

Wed Jan 5 1881: Columbia.

The death angel has made frequent visitations to this place, and called to another life the following persons during the year 1880:--Jan. 6, Elisha Reynolds, aged 82 years; Feb. 7, Jacob Antes, 78 years; Mar. 10, Mrs. Betsey Button, 80 years; Mar. 19, Mrs. Betsey Yeomans, 74 years; Apr. 4, Mrs. Barbara Manny, 96 years; June 3, Mrs. Elizabeth Champlin, 86 years; July 1, Mrs. Mary A. Loomer, 63 years; Aug. 6, Gilbert Potter, 69 years; Dec. 4, Mrs. Margaret M. Clark, 88 years; Dec. 27, Miss Harriet J. Lyman, 56 years. It is somewhat remarkable that of so considerable a number of deaths, the average age should be so great, being 78 5-11 years. There were also brought to this place for burial, Mrs. Nellie J. Fuller, who died at Atlanta, Ga., June 23, aged 20 years, and Dan C. Scoville, who was killed by the cars at Cranston, R.I., Nov. 24, aged 37 years. Mrs. Laura Button, an inhabitant of this town, died in Springfield, Mass., April 25, aged 64 years, and was buried in that place. During the year, there has been seven births, four males and three females. In comparison with the deaths it is not surprising that the population is gradually diminishing.

The number of marriages during the year 1880 was but five, and with some, the parties were from other towns.

Friday evening was the occasion of a very pleasant gathering at the house of Amasa A. Hunt, in the shape of a thorough surprise to Mrs. Hunt, who on that day had arrived at her fiftieth birth-day. The arrangement were made by Mr. Hunt, aided very much by his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie A. Hall of East Hampton, Mrs. Hunt was invited out in the afternoon, and when she returned to her home found it taken possession of by the daughter and about forty relatives and immediate neighbors, very much to her surprise. The evening was very pleasantly spent in social intercourse, singing, etc., and about nine o'clock all were invited to a supper provided by Mrs. Hall, which was happily discussed and unanimously voted a success in every particular. At the close of the supper, Mr. Hunt introduced his wife as the matron of fifty years of age. W.H. Yeomans responded in a manner appropriate to the occasion. The gather did not break up until the stroke of the clock denoted the commencement of a new year, which was ushered in by the usual happy greetings and wishes for the future.

Dr. T.R. Parker was visited on New Years day, and over Sunday, by his sister Miss Jennie Parker and friend, Miss Mary Robinson, of Montville.

Wed Jan 12 1881: Columbia.

The Literary association held its usual meeting on Friday evening, at which time Dr. I.R. Parker was elected president, and Edward P. Lyman vice-president. Harry Downer delivered a declamation entitled "Napoleon's Farewell" and Miss Ada S. Townsend read 'The Tortured Dreamer.'" There was also a discussion upon the following:--Resolved that as many great men have come from the ranks of the poor as from the ranks of the rich. The support of the resolution was by Charles H. Richardson and Charles F. Clark, and the opposition was by Samuel B. West and William H. Yeomans. The resolution was not sustained. On next Friday evening, William E. Hawkins in announced to speak on "Self Culture," after which there is to be a spelling match in which Charles F. Clark and Miss Emma Bascom are to act as choosers and Wm. H. Yeomans as spelling master.

Wm. C. Jillson has ground and disposed of his large stock of corn at Hop River and is now unloading another car0-load of between 600 and 700 bushels.

Chauncey Everett Brown has held the office of selectmen, for seven years, Assessor, member of the Board of Relief, Constable and Grand Juror in the town of Columbia. In 1878, he held a seat in the House, and was re-elected at the November election. Besides this he now holds the offices of Prosecuting Agent and Justice of the Peace. Mr. Brown was born in Hebron, October 17, 1855, and was educated at the common schools. During his life he has followed his avocation of farming. He was elected as an independent candidate and will act accordingly.

Wed Jan 19 1881: Columbia.

Albert Brown received a severe cut in his hand a few days since. He had shouldered quarter of beef and in carrying it slipped and fell whereby his right hand coming in contact with a bone was badly cut about the thumb. Dr. Parker took some stitches and dressed the wound and it is doing as well as could be expected.

A number of the young people of Mansfield, friends of Charles F. Clark a teacher in that town, gave him and his parents Willard B. Clark and wife a very pleasant surprise on Saturday evening coming in the most friendly manner taking possession of the quiet home. Time sped on pleasantly, being passed in social chat and song and at the proper time the party gave an excellent spread of oysters, cake, etc., of which all partook with a relish. At a late hour the company returned to their homes well pleased with their visit to Mr. Clark's home.

Wed Jan 26 1881: Columbia.

George W. Maine, who resides near Hop River factory, recently had thirteen sheep bitten by dogs and very badly injured. The damage was done on the Coventry side of the river, and the selectmen of that town endeavored, without success to discover the destructive dogs. A little lamb about two weeks old, was the only one of the flock that escaped injury.

William C. Jillson, with commendable enterprise, is introducing all the late discoveries into the little village at Hop River factory, and the latest is the establishment of a telephone line between the store and post office and the depot, a distance some forty or fifty rods, which was put up by W.W. Lyon and Mr. Matteson the station agent. The telephone works admirably, and is a matter of great convenience. We hardly know what to expect next; it probably depends upon the advance in science, discovery and invention.

William H. Yeomans was the representative of Lyon Lodge at the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons at New Haven last week.

Norman P. Little is getting quite a bill of lumber in the shop of three inch plank to be used in repairs upon the long bridge between Hartford and East Hartford.

Wed Feb 2 1881: Columbia.

The school in the North district, Charles H. Richardson teacher closed on Saturday. The number of scholars registered was 26; the length of the term 16 weeks: the aggregate attendance 1349.5; average attendance, 17.08. The number of marks of tardiness was 143. Byron Phillips being the only scholar exempt from tardiness; Hattie J. Brown and Michael Sullivan each had but one mark. Hattie J. Brown, Edson I. Phillips and Charles Phillips were present every day of the term and Frank Brown was absent only one day and that for sickness. With the severe weather that we have had it is very commendable that Charles Phillips a lad of seven years should not lose a day though residing at Hop River factory a mile and a quarter or more away. Hattie Brown had but one tardy mark and Edson and Charles Phillips each three. It is a very noticeable fact too that Edson and Charles Phillips and Hattie Brown, the punctual attendants were also the recipients of prizes. Hattie received a beautiful silver napkin ring resting on a leaf and surmounted by a bird, for excellence in recitations. Edson Phillips received a nice book, and Charles Phillips a beautiful autograph album for excellence in spelling in three respective classes.

H.B. Frink has been purchasing apples which he has shipped to Baltic for that market.

N.P. Little has sent off his bill of bridge plank. Others are getting bills of timber and drawing the logs to Little's mill.

Wed Feb 16 1881: Columbia.

A few days since the Pine Street school house came near to taking fire. It is a poor building and the children attending there would mourn little to see it burned.

The Cornet band are happy when they win, and on Tuesday night of last week they took in an oyster supper at G.B. Fullers.

