company's existence, the average rate of premium had been about three per cent.

20. A controversy over a statement that the Sibley tents of the 15th regiment had been taken away from them and given to negroes was effectually settled by the statement that when about to take the field the regiment surrendered its Sibley tents, and were given shelter tents, for which receipts were given. Afterward some of these tents, with 15th N. J. Vol., marked upon, were issued to other commands, some of which were at Belle Plain, and used as a shelter for mechanics building warehouses, and that was all there was in the matter.

19. The largest fire that Newton had experienced up to this date, broke out at 11 o'clock p. m. in the stables owned by Dr. Franklin Smith and W. S. Johnson, located on the alley now leading to Rosekrans livery stables. The flames rapidly spread to stables of Dr. R. A. Sheppard, Harrison Cole, and the large new barn of Dennis Cochran. Also, to the Snook building, owned by J. W. & L. H. Smith, and to the dwelling of Harrison Cole. Old No. 3 did valiant service, being located at the foundry cistern, and gangs of men worked with pails to prevent fire from extending southeasterly to Townsend's stables. About an acre was burned over, and the total loss was about \$7,000. The fire, at one time, threatened to spread over one fourth of the village, and credit was awarded to Charles Crook for judicious management and effective service. A demand was made for a second fire engine in Newton, the rebuilt No. 1 having proved of little use. Dennis Cochran was the heaviest loser; his loss over and above his insurance of \$1,000, was \$1,500, and included two cows and a large quantity of grain. Dr. Sheppard's loss, \$800; insurance, \$300. The loss on the Snook building was settled at \$313; this building contained nine small families, including three or four widows, all of whom suffered loss from broken and damaged furniture. Grover & Post had a meat market in this building, but got nearly everything out, tho' they lost a new wagon in one of the stables. Dr. Smith's loss, \$300, not insured. W. S. Johnson's loss, \$300 on stable, though Dr. Ryerson lost a carriage stored therein valued at \$130; and James A. Goodale suffered a loss of \$500, through burning to death of a valuable mare, carriage, etc. Harrison Cole suffered a loss of \$2,000 on stable and the partial destruction of his dwelling. Mrs. N. P. Parsons, a tenant, suffered loss, and a purse of \$160 was made up for her the next day. Other parties snared by theft of goods taken into the street. Several horses were rescued from the burning stables; some cows could not be driven out; Grover and Post saved four fat oxen, and Dr. Smith, after having used every effort to get his horse out of the burning stable turned away to leave him to his fate, when the animal walked out himself and was saved.

20. Sussex Railroad advertised excursion tickets for Newark M. E. Conference, at \$2.50, good while Conference lasted.

20. Rev. J. H. Northrup was in charge of Deerpark Institute, at Port Jervis.

20. Stoll & Dunn give notice that their business connection entirely ceased on March 1.

20. Cash prices of Merrimac calicoes, 25 cents per yard; heavy unbleached muslin, yard wide, 40c. per yard; best A sugar, \$1.10 for seven pounds.

21. A second meeting at Walpack Center to take further action against the "unconstitutional Conscription law."

24. Conference adjourned to meet next year at Paterson. Rev. George H. Whitney appointed to Newton, W. Chamberlain to Stillwater, A. Craig to Sandyston, Hainesville and Montague, T. Rawlins and J. A. Rutan to Lafayette, I. N. Van-

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sant to Wantage and Coleville, G. H. Jones to Vernon, R. Thomas to Sparta, David Walters to Port Jervis.

25. Legislature adjourned, and loyal citizens of Trenton fired a salute of 200 guns.

25. The Tax bill as finally passed was nearly like that of last year, exemptions for debts due on real estate were extended from county to anywhere in the State. Vanatta's negro bill, the bill permitting soldiers to vote, and Thomas Dunn English's bill placing New Jersey in an attitude of organized hostility to the National Government, were postponed to the next Legislature. Alarmed at the demonstrations over the passage of the infamous Peace resolutions, a "change of base" was suddenly made, and resolutions passed to the effect that no forcible resistance was intended against the U. S. Government.

25. Newark M. E. Conference met in Jersey City.

25. The "peace" resolutions, which passed the Assembly, by a vote of 28 to 13, 4 Republicans and 5 Democrats being absent, had resulted in the ridicule of other States. New Jersey was taunted with its disloyalty and as the only free State which had gone on its knees and begged Jeff Davis to quit fighting. These resolutions did not reflect the sentiments of the people, but were the result of a studied effort upon the part of disloyal politicians to embarrass the Government. The soldiers in the Army were especially indignant, and threatened vengeance when they returned home, for this fire in the rear.

24-25. A warm rain melts the large body of snow on the ground, and causes a great freshet.

26. George W. Price closed out his store stock at Lafayette, by auction.

27. Interesting letters appear from A. B. Hathaway, of 171st Pennsylvania; J. B. Titman, of 27th N. J. V., and an officer of the 15th N. J. V.

27. Boston Franklinite Company issue statement that on March 1, 1863, the capital stock was \$98,000; existing debt, \$38,168; assets deemed good, \$68,800.

27. B. H. Kays announces that he has purchased the foundry business at Beaver Run.

27. There was great complaint of the bad sanitary condition of the 15th regiment. Though composed of the flower of the counties of Sussex, Warren, Morris and Hunterdon, through disease it had dwindled nearly one-third. Deaths from typhoid were far too numerous. The cause was variously given, but the chief one was that the men had occupied bunks too deep in the ground.

29. William Howard, aged 45, of Vernon, suicides with arsenic. Medical aid not procured until 14 hours after he had taken the dose, and then it was too late. He was a widower, 45 years of age, and his suicide was in consequence of impediments having been placed in the way of his marriage to a young woman. He made no secret of this.

30. President Lincoln issues proclamation naming Thursday, April 30, as a day of fasting and prayer.

31. Snow fell to a depth of eight inches on the level.

## APRIL.

1. George M. Ryerson starts the first milk delivery wagon in Newton.

3. The paper required to print this edition of THE REGISTER cost \$28 06, as against a fraction less than \$13 a year ago.

3. Within the past two weeks forty millions of dollars had been paid to the army, and it was expected that within a week all would have been paid to March 1.

3. A letter appears from Lieut. N. K. Bray, dated March 26, and written aboard the steamer "Jacob Strader," on the Ohio river, near Covington, Ky.

