

## ANCIENT LOCAL HISTORY

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1863.

of Freeholders, issues a statement of the situation, and advises that the Township Committee of each township borrow the money on the credit of the township, from the leading men of means, and the Legislature be asked to authorize an assessment upon the inhabitants. This statement is backed up with the opinion of A. J. Rogers, John McCarter, Jr., Joseph Coult, John Linn, Thomas Kays, and others.

30. Henry C. Byram, aged 36, killed by premature explosion of a blast in Roseville mine, Byram township.

30. Ira C. Moore purchased the T. H. Shafer property, on High street, at public sale, for \$6,900.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. Justice Haines opened Sussex Courts. Prosecutor of the Pleas said he had nothing on which to bring a charge before the grand jury, in case of Horatio G. Searles, held for conspiracy to burn building. Testimony was taken in Court, and decision reserved; prisoner meanwhile being returned to jail. Robert Fogger and Peter Bugsbee pleaded guilty to passing counterfeit money. Judge Haines being compelled to attend the Essex Courts, all business in the Sussex Courts, except the session of the grand jurors, was postponed for one week.

1. Receipts of Morris canal, to date, were \$40,000 ahead of last year.

2. Company M, 2d N. J. Cavalry, Capt. Fernald, mustered in at Trenton: Excepting 11 men from Frelinghuysen, it was composed of men from Green, Stillwater and Newton.

5. The "pugnacious" residents of Delaware township, Pike county, had held a meeting at which resolutions were adopted to deck the editor of THE REGISTER with a coat of tar and feathers, if he should visit Pike county.

7. Sussex Board of Assessors chose Jas. L. Decker as president, and Theodore F. Anderson as secretary. Taxable property to the amount of \$11,867,000 was reported, and the State and county tax aggregated \$28,554. Total number of polls, 5,437.

8. A grand harvest home at Washington, Warren county, to raise funds for furnishing new Presbyterian church, then building.

8. State Fair opened at Paterson.

8. The 33d regiment left camp in Newark, about 800 strong. When it arrived at Centre street wharf for the purpose of embarking upon transports for Alexandria, Va., no transports were in sight, and the men remained all night on the wharf. The men were disappointed and impatient and became restive and unmanageable through the smuggling of liquor on the wharf. Several fracas occurred, and a soldier from a Vermont regiment was ordered to clear the dining room. A dozen members of the 33d playfully seized his musket, and after it was wrested from his hands he recovered it; during another attempt to take it the weapon was discharged. The ball passed directly through the body of Sergeant Clark, of the Invalid Corp., and thence through the abdomen of Sergeant John A. Shay, of Sandyston, causing his death 20 hours later. A number of the men who had received large bounty, deserted. Captain N. K. Bray could have had command of Co. H, but through the difficulties in raising money for bounties, he lost many of his recruits, and therefore declined to accept the honor.

9. Justice Haines returns and reopens Sussex Courts. Fogger, the counterfeiter, was sentenced to State prison for two years; Bugsbee, on account of his youth and previous good character, was let off with a fine of \$100. Horatio G. Searles was found guilty of a misdemeanor in bribing a boy to set fire to a barn, and was sent to State prison for one year.

10. Note made of a \$500 bill which had been returned to the Treasury Department, with a statement on the back that it had been paid for one plate of ice cream at a fair for sick and disabled soldiers, in Jersey City, on April 11, 1863, by J. A., Esq., to H. M. H. The generous patron

was John Armstrong, of Greenville, Hudson county, whose wife was a native of Newton.

10. Among recently appointed examining surgeons, by the President, was Dr. D. Webster Cooper, of Port Jervis, formerly of Deckertown.

10. At last the fact was established that Col. Virgil Brodrich had died fighting at the very entrance to Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's tent.

10. Preparations were in progress to establish a new Democratic paper in Newton, in charge of Gilbert D. Wallace. Its aim was to check the tide of disloyalty in Sussex.

10. A Union Sunday school picnic in grove of Luther Hill, at Springdale, attended by 1200 persons from Andover, Johnsonburg, Springdale, Tranquility, Quaker Settlement and Newton.

11. W. K. Release gives notice of engagement of Wm. Vanderhoof, to manufacture Newton axes.

11. The 43 members of the new engine company No. 4, paraded, and then threw a stream 25 feet above tower of M. E. Church. Little No. 1 was then brought out by the juveniles, who had it in charge, and did some pretty tall playing and some that was not so tall. However, the boys were satisfied, and that was enough.

13. William Sharp, the oldest living subscriber to THE REGISTER, died at Johnsonburg, aged 82 years.

15. Jacob L. Swazze sustains a most painful accident in attempting to scale a field gate. It broke under his weight and he sustained a compound fracture below the knee, one of the bones protruding through the flesh nearly two inches.

15. President Lincoln suspends the writ of habeas corpus, which was being used to obstruct the operations of the draft.

15. Mr. and Mrs. George Bockover celebrate golden wedding anniversary at Beemerville.

17. The largest Sunday school picnic ever held in the county, occurred on this date in the grove near Beemer Church. Over 3000 in attendance, with bands of music, including Newton Cornet Band. The principal address was by Rev. Geo. S. Mott, of Newton. Schools represented were: Beemer's Church, Beemerville, Mattison, Branchville, Long Bridge, Augusta, Lafayette, Plains, Harmony, Wykertown, Papakating, Deckertown, Clove Church and Libertyville. It was a remarkable social event.

17. Sunday schools attached to the Baptist congregations of Newton, Lafayette, Germany and Houses' Corner, and the school of the Lafayette M. E. Church, held picnic in grove at Lafayette.

18. The new hotel erected on the ruins of the Willard House, in Newton, by Evi Potter, had been named "the McClellan House."

18. Firm of J. W. Cummins & Co. succeeded by John A. Wildrick & Co.

18. The first issue of the new paper called the Sussex True Democrat had appeared.

18. Coal was going up in price because of difficulty of obtaining men to work the mines.

18. A severe rain and wind storm. Bridge at Dingmans wrecked by wind and practically ruined.

21. Captain N. K. Bray had been induced to accept a command in the 33d N. J. regiment, and left town with several recruits.

21. Draft at Easton, for the Eleventh District of Pennsylvania, including Monroe, Pike, Wayne, Carbon and Northampton counties.

22. First heavy frost, and ice formed.

22. An alarm of fire brings out the rival fire companies in Newton, but 'twas only a burning chimney.

22. Sixth fair of the Sussex County Agricultural Society opened at Newton. It was favored with fine weather except on the last day. In the amount and variety, as well as good quality of exhibits, no preceding fair equalled it. Thursday was the great day, over 8,000 persons being on

the grounds, and for once Newton was incapable of feeding the population so suddenly thrust upon it. Hundreds went home hungry, and horses likewise suffered for their oats. Not one serious accident occurred, though Isaac Drew's team was frightened, and ran away around the track drawing a skeleton wagon. It was a very exciting event. When Mr. Drew was thrown out on the southeastern side of the track there was a rush of some 3000 persons at full speed across the intervening space. It resembled a brigade on the battle field, making a charge on the enemy at double quick. Those who witnessed it will never forget the scene. Of course there was a great deal of horse in the exhibition and a full report appears. Neptune and Hercules Engine Companies paraded, and then, for a prize offered by the Society, were ordered to throw water on the 29th from cistern on the Green. No. 4 did not appear, and the prize was awarded to No. 3, which threw water 25 feet over the M. E. Church tower, and 145 feet on the level.

23. An excursion train from Newton to Morristown came into collision with the freight train going to Hackettstown, between Waterloo and Stanhope. The engines Aaron Peck and Delaware were seriously damaged. George Franks, assistant superintendent of the Sussex Railroad, received injuries which caused his death 30 hours later, without regaining consciousness but for one brief interval. Samuel Talmadge, conductor of the freight train, was also badly injured, one leg being amputated below the knee. The engineers and firemen of both trains escaped injury by jumping. Woodhull Ammerman, a brakeman, was thought to be seriously injured, but he afterward revived. Of some 25 passengers who were in a demolished car, several were bruised among the broken seats, but none had a limb broken.

24. Members of Company C, 15th N. J. Vols., present a sword and belt to Captain Lewis VanBlarcom, recently placed in command of the company.

23-24. Exhibitions by students of Blairstown Academy, in Mechanics' Hall.

25. A protest appears over condition of lot in rear of Court House. It was an eyesore, and had been such for four or five years, since the old store house was torn down. It was said that if the county was too stingy to improve it, the proprietor of the Anderson House would take it as a present and make it a beauty spot.

25. It was expected that Newton would be incorporated as a borough at the coming session of the Legislature, and instead of creating two more townships it was suggested that the outlying territory be parcelled to Frankford and Stillwater on the northwest, and to Green and Lafayette on the south and southeast. The township of Newton (anciently spelled Newtown) originally comprehended all the county of Sussex except the townships of Montague, Sandyston, Wallpack, Stillwater and Green.

25. Charles Harold, hostler at the Anderson House, fell from haymow and broke three ribs.

25. Thomas C. Elston and T. T. Cook form partnership in butcher business at Newton.

26. Five young men of Newton wound up Fair week by filling their skins with liquor, make a raid on the wagons at J. S. Smalley's wheelwright shop, and then attack Mr. Smalley and a friend who came out to protect property; they also maltreated the wives of the men. Next day all but one of the boys concluded that it would improve their health to travel, which they did.

29. Monroe County Fair opened.

30. County Sabbath School Association met at Branchville.

31. Death of Major Thomas B. Dekay, aged 72, at Vernon, and on the 8th, of Charles Hurd, aged 76, near Sparta.

## OCTOBER

1. Special meeting of M. & E. stockholders at Newark; to take action on open-

ing of extension of road from Newark to Hoboken.

1. Order received extending time of enlistments of veteran volunteers to Dec. 1.

1. Frank M. Hough and Edgar A. Dunning open dry goods business at "Central Hall," Newton.

1. Coroner Reuben Hayne summoned a jury of twelve citizens of Andover, who met at Waterloo to investigate recent railroad accident. On the night of the 3d the place of meeting was changed to Andover. The investigation was a thorough one, the Sussex Railroad Company being represented by John Linn and T. N. McCarter, while Theo. Little, V. Dalrymple and A. G. Sayre appeared for the M. & E. R. R. The testimony of conductor Talmadge was taken by commission at Hackettstown. Twenty witnesses were examined, including John Robinson, engineer, and conductor Francis B. Kitchell, of the Sussex train; Thomas Keenan, engineer, and Abram B. Roff, conductor of the M. & E. train; the superintendents of both roads, and other employes, as well as some of the passengers. The case was given to the jury, on the evening of the 5th, after a statement of the evidence by Prosecutor Cyrus S. Lepore. The jury remained in session from 9 p. m. to 3 15 a. m., when they returned a verdict in effect that the collision and subsequent death of George Franks was caused by the inexperience, incompetency and negligence of Albert D. Roff, conductor of the excursion train; and that the engineer of said train is not fully excusable of censure.

1. Chauncey C. Burr addressed the democracy at Franklin Furnace.

2. Ladies of Allamuchy send large box of delicacies to soldiers' hospital at Newark.

2. Mrs. C. Warner's circus exhibits at Deckertown, and at Newton on the following day.

2. Rev. Wm. White Williams begins course of seven illustrated lectures on the Holy Land, in Presbyterian church, Newton.

4. Newton Baptist Church reopened after repairs, which had consumed several weeks.

4. Bishop James R. Bayley visits St. Joseph's Church, Newton, to administer rite of confirmation. He also delivered a lecture in the evening. On the 5th he was at Franklin and at Ringwood on the 7th.

5. The heirs-at-law of Mrs. Croxall, an early settler of Belvidere, Warren county, had commenced suit in U. S. Courts to recover property in that place formerly owned by the Croxalls. The claim covered most of the business portion of Belvidere, the water power, etc., altogether about 500 acres of land. The decision in the case, it was expected, would rest upon a construction of the law relating to entailed property.

6. Warren County Fair opened at Belvidere.

8. There was now no protest against enlisting colored regiments, and they were growing numerous. In Maryland loyal masters were receiving the \$300 bounty for each enlisted slave.

9. Alpheus Howell advertises fall and winter goods at Deckertown.

9. Premium list of late Sussex Fair and names of judges printed; it make four columns of interesting note and comment.

9. The draft for Orange and Sullivan counties had occurred, at Goshen. In Deerpark 187 names were drawn, among whom were several former residents of Sussex, one of whom (Wm. H. VanDeren) had died since the enrollment, and another (Ambrose Woodward) was now a music teacher in Newton.

10. William H. Bell renominated for Assembly, at Deckertown. The active opposition failed at the last moment.

11. Bishop Odenheimer visited Saint Mark's Church, Vernon, in the morning, and in the evening administered rite of confirmation to twelve persons in Christ Church, Newton. Among these was A. J. Rogers, and the previous events leading up to this were sufficient to draw a dense crowd to the service.

11. Captain George V. Griggs and Captain Henry Grinton, of Newton, and members of the Harris Light Cavalry, reported killed during a severe fight at Brady Station, Va. There was much uncertainty about the matter, though afterward it was learned that Captain Grinton survived.

13. The result of the October elections had given fresh courage to the Union cause, as also had the September elections, and the efforts to embarrass the Government were somewhat checked.

13. John Haggerty, a son of Patrick Haggerty, born in 1773, near Augusta, Sussex county, died at Whitestone, L. I., aged nearly 90 years. He began life a poor boy and amassed an immense fortune. For years he was the largest auctioneer in New York city, and was held in high esteem by the mercantile world.

14. Morris and Essex began running its trains direct from Newark to Hoboken, the contract with the N. J. R. R. Co. having expired. Ferry from Barclay street. In this section it was thought that it would be a great benefit, and that the morning mail would arrive at least an hour earlier, but in this there was great disappointment. The old train schedule gave an interval of one hour between the arrival and departure of the noon trains; under the new order the time was cut to half an hour, and the M. & E. management was charged with bad faith. The accommodation was very different from that which was promised when the votes of Sussex members of the Legislature were needed to pass the act authorizing the extension from Newark to Hoboken. Old arriving time, 12:15; new, 12:45; leaving time, 1:15. If the M. & E. train was 10 or 15 minutes late the Sussex train was obliged to start for Newton and leave upcoming passengers, mails, etc., until 2:30 o'clock, and then by special train. The evening mail came half an hour later. Altogether there was a feeling that Sussex had been hoodooed and was very much abused.

14-15. Vernon Township Horse Fair held on premises of Isaac Drew. Samuel Drew, president; Thos. T. Simonson, secretary.

15. Wages in the Pennsylvania coal mines were from \$80 to \$100 per month, and machines for mining coal were considered a coming necessity.

15. The Morris County grand jury ignored the verdict of the Sussex coroner's jury in the recent railroad accident near Stanhope, and after an ex parte examination, made a presentment severely censuring John Robinson, engineer, and Wilmet Kitchell, conductor, on the Sussex Railroad, as primarily responsible for the collision. These men were in no wise responsible for the running of the train, and were entirely under orders of the M. & E. management.

16. The talk of the county horsemen was the feat of Nicholas Farber's nag at Vernon races on the 14th and 15th. Two Orange county horses of some note—Tom Quick and a Star mare—were in the free for all, and expected to win. A long geared gray mare, owned by Farber, was brought from the plow team in the mountain, and of which the "knowing ones" had not the least inkling. Tom Quick took the first heat in 2:42; the Star mare took the second and third heats. By this time Farber's mare had warmed up and was prepared to spread herself, and this she did most effectually, taking the 4th, the 5th, and having used up Tom Quick, easily beat out the Star mare in the 6th. The trot was represented to have been the most exciting that ever came off in Sussex. When Farber came to the ground nobody would have given \$200 for his mare, but after the race scores of men tried to buy her at \$500.

16. H. W. McBride had two farms at Woodport, Morris county, one of which, with its equipment, he offered to sell for \$7,500, and the other for \$5,500. Even with the Hopatcong boom it is doubtful if the same figure could be obtained now.

16. C. P. Rorbach, in addition to the

jewelry business, was pushing the boot and shoe trade in the adjoining store.

17. Robert Hamilton renominated for Assembly, by convention held in Newton.

17. Warren Democrats, in convention at Belvidere, nominated H. R. Kennedy for Senator, and Elijah Allen, Wm. W. Strader and Charles Hoagland for Assembly. A "peace" platform which some of the nominees had endorsed at Still Valley was a counterpart of that under which C. L. Vallandigham had been beaten in Ohio by nearly 100,000 majority.

17. President Lincoln calls for 300,000 men to replace troops whose term of enlistment would expire next year.

19. Morris county Democrats nominated William McCarty for Clerk. The Republicans nominated Richard Spear.

20. First Baptist Church of Wantage robbed of 36 yards of carpet and a new pulpit Bible.

21. Rev. Wm. P. Corblitt, of Newark, delivered lecture in aid of Newton M. E. Church.

22. Gov. Parker issues proclamation announcing postponement of the draft until January 5, 1864. This was the result of another call by the President, on October 17, for 300,000 men to replace men whose enlistment would expire in 1864. The terms required that the full quota should be furnished by that date, else there would be no credit whatever for previous enlistments.

23. Deckertown's greatest fire occurred on this date. A lantern had been filled with burning fluid instead of kerosene, and while it was in use in Chardavoyne's stable, it exploded. The flames spread with great rapidity, and a strong easterly wind carried the fire across the street. Of the 20 horses in the stable, 17 perished. Beside the burning of the stable, the Town Hall, a building belonging to the tavern, and in which a political meeting had but just fairly assembled, was destroyed; also a building on the right and another on the left of the hall were consumed. These dwellings were double houses, one owned by Mrs. Jacob Whitaker and the other by J. VanFleet; both were occupied by two families. The total loss was not less than \$10,000. Some of the horses burned were very valuable. Of course the political meeting was broken up by the fire, but there was a malignant attempt made by A. J. Rogers to attribute the disaster to the Abolitionists, and in order to give the charge some plausibility the unruly conduct of some boys who threw pebbles against the windows, was cited. The Newark Journal and Advertiser, and other papers were used to give grossly exaggerated as well as malicious accounts of the affair.

23. Prof. William Rankin, of Mendham, contributes an article upon "patriotism," founding his remarks on the first verse of "America."

23. Of the 303 volunteers called for by Gov. Parker, Sussex had raised only 33, and the drawing was but a few days distant. About 50 men had been lost to the county's credit by higher bounties paid elsewhere.

23. William E. Marthis announces purchase of store of late George Case, at Stillwater.

26. Contrary to the wishes of his friends, and owing to his desire to retain the good old practice in Sussex of keeping the Surrogate's office from being the subject of party strife, Daniel S. Anderson withdraws from the contest as an independent candidate. He claims to be as much of a Democrat as he ever was, but complains that party organization and boodle have been used to defeat him.

27. Death of James W. Cummins, aged 27 years, a merchant in Newton.

27. Freightling business over Sussex Railroad was very brisk at this date; the amount of young pork shipped daily was enormous. This morning, within a distance of half a mile, seventy wagons all loaded with pork, were headed for the depot.

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27. Thieves steal a horse from the County House farm; recovered two days afterward at Centreville. For two or three months past, depredations of this character had prevailed near the borders of the Delaware river.

27. Lent's equestrian exhibits at Newton, and at Dover on the 29th.

27. A seven-year-old son of Henry M. Ellett died from injury received eleven days previous, by discharge of a gun in hands of his brother of about same age. The weapon was supposed to be unloaded.

30. Since August 1 another advance in price of paper equalling 30 per cent. had been made. All city journals had advanced their rates, and it was a tough time for the country papers.

31. A wounded soldier named Mitten, from the 60th New York, routs Jack Rogers in an impertinent talk which the latter began on a Morris & Essex train.

31. N. Pettit, township school superintendent, calls meeting of teachers at N. C. I.

NOVEMBER.

2. Adjutant-General Stockton issues General Orders No. 10, which calls for 597 men from Sussex, the credits to October 24 being 10 in Green and 17 in Newton.

2. Deckertown Academy reopened in charge of Prof. Brownell, with Miss Emily I. Easign as assistant, and Miss M. E. Kanouse, music teacher.

2-3-4. Examinations at N. C. I., ending with exhibition in Presbyterian church.

6. It had been noted previously that the Hendershot family played an important part in the suppression of the rebellion, and as showing the mortality in one family this record was given: "Died in Frelinghuysen township, March 8, 1863, John Hendershot, aged 65; April 26, Rebecca, his wife, aged 63; killed in battle at Gettysburg, July 3, their son Isaac, aged 26; killed in battle near Culpepper, their son Mark, aged 23; (afterward found to be only wounded.) Another son, John M., in 1st N. J. Cavalry, survived, but at present was disabled by wounds.

2. Sussex Mutual orders six per cent. assessment.

2. A yoke of oxen and a cow stolen from Fountain Smith, near Swartswood. Three days later he found his property in Morris county, where the thief had sold them for \$140, to a man named Young, who in turn he had sold them to a neighbor for \$170. The owner brought his cattle home, and one of the supposed thieves was arrested. The other was supposed to be lurking near Newton, and Peter Snyder was sent to Newton to watch for the culprit. It happened that Snyder was a deserter from the Harris Light Cavalry, and instead of catching a thief he was caught by detectives from the Provost Marshal's office, and taken to Morristown.

3. Dead body of Abraham Smith found lying at bottom of shaft in Hibernia mine. A bag of flour was by his side, and as the bruises were slight, all the indications pointed to murder. The shaft was 140 feet deep. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death, but that idea was ridiculed by the newspapers.

3. A very quiet election in Sussex; only one ticket run and the total poll was 2628. Charles Arvis, sheriff, had 2580; Charles Roe, surrogate, 2516; Wm. H. Bell, 1257, and Robert Hamilton, 1305, for Assembly.

3. Morris county showed its usual mixed result. McCarty elected by about 400 over Speer, who ran behind 250 in Piquanock, while McCarty ran 200 behind his ticket in Morris.

3. John Collier drowned in Morris canal, near Stanhope. He was thrown overboard by a collision of boats, and though four men saw Collier struggling in the water they made no effort to save him. He could not swim.

3. A colored man named West killed in an affray in Sandyston township by a man named Williams. The origin of the row was jealousy on the part of Williams, but West made the first attack and Williams stabbed him in self-defence.

4. A man named Brill was in Newton

with thirty barrels of hickory nuts, which he intended to take to Washington for sale to the soldiers of the army of the Potomac!

4. There were now in the United States 235 general soldiers' hospitals, containing about 80,000 patients. During four months of 1863 there were treated at these hospitals 20,920 cases of gunshot wounds. The wounded of the whole British army in the Crimea was only a little over 12,000, and their entire hospital accommodations in the three years would not have sufficed for the wounded at either of the battles of Shiloh, Antietam or Gettysburg.

6. An impromptu meeting at Cochran House, at which leading citizens of the county agree upon and sign a memorial requesting Gov. Parker to invoke the Legislature without delay, to secure a uniform bounty and effectually encourage enlistments.

6. Directors of Sussex Railroad entertain Directors of the M. & E. R. R. and invited guests, at the Cochran House.

6. A tempest, with rain and hail, Eastward, and especially in New York harbor, it was a hurricane, and almost caused the wreck of two of the five Russian frigates, as well as an Italian man-of-war.

7. Governor Parker issues a unique proclamation recommending the 29th of November as Thanksgiving day. President Lincoln had previously named the same day.

9. County Teachers' Institute opened at Sparta. Prof. Isaiah Peckham, of Newark, conductor.

13. Thomas N. McCarter and Daniel S. Anderson form law partnership.

12. In consequence of ill health Jesse Ward offers to sell or exchange the Anderson House.

12. The Supreme Court decides the certiorari case of George M. Drake, argued last summer by Messrs. Leport and Hamilton. The indictment for misdemeanor, found at the April term of the Sussex Courts, was decided defective in form rather than the substance.

13. Adjournment of Teachers' Institute, at Sparta, after a trip to the zinc mines and presentation of an album to Prof. Peckham. The lecturers were Prof. Peckham, John Whitehead, of Morristown; Rev. J. K. Burr, of Paterson; State Superintendent F. W. Ricord, and Rev. N. Pettit, of Newton.

14. Warren county had credits for 95 volunteers, and under the two calls there remained 670 men to be raised out of a total of 765, before the draft on Jan. 5.

14. Three Stillwater hunters return from Pike county, with three deer, one of which was taken alive.

16. Rev. J. H. Brown, of the Milford M. E. Church, having been drafted, reported at Easton for duty, rather than by substitute or commutation. During his residence in Milford he had been much maligned for his patriotism, but now showed that he could act as well as talk. Without solicitation he was afterward appointed by President Lincoln as Hospital Chaplain at Beaufort, S. C.

18. Notice of application to reduce capital stock of Sussex Bank to \$200,000, and to incorporate Ogden Mine Railroad Company. Surveys had been made for the railroad.

18. John S. Brodrick received direct from Richmond, a letter written by Capt. H. W. Sawyer, which removed all doubt as to death of Lieut. Col. Brodrick.

19. An application was pending before the Court of Pardons to relieve Dr. David D. Wickham from serving the unexpired seven years of his ten year sentence.

22. Charles Roe, the new Surrogate, was being initiated into office by sitting in Orphans' Court, on a caveat against the will of Jephtha F. Randolph, of Wantage.

23. The flood of produce for city market was great, and prices remunerative to the farmer, contrary to the predictions of distress and ruin which Jack Rogers and his fellow demagogues had made a year ago.

23. Edgar W. Manning, aged 30, pris-

cipal of the public school at Port Jervis, died. He was an accomplished instructor. Remains brought to Newton for interment. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Education were forwarded for publication.

24. Joseph Coult had been appointed by the War Department as recruiting agent for the county of Sussex.

25. Thieves robstore of George H. Mills, in Newton, of \$20 worth of postage currency.

25. The dwelling and storehouse of William Pettit, on Spring street, had been purchased by Jacob Snyder, J. I. Martin and James A. Edwards, for \$8,500.

25. Thanksgiving day.

25. Exhibition and concert in Stanhope Presbyterian church.

25. Dedication of new Methodist church at North Vernon postponed until December 3.

24-27. Edward A. Reeder received over \$4,000 in Newton, being the Government assessment upon incomes, carriages, silver plate, etc. It was almost half the entire assessment in the county. Since the Internal Revenue law went into operation Mr. R. had found only one instance in Sussex where legal measures were necessary, and that case was settled before it reached a final stage.

27. W. R. M., under date of November 12, gives particulars of death of Captain George V. Griggs, at Culpepper, on Oct. 11. He lived nine hours after he was shot in head, while leading his two small companies of cavalry out of the embraces of a whole brigade of the enemy's forces.

27. At this time, owing to personal reasons or a desire to settle estates, twenty-six of the finest farms in Sussex were advertised for sale.

29. Newton firemen ran nearly a mile through mud four inches deep to extinguish a fire in the dwelling of Samuel J. Coursen. The flames were extinguished before the firemen arrived.

DECEMBER.

1. Sussex Courts opened by Chief Justice Whelpley, who had partially recovered from painful eye troubles. Samuel Johnson and Peter A. VanSyckle are the only surviving members of the grand jury, all of whom were leading men in business life.

1. Park Hall was being fitted up as the headquarters of the Union League.

1. Among recent sales of real estate in Newton, were the Walker property near the Court House, to Lewis Writer, for \$6,000. He immediately sold that part of the building occupied by L. L. Martin, to Dr. W. I. Roe, for \$2,750. S. H. Bodine's house and lot, on Trinity street, to H. C. Kelsey, for \$4,250. House of Martin Fretz, on Trinity street, to Thomas G. Elston, for \$2,700. House and lot of David W. Smith, Trinity street, to Jacob C. Snook. House on Halsted street occupied by Rev. G. H. Whitney, and owned by William Simpson, of Vernon, to Mrs. Mary L. Cox, of Sparta.

2. Justice Whelpley obliged to adjourn Circuit Court for one week, on account of weakness of his eyes, which prevented attention to any but the simplest cases. The criminal business proceeded, and there was plenty of it.

3. Thomas Conley, freight brakeman on the M. & E. R. R., killed near Dover station, being knocked off the car by an overhead bridge.

4. Williams & Rowlands succeeded Thomas Jones as owners of Lafayette slate quarry.

5. David Howell, son of Philip S. Howell, of Frelinghuysen, killed at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., by upsetting of an omnibus in which he was a passenger. He had recently passed his 21st birthday.

7-11. A week of cold weather, ends today with a minimum of 6°. Temperature rose, snow and hail followed; on the 12th a drizzling rain; the 13th brought a series of drenching showers, which continued until the afternoon, when thunder, lightning, hail and rain, with a superb rainbow appended, terminated the elemental frolic.

On the 15th the ground was again frozen solid.

8. William McMurtry, of Newton, renders distinguished service on steamer Van Phul, which was fired into by a band of rebels above Bayou Sara, on her voyage from New Orleans to Memphis. The captain and three of the crew were killed, and four passengers wounded.

10. A splendid saddle and silver mounted riding equipment had been presented to Captain James G. Pitts, by attaches of his office, as Commissary of First Division of Sixth Army Corps.

10. Dedication of new M. E. Church at North Vernon. Sermon preached by Bishop James. Over \$5,000 subscribed to release the church from debt. The structure was of brick, 50x35 feet, and finished with black walnut on the inside.

10. Common Council of Hackettstown votes a bounty of \$300 to each man needed to fill its quota.

11. Death of John C. Webster, keeper of a store in Newton, with a quaint collection of books, confectionery, etc. He was about 65 years of age, and a native of Ireland.

12. Notice received that the system of allotments by which soldiers of the 15th N. J. V., sent home money to certain persons, for distribution to their families, had been cancelled by the Paymaster-General.

12. Resident of Newton township, assembled in general town meeting, resolve to pay a bounty of \$350 to each volunteer required to fill the quota of 104 men. The money required, \$36,400, was authorized to be borrowed, and repaid by tax.

13. A collection in the Morristown M. E. Church, for Missions, amounted to \$650, and \$150 was subscribed to make Major-General U. S. Grant a life director of the Missionary Society.

14. Frankford township voted \$350 bounty, for its quota of 42 men. This bounty, in addition to that of the State and General Government, made \$734 for single men and \$968 for married men; or if the recruits had previously served nine months or more in the army, \$100 additional was added.

14. A burglar attempted to force an entrance into store of A. S. Bennett, at Greenville, but was driven away by the fire of a revolver in the hands of a 16-year-old son, who was sleeping in the store.

15. A splendid iron-clad steam frigate built in New York for Italy, had sailed with a full crew of Italian sailors, but the machinery was in charge of a corps of American engineers and firemen. Garret Huston, of Newton, was one of the Assistant Engineers. The Americans were to remain in charge for six months.

15. Many persons throughout the country were obtaining exemption from draft by paying a commutation of \$300. Several residents of Sussex had visited Morristown, to obtain exemption through special defects. Some received it, while others were surprised to find that they were good sound men, capable of masticating hard tack and lodging in a field with the fences down without catching cold.

15. George Nelden and Robert M. Rorbach dissolve partnership at Newton.

15. Warren Board of Freeholders vote a bounty of \$300 to each recruit.

18. Travel over M. & E. road between Newark and Hoboken had greatly increased, so that on this date eight first-class passenger cars were added to the equipment. It was rumored that the Company had purchased the extension.

18. Jury in the slander suit of Dr. J. S. Campbell vs. Dr. P. L. Garrison, rendered a verdict of \$500 damages. Defendant was also fined for contempt of Court rules during progress of the trial. Considering circumstances of defendant, it was a very heavy verdict.

20. David Ryerson, of Newton, aged 82, fell on ice and fractured his hip bone.

21. In the House of Representatives the question of negro soldiers was met. The bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for bounties, was up, and an amendment providing that none of it should be used to raise or

support colored soldiers, was defeated—yeas, 41; nays, 105. Jack Rogers was one of those who thought a negro was too precious to risk his life or blood in battle.

22. Edward A. Reeder, of Stanhope, the Deputy Collector of the U. S. Internal Revenue, died suddenly in Newton, after he had driven his horse to the Cochran House stables. Mr. Reeder was about 51 years of age, a native of Easton, Pa., and a citizen of Sussex for the past ten or fifteen years. He was a man who grew continually in public esteem.

23. Stockholders of M. & E. R. R. met at Newark on business relating to extension from Newark to Hoboken.

24. Concert in Presbyterian church at Deckertown.

24. Sunday school exhibition in M. E. Church at Stanhope.

24. All the townships in Sussex except Sparta and Byram, were offering big bounties for volunteers. Nine offered \$350; Wantage gave \$400 and Walpack \$375. A favorite scheme at this time was the enlistment of Southern negroes, and a regular brokerage business was transacted in this line through which some men profited largely.

25. A. W. Shafer informs his friends in "Old Sussex" that his Eureka Music Hall has been removed to corner of Broadway and Spring street, New York city.

25. A bright Christmas day, with bracing air and fine skating. The evening under the rays of a full moon, was as lovely as the day.

25. Friends of Rev. G. W. Lloyd make him a notable donation visit at Branchville, leaving about \$230.

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1. A grand church festival under auspices of Andover Presbyterian church, in Academy Hall, and a soiree at the church to which 40 cents was charged for tea, interspersed with speeches and music.

1. An inclement beginning of the year, and an unexampled change of temperature. At 12 o'clock, noon, the mercury at Newton marked 45° above zero, while the next morning it was 1° below. The cold snap extended east, west, north and south. Philadelphia had a record of 8° below. In Wisconsin it was 35° to 40° below, and at Memphis, Tenn., 16° below. Nothing like it had ever been known—it was a sudden change from autumn mildness to hyperborean frigidty, and many persons were frozen to death.

1. The Army of the Potomac was in winter quarters and many of the officers and men were on furlough.

2. Mrs. Anthony D. Corwin burned to death at her home in Townsbury, Warren county. Fire discovered at 5 a. m., and in the confusion and excitement Mr. C. forgot that his children had been left at their grandparents, the previous day, and much valuable time was lost in searching for them. His wife's sister was awakened, and followed Mr. C. down stairs, he supposing his wife to be with her. All too late she was seen sitting in her bed surrounded by flames. A faithful dog aroused the family, else all might have perished, and there was a story that a neighbor saw the fire in time to have saved the building, but went first to feed his horses before giving the alarm. Mrs. Corwin was a daughter of Peter Ketchum.

4. Loans and discounts at Sussex Bank had reached \$393,641.93; notes in circulation, \$300,210; due depositors, \$140,986.17; profits since last dividend, \$17,992.98.

4. The Wantage Bank had loaned up to \$169,756.04; notes in circulation, \$167,468; due depositors, \$71,177.48.

5. Big bounties by the U. S. Government ceased.

6. Up to this date Sussex townships had forwarded 299 volunteers to Morristown. Five townships had furnished their full quota, four about one-half, and four had not yet offered a single man.

7. Sunday school exhibition in Newton M. E. Church.

8. Coal cost \$9.50 per ton delivered on cars at Newton.

8. A. J. Shampanore had become the proprietor of the Belvidere Intelligencer, and had increased its size.

8. The Paulina mill property, which was advertised to be sold at public sale on the 16th, was purchased by Robert G. Hunt and Charles E. Vail.

11. Annual meeting of County Agricultural Society. Officers elected, and prizes for field crops awarded. Canfield Struble, Augusta, received prize for best corn crop; Leo B. Hurd, Lafayette, best potato crop; Abiah Wilson, Wantage, best corn blades.

11. Eighteen men of Co. D, 31 regiment, and six of Co. B, 31 regiment, send telegram that they desired to re-enlist to the credit of Newton township, and receive the bounty.

13. Firm of Hall & Ejsall announce dissolution, to take effect on the 23d inst., and John H. Hall's valedictory appears; supplemented by announcement that Richard B. Westbrook would succeed to Judge Hall's interest. The firm name to be B. B. Ejsall & Co.

14. Officers of State Banks met at Trenton to take measures to induce the Government to reduce the revenue tax upon their circulation.

15. The Internal Revenue receipts from the four counties of the Fourth District, Sussex, Morris, Passaic and Bergen aggregated \$311,890.18, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1863. This was an average of \$2.85 for each inhabitant of the four counties under the census of 1870. The heaviest taxes fell upon the manufacturing districts, and were as follows: Sussex, \$26,024.03; Morris, \$79,912.09; Passaic, \$164,670.19; Bergen, \$41,273.87. On distilled spirits Passaic paid nothing; five portions of Morris, \$9,078.93; third district in Sussex, \$5,222.51. Details of other taxes are too lengthy to quote. The Sussex Railroad paid a tax of \$310.52 on its passenger traffic; the M. & E. was assessed in another district.

17. Robert Armstrong, aged 27, died from burns received four hours previous, by his clothes taking fire from a stove in his home at Papakating.

18. Recent real estate transfers were the family residence of the late John H. Nelden, in Newton, to Jacob Lawrence, for \$6,500, and a lot east of and contiguous to the Cochran House, 50 feet front and 60 feet deep, by Dennis Cochran to Samuel J. Coursen, Allen Rosenkrans and Rutherford Tuttle, for \$6,500.

19. M. & E. R. R. opens subscriptions for an increase of stock to the amount of \$30,000.

19. An auxiliary to the U. S. Sanitary Commission was formed in lecture room of Presbyterian church, Newton.

19. "Newton Orphan Asylum Society," auxiliary to the Newark Orphan Asylum Association, formed in lecture room of the Presbyterian church. A board of twenty managers was elected.

19. Wm. H. Earl, of Newark, had 30 men employed in cutting ice on Brooklyn pond (or Lake Hopatcong) and this is the first attempt to utilize the product for city use. It was said that Hopatcong ice was nearly equal to that of Drake's pond at Newton, which is properly a huge spring covering an area of 12 acres, and having a depth in the center of about 60 feet.

19. Arrangements had been made to bring by wagon 60 tons of zinc ore from Franklin to Newton, each week, and transport it by cars to Trenton.

20. Notice given by U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue that hereafter all taxes must be paid in gold or silver coin. U. S. Treasury notes or notes of the National Banks, Checks or notes of other banks not received.

20. Walter Rutherford, chairman, issues notice of a great Metropolitan Fair to be held in New York city, on March 28, in aid of the U. S. Sanitary Commission. Its present expenses exceeded \$45,000 per month, and the money value of its supplies issued during and immediately after the battle of Gettysburg was \$70,000.

## ANCIENT LOCAL HISTORY

Compiled From Files of The Register.

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20. Bad luck seemed to follow Samuel Talmadge, the M. & E. conductor, who lost a leg in a collision near Waterloo, last September. He had just begun to hobble around on a crutch when he fell and broke his remaining leg.

21. H. D. Chapin, Miss Mary Moran and Miss A. McCarter announce increase of tuition in their schools at Newton. The advance was \$1 per quarter.

22. John and James English offer to sell their new three-story brick building adjoining Nelden & Bodine's foundry. This brings to mind that this building was originally used as a blacksmith and harness makers shop.

23. Death of Thomas P. Hunt, in Green township, aged 70, a grandson of one of the earliest settlers of Sussex county. He lived and died on a part of a large tract of land purchased by his grandfather 107 years ago. This branch of the Hunt family originally settled in Newtown, L. I., thence moved to Hunterdon county, N. J., and then branched out into Sussex. Ralph Hunt, the founder of the family in this county, was Supervisor of Newtown, L. I., about 200 years ago.

24. Stephen C. Foster, the author of innumerable negro melodies, died at Pittsburg, Pa. He was buried on the 27th, and as he was laid in the grave a band played his "Old Folks at Home," and "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming."

25. Adjourned meeting of Newton Sanitary Commission adopts constitution, and orders a public meeting at the Court House, on Feb. 1.

26. Dead body of Joseph Terry, of Sparta, arrives in Newton. He was a volunteer, and with another Sussex man named Carey, had been killed by poison contained in pies which they had purchased of an itinerant vender in Alexandria, Va.

27. The township of Newton had raised its quota of volunteers, but was shy some \$7,000 on the payment of bounty. This was a difficulty with all the townships.

28. Farming evidently paid in war times, as the owner of a 200-acre Sussex farm had sold produce to the amount of \$5,000 during the past year.

29. Congregation of Newton M. E. Church surprise wife of Rev. S. W. Hilliard, P. E., with the gift of a silver cake basket and castor, the presentation speech being made by Rev. George H. Whitney, pastor of the church. In turn, Mr. Hilliard surprised Mrs. Whitney by the gift of a silver cake basket; as she was one of the principals in the first event, her surprise was extreme.

30. Homestead farm of the late Samuel S. White, near Andover, containing 200 acres, sold to Francis A. Stackhouse, for \$37.10 per acre. A tract of woodland belonging to the same estate, was sold to Aaron Peck, for \$37.50 per acre.

## FEBRUARY.

1. The new internal revenue act increased the tax on whisky from 20 cents to 60 cents per gallon, and it applied to the big stocks already in possession of the distillers.

1. The great event was an order for a new draft of 500,000 men. In reality it was an increase of 200,000 from the order issued last October.

1. The contemplated meeting of ladies at the Court House to aid in sanitary work, was postponed to Feb. 6, on account of a very severe storm.

1. The annual election of the Sussex Mutual Insurance Company developed renewed strife for office of secretary and treasurer. Dr. F. Smith aspired to the position which D. S. McCarter took from him a year or so ago. The vote showed 398 for McCarter directors and 176 for Smith directors. Some 400 proxies were voted, and as a ten cent stamp was required on each, the Government received some \$40 for the fun. The Company's loss during the year aggregated \$4,141 '76.

3. The body of Captain George V. Griggs, killed near Calpepper, Va., on October 11, arrives in Newton. A funeral service was held on the 5th inst. A guard of honor

attended the remains, and the discourse of Rev. George S. Mott was very appropriate as well as eloquent.

3. Up to this date there had been a week of wading in the deepest, toughest and most adhesive mud that ever distressed a pedestrian or tired the stoutest horse in Sussex county.

5. James R. Hull advertised best sole leather at 35 cents per pound.

5. In this issue THE REGISTER makes its first distinctive local column.

5. Dr. Guthrie, of Orange, (formerly of Tennessee) failed to appear at a meeting in Park Hall, under auspices of the National Loyal League, of Newton. Other speakers, including B. B. Edsall, John Hill, of Boonton, Rev. G. H. Whitney, and Rev. G. W. Lloyd were impressed in service.

5. Col. H. O. Ryerson, of the Tenth N. J. Regt., had been for some weeks at Reading, Pa., troops having been sent to suppress rioting at Mauch Chunk.

5. An old wagon house on Easton road, owned by George H. Nelden, burned at 2 a. m.

5. Harvey Raymond, formerly a well-known merchant in Newton, died at Chary, Clinton county, N. Y., aged 41 years.

6. Meeting held at Andover to discuss ways and means for building an Episcopal church.

16. Orphans' Court admitted will of Jephtha F. Randolph to probate. The contest began about three months ago, had involved an expense of nearly \$2,000.

7. Dr. Silas L. Condit, distinguished for his labors in behalf of temperance and other philanthropic enterprises, died at Jersey City, aged 58 years.

9. Petitions were in circulation throughout the State for a law giving soldiers in the field the right of suffrage.

10. Joseph A. Osborne had been appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue vice E. A. Reeder, deceased.

10. Remonstrances were in circulation against the erection of two townships and a borough out of the old township of Newton.

12. Pupils of Hackettstown Academy give entertainment in old church. W. H. Budd, principal.

10. Governor Parker issues proclamation in reference to new call for troops. Sussex had 257 yet to raise before the exemption from draft. Newton, Stillwater, Green and Walpack had raised their full quotas.

10. The American Telegraph Company had purchased the line between Newark and Hackettstown, including the branch to Newton, and were engaged in renovating it. Rates had also been reduced.

10. Haliday & Petit had issued the first number of a Union paper at Milford, Pa., known as The Northern Eagle.

12. John F. Stowe entertained a number of friends at the Current zinc mine, near Howell's mills.

10. The "spotted fever" was raging at Carbondale, Pa., causing great fatality. As many as twelve deaths occurred in a day, and physicians were unable to control it. Physicians of neighboring counties were afraid it would spread, and were investigating its nature. Among these was Dr. J. Watson Young, of Montague, who went to Carbondale, took the fever, and died on the 14th inst.

12. Meeting at the Court House in aid of Sanitary Commission, addressed by Rev. James M. Tuttle, Rev. George S. Mott, Rev. S. W. Hilliard, and Rev. N. Pettit.

12. THE REGISTER dons a new dress and is first printed upon a power press. The quality of paper, however, was not such as to produce the best results. In these days paper was an expensive luxury.

15. Frankford Soldiers' Aid Society votes to become auxiliary to the U. S. Sanitary Commission.

15. M. & E. R. R. advertises for proposals for grading, masonry and bridges on twenty-three miles of road from Hackettstown to the Delaware river. Limit

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17. The new enrollment bill passed both Houses of Congress and left the commutation at \$300, but for only one draft.

18. Alexander H. Simpson, a native of Newton, elected Chief of Port Jervis fire department.

19. The internal revenue taxes paid in Warren county last year amounted to \$119,951.56. Of this sum three grain distilleries paid \$72,710; \$10,542 tax on manufactures was paid principally by the Warren Foundry, and about \$13,000 was paid in licenses.

19. The First National Bank of Warwick, N. Y., had been fully organized with John L. Welling as president, and Mahlon Cooper, of Deckertown, as cashier.

19. Dr. C. B. Guthrie spoke in Park Hall, and as a Southern man his speech was a revelation to his Northern brethren. He talked two hours, and no man ever had a more interested audience.

20. Chief Justice Edward W. Whelpley died at Morristown, aged 46 years. His like was hardly left behind.

20. D. S. Anderson, president of Sanitary Commission, acknowledges a donation of \$200 from a resident of Newton who declined to have his name published.

20. While members of No. 4 were trying to expel gravel from their hose, on the Park, some miscreant cut and rendered useless a whole length.

22. Festival in aid of Presbyterian Church at Hope.

22. Pupils of N. C. I give entertainment in Presbyterian church. The proceeds of the evening, \$80, were donated to the U. S. Sanitary Commission. Original compositions were read by R. Johnson Shaw, Robert M. Rex and Oscar J. Hardin. William Nelden pleased the audience by the song of the "Jockey Hat," and the "newspaper" called the "Bouquet," edited by Misses Malvena Slater and Amelia O. Ryerson, caused much amusement through its local hits. The "Dream," having reference to the fancied future of Newton was a great card.

22. Washington's birthday generally celebrated. In Newton the firemen paraded with their apparatus.

23. Dr. William Pierson had resigned as Enrollment Surgeon for Fourth District, as it interfered with his professional duties.

23. George Love, a re-enlisted veteran, whose home was at Dyer, died of delirium tremens at the McClellan House, in Newton. He was in good health a fortnight since when furloughed. He had \$551 in his clothing.

24. An Irish funeral party from Franklin came to Newton to bury a deceased friend. Afterward they got into a drunken brawl in the street, which came near ripening into a bloody riot. When partially pacified, and about to leave town, a party of town boys attacked them, and there was a very disgraceful outcome.

24. William Amerman, of Hackettstown, a M. & E. brakeman, killed by falling from his train near Madison.

25. Darius Layton had sold his hotel property at Unionville, to William Hibbard, for \$4,000.

26. Managers of the Newton Sanitary Commission began a school house canvass for contributions.

26. Auction sales of sheep, cattle and horses were never more numerous than at this period.

28. Note made of the hanging of Patrick Kilday, at Castle Thunder, Richmond, in the latter part of the year. Kilday was for some time a brakeman on the Sussex Railroad. He enlisted in the Harris Light Cavalry, was a brave soldier, but while intoxicated wandered into a house in Matthews county, Va., and committed a crime. For this he was sentenced to be shot, but escaped from the guard house through collusion with his guard, and while trying to get to the Maryland shore his boat was blown back near the scene of his crime. He was captured by rebel pickets, was seen and recognized by his female victim, and was taken to Richmond and hanged. The whole story is

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more exciting than the average novel.

26. Recent farm sales in Wantage were: Matthe w Westfall to William Sprague, of Vernon, at \$60 per acre; Lewis Whitaker, 180 acres of the Cuddeback farm to Abraham Emmons, for \$65 per acre. The average price of farm land in Sussex had increased from 50 to 100 per cent. inside of twenty years.

26. Widow of ex-President Harrison died at North Bend, Ohio, aged about 83 years. She was born in Walpack township, Sussex county, and went with her father (John Cleve Symme-) to Ohio, in 1790.

29. Barret Havans, of Wantage, boasted of the ownership of a hog estimated to weigh 1900lbs. It was the largest ever bred in Sussex.