Last week Norman P. Little shipped to Worcester, Mass. a car load of car-timber. There is a greater activity in the lumber market.

A new chimney has been put in the depot at Hop River for the greater convenience of Mr. Matteson's family.

The Cornet Band sent out invitations to a ball and supper to be given at Bascomb's Hall on Thursday evening but the advance force of Vennor's January thaw put some insurmountable obstacles in the way. As it was a few sat down to a supper of turkey that had been prepared, and for a little time kept time to the music of the violin under the execution of Dr. T.R. Parker.

After several ineffectual attempts in consequence of the weather, the Literary association met on Friday evening. Willard B. Clark was elected president and Charles F. Clark vice president. The exercises consisted of a lecture by W.E. Hawkins upon "self-culture" and two spelling matches. William H. Yeomans acted as spelling master; in the first match Charles F. Clark and Miss Lillie J. Fuller acted as leaders. Miss Fuller's side was successful Charles E. Little being the last to go down. Charles F. Clark was the last to go down upon his side. In the second match Charles E. Little and Miss Emma Bascomb were leaders. In this contest Mr. Little's side missed eleven words and Miss Bascomb's five. The words used were all test words.

Horace B. Frink has come out with a new market wagon. He has been getting up the same himself. The wheels were built by A.H. Fox and the iron work by Carlos Collins. The body etc., Mr. Frink was the finisher of as well as the painting.

The rain storm of Saturday filled up some of the ponds about and labor is resumed by mills. Simon Hunt's saw mill has remained idle for want of water which difficulty is now removed.

Born--In Columbia, Feb. 10 a daughter to Albert and Julia Yeomans.

Wed Feb 23 1881: Columbia.

The Cornet Band with the leaders were the guests of Henry E. Lyman and wife on Thursday evening where they were provided with an excellent supper of fried chicken, biscuit, pies, cakes, coffee, etc., gotten up in Mr. Lyman's best style.

The evening was pleasantly spent and at a late hour all returned to their homes well pleased with the attentions shown them.

N.P. Little has shipped another car load of lumber.

The new telephone does not work satisfactorily.

The school at the center, Charles E. Little teacher, closed on Friday. The roll of honor in the line of attendance consists of the following names, George Little, Isabelle Little, Chauncey Little, Fred Macht and Henry Macht. Frank Little and Mary Clark were absent only one day each. The only scholar exempt from tardiness was George Little. As was the second in the North district those who attended every day stood at the head of their classes in spelling. Isabelle and Chauncey Little were the superiors in their respective classes. The register showed 281 tardy marks: far too many for a school where all the children have but short distances to travel.

The school in Chestnut Hill district, Miss Estelle J. Downer teacher, closed on Saturday. This school has been very much broken up by sickness, and yet Arthur Barrows and Lewis Little have been present every day. Nor has Lewis Little been tardy during the term. The district committee expressed his regret that the register showed so few visitations from parents.

Wed Mar 2 1881: Columbia.

The Cornet Band gave their party on Wednesday evening. The middle of the day was unpleasant but before night it had become clear, although rather cold. There was a good number present and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Several selections were played by the band before dancing, which was to the music furnished by Coate's orchestra.

N.P. Little has sent off his third carload of lumber to Boston. There is greater activity in the lumber business than there has been for some time.

Mr. Little's mill is well supplied with logs and still they continue to come.

Charles Holbrook is cutting and getting out the railroad ties upon a lot belonging to Addison H. Fitch. This makes the second lot that he has worked upon this winter.

Edward P. Lyman is getting lumber for the purpose of putting an addition upon the house occupied by his father, Samuel E. Lyman, as soon as the spring opens.

The Literary Association met on Friday evening. Miss Lizzie Brown gave a select reading. Miss Lizzie Brown gave a select reading, after which there was quite a spirited discussion upon the following: Resolved, that love is a stronger passion than revenge. The resolution was supported by Nathan K. Holbrook and S.B.

West, and opposed by Charles E. Little, Charles F. Clark and Dr. T.R. Parker. It was decided that the resolution was sustained. That is probably all right here as so little practical demonstration of the question of any spirit of revenge in this town.

The winter term of three of the schools in this town closed last week; the South West district, Miss Edith Clark teacher on Wednesday, and Pine Street district William P. Johnson of Bozrah teacher, and West district, Albert E. Brown teacher on Friday. The two first named were somewhat interrupted by sickness which will somewhat reduce the average attendance; in the first named one death occurred during the term, in the case of Idella Lewis, on the 7th of January. We give below the roll of honor, comprising the names of those who were present every day of the term and of those who were not tardy a single day. Of those who were present every day, there were in the South West district Willie Root, Clayton Root and Ella Root; in Pine Street district Willie Bliss, Fred Ball and Howard W. Yeomans with some that had not been absent only one or two days, in the West district Katie Robinson was absent one half a day. Of those not tardy there were in the South West district Willie Root, Clayton Root, Ella Root and Addie Root; In Pine Street district, Katie Downer, Mary Clark, Georgie Downer, Amy Thompson, Veva Little, Sophia Thompson, Katie Storrs, Clarence Little, Samuel Little, Burdette W. Downer, Willie Bliss, Fred Tucker, Tressie Tucker, and Howard W. Yeomans; and in the West district Jennie M. Buck, Lillie S. Townsend, Flora E. Buck and Clara I. Thompson. In the West district prizes were given as follows: A nice volume, "The children of the Abby" to Katie Robinson for excellence in spelling in her class. A photograph album to Flora E. Buck for superior lessons having been perfect during the last month of the school. A Turkey morrocco purse, to Jennie M. Buck for excellence in spelling having missed but nine words during the term. It is a fact worth of mention that Isabel Little of the Center school has not missed a day for some six or seven terms of school; neither has Howard W. Yeomans lost a single day for five continuous terms.

Our thanks are due to W.W. Lyon and his estimable companion, to whom he was recently united, for kind remembrance in the shape of a box of excellent cake. That their days may be many and filled with unalloyed pleasure is our earnest wish.

Wed Mar 16 1881: Columbia.

Misses Clara Sawyer and Linda Hutchins teachers in the Rockville school, are spending their vacation at home; that their services are appreciated is evident from the fact that they have been employed there several years.

Mrs. Amanda Sawyer has moved into the new house recently erected by S.S. Collins.

Marshall Holbrook is getting timber preparatory to building a blacksmith shop west of his new residence.

The Literary Society have on their programme for Friday evening a mock town meeting. Among other propositions are to see if they will establish a telephone line from the post office to Henry Stimsons; to see if they will establish a ferry across the reservoir; to see if they will establish a park in Timberville, and in connection there with a Zoological Garden; to see what action they will take in regard to truant umbrellas, and if necessary to appoint a constabulary force for their arrest; to see if they will establish a dry bridge between Joel Tucker's and Egbert Brown's; also a skating rink at West's watering trough and sundry other matters of equal importance.

Wed Mar 23 1881: Columbia.

Mr. LaFayette J. Robertson, formerly of this place, now a successful merchant in Hartford, was in town Tuesday.

N.P. Little has purchased a considerable tract of lumber of Frederick Collins.