3. Sussex Mutual orders an assessment of three per cent.

3. Sering Wade, aged 70, formerly of Sparta, died at Belvidere.

5. Burglars get through outer wall of Iron Bank, at Morristown, but fall to open safe.

5. Grover & Post removed meat market to James C. Bailey's old stand.

5. Hiram Conner, late with Hosea J. Hardin, removes to Hamburg and begins wheelwrighting business.

6. John C. Williams, John B. Losey and Daniel E. Frambes elected trustees of Newton School District No. 7. The meeting debated the present lamentable lack of school accommodation in Newton, and to take further action in the matter, adjourned until April 16.

6. Sussex Bank reported discounts of \$309,665 42, and had taken \$20,000 of the bonds of the State of New Jersey; also \$50,000 of the United States loan, and held \$30,000 in U. S. Treasury Notes and Certificates of Indebtedness. Since the last quarterly statement the deposits had increased about \$30,000, the total being \$125,384.98. The new banking rooms now figure as having cost \$4,356.96.

6. Farmers Bank of Wantage had discounted notes and bills aggregating \$150,993.68, and had taken \$8,000 of the New Jersey loan. Depositors had over \$37,000 to their credit.

7. Annual meeting of stockholders of Farmers Bank of Wantage.

7. Sussex Courts opened by Judge Daniel Haines. Only three of the grand jurors now living. Thirty-one tavern licenses granted, one of which was to Seely Howell, for the Durling House, Newton, though his first license was issued in April, 1862. Of the thirty-one applicants for license only two or three are now living; while none of them are now in the hotel business.

8. William Rankin had removed his school from Chester to Mendham, Morris county.

8. Up to this date the weather had been of a very stormy character, making April more wintry than March.

8. Col. H. O. Ryerson takes leave of the 23d regiment, having been assigned to command of the 10th regiment.

10. The new management of the N. C. I. was most heartily commended for vigor and enterprise. The new faculty consisted of Wm. Travis, principal; Miss Susan C. Linn, principal of young ladies' department; Miss Fannie C. Norris, preparatory department; Miss Catharine R. Shafer, piano and vocal music; Dr. A. J. Travis, physiology and hygiene; Dr. Thos. Ryerson, lecturer on chemistry.

10. Jacob Hornbeck and Thos. J. Bonnell had just opened freighting business and general store at Port Jervis.

10. The grand jury came into court with twenty-one bills of indictment, action on some of which would now make very unpleasant reading for one or two persons prominent in public life. Gao. M. Drake was again indicted for a high misdemeanor, but admitted to bail in \$2,000, pending decision upon a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court that having been once tried for his life, and acquitted, he could not again be put in jeopardy.

10. Meeting held at Anderson House, to form a Democratic County Club. Dr. F. Smith presided. Only a few of the old leaders were present.

10. Frederick Crill became a licensed auctioneer.

10. Mrs. Goodrich opens millinery and dressmaking at Allamuchy.

10. Miss P. A. Anderson opens millinery in Newton, in rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Dunn. Miss Fox was her assistant.

10. Eveline Rorbach removed millinery to Goodale's building.

13. Annual township meetings. Only contests of importance were in Newton, Frankford and Wantage. The latter developed a contest over Freeholder, Jacob W. Dewitt running independently against Uz VanAnken, the caucus candidate, and was chosen by 45 majority. A proposition to raise by taxation \$8,800 to refund money paid as bounty to volunteers was defeated. In Frankford opposition to the "Union ticket" but with two or three exceptions, it went through by an average of 25 majority. Newton was a storm center. John McCarter, Jr., was Moderator. After the

appropriations, which aggregated \$6,750, had been made, and the election of a Township Committee of five members, none of whom were residents of Newton, the Moderator stated that though the taxable inhabitants of Newton paid over \$1,200 in road money, they were, under the present system, permitted to spend only \$200 thereof upon their own streets. He put it to the sense and fairness and justice of the meeting whether the village should not be allowed a larger sum to keep its roads in good order. A proposition was made to that effect, and was voted down without ceremony. Immediately afterwards, a resolution was offered "that this meeting is in favor of the incorporation of the village of Newton." The men who had voted against a larger share of road money voted for and carried the resolution, so that the decree was then and there registered that Newton would be separated from the other portion of the township, and thereby creating two new townships, Hampton on the northwest and Andover on the southeast. This extraordinarily lively town meeting then voted to transfer the town elections from Newton to Andover.

14. Annual meeting of stockholders of Warwick Valley Railroad Company, at Warwick.

14. Newton Fire Department, which at this period was operated under a special law, met at Cochran House, and elected Charles P. Rorbach as president; John F. Conger, secretary; Franklin Smith, assessor; Martin Grover, treasurer; David Thompson and William H. Johnson, managers. A resolution provided for payment of \$5 to assessor and \$20 to treasurer. The sum of \$1,000 was voted to purchase new apparatus, build more cisterns, make repairs, etc. The call for the meeting stated that the equipment was entirely worn out.

14. Governor Parker issues proclamation, seconding that of President Lincoln, for observance of April 30 as a day of fasting and prayer.

14. Lieut. John P. Northrup, Captain Henry P. Cooke and Capt. Geo. V. Griggs had been home on brief furlough. The health of the 15th regiment had improved, and there had been many promotions from the ranks.

15. Mrs. Haviland, milliner and dressmaker, in rooms over J. R. Little's store, Deckertown.

15. Peter Northrup, one of the best known farmers of Sussex, died near Balleville, aged 71 years.

15. Ephraim Lindsley appointed postmaster at Dover, vice Mrs. M. B. Losey, deceased.

17. S. B. Youmans had opened the shop corner of Water and Trinity street, for wheelwrighting.

17. Miss Mary R. Predmore, milliner, had removed to rooms over store of Hull & Rosenkrans.

15. Col. Wm. H. Penrose had been appointed to succeed Col. Fowler as commander of the 15th Regiment. Friends of Lieut.-Col. Campbell were disgruntled. It was stated that Col. Campbell was unpopular, being disposed to work the men too hard, and was somewhat imperious in disposition. He was held mainly responsible for the resignations of Captains Simpson and Hamilton. Of the ten captains who left the State with the Regiment only five remain with it, four had resigned and one was disabled by wounds.

15. On evening of this date seven counterfeit five dollar bills on the Rochester Bank, New Hampshire, were passed at as many different stores in Newton, by two persons whose purchase of from 40 to 50 cents worth of goods was followed by the tender of a five dollar bill. The fraud was discovered next morning and parties started in pursuit, taking different directions. Edward Dunning and Rutherford Tuttle proceeded to Deckertown, where the men were found in a shoe shop getting their boots repaired. During the issuing of a warrant, the fellows became alarmed and fled in the direction of Coleville. The pursuing party with horses soon caught up with them, when the pursued tried to es-

cape through the meadows. The pursuers followed them until a brook, greatly swollen by rain, stopped the runaways, and they yielded to capture. They gave their names as Peter Bugbee and Robert Forger, both boatmen by occupation on the Hudson and Delaware Canal. Both were under 23 years of age; said that they obtained the money of a man in Port Jervis, and that this was their first offense. As a preliminary part of their punishment they were committed to the damp cells of the Sussex jail, to await action of grand jury five months later.