28. Rev. George S. Mott preached a sermon on "Gambling."

## MARCH.

1. John Ousted and Albert Puder form partnership at Andover creamery.

1. George Drake and Lewis Writer dissolve partnership in shoe business. Lewis Writer remained in charge.

1. Official members of M. E. Church at Port Jervis dissolve connection with the Clove congregation in Montague, until such time as they acknowledge their error and promise amendment. The charge was a refusal to support the pastor because of his loyalty, and the neglect to protect the house of worship from desecration.

2. Legislature in joint meeting appoints John Townsend as a Lay Judge for Sussex; Philip H. Hann, for Warren, and John W. Hancock, for Morris.

2. Governor Parker appointed Mercer Beasley as Chief Justice to succeed E. W. Whelpley, deceased.

3. Dr. Charles R. Nelden graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

5. The bill to divide the old township of Newton had become a law by unanimous vote of both Houses of the Legislature, though a strong remonstrance had been placed in hands of William H. Bell, which he never presented. Contrary to public expectation, Newton was not put under a borough charter, but organized the same as any other township, with the single difference of a general superintendent of roads and streets. Col. Hamilton was censured because the bill provided that his brother-in-law, Horace V. Edsall, should run the new lines, etc.

8. Twenty five tons of white oak spokes were shipped from Newton to be used in making wagons for South American market. The hoop pole trade was also increasing, as but a few years since only enough were worked out for local use.

10. Dr. Theophilus H. Andress graduated from College of Physicians and Surgeons, standing second in a class of 71.

10. John B. Titman had sold his farm of 240 acres at Huntsville, for \$60 per acre, to William H. Decker.

11. Joseph A. Orsborne addressed meeting in Union League rooms. He was followed by Chaplain John Faull.

11. Writing under this date Dr. L. D. Miller, from Camp of 1st Regiment N. J. Vols., protests against the worthless recruits being sent to the army. Men over 50 and boys under 15, together with men who had been discharged for physical defects were coming in under the high bounty.

13. Gen. U. S. Grant relieves Gen. Halleck in command of the armies of the United States.

12. George Konkle, of Newton, sold a seven-year-old Ayrshire cow to George C. Shaw, for \$100. Mr. K. purchased the cow two years previous of Joseph Coult, for \$50, and she proved of extraordinary value, producing 325lbs. of butter besides all the milk the family needed.

14. President Lincoln calls for 200,000 more men, and April 15 is fixed for the draft in districts which have not furnished their quota.

14. New locomotive "Hoboken" thrown down a six foot embankment at Stanhope, by misplaced switch. Train had just left station and was moving slowly. No one hurt. Sussex train ran to Hackettstown

and return with passengers. In these days the M. & E. had no reserve engines this side of Newark.

15. Union House, at Stanhope, in charge of William Brown. John M. Smith had removed to Hackettstown.

15. J. B. Baseneger had resigned superintendency of M. & E. R. R., to take charge of the construction work on the extension from Hackettstown.

16. Newark M. E. Conference met at Paterson.

16. Gen. Benjamin Hamilton died very suddenly at Hamburg, aged 83 years. He was eccentric in speech and manner, but had served the county as member of Assembly, as Sheriff, and as State Senator.

16. A festival at Branchville, in aid of Sanitary Commission, netted \$304.50.

17. Preachers of Newton District present Rev. S. W. Hilliard, during Conference session at Paterson, with a silver tea service of four pieces and a "drawing" of green tea in the shape of a \$100 greenback.

18. Act to create town of Newton and the townships of Hampton and Andover, published. Also, the law authorizing certain townships in Sussex to provide money for paying bounties. The first was approved March 10, and the last March 8.

18. Advance sheets of Greeley's history of the "Great American Rebellion," give lengthy sketch of Benjamin Lundy, the Quaker philanthropist, who was born January 4, 1789, in Sussex county.

18. Isaac Shiner announces his intention to erect works in Newton for manufacture of sorghum syrup.

18. Hardwick Mutual statement shows losses of the year 1863, were \$187.64. The Company was prosperous.

19. Peter McGovern, a fireman on the M. & E. R. R., killed at Madison by falling from tender in an attempt to reach a car loaded with hay, which had been placed next to the engine, and had taken fire.

22. Barret Havans shipped his mammoth hog by rail to New York. He refused an offer of \$150 in Newton, expecting to get \$200 in New York. The trip was hard on his swinishness, though if he had been allowed a little rest would have been all right. His arrival at Hoboken caused such a visitation and he was so wearied by the punching with sticks to make him stand up for show that when he was placed upon a truck he died within two blocks of destination at 43d street. The carcass, which weighed 1200lbs., brought \$25. The intending purchasers expected to present the animal to the Metropolitan Fair.

22. Two dwellings and a store at Newport, Orange county, half a mile from the Sussex line, burned at midnight. Fire started in house owned by Mrs. Walling, and borne by wind to house and store owned by Mr. Harrison and occupied by five families. David Brooks, an elderly man, and a colored woman, were burned to death.

23. The hay scales of Wm. P. Nicholas had been removed from the corner of Church street to the front of J. W. & L. H. Smith's building, on Spring street.

22. House takes up Thomas Dunn English's bill to keep soldiers away from the polls. It was defeated 27 to 27. The two Sussex members voted aye, but 7 other Democrats voted with the Republicans and killed it.

22. Dwelling of Daniel H. Struble, at Baleville, burned with most of its contents. Loss about \$1,500; no insurance.

22. All farm buildings on Ira K. Johnson farm, in Byram, occupied by Phillip M. Wilcox, burned through a fire starting in a hay stack.

22. Conference adjourned. Rev. C. S. Vanclave appointed Presiding Elder of Newton District. Rev. G. H. Whitney returned to Newton.

22. Joseph P. Orsborne, formerly of Newton, admitted to practice in New York city.

23. Robert H. Herwell had been appointed Paymaster in the Army to succeed Col. Wm. M. Babbitt, resigned.

23. Lake Hopatcong was five feet lower than it had ever been known to be in the

Spring, owing to small quantity of snow and rain during the winter.

23. Jacob S. Crown had sold his farm of 163 acres in Stillwater township, to Insley, Roy, Jr., for a fraction over \$63 per acre.

24. Examinations and exhibition of Blairstown Presbyterian Academy.

25. Friends of Rev. Levi Morse, pastor of the Baptist church, present him with \$50, and give a silver cake basket to Mrs. Morse.

25. Sussex R. R. Co. advertises excursion tickets to New York, including admission to Metropolitan Fair.

25. Mrs. S. A. Case announces opening of millinery and dress-making rooms, between stores of Lewis Writer and John A. Wildrick, on Spring street.

25. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rankin call attention to the great prosperity of their new school at Mendham, Morris county.

25. On this date President Lincoln was forced to make a speech at the Patent Office Fair, in Washington. Like all his public speeches it was brief and to the point; in fact it is almost as much of a gem as his speech at Gettysburg. It is a tribute to the loyal women of America, and is printed in the issue of April 1.

26. Concert of Branchville Singing Class, under direction of E. R. Conklin.

27. Mary, wife of William R. Morris, died instantly at her home near Newton. She was apparently in good health up to the moment of her death.

28. Of the Wardens and Vestrymen elected by Christ Church, on this date only John W. Lane and Andrew J. Rogers are now living.

28. The "spotted fever" was still raging in Pennsylvania and had caused 37 deaths in 90 cases at Long Branch, N. J. It was believed to be caused by bad food, poisonous rye coffee and bedroom air vitiated by kerosene lamp-smoke.

29. M. B. Stull, THE REGISTER's representative in the 15th N. J. V., writes of several deaths from chronic diarrhoea. Out of 27 recruits sent to Company D, two had died and six discharged for physical disability.

31. Guthrie Strachan died in Sussex jail from the effects of a long debauch. He was a native of Scotland, about 60 years of age, and well-known to residents of this county for his eccentricities and irregularities. He was accepted as a recruit some two months before, and after receiving his bounty money, went to the Army of the Potomac. A few days in camp showed that he was unfit for service, and he returned to Newton for a long and final debauch.

## APRIL.

1. Woodward & Ryerson dissolve partnership in drug business, Dr. Ryerson retiring.

1. At this date there were but twelve actual participants in the Revolutionary War on the pension rolls of the Government.

1. John Linn and Levi Shepherd form law partnership at Newton.

1. John Scarcy, a Sussex R. R. brakeman, run over by some lime cars at Waterloo, and lost his leg below the knee. He was formerly in the Rebel army at Charleston; was captured at Morris Island; refused to be exchanged, and worked his way North. He was sober and industrious, and the Railroad company took good care of the stranger after his accident.

1. The firm of Stoll & Dunn renews itself, after a separation of a year or two.

1. David W. Smith evacuates the Pettit building, and takes a position on the left flank of the Court House, in the O'Leary building.

4. Quarterly statement of Sussex Bank shows discounts of \$406,296 84; bills in circulation, \$350,244; due depositors, \$207,385.37.

4. Farmers' Bank of Wantage reported discounts of \$192,714 28; bills in circulation, \$185,627; due depositors, \$43,969.47.

4. Committee to apportion bounty money in Newton township filed report in Clerk's office. The total of \$50,000 was divided as follows: Newton, \$28,246.50;

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Hampton, \$13,553.50; Andover, \$13,200. The taxable property under the assessment of 1863 was: Newton, \$1,154,600; Hampton, \$678,500; Andover, \$655,799.

4. Newton now had two daily mails to New York and intermediate points, the early train service having been restored.

4. Horse, wagon and harness stolen from stable of Peter Shafer, at Johnsonburg.

4. Benjamin W. Dicker and Jacob Gould form partnership in freighting business at Newton.

4. Gabriel L. Dunning, Levi Shepherd and Thomas Lawrence, Commissioners to apportion the bounty money under the act dividing Newton township, met to make their report.

5. Sussex Courts opened. Chief Justice Heasley presided, and this was his first service since his appointment. Thirty-one tavern licenses were granted, and two opposed.

5. Reuben Hayne had opened a photograph gallery in John McCarter's new brick building.

5. James A. Decker had opened a grocery and provision store, in new building corner of Spring and Moran streets.

5. Contributions from Hamburg to the value of \$30.25 acknowledged by Sanitary Committee of Newark.

6. Robert Hamilton, of Sussex, chosen Speaker of the House of Assembly, vice Joseph N. Taylor, deceased.

6. Legislature rejects bill to allow soldiers in the field to vote, 31 to 19—all Democrats voting nay and all Republicans aye.

8. Prof. William Rankin writes to correct several errors in Horace Greeley's narrative of Benjamin Lundy.

8. The whole number of recruits required from Sussex, under all calls from July, 1863, to March, 1864, was 759. Of this number 334 had been supplied by volunteering, and after deducting about 100 re-enlisted veterans, over 800 men were yet to be raised before the draft.

10. Benjamin Hull, a prominent citizen of Walpack, died at the age of 76 years.

11. Annual township meetings. Most of the townships voted on the "up-and-down-the-hill-plan," and there was exciting times in Newton, Andover and Sparta. Newton elected Andrew Shiner for its first superintendent of streets; \$400 was voted for poor and incidental expenses; \$3,000 for repair of streets and sidewalks, and \$2.50 per scholar for schools. For the bounty debt of over \$23,000, it was voted to pay one-fifth and issue bonds for the balance. A resolution was adopted that no sectarian distinction should be made in the division of the school money, this being intended to bring in a Roman Catholic school just started. The resolution was illegal. Hampton and Andover elected their first township officers; the feature in the first named was the adoption of a resolution censuring the Senator and Assemblymen of the county for gerrymandering the township of Newton, and the voters pledged themselves to spare no honorable effort to restore the former boundaries. Andover indulged in some questionable tactics to secure the election of a certain clique of officers. Lafayette passed a resolution to pay \$300 to every drafted man so that he might purchase exemption or keep the money as bounty. Though warned that it was an illegal plan, upon which no capitalist would loan money, nor could it be collected by taxation, it went through with a rush.

12. Sussex County Sunday School Union reorganized at Lafayette. Jonathan Whitaker chosen president; Dr. Thomas Ryer-son, secretary, and W. W. Woodward, treasurer.

12. Annual meeting of Newton Fire Department. Charles P. Rorbach declined being candidate for re-election as president. Thirty-eight votes cast, resulting in election of Franklin Smith, as president; Martin Grover, secretary and treasurer; Oakley B. Pellet and Pemberton B. Horton, managers; Theodore Morford, assessor. \$500 was ordered to be raised by taxation.

12. Meeting at Lafayette Presbyterian

church for purpose of reviving County Sunday School Association.

14. Books of Sussex and Warren Railroad Company opened at Cochran House, for additional subscriptions, by Sidney Smith, secretary.

11-13. Examinations at N. C. I.

15. The post office at Tuttle's Corner had been discontinued.

15. John L. Woodruff had succeeded John A. Potter in book and periodical business.

15. Town Committee of Newton asks bids until May 7, on bounty loan.

16. Newton's Town Committee, under the new order, held its first meeting. It was composed of Wm. M. Babbitt, Theodore Morford, Thomas D. Christie, David R. Hull and Peter Hoppaugh. Jacob Gould was Clerk. Mr. Babbitt was chosen chairman. The Street Superintendent was directed to ascertain the courses of some of the principal thoroughfares, and the result was a commotion among the inhabitants. Property holders on Spring street were notified that the door yards and many of the buildings were on the street lines. The same condition existed on all sides of the public green.

17. Rev. Wm. M. Burroughs died suddenly at New Prospect, Bergen county, N. J., aged about 50. He was well-known in Sussex, having labored in the Newton, Stillwater and other charges.

18. M. & E. R. R. made a welcome change by which the morning train left New York at 8.30 instead of 9.

18. Job J. Shaw farm in Frelinghuysen township, sold by John Linn to John Canfield, for \$23,800. It contained 253 acres, and the buildings were worth half the sum paid, which was an average of about \$90 per acre.

19. The combination in the butter market broke on this date in New York city. All over the country the selling price had been forced up to 48 and 50 cents per lb., but now dropped to 33 and 34 cents.

20. The Pettit property on Spring st. was disappearing to make room for store-houses to be built by Edwards & Son, L. L. Martin, and Jacob Snyder.

20. Congregation of Newton Presbyterian church visit parsonage and present massive silver pitcher and plate to Rev. George S. Mott. It was a genuine surprise party; the presentation was made through Thomas N. McCarter, Esq.

21. About this date the grist mill at Stanhope was destroyed by fire; no mention being made of it until two weeks later, when it was stated that the loss to the Sussex Iron Company, the owners, was \$6,000; and that H. A. Franks, the lessee, lost \$1,200 in grain, flour, etc. Neither were insured.

21. Grain prices at Newton steam mill: wheat, \$1.60 @ \$1.75; rye, \$1.23; corn, \$1.23; oats, 70 @ 75c; corn ears, \$1.75 per cwt.

22. Card of H. P. Wardell, carriage and sign painter, appears.

22. Howell & Joralemon advertised ground plaster at \$5 per ton in coin or \$9 in currency.

22. Advertisement appears for The Northern Eagle, of Milford, Pa.

22. Mrs. M. Hoppaugh's millinery now located in rooms over Goodale's drug store.

20. Mrs. John Baldwin and her son burned to death at Madison, Morris county through explosion of a kerosene lamp which was being filled by the light of a candle. Her husband was severely burned in an effort to extinguish the flames. The oil was of an impure character, and such as was commonly used at this date.

23. Metropolitan Fair closed in New York, having been open three weeks. The cash receipts were \$1,082,023. The receipts in the New Jersey department were about \$14,000. A very exciting contest for an army sword caught 44,963 votes, 30,291 being for Gen. Grant and 14,599 for Gen. McClellan. Grant was 2,256 behind McClellan when the books closed, but his vote went up before the ballots were counted; 10,000 of his majority of 15,782 was contributed by "Loyal men of New York." 992 votes were cast for a Navy sword, of which Com. Rowan received 462 and Com.

Farragut 332.

26. C. M. Harrison, of Middlesex, succeeds F. W. Ricord, as State Superintendent. It required 21 ballots before the removal of the veteran superintendent was effected.

28. Engine Company No. 4 passed resolutions condemning recent election in Newton Department, where two members of a rival company (one of them a minor) had been chosen officers.

29. The plan to widen Spring Street had set that portion of the town in an uproar. The idea that fences, stoops and porticos were in the way was considered an uncalled for innovation upon the old-fashioned ways.

30. The celebrated trotting stallion, George M. Patchen, died of rupture at Snedekir's stables, Long Island. Mr. Waltermire, his owner, had recently refused \$22,000 for the horse.

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2. Sussex Republicans chose delegates to State electoral convention.

3. The draft ordered to begin in the lower districts of the State, the Fourth district would be among the last. A table of quotas and credits, up to April 15, showed a deficiency of 325 in Sussex.

3. The excitement in Newton over the plans of the street superintendent was abating somewhat under the declaration that though our main streets or roads were originally laid out to be four rods wide, the decision had been made to work them as three-rod roads; but the lapse of years had given opportunity for such encroachment that even at the reduced width there were still dooryards and stoops on the public highway. Ten days ago the air was full of threats of legal fight; now there was a disposition to make concessions.

4. Dr. H. T. Hyde, an electropathic physician, makes his first raid upon the pocket books of Sussex residents, having his headquarters at the Cochran House.

4. The war was now making itself felt through increased taxation to raise bounty money. The State tax law required \$10,815 from Sussex, \$12,557 from Warren, and \$14,519 from Morris.

1. Award of mail contracts for this portion of New Jersey, showed different prices from what are now obtained by underbidding. Paterson to Port Jervis, W. S. Courser, \$1,600 per annum; Dover to Hamburg, S. Smith, \$390; Flanders to Drakesville station, W. R. Miller, \$294; Drakesville to Stanhope, J. S. Billow, \$200; Newton to Deckertown, N. Burrows, \$300; Newton to Milford, A. J. Jones, \$300; Newton to Flatbrookville, P. J. Gariss, \$255; Newton to Blairstown, John A. Wildrick, \$120; Lafayette to Warwick, Norton Hunt, \$400; Branchville to Deckertown, John Haggerty, \$175.

1. Gen. Grant orders "forward march" of the Union armies, and up to the 10th the news was very exciting, on account of casualties to Sussex volunteers.

3. Rev. Myron Barret, after a year's absence at New Haven, Conn., had returned to Newton.

3. Special term of Common Pleas for trial of appeals. Of eight cases seven were non-suited, dismissed or put off, and the one tried resulted in a verdict for 16 cents.

3. John Trusdell announces opening of photograph gallery, in McCarter building, corner Spring and Moran street.

5. Negotiations were in progress which promised to place the Sussex Railroad on a solid financial basis and enhance the value of the stock. The annual election was called for May 25.

5. Even with thoughts of the coming draft the people were asked to attend an exhibition by Stowe, Roseton & Co.'s circus, at Deckertown, on the 9th, Newton, the 10th; and Hope, the 11th. At the same time Rivers & Derious' circus was billed at Newton for the 15th. The first was not well patronized at Newton, the weather being favorable for farm work.

5. Misses A. & S. C. Terwilliger announce opening of a new millinery at Lafayette.

5. Mrs. Rachel Harker, relict of Major

Daniel Harker, died at Newton, aged 89 years.

5. Miss Mary Potter, dressmaker, removed to Liberty street.

5. Dr. J. S. Campbell was in evidence again in his controversy with Dr. P. L. Garrison, as to merits of teeth making.

6. Robert Stoll and Hyman Westbrook, receivers of Dingman's Choice and Delaware Bridge Co. give notice to creditors.

6. Horace Warner advertises direct telegraphic connection between Newton and Newark and New York by new lines of American Telegraph Company.

7. Residence of Henry Phillips, in Wantage, robbed of clothing, money and valuable papers.

7. Only \$1,100 of the Newton bounty loan of \$23,000 had been subscribed up to this date. Committee made a new effort to negotiate the issue of bonds.

7. Ebenezer Perry, a soldier of the war of 1812, died at Augusta, in his 78th year.

9. Victor M. Reed, aged 17 years, killed by lightning, while standing under a tree on his father's farm in Sparta township. Just before the fatal flash his father had called him to leave the spot.

9. Rain and hail cause damage in Sandyston, Frankford, Wantage and Hardyston. Barn of James Clark, in Sandyston, demolished by wind.

10. Work had commenced at Phillipsburg, on the M. & E. extension.

10. Work upon an idea of Aaron Peck, to convey water from the spring on Halsted street, to the Sussex R. R. depot, had commenced.

10. End of an unusually "heated term" of ten days.

10. Rev. James L. Bennet, of Ten-Mile River, had become pastor of Mt. Salem Baptist Church.

11. Board of Freeholders organized. Robert Hamilton, director; George R. McCarter, clerk. Franklin Smith elected County Collector by vote of 21 to 6 for Thos. R. Everitt, and 3 blank. Salary, \$600. \$18,000 voted to be raised for county purposes by tax. Motion that county borrow whole of Surplus Revenue Fund, the interest of the whole sum to schools, was passed 13 to 7, then reconsidered, and finally defeated 14 to 10. Committee on public buildings, which had been instructed to report on necessity for a new jail, advised repairs to court house cells.

13. Dr. Thomas Ryerson left Newton for the Army of the Potomac, to learn some tidings of his brother. He reached Fredericksburg on the 16th, and finding such a vast number of cases requiring medical and surgical attention, that he remained and worked zealously for a fortnight or more.

13. Jack Rogers, after a sojourn of four days in New York, to enable his admirers in Newton time to prepare for giving a reception, arrives at home, and is serenaded. He was welcomed by Col. Robert Hamilton, and the reply was about an hour in length—a mixture of war, compromise and bombast.

13. Hundreds of private citizens from all over the country had gone to Washington and Fredricksburg, to assist in care of wounded and maimed soldiers.

14. A flood rain prevented exhibition by Rivers & Derious circus. A temporary lull in storm encouraged the proprietors to put up their tent, but the promise of fair weather proved delusive. In order that the crowd should not go home disappointed Park Hall was engaged, and a crowded audience viewed a fine exhibition in a limited space.

16. Judge Ogden held court at Washington, Warren county, and appointed Cummins O. Harris, of Frelinghuysen; James Boyd, of Independence, and Amos Hoagland, of Mansfield, as commissioners to award damages to land owners in extending the M. & E. R. R. from Hacketts-town to Phillipsburg.

16. Governor Parker issued proclamation calling out the State militia for service of 100 days.

16. The heavy rain of the two previous days broke down the dam at Petersburg,

Morris county, destroying the forge, and carrying two other buildings half a mile below.

16. The flood of Saturday and Sunday carried away many bridges along the Walkhill, and other Sussex streams. The Delaware rose rapidly and caused much destruction. Flood also caused a bad break in canal between Waterloo and Hacketts-town, which carried away part of the railroad embankment.

18. The New York World printed a bogus proclamation purporting to have been issued by President Lincoln, which spoke of Grant's campaign as a virtual failure, ordered a day of fasting and prayer, and a call for 400,000 men with a threat of immediate draft. The hoax created much excitement, but the brazen fabrication soon caused a reaction. The Government ordered Gen. Dix to seize the establishment, as well as that of the Journal of Commerce which printed the same. The investigation that followed showed that Joseph Howard, city editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, concocted the proclamation to affect the gold market, in which he desired to speculate. Howard and a reporter named Mallison were sent to Fort Lafayette.

20. Issue of this date is principally devoted to accounts of the fighting in Virginia and the casualties to New Jersey troops, which included the deaths of Col. H. O. Ryerson, Captain James Walker, Captain Ellis Hamilton, Sergeant Charles C. Simpson, Lieut. Wm. VanNoy, with others; also the wounding of Captain Henry P. Cooke, Lieut.-Col. T. H. Davies, Major Vickers, etc. It was more difficult then than now to prepare lists of killed and wounded.

20. It was understood that the Sussex Railroad was to be sold to gentlemen interested in the mines at Franklin, the coal fields at Scranton, and the Warren Railroad. The valuable franchises had sent the stock to four times its value, and those who came forward a few years since and purchased the stock realized a fine profit. Captain Aaron Peck realized \$60,000 by the advance.

20. Dr. E. Schumo announces permanent location in Newton. Office next to the Anderson House.

20. Misses M. & S. Shoemaker announce opening of millinery over Woolward's drug store.

20. Rev. F. E. M. Bachelar was pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church.

23. Frankford township, through its committee, offered \$8,000 in bounty bonds to investors.

23. Ladies of Newton met at Court House to gather up supplies of lint and bandages.

25. William McDavitt appointed enrolling officer for Andover township; E. M. Curry for Hampton township, and Reuben Hayne remained in charge of what was left of old Newton.

25. The work of double tracking the M. & E. from Hoboken to Newark was progressing rapidly.

25. Annual election of Sussex R. R. Co. The new board of directors consisted of Aaron Peck, John Rutherford, John Linn, Martin Ryerson, Moses Taylor, John I. Blair, S. T. Scranton, Joseph H. Scranton, Charles Scranton, Samuel Marsh, Wm. E. Dodge. Subsequently Aaron Peck was re-chosen as president, as well as David Thompson, treasurer, and George H. Nelden, secretary.

27. Old newspapers and other printed matter, formerly selling at one cent per pound, were now purchased at eight cents, and became too valuable for kindling fires.

27. A list of the persons drafted at Elizabeth, last week, to fill the quota of Warren county, is printed in this issue. With 50 per cent. added to offset deductions for disability, the list comprises 369 names, some of which were quite prominent then and since. Belvidere and Greenwich raised their quotas after the draft.

27. Sussex county now realized more than ever before that "war is hell." In issue of this date is a list of the losses of

the 15th N. J. regiment from May 4th to 15th, furnished by M. B. Stull and Chaplain Haines. When it crossed the Rapidan on the 21 inst., it mustered 450 officers and men; on the 15th there were but 157 fit for duty, and the list of casualties footed up 76 officers and men killed; wounded, 162; missing, 41. First Sergeant J. B. Hendershot sent a later report, but there was still great uncertainty as to the fate of Col. Ryerson, Captain Van Blarcom and others. They were missing, but believed to have been taken as prisoners by the rebels.

25. Oscar Emmons, of Slabtown, Warren county, committed to jail on suspicion of having stolen a horse on the 25th inst., from premises of Mrs. E. Wilson, near Fredon.

28. An eight-year-old son of Jehiel T. Shafer, while visiting at Stillwater, fell from a pole in a barn, and received injuries which it was believed would result fatally.

30. Draft for Fourth district began at Morristown. The drawing was done by Samuel T. Day, a blind man, from New Providence, who took the names from the box. Each name was written upon paper, and then rolled up in as small a compass as possible, and held together by an elastic. The 50 per cent. for deficiency was not drawn until after the surgeons had examined the original conscripts. Bergen county had filled its quota, and Passaic nearly so, therefore the draft began with the country portion of Essex. After 19 names had been drawn Col. Buchanan, the Provost Marshal General of New Jersey appeared, and on his statement that there was a greater deficiency than had been represented, the drawing of that county was suspended. Morris county was then taken up, and that work was not finished until 2 p. m. on June 1, when 571 names had been drawn.

30. Rev. Peter Kanouse, late pastor of the Deckertown Presbyterian church, closed his long and useful life. He was aged 79 years and 9 months. Up to his 78th year he retained his mental and physical vigor, but afterward was too infirm for pastoral labor. He was an impressive and eloquent speaker.

30. The compensation to the Sussex R. R. for carrying the mails twice each day, back and forth, had been increased to \$900.

31. Moses Bell, of Middletown, and recently of Newton, took possession, under lease, of track and stables of Essex County Driving Association, at Orange.

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1. The draft for deficiencies in Sussex began, and finished as follows: Stillwater, 13; Walpack, 5; Sandyston, 15; Montague, 31; Lafayette, 17; Frankford, 29; Wantage, 43; Vernon, 48; Hardyston, 31; Sparta, 66; Green, 3; Byram, 24

1. Postal money order system first placed in operation.

2. Francis Price, formerly of Sussex, died in New York city, aged 77. He was the father of ex-Gov. Rodman M. Price. He was an enterprising and useful citizen, and had acquired wealth and influence.

2. Dr. C. B. Guthrie addressed Union meeting at Branchville.

2. Draft for Pike county, made at Easton. Areli G. Hull and Dr. John J. Case were drawn.

3. Third N. J. regiment left the front and arrived at Trenton on the 7th. First Sergeant J. B. Hendershot and Newman E. Chambers arrived in Newton on the 8th, the former on a stretcher, having been shot through both legs in battle of Cold Harbor. Chambers was also wounded in forehead. The casualties occurred the day previous to the expiration of the term of enlistment.

3. Accounts of the severe fighting under Gen. Grant continued to absorb the greater portion of the paper, with lists of casualties and movements of regiments.

3. The new law requiring publication of township financial statements had become effective, and Lafayette was the first to respond.

4. Stillwater Bounty Association met

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at hotel of Isaac Rosenkrane, to make proportional assessment.

4. Annual election of Sussex Bank. No change of directors.

4. Wheelwright shop and foundry of Simon Schoonover, at Bushkill, Pa., destroyed by incendiary fire; loss, \$3,000; partially insured in Monroe Mutual.

5. Second New Jersey regiment arrived at Newark, having completed its three years of service. Company B, of Sussex, was in this regiment, and though many of the members were furloughed and came home, they were obliged to return to be mustered out. The arrival of the regiment was unexpected, and though plans had been made to welcome its return, they could not be carried out on this day, which was Sunday. Mr. Corey, the latter, ordered refreshments for the Sussex and Passaic companies, but the city authorities finally assumed the duty. About 315 men returned, 85 having re-enlisted and were transferred to the 15th regiment; only two officers re-enlisted. On the 7th a formal reception and parade occurred at Newark.

6. Samuel L. McCamley arrested at Warwick, on a charge of having murdered Hiram Baum, a private of the Veteran Reserve Corps, at Baltimore, Md, on June 2d.

6. Lightning killed valuable colt owned by Amzi Bedell, on Coult farm, in Frankford. It stood in the angle of the fence, and while the ralls on either side of the colt bore marks of lightning, there was no wound or abrasion on the body of the animal.

7. County Medical Society met at Newton and elected officers.

7. Captain N. K. Bray, of the 33d regiment, arrived home at Branchville, having been badly wounded in the leg at battle of Resaca, Ga., early in May.

7. National Union convention assembled at Baltimore, and the next day nominated Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, for president and vice president.

8. The U. S. Hospital at Newark had 1000 patients.

8. Bible Society held annual meeting in Newton M. E. Church. Sermon by Prof. Moffatt, of Princeton.

9. Dr. J. Hollister gives lecture and exhibition in M. E. Church.

9. Wantage township offered \$19,000 in bounty bonds to investors.

10. Law incorporating the Mount Auburn Cemetery Association, of Newton, New Jersey, published.

10. The list of persons drafted in Sussex reprinted in this issue, with the remark that it had been placed where it might be cut out without seriously mutilating the paper, as it was presumed that a good many would desire to preserve it.

10. Notes of home coming wounded Union soldiers, and also their deaths, were numerous. On the 12th the funeral of Sergeant Charles W. Beegle, of Co. B, 15th regiment, was held in Lafayette M. E. Church, and that of Captain James Walker, of Co. D, 15th regiment, was held in the same place on the 16th inst. On the 12th funeral sermon was preached in Baptist church of Wantage, by Rev. George F. Love, for 1st Sergeant Martin C. Vangelder, of Co. K, 15th regiment.

10. Three privates of 21 N. J. Cavalry shot at Memphis, Tenn., for the crime of rape. One of them was Jacob Snover, from near Blairstown. He was the least guilty of the three. Full account of the execution is printed in issue of July 1.

11. John Dennis, a private in Company B, 3d New Jersey Cavalry, killed by a member of a Connecticut regiment, at White House, Va., during an affray which grew out of a dispute relative to ownership of a rubber blanket.

11. Death of Chief Justice Hornblower, at Newark, in his 83th year.

11. Committee of Sussex teachers met in Newton to make arrangements for next annual Institute.

14. Rev. F. E. M. Bachelor installed as pastor of Sparta Presbyterian church.

15. A. Albertson had located at Jesse

Ward's hotel, and his business was the furnishing of substitutes for drafted men.

15. Annual meeting of M. & E. stockholders, at Newark. The financial report showed that the company had earned about \$100,000 more than the expenses. The report also recited the difficulties of a technical nature which had delayed the extension from Hackettstown, but which had now been removed; also the difficulties in arranging between owners of old and new stock. New bonds and increase of capital stock had become necessary. The directors were given full power to construct a branch from Denville to Bloomfield.

17. Letters from Sergeant M. B. Stall and Chaplain Haines give details of the wounding and death of the Sussex boys up to June 4.

16. Frankford and Byram financial statements are printed.

16. The new owners of the Sussex Railroad met in Newton, and then made a tour of observation to Franklin and Warwick.

18. A student at Blairstown Academy, whose home was in New York, drowned while bathing in creek at Jacksonburg.

21. Speculation in gold causes it to reach 203, the highest point to date.

22. A correspondent who signs himself "Newton" protests against the monopoly in milk in town, which charged six cents per quart.

22. Second N. J. Regiment mustered out of service at Newark, and 35 veterans of Company B return to their homes in Sussex and Warren. The First and Third were mustered out on the 21st, and nearly all of the surviving members of Company D, 31 regiment, who were recruited in Sussex, were now home.

22. The Board of Enrollment for the Fourth District met at Newton to examine men who had been drawn for military service. Their session continued four days.

22. Festival in Lafayette M. E. Church.

23. The income section of the new U. S. tax bill provided for a five per cent. tax on incomes from \$600 to \$5,000, and then up to ten per cent. on those above \$5,000, with two per cent. additional on the incomes of all citizens living abroad.

24. Harmony Lodge celebrates Saint John's Day with an address at 4 p. m. in Masonic Hall, by R. B. Westbrook, and a collation at the Anderson House.

24. The New Jersey Herald reduces its size, on account of cost of paper, and THE REGISTER gives notices of a contemplated advance of subscription to \$2 by mail and \$2.25 by carrier.

23-24. New Jersey Editorial Association met at Schooley's Mountain Spring. A resolution was adopted that all weekly papers should charge at least \$2 per annum in advance.

25. Joseph A. Scoville died in New York, aged about 50. He was described as a literary hack and a rabid enemy of the Union. He once resided in Sussex county, and pretended he was a man of great wealth; purchased a farm in Newton township; held it for a year or two; quarreled with nearly everybody he had dealings with, and finally sold out and departed.

22-25. Board of Enrollment met and completed examination of drafted men in Sussex. Though there was a large attendance of drafted men and their friends, and considerable anxiety and excitement, nothing of a disorderly character occurred. The results in each township are given, and the recapitulation shows 325 as the whole number drafted. Of these 60 failed to report; 171 were accepted; 91 exempted, and 3 postponed for further consideration. Two of the "substitutes" furnished by drafted men escaped, one while on the way to Morristown, and another by letting himself down from a window in the court house at Newton.

27. Hampton, aged 8 years, son of Alfred Struble, drowned by falling into saw mill pond at Swartswood.

27. Neptune Engine Co., No. 3, chose P. B. Horton, foreman; Robert Gray, Jr.,

assistant foreman; Lewis J. Martin, secretary; Elvin A. Verbon, treasurer; Martin R. Shiner, chief of hose.

28. Hercules Engine Co., No. 4, chose Joseph Coult, as foreman; S. C. Randall, assistant foreman; Wm. P. Ross, secretary; B. F. Sherwood, treasurer; Edward I. Simpson, chief of hose.

28. George Gustib, son of Horatio N. Gustin, of this county, had just returned from a profitable trip. In May he shipped on a small schooner bound for Port Royal, S. C. On the return trip the vessel picked up 41 bales of cotton, which sold in New York for \$24,000. Young Gustin's share was about \$600.

28. Gen. Kilpatrick, whose wounds still detained him from active service, arrived in Newton and was serenaded at the Cochran House by Sussex Cornet Band. The members of Engine Co., No. 3, turned out to participate in the greeting to the gallant young General. Though his carriage was waiting to carry him some 16 miles northward, he made an extended speech.

28. House passed the Senate bill repealing the \$300 exemption clause. Thereafter no payment of money would relieve a man from military service. A bounty clause provided \$200, \$300 and \$400 for one, two and three year men.

28. The 38th regiment of 100 days men left for Bermuda Hundred. The oldest man in the regiment was 33 years of age, and a large majority of the 650 were under 21 years.

30. Dr. Hyde entertains his patients and friends at the Cochran House.

30. Joseph H. Miller, or Coult & Anderson would furnish substitutes for drafted men, for \$530.

30. Morris & Essex road, for the first time in many years, omitted sale of excursion tickets for July 4. The excuse was that the company was short of passenger cars, and did not wish to invite a larger amount of business than it could transact promptly.

30. No rain had fallen in this section inside of three weeks, and the heat had been intense. Vegetation was suffering severely.

JULY.

1. C. G. Overacre located in Newton as agent for Willcox & Gibbs machines.

1. N. C. I. closed with an entertainment in the Court House.

2. Ex-Governor Andrew H. Reeder died at Easton, Pa., aged 56 years.

4. Celebration at Branchville. Oration by James M. Scovel, of Camden; reader, John L. Everitt. Two church festivals, one held in basement of Presbyterian church, and the other in Wm. H. Bell's mill, in aid of a proposed M. E. Church, realized over \$1,000. At the toast table Rev. G. W. Lloyd read a grand poem, which is printed in issue of July 15. The day was made very lively by attempts of some drunken ruffians to run down and kill two negroes, because "they were the cause of the war."

4. Barnes Lane holds his first private 4th of July celebration in his own dooryard and at his own expense.

4. Celebration at Tranquility. Orator, Thomas Anderson; reader, George H. Nelden; marshal, Gen. Edwards.

4. Celebration at Hope. Music by Belvidere Band; orators, Joseph Coult, of Newton, and Caleb H. Valentine, of Hackettstown; reader, Colonel Charles Scranton. A large sum was realized at the two church festivals.

4. Celebration at Blairstown. Orator, Rev. C. S. Vancleve; reader, Marshall Hunt; music by Blairstown Band; Gen. Burnett delivered an address.

4. Festival in grove near Big White House, Lake Hopatcong, in aid of M. E. Church.

4. William Ryan, a native of Ireland; aged about 40 years, died at Paterson from sunstroke. He had walked the 37 miles between Deckertown and Paterson, and fell insensible as he sat down on a stoop to rest. He was accompanied by his son, aged 18 years, but had no other relative in this country.

6. A competitive trial of seven different makes of mowing machines on McElboney field, but, as usual, the judges made no distinction in merits.

8. George F. Shiner, a Newton lad, aged 10 years, fell from cherry tree and received a badly fractured arm.

8. E. A. Stiles announces that Mount Retirement Seminary will be reopened in November next.

9. Thieves stole two good horses from premises of Andrew Snover, at Blirstown.

12. Gov. Parker issues proclamation stating that though expecting a call from the President, or Governor of Maryland, for troops to aid in driving back rebels from Maryland, he presumed there was a sufficient force to meet the emergency. But he requested immediate organization of companies for thirty days' service.

12. Stephen Vail, a skilled machinist, and the promoter of steam navigation and the magnetic telegraph, died at Speedwell, near Morristown, aged 84 years and 14 days. He was born and reared in poverty, and achieved success by his great skill and enterprise.

15. Political matters were already becoming lively in Sussex, there being many aspirants for the offices of State Senator, County Clerk and Sheriff. Wm. H. Bell was anxious to become Senator, but the clique had picked Joseph S. Martin to win.

15. Railroad wreck on the Erie, at Shohola, Pike county, in which train carrying 833 rebel prisoners, under guard of 125 Union soldiers, collided with a heavy coal train. One engineer, two firemen, and a flagman were killed, beside 16 Union soldiers and 50 rebel prisoners. The wounded exceeded 80.

18. Executive Committee of Sussex Agricultural Society met in Newton, and decided to hold next annual fair October 11-15.

18. Citizens of Newton met at Court House to consider measures for providing for quota of the town in the draft to be made in September next. The plan favored was to send an agent south and secure the necessary men, though like most other projects, the necessary funds was the chief obstacle.

18. President Lincoln calls for 500,000 more soldiers.

18. Supplemental draft began at Morristown to supply deficiencies in quota. Double the number required was drawn.

20. Though light rains had fallen, the drouth was still in evidence. Pasture was burned up and streams were at their lowest ebb.

21. Edward N. Fuller, editor of Newark Journal, arrested and held to bail in the sum of \$7,000, for advising resistance to the draft.

22. County statement appears, showing receipts from tavern licenses to aggregate \$481. Bridges cost \$2,323.54, and fees for selling and inspecting same \$75. Election expenses, \$324.70; court expenses, \$2,481.61; poor house, \$2,151.25. The committee to prepare report say it was delayed by neglect of township superintendents of schools to forward their reports. At this time there were 281 soldiers in New Jersey regiments whose wives and dependent widowed mothers were receiving \$1,686 monthly in bounties paid through County Collector.

23. Citizens of Stillwater township met at Middleville to correct enrollment list.

23. Chaplain John Faull writes of battle of Peach Tree Creek, and gives losses in 33d regiment.

25. Governor announces that New Jersey's quota under the last call is 15,891 men. Of this number Sussex must raise 488 and Morris 655.

25. New York morning papers had advanced rates from \$6 to \$10 per year; the Evening Post had raised to \$12; the Commercial Advertiser to \$11, and the Newark Advertiser from \$7 to \$9.

25. A generous rain ends the disastrous drouth, which was even more extensive in the Western States.

26. Hampton Savercool, of Hardwick, Warren county, died five hours after eat-

ing a quantity of the root of poison hemlock, which he had mistaken for sweet licorice, while cutting oats.

26. Eben Winton, editor of Bergen County Democrat, who formerly worked in office of New Jersey Herald, held to bail in \$2,000, for advising resistance to the draft.

27. The draft was the all-absorbing topic and meetings were being held in every township to devise methods for securing substitutes. The meetings in Newton were numerous, and many plans were considered, one of which provided for a poll tax of \$10 on every citizen, and an indemnity bond was signed to secure an advance of \$18,000.

27-29. Board of Enrollment held meetings in Newton to examine drafted men.

29. Isaac Dennis died at Johnsonburg, in his 80th year. He was born in Hardyston township, in 1785, and first began mercantile life in the store of Judge Abram Hunt, at Huutsville, in 1808. He was in business for a period of 56 years, and was distinguished for probity and frugality.

29. THE REGISTER is advanced to \$25, where delivered by carrier. All dissatisfied with the advance were requested to settle, as there was no profit in the business, at present cost of paper.

29. Dance at Slater's hotel, Lafayette.

29. William Watkins, painter, Moran street.

29. Central Railroad of New Jersey opened its extension from Elizabethport to Communipaw Bay, and thence by ferry to pier 2, North river.

29. This issue contains a tribute to life services and character of the late Rev. Peter Kanouse, adopted by the Presbytery of Rockaway.

30. Voters of Frankford met to take action upon quota in the coming draft.

30. Special town meeting held at Court House at 6 p. m., decided not to appropriate any more money for streets and sidewalks. The meeting was organized, its business transacted, and adjournment made inside of five minutes. Andrew Shiner had expended \$3,000 on Spring and Mill streets, and the meeting would not consider a proposition to wait ten minutes to hear his report. The action left the streets in bad condition, but the people were in no mood for further expense at this time.

30. John Ward, aged 10 years, son of Martin Ward, of Newton, who was then in the 9th N. J. Regiment, killed by breaking of a limb of willow tree upon which he had climbed near the Water street bridge.

#### AUGUST.

1. The revenue law requiring two cent stamp on bank checks over the amount of ten dollars takes effect.

2. John S. Brodrick, widely known in the county, succumbs to a series of afflictions, at Andover, aged 64 years.

3. New barn of Joseph P. Hill, near Springdale, burned by lightning. Loss, \$3,000; no insurance.

4. Observed as a day of humiliation and prayer, in response to concurrent resolution of Congress and proclamation by the President. Services in town churches, and business suspended. In Presbyterian church \$80 was added to the \$200 contributed a fortnight ago for Sanitary Commission.

5. Notice given that County Teachers' Institute, arranged to be held at Sparta on 23d inst., had been postponed to September 5.

5. George Nelden offered \$12 per ton cash for hand pulled flax straw.

6. Special town meeting in Wantage to vote bounty to fill quota.

8. Fire discovered at 1.30 this (Monday) morning in John Kraber's furniture warehouses on Spring street. The firemen did splendid work, but the loss to Mr. Kraber aggregated \$4,000, without insurance. The adjoining building owned by S. J. Courson, was damaged. Harmony Lodge lost \$400 on furniture of lodge room, and the Misses Shoemaker sustained loss through removal of goods. W. W. Woodward's loss by water was covered by insurance. The citizens were so excited that a reward

of \$1,000 was offered for arrest and conviction of the incendiary.

10. Hampton, Andover, Sparta, Wantage and Frankford had voted to give \$400 bounty to each volunteer. Joseph Coult and I. H. Smith, as agents for Newton, were at Newbern, N. C., but they reported that Massachusetts was paying such a price and had such a reputation among the colored people that agents of other States were at a disadvantage. The committee in Newton advertised a town bounty of \$350, with other bounty and pay, aggregating \$714 for one year's service.

10. The capital stock of the M. & E. R. R. had been increased to \$3,100,000.

10. Judications were that the Fair announced for October 11, would be postponed indefinitely, as the committee had not received its usual support.

10. War prices: Butter, 48 @ 50c.; beef cattle, \$14 @ \$18 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$35 @ \$65 head; sheep and lambs, 7 @ 11c. lb.; veal calves, 8 @ 10 1/2c. lb.; live hogs, 12 @ 12 1/2c.; dressed hogs, 13 1/2 @ 14 1/2c.; wheat, \$2.40 @ \$2.53 bushel; rye, \$1.95 @ \$2.00; oats, 98c. @ \$1.00; corn, \$1.53 @ \$1.54.

12. Shortly before 3 a. m. another incendiary fire occurred in the Kraber building, partially burned four days previous. An inflammable fluid had been used on the window shutters of John L. Woodruff's bookstore and Woodward's drug store. The former store was burned out, causing a loss of \$1,000, covered by insurance. An additional loss of \$800 was entailed upon John Kraber. The Courson building again sustained a loss of \$400, but Woodward's loss was trivial, as was that of George H. Mills. The firemen did brave work, but were handicapped by poor hose of No. 3 and lack of water for No. 4. At 10 a. m. the citizens of the town met in Park Hall, to organize for mutual protection. Jacob L. Swayze presided and Henry C. Kelsey was secretary. A committee consisting of Wm. P. Nicholas, James A. Goodale, Franklin Smith, Andrew Shiner, and Daniel S. Anderson was appointed to make a full investigation of the fires, and establish a night patrol to guard other property. It was also resolved to raise \$750 under the law establishing the Newton Fire Department, to buy new hose for No. 3, put the engine houses in repair, and defray the expenses of the investigating committee.

13. Special town meeting in Byram to devise measures for filling quota.

#### AUGUST.

1. William Davis died at Elmira, N. Y., aged 82 years. He was a brother to Judge Azariah Davis, and removed from this county in 1820.

10. Wm. H. Morrow was at the head of a draft insurance organization, whose headquarters were at Warwick, N. Y.

10. Orson C. Cone, editor of the Somerset Messenger, held to bail in the sum of \$2000 for discouraging enlistments.

16. The County Democratic convention had been called to meet at Newton on September 3, but it had now been changed to September 22, at Deckertown, where it was hoped that the friends of Jesse Ward and Harris McCarter would not appear in full force.

17. James A. Decker offers himself as an independent candidate for Sheriff.

17. Fourth District Democratic convention at Morristown re-nominated A. J. Rogers. It had been called early with the shrewd purpose of avoiding the row which was expected to follow the Democratic County Convention, to be held September 22.

17. Warren County Bible Society met in Belvidere, and was addressed by Dr. George Junkin, of Philadelphia. The Society during the past year had furnished over 400 destitute families with the Scriptures.

18. Dr. E. T. Whittingham, Surgeon of the Board of Enrollment in this district, arrested at Morristown, upon a charge of assault and battery growing out of his having placed a mark on the backs of two or three men who had been examined by him. Dr. Stiger, of Mendham, succeeded him. There was great excitement and threats of personal violence. Substitute

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brokers had been taking all manner of men from district to district, hoping to find a place for their unsound men, if they should be rejected, in another. Dr. W., in conjunction with other surgeons, marked these men on the back with a small dab of nitrate of silver, which merely discolored the skin. Caleb Beach, of Rockaway, was thus marked, and he was paraded half naked to excite public feeling against the draft.