Mr. Little has been actively engaged in the lumber business during the winter and is constantly furnishing bills of lumber for different parties.

George L. Dewey is in town canvassing for the "new revision of the New Testament."

Dr. T. R. Parker has a critical case in Andover and that with his patients here keeps him actively engaged.

Constable Marshall Holbrook has been engaged for several days in the service of a writ of attachment assisted by Deputy Sheriff Cummings.

The Hop River Warm company has been making repairs on the embankment of the water course leading to the factory.

All the schools in town are to be taught by young lady residents, Misses Hortense Downer, Lillie J. Fuller, Jennie L. Fuller, Lucy H. Sawyer, Clara E. Holbrook, Lizzie J. Brown, Ada S. Townsend.

Wed Mar 30 1881: Columbia.

Last Friday evening N.R. Holbrook read an essay on education before the Library Association and to complete the evening's entertainment there was a mock trial conducted much to the amusement of the audience. N.K. Holbrook judge, William H. Yeomans prosecuting attorney, G. W. Thompson person assaulted, Dennison Avery criminal, Charles P. Little counsel for accused, Charles F. Clark, physician.

Wed Apr 6 1881: Columbia.

Mrs. Marion Marshall of Boston is visiting her grandfather Mr. Elmore G. Dewey. Mr. Geo. W. Thompson removes his residence from Pine street to the house owned by Charles Buell near the reservoir. Although his residence in the former place has been short, by this removal he will be greatly missed, as he and his family are kind neighbors and will cause a vacancy in social circles.

Miss Lydia Clark teaches in Andover and began her school April fourth. Miss C. taught this same school last term and where teachers are continued successive terms it is an indication that their services are duly appreciated.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thompson has a calla with four blossoms and what is very unusual they all spring from stalks that had just borne blossoms.

Dr. T.R. Parker recently received a visit from his father Dr. Parker of Montville.

W.C. Jillson the proprietor of the Hop River factory while engaged in strengthening the canal to his mill with gravel, very generously made a substantial application to the road bed which will be duly appreciated by the traveling public if not by the town for whose benefit the deed was done.

There is an unusual amount of sickness at the present time and Dr. Parker is kept very busy all the time, so that he hardly gets a required amount of rest.

Telephone stock has gone down. The line between the P.O. and town clerk's office, from being imperfectly put up has broken from the connections and the wire in many places hangs very low.

Amasa A. Hunt of this place who has been teaching vocal music in Andover closes his school on Sunday evening April tenth. A wedding at the parsonage March 28th, Mr. Henry Spafford and Miss Mary Breed of Exeter, Rev. F.D. Avery officiating.

If Frank Woodward was expecting a boy he was happily fooled by the arrival of a 10 1/2 pound girl on the first day of April.

Horace Gallup has sold one of his farms to Mrs. Boyce and rented the other to Hector Storrs.

Wed Apr 20 1881: Columbia.

Mrs. Joel Tucker has been visiting her daughter in East Greenwich, R.I.



Lorenzo D. Thompson inflicted a severe wound upon his foot with an ax confining him to his room for a week. Dr. Parker was called to dress the injured member.

Frank Woodward while engaged in N.P. Little's steam saw mill, came near losing his foot by its being caught by the carriage as it returned; suffice it to say his boot was amputated, but his foot was left, although somewhat bruised.

Quote a number of the farmers have had their pig stys depopulated by the loss of whole litters of pigs. Others have one or two left, thus rendering them scarce in market.

Miss Emma Bascom spends one more week at home before resuming her studies at the Normal School in New Britain.

Miss Lizzie Brown received a present of a fine gold watch from her brother Albert E. Brown.

Miss Sophia C. Yoemans has been spending a few weeks with friends in Hartford.

Mrs. C. Burr with her infant daughter is visiting at her father's, Elmore G. Dewey's.

Mrs. Martin Webler is at present with her granddaughter, Mrs. Eliphalet Hall of Hop River, and at the advanced age of 84 in a model of industry spending her time in making rag carpets, netting doylies for cake covers out of fine spool cotton and which, for elegance of design, are scarcely surpassed.

Fred Brown returns to the old homestead for the summer to assist his father in various farm duties and to recruit his health, having been too closely confined in the Colchester rubber mill for the past two years.

Miss Lizzie Buell, who for the past four weeks has been dangerously ill from erysipelas, is slowly improving, much to the gratification of her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dea. Amasa B. Fuller and her son Daniel T., are gradually convalescing, the former from typhoid fever, the latter scarlet fever, and was almost crippled so he could only move with the aid of crutches but is now able to walk with the assistance of a cane only.

The German measles are quite prevalent in town among the elderly as well as young people.

Mrs. George Collins attended church Sunday for the first time for about a year. Your readers will remember Mrs. Collins' horse started suddenly before she was

fairly seated in her buggy precipitating her and the seat to the ground producing serious injury to her spine and rendering her an invalid for a long time; she has been in a carriage but once since the accident previous to last Sabbath and she still continues in a feeble state of health although very much improved.

Miss Julia S. Avery is spending her two weeks vacation at home; Miss Mary Little with her brother in New York; both of these ladies are teachers in Burnside.

LaFayette and William P. Robertson of Hartford spent the Sabbath with their mother.

Mrs. Arthur Turner and daughter have been spending a few days with her sister. Miss Lucy Sawyer began the school in the West district last Monday.

The Telephone line has been repaired between the post office and town clerk's office and communication resumed.

Walton Thompson has opened a harness shop in the basement of Mrs. Leba Yeomans' tenement house and is ready to do all jobs of his trade.

Egbert Brown met with quite a \_\_\_\_\_ Monday afternoon, while returning from N.P. Little's saw mill where he had been drawing in logs during the afternoon, and within a few rods of his residence one of his oxen suddenly dropped down dead.

Wed Apr 27 1881: Columbia.

The Cornet band was unable to fulfill its engagement in Hebron last week owing to several of its members being sick with the measles.

The funeral of Mrs. Adeline Thompson was attended by Rev. F.D. Avery from the residence of her sister Mrs. Justin Jones of North Coventry; burial in West Street Cemetery, Columbia, by the side of her husband and children.

Fred O. Clark and wife spent the Sabbath in town at the residence of his father Norman Clark. Mr. Clark has for several years been bookkeeper for Talcott & Post of Hartford.

Miss Hettie Little second daughter of N.P. Little leaves home for Portsmouth R.I., where she will devote her time to music and school duties.

Wed May 4 1881: Columbia.

There have been several real estate changes within a couple of weeks. Geo. B. Fuller has exchanged with S. Eldredge the Geo. M. Woodward farm for the Geo. Hunt farm; also Geo. B. Fuller has purchased on Columbia green the place owned by Mrs. Eliza Hutchins and proposes to erect a building to be occupied as a store; this will make three stores within a radius of ten or fifteen rods.

The Sabbath school was reorganized last Sabbath. For superintendent S.B. West; ass't sup't Charles E. Little; secretary and treasurer Charles Richardson; librarians, Henry Richardson, Milton Little, Casper Isham. Edward P. Lyman is having an ell added to the main part of his father's dwelling and appearances indicate that he expects company to occupy it with him.