16. Citizens of Newton School District, No. 7, held adjourned meeting in Academy, H. D. Chapin in the chair. Rev. N. Pettit, Franklin Smith and Aaron H. Bonnell were appointed a committee to ascertain if the School District was incorporated, and also as to the title to the Newton Academy property. The trustees were instructed to get a title to the Newton Academy property, if possible, purchase the old M. E. Church property, and to make such alterations and improvements as will make convenient and sufficient school accommodations, as soon as circumstances will permit.

18. Judge Haines, always a terror to evil doers, lays down the law to offenders, and sentences those convicted. Lidia White escaped trial for larceny, and was discharged upon her own recognizance, with the intimation that her behavior would have a bearing on a future trial. Her husband, Job S. White, convicted upon two charges of burglary, was feelingly addressed by the Court, which made his sentence as light as possible, viz: two years for robbing Strait's store and two years for robbing the pedlar wagon of Lewis Fox, both terms to be concurrent. Freeman Burnett, alias Goble, aged 17, convicted of six felonies, was informed that he was unfit to run at large, and under the statute his full imprisonment would be sixty years. It was not the culprit's fault that he was not to answer with his life for his crimes. His sentence was as follows: for the Fox burglary, 4 years; burglary of Strait's store, 4 years; burglary at Hiff's, 6 years; for assault with intent to kill William Earl, 10 years; for a similar assault upon Jacob Shuman, 10 years; all the terms to be concurrent, and to end at the close of 10 years; then to be imprisoned 10 years more for assault with intent to kill Henry Hammel—making the entire term twenty years, and to stand committed until the costs are paid. Sentence suspended in case of Elias Mains, who pleaded guilty to forging and uttering U. S. Treasury Notes, until May 8th, with the understanding that he was to be removed to Morris county for trial on a similar charge.

20. The project of a railroad from Newburg to the Delaware river, agitated more or less for 25 years past, had been renewed with more prominence than ever. R. J. Garrison, of Allamuchy, was making a survey from Oxford Furnace to the Sussex Railroad. The route proposed is about the same as that now used by the Lehigh & Hudson R. R.

20. Paymaster R. A. Haggerty having paid members of the 27th regiment, they send home about \$4,000. Of this sum Joseph Coult disbursed \$1,400.

20. Executive Committee of County Agricultural Society, met and decided to hold a fair, at Newton, beginning September 22nd. The Society was out of debt, and all its buildings, fences, etc., were in good order.

20. Collection for poor of Ireland, taken in St. Joseph's church, Newton, on March 17th, amounted to \$90.

21. Charles Stewart, aged about 55 years, living near Hackettstown, and doing business as a stock freighter, attempted to board a moving train at Newark, and falling, was mangled to death by 14 cars.

21. Sheriff Arvis left town on noon train to convey Job S. White and Freeman Burnett to State Prison. The two were handcuffed together, and the Sheriff took a seat behind them. On the way down

Burnett managed to free his hand from the manacle which bound him to his fellow, and when within 1½ miles of Waterloo, darted from his seat, rushed through the door and sprang from the front of the car. Sheriff Arvis followed quickly and made the same perilous leap, the train moving at the rate of 20 miles per hour on a down grade. Neither were materially injured, but both fell to the ground, and Burnett having the start and advantage of youth, was first on his feet and with remarkable quickness escaped. The Sheriff telegraphed the fact to Newton and other points; a reward of \$200 was offered. He then went to Trenton with his remaining prisoner. Searching parties scoured the mountain from different directions, but no trace of the culprit could be found. On Sunday afternoon following, (28th), the much sought for villain was found by Col. Aaron Griggs, snugly roosting in his barn. Mr. Griggs was hunting eggs, and when he routed the featherless biped from his nest, he immediately recognized him as the much wanted boy. Burnett claimed Mr. Griggs as a friend, and hoped he would not return him to the sheriff, and then made an effort to escape. He was not quick enough, for the Colonel's grip on his collar was unusually persuasive; and calling for the assistance of John S. Coursen, who was visiting near by, the fugitive from justice was soon handed over to Sheriff Arvis. The Sheriff paid him close attention during the night, and early the next morning started again for Trenton, where he had the satisfaction of safely depositing the prisoner. Burnett, during his five days of freedom, had skulked in the swamps and ravines of Byram, Sparta and Newton, stealing his food at night from the farm houses. He even ventured into Newton on Friday night before his capture, and boldly going to the cells in the court house, aroused some four or five prisoners, and proposed to free them by setting fire to some buildings in town, and then in the confusion they could make their escape. They declined to risk the job and informed the sheriff. The whole affair from the robbing of Strait's store to his lodgment in State Prison formed a most exciting chapter of Sussex history.

23. Committee to investigate, reported that there was no record of the incorporation of Newton School District, and that they had not ascertained the names of trustees of Newton Academy. The trustees were then instructed to incorporate the district, though it brought out a spirited discussion over school matters.

24. John H., aged 18 years, son of John O. Hill, of Rockaway, killed by accidental discharge of a pistol he was examining.

24. Letters appear from Marshall B. Stull, of the 15th, and N. K. Bray, of the 27th.

27. Deckertown Academy opened in charge of Prof. S. E. Brownell, M. A.; Miss Lucilla Linn, preceptress; Miss E. M. Kanouse, music; Miss E. M. Tucker, fine arts.

27. Morris Hoppaugh and Samuel K. Sutton dissolve partnership at Sparta.

27. D. S. Anderson acknowledges receipt of allotments from Companies D, I and K, 15th Regiment, and Company F, 27th, aggregating \$5,716; Henry McDanolds, Branchville, also acknowledges receipt of \$1,030 from Co. D, 27th Regiment. The army had been paid up to March 1, and the sum disbursed by the Government for this purpose was \$59,720,000. Much of the money had found its way to homes of volunteers in loyal states and territories, and was already proving a stimulus to trade.

30. John B. Stoll, a well-known hotel keeper, died at Frankford, from heart disease, aged 43 years.

30. Observed as a National Fastday. Business wholly suspended. In Newton the Presbyterian, Episcopal and Baptist churches held services in the morning, and a Union meeting was held in the M. E. Church in the evening, lasting until ten o'clock.

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1. Post office at Hanover, Morris county, changed to Whippany, to avoid confusion of Hanover and Hanover Neck.