18. Members of Neptune No. 3 were soliciting subscriptions to buy a larger engine. With a prospective sale of old Neptune, \$500 was added to buy another engine in Newark.

19. Newton still needed sixteen more volunteers, the agents sent South had failed to get colored boys, as also had the agents of two or three other townships.

22. Executive Committee of Agricultural Society met to close up business of last year.

22. Miss Anna E. Terhune opened Fall term of her school for small children, in Newton.

24. Festival in Bevans' grove, Sandyston, to raise funds for painting Reformed Dutch Church.

24. National circus, under the management of Mrs. C. Warner (formerly Mrs. Dan Rice), exhibits at Newton, coming from Belvidere and going to Port Jervis.

26. As the time of the September draft approached the price of substitutes had advanced. Two weeks ago the price of three year men was \$700, now it had doubled, and the brokers made the money.

26. Editorial comment, as true to-day as it was in 1864. "It is an easy enough thing for a man to take sides against his country in its extremity, but no man should do it unless he is perfectly sure the enemy will succeed. The Tories of the Revolution have not had one appreciable atom of fragrance added to their memories in 80 years."

26. Dr. L. D. Miller locates in Newton. Office at Cochran House.

28. Ephraim Marsh, president of Morris Canal Co., died at residence of his son on Schooley's Mountain, aged about 68 years.

29. Committee of Agricultural Society reiterates its opinion expressed at a former meeting, that it is expedient to hold a fair this year. The State Society had arrived at same conclusion.

30. Sunday school of Christ Church held picnic at Swartwout's lake. Newton Cornet Band accompanied the party.

30. Dead horse found in road near Mounce Corner. Had been whipped and driven to death; supposed to have been stolen in Orange county by some bounty jumper or other fugitive from justice.

31. Democrats in convention at Chicago nominate George B. McClellan and George H. Pendleton, for president and vice president, on a platform that the war was a failure.

31. Union Sunday school picnic in W. H. Hurd's grove at Sparta. The Newton Baptists joined with half a dozen other schools.

31. Newton M. E. Sunday school held a picnic in grove near Waterloo depot.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Lafayette Baptist church held festival in Simmons's grove.

2. News received of fall of Atlanta. Bells rung, salutes fired, and general rejoicing.

4. Dance at Wm. B. Slater's hotel, Lafayette.

5. President Lincoln recommends thanksgiving for recent victories.

5. Board of Assessors met, and their report shows a return of 289,580 acres (now 306,353); real and personal property, \$12,110,500; polls, 5,068; State and county tax, \$28,815.

5. "Sussex True Democrat" sold to Col. W. M. Babbitt. The transfer was only preliminary to its consolidation with the New Jersey Herald. It was added: "The latter paper has an omnivorous maw, capable of taking in all the journalistic mushrooms which the prolific soil of old Sussex can produce."

6. Meeting at Court House arranged for a celebration on Saturday afternoon, 10th, of Sherman's victory at Atlanta.

6. Sussex Courts opened, Justice VanDyke presiding.

7. The Newton Fire Department added for Neptune No. 3, a nearly new engine from Newark, known there as No. 7. It had arrived in town; its cost was \$750, the whole of which was raised by subscription, the fire insurance companies represented by Col. Mott, of Rockaway, contributing \$100.

8. Gov. Parker issues an appeal for delicacies for sick and wounded soldiers. It is worded in almost exact language of complaints of the present period, of suffering, lack of clothing, pay, etc.

8. Teachers Institute opened at Sparta. Forty teachers attended, notwithstanding inclement weather. Lecturers, Profs. Ricord, Peckham and Dalton.

10. Jubilee in Newton over victories at Mobile and Atlanta. There was a large crowd in attendance. Salutes fired at noon and sunset. Firemen paraded, it being the first public show of No. 7. Meeting on the public green addressed by Thor. N. McCarter, Hon. Martin Ryerson, B. B. Edsall, and Revs. George S. Mott and Geo. H. Whitney. After the meeting the firemen had a "squirt," and in the evening they formed a torchlight procession under the direction of Chief Crook. Public and private buildings were beautifully illuminated. Stores closed at 6 o'clock p. m. Just imagine such a thing on Saturday night in these days.

11. Thanksgiving services held in churches of the county. In Newton a Union prayer meeting was also held in M. E. Church.

12. Henry C. Kelsey had purchased material and books of Sussex True Democrat, and its career was closed.

13. L. J. Martin, as secretary of Neptune No. 3, issues challenge to Hercules No. 4, for a competitive trial.

15. Eight Sussex townships had furnished their full quota of men, while seven had done little or nothing toward avoiding the draft.

15. William Watkins and H. P. Wardell had formed partnership in painting business.

15. Sedgwick R. Bennett, late of the 27th regiment, opened recruiting office over Goodale's drug store, offering \$942 for one year's service; with \$683 33 cash in hand at muster.

15. S. A. & J. K. Beardslee form partnership and lease George W. Greer's mill at Franklin.

15. Sussex Republicans met in Park Hall and appointed delegates to conventions at Trenton and Morristown.

16. Wm. B. Rankin, of East Tennessee—a nephew of Prof. Wm. Rankin, lectured in Park Hall. Subject: "An Inside View of the Rebellion." The lecture was repeated at Deckertown on the 18th.

16. The fire fiend pursues John Kraber, and at 2.30 o'clock this morning, another attempt was made to burn his remaining stock, stored in the building owned by J. W. & L. H. Smith. There were about 15 persons sleeping in the building, and but for the efforts of one of the town patrol many would have perished, as escape by the stairway was cut off, and a half dozen women and children were taken from the upper story by ladders. The fire commenced in the cellar and ran up the stairway for three stories. The main loss was to the building, which was covered by insurance. DeHart's bakery suffered a loss of \$200.

17. Captain Lewis Van Blarcom, after languishing four months in Libby Prison, arrives home, minus his right leg.

17. William M. Iliff nominated by Democrats of 21 Assembly district, at Andover. His competitor for legislative honors was Dr. R. A. Sheppard, whose friends claimed that he was cheated out of the nomination by manipulation of the votes of Stillwater and Walpack.

18. Small barn at lead mine, near Pinkneyville, burned with its contents, includ-

ing two horses owned by E. H. Camman, superintendent. Loss on barn, owned by Mr. Christie, \$500. Camman held insurance for \$625 in Sussex Mutual. He offered a reward of \$500 for arrest of incendiary, and this with other incidents, resulted in his own arrest.

19. Draft to fill deficiencies in Sussex made at Morristown. Sparta, Vernon, Sandyston, Montague and Wallpack lacked a total of 143 men.

20. Sheridan sends Early and his troops flying down the Shenandoah valley.

21. Bells are rung and salutes are fired in Newton in honor of Sheridan's victory.

23. A Newfoundland and a hound dog killed 18 sheep on Babbitt farm near Newton. The loss was \$225, and this was assessed on owners of dogs, after deducting salvage on skins and carcasses.

22. The largest Democratic convention ever held in Sussex county met at Decker town. Over 3,000 Democrats attended, and not less than 500 Republicans were there to see the fun. The ticket formed was in accordance with the plans of the Newton clique, and had been named three weeks ago in THE REGISTER, as having been formed in Jack Roger's office, viz: Joseph S. Martin, of Vernon, Senator; James J. Martin, Newton, County Clerk; James Smith, of Sparta, Sheriff. No such scenes were ever before enacted in Sussex county. Voters were paid from \$2 to \$50, with transportation and dinner tickets free. Men were bought in broad day, and the whippers-in carried memorandum books in which they registered their purchases as freighting agents buying pigs and calves for market. It was estimated that \$25,000 was spent in behalf of the Senatorial candidates. The nomination of Martin cost the Camden & Amboy monopoly \$15,000, (and in the last year of his term he sold them out); William H. Bell, his antagonist, spent \$8,000, and the candidates for Sheriff had expenses running into the hundreds. Jesse Ward and James Smith were the leading candidates for Sheriff. Ward proved stronger than the clique anticipated, and when thirteen townships had sent in their reports to the chairman, Samuel Fowler, the vote stood 80 for Ward and 56 for Smith. The former needed only four more votes, and it became necessary for the clique to do some manipulating. Wantage, by dint of double and treble voting, added 21 votes for Smith, bringing him up to 77, but Ward carried Montague, and that would have nominated him, but the return was held back until Green township (part of whose votes had started home) was brought in use, and by barefaced cheating its vote was reversed by two majority, four outsiders being used to accomplish it. The final result, as manipulated, was 87 for Smith and 50 for Ward.

23. James W. Wall addressed Democratic meeting at Court House.

24. Committee on Recruiting for Town of Newton called public meeting to hear their report. Few persons attended, and the report was deferred a few days, when it was stated that 39 volunteers and substitutes had cost \$18,229 43, for which town notes had been issued.

24. Draft for Warren county occurred at Elizabeth. All townships except Hardwick and Pahaquarry had filled quota, and 14 names were drawn in each of these.

25. Under the act of July 1, the Postmaster-General had fixed the salary of the postmaster at Newton at \$1,200; Morristown, \$1,000; Orange, \$1,600.

25. Under influence of recent victories the price of gold had fallen to 194, and prices of produce were unsettled.

26. Up train on M. & E. R. R. derailed between Waterloo and Hackettstown, by a cow. Five cars leave track and locomotive shattered. Next morning the down train was run into by a locomotive between Newark and Hoboken. About this time the road was having a run of ill-luck, and accidents had been frequent of late.

27. Suit of Robert M. Coxall, of Baltimore, Md., for possession of greater portion of town of Belvidere, began in U. S. Court at Trenton.

28. Fourth district Republican convention, at Morristown, nominated Theodore Little for Congress.

28. At this period the M. & E. used the Erie's tunnel, and the trains of each road made an aggregate of 151 daily. Now with separate tunnels each road runs nearly double that number.

30. Burglars attempt to blow open safe in Sussex R. R. depot at Newton. Were frightened away at 4 a. m. by fireman Demarest.

## OCTOBER.

2. Executive Committee of Agricultural Society met at Newton, and a fair was evolved, with V. M. Drake left out.

3. Seventh N. J. regiment arrived at Trenton, having served term of three years. Co. I was recruited in Sussex.

3. Sussex Union convention nominated John Rutherford, of Vernon, for Senator; Lewis VanBlarcom, of Lafayette, for County Clerk; James A. Decker, of Newton, for Sheriff; John D. Everitt, of Sandyston; Henry Simpson, of Newton, and William Lanterman, of Sparta, for Coroners. Jacob W. Dewitt, of Wantage, was nominated for Assembly in 1st district, and Joseph Coult, of Newton, in 2d district.

4. Col. Charles Scranton, of Warren, nominated for Congress, by Republicans of Third district, in convention at Somerville.

4. William King, of East Orange, challenges Jack Rogers to a public discussion, in the principal town of each county in the district.

5. Body of Captain Thomas R. Haines, killed June 6, arrived in Newton. Interred at North Church, on 7th inst.

6. Jacob L. Swayze addressed Union League of Frankford.

6. Democrats of 1st Assembly district, in convention at Deckertown, nominate Samuel Fowler.

7. John Y. Foster, Lewis VanBlarcom and Henry B. Blackwell addressed Union meeting at Court House.

12. Thomas R. Everett announces sale of his harness business to Coursen & Horton.

14. Advertisement of a fair appears, naming October 25, 26 and 27 as the dates. M. B. Titman, president; John J. Edwards, secretary.

14. Academy exhibition at Fredon.

17. Citizens of Newton met at Cochran House to hear report of investigating committee on late fire, and make further arrangements for employing a night watch.

17. Theodore Little and Z. K. Pangborn address Union meeting at Court House. Thomas N. McCarter presided.

18. A large mass meeting in afternoon at Deckertown, addressed by Theodore Little, Z. K. Pangborn and Colonel S. F. Headley.

20. Corner stone of new M. E. Church at Branchville laid.

20. Announcement that the post office department was about to establish carrier system for free delivery of letters in Newton. Marshall McDaniels had been appointed carrier.

20. The product of wine from George H. Coursen's vineyard was 1200 gallons.

20. Great mass meeting at Morristown, with continuous speaking for 7½ hours.

20. Congregation of Elder D. W. Moore visit the parsonage at Baleville, during absence of pastor and wife, prepare a feast of good things, and present Mrs. M. with silver cake basket and castor when she returns.

21. Resolutions appear welcoming Co. I, 7th N. J. Vols., as adopted by Union League of Frankford.

22. Charles W. Jay, of Trenton, addressed Union meeting at Court House.

22. Provost Marshal Brown offered a reward of \$30 each for 100 men in Sussex who had been drafted and had not reported. Many were believed to be already in the army, some of them being so noted.

24. William Kating, of Hardyston, husked 101 bushels of corn in one day. The corn was small and only of average

quality.

25. The late and hastily arranged fair opens with perfect weather, a grand display, and a large attendance on each of the three days. The trotting program was very attractive and in fact it was a horseman's fair. Race closed the last day.

25. Firm of Drs. Havens & Address, at Sparta, had dissolved.

25. Body of dead infant found in Paulinskill, in Lafayette. Jane Cahow, aged 18, committed to jail afterward charged with infanticide.

26. Thieves take horse and wagon from barn of Abram Reed, at Andover.

27. Thomas Kays and Jacob L. Swayze held a joint discussion at Sparta.

30. John Emmons, aged 10, of Swartswood, while visiting his grandfather, Abraham Emmons, in Wantage, dragged several hundred yards by a horse he was leading to water, and though left lying senseless, his escape from fatal injury was remarkable.

31. John W. Lane removed his stove store to Kraber's building, on Spring street.

31. Col. Sam Fowler was solicitous for purity of the ballot box. He was reminded that he was a prominent actor in a scene at the Hardyston poll, in 1844, when the Whigs present were violently thrust from the room and 44 votes stuffed into the ballot box, and the poll list made to conform by placing fictitious names on the poll book. Dr. John R. Stuart, of Newton, who was present and narrowly escaped personal injury, was referred to for further information.

## NOVEMBER.

1. Justice Grier, of the U. S. Circuit Court, rendered a decision in the important Belvidere land case. The decision was in favor of the present holders of the property, on all the points raised. Mr. Croxall, of Baltimore, a great grandson of Robert Morris, claimed the whole town of Belvidere, as entailed property, dating from 1793. The property had been sold by children of Mrs. Croxall forty years ago to bona fide purchasers. Justice Grier decided the case on three distinct grounds:

1. That the Legislature of 1818 docked the entail by special act. 2. That a deed given in 1823 binds both father and son. 3. That the statute of limitations, called the thirty year act, barred the plaintiff and confers a good title on the present possessors.

2. Drs. Alexander Linn and Jonathan Havens enter into partnership at Deckertown.

4. About 200 veterans of the Ninth N. J. regiment were mustered out at Trenton, having served three years. It left Trenton with a list of 1142 men and officers, 400 recruits were added, and though its losses had been heavy three-fourths of the regiment re-enlisted.

4. W. Chambers & Co. had opened a marble yard at Andover.

5. A serious riot occurred at Rockaway, Morris county. The hall in which Van-cleve Dalrymple was speaking was assailed by a mob with stones, and the speaker compelled to stop and escape as best he could. Samuel S. Beach, a former enrolling officer, was set upon in the street, and badly beaten by ruffians.

7. Directors of Agricultural Society met at Hoppage's hotel.

8. General election. Lincoln and Johnson carry every State but Delaware, Kentucky and New Jersey, which voted for McClellan and Pendleton. New Jersey gave McClellan 7,402 majority, a reduction of 7,195 from that given Gov. Parker in 1863. Sussex polled 4,806 votes, which was several hundred above previous estimates. The Democratic electors received 3,164, and the Lincoln electors 1,621—majority. Rogers majority over Little, 1987—a gain of 247 in county and a reduction of 1480 in district. For Senator, Joseph S. Martin had 1,478 over John Rutherford; for County Clerk, James J. Martin had 1,610 over Lewis VanBlarcom; for Sheriff, James Smith had 1,647 over James A. Decker. For Assembly, Sam Fowler had 884 over Dewitt in First district, and Iliff

811 over Coult, in Second district. Coroners elect were William H. Edsall, Timothy T. Cook and Hiram C. Clark.

8. The Republicans, whose headquarters were at the Cochran House, held a jubilee over Lincoln's re-election, as well as over the fact that they had a majority for all their candidates in Newton, for the first time. The Lincoln electors had 11 majority, Little 11 over Rogers (in his own town) and Coult 45 for Assembly.

8. General George B. McClellan resigns his commission in the army. General Phil Sheridan appointed as his successor.

9. Supreme Court admits, among others, William E. Skinner and Albert H. Slape, as counsellors at-law, and George VanHorn, William M. Davis and Oscar Jeffry as attorneys.

9. Jack Rogers and his retinue of followers appear at the telegraph office, and deny the truth of dispatches announcing Lincoln's election. He announced his intention to go to New York and get the correct returns, meanwhile calling for three cheers for McClellan, groans for Newton aristocrats, and wound up by shouting, "Now, boys, give three cheers for me." The "correct returns" were never forwarded by the redoubtable Jack.

10. Under the heading, "The end is not yet," A. F. Fellows announces opening of a new drug store opposite the Court House.

10. Fire destroys wagon house on farm of Barnabas Space, between Newton and Sparta. Loss \$700.

12. Wife of Michael Banghart killed by train at Bridgeville, Warren county.

14. Little daughter of Martin E. Kinney, of Andover, fatally injured by falling into a pot of hot water.

14. Winter term of N. C. I. opens. Miss C. R. Shafer, music teacher, who had resigned, is succeeded by Prof. C. H. Oakes.

15. Union men held a congratulatory meeting in Park Hall, with speeches by Hon. Martin Ryerson, and Messrs. Edsall, Swayze and Coult. At 10 p. m. 150 sat down to a banquet at the Cochran House.

15. To date \$300,000 had been paid for bounties to soldiers throughout the country.

15. Conger & Sherwood dissolve partnership, and Reuben Hayne takes Mr. Conger's place in the firm.

15. Supplemental draft at Morristown to fill deficiencies of Sparta and Montague townships, Sussex county; West Milford, Passaic county, and Hanover, Rockaway and Jefferson, Morris county.

16. Concert by Sabbath school of Deckertown Presbyterian church.

16. Newton steam mill offered \$1.85 for rye.

18. "A Tax Pays," answers criticisms of the Herald, tending to show that prominent Union men of Sussex were investing their funds in Government securities and leaving the burden of local taxes upon the Democracy. The writer selects eleven Democratic and eleven Union taxpayers, believed to be the wealthiest in the town, and from the tax books shows that the eleven Democrats paid taxes aggregating \$522, while the Union men paid \$2,738, and that poor David Mattis paid a tax of \$6.50, while John Townsend, John McCarter, Jr., Dennis Cochran, Henry C. Kelsey and Thomas D. Christie, were assessed for only a poll tax of \$1 each. Afterward it was claimed in behalf of Mr. Townsend that he paid taxes in Andover township, where the rates were less.

18. Postmaster Pellet announces beginning of free delivery of letters in Newton. Boxes for reception of letters were located at Jesse Ward's hotel, I. C. Moore's store, Sherwood & Hayne's hotel, W. W. Woodward's drug store, Horace Warner's bookstore, SUSSEX REGISTER office, Sussex Railroad depot. Collections were made by the carrier before 11.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. General delivery was made of all letters except box letters on arrival of morning mail from New York. Stamps were sold at Goodale's and Woodward's drug stores.

21. A 14-year-old son of Jesse Spangenberg, of Frankford, died from wounds re-

ceived by accidental discharge of his gun, while out hunting.

23. The First National Bank of Washington, Warren county, had been established, with James K. Swayze as president, and Philip H. Hann, cashier.

23. Peter Cucuel, a Frenchman, killed his wife at their home three miles south of Morristown. It was a particularly atrocious deed, committed in the presence of two daughters of 16 and 19 years. The woman had borne 14 children to the brute who imbedded his hands in her blood.

24. A Sussex sportsman had returned from Pike county, and while there fell in with Andrew Pfyfer, who began hunting in 1814. Since that period he had killed 1569 deer, 27 wolves, 43 bears, 1 panther, and any quantity of wild cats, with lots of smaller game "too numerous to mention."

24. Thanksgiving day, by proclamation of President and Governor.

24. Henry T. Darrah died at St. Louis, Mo. He was a merchant, who formerly resided at Hamburg, this county, and a son of Wm. Darrah, who was Sheriff of Sussex from 1821 to 1824.

25. Contract awarded to build frame school house at Struble's Corner, in Frankford township.

25. Rebel sympathizers attempt to burn the principal hotels of New York city. No less than eight of the largest hotels, as well as Barnum's Museum and Wallack's Theatre, were set on fire by bottles of phosphorus and turpentine, carried into rooms by persons who applied for lodging.

25. Morristown has a \$3,500 fire, originating in the storehouse of Briant & Atno.

25. "Union" comments upon the revelations in the tax question in Newton.

25. D. S. Anderson writes a letter denying that he was the author of the tax articles recently printed in THE REGISTER, which had caused such a sensation.

25. George Truex, aged about 17, seriously wounded near Beemerville, by accidental discharge of his gun, while out hunting.

28. John F. Dunn takes possession of the Anderson House, having purchased it of Jesse Ward, for \$13,000.

28. About 1200 exchanged Union prisoners had reached Fortress Monroe, and the scenes, as reported, of their condition and sufferings cause one's blood to run cold.

28. Edward Spear, a lad of 12 years, living near Branchville, chased a rabbit into a pile of stones, and while digging it out threw a stone which struck the lock of his gun, as it lay on the ground, and the charge entering his breast, killing him instantly. Elder D. W. Moore, who was riding along the road, near the spot, saw the boy fall, but life was extinct when he reached him.

28. Donations were numerous about this period, and those ministers of the gospel who had distinguished themselves in time of National trial were given proof of appreciation. Rev. W. C. McGee, of Gratitude, Rev. George H. Whitney, of Newton, and Rev. G. W. Lloyd, at Branchville, received contributions amounting to over \$300 in each instance. Mr. Lloyd received nearly \$400; a gentleman of Louisville, Ky., who had heard of Mr. Lloyd's hostility to treason sent him \$10.

30. W. W. Woodward, as agent for Society for relief of Southern refugees, ships three large boxes of clothing and \$41 in cash.

30. A party of citizens of Orange county, arrive in Newton in pursuit of a brace of burglars and horse thieves, whom they had traced as far as Sparta, and then lost the trail.

DECEMBER.

1. William Fricke, a resident of Sparta, robbed of \$160 in the saloon at 31 East Broadway, which was a resort of thieves and bounty jumpers.

1. Thomas A. Haggerty advertises 200 tons of plaster at Stourport, to be exchanged for grain delivered at Allamuchy mill.

2. W. P. Nicholas, chairman, requests citizens of Newton to meet at Cochran House, to hear report of committee to ex-

amine into causes of the late fires. This was the second call, but we find nothing relating to the report.

2. Death of Judge Wm. P. Robeson, at Belvidere, aged 66 years. He was a man of much public spirit, and the first president of the New Jersey State Agricultural Society.

2. "A Tax Payer" returns to the charge, and stirs up the question of local taxation in a most effective manner.

6. Courts opened with Chief Justice Beasley presiding.

8. Lumber in fence around the fair grounds and the horse and cattle stalls sold at public sale. It brought about \$800.

8. Samuel T. Smith advertises coal at \$10 per ton and Ashton salt at \$6 per sack, at Waterloo.

9. A correspondent says the plank walk from Decker's store to Titman's corner had been removed, and desires to know what became of the lumber. It was finally located nearer the bog meadows.

9. "C. W. H.," of the 21 N. J. Cavalry, writing from Memphis, disputes the truth of statements made by "W. M. H.," in a letter to the New Jersey Herald, to the effect that the regiment was plentifully supplied with food. He did not dispute the fact that Uncle Sam provided enough food for the boys, but says that all the men received when it reached them thro' many hands, was "2½ hard tack, four ounces of meat and a pint of coffee." So it seems the growl of the present period is not altogether new.

10. A fine fall of snow begins the sleighing season.

2. Hon. Wm. L. Dayton, an honored son of New Jersey, and U. S. Minister to France, died in Paris.

10. Death of Azariah Davis, near Andover, in his 72d year. He was widely known as a successful farmer, a public spirited citizen, and an earnest Christian. He was a Common Pleas Judge for five years, a local preacher for thirty years, and held various township offices.

14. William Isglis, aged 83 years, of Monroe Corner, died very suddenly while visiting at home of Robert Sheeler, near Newton.

14. Trial of Samuel McCamly for murder of Herman Baum, began at Baltimore. A. J. Rogers was one of counsel for defence. Several witnesses from Newton were examined as to character of defendant. On the 17th the jury rendered verdict of "guilty of murder in second degree."

15. Buckwheat sold for \$1.20 per bu.

15. Gilbert Ingersoll announces himself as a licensed auctioneer.

15. Andrew Smalley, once largely engaged in business at Stanhope, died at Plainfield, aged 78 years.

19. Executive Committee of Agricultural Society held meeting at Cochran House. Adjourned to December 27.

20. Solomon W. Williams, a carpenter, who constructed several buildings in Newton, died at Nashville, Tenn., of smallpox, aged 40 years.

20. The closing in of the Union armies had brought victory upon victory, in the southeast, and to make an end of the war, and supply deficiencies occasioned by credits, a call had been issued for 300,000 more men, to be supplied before February 15, 1865.

20. Samuel Morrow, Jr., made Deputy Provost Marshal for Sussex county.

20. Isaac A. Walker had resigned as Overseer of Poor for Town of Newton, and Elvin A. Vernon was his successor.

20. Dimmick Smith, formerly of Newton township, was under arrest in Warren county, for stabbing a man named VanCampen, in the tavern at Pahaquarry. Smith's victim finally recovered, though the wound was at first believed to be mortal. The culprit did the same thing in Sussex county, a few years ago; but was let off without punishment.

22. Sunday school exhibition in Newton M. E. Church.

23. Members of Hercules Engine Company No. 4, give a grand supper at the Cochran House. About 80 firemen and

some 20 guests sat down to the feast. Adjournment was made at midnight, after a series of songs and speeches, with cheers for Hercules, for Neptune, and the proprietors of the Cochran House. It was such a representative gathering that it was an honor to be in such companionship.

23. Note made of the misfortunes of a Lafayette farmer, who was drafted last July, and fled from home, though he owned a fine farm, and could have secured a substitute for \$300. The matter excited considerable comment at the time, but was fast fading out of remembrance, when word came that he had been arrested in Pennsylvania as a deserter, and sent to the front to serve for three years.

23. The oil investment fever was raging.

23. The plethora of money was in evidence by cards from Rev. Wm. Slikeman, of Swartwood, and Rev. John A. Rutan, of Andover, acknowledging donations amounting to over \$200 each.

25. Christmas fell on Sunday and it was a day among days with exceptionally bright sun and fine sleighing. The secular observances reserved for Monday were dampened by drizzling rain, fog and slush.

27. Squier Rolosen killed by accidental discharge of his gun, while hunting in Vernon township. His companion could not save him, as an artery was severed in the groin, as Rolosen trailed his gun over some logs.

27-28. Board of Enrollment in session at Newton to perfect list for the new call.

28. News had been received through Sergt. W. I. Potter, of the death on June 13, of Joel Brodrick, of Andover, by starvation in the slaughter pen at Andersonville. Also, of the death of Jacob S. Robinson, of Frankford, in the same prison pen.

28. Lafayette Soldiers' Aid Society hold festival in Armstrong storehouse.

29. Entertainment by Stanhope Glee Club, with tableaux and festival.

30. Frankford Soldiers' Aid Society hold festival in Presbyterian church, Branchville. This society had already gathered about \$1,000 for use of sick and wounded soldiers.

30. Dr. W. P. Vail advertises his desire to retire from practice, and offers to sell his property at Johnsonburg.

30. Two smallpox cases in central portion of county, originating from intercourse at Port Jervis, where the disease was epidemic, caused some excitement.

31. Meeting called to provide for Newton's quota of volunteers, but the attendance was so slim that no action was taken.

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JANUARY.

1. Firm of G. L. Dunning & Son, dissolved, at Beemerville, and G. B. Dunning continues the business.

2. Public hop at Fountain House, kept by M. Cochran, Jr.

2. The new year opened with fine sleighing, and it was noted that the high price of liquor had had the effect of diminishing the usual drunkenness and revelry.

2. John Allen, aged 7, son of William Allen, who was in the U. S. Army, drowned in creek at Deckertown, where he had been sliding alone upon the ice.

2. Sussex Bank reported discounts of \$350,724.92; circulation, \$260,611; deposits, \$151,543.13.

2. Farmers Bank reported discounts of \$181,689.60; circulation, \$169,576; deposits, \$87,641.73.

3. The system of free delivery of letters in Newton, which had been in operation for six weeks, had proved very popular, though it had lessened the box rents in the post office. For six weeks ending Dec. 31, 1864, the carrier had collected 2,283 letters and 201 newspapers. The number of letters delivered during same period was 1,356 and of newspapers, 136. This collection and delivery was during the busy period of the year, prior to the holidays, and when the town had about one-half its

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present population. During one of the duller periods of 1897, nearly two years ago, the aggregate of one week exceeded that of the six weeks in 1864. For the week ending March 20, 1897, the record shows the receipt of 2,863 letters and the despatch of 2,025.

8. U. S. transport Melville wrecked off North Carolina coast. Out of 80 persons on board only four were known to be saved. Among the lost were Wm. H. Hoyt, of Warwick, and John H. Houston, of Vernon. They were on their way to Savannah, Ga., to procure colored recruits for the township of Warwick, and had about \$4,000 in their possession, less than half the amount raised by the town for payment of bounties. Mr. Hoyt formerly practiced dentistry at Lafayette, in this county, was aged about 45 years, and left a widow and family. Mr. Houston was a young man who had just established a law office in Warwick.

9. Sussex Railroad cuts its daily morning train to tri-weekly.

11. Burning of the Galt House, at St. Louis, Mo. E. C. Everitt, of Frankford, Sussex county, was a guest at the time, but escaped injury.

12. Little daughter of Peter Widner, burned to death, near Belvidere, during absence of her mother.

13. The profit in pork was the topic of this month. On this date George Cook, of Stillwater, sold in Newton, 29 hogs, weighing 7,763 lbs, for which he received 18½ cents per lb., and \$1,455.56 for the lot. His clear profit was estimated at \$760. On the 17th Major Greer, of Hampton, sold 17 hogs, weighing 5,636 pounds at 19 cents, amounting to \$1,070.34.

15. Drake, Slater, Decker & Co. advertised themselves as "substitute brokers," with headquarters at Hoboken.

14. Death of Colonel Samuel Fowler, at Trenton. He had but just taken his seat as representative of the First Assembly district of Sussex, when he was stricken with fatal illness. Before going to Trenton he had been unwell, but owing to a tie in House membership, he went to preserve party power, and died from the effect of exposure. He was in the 48th year of his age, and his career is known to almost everybody. His frailties were no less conspicuous than his virtues, and he combined superior abilities with the most determined will and energy. Gov. Parker and members of the Legislature attended his funeral at Franklin, on the 18th. The party went in sleighs from Newton, the weather being intensely cold. Rev. N. Pettit, of Newton, preached the funeral sermon.

15. The New York city papers were making renewed efforts to adjust themselves to war times and the high cost of paper, by reducing size or increasing price. It was remarked that country newspapers would be compelled to charge \$3 per annum, as \$2 was not as good as \$1 was three years ago. And these were the greenback times to which some people wish to return.

15. A singular circumstance was the death on this date of a brother and sister, one by disease, the other in battle. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Burns died at North Vernon, Sussex county, and the same day her brother Thomas Cosgrove, of Bloomfield, N. J., one of the crew of the U. S. steamer Vanderbilt, volunteered in the attack upon Fort Fisher. When he left the ship he declared his intention to enter the fort or die in the attempt. As one after another of the color-bearers was shot down, he seized the standard and rushed forward to death.

16. Lieut. Henry M. Fowler, of Co. G, 15th N. J. V., who was supposed to have been killed in battle May last, had arrived home after a captivity of seven months. His escape was made through great peril and suffering. He refused a 60 days furlough, saying 30 days were enough, as he wished to go back to Virginia and "fight it out."

19. Miss Susan Hopper had recovered verdict for \$1,200 damages in Morris

Courts, against Peter M. Fredericks, for breach of promise. Both parties resided at Bloomingdale.

20. Newton Volunteer Committee, consisting of David R. Hull, Levi H. Truex, Oakley B. Pellet, Robert M. Ogden, and Thomas C. Elston, advertised for loan of \$15,000, in sums of any amount above \$50.

24. The death of Samuel Fowler having made the Assembly stand 30 Unionists and 29 Democrats, the latter deserted in a body because they were not allowed half of the committees and a portion of the officers.

25. Mr. Atwood, a noted artist, was in Newton, and though here for rest and recreation, painted portraits of Samuel D. Morford, and others.

25. A daughter of John Shields, of Hackettstown, had died recently from burns received by powder. Her brothers were drying powder on a stove; she laid a train for a little distance, when the powder on the stove ignited with the result of fatal burns to the girl before assistance could be rendered.

25. Deputy Collector Joseph A. Osborne, gives notice of places and times where special taxes must be paid. Five per cent. tax was levied upon all incomes above \$600, and there was a demand made for the publication of the list in Sussex county, as men worth thousands returned little or no income.

26. After two weeks of wrangling and negotiation the evenly balanced parties in the House of Assembly smoke the calumet of peace, divide the offices, and Speaker Crowell issues a proclamation for an election on February 14, in the First district of Sussex county, for a successor to Samuel Fowler, deceased.

26. An unusual number of fine properties were advertised to be sold at public sale, including the lands of Josiah Deyer, near Johnsonburg, and the estates of the late Thomas P. Hunt, Aaron H. Kelsey and Azariah Davis.

26-27. Examinations in Miss McCarter's school.

28. The Morris Jerseyman published a list of persons in that county whose income exceeded \$600. Out of the great wealth in that county, and its poll list of 7,000, there were not 500 persons who reported a taxable income.

29. Three Rebel Peace Commissioners appear on our lines in front of Petersburg, at point known as "Fort Hell," with flag of truce, and request for communication with Gen. Grant.

30. Samuel Hewitt crushed to death in machinery of the zinc works at Ogdensburg. No one was present when the accident occurred. A wife and six children were left in indigent circumstances.

30. Hon. A. J. Rogers was reported seriously ill in Washington, D. C. THE REGISTER added that he had had "nigger on the brain," and now his malady was "fleeing from the wrath to come," as he avoided vote on amendment to abolish slavery.

30. Beginning of three days examinations at N. C. I.

## FEBRUARY.

1. Recruiting was in progress. Newton had filled its quota, but some other townships had not enlisted a man, and the draft was only two weeks hence.

1. Richard M. Sears, a wealthy farmer, residing near Goshen, Orange county, waylaid and murdered for the money he was supposed to have with him.

1. The subject of the need of a new and larger cemetery for Newton had been again brought up in a sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Mott.

2. George H. Nelden and Wm. H. Morrow announce a substitute insurance for Sussex county residents.

2. James D. Armstrong becomes the successor of Groyer & Post in Newton meat market.

2. Farms of the late Azariah Davis were not sold, but the Springdale mill property was purchased by John Onsted for \$3,300.

3. Dr. C. R. Nelden had located in office third door above Hoppage's hotel, Newton.

3. Wood-choppers were in great demand, at wages of \$2 per cord, for work in Pennsylvania.

3. A correspondent calls attention to Newton's rickety, dilapidated, old "academy," and that through lack of support Henry D. Chapin intended to leave in the spring.

3-4. Father Kemp's "Old Folks" concert troupe appear at Court House. It consisted of 22 persons, with Miss Emma J. Nichols as leading soprano.

4. Prof. A. H. Rockwell, the horse tamer, gives an exhibition in Newton.

6. Sussex Mutual Insurance Company held annual meeting. No change of officers. Executive Committee requested to procure renewal of charter at next meeting of the Legislature. The losses of the year aggregated \$2,203.66. At time of report the premium notes aggregated \$44,554 for insurance of \$1,499,323.

7. A foot of snow comes to add length to the sleighing, which had been good for two months past.

8. Arrangements were in progress for establishing "The First National Bank of Newton," with a capital of \$100,000, which had been promptly taken.

8. Stock of the Mahoning Valley Petroleum Company, of which Aaron Peck was president, was offered for sale in Newton.

8. A reward of \$100 was offered for the detection of the person who was poisoning dogs in Newton.

8. Jacob Vanatta, a well-known Democrat of Morris, had written a letter favoring the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.

10. The quota of men due from Sussex under the last call was 287; Morris, 333; Warren, 462.

10. Astounding frauds in raising quotas by substitute brokers were revealed. Bounty jumping by wholesale was under investigation by U. S. Detectives.

14. Richard E. Edsall elected to fill vacancy in House of Assembly, caused by death of Samuel Fowler. There was no opposition.

1. Dr. J. R. Stuart, Dr. D. M. Sayre, and George L. Smith form partnership under name of J. R. Stuart & Co., and purchase drug business of W. W. Woodward.

10. First National Bank of Sussex (Merchants) organized at Newton, by the election of the following board of directors: Robert Hamilton, Dr. Franklin Smith, Jacob L. Swartz, George Nelden, Luther Hill, William Snyder, William H. Pinckney, Anson P. Rosenkrans, Zachariah H. Eric, Christopher B. Vansyckle, Joseph Coult, Wm. W. Woodward, John Linn. The board chose Robert Hamilton as president, Franklin Smith, vice-president, and Jacob L. Swartz, cashier.

11. Andrew Vansickle and wife, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, at their home in Wautage.

11. A great drop in grain at Northrup's mill, Pleasant Valley. Just after the employes had left the mill, some 2,000 or 3,000 bushels of grain dropped to first floor. All but about 25 bushels was finally recovered.

14. Two Irishmen who had just begun work on the M. & E. extension, killed by caving in of earth in the cut at Port Colden, Warren county.

14. The movements of Grant's and Sherman's armies betokened an early ending of the war, as they were pressing toward Charleston and Richmond.

15. The Union army had now been without pay for five months, and some brigades longer. Their speedy pay depended upon the new 7-30 loan.

15. This was the date set for the draft in the Fourth district, at Morristown. The townships of Newton, in Sussex, and Mendham, in Morris, were the only ones in the district, known to have filled their quotas.

15. At 2:30 this morning a chunk of wood in the oven of a stove in rooms of

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Dr. Case, over Woodward's drug store, ignited and filled the building with smoke. The firemen tossed the stick into the street, and that ended the matter.

15. Legislature held joint meeting and elected David Naar State Treasurer, vice R. M. Smith, deceased. It failed to elect a U. S. Senator, as the Democratic caucus could not agree, though John P. Stockton was chosen afterward.

15. Rev David Silver ordained and installed as pastor of Baptist Church at Hamburg.

15. Newton school district had about 545 school children, and "C" pressed home the matter of providing for education of the poorer classes.

16. "The Old Folks of Newton," in antiquated costumes, give concert in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, netting \$108 for the fund. B. W. Decker, as leader, distinguished himself, as did other singers.

16. Safe of the Goshen (N. Y.) Bank robbed of \$34,000, and a vigorous pursuit resulted in the capture of the thieves, and recovery of all the stolen money.

17. The example of Jacob Singmaster, of Stroudsburg, was pointed out to Newtonians. He had recently presented that borough with eight acres of land for a public cemetery.

17. Report of Hardwick Mutual meeting on Jan. 2, appears. The statement is made that during the twenty-three years of its existence, the company had paid for losses and damage by fire \$32,426, which was collected in fourteen different assessments. Its losses for the last 3½ years had been \$252 64, and this exemption had caused policy holders to become careless about renewal.

17. Letters from "J. F.," tell of movements of 33d N. J. regiment, and "Traveler" gives a list of losses of 21 N. J. Cavalry, in Tennessee, on Jan. 30.

17. Hon. Joseph E. E. Isall terminated a long and useful life at Hamburg. In spite of deficient education he achieved distinction and affluence. He was a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk of the County from 1831 to 1841, served one term in Congress, and was a delegate to the convention which framed the present constitution of New Jersey.

19. Rev. E. P. Hammond began evangelical work in Newton, holding meetings alternately in Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

20. Investigations into the substitute brokerage business in the cities revealed unbounded rascality. Wives of the men who enlisted were robbed of the bounty money due them, and one township in Sussex was defrauded to the extent of \$1,800, which its agent had paid to a broker for three substitutes; the broker's certificate was forged, and the township lost both men and money.

20. At this period there were 79,000 sick and wounded soldiers in the several military hospitals throughout the country.

21. News of evacuation of Charleston received in Newton and greeted with an artillery salute.

21. David R. Hull and Arson P. Roekens dissolve partnership. Mr. Hull continues the business.

21-22. Pupils of N. C. I. give exhibition in court house.

22. Washington's birthday generally celebrated, owing to encouraging news from the armies. Gold had dropped to 197.

22. John LeForge, postmaster at Milford, Pa., died at the age of 80 years.

22. Reports of several railroad and canal companies of New Jersey laid before the Legislature. Sussex road had earned \$45,325.50; its expenses were \$26,602 64, and it had paid \$13,106 09 interest on debt. The M & E. had carried 1,031,973 passengers, and its earnings were \$184,194 60 above expenses. The Morris Canal earned \$597,904.71.

24. Justice E. B. D. Ogden, of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, died at Elizabeth, aged 65 years.

24. Draft for Sussex quota occurred at Morristown. The list included Byram,

Hampton, Sparta, Hardyston, Vernon, Frankford, Wantage, Wallpack, Stillwater, Lafayette and Sandyston. Newton and Montague had filled their quota, and Andover, Hampton and Green had about provided for theirs. This draft caught many clergymen and prominent men throughout the county and district.

24. Death of Abram Lawrence, aged nearly 85 years, in Hampton tsp. He was a native of Morris county, lived in Byram township most of his life, and was a Justice of the Peace by appointment for about 30 years.

28. Major Edwin F. Cook arrives in Sussex, after a long and painful experience in Rebel prisons.

28. Sun and rain had about ended the three months of sleighing.

28. Agency for Weed sewing machine transferred from Jacob A. Coursen to Wm. H. Budd.

28. The revival meetings begun by Rev. Mr. Hammond were continued in Newton with much interest.

MARCH

1. Legislature again postponed election of U. S. Senator. State Prison Keeper appointed, and some Commissioners of Deeds. The latter office was not distributed so freely as in later years.

1. Joint Committee of Congress officially notified President Lincoln of his reelection. He responded in a brief but appropriate speech covering a dozen lines.

2. Legislature refused to ratify constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, by strict party vote. The General Bounty law, authorizing townships to borrow money to pay for volunteers, was passed, but afterward vetoed by Gov. Parker. Senate refused to change time of opening and closing the polls at annual elections; the present hour for opening being 8 a. m.

3. Degree of M. D. conferred upon John C. Moore, of Newton, at New York University Medical College.

4. Institute of Reward for the Orphans of Patriot Soldiers, organized at Trenton. Martin Ryerson represented Sussex, and John I. Blair, Warren, among the vice presidents of the Association. The idea of providing education for soldiers' orphans originated in New York, under auspices of Peter Cooper, and others.

4. Second inauguration of President Lincoln, on a very inclement day. His address, covering less than half a column, has passed into history as a model of eloquence and statesmanship.

6. Watkins & Wardell dissolve, and form a new combination with John H. Wells, under the firm name of J. H. Wells & Co.

6. New York city holds a celebration (postponed from March 4) in honor of Union victories. 20,000 men paraded over a route of seven miles in length.

8. Democratic members of House vote unanimously against the bill allowing soldiers of this state, serving in the army, to exercise the right of suffrage. This was followed by a characteristic scene. A bill was under consideration to erect a monument to the officers and soldiers of the county of Sussex, "who have fallen in the military service in the suppression of the present unholy rebellion." W. M. Hiff, of Sussex, moved to strike out the word "unholy." The motion was lost. An Essex member, Birney Kearney, moved to substitute "righteous" and at least two-thirds of his fellow Democrats voted for the proposition. A proposition to substitute the word "unjustifiable" brought 20 Democratic votes against it, and at this point the bill was laid aside. Matters have changed very much since that day. By a vote of 35 to 17 the House passed a bill providing for payment of their wages in gold. Only one Democrat voted nay.

9. Silas Casterline, of Stillwater, died suddenly of heart disease, in his 70th year.

9. At this date there was still enough snow left to stand a week's sunshine.

9-10. Drafted men from Sussex townships ordered to report at Morristown, for examination.

10. Committee to fill quota of Newton, under last call, make their report, which shows that 6 substitutes and 22 volunteers cost \$13,735, and the total expenses of the committee were \$16,770. Notes were issued for \$15,900, and \$870 was subscribed.

10. Comptroller of the Currency authorizes the Merchants National Bank of Newton to begin business.

10. George Vail, of Morris, appointed Judge of Court of Errors and Appeals, vice Wm. N. Wood, term expired.

10. From the tone of the Richmond papers it was judged that the Rebellion had reached its last stage of desperation.

10. Directors of Boston Franklinite Company, in accordance with law, publish sworn statement that the amount of capital stock is \$67,858, and the assets deemed good are valued at \$182,000.

11. Meeting of young men in Newton, principally firemen, after interesting religious services, appointed committees for establishment of a reading room and lyceum, with a gymnasium attached.

12. The religious revival in Newton maintained its interest. Sixty probationers were received at Methodist church, and a much larger number were candidates for admission to Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

15. Gold dropped to 174, on news that Sherman had reached Fayetteville. This was 100 per cent. lower than it was a year ago.

15. House passed Newton bounty bill. Charter for new railroad from Newark to New York received only 19 votes, so close did the monopoly hold its subjects. John P. Stockton elected U. S. Senator, through an agreement of Democratic caucus that a plurality vote should elect.

15. Several large dairies of butter had been sold at 40 cents, within a few days. The owners had refused 60 cents two months before.

11. Rev. Thomas C. Teasdale, of Richmond, Va., (formerly pastor of the Newton Baptist church) who had become intensely pro slavery in his views, visits Washington on a special peace mission.

13. Harrison Cole says he is "off for Nicaragua" and offers Fountain House and Spring street property for sale.

15-16. Exhibition in Sparta M. E. Church.

15. Both houses of the Legislature passed act creating office of State Comptroller, and it was signed at once by the Governor.

16. Raymond O'Leary asks the voters of Newton to elect him a Justice of the Peace.

16. Jacob L. Swayze announces himself as special agent of Jay Cooke & Co., for sale of the 7-30 U. S. loan.

16. James A. Goodale announces intention to dispose of his drug business on April 1.

20. L. Edwards & Son had moved into their new building (now Earl's hotel.)

20. Gold down to 154.

20. Charles R. Cline sells his stock preparatory to removal to Orange county.

21. Francis B. Topping sells his furniture and undertaking stock at Decker-town, intending to settle in New York.

21. Meeting at court house to organize lyceum and reading room. Adjourned to 24th instant, when it was fully organized.

21. Snow entirely gone.

22. Great complaint of rickety condition of passenger car, and other inconveniences on Sussex Railroad.

22. Bill to authorize construction of a branch road from Denville, via Boonton, to Newark or Paterson, had passed both Houses, though not without difficulty.

22. McCoy & Crigar announce freighting arrangements.

22. Jacob L. Swayze, cashier of Merchants National Bank, calls for remaining 50 per cent. of capital stock, to be paid before April 10, in order to commence business on the 15th, in the Swayze storehouse.

22. Newark M. E. Conference meet at Elizabeth.

22. Examination of Stillwater parochial school.

23. Examination and exhibition of

Blairstown Academy, in Mechanic's Hall.

23. Provision market showed an extraordinary decline since December, though the great body of consumers had not been benefited, owing to combinations.

27. House passed bill to incorporate the Hercules Monument Association of Sussex county. On the 25th it refused to concur in the Senate bill making 7 per cent. the legal rate of interest.

27. Rutherford Tuttle and Allen Rosenkrans dissolve partnership in clothing business. Mr. Tuttle continues.

27. Conference adjourned to meet in 1866 at Washington, Warren county. Rev. C. S. Coit succeeded Presiding Elder Van-Cleve, in the Newton district, the latter being transferred to the Morristown district. Rev. G. H. Whitney was returned to Newton for the third year, being one of the first to get the benefit of the new Church rule.

27. Belvidere Bank resolved to reorganize as a National Bank, with a capital of \$500,000, one-half of which was taken on the spot by John I. Blair.

28. Governor Parker appointed Joseph Vliet prosecutor of the pleas for Warren county. Also, Joseph D. Bedle as Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Justice Ogden, deceased. The Senate showed reluctance to confirm Bedle's nomination.