No school in Pine street Thursday as Miss Donner attended a wedding in Manchester.

Miss Clara Holbrook and Jennie L. Fuller began their labors as teachers May 2d, the former on Chestnut Hill, and latter in Hop River district.

Mr. Batty came near losing an ox from an overdose of meal; the animal during the night became loose from its stall and had access to a barrel of meal eating about a bushel as its owner judged; it was used at work during the following day but at night refused to eat. Mr. J. Tucker prescribed a dose for it and by giving it constant exercise it was finally saved.

The marriage of Miss Lottie Brown to Mr. La Fayette Robertson was celebrated at the residence of the bride's father in Manchester, April 28th, in the presence of friends and relatives of the parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N.K. Burton of Park church, Hartford. The newly wedded pair left for their home in Hartford which had previously been prepared for their occupancy. The bride wore a dress of rich olive greensilk trimmed with velvet to correspond. The gifts were many and elegant as well as useful, showing in the most substantial manner the warm regard of their friends. From the two brothers of the bride was a check of \$100, a clock, silver spoons, knives and forks. From Mr. William H. Post, uncle of the groom, a handsome silver tea service consisting of six pieces. From Mr. William P. Robertson, only surviving brother of the groom, a china dinner set of 125 pieces. From Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Clark, a silver spoon holder and pickle dish. From other friends a cake basket, pickle dishes, card receivers, berry spoons, toilet sets, tidies, napkins &c. We announce this marriage in the news items of Columbia as we have considered Mr. Robertson one of our young men, he being born and receiving his education here, and left town only a few years since to enter the grocery business in Hartford, where by diligence in business he is now proprietor of a store on Asylum street and as he is launched on the sea of matrimony and waves of business life, we can only wish him God speed.

Wed May 11 1881: Columbia.

Horace Webler commences this week the erection of a blacksmith shop for Marshall Holbrook.

Mrs. Betsey Holbrook is lying severely ill at the residence of her son Justin Holbrook.

J.L. Downer and Geo. W. Thompson have been painting the house of Fred Prentice of Gilead, and will continue their labors in that place during this week.

Chester Collins will occupy the house of L.L. Collins when vacated by Geo. B. Fuller and Mr. Fuller will move into his own house when vacated by Mr. Collins.

Wm. Bill is repairing the foundation of Sam'l. Ticknor's house that was destroyed by fire. The cisterns in the cellar were rendered unfit for use and necessarily require re-building.

Miss Julia Avery spent the Sabbath at home with her brother. Fred's young friends gave him a cordial greeting as they have not seen him since he left home about a year since to engage in business in an extensive crockery establishment in Boston.

Last Sabbath Rev. F.D. Avery exchanged with Rev. Mr. Barber of Bolton who preached in the afternoon an excellent discourse.

Dr. and Mrs. LaPierre were in town last week among their friends. They were the guests of W.H. Yeomans and N.H. Clark.

Miss Jennie L. Fuller was unavoidably absent from her school last week being detained by sickness.

On the first Sabbath in May the Sabbath school was reorganized and S.B. West chosen Supt. Mr. West was detained at home that day by indisposition, and therefore when the S.S. convened on the 8th he made some remarks accepting the position only on this condition, that he would occupy the position until the former Supt. Joseph Hutchins should return. Mr. Hutchins has been for the past nine months an inmate of the Hartford insane asylum, and it would seem from past experiences that his friends would wish him to avoid all excitement of any description either religious or secular.

Wed May 18 1881: Columbia.

Mrs. G.Y. Robertson is at present with her sons in Hartford.

Mrs. Robert K. Hall of East Hampton during the absence of her husband in N.Y., visited at her father's in Street.

Miss Emily J. Little for a few weeks has been in Hebron with the family of her uncle, Alanson Little, formerly of Ansonia, N.Y.

Dr. T.R. Parker has left town to attend the graduating exercises of the Columbia Law School, N.Y., where his cousin Hillhouse is to receive his diploma.

The residence of the late Betsey Button has been newly clapboarded, shingled and painted with a light tint of slate color with trimmings of a darker shade.

John M. Wood, a fisherman from South Coventry, was fortunate enough to capture a 3 1-2 pound bass beside smaller ones from the waters of the reservoir.

William Little has gone to Norwich to work for J.W. Comstock at carpentering. On Saturday as N.P. Little's son George was walking up town street, he discovered the roof of his father's steam mill to be on fire; he gave the alarm and the flames were soon extinguished.

Edward P. Lyman has the frame to his house raised and the covering on.

Pleasure seekers have an eye for the reservoir and vicinity, and parties from Brooklyn, N.Y., have already made application for board and accommodations during the months of July and August.

Hector Storrs' steam mill is turning out six or seven hundred feet of lumber per day.

One of our skillful fishergirls caught a fine lot of bullheads Friday evening.

William H. Yeomans has bought the place owned by the late Laura Button to be used as a tenant house; also sold to Royal Thompson apiece of land adjoining his place at the center.

Wed May 25 1881: Columbia.

On Sunday while Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Brown were driving to church at the foot of the hill by Joel Tucker's, their horse suddenly shied and began backing, apparently frightened at some newly turned turf by the way side, but by skillful management Mr. Brown succeeded in quieting the animal, and then after proceeding a short distance it again turned the buggy completely around, overturning it, and landed its occupants on the ground. Mrs. Brown was considerably injured, but Mr. Brown and their little grandson escaped unhurt.

Samuel Ticknor has the foundation to his house all laid, cisterns repaired &c. awaiting the carpenters to do their work.

Mr. William A. Collins some three weeks since bought a pair of steers of Joel Tucker and last Saturday one of them sickened and died the following Monday.

Mr. William H. Post and wife, Mr. Chas. A. Post, wife and daughter, Mr. Fred O. Clark and wife of Hartford attended the funeral of Mr. Robertson on Sunday.

Albert Brown one day last week caught a 3 1/4 pound bass from the reservoir.

A newly erected slab in our cemetery marks the resting place of Miss Harriet J. Lyman.

Mr. G.Y. Robertson aged sixty nine years died on Friday May 20, and the funeral was attended at the Congregational church the Sunday following at one o'clock p.m. Rev. F.D. Avery pastor of the church officiated, opened the service. Late in the fall of 1880 Mr. Robertson's health became feeble, and as his health failed him his mind became impaired, and it was deemed advisable to remove him to the asylum at Middletown for treatment. At this place he had sufficiently recovered so that Friday was the day set for him to meet his wife in Hartford, and from thence come to his home in Columbia Green but the evening previous a telegram to his sons, announced his sudden illness of pneumonia and before his wife and son could reach him another dispatch informed them of his death. He was well known in this vicinity as an active businessman, and has been for the past four years a faithful carrier of the mail between Columbia and Hop River, until his failing compelled him to desist. The deceased was a great friend of the Literary Society, and all educational interests, tenacious in his political view, a friend of those in need, and many were the expressions of regret that he could not have come among us once more so anxious was he to regain his old home. The community is doubly in sympathy with his afflicted wife who has seen the grave open for the sixth time to receive members of her household. The services were quite largely attended and friends were present from the adjoining towns of Hebron, Andover, Lebanon and Willimantic.