1. Thomas Hewitt advertises for 100 men to work on Hibernia Mine railroad.

1. Lewis Hanke gives notice that barbers wish to attend church as well as other people, and therefore his shop will hereafter be closed on Sunday.

1. Miss Mary Potter opens dress making rooms on Church street.

1. Miss M. I. Marvin and Miss H. Cook dressmakers and milliners at Beemerville.

1. Edmund Kirke's new book, "Southern Friends," advertised. It was a sequel to "Among the Pines."

1. A. J. Rogers addressed Democratic Club at Anderson House. His battery was directed against bills for confiscation of Rebel property and for raising a national army by drafting.

1-3. Severe fighting by the Army of Potomac, under Gen. Hooker.

5. The Warren county grand jury had eclipsed the record of Sussex by presenting 23 indictments. It was remarked that Sussex and Warren were approximating in the criminal line to a rivalry with Essex and Hudson.

8. Aaron Peck, president of Sussex R. R., offers \$100 reward for conviction of persons who had or may hereafter place obstructions upon track of said road.

8. Joseph Anderson had opened a grocery store in the basement of Beach & VanCampen's building, opposite Durling House.

8. Hiram C. Clark, Hainesville, inserts a card announcing himself as a licensed agent to obtain pensions, etc.

14. House of Selah Mapes, in Montague, damaged by fire in roof. Insured.

14. The Warren Freeholders voted to use the Surplus Revenue Fund deposited with the county, and amounting to about \$41,000, for payment of county indebtedness. A resolution to continue paying to the townships the interest on said fund, for the use of schools, as provided by law, was voted down. At the time it looked as if legal trouble would ensue.

13. Board of Freeholders organized by electing Robert Hamilton as director and George R. McCarter, clerk. The Collector's payments of all descriptions, for the past year, amounted to \$56,329.50. In addition, as agent for the State, he had paid to the wives and dependent widows mothers of volunteers, from this county, the sum of \$15,000. Thomas R. Everitt was re-elected as County Collector, without opposition, and \$400 was added to his salary for disbursing State bounty. The special committee appointed to prepare regulations for the County Poor House, reported that they had adopted those of the Poor House of Warren county, with some trifling amendments. The sum of \$18,000 was ordered to be raised by taxation. Robert Hamilton was elected County Attorney. The fine and costs against Michael Wallace were remitted on condition that he leave the county as soon as discharged from custody. The county had borrowed \$21,616.24 of the Surplus Revenue Fund, and there was a balance of \$1,200 after deducting \$15,372.76 paid to other parties.

15. Goodrich, Hibler and Jones, of Tranquility, were the Sussex and Warren agents for the Buckeye mowers, and last week had delivered thirty as they arrived at the Newton depot.

15. Over three columns of this issue are occupied by letters giving details of fighting at and near Fredericksburg, and the great losses sustained by the Sussex companies. In the First Brigade there were 52 killed, 369 wounded and 156 missing.

15. The Enrollment Board for the Fourth District, under the law for raising a National Army, consisted of Major Jas. M. Brown, Morrisstown, provost marshal; Peter S. Decker, Newton, commissioner; Dr. William Pierson, Jr., Orange, examining surgeon. The Board organized at Morrisstown, May 20th.

15. Mrs. A. Cummins announces open-

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ing of a millinery over store of J. W. Cummins & Co.

15. Thomas Jones advertises Lafayette slate, which he had furnished for five years past.

16. Martin Grover gives notice that the fire tax must be paid within sixty days.

17. Annual meeting of Sussex Railroad Co., at Newton.

21. The Morris Courts added four years to the term of Elias Mains, who had previously received a sentence of one year in the Sussex Courts for counterfeiting.

21. Trustees of Lafayette barying ground invited proposals for building a stone wall around same, to be 680 feet in length, 4 feet high, 2 feet at the bottom, and 1½ at the top.

21, 22, 23. John W. Hutchinson and Mr. Whitcomb, the harpist, gave concerts at Deckertown, Newton and Branchville.

22. John Wells advertised for two house painters. This seems to be the date of his advent in Newton.

22. This issue also contains letters from the front, occupying over two columns of space, and an account of the disaster to the 27th regiment, through which 33 men were drowned in the Cumberland river. Most of the men were from Rockaway, Morris county, though three of the men were from Walpack and one from Stillwater. There is little beyond war news just now.

22. Kelsey & Gillam were using the columns of THE REGISTER to advertise the New Jersey Herald.

22. Provost-Marshal Brown announced a bounty of \$100 to recruits joining any cavalry regiment.

22-23. New Jersey Christian Conference, in session at Hope, passed patriotic resolutions.

23. The volunteers in the First New Jersey Brigade had a grievance against the New York World, which had printed a statement that at the battle of Fredericksburg, "the fighting qualities displayed by the Rebels were superior to those of our own men." The New Jersey Herald had copied this vile aspersion and the soldiers were very angry.

25. Stone dwelling on farm of A. S. Blanchard, near Monroe corner, and occupied by Joseph Onstead, destroyed in night by fire originating in small out-kitchen. Insured for \$1,200 in Sussex Mutual, though it was worth about \$2,500. Mr. Onsted lost most of his household effects through efforts to put out the fire rather than to save his property.

25. Vallandigham, the Ohio rebel, whose mouth was his only weapon, delivered to the Rebel army, instead of being confined in Fort Warren. Jack Rogers was peddling humbug and falsehood about Sussex, inciting many to resist the coming draft, and it was urged that the same medicine be given him, as well as other disloyalists.

27. Harry Genet's gelding, Gen. Butler, and Waltermeyer's stallion, George M. Patchen, trot on Fashion Course, L. I. Patchen took first heat in 2:24¼. Butler won second heat by two lengths in 2:27¼; the third by a throat-latch, in 2:28, and the fourth by two lengths, in 2:28¾. The purse was for \$5,000, in harness.

27. William Sharp, of Johnsonburg, paid his 51st annual subscription to THE REGISTER. He had been a continuous subscriber since the first issue in 1813.

27. News of Grant's operations in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Miss. was growing very exciting.

28. The Board of Enrolment, in session at Morristown, appointed the following officers for Sussex townships: Newton, Reuben Hayne; Wantage, Wm. Dewitt; Montague, James Bennet; Sandyston, John Layton, Jr.; Walpack, Simeon Decker; Stillwater, Elias R. Goble; Green, Aaron K. Stinson; Byram, Nathan B. Chidester; Sparta, Sidney Smith; Hardyston, Michael R. Kimble; Vernon, Daniel Bailey; Lafayette, Robert G. Snook; Frankford, Joseph Strader.