28. House and barn near Beemerville, owned by Theo. Rosenkrans, destroyed by incendiary fire. Insured for \$1,400.

28-29. Pupils of Mt. Retirement Seminary give exhibitions in Clove Church.

30. Moore & Stewart begin advertising, indicating formation of partnership.

30. Still & Dunn say muslin is down to 20 @ 25c yd.; best calico, 25c; sugar, \$1.50 @ \$1.25 seven pounds.

30. Grist mill at Franklin Furnace, owned by George Greer, destroyed by fire in night. Loss of Mr. Greer, \$8,000; insurance, \$2,500. In addition Samuel and Charles Beardsee lost \$4,000 worth of grain stored in the mill, on which no insurance existed.

30. Ogdensburg portion of the congregation of Rev. P. E. M. Bachelor, at Sparta, call during a stormy night and present him with a pair of black kid gloves, containing \$77. A few weeks since his donation brought \$200 in cash, and nearly \$100 in needful favors.

31. Congregation of Presbyterian church, Newton, met in session room, and resolved with great unanimity to build a new church on the site of the present edifice, at a cost not exceeding \$32,000.

APRIL.

1. William H. Nyce, a native of Sussex, and a member of the N. J. Legislature in 1839 and 1840, died at Blooming Grove, Pike county, Pa., aged 69 years.

2. Isaac Sharp, aged 65 years, of Vernon, awoke in the night and feeling unwell, arose for the purpose of getting a drink of liquor. In the dark he drank from a bottle containing vitriol, which soon caused an agonizing death.

3. Annual meeting of Newton school district held in court house. Robert Hamilton, R. A. Sheppard and Joseph Coult chosen as trustees.

3. Dr. Schumo removed office to Cochran House.

3. Union troops enter Richmond. The crushing blow to the rebellion given by Gen. Grant's army. Jubilees everywhere.

4. Rev. G. W. Lloyd recited his original poem, "The Devil in Dixie," before a large audience in Branchville.

4. Justice VanDyke opens the Sussex Courts. Thirty-two tavern licenses granted. Very little civil or criminal business.

4. Annual meeting of stockholders of Farmers' Bank of Wantage.

6. James W. Lewis and Jacob Snyder advertise a freighting business, in connection with a line of furnishing goods.

6. Seeley Howell, Peter H. Snook and Asa W. Kyte form a freighting combination.

7. Newtonians on the strength of rumor prematurely celebrated the surrender of Lee, by salutes, ringing of bells and the kindling of three of the biggest bonfires that ever blazed in the village. A meeting was held in the court house on the evening of the 8th, to make arrangements for a celebration, when it was finally agreed to await further news.

8. Death of Aaron Peck, president of Sussex Railroad Co., at East Orange, aged 67 years. He was remarkable for his enterprise and public spirit, yet he was entirely resigned to death, and made a care-

ful disposition of his affairs.

9. The evening of Palm Sunday, sacred to the Prince of peace, made ever memorable by the surrender of Gen. Lee and his whole army.

9. The revival which began in the Newton M. E. Church in January last, and had finally extended to other churches, had resulted in the conversion of nearly 200 persons, mostly adults, 100 of whom had joined the Presbyterian church, 70 had become probationers in the Methodist church, and a number were to unite with the Baptist church.

10. Joshua Munn had opened a tailor shop over the store of J. A. Wildrick & Co.

10. Annual town elections. The feature in Newton was the voting of \$1,500 for streets, and the election of Samuel H. Bodine as street commissioner. The town committee was also instructed to resist payment of a bill for \$800, charged for services by committee which saved the town thousands of dollars in filling the quota of soldiers.

10. Early morning train restored on Sussex Railroad.

10. Revs. R. B. Lockwood and David Graves publish a card relative to the suspension of Rev. J. A. Rutan, by the Newark M. E. Conference.

11. Samuel D. Morford, for forty seven years cashier of the Sussex National Bank, died suddenly at Newton, in his 75th year. He survived an attack of heart disease only half an hour. No man ever enjoyed the respect and esteem of this community in a more eminent degree, and he presented a model for all men in every phase of life.

11. Annual election of Newton Fire Department. After a long discussion as to who had the right to vote, Charles P. Rorbach was chosen president; P. B. Horton and Joseph Coult, managers; T. F. Anderson, assessor; Theo. Morford, treasurer; Thos. C. Elston, secretary. The gathering was not in the proper mood for harmonious action, and upon the question of the amount of money, various sums from \$100 to \$1,000 were voted upon, and finally the first named amount was decided upon. As \$1,000 had been asked, the outcome was so ridiculously small as to deserve censure and reproof. The members of Neptune, No. 3, who had purchased a new machine in June last, paying about \$400 out of their own pockets, proposed to turn this apparatus over to the Department if they were reimbursed, and \$150 added to put their apparatus in serviceable order. Opposition to this caused members of Neptune Co. to withdraw from the meeting, under the belief that nothing would be done for their Company, and going to the engine house removed their new machine, hose carriage, etc., and virtually disbanded the company.

11. Abram Brands, of Knowlton, Warren county, shockingly if not fatally injured by the bursting of the driving wheel of his threshing machine.

11. Jeremiah Williams, of Belvidere, lost a leg through the bursting of an anvil from which he was firing a salute. Corporal C. Huncken met with a similar accident on the same day, at Goshen, N. Y.

12. William I. Roe and W. A. Vought announce partnership and purchase of druz business of James A. Goodale, in Newton.

13. James A. Decker and M. B. Titman form partnership in freighting business.

13. Henry McDanolds and George A. Hiles had commission business in New York city, with Jacob Couse as their Newton agent.

15. Lincoln assassinated. The hour of rejoicing turned to mourning. Easter Sunday (16th) was a day of rare solemnity, and the churches contained emblems of mourning as well as joy.

17. Gov. Parker advises deserters to avail themselves of pardon for all who return to their regiments before May 10.

17. Members of Neptune Engine Co., No. 3, meet in Park Hall, and adopt a preamble and resolutions denouncing the president of the Fire Department as per-

sonally hostile to its officers and members; and resolve that they will not act hastily, but give the citizens thirty days, or longer, if necessary, to pay for the new engine. If this is not done the engine will be sold and the money refunded to the original subscribers, and the company be disbanded. Signed by P. B. Horton, foreman; L. J. Martin, secretary.

18. Complaint had been received that the 2d N. J. Cavalry was camped in a very unhealthy spot at Carrollton, La., 12 feet below the surface of the Mississippi, and the health of the men was suffering, while they had not been paid in twelve months.

18. Ellen Quinn, an Englishwoman, who kept a saloon in Port Jervis, was in Goshen jail, charged with shooting and killing Daniel Mahan, an Irishman. She claimed the deed was done in self-defence.

18. Citizens of Newton met in Court House, Robert Hamilton presiding, and adopted resolutions to close all business places the following day; drape the public buildings in mourning; toll bells half an hour; and meet at noon in their respective places of worship. Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists met in the M. E. Church, where a sermon was preached by Rev. Levi Morse. Services were conducted in the Episcopal Church by Rev. N. Pettit, and in the Catholic Church by Father McCosker.

18. Concert in Branchville Presbyterian church, by Miss Allen's music class.

19. Public meeting held in Presbyterian church, pursuant to resolution adopted at the meeting in the Court House, the previous night. The church was densely crowded by all classes of citizens. Addresses were made by Martin Ryerson, Robert Hamilton, Thos. N. McCarter, Revs. N. Pettit, George S. Mott and Geo. H. Whitney. A series of resolutions, expressing the sense of the meeting, relative to the national calamity, was adopted.

20. David R. Hull cuts prices of calicoes and muslin to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per yard.

21. Another of Rev. G. W. Lloyd's grand poems, entitled "A Nation's Requiem," is printed in this issue.

23. The lamented death of President Lincoln was the topic of most discourses on this Sunday.

23-24. Heavy frosts, and ice formed in Sussex.

24-25. Lincoln's funeral train at New York city. Pickpockets reaped a harvest in the crowd, two citizens of Newton each losing \$150.

26. J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin, of President Lincoln, pays the penalty with his life.

27. Miss M. Hinds and Miss Mary Potter had removed millinery to rooms over Martin's clothing store.

27. Miss Hannah Mains, of Newark, and Mrs. K. E. Hagaman, have dress-making rooms on Trinity street.

27. The Examiner and Chronicle, organ of the Baptist denomination, declares that it is in possession of the names of a deacon and clerk of a Baptist church in Sussex county, who had openly rejoiced at the assassination of President Lincoln. The organ adds some severe comments.

28. Numerous instances are given in this issue where brutal persons in various parts of the country, whose sympathies with the rebels had caused them to rejoice over the assassination of President Lincoln, had been beaten or lynched for expressions of joy over the sad event. In Sussex and Warren there were many males and females who were unable to restrain themselves, but were not violently molested therefor.

28. "C" has a long article in this issue admitting the need of more room for the Presbyterian congregation, but prefers two separate churches to tearing down the old one.

28. Comptroller's notice, dated March 22, authorizes "The Sussex National Bank of Newton" to begin business under U. S. banking laws.

28. Dwelling of Elisha Dupue, in Sandyston, destroyed by a fire breaking out while family were at dinner. Loss, \$1,500;

no insurance.

28. The Legislature had passed a supplement to the law requiring publication of township statements in such papers as published the laws, and imposed a penalty of \$50 for failure.

29. Mrs. Cummins removed millinery to Main street, two doors above Johnson's store.

30. Property of Sussex Iron Company, at Stanhope and vicinity, sold at public sale, by E. C. Chetwood, Master.

31. Special meeting of property holders in Newton, held in Court House, the object being to heal the distractions in the Fire Department. It resulted, after several addresses, in the adoption of a resolution to raise the sum of \$1,000 by borrowing, (the lenders to be secured by a bond of indemnity) and paid next year by tax. Of this amount \$450 was for current expenses of the Department and \$550 to pay debt of Neptune Engine Co., and procure new suction, etc. Thomas Anderson, A. J. Rogers and E. A. Vernon were named as a committee to carry out the measure, which seemed to give satisfaction to all present.

MAY.

1. Rev. Geo. S. Mott returns thanks for a purse of \$300 presented by his congregation.

2. New rule of Directors of Sussex Railroad that all freight must be paid for at time of delivery takes effect.

3. George H. Nelden becomes the owner of the coal and lumber business of G. Nelden.

4. This issue contains the laws legalizing the bounty bonds issued by Newton, Walpack, Stillwater, Sandyston, Frankford, Sparta, Andover, Vernon and Montague, and providing for their payment. Newton had a poll tax of ten dollars, other townships five dollars.

5. "B" counters on "C's" proposition for two Presbyterian churches, and says Newton has no more need at this time for a Second Presbyterian church than it has for two railroads to Waterloo.

6. Rev. G. W. Lloyd recites his poem "The Devil in Dixie," before an audience in Park Hall.

7. Sunday school of Marksboro Presbyterian church re-organized by Rev. W. C. McGee, and the superintendent, S. S. S., presented with five volumes of Scott's Commentaries, costing \$25—a gift from the children.

8. A tin wedding given Rev. F. E. M. Bachelor, at Sparta, in which greenbacks of a liberal amount were presented in a tin teapot.

9. George H. Nelden offers Scranton coal at \$11 per ton; Lehigh, \$12.

10. Morristown held its first election for municipal officers under the law incorporating it as a borough. George T. Cobb chosen as Mayor, with balance of Union ticket.

11. Town of Newton offers to sell bounty bonds bearing 7 per cent. interest.

12-13. A very heavy rain causes all streams to overflow their banks.

14. The season was unusually forward.

15. Street Commissioner Bodine was doing practical work on Newton's streets and sidewalks. It was noted that Dr. J. R. Stuart was the only citizen who had favored the town with a free gift of gravel, etc., every other person had charged for even the stone taken from their lands.

16. Freeholders re-elected Robert Hamilton as Director, and chose Thomas C. Elston as Clerk; Franklin Smith, County Collector.

17. Henry C. Kelsey offers \$50 for a stolen dog.

18. Thomas C. Elston takes John M. Case as partner in meat business.

19. Jeff Davis captured while fleeing garbed in one of his wife's dresses.

20. Ground plaster reduced to \$11 at Lockwood mills and \$14 at Newton depot.

21. Old Folks of Newton give second concert in court house. Though a severe storm raged, every seat was filled, and a repetition was made on the 16th for those who could not obtain admission.

22. A tornado passes from Philadelphia to Newark in one hour, causing an immense amount of damage in both cities, and in the country between. It was followed by an atmospheric disturbance which raged with great fury at Morristown and Madison.

23. A lad named Nixon killed by lightning in field near Belvidere, while driving the cows home.

24. Law incorporating Heroes Monument Association is published, with the suggestion that the incorporators organize on July 4 next.

25. "C" has another communication upon the new Presbyterian church project.

26. First financial statement of the Town of Newton occupies 37 lines, and is of no value whatever.

27. Law partnership of Thomas N. McCarter and Daniel S. Anderson dissolved, the former being about to remove to Newark.

28. Dunn and Davis fight at Matamoros, near Port Jervis, for a purse of \$5,000. Forty-three rounds were fought in one hour and five minutes, Dunn proving to be the better brute.

29. Carl Ewald, boot and shoe maker, had established business opposite Durling House, Newton.

30. S. M. Coykendall, attorney at law, announces his removal from Unionville to Deckertown.

31. Regret expressed that the law creating the Town of Newton did not provide for a police force. The town was overrun with young rowdies.

32. Reward offered for detection of persons who had mutilated tombstones in Newton Cemetery.

33. George W. Coe, Clerk of Wantage township, furnishes the best report of financial affairs yet printed.

34. Daniel Richards and Jesse Dentis had opened a grocery store in west end of Anderson House building.

35-36. The grand review of the armies at Washington, when twenty-one miles of soldiery, 60 abreast, marched past the capitol, with their shield and tattered flags. No country on the face of the globe ever witnessed such a sight.

37. Street Commissioner Bodine had expended about half of the sum appropriated for streets and sidewalks, and was doing very satisfactory work, when he was suddenly halted by the neglect or refusal of the Town Committee to furnish funds.

38. Prof. E. I. Mohr offers a reward for the thief who stole two signs from his saloon, and a keg of beer from the cellar under James A. Decker's store.

39. "Old Folks of Newton" give a concert at Blairstown, and not only had a large audience but were most hospitably entertained.

40. The new banking rooms of the Merchants National Bank of Newton were about ready for occupancy, and business was expected to begin about June 1.

41. County statement appears more promptly than usual, and under the new law is more than three times longer than previous reports. During the year ending May 10, the receipts of the Collector aggregated \$83,526.92. Poorhouse expenses were \$4,809.93; election expenses, \$565.40; court expenses, \$2,342.95.

42. F. M. Hough, librarian, solicits contributions of books and papers for Young Men's Lyceum of Newton.

43. The excitement over the "hold-up" of Street Commissioner Bodine caused a public meeting of citizens on this date. The Town Committee had furnished \$800 of the \$1,500 appropriated, and John Townsend, B. B. Edsall and E. C. Moore were appointed a committee to learn the why and wherefore of the matter. The Town Committee held a special meeting and informed the citizen's committee that they thought Mr. B. was paying too high wages, and was expending so much in one or two localities that there would be no money left for others. The two committees adjourned to meet again on June 3, when it was agreed that Mr. B. should have the balance of appropriation if he

did not pay more than \$3.50 for team and hand and \$1.50 per single hand.

44. Newtonians met to consider a huge 4th of July celebration. Adjourned to 31st.

45. Body of Asa W. Bailey, aged 65 years, found in canal at Rockaway, with evidences of foul play. A man named Whitmore arrested on suspicion, but discharged.

46. The lot in the rear of the court house had at last been graded and fenced.

47. S. P. Hinds gives a piano exhibition at Anderson House.

JUNE.

1. Observed as a day of national mourning in memory of President Lincoln.

2. Sussex Mutual orders a five per cent. assessment.

3. The Northern Eagle, at Milford, Pa., had been sold by Dr. Halliday to B. A. Barnes, and the Herald of the same town had passed from the hands of Mr. Cotter to E. A. Mott.

4. This afternoon a largely attended meeting, held at the court house, General Lyman Edwards in the chair, and F. M. Hough secretary, resolved to celebrate the coming 4th of July in a manner and with an earnestness never before exhibited in the county.

5. Peter Cucuel found guilty of murder of his wife, by jury at Morristown.

6. Store of Lewis Clark, at Greenville, Orange county, burglarized. The thieves also stole a horse and wagon, and were traced through Sussex county, to Orange, N. J., where they were arrested.

7. Sussex Bank gives notice that it is now doing business under a national charter.

8. John I. Blair writes a letter to J. G. Shipman declining to become a candidate for Governor, on account of his railroad interests in the west, requiring his constant attention.

9. Third cavalry division presents a magnificent sword to Gen. Kilpatrick, at Raleigh, N. C.

10. Meeting of stockholders of Sussex Railroad Company again adjourned, this time to the 23rd inst.

11. New Jersey Regiments in Sixth Corps reviewed at Washington.

12. Captain Lewis VanBlarcom, whose law studies had been checked while serving his country, admitted to practice as attorney, by Supreme Court.

13. Gold quoted at 136 1/2.

14. John Layton, a native of Sussex, died at Litchfield, Pa., aged 94 years and 1 day. He was one of the original subscribers to THE REGISTER, and remained so until his decease.

15. Prices of mowing machines "reduced" to \$140 and \$150.

16. Governor Parker issues a proclamation recommending thanksgiving and rejoicing, after four years of war, in every city, town and village.

17. Bids received for erecting new M. E. Church at Branchville.

18. Citizens of Wantage met at Chardavoyne's hotel to arrange a 4th of July celebration.

19. Thomas N. McCarter announces opening of office in Newark, but retained his residence in Newton.

20. Sussex Baptist Association met in Port Jervis.

21. County Bible Society met at Lafayette. Sermon by Rev. J. K. Burr, of Hoboken.

22. For two weeks Street Commissioner Bodine had failed to get men to work on the streets at wages he was instructed to offer, therefore was obliged to pay the same figure that all employers were paying.

23. The Musconetcong Iron Works, of which Israel D. Condit, of Milburn, was president, having purchased the property of the old Sussex Iron Company, at Stanhope, were now erecting a large cupola furnace, to make steel under the Bessemer process.

24. "The Devil in Dixie" had been published by the American News Co., in a pamphlet of 76 pages.

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14. Annual meeting of stockholders of M. & E. R. R., held in depot at Hoboken. It was stated that the extension to Phillipsburg would be finished for use by October 1, and that in view of the coal traffic 28 locomotives, 400 eight wheel coal cars, etc., had been added to equipment or contracted for. The net receipts were \$68,108.88 in excess of the previous year.

15. James Brennan addressed meeting in court house, with object of forming a Fenian Brotherhood.

15. The Baptist congregation at Belvidere, not having a house of their own, had been permitted to occupy the court house, but on account of some remarks by Rev. C. E. Cordo, wrought up over the assassination of Lincoln, the Warren Board of Freeholders had turned the worshippers out of the building.

15. The new law making prepayment of letter postage compulsory, was sending letters to the Dead Letter office at the rate of 15,000 per week.

15-16. Festival in basement of Newton M. E. Church. Proceeds, \$140.

18. The copious rains of the month supplemented by a thunder storm of unusual violence.

19. George H. Nelden and Martin Grover form partnership in hardware business, cor. Spring and Moran streets.

20. Thos. A. Haggerty, of Allamuchy, owned the prize hen's egg, it measuring  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and weighed 5 ounces, 6 pwt. and 4 grains.

20. Medical Society met at Cochran House.

21. Officers of the 15th regiment in camp near Hall's Hill, Va., adopt resolutions in regard to deceased comrades. These are published in issue of June 30.

21. Festival in Frankford Plains M. E. Church.

23. Choir of Christ Church, assisted by other vocalists, give concert in court house.

23. Harvey Cortright, aged 15, whose father was in the army, fell from wagon load of grain, near Matamoras, and the forewheel passing over his neck, death was instantaneous.

23. Prof. Abbey, with a new music class, gave a very good concert at Sparta.

24. The Fifteenth regiment arrives at Trenton. On the same day the regimental colors were presented to the State authorities. These colors were the first to be raised in the rebel works at Petersburg by Peter S. Gunderman and Wm. H. K. Emmons.

24. Harmony Lodge celebrates Saint John's Day, and has a supper at Peter Hoppaugh's hotel.

24. Gen. Kilpatrick arrives in Newton, and a neat little trick on the part of his former detractors prevented him from addressing a crowd at the Cochran House.

24. Horse owned by Samuel Chambers, of Sparta, drowned at the "sink hole" on the road to Newton, and three occupants of the wagon narrowly escaped a similar fate.

25. Neptune Engine Co. No. 3 elected P. M. B. Horton, foreman; Oakley B. Pellet, assistant foreman; John H. Wells, 3d assistant foreman; Lewis J. Martin, secretary; E. A. Vernon, treasurer; M. R. Shiner, foreman of hose.

25. Hercules No. 4 elected Joseph Coult, foreman; Coulter Cannon, assistant foreman; Thomas C. Elston, secretary; Edward I. Simpson, treasurer and foreman of hose.

27. Rev. Edward McCosker had arm broken by fall from his carriage, near the sink hole.

27. Books opened at Dover for subscription to capital stock of Ogden Iron Company.

27. Festival and exhibition at Baleville.

27. A monkey valued at \$200 escaped from menagerie of S. O. Cortelyou & Co., and after feasting upon fruit for awhile, was recaptured; before it could be caged again, it sought another lease of liberty, and afterward attacked a young lady who was picking berries, biting and severely lacerating her hand.

28. Meeting of stockholders of Sussex

Railroad again postponed subject to call of secretary.

26-28 Examination and exhibition by N. C. I. students.

## JULY.

1. William A. Riker opens the Stanhope House, which had been enlarged and refitted.

1. Rev. C. S. Vanclave resigns Presiding Eldership of Morristown district.

2. Rev. R. L. Dashiell preached in Newton M. E. Church. In the evening addresses were made by Cornelius Walsh, of Newark, Presiding Elder Coit, and Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the object being to raise funds to pay off an indebtedness of \$2,400. This was done, with \$100 to spare, and \$225 additional pledged toward a town clock for the tower of the church.

3. Newton post office began issuing money orders.

3. Farmers Bank of Wantage still operated under State charter, and held \$75,000 of U. S. bonds, \$6,000 State bonds, and \$6,500 bonds of the township of Wantage.

3. David Ryerson resigns presidency of Sussex Bank, and is succeeded by David Thompson.

4. Trustees of Heroes Monument Association of Sussex county met at office of Linn & Shepherd. G. L. Dunning, president; B. B. Edsall, secretary.

4. Celebration at Newton. Orator, Rev. Dr. Craven, of Newark; reader, Moses Stoll, of Deckertown. Exercises held in grove near depot. The returned veterans could not be induced to parade; they had had enough of that thing. The attendance was very large. Robert Mills, who bore the cap of liberty, was 87 years of age.

4. Celebration at Stanhope. Orator, Rev. R. L. Dashiell; reader, J. Seward Wills.

4. Celebration at Johnsonburg. Orator, Rev. Moses Cummings, of New York city; reader, Paul Angle.

4. Celebration at Hainesville. Oration by Rev. J. K. Burr.

4. Celebration at Andover. Orator, Hon. A. J. Rogers; reader, Dr. John Miller.

4. Celebration at Warwick. Joseph Coult was orator.

4. The celebration at Belvidere was broken up by a disgraceful row in which Judge Jacob Sharp and his son-in-law were the leaders. Rev. T. H. Landon had made a prayer and an address, after which Judge Sharp forced himself upon the stand, and in maddened rage declared that there had been "an abolition prayer" and "a nigger political speech," and invited the Democracy to assemble at two o'clock to listen to speeches in opposition. Col. Scranton, marshal of the day, succeeded in quieting the disturbance inaugurated by the Judge, and getting the returned soldiers in line for their dinner, which the ladies were waiting to serve, when the Judge and one I. H. Norton kicked up another row, and the latter ran up and down the tables with a stick, smashing crockery and spoiling the eatables. The soldiers were restrained by great effort from laying hands on the ruffians. There was no appeal to justice as Justice had disgraced itself in the person of judge and lawyers. But the memory of the affair should never die.

4. Elias Potter, aged 65, of Monroe Corner, struck by train at Andover. Part of a leg was amputated, but the shock and other injuries caused his death on the 10th.

4. At the festival in Johnsonburg some unknown miscreants managed to pass five counterfeit five-dollar bills.

4. George Best, a farmer of Warren county, while in New York, advanced \$690 on a worthless \$7,000 check upon a Chicago bank.

5. Two boys of from 6 to 8 years of age, sons of Barnabas Vanorden and James TenEyck, drowned in Furnace pond at Franklin. Their youthful companions were unable to rescue them from deep water.

6. Boiler of a locomotive exploded at Oxford Furnace, killing engineer and fireman, and fatally injuring a brakeman.

6. The oil speculations began to bring disaster to investors.

7. Haying and harvest had been completed at an unusually early period.

7. Rev. J. M. Freeman, of Paterson, and Rev. J. Faull, address meeting in interest of Sunday school cause, in M. E. Church.

7. Mrs. Surratt and four other conspirators in the assassination of President Lincoln, hanged at Washington.

7. Office of New Jersey Herald, in the old foundry building on Spring street, destroyed by fire at 3 a. m. Only the books of the office were saved. The previous purchase of the Sussex True Democrat plant, enabled Kelsey & Gillam to resume business at once, the Democrat plant having been left intact in the building corner of Moran street. The loss of Herald plant was covered by an insurance of \$5,000, while the foundry buildings, which were owned by A. J. Hill, were fully insured.

8. Mrs. Frances D. Gage delivered lecture in court house, in behalf of freedmen.

10. Sussex Republicans chose delegates to gubernatorial convention held on the 20th. Only 7 of the 46 are now living.

13. Barnum's museum in New York destroyed by fire.

14. Safety matches were extensively advertised by David W. Smith.

14. A correspondent notes the great progress evinced by scholars of Miss A. McCarter, in a recent examination, and that the N. C. I. was obliged to refuse additional boarding scholars for lack of room.

16. A small tornado visits the vicinity of Swartswood, during a thunder shower.

16. Heavy rains cause destructive freshet in streams of northeastern New Jersey. Warren, Morris, Somerset and Hunterdon suffered more damage than Sussex.

20. Peter Cucuel had been refused a new trial, and sentenced to be hanged on Nov. 24.

20. L. VanBlarcom, attorney, had opened office at Lafayette.

20. Marcus L. Ward nominated for Governor, by Republican convention.

21. Merchants National Bank of Newton publishes report of business from June 1 (when it commenced business) to July 3, showing discounts in one month of \$71,000 57; deposits, \$27,069 97. Capital stock, \$150,000.

21. Comptroller's notice, dated June 5, gives authority to "Farmers National Bank of Deckertown" to begin business.

28. For three weeks past there had been a deluge of rain about once in every 60 or 80 hours, and harvest work was checked. A shower on the 25th was especially violent, causing a freshet, and also damage by wind in the neighborhood of Sparta.

28. Note made of the alacrity with which the returned soldiers had resumed their old avocations. The change from the realities of war to the occupations of peace seemed like a dream.

28. Apples and peaches were a failure as a crop in Sussex.

## AUGUST.

1. Hon. George H. Brown, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, died at Somerville, aged 55 years. He had presided once or twice in the Sussex Circuit.

3. Calvin Pellet, of Palmyra, Pike county, died from blood poison. He had used a pocket knife in skinning some cattle which had died from an unknown cause, and during the work used the same knife to extract a briar from his arm. The poison took effect immediately, and medical skill could not save his life.

3. L. Edwards & Son open a photograph gallery in their new building, in charge of Mr. Hunter.

4. Noting the assault upon Dr. Gillett, surgeon of the Eighth Vermont regiment, it was stated that as a rule more fault had been found with the surgeons than all the other officers put together. The soldiers disliked the surgeons.

4. Hon. Oakes Ames, of Massachusetts, who was largely interested in iron interests at Franklin and Wawayanda, had paid an income tax on an income equal to 7 per cent. on \$3,300,000.

7. Prof. Abbey opened musical convention at Lafayette, closing with a concert on the 11th.

7. Two men named Gouger and Lappen drove off two cows which they sold at Budd's Lake for about \$90. Lappen took charge of the money and skipped, while Gouger was arrested and placed in Sussex jail. The cows were owned by James A. Goodale and Mrs. M. B. Titman.

10. Choir of Episcopal Church gave concert at Beemerville.

10. Sunday school of Newton M. E. Church held picnic at Waterloo.

10. Owen's gallery reduces cartes de visite to \$1.75 dozen, and vignettes to \$2.35.

11. Down train on the M. & E. road thrown from track this afternoon near Shippingport, by collision with two cows. The wreck was not cleared until 5 a. m. the next day.

11. Prof. Oakes, assisted by Mrs. C. A. Baldwin, of New York city, and Messrs. Frank Sherwood, C. B. Ferguson, William Watkins, and others, gave concert in court house.

12. James Albertson, of Hope, arrested in Jersey City, and held to bail on a charge of passing counterfeit fifty-cent fractional currency. A package of some \$21 of the stuff was found upon his person.

14. A. S. Wills resumes mercantile business at Stauhope.

16. Wisner J. Berry arrested at Newton, and afterward sent to Orange county for trial, having stolen a horse and wagon from Isaac Craus, of Middletown, which he sold to William Vanatten for \$105. Berry was a deserter, and had been in Canada for two years to escape arrest. He received a sentence of two years.

16. Congregation of Rev. W. E. Blakeslee visit Sparta M. E. parsonage and leave \$50 in cash, besides enjoying a social evening.

17. Harvest Home at Hamburg, with addresses by Rev. W. H. Rynnion and Moses Stoll.

17. John McCarter and George Harden form partnership, and begin grocery business at James A. Decker's stand.

18. Issue of this date contains a letter from Gen. J. Kilpatrick, dated at Lexington, N. C., replying in his vigorous style to slanders printed in the New Jersey Herald.

18. An appeal is made to double the capacity of N. C. I. boarding house, which could not at this time accommodate applicants.

18. George H. Mills had disposed of his hardware and seed business, his successor being Wm. W. Woodward.

19. Death of Benjamin Curry, at Buleville, aged nearly 85 years.

21. Train for Hackettstown collides with a wagon load of logs left standing on the track between Dover and Rockaway, by a careless driver. No damage to anything but the wagon and logs, though it was considered a narrow escape from a train wreck.

21. John Faull and E. D. Osborn open a grocery store nearly opposite Moran street.

21. D. Ryerson, F. C. Moore and Daniel Griggs, committee of Board of Trustees, announce that a plan has been adopted to expend \$15,000 for increasing accommodations of N. C. I., work to begin in the spring of 1866.

21. Thomas Jaques, recently a resident of Newton, arrested at Paterson on a charge of passing counterfeit postal currency. He escaped from custody by jumping from a train running at full speed near the Hackensack river. When arrested he had \$200 in money and a gold watch borrowed from a resident of Newton.

21. Miss Marsh suicides at Belvidere with a pair of scissors. Act due to fits of melancholy.

22. Beginning of a three days woods meeting near Hope, Warren county, in

charge of Rev. C. A. Lippincott.

23. Jonas E. Divers had opened a freighting business, in Newton, with an office in Moore & Stewart's store.

23. J. Percival opens a photograph business in McCarter's brick building, Newton. This made the third gallery in operation at this time.

24. William H. Lafort had entered the employ of Houzh & Dunnion.

24. Horace Warner and William H. Mattison form partnership to conduct Newton bookstore.

24. Theodore F. Margarum had entered the employ of Stoll & Dunn.

24. A. S. Bennet says he has added a glass panel hearse to his undertaking outfit at Greensville.

25. In noting the failure of a recent attempt to lay another Atlantic cable, thro' its parting from the deck of the steamer Great Eastern, on August 23, the editor takes occasion to reaffirm his opinion that the scheme was impracticable, and that even if it should be laid successfully there was no guaranty that it would continue in working order for a week or a month.

26. Residence of Hyman Westbrook, at Dingman's Ferry, destroyed by fire. So much time was spent in removing Mrs. Westbrook, who was ill, to a place of safety, that none of the furniture could be saved. Insurance only \$1,000.

28. Sussex Teachers Institute opened in N. C. I. school room. Evening lectures in the court house were by Hon. C. M. Harrison, Dr. J. S. Hart, Rev. N. Pettit, Prof. J. Madison Watson, and Prof. I. Peckham.

29. Stitt & Underwood's hay press at Morristown burned by incendiary.

30. Theodore Runyon nominated for Governor by Democratic State convention.

30. As an instance of the subservency of New Jersey to New York, at this period, the headquarters of the Republican State Committee was at 171 Broadway.

31. Some 1,500 persons attend a Sunday school picnic near Markeboro. Addresses by Revs. W. C. McGee, Bush, of Hackettstown; Wyckoff, of Kingston, N. Y., and Westbrook, of Newton. Blairstown Band furnished music.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Four months after the war closed there were still over 16,000 soldiers in the various U. S. army hospitals.

1. Sussex Mutual orders assessment of three per cent.

1. David Space, while crazed with rum, nearly killed his wife, at their home in Newton. Interference of neighbors alone saved her from death.

1. Oakley B. Pellet had been appointed postmaster of Newton, by President Johnson. He had held the office for four years, under appointment of Postmaster General but the business had increased until it now came within the Presidential class.

4. Board of Assessors met and apportioned State and county taxes. On a total valuation of \$11,904,062, the county tax was \$20,000 and the State tax \$12,362.

4. Miss McCarter's school opens with Miss Helen A. Shafer in charge of higher department.

5. Subscription books for stock of Morris and State Line Railroad Company opened at Newark. Notice signed by 12 of the commissioners.

5. Union ratification meeting in court house addressed by Hon. Martin Ryerson (in the absence of Vaneleve Dalrymple) and Hon. Geo. T. Cobb, of Morristown.

5. Presbytery of Rockaway held its annual meeting at Branchville.

5. Festival at Brick House, by congregation of Reformed Dutch Church of Montague.

5. The State census had been completed, and though its accuracy was questioned as to Stillwater and Wantage, it showed a decrease in Sussex of 1209 as compared with 1860. Newton had gained about 200 though the old township, now cut up into three, had gained only 129. The figures were as follows:

	1865	1860
Vernon.....	1983	2160
Sparta.....	2161	2062
Byram.....	1395	1202
Andover.....	1058	
Newton.....	3070	4098
Hampton.....	1099	
Green.....	912	1023
Stillwater.....	1455	1816
Walpack.....	784	851
Sandyston.....	1234	1480
Montague.....	1003	983
Wantage.....	3068	3682
Frankford.....	1801	1828
Hardyston.....	1688	1712
Lafayette.....	876	919

Totals.....22,637 23,864

There were 186 colored persons in the county outside of Wantage, which made no return of males, females or colored persons.

5. D. E. Frambes retires from firm of Truex & Frambes; Samuel Dennis and Geo. A. Truex associated with L. H. Truex under the name of Truex, Dennis & Co.

5. Sussex Courts opened, Justice John VanDyke presiding. Only one of the grand jury now living. Some 16 bills of indictment were found, and the principal civil case of the term was a suit of John N. Crane vs. Barnett R. Perry, in which the plaintiff received a verdict for \$166. It was the talk of the county, and though the jury was out nearly 24 hours the verdict was not enough to carry the costs.

6. Fair and festival at Beemerville parsonage.

6. A reward of \$100 is offered for the villain who destroyed the carriage top of Rev. G. W. Lloyd, on the night of Aug. 30, as well as for the murderous outrages at the 18th and 21st of April last.

8. Dexter defeated General Butler in three straight heats on Fashion course, for \$5,000 purse. Time—2:26, 2:24 1/4, 2:23 1/2.

8. The first printed account of a base ball game in Sussex appears in this issue. It was played on August 30, on the Mt. Retirement Seminary grounds, between the school nine and the Delawares of Port Jervis. The score was 35 to 14 in favor of Mt. Retirement, and the game occupied three hours and ten minutes. Ed. VanEtten, of Port Jervis, was the umpire. The school battery was Cox, c., and Richards, p.; that of the Delawares, Kelly, p., Taylor, c. In a previous game at Port Jervis, on August 23, between the same nines, the score was 24 to 21 in favor of the Delawares.

8. Note of a recent church fair at Walpack where the receipts were over \$300. A cake baked by Mrs. A. G. Hull, of Bushkill, brought \$51, the people on each side of the river voting for its possession.

9. Privileges sold for Sussex County horse trot, which was not under auspices of Agricultural Society.

9. M. R. Hamilton and A. J. Rogers address large Democratic meeting at court house.

9. Central Union Club formed at Newton. Peter Cannon, president; Allen Rosenkrans, vice president; James H. Simpson, secretary; O. B. Pellet, treasurer.

11. Deckertown Academy opened by M. M. Huot.

11. Newton Academy opens. Still in charge of H. D. Chapin and sister.

11. Thomas Jacques, who recently resided in Newton, and who escaped from an officer on the 21st of August, between Paterson and New York, rearrested in New York, and jailed in Newark. His crime was passing counterfeit currency.

12. Hon. Lyman A. Chandler died at Rockaway, after an illness of one week, aged 44 years.

12. Crushing plant of New Jersey Zinc Company, at Oxdensburg, destroyed by a boiler explosion at 4 a. m. The plant had only been in operation since the previous day. The nightwatchman found steam escaping, but failing to check it, retired but a short distance before the explosion occurred. The loss was \$10,000 to \$15,000. It was supposed that a malicious person opened the draft of the furnace during the night.

13. M. E. Church festival in Mechanics' Hall, Blairstown.

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13. Remains of Col. H. O. Ryerson arrive in Newton. Funeral services held in Presbyterian church on the 14th. Sermon by Rev. S. Cooke, of Deckertown. Court adjourned in honor of the former Prosecutor.

14. The Woolverton or Kittatany blackberry was attracting much attention from fruit growers.

14. H. H. Kirchman, jeweler, located in Murray building, Spring street.

15. Horace E. Rude, of Hamburg, calls attention to rich veins of plumbago ore found on his property.

15. In this issue a half column is devoted to the outrages and annoyances to which Rev. G. W. Lloyd and family had been subjected by some villainous opponents at Branchville.

19-22. The first fair of the Morris County Agricultural Society held at Morris-town. The Society paid \$4,750 for the grounds, spent \$2,000 in improvements, and offered \$1,500 in premiums. The projectors made money, as the trotting was good and the attendance immense on two days.

20. Eveline Rorbach says she has purchased the millinery establishment over Goodale's drug store.

20. Sussex and Orange butter was selling for 43 and 50 cents per pound.

20. John O. Case sold to Newton freighters 12 six months pigs whose aggregate weight was 1670 lbs. at 16 1/2 c. per lb. One weighed 185 and the largest 207 lbs., both being phenomenal at their age.

21. Misses M. L. Shoemaker and Fanny Coyle formed partnership in millinery business at Newton.

22. The first anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln.

23. The properties of the late Horace Ford were advertised to be sold at public sale at Stockholm, on October 11. It was called a rare chance for investment, as the Pequannoc river made it a good site for water works. And the fondest dreamer of that age could not imagine the great system that now uses the water.

25. The foundry of S. W. Buckley, at Hope, had been purchased by J. C. Bower.

27. County Sunday School Association met at Sparta.

26-28. Sussex Horse Fair held at Newton. It drew a large crowd, but did not meet public expectation, and while there were a few agricultural features to cover up the deficiency, it was not a credit to Sussex county.

27-28. Wood's concert troupe at Park Hall.

29. Item: The whole number of negro troops mustered into service since the commencement of the war was 130,000. The deaths from disease and casualties greatly exceeded the proportion among the whites.

28. General Kilpatrick, General John L. Swift and Colonel J. C. Bement addressed meeting in Newton. It was advertised for the court house, but as 3,000 to 4,000 persons had gathered, it was held on the Green, in the evening. A letter was read from Gen. D. E. Sickles apologizing for his non-attendance. There was no disturbance during the speeches of Swift and Bement, but when Kilpatrick began it seemed as if pandemonium had broken loose. Henry C. Kelsey and Jack Rogers led a gang which attempted to howl the General down. Kilpatrick was bitter and sarcastic, and had several wordy encounters with Kelsey and Rogers. Kilpatrick said he would finish his speech if it took all night, and Mr. Kelsey realizing better than Rogers that the attempt to silence the General would cause a reaction, agreed to keep the gang quiet. This he did for awhile, but when Rogers vehemently denied a charge, stones were thrown, one of which knocked down a lady standing near the platform. The account of the meeting occupies a column and a half, and it was doubtless one of the most exciting events in Sussex politics. Rogers challenged Kilpatrick to joint discussion, and asked for half an hour on the same platform, but did not appear, having gone to

the Cochran House and held a meeting on his own hook.

23. Charles Shoemaker killed at Bushkill, Pa. He had had a fight with John Decker, of Lehman tap. The fighters were separated, and Shoemaker started away, making some remarks that caused Decker to renew the fight, during which he threw or pushed Shoemaker against a fence with such force as to break his neck. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Decker acted in "self-defence."

29. General Kilpatrick and others addressed afternoon and evening meetings at Stanhope, and on the 30th some 2,000 persons gathered to hear the same speakers at Deckertown.

29. Fire at 2 a. m. in Jason Sidman's grocery, on Spring street, suppressed by firemen. Loss under \$200.

29. Dr. Bunting, of Newark, gives exhibition of laughing gas, in Park Hall.

29. Edward B. Allen, aged 18, son of Dr. Carlos Allen, of Vernon, accidentally drowned at Easthampton, Mass., where he was a student of the senior class at Williston seminary.

## OCTOBER.

1. Jack Rogers spoke at Stanhope, and it was alleged that four sound eggs had been thrown at him by ill-mannered boys, out of pure mischief.

1. John Henderson, a man with several aliases, arrested at Shohola, Pa., for the murder of Walter Gregory, near Middletown, on the night of September 24.

1. Rev. Oliver Badgley, a member of Newark M. E. Conference, dropped dead at his home at Roxbury, Warren county, while walking out to view some stock.

3. Quarterly reports of Sussex and Farmers' National Banks show there was little specie in circulation, the Sussex having \$1,812.99, and the Farmers' \$1,031.26.

2. Remains of Captain James Walker, of Co. D, 15th N. J. Regt., one of the bravest men that ever led a charge, brought to Newton, and funeral services in the M. E. Church, on the 4th, were conducted by Rev. D. W. Moore.

4. Congregation of Rev. D. W. Moore make him a pleasant surprise party at Baleville.

5. F. M. & N. Smith announce opening of an oyster saloon under L. L. Martin's clothing store.

5. Rev. C. C. Burr addressed Democratic meeting at court house.

6. Issue of this date contains a column letter from Hon. Martin Ryerson, defending himself of charges made by M. R. Hamilton, in a speech at Orange. Mr. R. gives a detailed statement of Hamilton's financial transactions and political treachery in Sussex, while editing the New Jersey Herald.

6. Report of Merchants National Bank opened June 1, shows discounts of \$88,697.21; deposits, \$39,692.11.

7. The first of the joint debates between Gen. Kilpatrick and Jack Rogers, which were the outcome of the lively meeting in Newton, on September 28, occurred in Newark, on this date. As a result on the following Tuesday, Newark gave a Union majority of 1,350. This was the first time in years that the Republican ticket had had a majority in that city. Ten other debates were billed for various parts of the State.

9. Citizens of Newton met at court house in response to a call by corporators of Newton Cemetery Association. John Linn, chairman; P. Brittin, secretary. On motion of Robert Hamilton, the chair appointed Dr. F. Smith, Robert Hamilton, Jacob L. Swayze, John C. Williams and Charles Crook, as a committee to organize a company and to call a future meeting.

10. Concert in Branchville Presbyterian church, under direction of Miss H. L. Allen.

10. A religious revival was in progress at Tranquility, with 75 conversions.

12. The letter of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles to Gen. Kilpatrick, read at the meeting in Newton on the 28th ult., is printed in the issue of this date. It occupies nearly a

column, and while giving his opinions upon matters political, also evinces a desire to enjoy a day or two at the fair and the promised sport of the races.

14. Bailey's circus and menagerie exhibits in Newton.

15. The campaign in Sussex was red hot. John Y. Foster, Judge Peck, of Connecticut; James M. Scovel, Major James Haggerty, and local orators were addressing nightly meetings in all parts of the county.

16. Returned soldiers met in Park Hall, and formed a fraternal organization of which Thomas Anderson was president; H. P. Cooke, vice president; Job Woodruff, recording secretary and treasurer; Charles A. Crissey, cor. secretary; Rev. John Faulk, chaplain, with a general committee of two from each township.

17-19. Vernon Horse Fair on premises of Isaac Drew.

19. Hon. George T. Cobb nominated as the Union candidate for Senator in Morris county.

19. Eager & Seely, of Warwick, N. Y., make a column bid for Sussex patronage. There was much freight going to Warwick from the upper part of the county.

19. Issue of this date is of much political interest, containing letters from Hon. Martin Ryerson and John Linn, Esq. Mr. Linn's is to C. Chauncey Burr, and is the most crushing blow to the character of Jack Rogers that any man ever gave. At a meeting in Newark Mr. Rogers had denounced Mr. Linn as a liar, in reference to statements made by C. C. Burr in a speech at Newton. The correspondence between Mr. Burr and Mr. Linn is printed, the latter showing how in the presence of George H. Nelden, Rogers had said that "if a statement he made against Martin Ryerson was not true he hoped God would strike him dead." Afterward on two occasions, when brought face to face with the consequences, Rogers admitted that "the story was a pure fabrication without one word of truth for its foundation or support."

23. Congregation of Lafayette M. E. Church visit parsonage during absence of Rev. W. C. Nelson and wife, arrange a feast, and when the pastor and wife return present them with \$100.

24. William M. Iliff renominated for Assembly by Democrats of Second district. Frank M. Ward was afterward nominated by Democrats of First district.

24. Barn of Zenas Stanabach, in Sparta township, destroyed by fire. Loss from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

24. Martin Ryerson and C. Chauncey Burr sign agreement for joint political discussions from October 30 to November 6, at following places: Newton, Centreville, Deckertown, Vernon, Sparta and Stanhope.

25. Dance at Wm. B. Slater's hotel, in Lafayette.

26. The Baptist Church of Newton has a new steel bell in its tower.

27. Congregation of Second Baptist Church of Wantage presents a purse of \$44 to Rev. J. L. Bennet, of Mt. Salem.

28. Union Assembly convention for First district held at Deckertown, nominated Nathaniel K. Bray.

28. Small barn below Newton depot, owned by O. B. Pellet, destroyed by fire. It was a resort for dissolute persons.

29. Bishop Odenheimer visits Christ Church, Newton. He also held service in afternoon at Clinton school house, and in the evening at Andover.

30. The joint discussion in the court house between Hon. Martin Ryerson and C. Chauncey Burr drew an immense crowd. Meeting called to order at 2 p. m. and for three hours the crowd had an intellectual feast, though the superior ability of Judge Ryerson, and his sound argument, completely overwhelmed the sophistries of Burr.

30. Joseph Coult nominated for Assembly by Republicans of Second district, in convention at Newton.

## NOVEMBER.

1. A comparison of taxes of 12 Republicans and 8 Democrats in Newton, shows

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that David Ryerson was paying a total of \$1,891.75 and Robert Hamilton \$561.10.

1. Miss C. Price announces that she has resumed business at the millinery of Mrs. C. L. Cole in Newton.

1. Morris & Essex Railroad leased to an association of British capitalists, represented by Sir Morton Peto, the object being to complete a direct line from New York to the West.

1. The public debt outstanding at this date was \$2,740,854,758.

2. Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, Gen. John A. Logan, Gen. Kilpatrick and Lieut. Gov. Bross addressed Republican mass meeting in the afternoon at Branchville, and spoke in Presbyterian Church, Newton, in the evening. The Democrats had a meeting in Newton on the same day, and as a specimen of the style of campaigning of this period, which was especially bitter, a circular under the frank of A. J. Rogers was sent broadcast stating that Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson would not be present. The old Democratic war horse of New York did appear, however, and his eloquence in behalf of the Union cause was thoroughly appreciated, and worth going 50 miles to hear. Gen. Logan was quite ill, and did not do himself justice, though at times traces of his forcible eloquence were apparent in his speech.

3. Ruffians attempt to break up a Union meeting at Hamburg, and there had been disturbances at various points in the county, showing a great state of political excitement.