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Wed Jun 1 1881: Columbia.

Leonard Strickland has so far recovered from his illness as to resume his business, and is buying eggs, poultry &c. for the Hartford market.

J.L. Downer is shingling the buildings on the premises of the late G.T. Robertson, assisted by Geo. W. Thompson.

The Hon. William A. Collins is suffering from a cough aggravated by a throat difficulty, and has been missed three Sabbaths from his accustomed seat in the church of which he is a deacon.

Fred Lyman who has been spending the past ten months in Woonsocket, R.I., is at home on a short visit.

Miss Emma Bascomb came from the State Normal school last Friday to remain over Decoration Day.

Payson Little who is a teacher in Windham spent the Sabbath at home. Prescott Little of Meriden has been at his father's for the past two weeks suffering from an attack of acute rheumatism.

Royal Thompson is having the basement of his barn made into stabling room for his stock.

N.P. Little is getting out a frame for an addition to the barn of James H. Richardson and will devote a part of his time this week to the sawing of shingles.

The cemetery has been improved by the removal of many of the large fir and arbor vitae trees that are more of a nuisance than an ornament.

Bees have little regard for the Sabbath. Last Sunday W.H. Yeomans had a large swarm come out that located themselves in quiet repose upon a branch of a shade maple overhanging the highway, and just above the heads of travelers as peacefully as though it was only a week day.

As Mr. and Mrs. Silas Holbrook and their nephew were returning from church on Sunday, their horse shied, overturning the wagon and throwing the occupants out. Mr. Holbrook was severely injured, but the others escaped unhurt.

Wed Jun 8 1881: Columbia.

As Mr. Geo. Morgan and wife were passing the place known as the Geo. Hunt farm, the horse became frightened at a stone by the roadside and shied suddenly, overturning the carriage and throwing the occupants to the ground. Mrs. Morgan was considerably bruised and injured about the side and head but Mr. M. escaped with a slight sprain in his shoulder.

Dr. T.R. Parker's cousin who graduated at Columbia college N.Y., a few weeks since is spending a short time with him.

The Pine street bridge was newly planked last Saturday, and several bridges have new railings.

Marshall Holbrook announces that he has a builder from Lebanon who will come to time and his new blacksmith shop will be put up in a hurry.

Fishing on the reservoir is becoming quite brisk and parties from out of town and at home are enjoying the sport. The head quarters for boats is at Albert Brown's who has superior accommodations and always does all that lies in his power to make visitations to this lovely resort agreeable.

Rev. F.D. Avery pastor of the Congregational church in this place is one of six or eight in the state of Connecticut who have been pastors for over twenty years with the people to whom they are now ministering, he having been pastor to this people about thirty years.

Mrs. Chaplin, sister of the Rev. A.J. Mack of Gilead is visiting her mother on Columbia Green.

J.W. Comstock is to begin work this week on Samuel F. Ticknor's house. The school in the West District, Miss Lucy Sawyer teacher, closes on Friday of this week.

Last Saturday two lads Richards and Macht, aged about twelve years caught out of the reservoir five bass that averaged 2 3/4 pounds.

Wed Jun 15 1881: Columbia.

A party from Bristol made their headquarters at Albert Brown's for a couple of days last week and spent their time fishing from the reservoir, as gentlemen generally do who come there for sport. Their labors were attended with good success, and they returned in fine spirits fully determined to come again.

The school in the west district closed Friday. Chas. D. Frink has been in attendance every day, and Randall Frink with the exception of the first day. The prize in spelling was awarded to M. Amy Thompson and to R.D. Frink for constant attendance. Miss Sawyer had made it a specialty to apply the principles of grammar to the conversation of her pupils, correcting them when she heard them speaking incorrectly, a practice which is highly commendable.

T. McGlaulin and family are visiting at S.F. West's.

There was quite a raising time in Pine street last Saturday p.m. A.A. Hunt invited his friends and neighbors to assist him in erecting the frame to the addition to this barn, and after the work was completed he said he had a job for them in the



house whence they repaired and Mrs. Hunt treated to cake and from there they wended their way to Marshall Holbrook's where with Mr. Goodwin for boss they put up the frame to his new blacksmith shop which is 20x36 with 16 feet posts making a building with ample accommodations. Mrs. Holbrook knew how to cater to the taste of the crowd, and furnished them with biscuits, doughnuts, cake and coffee.

Hector Storrs reports turning off as many as 10,000 feet of lumber some days, from his mill, which is a good showing.

Wed Jun 22 1881: Columbia.

Dr. Theodore R. Parker was awakened about two o'clock a.m. Tuesday the 14th inst, by a messenger from Montville informing him of the sudden death of his only sister, caused by a mistake of taking an internal dose of an external application. The Norwich Bulletin speaks of her as "a lady of fine accomplishments, a leader in society, a teacher in the public school, a member of the choir, a teacher in the Sunday school of the Congregational church and universally esteemed and looked up to." Miss Parker spent last New Years with her brother in this place, and those who have had the pleasure of meeting her, your correspondent one of the number, speak of her as a lady of rare intellectual abilities and attainments, exceedingly agreeable and genial, and deeply regret the fatal mistake that caused the death of so lovely a young lady. Dr. Parker has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this irreparable loss, he has in the inscrutable ways of providence, been called upon to sustain.

Robert K. Hall and wife of East Hampton, spent the Sabbath at A.A. Hunt's.

Miss S.C. Yeomans had a cactus with sixty-eight buds and blossoms.

Miss Lucy Sawyer since the close of her school has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Nelson Hollister of Hartford, also attended graduation exercises of the high school in Rockville.

Rev. F.D. Avery has had friends visiting his family from Fair Haven for the past three weeks.

Geo. B. Fuller and family attended the funeral of Miss Jennie E. Parker at Montville last Thursday.

At 7 a.m., 12 m. and 6 p.m. can be distinctly heard the steam whistle at N. P. Little's saw mill.

In the matter of complaint against John Mulligan, the hearing was adjourned to June 27th.

Joseph Hutchins returned to his friends about two weeks since somewhat improved in his health.

Wed Jun 29 1881: Columbia.

Charles and Edward, sons of Rev. James K. Hazen of Richmond, Va., are spending their vacation with their grandfather, Samuel F. Ticknor.

Mr. Willard Downer and wife of Syracuse, N.Y., are visiting at Mrs. Eliza Hartshorn's.

Misses Lida Hutchins and Clara Sawyer teachers in the school in Rockville are spending their vacation at home. Miss Sawyer usually is at home for a few weeks and then is the guest of her uncle, Nelson Hollister of Hartford, who has a summer residence in Saybrook.

William P. Johnson was at Alanson Fuller's over Sunday.

Mrs. N.P. Clark is with her son in Hartford a few days.

Mrs. Charles Little of Saginaw Michigan, is in town visiting her numerous friends.

Miss Emma Bascomb who has been attending the Normal school is also at home on a vacation.