29. Laborers were very scarce, even at \$1.50 per day, and machinery was taking the place of the men who were in the army.

Some 70 mowers and reapers having been sold in Newton since Spring began.

29. David Couture, watchmaker, removed to Thos. Murray's building, Spring street.

30-31. A series of showers end a heated term and drouth which had prevailed for two weeks.

30. A Copperhead mass meeting in Newark, at which Jack Rogers was the principal speaker. His ignorance, mendacity and impudence had full sway, though the display of a Rebel flag with a portrait of Vallandigham on it, came near provoking riot. The invalid soldiers from U. S. Hospital attempted to tear it down, and fearing further trouble, a guard was sent out from the Hospital to arrest straggling soldiers.

30. A destructive tornado swept over a portion of Sparta township this afternoon. At the first trace in the eastern corner of Lafayette township, it was only about 30 feet wide, but spreading as it passed over farms of Jacob Cox and David C. Snook, the full fury struck the farm of David Kimble; thence on lands of Samuel Oliver, David Ackerson, A. S. Blanchard, Robert M. Kimble, Ephraim Kimble and James McMickle: prostrating fences, twisting off large trees, unroofing and demolishing buildings. R. M. Kimble was the greatest loser, the roof having been torn from his grist mill, a new wagon house demolished and his barn moved from its foundation. Two of his children were playing in a wagon in the wagon house when the tornado struck it; when it had passed the wagon and wagon house had been lifted up and carried off, while the children were left in the open air and uninjured.

## JUNE.

1. Aaron Peck, president of the Sussex Railroad, stricken with paralysis, at his home in Orange.

1. Tri-weekly mail route established between Deckertown and Unionville.

2. Medical Society met at Cochran House. At this time there were 22 practicing physicians in the county, only three of whom were not members of the Society.

3. Bible Society met at Newton. Sermon by Rev. Lewis R. Dunn, of Morristown. Addresses by Rev. Mr. Tuttle, and Rev. Mr. Bolton.

6. Sussex Bank election.

3. Second race between Patchen and Butler was two mile heats and repeat. Patchen won with great ease, in 4:58; 4:58. He led throughout, and in the last heat was several lengths ahead under a strong pull.

4. A mass meeting held at Newton by persons who professed to be indignant on account of the arrest of C. L. Vallandigham, and his expulsion to the rebel lines. None but the meanest of the party scavengers could be induced to speak at these meetings, and the fact that they were allowed to gather, gave the lie to their protests in reference to "free speech." About 2000 persons attended this meeting, expecting to hear some way of avoiding the coming draft. None of the eminent men announced as speakers appeared, such as Gov. Parker, James W. Wall, Fernando Wood, James Brooks. The speakers were Robert S. Tharin, of Alabama, believed to be a rebel spy, Dr. Shelton, Gen. Runyon and the "inevitable" Jack Rogers. Hon. Lyman Chandler was here, but refused to speak. Col. Samuel Fowler and Jacob Vanatta, also advertised as certain to be present, kept away from the disloyal and seditious gathering.

6. The allotment rolls of the 15th Regiment received by D. S. Anderson, aggregated \$2,383.15.

8. Receivers of Milford Bridge Company call for filing of claims.

9-10. Sussex Baptist Association held its 30th anniversary at Schooley's Mountain.

9. Great cavalry battle near Rappahannock Station, in which Col. Virgil Brodrich, of the 1st New Jersey, was wounded and captured. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, now commanding a U. S. brigade in Florida, was wounded in this fight.

10. Third trot of the series between Geo. M. Patchen and Gen. Butler. Patchen won the race after five closely contested heats. Time 2:27¼, 2:29, 2:32¼, 2:30 and 2:32. Patchen took the 1st, 4th and 5th. Gen. Butler the 2nd and 3rd heats.

10. Union League Convention at Trenton; every county and almost every township in the State was represented. An Executive Committee of two from each county was named: Wm. P. Nicholas and Charles P. Rorbach, representing Sussex; Robert Rusling and Selden T. Scranton, Warren; Vanclève Dalrymple and Henry C. Pitney, Morris.

12. A letter from Somerset, Ky., under date of May 20th, bewails the scarcity of mail matter, and then gives details of the work Capt. Anderson's company did in clearing up the town, which was in a filthy condition. Geo. Knox, a Newton printer, had taken charge of the abandoned printing office, and was doing the company and regimental printing, while Sergeant Amos Kinney had repaired an old fire engine, and was ready to 'run with the machine' the machine.

12. The enrolling officers found many men who had recently grown aged with rapidity.

15. Executive Committee of Agricultural Society met at Hoppage's Hotel to form premium list.

15. Arrangements for the coming draft made two classes: The first class comprised all between 20 and 35 years, and all unmarried persons above the age of 35 and under 45. The second class embraced all married men between 35 and 45 and were not to be drafted until the first was exhausted. A foolish story was being circulated in Sussex county that the Provost Marshal had received 2000 sets of shackles for hopping the drafted men of this district.

15. The country startled beyond expression by news of the long threatened raid into northern territory, reaching into Maryland and Pennsylvania. Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, appeals to Gov. Parker, of New Jersey for aid, and particularly for the help of the nine months regiments, now returning from the field. The 23rd regiment, which had arrived at Burlington, embarked forthwith for Harrisburg, the 26th, about to leave Washington, volunteered to remain, and the 27th, which was at Cincinnati, at once volunteered to remain and reported for duty at Pittsburg. Gen. Buryside issued an order giving much praise to the 27th, which had been in his command. The invasion had the effect of stopping the "peace" meetings, as Governor Parker issued a proclamation on the 16th calling for ten regiments of infantry and two of cavalry from the militia force of the State, to aid Pennsylvania.

13. Five young men belonging in Newton, and having charge of a sutler's establishment at Winchester, Va., experienced some of the vicissitudes of war. Their stock was taken by the Rebels, and they made a hasty flight, all escaping except Charles M. Bonnell. The party consisted of John Canfield, Albert Canfield, Charles M. Bonnell, John C. Shiner and William Gray. Shiner took a horse and rode bare-backed to Baltimore, a distance of over 100 miles, and arrived in Newton on the 18th. Bonnell was taken to Libby prison, but released within two weeks.

15. Elias R. Goble, enrolling officer for Stillwater, resigned on account of ill-health and is succeeded by C. H. M. Angle.

15. Charles Crook appointed inspector of distilled liquors for county of Sussex, vice D. M. Berry, resigned.

15. Col. Judson Kilpatrick gazetted as a brigadier-general.

18. Through lack of rain the hay crop was below the average, and cut worms had played havoc in the corn fields.

18. The recruiting of a corps of honor, i. e. men who had served and received discharge for wounds, loss of limbs, or other disability was in progress.

