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The Pioneer is printed earlier this week than usual, so that our readers may have Gov. Olden's Message at the earliest date.

STATESMEN.

Every nation must have its public men; men who stand out in bold relief in the affairs of the world; representative men who are looked to for counsel and advice in all great emergencies.

Winter Sleep of Animals and Plants.

The winter sleep is a very singular property of animals and plants, and it occurs daily before our eyes, we are not able to explain the phenomena with which it is attended.

Governor's Message.

Gentlemen of the Senate and General Assembly: The opening of your session makes it again my duty to communicate to you the condition of the affairs of the State, and to recommend the adoption of such measures as are deemed expedient.

ded, partly by the United States, and partly by the State, and had all left for Washington by the tenth day of October with camp and garrison equipage complete, including Sibley Tents.

many plans were tried without fully answering the purpose, until a person was sent from this State, who accompanied the U. S. Pay Master when the New Jersey Regiments were paid off, and offered to transmit for the officers and men, free of charge, such moneys as they wished their families to have.

Galveston Recaptured. Sincerely had we recovered from the excitement and exultation occasioned by the tidings of the capture of Galveston, before we are astounded and shocked by the intelligence that it has been wrested from us by the enemy, and the handful of troops and our few small vessels of war left to hold it, captured or destroyed.

GOOD NEWS FROM SPRINGFIELD. Our troops have repulsed the rebels and we hold the place. The rebels were retreating. I have three columns going towards them.

DEDICATION.

The new Friendship M. E. Church, situated near Pittstown, Upper Pittsgrove township, will be dedicated to the worship of God, January 22d, 1862.

On the second day of July last an act was passed by Congress entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

There is due the State: From United States, for advance, \$700,410.74. Debt tax assessed by State 490,134.00.

It is not however enough that our brethren in arms so undauntedly perform their part in the contest in which we are engaged, but our patriotism should be manifested by an earnest determination to support the Government, which is the representative of our country, even if that Government, in the fearful ordeal through which it has been and still is passing, has done things it ought not to have done.

The Richmond papers of the 10th inst. have an account of the battle, which substantially agrees with the above, but supplies some few additional details as follows:

Later from North Carolina. On Tuesday evening, attending Miss Briscoe's Concert in Greening's Hall, or passing from the Hall to the residence of the building on Laurel Street, a large plain, light colored Great Britain, designed for Britain or Air, the flag will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at S. E. McFar's Dry Goods Store.

FOR THE WEST JERSEY PIONEER.

On the 6th day of November last, as the Pioneer readers are aware, Rev. Willis Reeves played a trick on Rev. J. E. Morrell, at Pittstown, by causing a large gathering of friends from all parts of the neighborhood, to his (Morrell's) house, and bringing any quantity of goods things with them, (money not excepted), he wished to retaliate; and as Mr. Reeves was not a man of family, a surprise visit was deemed hardly appropriate.

The President, by an act of Congress, was authorized to call for three hundred thousand volunteers to serve for three years, unless sooner discharged; and for three hundred thousand militia to serve for nine months, the latter to be raised by drafting, accordingly on the eighth day of July last, a requisition was made for one hundred and fifty thousand volunteers, of which the quota of New Jersey was five regiments.

Sixty thousand dollars of the tax of 1861 has been invested in State Bonds, on account of the Sinking Fund, and there is in the hands of the Treasurer, in addition to the cash on hand stated above \$37,500.00, being the 15 per cent, deducted from the United States tax.

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE. (TRENTON, Tuesday noon.) The morning has been occupied by the caucus of the members to arrange their party plans, agree upon officers, &c, for the organization of the Legislature this afternoon.

THE REPULSE OF GEN. SHERMAN. CAIRO, Jan. 11. An arrival to-night from the mouth of the Yazoo, brings authentic accounts from Vicksburg. Gen. Sherman's repulse was complete. The entire force under the direction of Gen. McClernand re-embarked on Saturday on the transports, pursued by the rebel advance, which coming in range of the gunboats were driven back with severe loss.

MARRIED. On the 24th of Dec. 1862, at the house of the bride's father, by Rev. J. Benson, Rector of Calvary Church, Farmington, Charles W. Weston, to Anna F. Weston, daughter of David Bishop, of Farmington, Illinois.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DUEL.

Two sisters fought a duel lately, near Naples, using knives. So fierce was the contest that one of them was killed on the spot, and the other received eighteen wounds.

DIED.

In Fairton, on the 8th inst., of Diphtheria, Arabella C., daughter of Asa and Smith, aged 8 years, and 10 months.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership existing between R. B. Fitch and S. C. Haines, Merchants, is this day dissolved, and the partnership is terminated as of the 1st of December, 1862.

NOTICE.

No charge for showing goods at Elmer's Tin & Stove Store.