The Masonic Festival came off Friday evening according to announcement. The two loaves of cake that were to be disposed of by ballot were awarded to Mrs. James L. Downer and Mr. Marshall Porter, of Hebron.

The cemetery has been shorn of the grass, and several new headstones erected, noticeable among which, are two alike in design with Masonic emblems, to the memory of Daniel C., and Charles A. Scoville.

Wed Jul 6 1881: Columbia.

Mr. Joseph Clark an aged resident of this place died at the residence of his son Willard B. Clark on Sunday morning. He was especially devoted to the grandchildren of his son, and his cheery presence will be much missed by them.

Pneumonia sapped the foundation of his life, and he was laid to rest on Tuesday by the side of his wife who preceded him to the other world only a few months since.

Private picnics abounded on the Fourth. A reunion at Marshall Holbrook's of Mrs. H's family.

A picnic at J.L. Downer's--Young people at Albert Brown's.

Wed Jul 13 1881: Columbia

The frame for the house of S.F. Ticknor was erected last week.

As Mrs. Alfred Holbrook and the Misses Hale of Turnerville were driving down the steep hill by James Utley's, one of the traces became unhitched and the horse ran but under the skillful guidance of Mrs. H. the animal was kept in the road till the foot of the declivity was gained, and some little distance beyond. G.W. Thomson came to the rescue of the ladies and sent them on their way rejoicing; also on this same steep hill Mr. Dixon, agent for an East Hartford marble firm, was considerably injured by breaking of the harness which caused his horse to run and he was thrown with violence onto the large stone just opposite Mr. Utley's. Dr. T.R. Parker was immediately summoned and examined his injuries, and after some delay he was sent home on the cars.

Fred Avery is home on his summer vacation.

Ref. F.D. Avery, and daughter, have left for a visit to his aged parents in Illinois.

The school in Pine street closed last Thursday, Miss J. Hortense Downer teacher. Sadie Holbrook and Howard W. Yeomans were neither tardy or absent; Geo. Champlin was not absent; this makes seven successive terms that Yeomans has not been absent; prize awarded in 1st class spelling to Howard W. Yeomans; second class spelling, Genevieve Little.

Mr. Pierce, of Bristol, has made his annual visit to Mr. Brown's at the reservoir with the usual amount of enjoyment in fishing, &c.

Rev. James K. Hazen, of Richmond, Va., spent a couple of days with his sons last week on his way from the International Sunday School convention held at Toronto.

Leonard Strickland, our mail carrier is seriously ill.

Mrs. Royal Thompson has a lovely group of annunciation lilies in bloom in her yard to greet the passers-by with their beauty.

Mr. Willard Downer, and wife of Syracuse, N.Y., who have visited Mrs. Hartshorn for some three weeks, leave for a short sojourn in Niantic.

Wed Jul 20 1881: Columbia

The whortleberry trade opened with activity last week.

School in North district closed last Friday, Miss Lizzie Brown, teacher.

Two children of Gordon Ford of Brooklyn, N.Y. are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Gertrude F. Hutchins.

Miss Eunice King, daughter of the Rev. James K. Hazen of Richmond, Va., came to her grandfather's last week from Agawam, Mass.

Mr. Hubbard Webster of Hartford has been spending several days in town with his sister and daughter.

Mrs. Little left town Monday for Binghampton, and from thence to Buffalo, and then to her home in Saginaw, Mich.

A very handsome Yucca Filamentosa is in bloom in the cemetery lot of Mr. Elizur F. Reed.

Gents, A.O. Wright, W.H. Yeomans, L.C. Clark, N.K. Holbrook, A.A. Hunt and J. Holbrook have shown a spirit of enterprise in cutting the grass in the highway bordering their respective farms. It gives Pine street a tidy look and is worthy of imitation.

Wed Jul 27 1881: Columbia.

Last Wednesday evening we accepted an invitation from Mrs. Jonathan Tucker to meet with her family and her friends at her residence, to witness the opening of the buds of her Night-blooming Cereus. The plant was moved into the spacious dining room so all could be accommodated, and where four beautiful blossoms presented themselves, a spectacle of rare and unequalled beauty for the beholders to admire. The blossoms were the same in size, measuring 11 inches in diameter, and the plant measuring six feet in height, this being the third year it has blossomed. Mrs. Tucker is a great lover of flowers, as the flourishing condition that her plants are in give abundance evidence: she showed us a carnation pink that stood full five feet high, a mammoth double scarlet geranium of five years growth, a great variety of fuchias, literally loaded with blossoms

one of which had twenty buds and blossoms suspended from the tip of one branch, geraniums, petunias, dahlias of all shades in full bloom, and a great variety of other plants.

Mrs. Cecil Gates is spending a few weeks with the family of Joseph E.H. Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Downer left Tuesday for Albany, where they will meet their daughter Mrs. Adkins of Philadelphia and then go to their home in Syracuse.

The funeral of Mr. Strickland was attended from his late residence on Thursday last.

G.W. Thompson seems just at present to be the boss fisherman, he having caught during the past week twenty bass ranging from 1-2 to nearly 3 pounds.

Mr. George Sawyer of New York is on his annual visit to this place being the guest of his aunt and cousins.

Dr. Parker spent the Sabbath in Montville.

At 2 o'clock p.m. a party of friends and relations met at the residence of Wm. Downer, to witness the marriage ceremony of his youngest and sole surviving daughter Estelle to Mr. Richard O. Lyman of your village. The happy pair started for New Haven, accompanied by a niece of Mrs. Lyman.

Wed Aug 3 1881: Columbia

Mr. and Mrs. LaFayette Robertson of Hartford spent a portion of last week in town calling on and receiving calls from their many friends. They enjoyed rowing on the reservoir in company with George Sawyer who daily exercises himself with the oars.

Wm. P. Robertson came into town Saturday evening, and will spend the most of his vacation here.

James L. Downer has the contract for painting the new house of Samuel F. Ticknor.

On Thursday of last week, there were fifteen bushels of whortleberries shipped to the Hartford market from this place.

Wm. H. and Howard Yeomans allured twenty-three sportive bass from their native element one day last week.

A collection of lovely water lilies graced the sacred desk on the sabbath, placed there by Chas. E. Little.

Rev. Mr. Hunter of Hebron preached to an attentive audience Sunday afternoon. Every one seemed captivated by his easy, fluent speaking, and his clear, logical manner of presenting his subject from the text "went about doing good." We hope he will come again, and we assure him a hearty welcome.

Wed Aug 17 1881: Columbia

The Hop River manufacturing Co. is erecting a tenant house, near the one occupied by the superintendent.

Mr. Fitch the boss carpenter spends each Sabbath with his family on Fishers Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manney of Boston have been spending a couple of weeks at the parsonage. Rev. F.D. Avery and daughter spent the Sabbath in Chicago and are expected home this week.

Mrs. Helen Smith is rustivating for a time at her father's Elmore G. Deweys. Mr. Holt of Rockville with his family have been sopping for a week with Mrs. Armstrong.

The widow of the late Chas. H. Wright is visiting with her son their friends on Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. Hubbard Manley with her two children are the guests of her brother Edgar Baldwin.