17. Store of Conkling, Mulhern & Co., at Port Jerys, burglarized. Thieves took

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\$300 worth of goods. A week previously \$200 worth of black silks were taken from the store of Wells & Martin, in the same town.

17. Annual meeting of M. & E. R. R. Co., in Newark. Old board of directors re-elected, and a resolution passed investing them with all necessary powers to complete the extension of the road to Phillipsburg. The net earnings of the Company for the past year exceeded those of the previous year about \$12,000; an increase of 20 per cent. was reported in receipts from freight and passengers. During the year 473,295 passengers had been transported without loss of life or limb. The equipment of the road consisted of 11 engines and 114 cars.

18. A fire engine and hose carriage purchased in Jersey City, by C. P. Rorbach and Charles Crook, arrived in Newton, and was tested on the following day. The engine was satisfactory, but the hose was worn out, necessitating the purchase of 300 feet of new hose. The price of the new equipment was about \$400, and the money for the new hose was raised by subscription. The advent of this apparatus infused new life in the fire department, and old No. 3 was at once taken in charge by a company of 40 members, with the following officers: Foreman, P. B. Horton; assistant foreman, Robert Gray, Jr.; secretary, Jacob Gould; treasurer, Oakley B. Pellet. On the 24th a company was duly organized for the new machine, known as No. 4, with the following officers: Joseph Coult, foreman; S. C. Randall, assistant foreman; Wm. P. Ross, secretary; Rutherford Tuttle, treasurer.

18. Store of Mahlon Minton, at Chatham, Morris county, robbed of \$500 worth of goods. Thieves also took his horse and wagon.

18. Fourth trotting match between Patchen and Butler was two mile heats, to wagons. Butler won the first heat, after a most exciting race, in 4 5/8, being the fastest then on record. In the second heat Butler broke when three lengths ahead of Patchen, and swerved across the track. This was regarded by the judges as foul play, and though both horses traversed the whole two miles, the decision was that Butler was distanced, and the purse awarded to Patchen. Time—5 04.

19. The 26th regiment returns to Newark and received a hearty welcome.

19. Dr. William Rea, president of Hackettstown Bank, died at the age of 59 years.

20. Henry Pittenger, of Stillwater, aged 79 years, stricken with paralysis in woods near his home, and died after being conveyed to the house.

23. George H. Nelden appointed deputy provost marshal for Sussex county.

22. Charles Colbath succeeds David M. Berry, resigned, as Inspector of Liquors for the County of Morris.

22. James C. Havens, former president of the Farmers' Bank of Wantage, died at the age of 62 years.

24. Fifth race between General Butler and George M. Patchen. The race was mile heats, under saddle. Butler won in three straight heats. Time—2:23, 2:21, 2:23 1/4.

24. Strawberry festival in the basement of Newton M. E. Church.

25. The city of Newark, through its business dealings with the South, was permeated with disloyalty, and the attempt to raise a regiment to go to the defense of Pennsylvania resulted in the recruiting of 56 men in a whole week.

25. Idlewild beats the four-mile record of Fashion (7:32 1/2) made twenty-one years ago. The new record was 7:26 1/4.

25. Festival at Johnsonsburg, for benefit of church. As an attraction it was expected that some of the nine months men, whose terms had expired would be present.

25. Governor Parker calls for volunteers for three years to fill State's quota. There were to be five regiments of infantry and two of cavalry to sustain the Government in its hour of need. The quota

of Sussex was 306; of Warren, 391; of Morris, 294.

27. Fernando Wood, Jack Rogers and J. D. Schnable addressed a peace meeting at Dingman's Ferry. Mr. Wood counseled the 1,500 persons whom he addressed, not to give another man nor dollar for the support of the present unrighteous war, and also urged them to resist the draft. Rogers was not quite so bold. The Newton Cornet Band was engaged to attend the meeting, and was cautioned against playing any national airs, particularly the "Star Spangled Banner." This alone was sufficient to show the treasonable character of the meeting, while at the same time the rebel hosts were pouring into Pennsylvania, preparatory to the bloody contest at Gettysburg, six days later.

27. Citizens of Newton and the county generally, met at the Court House to make arrangements for reception of returning members of 27th regiment.

27. Gov. Parker issues a second proclamation calling for volunteers to serve thirty days or less in repelling the invasion of Pennsylvania. The enemy had advanced in increased force since his proclamation on the 17th, and the call was very urgent.

25. Rev. George H. Whitney preached to a large congregation in Newton M. E. Church, a notable discourse on the duty of citizens to support the national authority. The sermon was founded upon Romans 13: 1-2.

25. Peter Smith, of Waterloo, had been chosen president of the Hackettstown Bank, vice William Rea, deceased.

29. The 27th regiment arrives in Newark, somewhat unexpectedly. On marching to Camp Frelinckhuysen, where they expected to appease their hunger, it was found that the government stores of provisions had been wantonly destroyed by rowdy members of the 26th regiment. The men having been twelve hours without food they were dismissed until July 1. Many of the Sussex men came home by train previous to being mustered out of service.

30. Francis P. Sellers, editor and proprietor of the Belvidere Intelligencer, died at Philadelphia, in his 63d year. He was on his way home from Washington, whither he had been to visit a sick son, a member of the 11th N. J. Vols., and was taken ill in Philadelphia, where he died.

JULY.

1. The last of the series of races between Butler and Patchen for \$5,000 each, on Fashion Course. Patchen won, giving him four of the six matches. The race was two-mile heats, under the saddle, and in the first heat excited friends of Butler in order to prevent his distance, headed off Patchen. The Sussex favorite won both heats in 4 5/8 and 5 01. In any two-mile race he was perfectly able to distance a rival.

1. New postal law took effect. Letters still three cents per half ounce; drop letters 2 cents; postage on weekly newspapers, 5 cents per quarter; daily, 30 cents per quarter.

2. End of three days examinations at N. C. I.

3. Ball at Whitaker's hotel, Swartswood.

3. "Persons of color" give a ball at house of William Myers, Culvers Gap, and have a celebration on the following day.

3. A 13 year-old lad named Courtwright, who lived in the neighborhood of Port Jervis, and who had come to Newton in the hope of meeting two of his brothers, who were in the 27th regiment, fell from the fence of the Newton Green, and fractured his arm. He was endeavoring to escape from a mob of unruly boys of Newton who made it a practice to abuse, chase and make cowardly assault upon boys from a distance. This accident did more to break up the practice than all the previous lectures and whippings.