4. A supper given to returned soldiers, at the Cochran House.

7. General election. Marcus L. Ward elected as Governor by 2,789 majority over Theodore Runyon. Sussex gave the latter a majority of 1430, while Hudson county, now the center of all fraud, gave Runyon only 123. The total vote of the county was 5,084, being 179 larger than ever polled before, and yet the population of the county had decreased. Fraud was charged in various voting precincts. In the First Assembly district the vote stood—Francis M. Ward, 1601; N. K. Bray, 814. Ward's maj., 787. In the Second district Wm. M. Hiff received 1638 and Joseph Coult 963. Hiff's majority, 675. The Coroners elected were William H. Edsall, Hiram C. Clark and Asa W. Lane. The Republican candidates were James H. Tuttle, James H. Simpson and Wm. J. I. Kimble. H. C. Clark led the Democratic vote and James H. Simpson the Republican.

8. Belvidere cotton factory destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$60,000. Insured for \$40,000.

10. Wirz, the brutal keeper of Andersonville prison, hanged at Washington.

12. Second New Jersey Cavalry arrives at Trenton, coming from Natchez, Miss. Company M. was recruited in Sussex, under Captain C. F. Fernald, with J. H. Hoffman as 1st Lieutenant.

15. Gen. Kilpatrick had received the appointment of Minister to Chili, and Col. Edwin F. Cooke, also of Sussex, was to accompany him as secretary of legation.

16. A correspondent, writing from Sparta, says a Mr. Hephyn, of Newark, who had been staying in the neighborhood of Sparta before election, had voluntarily loaned \$500 to the Trustees of the M. E. Church with which to build a parsonage. On election day he arrived in Sparta, and going to the Trustees told them that they and the whole church must vote for General Runyon. This was declared out of the question, when the creditor replied that he must have his money immediately, unless the votes were forthcoming. His money was raised and the wholesale briber allowed to leave in the direction of Stanhope without an application of boot leather.

4. Some 30 or 40 of the "boys in blue" visit the premises of Rev. G. W. Lloyd in Branchville and discharge a volley of greenbacks and several rounds of cake and confectionery.

9. Friends of Rev. Joel Campbell visit him at Lafayette, and present a purse of \$65.

13. Peter Martin, residing near Tranquility, killed by accidental discharge of a gun, during a chase to shoot a chicken. He took the gun from the hands of James B. Slater, and being at full cock, it was discharged, the load entering his back and causing death within half an hour. He was about 40 years of age, and left a wife and several children.

13. Republicans hold a grand jubilee in honor of election results, at Newton. There was a torchlight parade, with music, transparencies, fireworks, etc. A big meeting in the court house, with speeches by General Kilpatrick, Hon. Geo. T. Cobb, Jacob L. Swayze, B. B. Edsall, and others. The only unpleasant feature was the wounding of Moses H. McCollum, whose head was badly cut by a stone, thrown by the hand of a skulking villain.

14-16. Indian summer weather of the most delightful character.

13. Governor Parker issues proclamation naming Thursday, Dec. 7, as a day of thanksgiving.

13. Captain B. C. P. Armstrong, of Co. M, 9th Iowa Cavalry, and a native of Sussex, dies at Lewisburg, Ark., of typhoid-pneumonia.

15. Two cars loaded with coal at Mauch Chunk mines, passed over M. & E. R. R. this evening. This was the first shipment direct from mines to Hoboken.

17. Adjourned meeting of citizens interested in new cemetery held at court house. Committee appointed at first meeting made verbal report in reference to plots of land which could be procured for a cemetery. A resolution offered by John Linn, was finally adopted to open subscription books for capital stock and take all necessary steps to organize a company and put the same in operation.

20. A registry law for the state elections was being advocated.

20. Congratulations were pouring in from former Jerseymen, in every section, upon the State's return to the Union.

21. Jane M., daughter of Luther B. Calvin, and wife of Jacob B. Hendershot, dies from severe burns received on Nov. 9, by her dress taking fire. Her sufferings were increased by an attack of diphtheria.

22. Thos. R. Everitt and G. W. Gillam open harness and upholstering business in rooms formerly occupied by Elston & Case.

23. An unusual amount of real estate was offered for sale at this period.

23. Elston & Case, butchers, give notice of dissolution of partnership.

23. Sergeant Charles J. Guest, of Co. D, 3d N. J. V., dies from accidental gunshot wound received thirteen weeks previous, near Andover. He had served four years in the army, participated in 40 battles and skirmishes, and escaped unharmed in all of them. He was about 25 years of age.

24. Peter Cucuel hanged at Morristown for murder of his wife. Though the crime was a most brutal one, the man was so terror stricken that he was taken to the scaffold by force in arm chair, and he probably died from fright before the drop fell.

23. President Johnson names December 7 as Thanksgiving day.

29. Samuel T. Smith announces a "reduction" of coal prices at Waterloo to \$10 per ton.

30. Prices at McCarter & Harden's: Butter, 40 cents per lb.; granulated sugar, \$1.45 for 7lb.; molasses, 80c. gallon; wheat flour, \$6.25 per cwt. for best.

30. Dr. Lewis Phoenix, of Morristown, thrown from his horse and died soon afterward. He was 75 years of age.

## DECEMBER.

1. A frightful railroad accident on N. J. Central R. R., two miles west of Whitehouse Station, Hunterdon county, by which seven persons were killed outright, and seventeen others more or less injured. A coal train of 57 cars, which had been delayed, attempted to get on a switch at White House, to allow an express to pass. The effort was made unavailing by the breaking of a coupling, which divided the train in two sections. The express dashed into the rear of the coal train and threw

thirteen cars from the track, but the baggage car of its own train was telescoped with the first passenger car. Passengers in other cars were not injured, neither was the engineer, fireman and telegraph operator, who were on the express engine, though they were jammed into the tender. The fireman was Morris Lunger, afterward employed by the Lackawanna. Most of the dead and injured were from Washington, Belvidere and Phillipsburg.

2. Widow of William H. Wood died almost instantaneously while engaged in household avocations, and in apparent good health, at Hamburg. Her husband died some years ago with almost equal suddenness.

3. Burglars relieve saloons of F. M. & N. Smith and E. I. Mohr of cigars, etc.

4. Nelden & Grover had sold their hardware, tin and stove business to Job Woodruff and Jacob Couse.

4. Death of John H. Hall, founder of THE REGISTER, in the 75th year of his age. He came to Sussex county when he was 22 years of age, with small capital, and issued the first number of THE REGISTER, on July 6, 1813, and continued its publication without the interregnum of a single week until Jan. 23, 1864, when he sold his interest to his son-in-law, R. B. Westbrook. His obituary, written by B. B. Edsall, is a tribute to the worth of his late associate that no other man could make.

4. George H. Mills disposes of his personal effects preparatory to leaving Newton.

5. Sussex Courts opened, but in the absence of Supreme Court Justice, the regular business was postponed one week, when Justice VanDyke was expected.

5. Albert B. Sherman, aged 47 years, one of the most enterprising citizens of Milford, Pa., died very suddenly from over-exertion while putting in new machinery in his tannery.

7. Thanksgiving day. Weather inclement and dreary.

7. Books for subscriptions to capital stock of Newton Cemetery Company opened at Court House. Authorized capital, \$20,000. The charter authorized purchase of not exceeding 30 acres of land. The Directors were Robert Hamilton, Edward C. Moore, Michael B. Titm in, Moses W. Northrup, Daniel S. Anderson, Samuel Cassidy, Nathaniel Pettit, Thomas N. McCarter, Whitfield S. Johnson. Officers—Robert Hamilton, president; Edward C. Moore, treasurer; Daniel S. Anderson, secretary.

7. Stoll & Dunn announce reduction of best calicoes to 25c. yard.

7. Parishioners of N. Pettit send him a package through the post office, containing \$30 in bank bills. The rector of Christ Church thanks the donors through the town papers.

10. Bishop Odenhelmer fell as he was leaving the church at South Amboy, and broke his left knee.

10. Coal drops to \$9 a ton at Waterloo, but next week goes to \$9.50.

10. Bishop James preached in M. E. Church at Libertyville.

11. Rev. Sylvester Cooke returns thanks for liberal donation at Clove parsonage, and proofs of good will from abroad.

12. Charter of Newton Cemetery Company accepted, and stockholders asked to meet on January 1, to elect Board of Directors.

12. Justice VanDyke opens court, but for only one week. The principal suit tried was the recruiting committee of Stillwater tsp. against Andrew J. Hill for breach of contract in filling quota. A verdict of \$1,075 was rendered against Hill. Alanson Decker, a lad of 14, was sent to prison for one year, on a charge of burning a large and valuable barn of William Owens, in Vernon township. The lack of a House of Refuge or Reform School necessitated his incarceration in State prison. Grand jury found eleven bills, and a protest against the condition of Newton's streets and highways. Court adjourned to February 5.

12-13. Sussex Baptist Association met at Hamburg.

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14. A. H. Konkle, surveyor, Hardwick, Warren county, offers his services to land owners.
14. E. D. Osborne retires from firm of J. Faull & Co.
16. Carrie Shepard, wife of Rev. Geo. H. Whitney, pastor of Newton M. E. Church, died, in 32d year.
16. Thieves enter basement of Snyder & Lewis's store, and take away a quantity of boots and shoes.
20. Monroe post office had been discontinued on account of death of postmaster.
20. A shooting gallery opened in Sussex billiard rooms over McCarter & Harden's store.
24. The M. & E. R. R. had been opened for travel and freight to Phillipsburg. Coal trains were running regularly.
25. Exhibition of tableaux in Park Hall, for S. S. library fund of Christ Church. The hall never had so large a crowd before, and the entertainment was repeated the next night when the crowd was almost as dense as the first night.
26. Deckertown Union Sunday school gave concert in Presbyterian church.
- 25-26. Festival in Mechanics Hall, Blirstown, for benefit of Presbyterian church.
27. Anniversary of Andover M. E. Sunday school.
27. Congregation of North Hardyston Church present pastor with \$230.
23. The Herald and REGISTER were persistently advocating the incorporation of Newton, so as to gain protection from rowdism.
28. D. E. Frambes writes a letter from Petroleum Centre, Pa., where he had located.
- 26-28. State Teachers' Association met at Hackettstown. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather about half of State represented.

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JANUARY.

1. The Morris canal had declared a dividend of 5 per cent. on preferred stock and 6 per cent. on consolidated stock, and another dividend was expected in February. It paid better than now.
1. A dreary New Year's day. Snow fell on December 31, but a rising temperature spoiled the sleighing, and made snowballing the principal amusement of the juveniles. The only public recognition of the day was service in the Presbyterian church.
1. Robert Mills, of Andover, aged 87, and John Bunnell, of Wantage, aged 86, were now the only living persons who had been subscribers to THE REGISTER since its first issue.
1. Total number of national banks now in existence, 1625.
1. Newton Cemetery Company elected as Directors: Robert Hamilton, Edward C. Moore, Daniel S. Anderson, Samuel Cassidy, Nathaniel Pettit, John McCarter, John R. Stuart, Joseph Coult and John Linn, \$4,000 had been subscribed, and when the sum reached \$10,000 the Company would go into practical operation.
3. Benj. Stewart and John Campbell open stove and tin store on Moran street.
4. Recent real estate sales were as follows: The Geo. L. Vansyckle farm, near Newton, by John Canfield to John Dovell, for \$26,000; the Andrew W. Shaw farm near Yellow Frame, to John Canfield, for \$15,000; residence of James A. Goodale, on Trinity street, to John McCarter, for \$8,250, and his brick stores on Spring street to Daniel Richards, for \$13,000; the E. C. Moore property to Anson P. and Allen Rosenkrans, for \$10,000; residence of Jas. H. Simpson, on Trinity street, to Mrs. Thos. D. Edsall, for \$4,000.
7. The autumnal mildness of December followed by intense cold. Mercury stood at 4° above at 8 a. m.; at 5 p. m. it was 4° below, and on the following morning (8th) it was 19° degrees below—a mark which had not been reached in this section for 50 years. During the day the average was 3° below, and only one point was known where the mark was zero, and that was at 4 p. m. On the 9th the minimum was

- zero, but the cold spell retained its grip until the 10th. The wind had been high and cold for a week.
7. The centenary year of the M. E. Church celebrated in 10,000 houses of worship of that denomination. In Newton the speakers were Revs. Geo. H. Whitney and R. B. Westbrook.
8. Sussex National Bank re-elected the same board of directors as existed under its state charter.
9. Legislature organized. John Hill, of Morris, chosen speaker by a majority of 12 over William M. Hiff, of Sussex.
10. The Secretary of War, in compliance with resolution of Congress, stated that the aggregate of the volunteers called for by the President at various periods of the war was 2,653,062; reduced to a three year standard the total was 2,123,041.
10. A statement of the prize money paid to officers of the U. S. Navy, showed a total of \$9,500,000, with about 600 claims involving \$6,000,000 unadjusted. Admiral Farragut received over \$55,000 as his share.
10. Engine Craneville, drawing a coal train on the Lackawanna railroad, exploded at Hampton Junction, killing George Royer, engineer, and fatally injuring fireman Benjamin Bates and brakeman Thos. Snyder.
10. Prof. James J. Mapee, a widely known chemist and agriculturist, died at the age of 60.
11. Patrick Hogan, a former resident of Newton, fatally injured by a fall of rock in Hurdstown mine.
11. John T. Kent, of Morristown, killed by overhead bridge near Stanhope. He was 26 years of age, and previous to becoming a brakeman, had served in the 7th N. J. regiment.
13. Prof. Wilder, horse tamer, gives an exhibition in Newton.
14. Hardware store of Couse & Woodruff robbed of \$150 worth of silverware, guns, etc.
12. Firm of Stoll & Dunn dissolved, and Theo. F. Margarum becomes a member of the firm of Stoll, Dunn & Co.
16. John V. Roloson announces purchase of the cabinet and undertaking business of the late David Simmons, at Beemerville.
16. David M. Sayre retires from the firm of J. R. Stuart & Co. The firm name remained the same, Geo. L. Smith being the other partner.
16. Kerrigan and Pbelan fight for a prize of \$1,000 in the vicinity of Port Jervis, Kerrigan declared victor after 18 rounds, occupying 30 minutes.
16. Marcus L. Ward inaugurated as Governor of New Jersey.
17. House of Assembly surprised by motion of Wm. M. Hiff, of Sussex, to accept constitutional amendment abolishing slavery throughout the United States. The strangeness of the affair was that the motion should come from Mr. Hiff, who had at a previous session voted against it, with his fellow Democrats. The final vote to ratify the amendment was 42 to 10, eight members being absent. Six Democrats voted in favor, and ten against, including W. M. Hiff and F. M. Ward, of Sussex. On the 23d the Senate voted to ratify, the vote being 13 to 8, Senators Martin, of Sussex, and Kennedy, of Warren, voting nay.
17. Gold selling at 139½.
17. Onsted & Puder give notice that the Springdale creamery will be opened for business on April 1.
17. Rising Down, of Sandyston, reduces price of horseshoeing to \$3 for a new set.
17. John B. Losey desires to dispose of his bakery business on account of ill health.
18. Among recent deaths were those of Mrs. Jane Wentworth, of Vernon, on the 2d inst., aged 91; and on the 14th, Richard Haviland, at Andover, aged 83.
18. Daniel S. Anderson, president of the Board of Trustees, advertises for proposals to erect stone edifice for Newton Presbyterian Church, according to plans of C. Graham & Son. An instalment of

- 25 per cent. due on subscriptions was called for.
18. Recruiting committee of Newton, consisting of Oakley B. Pellet, David R. Hull, Levi H. Truex, Robert M. Ogden and Thomas C. Elston, make a statement of their expenses and receipts under the last call for 300,000 men. Names given of 21 recruits, and amount paid each, aggregating \$13,735. The committee paid Martin Grover, Robert M. Ogden, Samuel Johnson, James Smith and Geo. H. Mills, \$2,125 for 3-year substitutes, and other expenses brought the aggregate up to \$16,770. \$870 were collected on subscription.
18. Rev. G. W. Lloyd, of Branchville, was about to remove to Delta county, Michigan.
19. Fennial meeting at Franklin Furnace, addressed by J. O'Donovan, of New York.
19. During a fracas at Walnut Grove, Morris county, James List was stabbed in the abdomen by Jesse Lake. The wound was dangerous, and Lake went to jail.
20. Dr. V. M. Swayze, of Easton, had purchased the Jonathan P. Stackhouse farm, in Green tsp., for \$14,500.
23. Meeting of projectors of Goshen and Deckertown Railway, held at Goshen. Jonathan Whitaker was chosen president, and James J. McNally, secretary. Residents of the towns made encouraging speeches, and the meeting adjourned to February 6, after naming committees to circulate subscription papers, in Deckertown, Pine Island, Florida and Goshen.
23. The thieves who robbed the hardware store of Couse & Woodruff had been arrested. They were two young Newtonians of whom better things were expected. They were the perpetrators of other robberies in Newton, and were supplied with a full set of skeleton keys.
- 22-25. Prof. Abbey held musical convention and concert at Johnsonburg.
25. George H. Mills, recently of Newton, had been elected cashier of the First National Bank of Greensburg, Indiana.
25. Real estate sales: Dwelling of Elizabeth Kraber, on Spring street, to F. M. Hough, \$3,500; Coult & Anderson took the Goodale stores from off the hands of Daniel Richard, and sold one to Oakley B. Pellet for \$7,600; Henry Rinker, dwelling on High street, to Joseph Warbasae, for \$3,500; A. P. & A. Rosenkrans, lot on Spring street, near Cochran House, to Joseph Coult and Jacob L. Swayze, for \$3,250; M. B. Titman property in and adjacent to Newton, sold to Thomas Kays (104 acres with building, for \$35.75 per acre; 14 acres to John Townsend for \$30 per acre, and a building lot to Wm. H. Walker for \$400. The Gustin farm near Lafayette, by heirs of Elias Potter, at \$80 per acre; Hagaman farm by Dr. F. Smith to Mr. Ackerson, at \$80 per acre.
25. Morris Hoppage had purchased stock and good will of Job Woodruff, next to court house.
29. Edward Stewart, a native of Sussex, died at Newark, aged 65. He was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
29. House and lot of the late George Walker, on Spring street, sold at public sale to Lewis Hanke, for \$2,287.
29. Merchants National Bank held its second election for directors.
30. The A. & G. W. Railway Company, which had leased the M. & E. had contracted for grading of the Bounton branch from Denville to Bloomfield.
30. The congregation of Rev. A. McWilliam, of Walpack and Bushkill, must have had a high appreciation of their pastor and wife. He had been presented with \$175 toward the purchase of a carriage, then \$30 for a robe, and on the 27th a purse of \$210, besides wood enough to bring the total to \$420. His wife had a \$65 sewing machine.
30. The series of balls given during the winter at the McClellan House, near Newton depot, were denounced as of the most disreputable character.
31. Rev. Father Hickey, of Newark, delivered a lecture in St. Joseph's Church, Newton.

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1. Festival in Baleville church.

1. The Royal Havana Lottery of Cuba was advertised.

1. Gabriel Post and Jacob M. Grover form partnership as produce buyers. Office in Woodward's store. Isaac H. Drake was their agent.

2-3. Father Kemp's Old Folks give concerts in court house. Miss Emma J. Nichols was still with the company, also "grandsire Hopkins."

3-S. Severe winter weather.

5. Annual meeting of Sussex Mutual Insurance Co. No change of officers. Policies issued, 217. Losses adjusted and paid, \$8,407.

5. Dr. H. T. Hyde, specialist, returns to Newton.

6. This date had been fixed for beginning of the adjourned term of the Sussex Circuit, in the expectation that a new Justice would be appointed to succeed the late Judge Brown: There was a full attendance of jurors, suitors, witnesses, lawyers, etc., but no judge, and to the great annoyance of all concerned the business went over to the April term.

6. House passed bill to open polls at 7 a. m. and close at sunset. The vote was 31 to 23, all the Democratic members opposing. The bill was introduced by Mr. Morris, of Hudson. Previous to this bill the opening hour was 8 o'clock.

6. Gov. Ward sent to the Senate the following appointments; A. O. Zabriskie, Chancellor, vice H. W. Green, resigned; Justices of Supreme Court, VanCleave Dalrymple vice George H. Brown, deceased; David A. Depue vice Daniel Haines, term expired; F. T. Frelinghuysen was reappointed as Attorney-General, and Barker Gummere as Clerk in Chancery; H. N. Congar, Secretary of State, vice Whitfield S. Johnson, term expired. The last appointment was a bitter pill, as it unceremoniously retired the only State officer the Republicans of Sussex ever had. It was considered an affront that would be repaid at a future time. The nomination of Mr. Congar was first rejected, and then confirmed on the 14th inst.

6. Adjourned meeting of citizens of Orange and Sussex, held in Pine Island hotel. Committee to secure subscriptions to Goshen and Deckertown railroad reported a total of \$125,000. Adjourned to meet at Deckertown, February 19.

7. O. Bronson says he is "at home" in new building, adjoining store of Beemer & Gould, at Deckertown.

7. Peter Cannon, for many years General Agent of the Sussex Railroad Company, resigns, and is succeeded by Charles Arvis.

7. Dwelling house of Nathan K. Hazen in Frelinghuysen tsp., destroyed by fire. Very little of the contents could be saved. Loss partially covered by insurance of \$900 in Hardwick Mutual.

8. By a vote of 32 to 23 House passed bill to incorporate the Newark and New York Railroad. This bill had been fought for years, and the M. & E. folks were surprised at this result, though they hoped to defeat it in the Senate.

8. At last workmen were placing the long expected town clock in the tower of Newton M. E. Church.

8. Lewis Dunn had purchased the Isaac Sharp farm of 560 acres, near Deckertown, for \$15,000.

9. Drugstore of Drs. Hunt and VanEtten, in Port Jervis, destroyed by fire.

10. Levi Beemer, of Libertyville, assignor to himself and J. H. Williamson, had received patent for improvement in pumps.

11. A \$20,000 fire in Middletown, N. Y., in building occupied by Kirkpatrick Bros., tobacconists, who once resided in Newton.

12. L. D. Rosenkrans, of Centreville, offers a storehouse in Newton for rent, showing that he had not yet become a resident.

12. McCarter & Harden dissolve partnership. During their career as grocers

they were effective advertisers.

12. A heavy rain dissolves the snow and causes a freshet.

12-16. Prof. Abbey held musical convention at Hope.

14. Daily mail service began between Newton and Deckertown. N. Burrows, proprietor.

14. Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's day.

14. House passed bill to ratify lease of Morris & Essex, 41 to 15.

15. Note made that the Newton town clock was now in operation, having been set up and regulated by Charles Crook. Credit was given to John B. Losey for bringing the matter to a successful issue after others had failed. "When he hears the clock toll the hours he is reminded that there is in Newton one 'right thing' at least 'in the right place' and that he was mainly instrumental in putting it there."

15. A list of "the solid men of New Jersey" showed that in the Fourth district, the highest were: William H. Bell, of Sussex, reported an income of \$13,592; George T. Cobb, of Morris, \$47,706; Charles Danforth, Passaic, \$143,617; Bergen, Wm. Libby, \$48,904. In Warren county John I. Blah's income was \$80,872; J. B. Cornish, Hunterdon, \$16,450; Daniel Talmage, Somerset, \$16,745; Christopher Meyer, New Brunswick, \$93,325; George Manly, Union, \$54,485; Philip P. Tillinghast, Essex, \$161,442; C. Knapp, Hudson, \$129,793.

15. Owen's gallery reduces price of cartes de visite to \$1 per dozen.

10. William Trusdell, a lawyer, and a native of Newton, died at Waterloo, Iowa, aged 43 years. He was the father of Frank Trusdell, and his wife, Miss Jayne, a former school teacher in Newton.

15. Gov. Ward, by virtue of authority in him vested, reduced the salaries of Adjutant-General Stockton and Quartermaster-General Perrine, from \$3,000 per annum to \$100. They stuck to the offices.

15. Horace Smith was exhibiting "atmospheric coal oil gas light," at Cochran House, and George M. Ryerson sold the lamps.

16. Congregation of Newton Presbyterian church met to consider the situation, which was in effect, that a limit of \$22,000 would not build such a church as was desired, owing to advance of prices in building since last April.

16. Jacob Roof died in Hampton tsp., aged nearly 89 years. He was the last one of the adult members who had worshiped in the old stone edifice of the Newton Presbyterian church.

17. Farm of the late Benjamin Hinds, in Andover, consisting of 115 acres, mostly of mountain land, sold to William Hinds for a fraction over \$60 per acre.

18. Elbridge G. Smith, of Newton, who had served three years in Co. D, 31 regiment, died of pneumonia, at the age of 30. At his funeral the pall-bearers were men who had served with him, and being a member of Hercules No. 4 the engine house was draped in mourning, flag placed at half mast, and the company, as well as members of the Fire Department generally attended.

20. House unanimously passed bill to incorporate Pequest and Walkkill Railroad Company, and the Registry law, by a vote of 31 to 20. The last bill was introduced by Mr. Hays, of Essex.

20. The Literary Society of Allamuchy gave an exhibition in Tranquility church. It promised to "outdo Niblo's Garden."

20. The Sneeler and Inglis farm, two miles from Newton, containing 144 acres, sold at public sale to Peter S. Decker, for \$88 per acre.

20. The New Jersey Herald had adopted the quarto form, or 8 pages. THE REGISTER had seriously considered the same change three months ago, but had abandoned the idea.

22. A statement of the internal revenue taxes of the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1865, showed a total of \$211,129,529.17. Of this New Jersey paid \$7,157,012.52. The expense of collecting

was \$4,769,666.31.

22. Lotteries were in full blast almost everywhere, and one conducted by Jason H. Tuttle, at Flatbrookville, caused no end of comment. About 3,000 letters had been taken from the Flatbrookville office, by his order, and last week about 2,000 letters were forwarded by the postmaster at Newton. These letters contained from \$2 to \$5 each, and the mail carrier was fearful of being robbed, so he took the precaution to start homeward 1½ hours in advance of his usual time.

22. David Amerman announces his location as a carriage maker, in rear of J. & J. English's blacksmith shop.

22. James W. McCoy, of Deckertown, having leased his farm, offers his services as surveyor.

22. Festivals by ladies of North Hardyston Church, at Greer's hotel; also at C. D. Ackerson's by ladies of Lafayette M. E. Church.

22. Meeting at Deckertown adopted a resolution that \$100,000 should be raised in Wantage for new railroad. Adjourned to March 8.

23. John S. Pearson hanged at Goshen, N. Y., for murder of Walter Gregory, on Sept. 24. Robbery was the motive for the crime. The culprit was only 24 years old, and had served three years in an Indiana regiment.

24. Congregation of Presbyterian church met in adjourned meeting from the 16th inst. After much discussion J. L. Swayze's substitute for a resolution offered by John Linn, was adopted. Mr. Linn accepted the substitute, and by unanimous vote it was decided that it was inexpedient to divide the congregation and support two churches. Mr. Linn then offered another resolution authorizing Building Committee to proceed with plans adopted and increased the limit of expenditure from \$22,000 to \$30,000. Notwithstanding a severe storm there was a large attendance, and though there were many diverse interests the meeting was very harmonious. Martin Ryerson was Clerk of the Congregation, and ably supported the project.

24. A man named Estell hired a rig at the stable of James L. Northrup, to go to Hamburg, and failed to return the property.

25. A girl named Redney, 15 years old, fatally burned at her home in Old Boonton, by dress taking fire while asleep by the stove.

25. Simon I. Decker, a well-known citizen of Dingman tsp., Pike county, hanged himself in a deserted house, while returning home from a week's absence at court in Milford. His body was suspended six days before it was found; his horse was found loose, and his friends fearing an accident had been searching for him. He was about 65 years old.

26. Major Brown's soap-making establishment in Morristown, burned.

26. Prof. Abbey opened musical convention at Stillwater, closing with a concert on the 21 of March.

26. David Ryerson writes a letter, printed in issue of March 1, to Trustees and Congregation of Presbyterian church, appealing for retention of old edifice for its memories. He asked that repairs be made, and if at the end of a year there was still a necessity for another church he would build anew, and leave the old edifice for a second congregation. He believed that many churches brought prosperity, but his letter is plainly that of an aged man who disliked to see the passing of old-time scenes.

26. Martin Hull writes that the letters pilfered from Flatbrookville office, addressed to J. H. Tuttle, numbered 133, and that 2,831 had been taken at one time on Mr. T's order, but never delivered to him.

26. Henry P. Wardell retires from firm of J. H. Wells & Co. Wells & Watkins continue paint business on Moran street.

27. Donation at Levi Shay's, near Hainesville, for benefit of John L. Rutan, whose house was destroyed by fire on Jan. 29, with all its contents, and the owner

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was disabled from work by a dislocated shoulder.

27. The gauge of the M. & E. R. R. needed to be changed to correspond with that of the extension, and it was planned to put 1,000 men at work after the evening mail train arrived at Hackettstown some Saturday evening, so the work could be finished by Monday morning.

27. Death of George Sharp, a prominent resident of Lafayette, aged 81 years.

28. Death of George Keen, in his 78th year, who ran the mill property at the outlet of Swartwout's pond, for 42 years.

29. Allen Rosenkrans announces that he has taken the store formerly occupied by J. W. Wildrick & Co., and will open March 5.

28. Friends of Rev. Geo. H. Whitney, pastor of Newton M. E. Church, assemble at his residence without invitation, and present him with an envelope containing \$200.

29. The farm of Wm. P. Smith, in Sparta tsp., containing 110 acres, had been purchased at \$100 per acre, by Peter Washer and Garret VanBlarcom.

28. Under labors of Rev. I. N. Vansant 143 probationers had been admitted to Tranquility M. E. Church.

28. Two men placed in Sussex jail charged with stealing \$275 from house of Ford Shelly, near Franklin.

28. Senate passed bill to incorporate Newark and New York Railroad. It received 11 votes, just the number required. Gov. Ward approved the bill, and no enactment of the Legislature ever received such rejoicings. The vote of the Sussex Senator carried the measure, though he had been counted as the friend of the opposition. Whatever the inducement, he met with speedy political death, though he conferred a great boon upon succeeding generations.

28. Anniversary of Deckertown M. E. Sunday school.

28. This was known as the "moonless month." January had two full moons and March had two, but February had none. It was a singular incident, though the record was but the matter of a few hours.

28. House passed bill making 7 per cent. legal rate of interest. Though the people of Sussex were opposed, both its members (Ward and Iliff) voted for the bill, as did Young, of Warren; Hoagland voted no, and Fulmer did not vote.

## MARCH

1. C. Jones & Son announce purchase in October last of Beaver Run foundry, of B. H. Kays.

1. Gen. Grant first nominated for President by Republican convention in Rochester, N. Y.

1. Bill to abolish imprisonment for non-payment of taxes passed Senate 20 to 1.

1. John T. Stewart, Lewis Adams and R. C. Albright become partners in business at the Moore storehouse. Calicoes, 12½ to 25c.; muslins, 25c. to 30c. yard.

3. Jacob Snyder and James W. Lewis dissolve partnership, and Gabriel Collier becomes Mr. Snyder's partner.

3. Death of David Mattis, aged about 85 years, known to every old resident of Newton as "Dick, the toper."

5. Jack Rogers was the "clown of Congress," and innumerable sketches are given of his antics.

5. President Johnson was at war with the Republican majority in Congress.

5. Dr. David Jayne, a noted patent medicine manufacturer, died in Philadelphia, aged about 80 years. He was born in Byram tsp., Sussex county, and his parents were so poor that they were barely able to give him a limited education. He rose superior to adverse fortune, and died a millionaire as well as a philanthropist.

5. Aaron Luse and wife, of Warren county, have narrow escape from death through runaway of the horses drawing their carriage, as they entered Newton.

5. Anson P. and Allen Rosenkrans, under firm name of Rosenkrans Bros.,

open store lately occupied by J. A. Wildrick & Co.

6. House passed bill to allow soldiers and sailors absent from the State to vote. Col. Price, of Newark, was the only Democrat who voted for the measure.

6. Senate tried to kill sunset law 12 to 9, two Republicans (Ware, of Cape May, and Acton, of Salem,) voting against their party. The bill was afterward reconsidered and passed, 11 to 10.

8. The 34th N. J. regiment was still in service at Talladega, Alabama, though the men were anxious to return home.

8. John Moore, of Newton, and Joseph S. Hunt, of Stillwater, receive degree of M. D. from N. Y. College of Physicians and Surgeons.

8. The letters said to have been stolen from Flatbrookville post office had turned up in a trunk at Toronto, Canada, where they were claimed by Jason H. Tuttle. They were supposed to be the same that Tuttle's cousin recently took out of the Flatbrookville post office, and made off with. The trunk contained about 3,000 letters and the aggregate sum of money in them was estimated at about \$12,000. The customs officials refused to deliver the trunk, when Tuttle made a demand upon the American Express Company for its value. It was expected that the trunk would be sent to Washington, and the letters returned to the persons who sent them to Tuttle. While this was being arranged the trunk was stolen from the custom house.

9. Obadiah Smith, aged 20, escaped from Sussex jail, by using a bed rail for a pry, and squeezed his body through an opening that would barely suffice for the passage of a cat. He stole a horse from Isaac Smith, two miles from Newton, which was found next day near Ogdensburg. His crime was burglary, and he had made many attempts to escape before he was successful.

11. Special services in Newton M. E. Church, commemorative of payment of entire indebtedness. Rev. G. H. Whitney discoursed on prominent events in history of the church.

11. James W. Bevans, a native of Sandyston, died at Port Jervis, aged 34. He was largely identified with the business interests of the town.

11. At the jubilee service in honor of the extinguishment of the debt of the Newton M. E. Church, F. M. Hough was presented with a large family Bible, by children of the Sunday school. A summary of Mr. Whitney's historical discourse is printed in the issue of March 15. It shows that the first Methodist sermon preached in this region was delivered in the year 1800, at the house of Eli Barber, by Rev. Robert McCoy. The first class was established in 1811, of which James Iliff was leader. In 1817, Newton and the contiguous townships were brought within a regular circuit, and were served by Rev. Benjamin Collins and George Wiltshire. Occasionally services were held in the court house on some evening during the week. The first Sabbath service in Newton was held in a barn owned by Wm. T. Anderson, then located below the Merriam shoe factory. About 1823 the court house was occupied every other Sunday afternoon for Divine service. The first church was dedicated in February, 1834, and cost a little over \$2,000. The present church cost \$12,000, in 1859. Other facts make the discourse a very interesting one.

12. Gold ore had been found at Canister, Sussex county, and at Wynockie.

13. Among local measures passed by Senate were these: authorizing Union Bank, of Dover, to close business; empowering Christ Church, Newton, to convey lands; incorporating Hackettstown Gas Light Company.

13. Quarterly meeting of Sussex Baptist Association at Newton. Preachers—Revs. D. T. Hill, D. Silver and H. E. Shermer.

13. By a vote of 14 to 0, Senate passed bill making 7 per cent. the legal rate of interest. Senator Martin, of Sussex, did

not vote on the bill, though Assemblymen Iliff and Ward voted for it. The matter had been agitated for twenty years past, but was not popular in Sussex, except among its few capitalists.

14. James L. Smith announces opening of a furniture store in Park Hall.

14. Bill to make eight hours a legal day's work, defeated in House, Messrs. Ward and Iliff voting nay.

14. Squinton & Lupi, shoemakers, announce dissolution of partnership on April 1 next.

15. During the past year THE REGISTER had paid taxes to the Government for its advertisements to the gross amount of \$56 73, and \$10 additional for license. No other country paper in the State had paid any tax whatever on its advertisements, which tax was based on circulation.

15. A company had been organized at Middletown to build without delay a railroad from Middletown to Unionville, and ultimately to the Water Gap.

15. The passage of the sunset law was hailed as a great reform and relief for weary election inspectors.

15. The Willard House at Newton had passed into the hands of J. C. & L. W. Swayze, recently of Warren county.

15. Committee of Merchants' National Bank advertise for proposals to erect a banking house on lot next to Cochran House.

15. McCarter's prices: Straight A sugar, \$1.25 for 7lbs.; good brown, \$1; Ash-ton salt, \$4.75 sack.

15. James L. Northrup had recovered his stolen rig and the thief was in jail.

15. Note of the recent burning of the storehouse and other property of Layton Rosenkrans, in Sandyston, from which we infer that some persons, while incited by liquor had accidentally or designedly set fire to his house, and destroyed his goods, books and papers.

15. Robert T. Martin, of Deckertown, had purchased the Pierson farm, near Florida, N. Y., at \$91 per acre. Peter A. VanSickle had sold his farm in Montague to William Raymond, for \$9,000, and purchased the farm of Nelson Young, in the same town, for \$6,000.

15. Owen makes another reduction: cartes de visite, 75c. per doz.; vignettes, \$1.00.

15. By a vote of 6 to 12, (Scovel, Ware and Buckley voting with the Democrats) Senate refused to authorize Newton to vote by ballot.

15. John Loomis and W. S. McCoy announce purchase of the store formerly occupied by Alpheus Howell, at Deckertown.

15. Hough & Dunning say they will do a cash business after April 2. John L. Woodruff takes a clerkship in their store.

15. James W. Crigar and James W. Lewis had become partners in freight commission business.

16. Meeting to consider enlargement of Frankford Plains Cemetery.

17. The large steam flouring mill of Moses B. Northrup, on Mill street, now the site of the Sussex shoe factory, was discovered on fire at 11 o'clock this Saturday evening. The night was bitterly cold, with a strong northwesterly gale. When the firemen arrived there was no water available except from the Big Brook, and then the cold was so intense that the valves of No. 7 froze, and put her out of service. No. 4 was kept going by the occasional use of hot water and her stream saved the old "Drake House" and the buildings adjoining. Nothing could be done to stay the fire in the mill, and in less than two hours the structure was consumed. The fire burst forth at first from the upper story, and evidently had been in progress some time before it was discovered. Owners of adjacent property on the east were kept busy, as the gale drove cinders in magnificent but perilous showers. Water in the leather store was frozen solid. The leather store of James R. Hull, standing within ten feet of the mill, was also burned, but the stock was saved. His loss was \$1,000; no insurance. Mr. Northrup's loss was \$21,000; he held insurance

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for \$14,300. Credit was given to Wm. W. Woodward, former insurance agent, for saving at his own expense \$2,300 to Mr. N. by securing other insurance in place of a policy in a company which had failed. The matter was adjusted but three or four weeks before the fire occurred.

17. Term of Whitfield S. Johnson, Secretary of State, expired.

19. Sussex Railroad again restores daily morning train.

19. Prof. Abbey opened musical convention in Zion's Chapel, near Ramseysburg.

19. Timothy Case had become superintendent of Sussex Railroad.

19. The carriage factory of Charles McCracken, at Paulina, and the lumber yards of John Bunnell & Son were prominent business features in northern Warren.

19. Dr. Hyde had gone to Hacketts-town to pick up dollars.

20. Jesse Ward had repurchased the Anderson House from John F. Dunn, and was preparing to take possession before April. He was then living in the Coursen house, on Mill street, and it was declared that his return to the Anderson hotel was in accordance with the "eternal fitness of things."

20. Reuben Odell assaults his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Anthony, in her home in Newton, and cut a frightful gash in her neck with a bowie knife, barely missing the jugular vein. He then absconded; he had served in the army, and had been married only two or three months to the daughter of the woman he attempted to murder.

20. Though building was destroyed by fire on the night of the 17th, James R. Hull's stock of leather and findings had been saved, and he was established in new quarters over the store of Stewart, Adams & Co.

20. Senate passed bill to renew charter of Sussex Mutual Insurance Company. House passed bill relative to bounties in Newton.

20. Joseph Anderson had removed his grocery from the VanCampen building to the Titman storehouse, on Spring street.

20. Boston Franklinite Company makes oath that its capital stock on March 1, was \$113,900; its debts, \$133,734 29; its assets, \$245,000.

21. A remarkable presentiment was noted in the death of Lorenzo D. Demarest, a resident of Newton. Though at the time (Wednesday afternoon) Mr. D. was looking as well as usual, he sent for Rev. Levi Morse, and informed him that he would die that night. He made some inquiries relative to spiritual affairs, and asked the clergyman to call upon him again that evening. He repeated his assertion that he would die that night, with the further statement that his father (who had been dead many years) had visited him the previous night, and kissed him. He said he wanted to be buried at Warwick, wanted Rev. Mr. Morse to preach his funeral sermon, and besought him to see that he was not buried alive, remarking that he had obtained a promise from Dr. Roe to look after that matter. After further unusual conversation, the clergyman said he had engagements that would prevent a call that evening, but would certainly come in the morning. Mr. D. seemed somewhat disappointed, but finally assented. Next morning Mr. Morse called, only to find that Mr. Demarest had died at 11 o'clock on Wednesday night. For several hours the body retained unusual warmth and the circumstance gave some impressiveness to his request not to be interred until life was absolutely extinct. This is but a mere summary of the item, which was singular in the extreme.

21. James Skellenger, aged 84, of Sandyston, died instantly while sitting at the breakfast table in Almshouse.

21. Newark M. E. Conference met at Washington, Warren county.

21. Senate passed bill to incorporate Vernon Agricultural Society of Sussex county.

21. Forge near Waterloo, owned by Peter Smith & Son, accidentally took fire and burned. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000. At time of the fire it was turning out regularly 1400 lbs. of charcoal iron per day, and employing quite a number of hands.

21. George Lanning, a Sussex produce dealer, arrested and held to bail in Newark on a charge of selling without a Government license. He had peculiar views and had given the U. S. Revenue officers a good deal of trouble.

23. House and lot of late Jacob Lawrence, corner of Main and Liberty streets, Newton, sold at public sale to Israel Swayze, of Hope, for \$5,030.

23. Firemen of Newton held a meeting in court house, and took measures to bring before the citizens the urgent needs of the department. The annual election was called by the managers for April 10, and \$1,000 was asked.

23. Supplement to "charter of Newton" taken up in the House, opposed by Ward and Iliff, and laid over to 28th, when it was passed 34 to 11.

22. Meeting at Florida, N. Y., chose directors for Goshen and Deckertown R. R., four of whom were residents of Wantage. \$140,000 had been subscribed toward building of road.

24. Public sale of the lot on which the old REGISTER office stood.

24. At the funeral service of Mrs. Allen Coursen, held at the family residence, near Newton, the roof of the house took fire from the chimney. Service was suspended, the corpse carried out doors, and while the women arranged for removal of the furniture, the men put out the fire, which, owing to a high wind, threatened to destroy the house. Had the fire appeared at an earlier or later period the building would have been destroyed.

25. His excellency, President Johnson, was in a grand row with his Republican friends who elected him, and the Nation was turning to Gen. Grant for the future.

26. Isiah Parker had purchased farm of John J. Vanness, in Vernon, for \$7,000. James E. Martin, of Glenwood, had purchased Palmer farm at New Milford, paying \$100 per acre for 100 acres, and \$90 per acre for 18 more acres.

26. There had been a great fuss in the city market for two or three weeks over immature veal.

27. Conference adjourned its session at Washington, after a session of six days. A Conference camp meeting was authorized to be held in August. Rev. Robert B. Yard appointed to Newton; Rev. G. H. Whitney to Plainfield; Wm. B. Wigg to Andover; C. E. Walton to Stanhope; J. H. Runyon to Stillwater; J. Tindall to Blairs-town; William C. Nelson to Lafayette; B. D. Palmer to Wantage; W. E. Blakeslee to Sparta; J. N. Keys and Amzi L. Smith to Vernon and New Milford. Rev. G. VanHorn withdrew from the Conference.

27. I. D. Rosenkrans sold his store goods and personal property at Centreville, preparatory to removal to Newton, where he was to take possession of the boot and shoe store of Lewis Writer, on April 1.

27. United States Senate, by vote of 23 to 21, decides that John P. Stockton was not legally elected Senator from New Jersey.

27. Sussex Mutual orders assessment of five per cent. to pay loss of M. B. Northrup.

28. Jesse and Henry M. Ward say they are refitting the Anderson House, and are in possession.

28. Miss M. A. Hankinson, dressmaker, over W. I. Roe & Co.'s drug store.

28. John McCarter was a wide-awake advertiser, and his bulletins gave a better idea of the high prices of the period than from any other source. Dried peaches were 30c. lb.; prunes, 17 @ 20c.; best wheat flour, \$5.75 cwt.; hams, 24c. lb.; shoulders, 20c. lb.

23. F. M. Smith had assumed charge of Sussex billiard saloon, over McCarter's grocery.

23. Coulter Cannon, agent, announces

removal of office of Brees & Co.'s Express from railroad depot to Couse & Woodruff's store.

28. Thomas C. Elston, of Newton, had purchased the hotel at Amity, and would take possession April 1. Robert Baughn had leased the Vandegriff hotel at Vernon. He had served as a volunteer during the war and was distinguished for bravery.

29. James A. Decker, of Newton, sold a five-year-old Hambletonian to William E. Dodge, of New York, for \$1,000.

30. Total eclipse of the moon. No clouds to prevent view from 9 05 to 11 51.

30. Since the beginning of the year the decline in prices of manufactured goods had been from 25 to 30 per cent.

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2. President Johnson issued a proclamation formally announcing that the war for the suppression of the rebellion was closed. It dated exactly one year after the capture of Richmond.

2. Daniel Richards removed his grocery store in VanCampen building.

2. Lewis & VanStickle opened a shoe and hat store, next to Sussex foundry building.

2. Warner & Mattison dissolve, and Wm. R. Mattison becomes sole proprietor of Newton bookstore.

3. Ellis A. Aggar elected State Superintendent of Schools.

3. Sussex Courts opened, Justice Vanderve Dairymple presiding for the first time. Owing to bad roads, the grand jury was impealed at 2 p. m. with only 18 members.

4. James A. Decker had commenced manufacture of spokes and rims in Newton.

5. This was the period of tilting hoop skirts and false calves.

6. Legislature adjourned, having failed to elect a U. S. Senator, owing to the perversity of James M. Scovel, who imagined he could force his own election.

7. Robert Emmet Circle held a meeting at Franklin Furnace, addressed by Captain W. H. Stephens and Mr. Kenney, District Centre of New Jersey. Signed T. A. Marshall, Centre; Wm. J. Morton, secretary.

9. Annual town meetings. In Newton Gabriel Post was chosen moderator, and the Republicans elected about half the other officers. The great fight was over the question of voting by ballot at the next town meeting. It was opposed by the Democrats with all their might, but for once they were beaten in a rough-and-tumble vote. Three Justices of the Peace were voted for by ballot, George T. Smith, Thomas C. Elston and Daniel S. McCarter being chosen by majorities of 3 over Benj. Stewart, 41 over Henry C. Kelsey, and 61 over Morris Hoppaugh. \$3,000 was voted for streets and sidewalks, \$400 for town purposes, and \$2 50 per scholar for school purposes.

9. W. M. Murray appointed cashier of Goshen Bank. It was noted that "Mr. Murray was formerly the chief clerk in one of the largest mercantile establishments in Newton, and is favorably remembered for his fine business ability, his high moral worth and true gentlemanly qualities."

10. Miss C. Price and Miss B. Moran had opened dressmaking rooms next to Mrs. Cole's, on Spring street.

10. Peter Cannon had engaged in insurance business.

10. F. L. Heater, undertaker, announces that he is located in stone shop at Deckertown, formerly occupied by F. E. Topping.

10. L. Edwards & Sons continue the photographic war. Cards, 50c. dozen; vignettes, 75c. dozen.

10. Wm. F. Wire announces his return to plow manufacturing business at Warrenville, near Allamuchy.

10. Gold selling at 126 1/2.

10. Signs of the approaching financial flurry were noted in numerous failures due to overspeculation in oil lands and other schemes.

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10. Annual election of Newton Fire Department. Franklin Smith elected president; Samuel J. Courson and Peter Cannon, managers; Thomas Anderson, secretary; Harris McCarter, treasurer; Theo. F. Anderson, assessor. \$1,000 was voted for fire purposes.

10. Titman & Davison had purchased the clothing business of L. L. Martin, and were in possession.

12. A colored boy in the employ of Robert Slater gained some sympathy and caused some excitement, by appearing at the house with a story that while in the field a man had appeared with a gun and wantonly shot off two of his fingers. Afterward it was found that the boy had been fooling with a gun, and concocted the lie to cover up his carelessness.

14. C. G. Overacre starts a singing school in Newton.

14. The anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln was marked by the display of flags at half mast throughout the country. Mr. Garfield spoke eloquently in the House before adjournment.

13. Death of Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, of New York.

14. George Lanning again brought before Commissioner Whitehead at Newark. He had produced two licenses at his previous arrest, and these were afterward discovered to have been old ones with dates changed.

16. A man registered as George Keyser, Belvidere, N. J., suicides in a hotel at Adrian, Mich. He had \$394 50 on his person.