Mrs. Wm. H. Yeomans, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Lyman and daughter Alice of New York, and Miss S.C. Yeomans and Mrs. Richard O. Lyman of your village visited the Linen Co's. mill last Thursday and report themselves highly pleased with the gentlemanly kindness of the agent in sending a thoroughly efficient attendant to conduct them through the various department of the mill and in seeing the cotton in its raw state go through wonderful processes and come out beautiful six cord white spool cotton; also in beholding the plants that are growing around the sides of the building, the tree fern presented to the operatives, dracenas from Cuba and Mexico, the tree Tucco, Old man's beard, Cactus, and other rare exotics from all parts of the globe. The ladies also visited the Loomer Opera House over every part of which they were shown. They next visited the town building and were the further recipients of kind attentions from the superintendent Mr. D.A. Lyman. They consider the day as pleasantly spent.

Wed Aug 24 1881: Columbia

Mrs. Mary Hills is spending a few weeks with her son, Joseph Hills, in Lebanon.

Mrs. Charles Hitchcock and wife, of N.Y., during the past week, have been the guests of Mrs. Bascom and Fred Hunt.

Mr. Jonathan Tucker is visiting his daughter Mary, who resides at Point Judith.

Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Little of Meriden are spending a few days with various friends in town.

Wm. P. Robertson spent the Sabbath in town.

Fred O. Clark and wife are visiting a Norman H. Clark's.

Mrs. Wm. C. Lyman and Alice are in Hebron this week with Mrs. A. Parker.

Misses Mary and Charlotte Little are rustivating in this their native town and occupying Bascom hall for a few weeks.

Rev. F.D. Avery occupied the sacred desk on the Sabbath, he having returned from his western trip during the past week.

Samuel B. Lyman and wife and Richard O. Lyman and wife spent the Sabbath in town.

Building in town seems to be on the increase. Mr. Ticknor's house is rapidly nearing completion, the chimney being built by W. Bill, the painting by L. Donner, the lathing by an expert who draws many to see him so rapidly does he perform his work; at Hop River, Maine is preparing for a building by the store, the Hop River Warp Co. are erecting another, and report says W.C. Jillson is to put an addition on the mill and put in an engine. With these additional buildings Hop River will look like quite a little village.

Mr. Bascom last week missed his pocketbook just at dusk. In making change with a customer he laid his wallet down on the piazza as when he had a similar occasion to use it again. Soon after it was gone and no clue as yet has been obtained. It contained twenty dollars in money, notes, receipts, etc.

Some of the farmers have mowed the wild carrot that decks their lots and the roadside and others would do well to imitate the example.

Wed Sep 7 1881: Columbia.

Miss Julia Avery returned last Tuesday from her visit to her aunt and brother in Boston, and after spending a few days in town, left for Burnside to resume her school duties. Miss Mary Little left for the same place, and will begin school at the same time.

J.P. Little and family spent a few days in Rockville last week.

Dr. T.R. Parker has an addition to the furniture of his office in the shape of a fine medicine case.

J.L. Downer left Saturday for the encampment at Niantic.

Miss Lillian I. Fuller returned Tuesday from her visit to her friend, Annie Woodworth.

Several families left Saturday for their annual sojourn at the shore, camping at the Stewart place, below Osprey Beach, arranging to be there at this time so as to attend the Groton centennial. Among them are Marshall Holbrook and family, Fred. Hunt and wife, H.B. Frank and wife, Will Holbrook and sister, Wm. H. Yeomans and son, Charlie Holbrook and friend, S.B. Lyman and family, Mr. Williams and family, M. Colman and family, Mr. Stedman and niece, George B. Fuller and wife. It is to be hoped that the barn will not take fire while the company is in it.

Charles Pendleton, mother and sister from Princeton, Ill., spent last Wednesday in town visiting friends.

The funeral of Mrs. Frederica, wife of Walton Thompson of South Coventry, was attended Friday at 10 o'clock a.m. from the residence of her father, Royal Thompson. The services were opened by her pastor, Rev. F.D. Avery. A favorite hymn of the deceased was sung,--one in which her voice was often heard, "Wonderful Words of Life." Sorrowing friends and relatives took a last fond look at the dear one as she lay in her casket literally covered with the beautiful flowers that she so loved, so like life did she seem, as if she had fallen asleep with a smile on her features. Her disease, puerperal fever, only allowed her a little over a week to enjoy the affections of maternity, and she seemed to have had a premonition that her life was nearly ended, and that her brother from Saginaw, Michigan had come to attend her funeral. Mrs. Thompson was one of the number who became interested during the late revival, under the influence of Rev. John Potter in connection with the Congregational church, and with which church she united soon after, having since been a consistent member of the same. At the grave, the words "Go bury thy sorrow," were sung, and the body laid away in its last resting place by the pall bearers, J.L. Downer, Geo. B. Fuller, Frank M. Woodward, and Chester Collins. The bereaved and family have the sympathy of the public in this their peculiarly sad affliction.



Wed Sep 14 1881: Columbia

Rev. F.D. Avery preached an interesting historical sermon Sunday afternoon, suggested by the recent centennial at Groton, his great-grandfather being one of slain in the fort after Col. Ledyard had surrendered his sword.

The strangers within the gates over the Sabbath, were Mr. and Mrs. Moses Barber of South Coventry, Mrs. Augustus Parker of Montville, Mrs. Palmer, daughter and granddaughter, of Trumbull, Miss Georgie Parks of Norwich, Mr. Frank Thompson of Saginaw.

Miss Lottie Holmes of Glastonbury, who has been visiting friends in town and vicinity, returned home Monday.

Wed Sep 21 1881: Columbia

The widow of the late Rev. Chas. Kitredge, a former pastor of this people, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. N.P. Little is visiting friends in Portsmouth, R.I.

Quite a number of people from other towns attended church last Sabbath. Among them we noticed Richard O. Lyman and wife of Willimantic, Mrs. Eliza Little and son of Hartford, Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Lebanon, Dea. Ralph Gilbert and daughter of Gilead, Miss Alice Lyman and mother of Albion, N.Y., Will Harris and mother of New Haven.

Mrs. N.H. Clark is spending a few days in Hartford.

The band met Wednesday according to announcement, and the afternoon was spent in social chat, partaking of the chowder, gotten up in good style by Mr. Briggs, sack race, foot race, wheelbarrow race, and other amusements, much to the delight of the spectators.

Eunice King, Charles and Ned, children of Rev. James K. Hazen, who have been spending the summer with their grandfather, Samuel Ticknor, have returned to their home in Richmond, Va.

The band had a cake basket disposed of by tickets, and the lucky individual to draw it was Chester Collins, the snare drummer of the band.

Wed Sep 28 1881: Columbia

There was a drove of 400 cattle on Columbia Green Monday enroute for Hebron.

Payson Little who is principal of a school in Meriden, spent the Sabbath and Monday in town.

On Monday while Miss Orilla Fuller, who had been in attendance on the memorial exercises at the church was waiting for her father in front of G.B. Fuller's store the horse suddenly turned and ran up the street and in turning the corner by the chapel abruptly, it overturned the vehicle throwing out Miss Fuller and injuring her severely. Dr. Parker was in immediate attendance and the lady was removed to the residence of her uncle Henry Clark where she lay in an apparent critical situation and Dr. Hills was called for counsel.