4. Newton Cornet Band filled engagement at Morristown.

4. Celebration at Lafayette. Reader,

D. S. Anderson; orators, Rev. S. W. Hillard, Rev. L. R. Dunn and Rev. J. Faulk. 4. Celebration at Andover for benefit of M. E. Church. Reader, Rev. R. A. Davidson; orator, Rev. William Tunison, of Newark.

4. Celebration at Snufftown. Reader, Edward Kincaid; orator, Rev. John Atkinson, of Paterson.

4. Celebration at Johnsonburg. Reader, Dr. John C. Johnson; orators, Revs. C. S. Vanclève and George H. Whitney.

4. Celebration at Hackettstown. Reader, Col. Wm. Holt; orator, S. D. Haines, of Jersey City.

4. The long expected and much delayed reception to the returned soldiers of the 27th regiment, occurred on this date. It was expected that they would appear on June 29, but the officers had determined that the men should be paid and regularly mustered out of service before they would be dismissed. Committees vainly endeavored to ascertain the exact date, but believing that they would be sent home before the 4th of July, word was sent out for a reception on the 3d, and arrangements made to meet them on the noon train. A large table extending from one end of the Green to the other was erected, to which every family in town was called upon to contribute, and did contribute most generously. The hall of the Court House was almost filled with bread and butter, pies, cake, boiled and roasted meats, and eatables of every description. Friends of the soldiers came into town from every direction, bringing extra teams to carry them home. The train arrived, but no soldiers were on board. The crowd waited until 3 o'clock of the following morning, under a rumor that they were coming by special train. Weary and disappointed friends waited during the morning of the 4th. At 11 o'clock news of the extra train then past due was received; the Court House bell summoned the ladies to prepare the dinner, and the citizens rushed en masse to the depot, greeting the returning troops with hearty cheers. The companies were formed in line, and when they arrived at the Green, were formally welcomed home by Thomas N. McCarter. His speech, which was an eloquent one, is given entire. After the speech cheers were given by the soldiers, and three times three by the citizens. After partaking of the bountiful repast they quietly dispersed to their several homes. The regiment left New Jersey with 1064 officers and men, of whom only 88 had died—45 by disease and 33 by drowning.

7. The rag-end of the peace faction in Morris county held a meeting in Morristown, at which Jack Rogers and Chauncey Burr preached treason, while the loyal citizens were firing a salute in honor of the surrender of Vicksburg. It was a suggestive contrast between the two ends of the Morris Green.

7. The war excitement was at its greatest height. News of the fight at Gettysburg and the rout of Lee's army, with news of the fall of Vicksburg, sent a thrill of joy through the loyal North. In Newton Sergeant Kinney, of the 27th, fired a salute, and on the 8th when the mail brought confirmation of the telegraphic reports, the bells of the village were rung for an hour, and saloons of artillery followed.

12. William H. Johnson, the oldest merchant of Newton, died in his 68th year. He was in business in Newton for 35 years; was postmaster under the administration of Harrison and Tyler, and in all positions a man that could be depended upon. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and to the end of his days regarded with veneration the good old flag of the Union, under whose folds he had in his youth hazarded his life.

13. Beginning of the draft riots in New York city, which continued four days, and cost more than 1400 lives and the destruction of \$2,000,000 worth of property. But for the arrival of sundry regiments from Maryland, and a determination of the citizens to put down the mob, the losses

would have been much greater. Negroes were tortured and hung by the mob, and before quiet was restored 1300 rioters had paid the penalty of their lives.

14. The enrollment of Warren county showed an aggregate of 4055 persons subject to draft. In the first class there were 2740, of whom 50 were colored; the second class had a total of 1315, with 13 colored.

15. The government bounty for recruits had now risen to the sum of \$402. There was also a State bounty ranging from \$2 to \$6 per month.

15. President Lincoln issued a proclamation naming August 6 as a day of thanksgiving for victories.

15. Charles Lancaster, medical electrician, comes to Newton for a few weeks.

18. Irish laborers in the mines about Dover, incited by the talk of the peace demagogues, gathered at Hibernia, to take into consideration a raid upon the office of the Provost Marshal. Liquor was freely distributed, and a scene of drunkenness followed which effectually prevented any movement toward Morristown. Sunday morning the worthy Catholic priest at Dover gave such of his hearers as participated in the Hibernia gathering such a lecture as caused them to repent heartily of their folly. As the Provost Marshal's office was well guarded by armed men, the visit would have caused much bloodshed.

15. Governor Parker issues a proclamation calling upon citizens to avoid angry discussions and to discourage large assemblies of the people, and to use every effort to preserve the peace.

18. Gen. Kilpatrick made a flying visit to his Sussex home, bringing with him a boy, "Charlie Smith," who had, at the age of 14, participated in seventeen battles, including that of Gettysburg.

18. James W. Wall, during conversation with a Philadelphia man, at the Delaware Water Gap, struck the Pennsylvanian with his cane. In return Wall was beautifully mauled by his opponent, and then requested by the proprietor to leave the hotel.

19. Rev. James McKay, of Orange, formerly of Newton, delivered a sermon at Hardwick, and in St. Joseph's Church, Newton, in evening of same day. Father McKay was a much beloved man, and a large audience greeted him. His sermon was pertinent to the times, impressing upon his auditors the necessity of obeying the laws and sustaining the Government. He warned them not to be seduced into riotous or disorderly proceedings.

19. Rev. Dr. Mott preached a discourse in the Presbyterian church upon the duty of citizens in the present time of excitement.

20. A few weeks since Gen. Burnside had caught Wm. F. Corbin and T. F. McGrow, two Rebel captains, and hanged them for recruiting within the lines of the Union army in Kentucky. The Rebels straightway placed Captain Henry Sawyer, of the 1st N. J. Cavalry, and Captain John Flynn, of Indiana, in close confinement in Libby Prison, with the intention of shooting them in retaliation. This stirred up the U. S. Government, and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Captain Winder, prisoners of war at Fort Monroe, were ordered to be shot if Sawyer and Lynn were executed. We don't know where Winder is now, but Lee is a Major-General of the U. S. Army. This is a plot for a novel.

21. Late rains had interfered with hay and harvest, and a shower on this date was accompanied by a high wind which caused considerable damage.

27. Another proclamation by Governor Parker states that the draft can be avoided in New Jersey by enlistments, each of which will be credited upon the State's quota. \$100 bounty was paid to new recruits and \$400 to veterans.

27. Captain Fernald opened recruiting office at Jesse Ward's hotel, in Newton.

28. Officers had been named for 33d N. J. regiment. Company H was assigned to Sussex, but no officers named; afterward Captain N. K. Bray was appointed

as recruiting officer. And singularly, the headquarters of the Sussex company was made at Trenton, instead of Newark or other near-by place. So the position of Company G, of the present 7th regiment, is repeated.