18. The country had been working up a cholera scare for some time, and it was enhanced by arrival of a pest vessel at New York on this date.

18. Benj. W. Decker and Jacob Gould were commission merchants, with office at store of Rosenkrans Bros. Joseph Warbasse was also in same business with office at store of John W. Lane.

18. W. Chambers had opened a marble yard, near Durling House, Newton.

19. THE REGISTER completed its 53d volume; was prosperous, but burdened with the high price of paper.

19. Issue of this date contains an account of the fashionable wedding on the 12th inst. of Miss Julia Greer, a daughter of George Greer, of New York city, (a native of Sussex county) to Joseph Edward Simmons, a young lawyer from Troy. The bride's toilette cost \$15,000, and she gave each of her maids \$7,000 for their own.

19. Great praise was awarded to Justice Dalrymple for his systematic methods. In nine days he had transacted business in the Sussex Courts which promised to occupy a month. He had pleased lawyers, jurors, suitors and witnesses.

19. Note made of the marriage of Captain James J. VanHorn, of the 8th U. S. Infantry, and a daughter of Col. John C. Rafferty, at St. Peter's Church, Morristown, on the 5th inst., and the death of the bride five days later at the Astor House. She had previously enjoyed good health.

19. The destruction of the Newton steam mill spoiled a grain market, and John McCarter began to rush his mill at Hamburg, offering 85c. for rye, \$1 10 for corn ears, and 45c. for oats.

17-23. Very warm, followed by rain, hail, thunder, and a freeze on the 24th.

19. Directors of Gushen and Decker-ton Railway met at Pine Island, appointed officers, and levied a tax of 2 per cent. on subscriptions to make surveys.

19. A \$50,000 fire at Geneseo, N. Y., in which John Rorbach was one of the sufferers.

20. Common soap sold at 12c. bar. You can now get three times the quantity for 7 cents.

20. John H. Johnson, a native of Newton, feeling unwell, started from New York in company with a friend, but died as he entered the ferry house.

20. John B. Hill, formerly of Paulina, located at Beemerville, in undertaking

business.

21. A young man from Sparta had a sociable fight in Demarest's saloon. He threw off his coat, and when he got thro' fighting his watch and \$49 in money had disappeared.

23. Charles R. Nelden and R. Johnson Shaw form partnership and open drug store, one door south of post office, formerly occupied by O. D. Reeve. It was in the building now occupied by Martin Rosenkrans as law offices.

25. L. VanBlarcom had removed law office from Lafayette to Newton. Office at Anderson House.

25. C. V. & J. C. Boss form partnership as merchants at Sparta.

25. Isaac Stull, of Green tsp., relates that during thirty years of farm life he had been the possessor of a pig that had six legs, two tails and a double spine; a three-legged chicken. A sow that had 21 pigs at a litter, a ewe that gave birth to four lambs at one time, besides two others that in the same season gave birth to three lambs each, and a cow giving birth to three calves.

26. Proposals invited for building a new frame church at Tranquility.

26. Mrs. Rachel N. Coats was a milliner at Andover.

26. Miss Bell Pittenger and Sarah M. Armstrong were dressmakers at Marksboro.

26. Marshall S. Hibler had purchased the Dyer farm, at the "Dark Moon," at the rate of \$45 25 per acre. The farm had been neglected previously.

26. Stewart, Adams & Co.'s "reduced" prices: Brussels carpets, \$1.75 @ \$2 10; three-ply, \$2 @ \$2 25; super-ingrain, \$1.60 @ \$2; all-wool, \$1 @ \$1.50; worsted and wool, 75c. @ \$1.

30. William P. Ross, recently of Newton, had located with a wholesale dry goods firm at 379 Broadway, N. Y.

30. Jason, aged 8 years, son of Alva Crane, killed near Branchville, through becoming entangled in a wagon drawn by a yoke of runaway oxen, and dragged about 400 yards.

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1. Abraham O. Zibriskie becomes Chancellor of New Jersey.

1. Salmon Vanderen, John Ayers and Thomas C. Elston form partnership in meat business, next door to the M. E. Church, in Newton.

1. George Nelden and Samuel H. Bodine form partnership to conduct foundry business in Newton.

1. Joseph Coult had purchased of Judge Ryerson the handsome orchard lot on Halsted street, containing 1 1/2 acres. Price not stated.

2. The registry law, New Jersey's first effort to purify elections, is printed in this issue.

2. Dr. F. Smith advertises stock fire insurance on farm buildings at the rate of 1 per cent. for five years.

2. L. D. Rosenkrans makes his first business announcement in Newton, saying that it was the first time he ever advertised though engaged in business for many years.

2. Peter Cannon had opened a variety store next door to the Cochran House.

2. The new building of O. D. Reeve, on Spring street, was rapidly approaching completion.

2. Henry Bunnell calls attention to his extensive carriage manufactory at Blairs-town.

2. Cold and stormy weather for a week; more like March than May.

2. William H. Morrow, of Wantage, had commenced practice at Belvidere, having recently been granted an attorney's license.

2. David W. Smith's prices: Flour, \$9 to \$17 per barrel; tea, \$1 to \$2 lb; sugar, 95c. for 7lb. of Porto Rico, and \$1.10 for Stuart's A.

2. The 34th N. J. regiment returned to Trenton. It was the last that New Jersey had in the service.

3. Newton Division, No. 37, S. of T., or-

ganized. Henry Simpson, W. P.; Joseph Coult, W. A.; Samuel Johnson, F. S.; L. J. Martin, R. S.; Rev. R. B. Yard, A. R. S.; M. Ryerson, T.; Rev. L. Morse, chaplain; Wm. E. Taylor, C.; William Watkins, A. C.; Levi H. Truex, I. S., James A. Terhune, O. S.

3. Mahlon Abers and Christopher Martin, residents of Montague township, drowned in Delaware, about three miles below Port Jervis.

4. Dogs from Newton kill \$300 worth of sheep on Babbitt farm. This was the second loss inside of two years on the same farm and from the same source.

5. Neptune Engine Co., No. 3, paraded. In going down hill by Darling House, the tongue men, Frank McLaughlin and E. A. Vernon, were thrown under the wheels. McLaughlin's shoulder was dislocated and Vernon was badly bruised.

7. Annual meeting of stockholders of Musconetcong Iron Works, at Stanhope.

7. Sussex Railroad begins to run a train from Waterloo at 2 30 p. m., and return freight at 5 p. m.

7. An elegant mansion at Madison, Morris county, owned by J. Harper, of New York city, took fire in the roof, and as there wasn't a ladder in town long enough to reach, or a scuttle hole in the roof, the furniture was removed and the building allowed to burn to the ground.

9. Freeholders met. No change of officers. Director Hamilton insisted that the Board make more adequate provision for the increased county expenses, and also referred to the unfitness of the county jail. The expenses of the Poorhouse exceeded those of the previous year by some \$2,200, the number of persons cared for averaging 150, the highest ever known. There was an increase of \$1,600 in bridge expenses, and court expenses had increased owing to a new system of fees. County Collector's salary fixed at \$500. Committee on public buildings report in favor of building a jail for the county at a cost of \$7,000. Report was discussed at length, and a committee of three appointed to report estimates at a special meeting to be held in August. The sum of \$23,000 was ordered to be raised by taxation. A long discussion ensued over paying assessors for taking State census; two cents in addition to the one-half a cent per name allowed by law was proposed, but the rate was finally made one cent. The Board was very cranky in some respects; it voted to pay for repairs to chairs in Clerk's office, but refused payment for a new one. It also decided that hereafter the Clerk and Surrogate must furnish and pay for their office fuel.

9. Proposals invited for building a brick school house at Myrtle Grove.

9. David L. Wyckoff, David C. Lockwood, Lucius Davenport and Stephen B. Davison form partnership to manufacture agricultural implements in Newton, in building erected on site of old foundry.

9. George Harden had become a partner with James A. Decker in the spoke and rim business at Newton.

9. Street Commissioner Bodine was making an improvement to facilitate drainage on lower side of Green.

10. Issue of this date contains a report on cholera and preventive measures, issued by the State Sanitary Commission, of which Dr. Thomas Ryerson was a member.

10. In a list of post offices paying over \$500, in the year ending June 30, 1865, we note: Newton, \$1 200; Belvidere, \$801; Dover, \$761; Hackettstown, \$624; Madison, \$550; Phillipsburg, \$784; Rockaway, \$566.

10. The high price of molasses made sorghum growing a feature. Isaac Shiner was the pioneer manufacturer in this region.

10. G. W. Gillam, upholsterer, had removed next to Conze & Woodruff's store.

10. Congress adopts a plan of reconstruction of Southern States, by a vote of 128 to 37.

10. The trotting horse Dexter sold at auction, for \$14,000.

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10. B. D. Howell was running the Armstrong mill at Lafayette.

13. A tempest of wind and rain this Sunday afternoon causes more or less damage over a large part of the Union.

15. Dwelling occupied by Dr. Eugene Schumo, at Laytons, took fire in the roof during his absence, and was totally destroyed. Neighbors saved two-thirds of the furniture. Loss, \$1,800; insurance, \$800. The property had been purchased by Dr. Schumo's mother, a short time previous from Dr. Isaac S. Hunt, whose place as a physician in that region Dr. Schumo was filling.

15. A late frost nips tender vegetables.

16. George Washington Harris was a Bradbury piano agent, located at Stanhope.

17. Celebration of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Newark, N. J.

19. Solomon Cisco, aged about 70, found dead on Brooklyn mountain, near Lake Hopatcong.

21. Gen. Grant recommended that the white volunteers be mustered out of service, as they desired to be, and the black soldiers, who were content to remain in service, be continued.

21. New York Academy of Music and the University Medical College, as well as the entire block bounded by Irving Place, Third avenue, 14th and 15th streets, destroyed by fire.

22. Congress had just passed a law authorizing coinage of five cent pieces, composed of copper and nickel.

23. Jack Rogers had announced his determination to run for a third term. He said "he desired to burst up the old two term policy on the ground that it is injurious to the interests of a State to withdraw a representative just at the time he has acquired proficiency in his duties."

23. Another frost checks vegetation. Every fall of rain this spring had been followed by a cold and strong north wind.

24. Statement of receipts and expenditures of town of Newton, for past year, shows that the duplicate at this date called for over \$33,000. There was a kick over the manner in which some persons escaped tax on bank stock.

26. Jacob Harris, of Rockaway, a peddler of ready-made clothing, arrives in town, puts his wagon under lock and key at the stables of the Anderson House, and next morning found that his wagon had been robbed of \$1,000 worth of goods. William Evans, a young man in the employ of John McCarter, was arrested. He confessed participation, but his accomplices, whoever they were, got away with two-thirds of the plunder.

27. A welcome rain storm revived the parched earth, but in the evening a series of thunder showers seemed to be especially violent in quantity of water, and west of Newton bridges were not only swept away by the flood, but tornadoes and hail were noted. Wind and flood caused destruction in the neighborhood of Branchville. A tornado tore up about one-half of the large forest trees in a four-acre grove owned by Mrs. Israel McDanolds, and up-rooted a large portion of her orchard. The barn of Jacob Morris was blown down, the grain stacks of Elijah Martin strewn around in fragments; the barn of R. V. Armstrong and the house of S. J. Pellet, near Papakating, unroofed, and fruit trees and fences in various directions uprooted and prostrated. The stream from Culver's Gap rose to an unprecedented height, swept away a bridge, then Gray's mill dam, and two wooden buildings owned by Wm. H. Bell followed. Others suffered great loss. The torrent swept into the Paulinskill, and overflowed the banks everywhere. Above Wykertown grain was cut down by hail. Several bridges in Sandyston were swept away. The Delaware was a raging torrent, and in Walpack deep gullies were made in the roads, several farms lost much soil. The bridge in Flatbrookville went down, also the one at Millbrook. The dam at Lerch's mill in Sandyston also was broken down.

23. Death of Lieut. Gen. Winfield Scott, aged 80 years, at West Point. He served 38 years in the U. S. Army, 52 years as a general.

29. Gilbert Chardavoine displayed a good sized roll of bills, while talking horse during the day. When he retired at night at the Anderson House he was saved from loss by the occupant of an adjoining room, who discovered a man on a ladder just about to enter the window. The town was cursed at this time by a pestilent gang of thieves who had escaped punishment through influence.

29. The horse fair opens with a blank day, on account of storm. Wednesday was bright, and there was a good crowd. Trotting and a horse sale closed the event on Thursday.

29-30. Sussex horse fair and spring races at Newton. James A. Decker, president; Gabriel Pest, secretary; Isaac Wildrick, treasurer.

30. For two months past a strange and violent disease prevailed in the Wallkill valley and part of Orange county. It was at last traced to flour made at the mill of Thomas Marsh, in Phillipsburg, N. Y. He had mended a cracked millstone by filling up the chinks with lead, and this poison had impregnated the flour.

30. A ton of ore taken from a mine of S. D. Brown, at Canister, assayed \$88 in gold and \$16.91 in silver.

30. About 1000 armed Fenians make a raid on Canada. They were met seven miles from the border and driven back with a loss of 25 killed and wounded and some 40 prisoners. The U. S. authorities captured 700 of the raiders who were returning on "flats." About 10,000 men had gathered at various points, many of them from the south, and all in the hope of plunder.

31. Managers of Newark Conference Camp Meeting met at Morristown, and after electing officers decided to open the first meeting near Morristown, on August 20.

31. A large fire at Middletown, N. Y., destroys Erie's woodshed and carpenter shop, part of the Ogden House, and much other property. Peter Daly, who got intoxicated at the fire, was run over and killed by an Erie train when returning home.

31. Old church at Tranquility sold at public sale.

31. County statement appears. Some of the items are interesting. One shows that the county paid \$13 and \$14 per ton for coal used in public buildings.

JUNE.

1. Congregation of Presbyterian church of Newton met pursuant to call, and resolved to enlarge and remodel the old church. Building committee instructed to proceed at once with the work.

1. J. B. Bassinger resigns as superintendent of M. & E. R. R. Mr. Ritner succeeded to the position of civil engineer.

1. Dr. J. W. Stickles, dentist, had opened an office in Dover.

1. Henry Rinker had purchased the drug-store of Wm. I. Roe & Co., and within one week sold it to Dr. Jonathan Havens and G. Beakes Dunning.

3. The fruits of a very rainy Sunday were noted in the fact that 400 letters were mailed at the Newton post office on Monday morning.

4. O. D. Reeve was now occupying his new building.

5. Infant child of George Current, of Independence town, drowned in a water cistern during absence of parents, who had left it in charge of a domestic.

6. Among those admitted to practice as attorneys, by Supreme Court, were S. Dawson Woodruff, Wm. V. D. Perrine, Edward L. Price and Jacob Kleinhaus.

7. Moses Stoll and N. Pettit, who were appointed as County Examiners at the May meeting of the Board of Freeholders, give notice of dates and places where they will examine township teachers.

10. Allen Ridgway had just burned a kiln of brick in his new yard at Newton. It was remarked that the business would

ultimately grow to large proportions.

12. Port Jervis had a \$30,000 fire, supposed to have been of incendiary origin, and in which several persons narrowly escaped with their lives. It started in Cuddeback's clothing store.

12. Stewart, Adams & Co. had inaugurated the first fancy goods department in charge of a lady—Miss Rebecca O. Woodruff.

12-13. Sussex Baptist Association met at Deckertown.

13. Partnership of Dr. Jonathan Havens and G. Beakes Dunning begins. Dr. Havens announced that he has relinquished practice of his profession to devote himself to the drug business.

13. County Bible Society met at Branchville. Sermon by Rev. G. S. Mott.

14. Dawson Woodruff had opened office with Robert Hamilton, in Newton.

17. Store of Merwin & Flavel, in Belvidere, destroyed by fire, with a stock of new goods. It was well insured, and the fire believed to be of incendiary origin. On the same morning and at the same time a store building in Washington was burned with all its contents. The law office of Oscar Jeffrey was in this building; he saved most of his books and papers.

18. First sale of unclaimed freight at Newton depot.

18. County Temperance Society organized at a meeting in Newton M. E. Church.

18-20. Preachers of Newton and Morristown Districts held meetings in Newton M. E. Church.

18. Cholera in New York city caused many deaths. Residents of towns and villages warned to use lime freely, and dispose of all decaying garbage.

19. Firm of Wm. I. Roe & Co. dissolved.

19. Sussex Medical Society met at Newton.

19. A highwayman attacked P. T. Beers, in Phillipsburg, N. J., and instead of getting his money, received punishment that almost caused death.

20. Annual meeting of M. & E. stockholders, at Hoboken. Death of Wm. N. Wood, an original incorporator, announced. George Opyke, of New York, was chosen as a director vice Abram S. Hewitt, who declined. The Phillipsburg branch was reported as nearly finished. The revenue of the road had increased during past five months.

20. Dr. E. W. Maines located at Greensville.

21. M. & E. R. R. Co. began work of changing gauge between Hackettstown and Hoboken. The job was not completed under ten days, and caused no little inconvenience.

25. Emory Godley, formerly editor of the Hackettstown Gazette, was dying in state prison, where he was serving a six-year sentence for bigamy.

25. Harmony Lodge celebrates Saint John's Day. R. v. R. B. Yard makes an address.

26. Hercules No. 4 elected Coulter Cannon, foreman; William Watkins, 1st assistant; John France, 2d assistant; C. D. Simpson, secretary; E. I. Simpson, treasurer; J. W. Trusdell, foreman of hose. A vote of thanks was given to ex-foreman Joseph Coult, for his long and faithful service.

27. E. K. Ackerman and G. M. Stage advertise a new store at Vernon.

27. Dr. D. L. Duncan advertises agency at Hope, for Florence sewing machine.

27. St. James Episcopal Church, Ramseysburg, destroyed by fire. It was the oldest building in that section.

27. Barn of Moses N. Strader, near Newton, struck by lightning. Though the bolt made a considerable opening in the roof, shattered a large post, converted a quantity of rye into the dust of chaff, and left its mark within four feet of a horse, it passed out by the foundation wall without firing the combustible material in the building.

27. Steamer from Europe brings the first news of war between Austria and Italy.

28. Dr. Mortimer Lampson offers his

services to the people of Montague.

28. Miss Minnie C. Swayze, of Hope, reads the honorary essay at close of State Normal School.

28. Term of N. C. I. closed with a very learned address by President Cattell, of Lafayette College, delivered in Presbyterian church.

29. Henry C. Kelsey announces his retirement from the New Jersey Herald, on the score of ill health, and engages in the business of life and fire insurance. Office in Lane's stove store, next to Stuart & Co.'s drug store.

28. THE REGISTER announces the sale of the New Jersey Herald, by Henry C. Kelsey, to William H. Bell, nearly three weeks ago. It remarks that it could have announced the sale on the 14th inst., but was requested to keep still. John W. Gillam remained as publisher and George E. McCarter as editor. The significance of the sale was the transfer of political control from Newton to Branchville, and Mr. Bell's candidacy for the State Senate.

JULY.

1. Alteration of gauge on M. & E. R. completed. The work was started at 8 a. m. on June 21, when a force of over 400 men under the supervision of Assistant Supt. Samuel Seboch, and J. U. House, track superintendent, began at Hackettstown. Work was continued daily as long as the men could see and that there should be no loss of time a sleeping and eating train followed them. June 29 the work was completed as far as Newark, and on July 1 the gauge of the road from Hackettstown to Hoboken, including the double track between Roseville and Hoboken, with the Bloomfield branch and all the sidings—in all about 100 miles of track had been altered to conform to the gauge of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. During this time, though there were brief delays, not a single through train was abandoned, and but one between Newark and Hoboken. Not a single accident marred the work. Trains were not run further than Hackettstown until two weeks later, tho' the new equipment of 16 engines, seven passenger cars, 800 coal cars, and a large number of platform and house freight cars had been constructed with a view to the change of gauge.

3. Martin E. Hough had a cooper's shop at Swartswood.

3. Arrangements were in progress for extending the Sussex railroad from Newton to Branchville via Lafayette. Citizens of Frankford, Lafayette, and overmountain townships were asked, as a condition, to purchase \$100,000 worth of stock, and pay for grading the track.

3. Special meeting of managers of Bible Society, at Newton.

3. Officers of Sussex Temperance Society meet in Newton, at 2 p. m., and in the evening a public meeting was held, at which addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Crane, of Morristown, Rev. Dr. Westbrook, Hon. Daniel Haines, and Hon. Martin Ryerson.

4. Celebration and church festival in Newton M. E. Church. Addresses by Rev. R. B. Westbrook and Rev. J. T. Crane, of Morristown.

4. Festival in grove near Redford Creamery, for North Vernon M. E. Church.

4. Festival in VanDeusen's grove for Montague Reformed Church.

4. Ball at Brick House. G. H. Wells, proprietor.

4. Two hundred acres of territory burned over at Portland, Maine. It was the greatest fire in any American city since the conflagration in New York in 1835.

4. Festival in M. E. Church, Decker-town, with an address by Rev. S. W. Hilliard, of Elizabeth.

4. Celebration at Besmerville. Major N. K. Bray, marshal; Moses Stoll, reader; Mr. Noyes, of Andover, Mass., orator. Concert given in the evening.

4. Celebration at Sparta. General Edwards, marshal; George H. Nelden, reader; Rev. John Atkinson, of Newark, orator.

4. Celebration at Greensville. Isaac

Wildrick, marshal; Rev. I. N. Vansant, reader; Elias M. White, orator. Music by Blairstown Band. Festival in Vass's woods.

4. Celebration at Quaker Settlement. Music by Hackettstown Band. Col. Wm. Holt, reader; addresses by Rev. C. S. Vancleve, J. R. Bryan, W. C. Nelson and J. W. Seran. Festival in Academy.

4. Celebration at Hainesburg for M. E. Church. Dr. J. S. Hunt, reader; orator not announced.

5. An editorial gives the first inkling of the fate of the proposed Sussex soldiers monument, for which an organization was formed in Newton on July 4, 1865. It says the project was abandoned, because the work would have to be done by a few persons, the great mass believing the teachings of Jack Rogers, Chauncey Burr, and other rebel sympathizers, that the war in which Sussex volunteers were killed was an unholy one, got up for the purpose of robbing and pillaging the South and destroying the rights and liberties of the people at large.

6. The second nine of the Star base ball club of Newton defeats the first nine, 25 to 19. Wm. M. Perrine was umpire, and the batteries were Martin, p.; M. Smith, c, for first nine, and Westbrook, p., and Hagaman, c, for second.

7. Frankford township committee met to issue bonds to certain persons who were drafted, and furnished substitutes or paid commutation.

7-8. Excessively hot days.

10. By order of the post office department the name of Oxford Furnace was changed to Oxford and Charles Scranton appointed postmaster.

12. Announcement made that a County Fair would be held at Newton the last week in September.

12. Ira Beach, one of the oldest residents of Newton, died at the age of 79 years.

12. David W. Smith and W. S. Longstreet in business at Franklin Furnace.

14. William G. Beach, of Boonton, Morris county, drowned in Swartswood lake. He had been scjurnring in Newton for three or four months, buying hides, and on this date went on a fishing excursion, accompanied by his wife and Isaac J. Durling and wife. After a noonday repast the men, being good swimmers, concluded to bathe. The last that was seen of Beach was when he was swimming on his back. A moment later he had disappeared. Residents of the vicinity assisted in a search for the body, which was not found until late in the afternoon. Then Wm. Cortel-you found it in about five feet of water. Deceased was 27 years of age and left a wife and infant child.

13. The two nines of the Stars have another battle, and though Robinson pitched, the first nine won by a score of 25 to 17. This was the beginning of base ball excitement in Newton, and a third game was to be played July 20. The following notice was added: "All persons not playing in the game will please not dispute with the umpire, as it tends to create dissatisfaction between the players."

13-17. Five days of extreme heat. The night temperature of 80° was even considered a relief. The maximum was 102° in the shade on the 16th, and the daily figure up in the nineties. A succession of heavy showers ended the fervid heat.

16. Ground broken for the new M. E. Church in Morristown.

16. William Layton drowned while bathing in Big Flatbrook. His body was found next morning. The water of the creek was not more than four feet in its deepest part.

17. R-v. Dr. H. C. Fish, of Newark, delivered lecture in Newton Baptist Church. Subject, "The Loss and Gain of City Life." A severe storm prevented a large attendance.

17-18. A series of thunder showers which result in the killing of many cows, sheep and horses standing under trees in Andover, Sparta and Byram townships.

18. Charles McCracken, of Paulina, had established a depot for carriages, etc., in

the old tin shop of Gen. Edwards, next to Episcopal church.

19. "N. S." writes of the danger to public health in the square bounded by Church, Liberty, Main and High streets, all owing to lack of proper drainage and neglect.

19. George Thompson, an aged resident of Newton, attacked by a large bull, when crossing the bog meadows, and narrowly escaped with his life. He was caught partly by the animal's horns and hurled to the ground, and being near a wide ditch which had a dry and soft bottom, he rolled into that and thus escaped the vicious animal until he was rescued by three men who had been summoned to his assistance.

19. Joseph A. Orsborne, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for Sussex county, furnishes figures of the year 1865, which were probably without a parallel for efficient collection. There were three districts, with the following assessors: O. P. Armstrong, P. C. Orsborne, John W. Lane. In the third district, Mr. Lane's assessments in 1865 amounted to \$14,759.28, all of which had been collected except \$2. In P. C. Orsborne's district (second) the assessment was \$9,694.72; all collected except \$4. In Mr. Armstrong's district the assessment was \$8,800.72; all collected except \$14, and \$10 of this was for the license of a pedlar who left the State before the Collector could get upon his track. Throwing out that matter there was a total of \$33,334.72, and all collected except \$10. It was a tribute to the promptitude of the citizens of Sussex as well as the efficiency of the Collector.

19. A protest was entered against keeping the mail bag at the railroad station in Newton until the express wagon was loaded.

19. In a trot on Fashion Course, L. I., Dexter won in three straight heats, one of which was 2.19, the fastest on record.

20. The third and deciding game between the first and second nines of the Stars resulted in favor of the second nine. Score not given.

22. Corner stone of the new M. E. Church at Tranquility laid by Rev. L. R. Dunn. Preaching services were held in grove between Kennedytown and Greensville by Rev. L. R. Dunn, Rev. W. Tunison, Presiding Elder Coit and Rev. R. E. Yard.

22. A large number of people attended the corner-stone exercises at Tranquility, and while nearby localities were drenched with rain none fell there.

25. Mrs. Norwood, medical clairvoyant, is at the Anderson House.

25. E. C. Moore was now running the lime kilns near the depot.

26. Issue of this date contains a letter from Jacob L. Swayze to F. F. Patterson, defining his position in regard to a convention to be held on August 14, at Philadelphia. Mr. S. had been severely criticised for his difference of opinion with old-time associates, and he appreciated editor Patterson's fairness.

26. The Stars of Newton, and the Nationals of Morristown, play a game at Newton, the latter winning by a score of 30 to 22. The game occupied 4 hours and 10 minutes. Ex-Gov. George T. Werts pitched for the visitors and Lowe was his catcher. The Newton battery was Martin, c., and Orsborne, p.

28. The great enterprise of laying a cable to connect the Old World and the New, successfully accomplished. On this date the shore end was connected with the line extending 2,400 miles through the ocean, and the first item of general news that passed over the cable was the announcement that the war in Europe had ended by a treaty of peace between Prussia and Austria.

28. A destructive thunder and hail storm this Saturday afternoon. The lightning was exceedingly vivid and worked havoc at various points between Newton and Hamburg. The main force of the storm was west of Newton and extending into Warren county. Many fields of oats,

buckwheat and corn were cut to pieces. Nearly every farmer suffered from \$1000 to \$500 on his crops. Barn and cow house of Mrs. Anna Vought in Frelindhuysen, was burned by lightning, also barn of James Huff, below Hope, and barn and cow house of Mrs. Rachel Thompson, at Marksboro. Others suffered loss of grain stacks, sheep, etc.

30. President Johnson issues an order removing many postmasters and other officials in Sussex and elsewhere, who were not supporters of his policy. The offices changed were Stanhope, Beemer ville, Sparta, Hamburg, Morristown and Paterson.

30. Col. A. P. Berthoud appointed supt. of M. & E. R. R vice J. B. Bassinger, resigned.

30. About \$130,000 had been subscribed toward the extension of the Sussex Railroad to Branchville. Also, \$150,000 to the capital stock of the P. quest Valley and Walkhill Railroad.

30. A drunken spree among five canal boatmen at Rockaway, results in the death of Thomas McMan, of Paterson, and the wounding of a man named Burke. One was sent to jail, and two others escaped. The canalers abused every one with whom they came in contact, and refused to pay for what they purchased at store or hotel. They defied Constable Armitage, and he did the shooting, which a Coroner's jury justified.

31. The Board of Examiners of Sussex county had licensed 96 teachers. Less than one fifth sustained a satisfactory examination. There were 19 in the first grade; 52 in the second, and 25 in the third.

31. A team of horses owned by Puder & Onsted, of the Springdale creamery, took fright as they stood in front of Havens & Dunning's drug store, and running toward the court house, collided just at the foot of the hill with horse and wagon owned and driven by Ira C. Moore. The tongue struck the horse in the neck, killing it instantly. Mr. Moore escaped uninjured.

AUGUST.

1. T. Barker opened watch repair shop near Nelden's foundry.

1. Otto W. Almer was an undertaker at Allamuchy.

1. Charles A. Crissey was a fire insurance agent in Newton. Dr. F. Smith represented both fire and life companies, and Henry C. Kealey was pushing life insurance with all his energy.

1. Joseph Warbasse was a commission merchant, with office at store of L. D. Rosenkrans.

1. A female resident of Sparta who had assumed male attire, detected on a M. & E. train by a Newton gentleman, and returned to her home in charge of officer Burt, of Newark. It was an unaccountable feminine freak.

2. Geo. H. Nelden, Edward C. Moore, Thos. Anderson and J. L. Swayze sign a call for a Johnson convention for the 4th district, to meet at Morristown, on August 9.

2. Young daughter of Caleb Osmon whirled to death by a pulley in a mill at Hackettstown.

2. Announcement that a horse fair would be held in Newton on August 29, 30, 31.

2. Pem. B. Horton, secretary, announces a Sussex County Agricultural Fair, October 2-5.

2. A man calling himself Post, and purporting to come from Middletown, N. Y., disappears with a horse and wagon hired from Drake & VanEtten, at Newton. He was traced as far as the Water Gap.

2. A party of distinguished horticulturists from different parts of the country visit Newton and inspect the Kittatiny black berries growing on lands of George H. Coursen. They organized a convention at the Anderson House, of which N. C. Ely, president of the Farmers Club of the American Institute, was chairman, and J. W. Chambers, of Brooklyn, secretary.

The visitors numbered about 30 persons, and in discussing the merits of the Kittatiny berry, which was highly approved, remarks were made by M. F. Chowdry, of Ohio; S. B. Parsons, of Flushing, L. I.; Wm. Parry, of Cinnaminson, N. J.; J. C. Thompson, of Staten Island; C. Taber, of the New York Tribune; Dr. J. A. Warder, of Cincinnati, Ohio; J. Price, of Newark, and some residents of Newton. The visit was the result of an invitation from E. Williams, of Montclair, N. J., and the resolutions adopted showed that the party was not only favorably impressed by the merits of the berry, but with their reception and entertainment by J. & H. M. Ward.

2. A brother of James Vanover, of Newton, (name not given) had been killed on Ogden Mine Railroad.

3. Daniel Amerman, of Branchburg, Somerset county, kicked in the head by one of his team of horses, as he was adjusting a boot in front of a harness store on Spring street. He was given prompt surgical attention, and his skull found to be fractured. He was removed to the residence of his brother-in-law, Jacob Mulford, two miles east of Newton, where he died on the 10th inst. He was 45 years of age, and though every effort was made to save his life all proved futile.

4. A thunder and hail storm causes more or less havoc in portions of the county.

6. James Welch and a boy named Chas. Watson, called at house of Abram Sheeler, below Andover, and asked for something to eat. Mrs. Sheeler provided food, and when they left discovered that a gold watch was missing from a shelf. Her husband was called from the field, and he started in pursuit, expecting that they would stop at Andover; but they had pushed on. Mr. S. caught a ride with Dr. VanWormer, of Newton, and passed the thieves in the suburbs of Newton, without saying anything, intending to get a warrant. Constable Couse said it was not best to wait for that, and taking VanWormer with him he found the thieves at a well in the western end of Newton. Welch was a large and strong man, and he attempted to cut Constable Couse with a knife, but before he could do so, VanWormer grasped the villain by the throat and choked him into submission. Both prisoners were handcuffed and lodged in jail. The watch was stolen by the boy, who said Welch had ordered him to steal whatever he could lay his hands on.

6. Great Fenian demonstration at Roseville Park, Newark.

8. Board of Freeholders met in special session to appoint inspectors under new registry law.

8. Rumors were in circulation that John I. Blair was about to purchase the Sussex Railroad, and that engineers were about to begin work on locating the route for an extension to Branchville. The directors of the road held a special meeting on this date.

8. Representatives of half a dozen counties met at Trenton and appointed delegates to the Randall and Doolittle convention at Philadelphia. E. C. Moore was appointed to represent the Fourth district.

9. Sunday school of Newton Presbyterian church held a picnic in Springdale woods.

9. The "Swayze-Nelden" convention held at Morristown. No delegates appeared from any other than Sussex county. George H. Nelden, Jacob L. Swayze, M. R. Kimble and Thomas Anderson were named as delegates from Fourth district to the Philadelphia convention.

9. John Marker, an Englishman, aged about 40 years, killed at Andover by attempting to board a Sussex freight train, while in motion. Deceased was intoxicated at the time of the accident; he was a single man and a comparative stranger to the neighborhood.

10. Jersey Boy base ball club of Deckerstown defeats Mt. Retirement Seminary nine, 36 to 21.

10. Emma, lowager queen of the Sandwich Islands, was in New York city, where she received unusual attentions from national, state and city authorities.

11. A man from Wallpack was in town with the skin of a rattlesnake, six feet long and eighteen rattles appended. He wanted \$5 for it. The snake was killed on the 7th inst., and was one of the largest ever captured in that region; this year they were unusually plentiful.

12. James G. Brewster, aged 60 years, found dead in his bed at his home in Newton.

12. Rev. Dr. I. Brinton Smith preached in Christ Church, Newton, in behalf of Freedman's Commission.

13. Third district convention at Somerville, nominates Charles Sitgreaves for Congress.

14. The much-talked about Randall convention assembled in Philadelphia. Its projectors intended to form the nucleus of a party to sustain President Johnson during the residue of his term and elect Mr. Seward in 1868. It was a conglomerate convention. New Jersey was represented by sixteen men, four of whom, viz: A. J. Rogers, Robert Hamilton, Jacob L. Swayze and Michael R. Kemble, were from Sussex. They represented nobody but themselves, and were editorially classed as self-elected; odds and ends of political drift; subjects for jest and ridicule.

15. The Atlantic cable was still the subject of surprise over its continued and successful working. The land connections had recently been completed, and London news was received in three hours at New York. The cost of messages averaged a gold dollar for every letter.

15. First of a series of district meetings to commemorate centenary of American Methodism held in Newton.

16. Sabbath school festival at Lafayette.

16. Harvest home in M. E. Church, Swartswood.

16. The Board of Managers had fixed the price of board at camp meeting at \$1.40 per day, viz: breakfast, 40c; dinner, 60c; supper, 40c. Timothy Case, superintendent of Sussex R. R., announces that excursion tickets will be sold for \$2, provided the applicant furnished an endorsed card from the Presiding Elder or ministers in their district. Regular tickets cost \$1.50 each way.

16. Issue of this date contains names of inspectors of registry in the several townships, appointed by the Board of Freeholders on the 9th inst. The Assessor and Collector of each township were named, with a third man differing in politics.

18. Proposals received for building an academy at Greensville.

20. First Newark Conference camp meeting opened in woods of J. Elliott Coudict, on the edge of the corporate limits of Morristown, and opposite the residence of Byron Sherman. The tents were loaned by the State of New Jersey, from the Quartermaster's Department.

25. Republicans of Sussex chose delegates to Fourth district Congressional convention at Orange, to be held September 5. The primaries in each township were called at a hotel, and with the exception of Case's, in Hampton; Bowman's, Frankford; and Smith's, Hamburg, none of the hotels are now in possession of the same persons or families.

25. Board of Examiners and Visitors of the Public Schools met at Court House to grant licenses to teachers.

AUGUST.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

6. The "squeezer" just placed in operation in the new rolling mill at Oxford, burst, causing \$20,000 damage. Though the mill was filled with people who wished to see the new machine work, no one was hurt.

7. Morris & Essex began running passenger trains over the extension to Easton. Train left at 6 a. m. connecting at Hackettstown for New York, and returning train left New York at 4.10 p. m. Stops

were made at Washington, Broadway and Stewartsville.

9. At a special meeting of the Board of Freeholders, Sheriff Smith was authorized to employ a night watch for the jail until September term of court. The Director was authorized to execute a stipulation with the Trustees of the School Fund that the county would pay seven per cent. interest on the money it had borrowed from the School Fund. The committee appointed on new jail (Peter Smith, Z. H. Price and Joseph P. Hill) reported that they had visited Morris county and found the jail but little better than that of Sussex; that a new jail would require a large outlay of money, which the times would not justify; that there was space enough in the basement of the court house to construct at moderate cost additional cells and jails of a more comfortable character than the present, and they therefore recommended such construction. The Board received the report but took no action. Notice was taken of the death of Freeholder Moses Hill, by appropriate resolution.

12. John McCarter lost a horse valued at \$1,000, from colic.

13. Governor Ward calls the New Jersey Legislature to meet in special session on September 10, to take action regarding the adoption of the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and the election of a United States Senator.

15. The peach crops of Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey were failures.

15. Five business houses of Branchville, viz: Roe & Couse, Struble & McDonalde, John Masaker, S. H. Stivers, and William H. Dacker, give notice that they will adopt ready pay system on October 1 next.

16. "W. P. V.," of Johnsonburg, contributes an article on aboriginal names, condemning the change of Moingona to that of Des Moines.

16-19. A meeting at Swartswood called a "Colored Camp Meeting," was everything but a religious gathering. At least 1,000 persons were in attendance on Sunday (the last day). Liquor was sold openly, drunkenness abounded, and after desecrating the Sabbath by a continued display of miscellaneous devilry, the scene wound up by maltreating the few colored persons present in such a manner that they were obliged to flee to save their lives.

16. First nine of Cable base ball club of Dover defeats second nine of Randolph club, 35 to 25.

18. House and lot of the late Solomon W. Williams, on Trinity street, sold at public sale to C. W. Williams for \$2,795. The purchaser bought the adjoining lot on the west, for \$500, of Hamilton & Townsend.

18. Dexter makes 218 in a race with Gen. Butler, at Buffalo, N. Y. It was the fastest time on record.

19. Fires from petroleum were unusually frequent. One on this date at Jersey City cost four lives and destroyed an immense amount of property. It was viewed by some residents of Newton.

20. Cornelius Anderson takes a pike from Swartswood lake, which weighed five pounds.

20. The Merchants National Bank was making preparations to erect a bank building. The tenants on the site had removed: Armstrong's meat shop a few doors southeast, and Cannon's fruit store to the room vacated by John W. Lane, in Kraber building.

20. Attendance at camp meeting near Speedwell lake, Morristown, was very large. About 400 tents were in use.

20. General E. L. Campbell had been appointed by Gov. Ward as State agent to collect bounty for soldiers, without charge.

20. A new bounty law passed by Congress was of interest to veterans, and L. VanBlaroom as well as Coult & Anderson, made a special business of collecting the bounty for the veterans.

21. Benjamin Jones and Jacob Marshall, charcoal burners in West Milford township, have a quarrel arising in jealousy on the part of Marshall. The latter was so badly beaten that he died three days after. Jones and Marshall's wife were sent to jail.

22. J. H. Cornell & Co. announce establishment of a Nursery at Struble's Corner, near Branchville.

23. Sabbath school exhibition in Presbyterian church, Swartswood.

23. The foolish restriction by Supt. Case, noted previously, as to sale of excursion tickets to camp meeting, was having its effect, and the story prevailed that none but Methodists could attend.

23. At this time there was more politics to the square inch than the country ever knew. The Democrats had espoused the policy of President Johnson, while the regular Republicans were fighting mad. All post offices in this county and district that Jack Rogers could manipulate were turned over to the Democrats.

23. The Star base ball club, its lady friends, and others, entertain the Randolph base ball club of Dover, at the court house, where tables were spread, and a feast of reason and flow of soul occupied two hours. The Randolphs had just completed a very successful tour, in which they had easily vanquished in order the clubs of Washington, Phillipsburg, Hackettstown, Deckertown and Newton. The Randolphs were organized for business, and D. D. Chandler, afterward of Roseville, was the catcher.

23. Darius Layton, aged 40 years, of Wallpack, drowned in an attempt to ford the Delaware river. He crossed the river to the Pennsylvania side early in the evening, having then taken the precaution to remove his boots so that he could swim in case of necessity. On the return trip he retained his boots, and getting beyond his depth, was so hampered during the darkness that he could not save himself. His body was not found until two days afterward. A singular coincidence was noted in the fact that his brother William Layton, was drowned, a few weeks previous, while bathing in the Flatbrook creek.

25. Eagles, of Newton, and Americans, of Andover, two recently organized base ball clubs, play a game at Andover. The Eagles won by a score of 16 to 9. George VanGilder and George R. Wilkinson were leaders in the Newton organization, and the skill of both nines was a surprise to the older base ball enthusiasts.

29-31. A horse fair was held in Newton, under the direction of an itinerant speculator. It was not largely attended, but the whole thing was so scandalous that the September grand jury made a presentment.

29. Harvest Home at Johnsonburg.

30. Note made of the death of Joshua Predmore, of Sparta, whose dead body was found in the road one morning about a fortnight since. It was supposed that in driving home in the darkness his wagon was upset, by which a deadly injury was inflicted upon Mr. P. His horse was found grazing in an adjacent meadow.

30. The Newton Cemetery Company had purchased its present property, with the grove adjacent, of the estate of Aaron Peck, paying \$7,000 therefor.

30. A gypsy camp was established in the suburbs of Newton.

30. John B. Adams announces purchase of the property known as the "Price Farm House," next to Bell's woolen mills, Branchville, and the opening of it as a hotel under the name of "Telegraph House."

30. An increase of the regular army from 20,000 to 50,000 men had been authorized, and there was a pressure to get desirable positions.

30. Conference camp meeting at Morristown closed. The weather had been somewhat unfavorable, though the attendance on some days ranged from 8,000 to 10,000.

30. Harvest Home at Branchville, on grounds of Presbyterian church.

31. Stockholders of Newton Cemetery Company met at Cochran House.

30. Dr. F. Smith, Thomas Anderson, Jonathan F. Shater, Joseph Coult, John McCarter, Jacob L. Swayze, Robert Hamilton, D. S. Anderson, and George Nelden were elected directors of the Newton Cemetery Company, at a meeting held at the Cochran House. The Directors met September 1 and appointed Dr. F. Smith, president; D. S. Anderson, secretary; Thomas Anderson, treasurer.

31. An alarm of fire at 11:30 p. m., but no occasion for it. It was remarked that false alarms were too frequent of late.

#### SEPTEMBER.

1. Recovery of the lost Atlantic cable. It was picked up 100 miles from the point where it parted on August 2, 1865. The cable was first found on August 17, and while the electricians on the Great Eastern were congratulating themselves it slipped from the grapples, and was not found again until September 1, when it was brought up from 1800 fathoms of water. As soon as spliced it worked as perfectly as if it never had been set down as a failure.

2. Unions of Newton defeat Sussex club at Andover, 25 to 14. The players were boys between 10 and 14.

3. Centenary reunion services in Wantage M. E. Church.

3. Schools of Miss McCarter and Miss Moran reopen. The former advanced tuition to \$12 per quarter.

3. A great convention of Southern loyalists held in Philadelphia, in which the Northern loyalists joined. The editor of THE REGISTER attended.

3. A new broad-gauge engine, called the "John I. Blair," had just been added to the equipment of the Sussex railroad. It was the most powerful engine the road had ever had. Preparations were being made to change the gauge of the road to correspond with that of the Morris and Essex.

4. Work began at Branchville on the projected branch of the railroad from Newton.

4. Fourth district Union convention, held in Library Hall, Orange, nominated John Hill, of Boonton, for Congress. Sussex cast its 21 votes on first ballot for Lewis VanBlaroom.

4. Sussex Courts open with a heavy trial list. Chief Justice Beasley presided. The grand jury found 16 bills of indictment, and made a presentment in regard to the recent horse fair in Newton. The suit of Layton Rosenkrans against Wm. Clark, Linus Hotalen, and eight other citizens of Sardyston township, for damages done to the plaintiff, by the burning of his store house and goods, last March, resulted in a verdict of \$200 and costs. Alex. T. Brown received a verdict for \$981.61 from James Laureaut and Elisha Depute for damage on a certain lot of rhubarb wine. Nine civil suits were tried, and verdicts averaged over \$300 each.

4. Col. C. M. Zulick, of Newark, and Jacob L. Swayze, of Newton, and the irrepressible Jack Rogers, address a Johnson meeting in the court house. Mr. Swayze's speech was not calculated to make many converts to Johnson's policy.

4-7. Fair of Morris County Agricultural Society.

5. Giveans & King and Tobias Vanhorn, merchants at Johnsonburg, announce that they will adopt ready-pay system on October 1.

5. Struble & Lawrence announce themselves as successors to Stoll & Struble, at Stanhope.

5. Timothy seed sold at \$8 per bushel.

6. "W. P. V." writes reminiscent of observatories, stating that President John Quincy Adams, in his first message in 1825, advised the erection of a national observatory; that his appeal was ridiculed so that in 1832 Congress passed a law for continuance of the Coast Survey, but took care to add a proviso that nothing in the act should be construed to authorize the construction or maintenance of an astron-

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omical observatory. In 1842 the seed took root, and a favorable law was passed. It was nineteen years before the suggestion of the President was acted upon, and fifty-five years of national life had passed before the Great Republic equipped itself to work in the world of Science. The corner stone of the Princeton observatory had just been laid.

6. Lewis Writer, formerly of Newton, advertises his new store at Centreville, Sandyston tsp. Some of his prices were quoted, kerosene oil being 75 cents per gallon.

6-9. Woods meeting held on lands of John Hill, in charge of M. E. Churches of Newton and Andover.

6. President of Eureka Club, of Newark, writes a letter denying that members of that club played with the Randolphs, as charged by the Herald.

8. The Stars were scheduled to play a game with the Musconetcong club of Hackettstown, Sept. 15.

8. Jersey Boys defeated Stars, of Newton, at Deckertown, 41 to 33. The Star nine was: Shiner, c.; Martin, p.; McCarter, s. s.; Cannon, 1st b.; Decker, 21 b.; Horton, 31 b.; Johnson, r. f.; Fitch, c. f.; M. Smith, l. f. Jersey Boys—Welles, 1st b.; Pellet, 31 b.; Swarts, p.; Quick, 2d b.; Heater, c.; Boner, s. s.; Giveans, r. f.; Decker, l. f.; Little, c. f. Umpire, G. H. Smalley, of Coleville. Scorers, Rogers and Loomis. Time of game 3½ hours.

9. Dwelling of Cornelius McCarty, at Dingmans, Pa., destroyed by fire. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$4,000, fire started by an incendiary; the family had been absent a week.

10. Newton Academy reopens in charge of H. D. Chapin and sister.

10. Great Western Circus exhibits at Newton, going to Deckertown the next day.

10. Legislature met in special session. House passed 14th amendment by vote of 34 to 24. Senate 12 to 11. Both were strict party votes.

11. James Dunn, of Newton, receives a fractured shoulder through being jammed against a wall by a horse he was holding to be shod in a blacksmith's shop.

11. A son of George M. Ryerson badly injured by a heavy slab of marble falling upon him, which he was trying to balance in Crook's marble yard.

14. Over 15,000 spectators gather at Hoboken to see the Atlantics, of Brooklyn, defeat the Mutuals, of New York, by a score of 17 to 15.

15. J. P. Couse, James S. McDanolds, Gaston Everitt and George W. Price ask residents of Frankford to meet at John B. Adams's hotel and select delegates to Soldier's convention at Pittsburg, on September 25.