## AUGUST.

1. Barn of Collier & Huston, at Lower Lafayette, burned by lightning, causing a loss of \$800; uninsured.

1. The problem in Sussex was how to raise 303 men from an enrollment of 2,230 persons before August 25. A secret scheme to raise five rifle companies was urged by Jack Rogers and his ilk, and have them assigned to a State corps of militia. The scheme, however, struck a snag when it was found that the State would not furnish uniforms nor rifles.

1. Samuel Johnson announces himself as successor to the late firm of W. H. Johnson & Son.

2. Adjutant-General Stockton issues county quotas for coming draft. The State's quota was 13.88 per cent. of an enrollment of 63,251. Sussex was called upon to furnish 303 men, proportioned to each township; Warren, 274; Morris, 423.

4. Horatio G. Searles, a tinware and stove dealer at Deckertown, committed to jail charged with an attempt to burn the barn of Samuel T. Overhiser, in the same village. He offered \$5 to a boy who had been discharged by Overhiser, to burn the barn. The boy told of the offer; a trap was set, and witnesses saw Searles give the boy matches and paper, and overheard his offer to pay the \$5 when the job was done. Searles had served a term of 2½ years in State prison, for assault with intent to kill, committed at Hope, Warren county, five or six years ago.

4. An extremely hot day. Many deaths from sunstroke; 43 in New York city alone.

4. Counterfeit greenbacks had appeared.

6. A party of 200 soldiers, fully armed, visited Pike county, and overawed the blustering fellows who were talking of resisting the draft.

6. Observed as a day of thanksgiving for victories, but as the New Jersey Herald blasphemously called it, "one of old Abe's Abolition Sundays."

7. Officers of Brigade Board called to meet at Cochran House.

7. Nelden & Rorbach offered \$10 per ton for fair hand-pulled flax straw; cradled straw ranged from \$6 to \$8 per ton.

9. Barn of Peter Dennis, 3 miles northeast of Newton, with outbuildings and several stacks of hay and grain destroyed by lightning. A colt owned by Jacob Dennis ran into the burning building and perished. Loss about \$1,500; no insurance. At the same time of this fire two large stacks of rye on farm of Oliver Struble, two miles distant in a straight line, were burned from same cause, and the scene from Newton was one of fiery splendor in connection with the vivid lightning.

10. George H. Nelden and William T. Knox badly bruised in a runaway accident in Newton.

12. A picnic party of about 700 persons from Springfield and Unionville M. E. Sabbath schools, come to Newton, by rail from Essex county. The party made its headquarters in the grove near the depot.

12. For three weeks previous to this date the heat had been intense, with frequent showers. It was a "heated period" very much akin to that of 1893, but not so lengthy.

12. Special meeting of the Board of Freeholders to take action upon subject of a military bounty. The Board had discussed the matter informally on the 7th inst. It was then decided that it would be better and more economical for the county to pay \$200 to each person who would volunteer than to have the men raised by draft, with resulting expenditure of money for exemptions, etc. At the meeting on the 12th, by a nearly unanimous vote it was resolved to pay \$200 to each volunteer, and the County Collector was authorized to borrow \$43,000 for this purpose, at 6 per cent. interest. The Di-

rector was authorized to use the obligations of the Surplus Revenue Fund, and to sell or assign the same.

13. Sussex Democratic mass convention nominated Charles Roe, of Frankford, for Surrogate.

15. Receivers sale of Milford bridge adjourned to August 29.

15. Sussex Teachers' Institute opened in building of Newton Collegiate Institute.

16. A furious thunder storm covered most of the county in the afternoon, during which the barn of Cornelius M. Elston, 3 miles from Deckertown, was burned; a tenant house on John Dunning's farm, near Beemerville, shattered, and a bed set on fire; house of Wm. H. Lane, in Deckertown, also struck. In Newton there were some very sharp explosions, lightning entering the telegraph office, melted the magnet and scorched some paper.

17. The big ditch in the bog meadows from Newton to Lafayette was finished, and the waters of the big spring were tapped by it on this date. The result was a great disappointment, for instead of reducing the spring three feet it was lowered only fifteen inches.

18. Daniel S. Anderson announces himself as an independent candidate for re-election as Surrogate.

21. David W. Smith lays the foundation for a big store by starting "a new thing" in the Pettit building, lately occupied by L. D. Demarest.

21. John A. Potter, bookseller and stationer, in Kraber's building, Springstreet. This was the first opposition the old Newton bookstore encountered, and the races for sales of daily papers were only equalled by those on trotting tracks.

21. Quantrell's gang raided Lawrence, Kan. Among the murdered citizens was Sylvester Dulinski, a barber, who removed from Newton to Lawrence, about four years ago.

13-22. A series of public meetings throughout county to promote enlistments. The bounty was now \$818, of which \$240 was paid at muster.

23. A man named Hoffman, hanged himself at Squires Corner, Warren county.

24. The sum of \$10 each was offered for arrest of two deserters from 2d N. J. Cavalry, who had enlisted from Newton.

25. Engine No. 3 paraded, and tested apparatus.

25. Recruiting in Sussex received a serious setback through refusal of Banks to loan money to Board of Freeholders. Captain Bray lost more than half the \$5 men he had in camp, and others had difficulty until the men received assurance that the bounty promised would be paid by the respective townships. Frankford, Sandyston, Stillwater, and Lafayette promptly voted \$200 bounty; Green gave \$300. On the 28th inst. a public meeting in Newton provided for \$200 bounty. A majority of the Township Committee endorsed the plan proposed by Col. Hamilton, viz: giving their note for the amount, endorsed by some twenty of the wealthiest citizens. The note was accepted by the Sussex Bank, and a law was to be enacted to raise the money by taxation. Wantage held a meeting on the 31st, but its action is not reported. In other townships nothing had been done, and they awaited the draft.

26. Citizens of Morris township, Morris county, determined to raise by tax \$12,500 to pay \$200 bounty to each volunteer and drafted man under its quota. There was a disagreement which made it doubtful if capitalists would loan the money, as some wanted to extend the bounty to all who had volunteered since the war began.

25. Chief Justice Whelpley was suffering from an affection of the eyes, which threatened loss of sight.

25. Rev. G. S. Mott's book "The Prodigal Son," had appeared.

25. An emergency had arisen in the bounty scheme. The two banks of the county had refused to loan the County Collector any money to pay bounties to volunteers; and there was a difficulty in crediting the quotas of each township. Robert Hamilton, Director of the Board