15. First nine of the Eagles defeats second nine of the Stars, 29 to 27; in a ten-inning game. The Star players were: Hagaman, c.; Horton, p.; J. Westbrook, 1st b.; Rogers, 2d b.; Chandler, 3d b.; Overacre, r. f.; Woodruff, l. f.; Bunnell, c. f.; Linn, s. s. The Eagle players were: Shiner, c.; Brewster, p.; Kent, 1st b.; C. Westbrook, 2d b.; Coulsen, 31 b.; Coykendall, r. f.; Phelps, l. f.; Wilkinson, c. f.; Smith, s. s. William M. Perrine was umpire; Wm. Ryerson and John S. Gibson, scorers, and the game occupied four hours and fifteen minutes.

15. President Johnson completes his tour, or "swinging around the circle." Because General Grant and Admiral Farragut accompanied the party there was an attempt to show that they approved of "my policy."

17. Centenary meeting in Westtown Church; on the 21st in Newfoundland Church, and on the 26th in Walpack Centre Church.

17. Edgar A. Dunning retires from firm of Hough & Dunning, and is succeeded by William H. Leport.

17. VanAmburgh & Co's menagerie and circus at Newton attracted an enormous crowd, greater than any similar event in the county. 8,500 tickets were sold in the afternoon and 2,500 in the evening.

ing. It was estimated that the managers cleared nearly \$2,000 above all expenses.

18-19. Dr. G. W. Carroll begins monthly visits to Newton.

19. Alexander G. Cattell chosen U. S. Senator in joint meeting.

19. Newton Division, No. 37, S. of T., held picnic at reservoir, near Sussex R. R. They were accompanied by the Blairstown cornet band.

19-21. Fair of Warren County Agricultural Society. It was not up to mark of previous exhibitions, and the Intelligencer condemned it in the strongest terms.

20. Festival in Gustin's Corner grove by ladies of Lafayette Baptist Church.

20. William H. Bell, who had taken the contract to construct the railroad extension between Newton and Branchville, was pushing the work with great vigor.

20. George A. Julier had returned to Newton and opened a saloon under Reeve's clothing store.

23. Newton Stars defeat Americans, at Andover, 53 to 28.

22. Blue Ridge Club, of Coleville, defeats Monitor Club, of Beemerville, 53 to 20.

20. Trade was very brisk in Newton. Spring street from the Anderson House to the depot was daily alive with traffic of all descriptions.

24. Locomotive in engine house of Central R. R., at Phillipsburg, explodes its boiler, demolishing the building, but killing no one.

24. Return game between Nationals, of Morristown, and the Randolphs, played at Dover. Randolphs won, 55 to 40.

25. Rev. R. R. Kellogg, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Milford, Pa., died very suddenly.

26. Festival by ladies of Mt. Salem Baptist Church.

26. County Sunday School Association met in Lafayette M. E. Church. Addresses by Rev. P. B. Bonney, Hon. John Hill, Rev. R. B. Yard, and others.

26. Woods meeting for Tranquillity charge, near Kennedytown.

26. Fourth district Democratic convention met at Paterson and nominated Jack Rogers for a third term in Congress. Of the 144 votes cast Rogers received 105; Abram S. Hewitt 31 and John G. Trussell, 8.

26. Barn of Silas Smith, in Freleighuysen tsp., burned by lightning.

26-27. Entertainments in Clove Church.

27. Directors of Newton Cemetery Co. call for payment of 50 per cent. of capital stock before Oct. 10. Also, warn persons against trespassing or injuring trees, etc., upon the new grounds.

27. Names of 145 ex-soldiers of Sussex signed to a call for a soldiers' convention to be held at Newton, on Oct. 4.

27. Rev. Reuben Vansyckle says he has studied dentistry and opened an office in Sparta.

27. Henry Bunnell, of Blairstown, challenges Charles McCracken to an exhibit at the Sussex Fair, when the public may decide which is the "wood butcher," "bungler," etc.

29. Blue Ridge club of Coleville, defeats the Minisink club, at Unionville, 63 to 7.

30. Surveys had been made in New York and New Jersey, and there was talk of the "Midland Railroad."

17. William Blair, Jr., of Johnsonburg, died at residence of John M. Fair, in Oakland county, Michigan. He was a visitor at the time, and his age 66 years.

24. John Roe, master of a canal boat, drowned in an attempt to save his daughter, aged 22 years, who had fallen from the boat one mile from Hackettstown. The daughter also perished.

29. William H. Comings, a member of 15th N. J. regiment, died in Hospital at Washington, D. C., aged 29. He was unable to be mustered out with his regiment in July, 1865, and died after suffering 16 months with paralysis.

30. Quadrannual Christian convention at Marshall, Mich., appoints Rev. D. W. Moore, of Baleville, a delegate to General Baptist Assembly in England.

OCTOBER.

1. John Hill and Joseph C. Potts address meeting at Stanhope.

1. Robert J. Walker, a horse trainer, well-known in Newton, shot and killed by an unknown miscreant while exercising one of his horses on the Centreville course, L. I.

1. Merchants National Bank reports discounts of \$135,443 87; capital, \$100,000; deposits, \$50,127.82; circulation, \$90,000.

1. Farmers National Bank reported discounts of \$79,025 73; capital, \$100,000; deposits, \$28,230 59; State Bank issue outstanding, \$1,783; circulation, \$90,000.

1. Sussex Bank reported discounts of \$199,553 06; capital, \$200,000; deposits, \$84,433 67; circulation, \$175,009, and \$19,106 of State Bank issue outstanding.

2. Rev. John A. Reiley resigns pastorate of Blairstown Presbyterian church, contemplating removal to Louisiana.

2. Presbytery of Newton met at Lower Mt. Bethel Church. Rev. G. C. Bush, of Hackettstown, was granted a dismissal to 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia.

2. John Hill and John Linn address meeting at Deckertown.

2. The Sussex Fair opens with perfect weather, which continued throughout, though part of the time the air was too chilly for comfort. The attendance was very large, particularly on the third day, which made the enterprise a pecuniary success. Beyond the trotting and ball playing the fair was a comparative failure, as the farmers and ladies did not respond as usual. The ball playing gave great satisfaction. On Tuesday the Randolphs, of Dover, and the Passaic, of Chatham, contested for a silver ball to winning clubs of Morris, Warren and Sussex. The Randolphs took the ball, beating the Passaic, 37 to 22, and the Stars, of Newton, on Wednesday morning, 55 to 27. Wednesday afternoon the Actives, of New York, and the Irvingtons, of Essex county, contested for the U. S. silver ball. The Actives won by a score of 19 to 10, though at the end of the 8th inning it was 13 to 10. Thursday morning a scrub game was played between members of the Actives, Olympics, Irvingtons and Randolphs. In the afternoon the Irvingtons contested for the silver State ball, and won from the Kearneys, of Rahway, 36 to 20. Friday morning the contest was renewed, and the Irvingtons won the prize after defeating the Olympics, of Paterson, 35 to 9. The great game of the tournament was a contest for the silver County ball, between the Stars, of Newton, and the Jersey Boys, of Deckertown. It required ten innings and the Stars won 21 to 20. Joseph A. Orsborne was president of the organization managing the Fair, and Pem B. Horton, secretary.

9. Special meeting of County Medical Society, at Newton. Fee bill increased from 25 to 33 per cent. above old rates.

3. Mrs. J. A. Stoll and Miss H. R. Aber announce opening of millinery store in Deckertown.

3. Henry J. Coursey, formerly a judge of the county court, and for many years a magistrate in Frankford tsp., died at the age of 75.

3. John Hill and Joseph Coult address meeting at Branchville.

3. Rev. J. T. Crane, Rev. W. C. McGee and Rev. I. N. Vansant participate in corner stone laying for Union chapel at Greensville.

4. Soldier's convention at Newton. An organization formed under name of Central Soldiers' Club, with Lewis VanBlarcom as president. In the evening a mass meeting was held on the Green, which was not attended by over 800 persons on account of chilly air. The Court House was not available as a rival meeting had been arranged, which was addressed by Joseph A. Orsborne, John G. Trussell and A. J. Rogers. At the open air meeting L. VanBlarcom presided; Rev. R. B. Yard, late chaplain of 1st N. J. regiment, invoked Divine favor; Judge Ryerson read resolutions, which were adopted; letters were read by W. R. Mattison, chairman of com-

mittee, from Gen. Robert McAllister and Col. George W. Mindel. The Boonton cornet band furnished inspiring music, having accompanied John Hill on his tour through the county. Addresses were made by Hon. John Hill, Col. Cummings, of Newark; H. McQuoid, of Middletown, N. Y., and Jacob L. Swayze—the latter renouncing Johnson and all his works.

4. John S. Rarey, the celebrated horse tamer, died very suddenly at the age of 38 years.

5. Ruth Ann Stamer had been convicted in Warren Courts of manslaughter in the killing of her infant at Manunka Chunk, and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

7. Death of Commodore Robert F. Stockton, at Princeton, aged 70. He was the pioneer of internal improvements in New Jersey, and the projector of immense guns for the Navy.

8. A. D. Hartsold half interest in Black Patchen, to William McCarty, for \$1,200.

10. Notice given that Pem B. Horton, of the firm of Coursen & Horton, was about to leave county; his wife having died on 2d inst.

12. The Herald was making a terrible clamor over the iniquity of the Registry and Sunset laws.

19. Aaron Hunt, aged 28, a brakeman on M. & E. R. R., whose home was at Andover, killed by overhead bridge near Stanhope, while adjusting the bell rope on a freight train. His body was badly mutilated by the car wheels when it rolled off the car. He left a wife and two young children.

11. Young Men's Democratic Club, of Orange, adopts resolutions repudiating Andrew J. Rogers. The resolutions were signed by 155 members.

11. Essex County grand jury had waited upon Justice Daniel Haines, and presented him with a set of resolutions adopted by the jury in view of his retirement from office.

12. The Eagle base ball club of Newton starts out for a series of games in upper part of county. Friday afternoon rain ended a match with the Blue Ridge club at Coleville, with a score of 3 each at end of first inning. Saturday morning four innings were played with the Jersey Boys at Deckertown, the agreement being to call the game at 11.30, when there was a tie of 21 runs each, though the Eagles made three more in their half of the fifth. At Hamburg seven innings were played with the Walkkils, the score standing Eagles, 50; Walkkils, 8.

14. Bishop Odenheimer visits churches at Vernon and Newton, and on the 15th visits Clinton school house and Andover.

14. Workmen were constructing paths and avenues in the new Newton cemetery.

14. By the sinking of a canal boat in the Passaic river, at Newark, the young wife of Martin VanSickle, of Washington, Warren county, and a lad named VanDier, from Boonton, were drowned. When VanSickle awoke the cabin was full of water, and before he could make an effort to save his wife and the boy the boat sunk to the bottom.

16. Dan Rice's circus and menagerie exhibits at Newton; and at Hackettstown on the 17th.

15. Clinton Titman, of Jacksonburg, Warren county, robbed of nearly \$1,900. The thieves were supposed to be David Emmans and Elias Maines. Emmans slept with Titman, and in the night, under pretence that he heard a constable after him, arose and threw the pocket book to Maines and then jumped from the window himself.

17. Misses M. Hinds and M. Bockover open millinery rooms over Hough & Leport's store.

17. Wesley A. Maine, Stillwater, offers extra quality lime at \$16 per hundred bu.

17. C. C. Treanor, Beemerville, offers Union sewing machine, for \$35.

16. The champion Atlantics, of Brooklyn, defeat the Athletics, of Philadelphia, 27 to 17.

17. Wm. L. McBride, of Minisink, had purchased Gilbert Chardavoyne's hotel, in

Deckertown, for \$10,500, and was to take possession Dec. 1.

17. A red hot campaign was in evidence, meetings in the various parts of the county absorbed public interest.

16-17. Board's of Registry met. In all townships where 400 votes and upwards were polled the Inspectors sat two days; in all others only one. Wantage, Frankford and Newton were the only townships that had polled over 400 votes in 1865; Vernon lacked 6 votes.

19. A. J. Rogers speaks at Orange, and in course of his remarks claimed that "God had decreed his election, for it was written upon the portals of His throne." The very next day he was hurling a sort of defiance at the aristocrats who were opposing him, and acknowledged that his case was hopeless notwithstanding his sacrilegious assumption.

19. Barns of W. S. Giles and Mr. Chamberlain, Hackettstown, burned with their contents, Fire discovered at 1 a. m. by one of Dan Rice's showmen.

18-27. A series of meetings in different parts of the county, addressed by Joseph Coult, Lewis VanBlarcom, Martin Ryerson, John Linn, John Hill, J. L. Swayze and Joseph C. Potts.

20. The Registry lists showed a total of 5512 voters—a net increase of 428. Every township showed an increase except Sandyston and Frankford.

20. A great mass meeting at Succasunna Plains, the speakers being Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Hon. Joseph C. Potts, A. Q. Keasbey, Col. S. F. Headley, and others.

21. A caucus of Sussex and Morris Democrats held in Newton, this Sunday night, when Rogers renewed his pledge to retire if \$8,500 were refunded to him for expenses incurred in the canvass.

22. Second Assembly district Union convention, held at Cochran House, nominated Sedgwick R. Bennett, of Green top, and recommended as nominees for the office of Coroner, Reuben Hayne, of Newton; Benjamin Hornbeck, of Montague; and Oscar Bronson, of Wantage.

23. First Assembly district Union convention at Deckertown nominated James S. McDaniels.

23. Democrats of Fourth district opposed to the election of Andrew J. Rogers, met at Library Hall, Orange, and nominated John Huyler, as a candidate for Congress.

24. Frank M. Ward had been renominated for a third term in the Assembly, by Democrats of Second district.

25. The elaborate speech of Hon. Martin Ryerson, delivered in Newton, on the 20th inst., was printed as an extra to this issue of THE REGISTER, but though of great importance the binder, or "some other fellow" has neglected to preserve it.

25. Andover M. E. Church, reopened for service, after repairs. Sermons by Revs. J. Atkinson and R. L. Dashiell. Wm. B. Wigg was pastor.

25. Nathan Drake, a well-known citizen of Newton, died at the age of 83 years. His estate is not yet settled.

25. Monitors, of Beemerville, defeat Frankfords, of Branchville, 81 to 24. The next day the second nines of these clubs again played at Branchville, the Frankfords winning, 77 to 51.

26. John G. Trussell thrown from his wagon while on his way to Mead's Basin, and quite badly injured.

27. Proposals received by committee to build fence around graveyard at Hamburg.

27. The return match between the Stars, of Newton, and the Nationals, of Morristown, played at the latter place. Though the Stars were handsomely entertained, they were walloped to the tune of 80 to 12, due to absence of some of their best players and base ball luck.

27. Third nine of the Eagles, of Newton, win a game from the Unions, a club of small boys, 51 to 36.

25. Newton M. E. Church contributes \$1,000 as a Centennial offering. Of this amount the Sunday school contributed \$214.

29. Revivals of religion were reported in various M. E. Churches. At Vernon, Rev. J. N. Keys reported a large number of penitents; at Newfoundland, Rev. Abram Harris reported over 60 conversions; at Walpack Centre, under Rev. W. C. Nelson, a spirit of inquiry had been aroused. Rev. J. Tindall reported 60 conversions at Blairstown, and Rev. C. Clark, Jr., over 100 at Hope.

29. A burglar who had effected an entrance into the office of the Sussex R. R. Co., in the depot building, was surprised as he was about to begin operations on the safe. When a fireman who slept in a passenger car had aroused engineer Quackenbush, and the two entered the office, the burglar jumped through the window, carrying the sash with him, but leaving a lantern and a satchel of tools behind.

30. William M. Iliff renominated for Assembly.

30. Exhibition in Swartswood M. E. Church.

31. G. B. Smith, merchant, at Centreville, announces intention to adopt ready-pay system on January 1.

31. John Hill and the Boonton Band traverse the country from Charlottentown iron works to Lafayette, and on following day, go from Franklin Furnace, through Ogdensburg, Sparta and Hurd's mine to Port Oram. Mr. Hill's canvass was a most energetic one.

#### NOVEMBER.

1. Miss S. B. Howell opened a school for boys and girls, at Lafayette.

1. Congregation of Rev. P. B. Bonney, at Branchville, present him with \$180, upon his return from Synod, as a token of appreciation.

2. Gen. Kilpatrick married a Chilian wife.

3. A fine American flag suspended near Merchants National Bank, cut down and carried away by some unknown persons.

4. John C. Allen, of Hope, drowned by falling overboard from a vessel in New York. The next day his body was washed ashore at pier 40, E. R. He was about 35 years of age.

5. Report of county school examiners for the first year of their labors, shows 11 public examinations; 22 teachers received first grade certificates; 63 second grade; 24 third grade; 2 applicants were rejected, and one certificate annulled.

6. General election. President Johnson's policy repudiated almost everywhere, even New Jersey joining the victorious host. A. J. Rogers defeated by John Hill, for Congress; Hill received a majority of 465 in the district; Rogers had 1144 in Sussex and 593 in Bergen. Byram township gave its first Republican majority—55, while Newton gave 68. The greatest jubilation was over the defeat of Rogers, who was first elected in 1862 by 2880 majority; re-elected in 1864 by 1886, and now beaten in a Democratic district.

6. Three prisoners escape from Warren county jail, one of them, Johnson, had recently made his escape from Easton jail.

7. A. P. States, clerk of Lafayette tsp., gives notice that payment of a township bond for \$500, given by Committee to O. P. Armstrong, will be resisted.

8. Barn of Francis Layton, in Sandyston tsp., burned with its contents, including a two-year-old colt. Loss, \$2,000. The barn was a new one; fire supposed to have originated from a match used in lighting a pipe, as the men left the building for a load of corn.

8. D. W. Hibbard sold the hotel at Unionville, N. Y., to Wm. H. Tuttle and Henry Hopper, for \$6,000.

9. Republican jubilee and oyster supper at the Willard House, Newton. Frankford Republicans celebrated on the evening of the 15th, those of Wantage on the 15th, and those of Ogdensburg the same evening.

10. On this date Joseph Coult purchased the interest of Richard B. Westbrook in THE SUSSEX REGISTER. No change was made necessary in firm name or in the business transactions of the office.

10. Members of Essex Bar give complimentary dinner to Justice Daniel Haines.

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11. Wantage and Deckertown M. E. Churches raise \$2,470 for Centenary fund. Sermons preached by Rev. R. B. Yard. It was expected to make the amount full \$3,000. Rev. B. D. Palmer was pastor.

11. Corner stone of new M. E. Church at Port Jervis laid. It was of brick, 55x85 feet, and to cost \$18,000.

13. This was the anniversary of the great meteoric display of November 13, 1833—the most magnificent celestial phenomenon that mortal eye ever beheld. For several days the newspapers had been printing the calculations of sanguine meteorologists, who predicted a return of the display on this date. Thousands of people all over the Union sat up Monday and Tuesday nights, and arrangements had been made to ring the bells to awaken others who preferred to sleep. To their utter disgust not a single meteor was visible.

12. Gov. Ward had appointed Frederick T. Frelinghuysen as U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator William Wright, on Oct. 31.

13. State Treasurer Ivins gives notice that the blank impressions of notes deposited in his office and belonging to the Franklinite Bank of Newton, will be destroyed on December 7.

12-14. Examination at N. C. I. Principal, William Travis; assistant teachers, William McKenzie, A. B., mathematics; George S. Keller, A. B., classics; Elias F. Morrow, penmanship; Caroline F. St. Clair, fine arts; M. Louise Reymon, music; Susan P. Shoemaker, preparatory.

14. A. J. Hill and Brother were running the Newton spoke, rim and shaft factory, formerly in the name of J. A. Decker.

14. A. J. Rogers calls for settlement of accounts, as he is about to leave Newton.

15. The official vote shows 1144 majority for Rogers in Sussex; John Huyler received only 26 votes. F. M. Ward had 704 over James S. McDonalds in First Assembly district, and William M. Huff 474 over Sedgwick R. Bennett in Second district. James S. Smith, Sheriff, had no opposition, receiving 4,908 votes. Wm. H. Edsall, Wilhelmus Hotalen and Asa W. Lane were elected Coroners by an average majority of 1190 over Daniel Bailey, O. Bronson and B. Hornbeck.

15. The inspectors of registry chosen at the last election are printed with the exception of Andover and Wallpack, where a trick was resorted to, which made the boards entirely Democratic, instead of having a minority representation as required by law.

15. Revivals of religion still progressing at Hope and Blairstown. Great interest shown at Red Church, in Coleville, under pastorate of Rev. W. C. Henderson.

15. THE REGISTER's choice for U. S. Senator was Hon. George T. Cobb, of Morristown, and its editor indignantly denied aspersions of the Newark Advertiser, which questioned Mr. Cobb's party standing.

15. Warren House, Belviders, sold at public sale, to John Canfield, for \$10,675.

15. William Crotty, recently a resident of Newton, killed by falling from Erie train between Port Jervis and Paterson. His mangled body was not found until next day. He was a shoemaker by trade, and had acted as brakeman only five days. He left a wife and three children.

16. "W. P. V." contributes an episode of the great rebellion, as told to him by Gen. McAllister, relating to the fulfillment in 1865 of a promise made at Richmond in 1860.

16. Barn of R. y McCoy, near Deckertown, burned with most of its contents. Loss, \$5,000; no insurance.

17. Meeting held at Pine Island to arrange location of Goshen and Deckertown railroad, a project which the Goshen papers said had been delayed through the indecision of the people of Deckertown. James McCoy, surveyor, was locating the route.

18. During an altercation between a man named William Bishop and a lad named John Margerson, at Double Pond, the boy threw a stone which struck Bishop

behind the ear, knocked him senseless, and his recovery was considered improbable.

19. Barn of J. M. Sharp, at Budds Lake, destroyed by fire, after a horse and wagon had been stolen. The loss was \$4,000. The thief, who was a former employee of Mr. Sharp, was captured at Milford, Pa., with the stolen property.

19. A general re-arrangement of train service on the M. & E. and Sussex railroads, through service beginning between Hoboken and Phillipsburg.

20. Trade in all lines was unusually dull; manufacturers were shutting down, and there were signs of a commercial panic. Eight firms in Wall street controlled the price of gold, and Secretary McCulloch was urged to swamp them by extinguishing some of the public debt with his surplus gold. Crops were large; nobody wanted to hold butter and cheese at current rates; poultry was so cheap that no one wanted beef or mutton, and the conclusion was that unless there was a fresh debauch of paper money prices of nearly everything must be lower.

20. David A. Depue, who succeeded Justice Haines, had removed from Belvidere to Newark. A successful judicial career was predicted.

20. William Douglas, of Passaic county, supersedes Nathaniel Lane, as U. S. Internal Revenue Collector for Fourth district. The only reason for a change was the payment of political debts to A. J. Rogers.

21. Horse, wagon and harness stolen from stable of John B. Chardavoyne, at Deckertown. Thief arrested in Orange county, and brought to Newton by constable Heater. The scamp proved to be John Nixon, who was imprisoned in Newton jail last September, for horse stealing, and while there was married to a girl named Bertron, who professed to have pressing claims upon him. Subsequently Nixon became insane, or pretended to be so, and was taken to the State Asylum. His rec very must have been rapid, or he escaped, and resumed his business at Deckertown. He boasted of his exploits, and claimed to have four wives living.

21. Enock Hunt died in Andover township, aged nearly 59 years. He learned the printer's trade in THE REGISTER office, and was subsequently employed by Col. Grant Fitch. He did the press work for the first number of the New Jersey Herald. Soon afterward he removed to New York, and for 20 or 30 years was employed as a railroad station agent in Westchester county. About six months ago he returned to his native county and entered upon the farming business. His death was sudden and unexpected.

21. Benjamin Booth, of Newton, aged nearly 70, receives a badly fractured leg while hauling stone. Two days before he had hurted his wife.

21. Daniel Haines resumes practice of law at Hamburg.

21. T. Parker had opened jewelry store, next to Cochran House, in rooms formerly occupied by C. M. Bonnell.

21-22. Entertainment in Chardavoyne's hall, Deckertown, for benefit of Presbyterian church.

22. Notices appear relating to incorporation of Newton Library Association, Newton Stove Company, and to incorporate the town of Newton.

22. Eighty persons had joined the Blairstown M. E. Church as a result of the revival under Rev. Jacob Tindall.

22. At this time over twenty first-class farm properties in Sussex and Warren were advertised for sale, besides any number of small lots.

22. Lane's Carbonizer, the best wood stove ever constructed, is advertised.

22. The tranquil current of affairs in Newton disagreeably diversified by three distinct fires within twelve hours. At 11 o'clock Thursday night the stable of Israel C. Congle, centrally located in the block bounded by Spring and Trinity streets, and by Moran street and the old foundry lane, was discovered to be on fire. Almost simultaneously the flames burst from the adjoining stable of John Kraber, and

thence in a few minutes over a shed attached to Congle's stable, the fire reached the stable of James English; also his wheelwright shop occupied by David Amerman, and all these including a small house in the rear of Captain Fitts's dwelling and a small stable on the lot of Mrs. Sarah Smith, were destroyed. The firemen were promptly at hand, but the supply of water was limited, and the only practicable alternative was to let the buildings burn and save the surrounding property by a judicious use of the water available. By well directed effort this was accomplished. The order to "take up" had been accomplished—one engine was hosed, and the other just about to be, when a new alarm took them to the clothing store of Titman & Davison. Before the fire was checked a considerable portion of the stock was badly damaged. Next day (Friday) while a number of Neptune No. 3 was preparing to clean the machine, and waiting for some material, the wood work in the engine house caught fire from the stove pipe, and spread over the painted surface with great rapidity. The engine was drawn out but nothing else was saved. The session room of the Presbyterian church was in great danger, but escaped with the charring of the weather boards. Kraber's loss was \$2,500; insurance, \$1,000, and this was his fourth fire in two or three years, making his total loss over \$5,000. Congle's loss, besides one horse, \$1,000; insurance, \$400. English's loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$500. Amerman's loss on tools, \$500; no insurance. Rev. John Faull lost \$300 on wagon, harness, hay, etc. Wm. H. Hagaman lost one horse valued at \$300, and another was badly burned. Neither Hagaman or Faull had insurance. Loss of Titman & Davison appraised at \$4,247.51; fully insured. The loss on the engine house necessitated the building of a new one. In the barns burned there were nine horses; all of which were rescued except three; Congle's horse was rescued but rushed back into the flames and was soon burned to death. The losses fell mostly upon men who were not able to bear them. These fires caused a renewal of the belief that a skulking enemy of John Kraber was the incendiary, and yet no man was ever pursued with less cause.

23. Ninety-two persons had joined the Hainesville M. E. Church, under pastorate of Rev. J. B. Mathis.

23. Horace Tinney, aged 64, of Wantage, dies from effects of an accident.

23-24. Examination of teachers at Newton and Deckertown.

24. Newton Vigilant Society elects officers at an adjourned meeting, and admits six new members.

25. A new church organization started at Beemerville, under pastoral care of Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, with the title "Centenary M. E. Church." The congregation were negotiating with Wm. Crigar for purchase of the old Union edifice.

27. "Reddy, the blacksmith," a noted New York thief, robs A. A. Vance of his wallet as he was passing through a crowded Bleeker street car. Mr. Vance held the thief, but his accomplice escaped with the money.

27. Meeting at Court House to consider present condition of Fire department. Dr. E. Smith presided, and Henry C. Kelsey was secretary. Members of the two companies made formal request for immediate erection of new buildings. After discussion the matter was referred to Board of Managers for investigation, with instructions to report at an adjourned meeting on December 4.

27. G. Chardavoyne, having sold his hotel in Deckertown, gives a farewell hop. Board of State Canvasers make John Huff majority over Rogers 462; over Hill, 268. Huyler received 194 votes.

27. Commissioners of Appeal in Newton took \$20,000 from duplicate and added \$5,000.

28. Major John R. Pettit had opened a tobacco and cigar store in the basement of Levi Shepherd's law offices, on Park Place.

29 Thanksgiving day.

30. Information from English papers showed that the meteors which failed to appear in the United States were seen in England on the 14th, and the number was estimated to have been from 7,000 to 8,000, as seen at the Twickenham Observatory.

30 Elias Mains and David Emmans, who robbed Clinton Titman, of \$1,900, on the night of October 15, had been caught in Michigan, and returned to Belvidere jail. They had spent about \$1,000 of the stolen money.

30. Constable Jep Baldwin delivers at Newton jail a Southern negro named Moses King, who in the early part of last week robbed and beat a pedlar between Stanhope and Brooklyn pond. The pedlar and the negro had a desperate fight; the former, thinking he had conquered his assailant, let him arise; but he wasn't the kind of a nigger to appreciate kindness, as he knocked the pedlar insensible with a stone and then stripped him of all his clothing; took his pocket book and such plunder from the pack as he desired. The pedlar's experience did not end here, for when he sought shelter to dress his wounds and clothing to cover his nakedness, he was driven away from the house which he first approached by frightened females. He finally found a hut where a man gave him a pair of pantaloons, and when he told his story they went in pursuit of the negro. He saw them and escaped, leaving most of the pedlar's goods behind, but took his pantaloons, wearing them over his own. After doubling on his tracks he went to Stanhope, and spent \$27 of the pedlar's money; stole a ride on a freight train from Dover; was recognized in Newark by Amos S. Reed, of Andover, who had tracked him, and finally arrested by Detective Burt. Uncle Jep brought him from Stanhope to Newton.

#### DECEMBER.

1. A public debate at Branchville, between the Franklin Society of Newton, and the Branchville Lyceum. John L. Everett presided, and the subject, "Is society to blame for crime?" decided in the affirmative, which was taken by the Newtonians.

1. Henry C. Kelsey takes possession of Newton post office. By going to Washington and getting his documents he got possession of the office before Congress met, or he would have been barred, as others were.

2. Fifty members had recently been added to the Baleville Christian Church, and on this date Rev. D. W. Moore baptized about 30 persons in Bale's pond.

2. Dwelling of Mrs. Eliza VanOstrand, at North Vernon, damaged by fire originating in a defective stove pipe.

3. William M. Force had offered the ground and \$10,000 toward erection of the proposed Methodist Seminary, if it was located at Flanders, Morris county.

3. On this date 800 dead hogs were shipped from Newton, with a due proportion of other products of the county. For two weeks past, notwithstanding low prices, the railroad depot had daily been overflowing with produce of all kinds.

3. Prof. Abbey opened musical convention at Stillwater, closing with a concert on the 14th.

4. Sussex Courts opened. The day was very inclement, and the Court did not push matters. Justice Dalrymple presided.

4. Board of Managers of Fire department announce at the adjourned meeting called to provide ways and means for housing apparatus that they are not ready to report, and the meeting adjourns at their call.

6. "A. B." renews agitation for a public school building in Newton.

6. William N. Meeker announces his permanent location in Deckertown as watchmaker and jeweler.

7. Grand jury makes a presentment against the county jail, the cells of which were unhealthy and insecure. The court tried twelve civil cases of considerable importance, three of which were against the

Sussex R. R. Co.

7. Gabriel Trreux, formerly of Sussex county, accidentally killed at Port Jervis, while walking on Erie tracks.

8. Alpheus Swayze, having removed from Hope to Trenton, sells his Hope properties at public sale.

8. Jesse Titman and W. H. Davison dissolve partnership in clothing business.

10. A. A. Vance retained possession of the Morristown post office, and intended to do so, although that was one of the offices which Andy Johnson placed at the disposal of Jack Rogers. O. B. Pellet would also have retained the Newton office, in spite of the deal, if H. C. Kelsey had not shown his pertinacity by staying in Washington and getting the necessary documents in time to get possession before December 1.

10. Newman Benjamin had sold his farm of 133 acres, near Unionville, together with 17 cows and a lot of hay, to George McBride, for \$14,300.

10. Napoleon Burrows had sold his Deckertown-Newton stage route to Mr. Quick, of Deckertown.

11. E. C. Tuttle seriously injured about head through being thrown out of his wagon on Madison street.

11. Remains of a man found in William Dildine's woods, near Allen's ferry, on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware, caused some excitement in Warren county. There were evidences of murder, and the victim was supposed to be an ore prospector who stopped several days at the hotel in Delaware Station.

11. A son of Henry Vanhorn seriously injured by being dragged over frozen ground by a team of horses near residence of W. M. Cox, on Fredon road.

12. James Roe, treasurer of fund for extension of Sussex railroad to Branchville, gives notice that monthly assessments may be paid to James B. Huston.

12. Days of carrying mail between Deckertown and Middletown changed to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

12. Freeman, Hunt & Co., of Andover, advertised coal and plaster.

12. Col. W. M. Habbitt had sold his sorrel team for \$1,300, to a Brooklyn gentleman.

13. It being manifest that the Board of Managers of the Newton Fire Department did not intend to do anything toward furnishing quarters for the firemen, Pem B. Horton, foreman, and H. C. Bonnell, secretary, of Neptune No. 3, notify members of the company that they are relieved from all fire duty as members of said company, and that property holders will hereafter "man the brakes."

13. In this issue there were eleven notices of application to the Legislature for laws for various purposes.

13. James L. Smith, W. R. Mattison and John B. Losey give the first evidence of holiday advertising.

14. Young Men's Literary Association of Stanhope celebrates the ninth year of its existence. Rev. John Atkinson, of Newark, who was identified with its origin, delivered an address. The occasion was regarded as a great success. During the nine years of its existence, six members had died, while others had become prominent in law, the ministry and business.

14. John Nixon, horse thief, received a sentence of two and a half years; Moses King, (colored) grand larceny and assault on a pedlar, seven and a half years. Notwithstanding the large number of civil cases tried, Court adjourned to January 7, with half the civil list and a number of indictments to be disposed of. Loomis vs. Boner was an action for slanderous words spoken and a verdict of \$1,000 rendered in favor of Loomis. The three cases against the Sussex R. R. Co. were to determine the company's responsibility as shippers after the consignment had passed beyond their line; the aggregate verdicts were about \$375.

15. Joseph Lemmons found frozen to death in lane leading to George M. Ryerson's farm house, near Newton. He was intemperate, and aged about 72 years.

During the war of 1812 he was drafted from Sussex county, and served in the regiment commanded by Col. Seward.

15. Franklin Literary Union of Newton and the Branchville Lyceum hold public debate in court house. Subject, "Does Hope exercise a greater influence over man than Fear?" Decision in favor of the Branchville speakers.

15. A horrible accident in Wright's mill at Washingtonville, Orange county. Mrs. Thomas Millard entered the mill to see her husband, when her dress caught in some machinery, and almost instantly one of her legs was severed from her body. Her husband rushed to her assistance, when his arm was caught, and crushed above the elbow. He opened a knife with his teeth and then completely severed his arm at the shoulder, afterward carrying his wife down stairs. Then his strength failed, and though medical assistance was soon at hand, there was little hope for the recovery of either husband or wife.

16. Eight inches of snow fell in all sections north of Richmond; the first sleighing of the winter.

18. The corner stone of new M. E. Church at Morristown laid about this date. The edifice was described but exact date not given.

18. Eugene Ayers, late U. S. Collector of U. S. Revenue, in Fourth district, died suddenly of apoplexy at Morristown, aged 40 years.

19. Methodist Centenary Committee met in Newark to take in consideration the various sites offered for a Seminary. Hackettstown offered \$12,000 and grounds. Morristown and Plainfield were anxious to secure the location.

19-20. Examinations and exhibitions at Blairstown Academy.

20-21. Mercury 1° below on the 20th; 9° below on the 21st, followed on the 23d and 24th by a rain which converted the snow into slush.

20. Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., elected officers.

21. Rev. D. W. Moore has a public sale at Baleville parsonage.

21. Corner stone of a new M. E. Church, to cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000, and 40x60 in size, laid at Rockaway by Bishop James and Rev. J. T. Crane.

22. The decree had gone forth that Rev. Garret Vanhorn was to succeed John W. Lane as U. S. Internal Revenue Assessor, in 3d district; Peter C. Orsbome by N. K. Bray in 1st district, and O. P. Armstrong by Jacob D. Hoffman, in 2d district.

23. Morristown M. E. Church raised \$4,700 for Centenary fund.

24. Prof. Abbey opens musical convention at Blairstown, closing with a concert on the 28th. He opened a similar convention at Hope on Dec. 31.

24. Boonton Sunday school presents a large silver pitcher to Supt. John Hill.

24. Another change of time table on M. & E. and Sussex Railroads. Trains left Newton at 7.15 a. m. and 2.15 p. m.; arriving at 11.15 a. m. and 6.45 p. m. The new arrangement cut off the early morning mail, as the 7.15 train only connected with train leaving Easton at 6.15 a. m.

24. The ten weeks religious effort in the Vernon M. E. Church, under Rev. J. N. Keys, resulted in 130 conversions, 74 baptisms and 90 accessions to the church.

25. Fair and festival in new hall at Quaker Settlement.

25. Ladies of Baptist Church hold festival in court house. It was numerously attended, and a great financial success.

25. Tableaux entertainment in Stanhope Presbyterian Church.

25. Theodore Woodruff, a son of Job Woodruff, of Newton, killed by falling from train between Newark and New York. He was about 22 years of age, and had served three years in Co. I, 15th N. J. V., and earned promotion to a Lieutenant. It was a sad and sudden ending of a noble life.

26. U. S. detective finds tin box in Warren county containing \$25,000 in counterfeit U. S. notes. Persons in Easton were concerned in the affair.

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27. Steeple of Methodist Church at Ridgebury, Orange county, blown down during the gale, falling upon the school house stove, and the timbers taking fire. The spire of Grace Church, Middletown, was also shattered.

27. A severe gale whirled the snow in all directions, banking up the roads so that travel was seriously obstructed. The gale also blew down the M. E. Church building at Branchville, causing a loss of \$1,500 to the contractor. The building was enclosed, and everything ready for the roof when the accident occurred. The disaster not only ruined the contractor, but retarded the erection of the building for many years.

27. George W. Houston had sold his farm in Vernon to Daniel Knapp, for \$12,600, or at the rate of \$112.50 per acre.

28. Rev. D. W. Moore preaches his last sermon at Wykertown, and on the 30th preached his farewell sermon at Baleville and Monroe.

28. Locomotive of Easton express train broke an axle near Morristown. A locomotive sent up from Morristown to get passengers, collided on its return trip with up mail train, and a smash-up resulted in which three employes were injured.

28. Newton Division, No. 37, S. of T, elects officers.

29. Team of H. A. Wilson, of Green top., ran away in Newton. They ran from depot to court house, Mr. W. still retaining the reins; at the court house wall the sleigh and horses struck with great force; one horse was thrown completely over the back of the other, and seriously injured; Mr. W. escaped with severe bruises.

29. Thomas Fredericks, who lived for two years on the edge of Montague township, had raised a sum estimated from \$8,000 to \$12,000 by forgeries on various Orange county banks, which he had pretended to use in his bark business. His endorsers who suffered were William Nearpass, of Montague, G. Chardavoyne, of Deckertown, Peter Lewis, of Coleville, and several others. The Deckertown bank held notes to the amount of \$4,000. He had absconded.

30. M. E. Church at Millbrook reopened for religious services. Preaching by Rev. J. T. Crane, and an address by C. Walsh, of Newark.

31. Newton M. E. Church holds a "watch meeting" beginning at 9 p. m. The custom had been neglected for 25 or 30 years.

31. J. D. & J. B. Armstrong, butchers, dissolve partnership, at Newton.

31. The Belvidere Intelligencer, with a circulation of 900, was offered for sale.

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JANUARY.

1. Exhibition at Fredon Academy. A. B. Cope, principal.

1. Directors of Merchants National Bank present John C. Howell, teller, with \$100, as a testimonial of faithful service.

1. William Pettit, a well-known resident and former merchant of Newton, died at the age of 79 years.

2. Gold selling at 133¼. Butter 30 @ 42c.; live hogs, 7 @ 7½c. lb.; wheat \$2 35 @ \$2.90 bushel; rye, \$1.22 @ \$1.30; oats, 68 @ 70c.; corn, \$1 08 @ \$1.10.

2. Sussex Railroad issues a notice that after January 15, 1867, live stock would not be received for shipment except by special agreement, and on such terms as the Company deemed necessary. This was the outgrowth of recent suits in court.

3. Dr. G. W. Carroll, Sr., was curing all the ills that flesh is heir to, by visits to Newton, and now Dr. Gansevoort comes to treat all who had escaped Dr. Carroll. He demanded cash in advance; ordinary cases, \$3 to \$5 a month; very difficult cases, \$7 to \$10.

4. Prof. Philip Phillips, of Cincinnati, sang in Newton M. E. Church to a large audience, and remained in town three days, giving gratuitous lessons in music to Sunday schools.

4. The survey for the Deckertown and Goshen Railway, via Florida, Amity and Pine Island, made the whole distance 21¼ miles, being only 1¼ miles farther than the highway direct.

4. Captain Joseph P. Couse, of Branchville, thrown from his sleigh on Smith's hill, and one of his shoulders dislocated. He was brought to Newton, and soon placed in shape for recovery.

5. Walter I. Ross, representing Franklin Society of Newton, and Edward C. Everitt, the Branchville Lyceum, debate at Branchville, "Does Modern Equal Ancient Patriotism?"

5. Merchants National Bank elects officers on Saturday.

6. Rev. Levi Morse baptizes, by immersion, eight persons at Baptist church, Newton.

6. Storehouse of John McCarter took fire in night from ashes placed in a wooden box. It was fortunately discovered in time to prevent serious loss.

7. Adjourned session of Oyer and Terminer opened. The first case was that of Mrs. Sophia Vail vs. Rev. J. L. Bennet, for assault. The jury after lengthy deliberation, once reporting inability to agree, returned a verdict of \$1. Some indictments were tried, and the suit of R. R. Morris vs. James I. Slockbower, for water damages, was taken up.

8. Farmers Bank of Deckertown held election. Charles Roe, Jr., of Newton, is the only one of the eleven directors now living.

8. Legislature met. The center of excitement was the contest between the friends of George T. Cobb and those of F. T. Frelinghuysen, as to which should be chosen U. S. Senator.

8. Major Joseph Greer, an aged resident of Newton tp., died at the home of his brother in New York city, aged 76 years. He left home in good health for a visit, and on New Year's day was stricken with paralysis, from the effects of which he died. He had filled various offices of public trust.

9. William McCarty offers the Sussex fair grounds for rent.

9. A. S. Wills, Stanhope, offers plaster at \$8 per ton.

9. A. S. Dingman, at Dingman's Ferry, offers white pine inch boards and siding at \$25 per 1000 feet; white pine shingles \$8 @ \$9; hemlock, \$7.

10. Newspapers of Escanabia, Mich., reported great success in that town of Rev. G. W. Lloyd, formerly of Branchville. A recent donation netted over \$400.

10. Real estate sales: Morris Wade to Zachariah Simmons, 208 acres in Frankford, \$20,000. James Ackerson to Wm. H. Bell, 137 acres in Lafayette, \$15,070. Silas B. Condit sold McCamley farm near New Milford, 420 acres, for \$41,000 cash. Geo. Tinkey to Captain N. N. Ryerson, 180 acres at Hamburg, \$12,000. Belmont Hall on Schooley's mountain, by Mr. Holland, to David A. Crowell, for \$17,500.

10. The sturdy matrons of a neighborhood, a mile or two from Newton, assembled this afternoon at a house with a notorious reputation, and after removing the occupants, (a widow and her daughters, whose conduct had become intolerable) they placed the household effects in the highway, and then proceeded to "clean house." The windows were smashed, doors unhinged, floors torn up, roof broken and the building rendered completely untenable. The whole affair was managed with consummate skill and tact, without noise or confusion.

11. Prof. Abbey gives his second concert at Hope.

12. Docia, wife of Andrew Shiner, stricken with paralysis in store of John Faull, on Spring street, where she had stopped on her way home from church, and died at 2 o'clock, Sunday morning.

13. Dr. Elwin V. Wright begins a course of six lectures on various subjects in the court house. He was talented, but the lectures were poorly attended.

14. Special communication of Harmony Lodge, for installation of officers.

14. Rev. Nathaniel Pettit sends to the Vestry his resignation as rector of Christ Church, Newton.

14. M. E. Church at Andover had been remodeled at an expense of \$1,200. On this date the congregation presented Rev. Wm. B. Wigg with a carriage costing \$225, after paying his salary of \$500 and a donation of \$300. The same night Miss Davison, the organist, was presented with a cake basket and cafter, worth \$45, and Rev. R. Van-yckle was given \$50, \$28 of which was a present from the American base ball club of that village.

15. The notes forged by Thomas W. Fredericks, of Montague, were still coming in, and so far aggregated about \$10,000.

15. The Centenary collections of the Andover M. E. Church aggregated \$1,191, all of which except \$41.50 was applied to home purposes. The church began as a station about three years ago, and five years ago only contributed \$100 to the support of the gospel. It now paid Rev. Wm. B. Wigg \$500 and perquisites.

15. A coroner's jury recently impaneled in Sussex, to investigate the sudden and mysterious death of an infant, returned a verdict of "no cause of action."

15. John A. Westfall had become a member of the firm of Vandevort, Cooper & Co., at Warwick.

15. L. Quick announces a daily stage line between Newton and Deckertown.

15. A pamphlet of 64 octavo pages had been issued by Dr. Mattison, a M. E. minister, of Jersey City, in reply to criticisms of Rev. E. E. Bryan, of Washington. It seems that last fall Mattison preached a sermon in the M. E. Church at Washington, which caused Rev. E. E. Bryan, who was pastor of the Presbyterian church of that place, to make a severe attack on Methodism. Dr. Mattison returned to Washington and made a speech of nearly three hours duration, and this was embodied in the pamphlet.

15. Sussex Bank elected directors. Of the thirteen only Thos. N. McCarter, Wm. McDanolds and George M. Ryerson are now living.

15. The Plainfield M. E. Church, thro' efforts of Rev. George H. Whitney, had raised \$7,100 to pay debt, and now owned property valued at \$30,000, free of incumbrance.

16. E. C. Tuttle, dentist, announces opening of an office in Newton.

16. Courson & Decker are successors to Coursen & Horton, in the harness trade.

16. Henry McDanolds offers to sell a farm of 122 acres, three miles from Branchville, for \$45 per acre.

17. New Jersey Historical Society, with John Rutherford in the chair, listens to an able address by Courtlandt Parker, of Newark, on the life and military services of Gen. Philip Kearney.

17. The report of the State Comptroller contained returns from every county, city, township, and town, except 3 in Atlantic, 3 in Camden, 1 in Cumberland, 4 in Essex, 3 in Hudson, 1 in Hunterdon, 1 in Middlesex, 4 in Morris, 1 in Monmouth, 2 in Ocean, 1 in Passaic, 2 in Salem, 1 in Sussex and 2 in Warren, showing indebtedness incurred on account of bounties paid during the war and expenses incurred. The grand total was \$23,447,993 77, to which might be added the State war debt of \$3,495,200. Sussex showed an expenditure of \$644,945 90; Warren, \$752,880 16; Morris, \$652,178 26.

17. Real estate sales: Greer's hotel at Franklin Furnace to William Simpson, \$11,500. Newman Cassidy to Joseph R. Hankinson, 80 acres in Hampton, \$5,800. Willard E. Stoll to A. J. Anderson, house and lot of 17 acres, in Hampton, \$2,500. Louis Hanke to Thomas McGuigan, house and lot on Mill street, Newton, \$1,700. William Fox to Dr. P. L. Garrison, house and lot on Mill street, Newton, \$3,100. Robert Hamilton to Daniel Vanetter, house and lot on Hamilton street, Newton, \$1,600. Joseph Squinton to William A. Walker, house and lot on Madison street, \$1,200. James W. Sloan to John W. Martin, house, lot and blacksmith shop at New Milford, \$1,600.

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17. Rev. J. H. Doremus was pastor of the Swartswood Presbyterian church, and had a donation on this date.

17. A snow fall of six inches in Sussex, followed by a violent gale, which blocked all the roads with huge drifts. In Newark the snowfall was full 18 inches, while in the New England States it averaged three feet on the level. Along the coast it caused death, suffering and disaster. On the M. & E., a train with 40 passengers lay at Morris Plains for 16 hours, or until extricated by the shovel brigade. Altogether it was one of the worst storms that the railroads ever encountered, the drifts ranging from six to twenty feet. On the night of the 20th another fall of snow to the depth of about 15 inches, occasioned considerable inconvenience. Trains were delayed from three to four hours and the country highways were again closed.

18. The conservatory at the White House, in Washington, badly damaged by fire. It was stated that the late Mahlon Dickerson, of New Jersey, while Secretary of the Navy, regarded the rare plants and flowers in this conservatory as the very apples of his eye.

19. Horse valued at \$300 and owned by Albert Puder, killed by backing into the mill race at Springdale. An employe had tied the lines around a wheel, and that caused the trouble.

19. Fire destroys McGovern's hotel, and the Delaware House livery stables, at Port Jervis.

19. John Hayden, 15 years old, hailing from Owego, N. Y., went to the National Bank at Port Jervis, on pretence of getting a bill changed, and when cashier Marvin's back was turned fired a pistol at him, the ball lodging in a book. He was arrested; his object was to secure some notes lying within reach.

19. A. J. Shampshire had sold the Belvidere Intelligencer, to Mr. Burgess, of Tunkhannock, Pa.

20. Real estate sales: Heirs of Joseph C. Laing, farm of 236 acres at Quaker Settlement, to Isaac Stickles, of Andover, for \$77.50 per acre. Robert M. Pettit to Wm. McCarty, tract of 81½ acres in suburbs of Newton, for \$109 per acre.

21. One hundred sleds loaded with railroad ties pass through Newton en route to the intersection of the Branchville railroad with the Sussex.

21. John Hyatt, aged 69 years, residing near Warwick, shot himself. The apparent cause for suicide was his failure to discover ore on his farm.

21. Two large boilers explode in Delaware rolling mill, at Phillipsburg, causing a loss of \$40,000, killing George Richards and injuring six other employes.

22. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen elected U. S. Senator from New Jersey.

23. Lewis Writer, at Laytons, desires to leave the store he purchased of L. D. Rosenkrans, on account of ill health.

23. Francis Boner, of Deckertown, placed in jail on a charge of having set fire to barn of Wm. L. Dewitt. The fire was discovered before it had made much progress.

24. Item: The Warren House at Belvidere, recently purchased by John Canfield, was to be managed by Mark Cook, now of the Fountain House, after April 1.

24. By the fall of a scaffolding in the stack of the Long Pond Furnace, at West Milford, Passaic county, fourteen workmen were buried. A son of John Stalter was killed, and all were more or less injured, four receiving broken legs and arms.

24. Aaron Woodruff, aged 69 years, in the employ of A. H. Kennedy, died instantaneously in his barn, whither he had gone but a few moments before in perfect health.

24. John H. Wells and William Watkins dissolve partnership—the former continuing the painting business.

25. Engine "A. S. Hewitt," on Sussex road, which had just been overhauled at the Paterson shops, collapsed a flue at Andover, and passengers hire sleighs for balance of trip to Newton.

25. A profile and map of the P. quest and Wallkill Railroad, from Andover to Warwick, had been completed, and the right of way was being pushed with a view to beginning work in the spring.

25. Concert in Lafayette Presbyterian Church.

26. Fire destroyed hay press of F. H. Bell & Co., and two small buildings adjoining, at Morristown. Loss, \$5,500. Fire supposed to have originated in cinders from a coal burning locomotive on M. & E. R. R.

26. Rev. R. B. Westbrook delivers lecture on "Self-Education and Self-Educated Men," before Franklin Society, at the court house, after which there was a debate between six members of the Society on the question, "Is poverty better calculated to develop the character than riches." Riches won the decision.

26. First number of the Newark Weekly Courier appeared. It was edited by F. E. Patterson.

26. Trains on M. & E. R. R. delayed several hours by engine of Easton express jumping the track between Millburn and Orange. Engineer, fireman and conductor severely injured.

27. Rev. J. L. Nevius, a returned missionary from China, delivers a very interesting talk on that nation and its people, at the Presbyterian church.

27. Presbyterian congregation at Amity, N. Y., had resolved to repair the church and \$3,000 was subscribed on the spot.

27. The Erie was laying a double track on the Delaware division. A force of 300 men was to be increased to 800.

27. Ye editor of THE REGISTER had been at Trenton, and reported that "he had seen the public institutions of that ancient city, and they were Enoch R. Borden, Charles W. Jay, Franklin S. Mills and Aleck M. Johnson. All of them were colonels or corporals by reason of military service, and by reason of varied civil service entitled to have E. Q. and Hon. placed at both ends of their patronymic; yet no well-bred gentleman ever sizzes a handle to their illustrious names, and they were spoken of, even as men in former years, when speaking of Webster, Benton, etc., called them Dan, Tom, and the like."

28. Vestry of Christ Church accepts resignation of Rev. N. Pettit, and adopts resolutions recognizing his long and faithful service.

28. Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, of the Coleville and Libertyville charge, resigns to accept appointment as corresponding secretary of the Philadelphia Temperance Society.

28. It was estimated that the rails for the Middletown and Unionville railroad, which were of foreign manufacture, and to be delivered in the spring, would cost \$75,000. The total weight was 1050 tons. The Company would require \$20,000 worth of cross ties, for which they were paying 60 cents each.

23. A lottery drawn in New York in aid of the "Union Home and School" for which 352,000 tickets had been sold at \$1 each. The occasion was made the subject of many practical jokes. Two Newtonians were victimized by telegrams informing them that one had drawn \$10,000 and the other a carriage and a team of horses. The latter was permitted to enjoy the delusion for about six hours, which he did with a perfect looseness; and the former, after treating his friends, started to New York to secure his greenbacks.

29. John Hayden, the 15 year-old boy who shot teller Marvin, in the Port Jervis bank, tried to kill himself by hanging in Goshen jail.

29. Death of David Ryerson, of Newton, of pneumonia, aged 85 years, 2 months and 20 days. In early life he was a surveyor, and the accuracy of observation and calculation required in the pursuit was carried by him into everything in life. For 26 years he was Collector of the County of Sussex; was president of the Sussex Bank from 1831 to 1865, and a member of the State Council (Senate) in 1829, '30, '31 and '35. He was rigidly just in his dealings and discriminative in his charities. His great wealth was due to dealings in

real estate. He purchased extensive tracts and divided them into farms, selling them to individuals at moderate rates, and giving long terms wherein to make payments. His obituary notice contains not only a proper tribute to his worth as a citizen, but an acknowledgment from B. B. Edsall that his tenacious memory and acquaintance with nearly all the heads of families re-iding in this county at the commencement of the present century, and his reminiscences of the "olden time," were of great value to Mr. Edsall in preparing his Centennial address. Rev. T. B. Coudit preached his funeral sermon. Gov. Ward, ex Gov. Haines, and other public men attended.

29. Gov. Ward nominates Cyrus S. Leport, of Stanhope, for re-appointment as Prosecutor of the Pleas for Sussex county.

29. Among the Legislative proceedings, it was noted that F. M. Ward, of Sussex, had introduced a bill to dam the Delaware. Also a remonstrance from Vernon against raising a tax in that township to pay commutation to drafted men.

30. Coleville and Carpenters Point Turnpike Company elected officers.

30. The Soldiers Children's Home, chartered in 1865, was now ready to receive destitute children, and applicants for admission from Sussex county were directed to Mrs. F. A. Coult, of Newton, one of the vice presidents.

30. Real estate sales: Lot on which the office of THE REGISTER stands to R. B. Westbrook, for \$900, by heirs of John H. Hail. Estate of Daniel P. Case to Morris Hoppongh, house and lot on High street, Newton, \$1,800. Property of Edenville Creamery Association to Peter J. Brown and Daniel Bailey, \$5,500. John Sutton to Benjamin F. Oram, 23 acres of mountain land in Vernon, supposed to cover ore beds, \$4,000. C. K. & J. G. Scott to Samuel Benjamin, 250 acres near Franklin Furnace, \$17,000. J. Greene to New York parties, 70 acres near Wawayanda Furnace, for \$30,000. Some years ago this tract was bought for \$600, but large mineral deposits were afterward discovered.

30-31. Examinations at N. C. I.

30. A pickered supper at Swartswood, for benefit of Rev. J. H. Doremus.

30. Jason Courtright, who stole horse, wagon and harness, from Jesse M. Sharp, at Budds Lake, and then burned the barn to conceal the theft, had been convicted in Morris Courts and his sentence was seven years and four months. He was a native of Sussex, and previously had an excellent character.

30. L. L. Martin and Jesse Titman open a clothing store corner Spring and Moran streets, in building formerly occupied by John McCarter, as a grocery store.

30. Dr. William I. Roe calls for a settlement of accounts, expecting to leave Newton before February 20.

31. Wm. H. H. Davison succeeds Titman & Davison, in clothing business at Newton. Blackman was his cutter.

FEBRUARY.

1. Directors of Camden & Amboy and New Jersey Railroad Companies agree upon consolidation to take effect from January 1 last.

1. Hon. Philip Johnson, representative in Congress from the Northampton (Pa.) district, died at Washington, aged 48. He was a resident of Easton, and a native of Warren county, N. J.

1. Office of THE REGISTER moved to second story of the McCarter building, on High street, over post office and the Merchants National Bank. The building from which the office was just moved was constructed for a printing office in the year 1817. THE REGISTER was printed there for a dozen years, when it was removed to the old Academy building, opposite the Episcopal church. In April, 1836, it was taken back to the old stand, and remained there almost 31 years.

1. Gabriel Post and Jacob M. Grover began a produce commission business, with office at store of W. W. Woodward.

1. Benjamin Rosenkrans, of Flatbrookville, killed a hog which he had purchased of Peter Ackerson, and which weighed 691 lbs. It was sold to William Wallace, of

Stroudsburg.

1. Concert in Lafayette Presbyterian church.

3. Elder J. T. Waterhouse, of Massachusetts, preached in Baleville church.

4. Morris County Temperance Society organized at Morristown.

3. After two months of freezing weather a February thaw appears with lightning, rain and southerly winds, which melted the vast body of snow, and made travel almost impossible.

4. John Kelsey elected a director of the Sussex National Bank to fill vacancy caused by death of David Ryerson. At the same time the salaries of Charles A. Crispe, bookkeeper, and George S. McCarter, teller, were each increased \$100 per annum.

4. Hon. George T. Cobb had agreed to give a lot worth \$10,000 for a public school in Morristown, and add an endowment of \$10,000. The wish was expressed that Newton had such a benefactor, and such a school.

4. Sussex Mutual held annual meeting at Hoppage's hotel. The losses of the year aggregated \$2,988.65, and the number of policies in force was 1054.

5. F. M. Ward introduces in the Assembly a bill to incorporate Sussex County Savings Bank.

5. Real estate sales: George Conklin to Oliver B. Wintermute and Virgil H. Crisman, 106 acres in Lafayette township, for \$90 per acre. Thomas N. McCarter to Dr. Franklin Smith, mansion and appurtenances on Main street, Newton, for \$18,000. Andrew Shiner to E. C. Moore, brick house on Trinity street, \$11,000. Richard W. VanAnken to Elijah Rosenkrans, old M. E. Church property on Division street, for \$2,200. Mrs. Samuel D. Smith to Wm. Fox, of Newton, grist mill in Pahaquary tsp., Warren county, \$3,000. George H. Nelden one-half interest in foundry building, corner Spring and Moran streets, to his nephew, George Nelden, \$7,000.

6. William Watkins "goes it alone" and John A. Bernard is with him, on Moran street.

6. At this time there were 7,331 colored men in New Jersey over 21 years of age, who would be qualified to vote if the test cases in the State courts proved favorable. Sussex had 103; Warren, 126; Morris, 209.

6. Nominations of Geo. M. Robeson as attorney-general and Charles P. Smith as clerk of the Supreme Court, confirmed by State Senate.

7. The withdrawal of Rev. R. B. Westbrook from the Presbyterian church was a matter for gossip. He had begun the practice of law in New York city.

7-8. Rev. Mr. Nevius delivers two more lectures on China.

9. Rev. Samuel Y. Monroe, of the Newark M. E. Conference, a widely-known and earnest preacher, fell from platform of rear car of a train just as it entered Bergen cut, near Jersey City, and was killed. It was supposed that he was seized with vertigo and had sought the platform for relief.

9. Death of Col. Nathaniel Mott, at Rockaway, aged 62 years. He was a prominent citizen and widely known as an insurance agent.

10. Abram C. Hopkins had bought and taken possession of the grocery business of Robert Hopkins, opposite Anderson House.

10. John F. Dunn had become a member of the firm of L. Edwards & Son, under the firm name of Edwards & Dunn, and arrangements had been made to enlarge the establishment.

10. A wild cat killed under the barn of Isaac M. Coursen, south of Marksboro, by the aid of two men and a dog.

10. Stephen Young died at Malapardie, Morris county, aged nearly 93 years. His father was a carpenter, and was drowned by being blown by a severe gale from the first bridge ever built across the Passaic river, at Newark, in 1792 or '93, the son being at his side at the time. Mr. Young left a diary, commencing 1793, which was said to be very minute in reference to

neighborhood, county and state matters, and contained so much information of value that arrangements were proposed to have it preserved in permanent shape. Was it so done?

11. Sussex railroad changes its morning train to 6:15 in order to connect with Hackettstown mail.

11. Crinis Bloom, of Stillwater, aged 65, dies suddenly while sitting in his chair.

12. Citizens of Morristown by vote of 273 to 104 resolve to raise by tax \$30,000 for the erection of a public school building. A vote of thanks passed to Hon. George T. Cobb for his liberal donation.

14. John Whitehead, Esq., of Morris town, billed to lecture at Branchville Subject: "A battle and its consequences." On account of storm he could get no farther than Newton.

14. William Conly was the artist at Edwards' photo gallery.

14. H. B. Strait, Sparta, announces his intention to retire from business on April 1st.

14. Dr. J. S. Campbell has a new dental office over Edwards & Dunn's stove store.

14. Festival in Lafayette Presbyterian church.

14. Moses B. Northrup was gathering material for rebuilding the Newton steam mill in more substantial form.

14. Isaac Swisher, of Blairstown, found dead between Blairstown and Hope, in such a position as to justify the belief that while intoxicated he had fallen from his wagon and broken his neck.

14. Real estate sales: Isaac Stickle to John Durling, 105 acres in Andover tsp., at \$97 per acre; a wood lot of 34 acres to John Ackerman, for \$85 per acre; and another of ten acres to John Onsted, for \$61 per acre. Rev. John Faulstich to Rev. Levi Morse, house and lot on Liberty street, Newton, \$2,000. Moses H. McCollum to Halsey Coykendall, house and lot on Halsted street, \$1,750. Margaret A. Angle to Moses C. West, house and lot on Hamilton street, \$1,200.

15. Music class of E. I. Mohr gives an exhibition.

15. John Kays, residing near Plane 8, Stewartsville, Warren county, returned home at noon from his work and found the table set but his wife absent; he ate his dinner and returned to work. In the evening Mrs. Kays still being absent, inquiry was made of the neighbors. A colored girl named Burr had visited the house in the afternoon, and was met by a man named Babcock, who refused to allow her to enter and drove her away by threats. Search was then made and the dead body of Mrs. Kays, with her head crushed, was found in a vault leading to a sub-cellar. Gov. Ward offered a reward of \$300 for apprehension of the murderer.

14-16. Two rows at Stanhope. A boatman who had boasted that he could whip any three of the Irish laborers who were then engaged in widening the deep cut on the M. & E. R. L., tested his muscle in Dean's tavern with five or six laborers who had hunted up the boaster. With aid of friends the Irish assailants were repulsed. On the night of the 16th the Irishmen again attacked the man in his boat lying in the canal basin. He shot off three fingers of one of his assailants, and then ran away.

17. Jacob Vaughan, aged 65 years, a farmer of Sparta tsp., in good circumstances, hangs himself in his barn. He had been a great sufferer from dyspepsia.

17. Revivals were in progress in the M. E. Churches of Newton and Dover. About 20 persons in the former and 50 in the latter had professed conversion. The Centenary offerings of the Newton church had been increased to \$1,200.

18. S. R. White, of Andover, complains of assaults because he circulated a petition prohibiting the sale of liquor on election days, and for a reduction of interest rate.

18. Miss Sarah E. Cooley, of West Milford tsp., Passaic county, died suddenly this evening, from rheumatic attack of the heart. She was to have been married on the following morning.

19. Abraham Cooper, aged 60 years, residing near Sparrowbush, N. Y., drove to Germantown, with Dr. Paul Smith's horse. After eating dinner Cooper attempted to get into the wagon, when the horse became frightened and ran, striking and upsetting the well curb; Cooper fell into the well breaking his neck.

18. Parsonage farm of Episcopal church offered at public sale.

20. Personal property of the late Joseph Greer sold. There was great strife to obtain the lot of extra rye and apple whisky advertised for sale. Some eight gallons of apple whisky brought \$9.25 per gallon; twenty-three of pure rye, nine years old, sold at \$18.75 per gallon. The purchaser was Charles Crook, who was acting for Dr. John R. Stuart.

20. John G. Trusdell has purchased the hotel at the head of Washington Park, Essex county.

20. Depute S. Miller, aged 60, was under bail at Stroudsburg, in the sum of \$10,000, charged with having embezzled \$50,000 of the funds of the Stroudsburg, (Pa.) Bank, of which he was President until a year ago, when he removed to Manhattan, Kansas, where he bought a farm and married a young wife. Officers from Pennsylvania brought Miller from Kansas, and two weeks later he was honorably acquitted. There was not a particle of evidence to sustain the charge of embezzlement, and the Bank made good his loss in time, expense, etc., occurred by the arrest.

20. John J. Backster, David Monroe, B. D. Howell, William Howell and John D. Morris, at Lafayette, announce that they will adopt ready-pay system on March 1.

21. David W. Smith, having secured more room for his business, quotes some prices: Sugar, from 90c. for seven pounds of yellow, to \$1.20 for Stuart's crushed; N. O. molasses, 90c. @ \$1.10 gallon; best Young Hyon tea, \$2; chewing tobacco, 60c. @ \$1 lb; Havana smoking, 60c.

21. George W. Greer has a large sale at Franklin Furnace, which included some bank furniture, safe, desks, etc., and \$2,500 worth of liquors.

21. Rev. T. B. Condit and wife celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage, at the Stillwater Presbyterian parsonage. It was a donation event.

21. Real estate sales: Henry D. Martin to James Northrup, the "Osborne Lot" in Frankford, \$3,000. Peter Bale to Joseph F. Durling, 185 acres in Frelighbushen for \$13,850.25. John W. Campbell to N. T. Martin, 130 acres near Warwick, \$13,000. William B. Slater to B. D. Howell, hotel property at Lafayette. William S. McCoy to Ira C. Moore, house and lot on Mill street, Newton, \$1,330. David M. Langdon to Ira C. Moore, house on Madison street. David L. Cautrell to Mrs. Mary Chambers, house on Madison street.

21. At the "silver wedding" in Stillwater, S. S. Stevens, of Blairstown Academy, on behalf of friends, presented Rev. T. B. Condit and wife with \$325.

22. Friends of Goshen and Deckertown Railroad met at Florida. \$30,000 additional was subscribed.

24. A great revival at Bonton had resulted in 150 conversions in the M. E. Church, necessitating building of a larger church.

25. Bridget Durkan murders Mrs. Mary E. Coriell, in Middlesex county. It was one of the most fiendish acts ever known, the incentive being revenge for dismissal from service; twenty-three knife wounds were made by the monster, who also tried to kill her victim by biting her in the neck.

25. Vestry of Christ Church had sent an unanimous call to Rev. Hannibal Goodwin, of San Francisco.

25. George G. Brown, of Jersey City, a brother of Peter J. Brown, of Vernon, died suddenly. He was to have been married on the 27th, and the shock to his affluence caused her to lose her reason.

27. Supreme Court admits to practice ten attorneys and eight counsellors. Among the former were Wm. T. Leport, of Stanhope, and Lewis J. Martin, of New-

ton.

27. John Linn, Esq., of Newton, admitted to practice in U. S. Supreme Court.

27. Lyman Edward, James A. Edwards and John F. Duan announce partnership.

27. Stoll & Duan advertise "misprint" calicoes at 12½ cents yard.

27. Legislature in joint meeting appoints Common Pleas Judge: William McDanolds, Sussex; Jesse Stewart, Jr., Warren; Lewis B. Cobb, Morris.

27. County Temperance Association met at Newton.

28. Young people give exhibition in Lafayette M. E. Church.

28. The only legislative news of local interest was the passage of the bill to incorporate the Sussex Valley Railroad, 54 to 0. Supplement to Sussex Mine Railroad was postponed indefinitely. Mr. Cobb presented a petition from citizens of Sussex asking for the passage of a law forbidding the use of colored tickets at elections.

28. Real estate sales: Bradner Perry to John W. Campbell, 185 acres in Vernon township, \$14,625. Alanson Kirk to Sylvester Giveans, hotel property at Westtown, \$2,425. William Campbell, Jr., to Thomas Dekay, hotel at New Milford, \$4,000. John Larue to William Campbell, Jr., farm near New Milford, \$11,000.

#### MARCH.

1. Major William Slivey and wife (see Eliza Davis) celebrate golden wedding at Newark. Two other venerable couples who had reached the 50th anniversaries of their married lives were present. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. McIlvaine, Rev. Dr. Fish, and Courtlandt Parker, Esq.

1. S. VanDeren and John Ayers retire from firm of S. VanDeren & Co. Thomas C. Elston, the other partner, continues the meat business in rooms next to M. E. Church.

1. A man named Lewis brought from Swartswood to Newton a pickerel-measuring 27 inches and weighing full 8½. This giant of the lake eclipsed one caught three weeks previous in the same lake, by Wm. Cortelyou, which weighed 7½. 11 oz. and measured 26 inches in length. Compared with catches of the present day this would tend to show that stocking the lakes does not improve the weight of fish. Lewis disposed of his fish by raffia, realizing \$4. Henry M. Ward's throw took the prize. Subsequently "for divers good and sufficient reasons him thereunto moving," Ward made over the possession of the fish to George Harden.

1. A Presidential proclamation announces the admission of Nebraska as the 37th state of the Union.

1. Prof. Isaiah Peckham, of Newark, delivered lecture at Branchville. Subject, "Authorship."

2. "Conly Family," two brothers and two sisters, give concert at Hope.

2. U. S. Senate rejects all Internal Revenue appointments made in New Jersey, at dictation of A. J. Rivers, also the nominations of Henry C. Kelsey, as postmaster at Newton, and A. H. Staubsborough at Morristown. Staubsborough did not get possession, but Kelsey had had three months of official life. O. B. Pellet was a candidate for re-appointment, but the President chose John F. Conger.

3. John McDouneil, a mason, found dead in Madison. While intoxicated he fell face foremost into a mudhole near junction of railroad and turnpike, and had smothered to death.

4. Rev. Ruben VanSyckle died at Sparta, aged 44 years.

4. The 40th Congress organized immediately after adjournment of the 39th.

4. Christopher Snyder alias Charles Haight, is discharged from custody at Belvidere. He had been arrested at Vineyard, N. J., as the murderer of Mrs. Margaret Kays, at Stewartsville, on February 15. He proved an alibi, though a trackmaster on the M. & E. testified that he saw the man near Stewartsville, on the day of the murder. Snyder was known as "a bad man," and had three wives living.

4. George R. McCarter, for several years local editor of the New Jersey Herald, dissolved his connection with that journal.

4. Couse & Woodruff sell their hardware business to Nelden & Bodine, and transfer their office to Stuart's drug store.

5. Missionary service in Newton M. E. Church, at which the speakers were Rev. Dr. Westbrook, Rev. John D. Blaine, of California, and Rev. John Faull. \$200 was raised for Missions and \$50 for Church Extension.

5. Robert M. Gray, of Fredon, was boasting of gathering from one acre of ground, last season, 2½ tons of good clover hay, and realizing four bushels and four quarts of seed from the second growth.

5. Oliver Norman, an old offender, was in jail upon a charge of breaking into a distillery and helping himself to whisky, besides allowing a quantity to run to waste. Another resident of Sparta tsp., named Stewart, kept him company on a charge of assault and threats to destroy life.

5. Mrs. Ann R. Stoll, aged 70 years, found dead in her room at Hamburg. There were bruises upon her person, and a story of murder was in circulation, which had no foundation. She unfortunately became deranged and died in a paroxysm of insanity.

5. New house of Henry L. Spicer, on Union street, Morristown, burned by an incendiary.

7. Nathan Smith, aged 17 years, a son of Sheriff James Smith, of Newton, stepped through the open bottom of a coal car on the Erie railroad, near Gosher, and was killed.

7. Charles F. Browne, so well known as "Artemus Ward," died at Southampton, England, whether he had gone in search of health. He was a printer by trade, and at the head of American humorists.

9. Examination of teachers at court house.

10. Benjamin Hornbeck, of Montague, is searching for the thief who took his horse, wagon and harness.

13. Elias F. Morrow, for some time past, assistant principal at the Newton Collegiate Institute, leaves town to accept principalship of High School at Rahway.

14. Real estate sales: Effie Beemer to James W. Elston, storehouse in Deckertown, \$1,350. Moses Stoll to Samuel Benjamin, house and lot in Deckertown, \$2,000. William McBride to Henry Whitaker, share in Chardavoyne hotel property in Deckertown. E. C. Moore to trustees of Newton district of the Newark M. E. Conference, house and four acres of land on Water street, Newton, \$7,000. N. B. Giveans to Samuel Drew, 75 acres in Vernon, \$6,000. Azariah Martin, Jr., to N. B. Giveans, 200 acres in Vernon, \$14,000.

18. Public meeting at court house to devise ways and means for alleviating distress in Southern States caused by unprecedented death. The Government had appropriated \$1,000,000.

7. Son of William Miller, aged 12 years, killed by a tree which his father was felling on Schooley's mountain.

11. Edwin C. Buckley, aged 36 years, of imprudent act. Two days before his Independence tsp., died from effects of an death, the day being warm, he pulled off his undershirt, and went out to work. Being further heated by labor, he sat down to rest, and cool off. Soon after he was seized with fits, and died.

12. A fatal horse disease was prevalent at Mendham, Morris county.

13. W. R. Mattison announces contemplated removal of bookstore, on April 1, to new brick building next to M. E. Church.

14. Jason Tuttle's address was Bevans, Sussex county, where he had another scheme of "distribution."

14. Orange county farmers were abandoning butter making on the plea that the selling of milk was more profitable.

14. J. S. Pierson, at the hay press in Newton, offered \$10 per ton for long rye straw, and \$8 for machine threshed.

15. Jacob Hornbeck recovers his horse

and wagon stolen on March 9. The thief was arrested in New York city, and while being taken to Suffolk county jail, on another charge, jumped from a car window, broke his ankle, crawled about a mile, stole another horse and wagon, and got off eight miles before he was re-arrested and placed in Queens county jail. He was an old offender.

15. Hiram Woodruff, the most noted horseman of the age, died at his residence on Long Island.

16-17. A snow storm and cold weather brings three or four days of sleighing.

18. Beach Vanderpool elected president of M. & E. R. R. to succeed William Wright, deceased.

18. John F. Conger confirmed by U. S. Senate, as postmaster at Newton.

18. Telegraph office in Newton removed to drugstore of Havens & Dunning.

18. William R. Mattison, of Newton, late Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel of Second N. Y. Cavalry, offered a commission as 1st Lieutenant in 8th Regular Cavalry.

19. John Hagar, of Phillipsburg, brakeman, killed by falling from his train near Millburn.

19. U. S. Senate confirms nomination of J. Boyd Headley, of Morristown, as Collector of Revenue in Fourth district, and Benj. F. Robinson, of Bergen, as Assessor.

19. Albert DeHart, of Walnut Grove killed near Dover, while hauling iron ore.

20. Lewis J. Martin had opened a law office in Branchville.

20. Newark M. E. Conference met in St. Paul's Church, Totteville, S. I. It adjourned on the 26th. Rev. J. N. Fitzerald was appointed to Newton, the retiring pastor, Rev. R. B. Yard, did not take an appointment. The location of the Conference Seminary was vigorously discussed, and the matter finally referred to a committee of five ministers and five laymen, who were to examine sites, etc., and report to a convention to be held in St. Paul's Church, Newark, on June 19.

20. Senate passed bill to authorize Christ Church, Newton, to convey certain lands; House passed bill to change the name of the M. E. Church in Vernon. The latter body, after a thorough discussion of a report favoring the propriety of allowing females to vote, postponed the matter indefinitely by a vote of 32 to 23. By a vote of 14 to 7 Senate passed Morris Canal bill which fixed the yearly sum to be paid to the State at \$25,000.

20. John Kraber and J. Lewis Smith form partnership in undertaking business, at Newton.

20. Hough & Lepore offer best Imperial tea at \$2 per pound.

20. Newark Savings Institution pays depositors six per cent. interest.

20. Wesley A. Maine publishes analysis of Stillwater lime, made by Professor Cook.

20. Work of arching the Bergen tunnel with brick and iron was in progress.

20. Will of David Ryerson devised \$8,000 toward purchasing old Presbyterian church, lot and appurtenances, to be turned over to a new board of trustees and continued as a place of public worship for a second Presbyterian church; if the property could not be purchased then the \$8,000 was to go towards building a new church in another location, provided this was accepted within three years of the demise of the testator. A lot of six acres on the hill back of David L. Foster's and \$500 in money was devised to the N. C. I., on condition that the real estate be cleared and kept free from incumbrance, and the "scholarships" be canceled within three years.

21. Real estate sales: Henry Steffen to Martha Buchanan, house and lot in Sandyston, \$1,000. Henry D. Chapin and others to David Ward, "Pitney lot" in Byram, \$2,000. Phebe L. Reed to William Osborne, 94 acres in Sparta, \$5,634.60.

21. Evidence of high prices was found in vendue sales. George W. Houston, of Vernon, sold 20 cows at an average of \$82. For 30 tons of hay \$600 was realized. Sam-

uel Denton, of New Milford, sold a yoke of oxen for \$375

21. Gov. Ward approved new school law, which revolutionized the old system, and required townships to raise by tax not more than \$1 nor less than \$2 for each child of school age.

22. Ira Bush arrested in Port Jervis on a charge of showing counterfeit money. He had \$240 in his possession, and \$300 more in currency was found in his residence. He was well known in portions of Sussex, but had latterly resided in Port Jervis, where he had flourished as a church elder and Sabbath school superintendent.

24. Mounq Kvau, a native of Barmah, delivered lecture in Presbyterian church, Newton.

24. Rev. W. C. Nelson preaches his farewell sermon at Lafayette.

25. House passed a number of local bills, including bill to pay bounties in Vernon township; to incorporate Newton Library Association, and the Hackett-town Mutual Insurance Company.

25. Snyder & Collyer had enlarged storeroom and added a stock of general merchandises to their former trade in boots, shoes and furnishings.

25-29. Examination and public rehearsal at Stillwater parochial school. It was announced that at the Spring term Rev. Henry Rinker would provide board in the village for students living at a distance.

26. Concert in Court House by local talent, under direction of E. I. Mohr, nets \$61 for Southern Relief Fund.

27. Jacob H. Shuman, Sparta, announces purchase of the undertaking business of E. K. Sanford.

27. Dr. John J. Case had moved into rooms in the new building of the Merchants National Bank.

27. Theo. B. Ross was introducing the original calendar clock.

27. House rejects scheme to improve and monopolize the Delaware river, \$5 to 19. To pay interest on State debt a tax of \$11,281.44 was imposed upon Sussex county; \$16,529.14 on Warren, and \$18,855.50 on Morris.

27. George H. Coursen had sold 20,000 Kittatinny blackberry plants at \$500 per thousand.

27. Boston Franklinite Company reports that on March 1, its liabilities were \$155,513.44; capital stock, paid in cash, \$113,000; assets deemed good, \$270,000.

28. Real estate sales: Simeon G. Hankinson to Wm. E. Lewis, lot along Paulinekill, \$900. Solomon Roe to Austin Carpenter, 100 acres in Frankford, \$6,000. Andrew J. Anderson exchanged property purchased of Willard E. Stoll, with Bowdewine D. Howell for Slater hotel at Lafayette and \$2,300 to boot.

28. Isaac Bonnell, of Montague, furnishes facts and figures to demonstrate that making butter is more profitable to Sussex farmers than selling milk. He says churning the milk, and the feeding of calves and pigs is less labor than carting milk five miles to some railroad station.

28. Real estate changes: Joseph P. Hill stone house farm on Springdale road, to Robert and George Shotwell, for \$20,000. Estate of Jacob C. Snook, to Dr. J. L. Allen, farm near Lafayette, \$75 per acre.

28. Report of Hardwick Mutual meeting, held on January 7, shows 1,057 policies outstanding, insuring property valued at \$1,445,999; whole amount of premium notes, \$50,076.

29. Musical convention held under direction of H. J. Rudd closes with a concert by 60 singers, in Presbyterian church. Mr. Rudd was then only a temporary resident.

30. John Dovell has an auction on the Canfield farm, and removes to Newark.

30. David Vickers, brother-in-law of Gen. Kilpatrick, had returned from Chili, to work up a railroad project under a concession from the Chilian government.

30. Republicans of Newton nominate a straight ticket for the election April 8.

30. W. W. Cox and S. M. Coykendall request descendants of Andrew Wilson, Sr., late of the township of Wantage, to

meet in Deckertown, on May 1 next, to form an association to prosecute claim for an estate in England.

31. Residence of Solomon McKeeby in Montague, destroyed by fire originating from defective stove pipe. Mr. McKeeby was absent at the time, and lost all his furniture, besides his dwelling, valued at \$2,500; he was without insurance. Jacob Nyce, who occupied a portion of the dwelling, saved nearly all his household effects.

31. Rev. R. B. Yard delivers parting sermon to congregation of Newton M. E. Church.

APRIL.

1. John A. Gordon, blacksmith, opens business in the shops formerly occupied by Wm. Vanderhoff.

1. Ackerman & Stage dissolve partnership at Vernon, the former retiring.

1. John F. Conger becomes a partner of W. R. Mattison, in the Newton bookstore, which is removed to the new Rinker building.

1. Mrs. Julia A. Stoll opens millinery store at Sparta, formerly occupied by Mrs. Carmichael.

1. E. K. Sanford succeeds Lewis Heater in furniture and undertaking business at Deckertown.

1. Nelden & Shaw remove drugstore to the Rinker building, adjoining M. E. Church, and adopt name of "Park drug store."

1. Jacobs & Brother open a cloth store in rooms formerly occupied by Nelden & Shaw, on High street.

1. Couft & Anderson remove law offices to Rinker building.

1. James R. Hull removes his leather store to second story of old Raynor building, over store of Rosenkrans Bros.

1. Job. E. Woodruff resumes charge of his old business, and Morris Hoppage is about to open a grocery in basement of Merchants Bank building.

1. Truex, Dennis & Co. dissolve and are succeeded by Robert H. Howell and Oakley B. Pellet, who begin a hardware business.

1. The store room in the McCarter building, vacated by Merchants National Bank, is opened by Ira C. Moore and John Trusdell as a tea and coffee store.

1. J. W. B. Lewis and D. H. VanSickle, boot and shoe dealers, dissolve, and the former continues business next door to Nelden & Bodine's foundry.

1. Reuben Hayne retires from partnership in management of the Cochran House, B. F. Sherwood continuing as sole manager.

1. Henry M. Ward retires from partnership with his father, and is succeeded by Elias D. Goodrich.

1. Gold selling at 134 1/2.

1. James W. Crigar, James W. Lewis and Joseph Warbase, commission buyers, with office at Snyder & Collyer's.

1. Announcement that Russia had ceded Alaska to the United States, for \$7,000,000. THE REGISTER editorially condemned the treaty, and hoped the Senate would repudiate it as it could not by any possibility be of any benefit to the U. S., but rather a trouble and a curse. The gold discovers have since made Alaska one of the most desirable acquisitions, and this fact is pertinent at this time, as showing that human foresight does not always tend in the right direction.

1. A strike for increase of wages, from \$1.65 @ \$1.75 per day to \$2, began at Dickerson mine, in Morris county. It spread rapidly through all the mines of that region, some 200 men armed with clubs compelling the unwilling to cease work, and promise not to resume until pay was increased. Teamsters were also stopped from carting ore. Some 1,500 men stopped work, and on the 4th about 250 of them in a procession marching eight to ten abreast, passed through Dover. All were armed with big sticks. Other gangs closed up the Hurdtown mines the same night, and on the 5th they visited the Ogden mine in Sussex county. A public meeting was held at Port Oram on the 6th, but up to the 9th no disturbance had occurred.

Gov. Ward had directed one of the veteran companies of Newark to be held in readiness to suppress riotous disturbances.

2. Justice Dairyple opens the Sussex Courts. Thirty-four tavern licenses were granted.

4. Ephraim Lindsley confirmed as postmaster at Dover.

4. Investigation as to source of tender of a commission in the regular army to Major W. R. Mattison, of Newton, showed that it had been made by Gen. Grant, with the endorsement: "his own record is his recommendation."

5. John Kelsey, father of Henry C. Kelsey, died in Green township, at the age of 58 years. He was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens and very extensively known as a generous as well as a just man.

8. State Board of Education met at Trenton and organized under the new law.

8. Township elections. The chief interest centered in Newton, where a Union ticket beat the straight Democratic ticket by majorities ranging from 18 to 20. Lewis VanBlarcom was elected Town Clerk, Peter Cannon, assessor; James L. Northrup, collector; B. B. Edsall and D. S. Anderson, freeholders; S. H. Bodine, street commissioner. \$1,500 was voted for road money, \$400 for town money, and \$2 per scholar for school money.

9. Martin & Titman had bought out W. H. H. Davison, and taken possession, while Stewart & Campbell had moved into the store vacated by Titman & Martin, corner Moran street.

9. Annual meeting of Newton Fire Department. Charles P. Rorbaoh chosen president; Ira C. Moore and James R. Hull, managers; Thomas C. Elston, secretary; Peter Cannon, assessor; James L. Northrup, treasurer and collector. The sum of \$1,500 had been asked to build one or more engine houses, etc., but only \$500 was voted. A resolution was adopted to sell the engine known as No. 7, for the best price that could be obtained, and appropriate proceeds to the department.

9. A rule was returnable on this date to show cause why a fine of \$16 should not be imposed on each of six jurymen who had failed to report.

10. The Incidental bill in the Legislature amounted to over \$16,000, or about \$260 for each member. Each Senator had been supplied with \$7 worth of pen knives, and it was estimated that the stationery supplied would require the writing each day of 100 letters by each representative. No wonder they could not work more than three days each week.

10-12. Examinations at N. C. I.

8. John L. Lawrence, aged 30 years, formerly of this county, drowned at Bridgeport, Ala., by accidentally falling overboard from the deck of a steambot on which he was employed as express messenger. His body was not found until the 21st inst., and then 60 miles down the river from where he fell overboard. Deceased served three years in Company B, 21 N. J. Vols., and after an honorable discharge in 1864, remained in Nashville, in the Quartermaster's department, gaining a commission as Lieutenant when Hood tried to capture the city.

8. Presbytery of Rockaway met at Whippany; opened with sermon by Rev. Charles Milne, of Stanhope, then under appointment as Consul to Bolivia, South America. Rev. Andrew Tully received from Presbytery of New Brunswick, and arrangements made for his settlement over the congregation at Bemerville. Rev. Alanson A. Haines received from Presbytery of Long Island; he was then supplying the North Hardyston Church.

9. Robert Quick, aged 85 years, of Oxford township, Warren county, hanged himself in his barn. The act was due to the recent failure in business of his son, John Quick, for whom the father was security for a large amount. In an effort to secure the nomination for Sheriff, last fall, he had obtained his father's endorsements and borrowed money in the Washington and Belvidere banks, and on other security, to an amount estimated at \$30.

000. The son absconded on the 1st inst., and on the 8th writes were served on the father which would sweep away his entire possessions.

10. Both newspapers at Belvidere had new proprietors. Wm. Burgess, late of Wyoming, Pa., had assumed charge of the Intelligencer, and Adam Bellis, late of the Hunterdon Democrat, was the new proprietor of the Journal.

10. Struble & McDougl, at Branchville, were taking the lead among tradesmen of that village.

10. This morning, in consequence of a disagreement between the railroad managers and the freighters of Newton, 18 famishing calves were turned loose in the streets of Newton. Neither of the parties interested would take care of the inoffensive brutes.

10. Misses E. J. Woodruff and M. M. Fitch solicit fine sewing.

11. Levi H. Truex was preparing to open a store in the building adjoining Woodward's store on Main street.

11. A. A. Vance had been renominated and confirmed as postmaster at Morris-town.

11. Gov. Ward nominates a commission to revise the complicated tax laws of the State.

11. Act of the Legislature approved on this date increases pay of chosen freeholders for each day's service from \$1 to \$2.

11. April term of Court closed. Among the criminal items was the sentence of Oliver Norman to eight years in State prison, this making the fifth time the Sheriff had escorted Oliver to Trenton. One victim of petty larceny was discovered in the morning in the act of stealing, was pursued, overtaken, and brought to Newton while the grand jury was in session, indicted, charged and remanded to jail before noon of the same day.

12. The great strike of miners in Morris county had failed, and most of the men had returned to work at old wages. It was conceded that \$1.65 was a low figure, but the men erred in not placing their demand for \$3 in a proper way before their employers. No disorderly acts marred the conduct of the miners.

12. Note made of the death of a Welshman, known as Daddy Williams, at the age of 70, who lived alone in a little hut within 200 yards of the village of Milford, Pike county, Pa., and who had not been any nearer to it in sixteen years. He was at one time a leading member of the M. E. Church of Milford, but in an evil hour he attempted criminal assault on a sister in the congregation. He was expelled from communion, and then went to live in the hut mentioned above, within halting distance of the village, though never once going near it. He died a pauper, having thrown himself on the town, yet a large quantity of gold was found secreted in the hovel, and on his person.

12. Legislature adjourned, after defeat of the proposition to strike the word "white" from the Constitution. The vote was 38 to 20, thirteen Republicans voting nay with the Democrats. Governor Ward vetoed the incidental bill, but the members having taken the plunder passed the bill over the veto.

13. Town Committee of Newton raises the school tax to \$3 per scholar, the vote at the township election of \$2 being a plurality instead of majority.

13. John C. Metler, aged 96 years, accidentally killed by a train at depot in Phillipsburg. He was a former resident of Easton, but for some years past had resided in the west, and had but recently arrived in Easton on a visit to relatives, having walked the whole distance of several hundred miles.

14. Hattie M. Beebe, aged 23 years, daughter of G. J. Beebe, a former editor of the New Jersey Herald, fatally shot herself with a pistol at her home in Middletown, N. Y., while the family were absent at church. Deceased was born in Newton, and was early left without a mother. After her father's second marriage she was sent to a school in Phila-

delphia, and subsequently to an insane asylum at Bennington, Vt., but her grandfather had her brought back home, and she was an inmate of his family most of the time until her death.

15. William Nicholson, State Agent of the Grand Division, S. of T., addressed meeting in Newton; on the 16th at Branchville; 17th at Deckertown; 18th at Sparta; 19th at Stanhope.

15. John W. Lane resumes his duties as U. S. Deputy Assessor, vice Garret Vanhorn, removed.

15. Charles G. Hoagland, for three terms a member of the Legislature, died at Blairstown, aged 66 years.

15. Daniel Ryan died at Stanhope, from injuries received on train, near Dover or Drakeville. He and a companion were stealing a ride on a coal train; and he was precipitated to the track by the falling out of the bottom of a coal car.

15. On complaint of fires originating from locomotives the M. & E. had twenty watchmen stationed between Hackettstown and Dover.

15. Flags displayed at half-mast in memory of the late President Lincoln.

16. Festival at Brick House in aid of family of Solomon McKeely's family, recently deprived of home and clothing by fire.

16. Drs. D. L. Duncan and C. R. Neiden form partnership. Office over Mattison's bookstore.

16. The public school system in Newton received its start on this date. At the annual school meeting under the new law, held in the court house, after the law had been explained by Joseph Coult, one of the Trustees of the District, and remarks made by various persons, it was stated that the income and resources of the District would reach nearly \$3,000, and there was a balance of \$700 from last year. John C. Williams moved that the Trustees be authorized to purchase a lot and erect a school house large enough to accommodate all the children of the District, and contract to pay for the same in yearly installments, to be raised by taxation. The motion being seconded, a general discussion arose. It was estimated that the cost of keeping a public school free for one year, and providing accommodation for all who might attend, would be \$4,500. Judge Ryerson advocated postponement of building one year, meanwhile renting buildings, and also urged the appointment of a committee to see Alfred L. Dennis, in the hope that his gift of \$25,000 for the Newton Library Association, might be modified to aid popular education. His resolution was adopted, and Robert Hamilton, Thomas Ryerson, David Thompson, John Linn, John McCarter and Joseph Coult were appointed to confer with Mr. Dennis. Mr. Williams withdrew his resolution relative to purchasing a lot, etc., and offered a substitute which would give the trustees discretionary power. Rejected. John McCarter moved that the trustees be empowered and required to provide a suitable place or places for a district school, and to keep it free the whole school year. Seconded by several, and unanimously adopted. On motion of Judge Ryerson it was unanimously voted that the full sum of \$4 per scholar be raised.

17. Miss Mary Potter opens dressmaking in rooms over Whitaker's store, Deckertown.

17. Enoch A. Ayres died at his home in Wantage. He had just completed his second term of five years as a Common Pleas Judge in the Sussex Courts.

18. The Sussex Boot and Shoe Co. was a new thing, and was run next to the Red Flag Store, by Mr. Shaw, late from Tennessee, Rodman M. Cummins, of Jersey City, and L. D. Rosenkrans.

18. Morris Hoppaugh and Lewis R. Morris announce a partnership dating from April 1.

18. John McCarter's grocery was now located in the basement of the building corner Spring and Moran streets.

18. The Court of Errors had recently decided that the Warren Railroad must

pay the Town of Belvidere a tax bill, which had been in litigation, and which with interest, amounted to \$26,000.

18. Dr. V. M. Swayze, of Easton, had exchanged 280 acres of land in Indiana, 170 miles by railroad west of Cincinnati, for the farm of Alanson Lyon, in Hardy-ston township, containing 115 acres.

19. State Board of Education elects County Superintendents. Rev. N. Pettit, for Sussex; R. H. DeHart, Morris; William Holt, Warren. The rivals of Rev. Mr. Pettit were Rev. T. B. Condit, Moses Stoll and C. H. M. Angls.

19. A circular issued by State Superintendent Appar nullified the action of Newton School district, in regard to raising additional money for school purposes. Under the new law that could not be done until District Clerks were appointed.

19. A colored girl named Briss, aged 16 years, whose father resided at Stewartsville, was arrested by a detective on suspicion of being the murderer of Mrs. Kays. It will be remembered that the girl said she went to the house and was driven away by a strange man. Nothing could be proven against the girl and she was discharged. She had stolen a dress pattern from Mrs. Kays, and it was believed that she had sought revenge for exposure.

22. A destructive tornado passes thro' Hampton, Newton and Andover townships. It began with first regular thunder storm of the season, and though of brief duration was very violent. Hall fell profusely north and west of Newton, and that was of great size. The tornado, or whirlwind, was the chief feature, and passed from west to east in a huge funnel shaped mass, swaying, surging, and forcing its way, with rapid progress and fearful power. Its direction was over E. R. Goble's farm in Stillwater, but its destructive energy did not begin until this side of Fredon. A whole orchard owned by C. B. VanSyckle was uprooted, 300 panels of fence prostrated and his cowhouse unroofed. The old school house on the Easton road was unroofed, a fine tract of timber owned by Aaron Griggs uprooted and all the trees and fences in the track of the tornado from that point to Levi Howell's, on the border of Sparta township—seven miles in a straight line—torn up and strewn over the ground. The heaviest loser in the path of the storm was Col. W. M. Babbitt, near Newton, whose loss was fully \$4,000 in wrecked outbuildings, broken glass in grapey, and destruction of other property. The wind cloud seemed to have its greatest force at this point. Several small buildings between Babbitt's and Drake's pond suffered, and at the pond the shanty in which a number of laborers on the new railroad had taken shelter was demolished, yet only a woman who acted as cook was injured. Beyond B. Space's the cloud parted, one portion going east and the other southeast. After shattering Howell's cowhouse, the cloud gathered renewed strength, and thence on to the zinc mines, the sufferers were Ferd Shely, Thomas House, and Daniel Brooks, Jr. Even Sparta mountain did not break the tornado, which continued six or seven miles through Munson's gap and to Snuff town, where much havoc ensued. The fall of hail in Lafayette, Hampton, Frankford and Wantage, and contiguous townships was disastrous. At Augusta nine-hallstones weighed half a pound. The storm was the most violent that Sussex ever knew in its elemental fury.

22. Abraham Fredericks, aged 22 years, killed in Franklin mine by stone falling upon his head.

22. At the seventh annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual, of Vienna, Warren county, the total number of policies outstanding was 721, insuring over \$1,000,000 worth of property.

22. The electrical storm on this date covered a wide scope of country, and was of great violence, though without the tornado features exhibited in Sussex.

22. Justice Dalrymple opens the Warren Courts at Belvidere.