Messrs. Goodwin of Lebanon are putting up a new barn on the premises recently purchased by Geo. B. Fuller.

J.E.H. Gates is at work for Royal Thompson who is making some addition to his residence.

Miss Addie Collins spent the Sabbath at the old homestead.

Prescott Little is at home for a few days.

Samuel Harding and his wife of Glastonbury have been during the week the guests of J.L. Downer,

Miss Hortense Downer is visiting in Hartford.

Miss Carrie Downer spoke in the Town Hall Thursday evening on Spiritualism.

Dr.. T.R. Parker is in Montville for a few days.

W.H. Yeomans is in attendance at the Tolland Co. Fair at Rockville.

Memorial services were held in the Cong. church in this place on the Sabbath, Rev. F.D. Avery officiating: the church was appropriately draped in mourning and in front of the pulpit was a portrait of our lamented president also draped, on either side of which were two bouquets of white flowers and in the rear of the orchestra placed over the organ was a fine profile of Mrs. Garfield overlooking the sorrowing assemblage.

Wed Oct 5 1881: Columbia

Miss Orilla Fuller is still confined to her bed, and her head seems to be the seat of the difficulty. Every afternoon her mind seems wandering, and there are apprehensions that even now it may result inflammation of the brain.

Miss Hortense Downer is visiting friends in Glastonbury.

Charles A. Post, of Hartford, was in town Tuesday.

The new buildings at Hop River are rapidly nearing completion and are a decided improvement to the appearance of the village.

Geo. B. Fuller has a very handsome cupola on his new barn.

Carlos Collins is having an addition put on his barn by Alfred Lyman. 1235.

Wed Oct 12 1881: Columbia

Miss Orilla Fuller was removed to the residence of her father on Chestnut Hill, last Tuesday, and no injury resulted from it; her head continues to trouble her but as the shock was so severe at the time of the accident it seems miraculous that she has convalesced so rapidly.

Henry Champlin has recently put in a new chimney to his house.

Geo. B. Fuller is having a well dug on his new premises.

Dr. T.R. Parker has been spending a few days with his parents in Montville.

Miss Alice Lyman and mother, of Albany, N.Y., left town for home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Sybil Robertson is visiting with her sons in Hartford.

Rev. F.D. Avery exchanged with Rev. Mr. Headley, of South Coventry last Sabbath.

The finishing touches are being put on S.F. Ticknor's house and it will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mr. Cummings and family from Norwich are to occupy N.K. Holbrook's house on Pine street.

Wed Oct 19 1881: Columbia

Messrs. Brown and Utlely have manufactured over 800 gallons of sorghum syrup the past season.

Geo. W. Thompson shot a fox near the reservoir last Saturday morning.

Walton Thompson is at his place of business on Columbia Green, ready for all kinds of jobs in the line of harness making.

A squirrel hunt and a good supper at Marshall Holbrook's.

A.O. Wright and G.W. Thompson have been shingling the barn of John Ticknor.

Miss Katie Downer is visiting friends in Glastonbury.

Miss Lizzie Brown teaches in Pine street district, Miss Annie Robinson on Chestnut Hill, Miss Annie Foote North district, Chas. Richardson Center, Elisha Spafford, Wells Woods.

Fred O. Clark and wife, of Hartford, spent the Sabbath at A.H. Clark's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Taylor, of Middle Haddam, were the guests of Henry E. Lyman the past week. Mr. Taylor drove over with his own team and is hale and hearty at the advanced age of 88 years.

Andrew H. Rockwell, of Manchester, for many years a resident of this place, has been visiting his many friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Fuller, of New London, are also spending a few days with their friends.

Miss Edith Clark, teacher in Ellington, spent the Sabbath at home, also Miss Lucy Sawyer student in Rockville High School.

Wed Oct 26 1881: Columbia

Mrs. Simon Hunt and daughter have returned from their visit to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collins, of Boston, have been spending a few weeks among friends in town.

A surprise party at G.B. Fullers, last Tuesday evening.

Burdelle Downer a lad of 15 years captured five gray squirrels at one hunt.

Robert Hall, of Hampton, who last spent considerable time here during few years past, is reported seriously ill of typhoid fever at his home.

Mr. Hillhouse is with his friend, Dr. Parkes, for a few days.

Wed Nov 2 1881: Columbia

Miss Nellie Little, daughter of Chas. D. Little, of Saginaw, Michigan, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jerusha Woodworth and other friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Cecil Gates, who has been spending the late summer and early fall at J.E.H. Gates, leaves town this week for Lynn, Mass.

Chas. Robinson of Lebanon, occupies the premises recently purchased by W.H. Yeomans.

Alfred Maynard had a barn raised last Wednesday, and invited his neighbors to assist. It was a raw windy day, but the men did their work well under the supervision of Henry Maynard, the builder, and were hospitably entertained by the hostess, as the well filled table bore evidence, containing a variety of cakes, pies, etc., which all pronounced excellent.

Mrs. Butters, of Haverhill, Mass., will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. C.H. Cummings, in Pine Street.

Rev. Mr. Phipps and daughter, of Prospect, Conn., called upon their friends last Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie Brown began her school labors in Pine Street district, on Monday.

The waters of the reservoir have receded sufficient to allow of walking across from Albert Brown's store to Henry E. Lyman's.

Mrs. Crandall and Mrs. Foot, of Colchester, spent the Sabbath in town.

Newton Fuller, occupied a short time Sunday afternoon, speaking of the workings of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Wed Nov 9 1881: Columbia

William P. Robertson, of Hartford, was at home over Sunday; he was formerly one of Columbia enterprising genial young men and is always assured of a hearty welcome among his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fuller of Liberty Hill, were in town last Sabbath and attended service at the Congregational church in the afternoon.

Miss Orilla Fuller, has so far regained her usual health since her late accident as to ride up to the green and seems to be rapidly improving.

Mrs. George Lyman, of Hartford, is the guest of Edson Lyman.

Charles Richardson, began his labors as teacher in the Center district on Monday.

Fall term of school in Hop River, district closed last Saturday, Miss Kingsley, teacher.

On Wednesday afternoon Hon. B.G. Northrop, delivered a lecture on "Memory and how to cultivate it" in the Congregational church. Miss Ludilla S. Peck, of New Britain, accompanied him and gave several readings to an attentive and appreciative audience one of which was particularly attractive, entitled "Creeds of the bells."

Mrs. Sybil Robertson who has been with friends in Hartford for several weeks has returned to her home.

Wed Nov 16 1881: Columbia

That terrible scourge diphtheria has made its appearance in the family of Mr. Yelverton Green, of Columbia. Bertie a bright energetic little fellow of ten years, died on Saturday; he was one of four pupils who attended school every day during the fall term of the school in Hop River district. Once during the term he was sent on an errand which necessitated a journey of over ten miles all of which he accomplished on foot and arrived at school in time to be enrolled for the morning session, which speaks well for his perseverance the more praiseworthy, as no premium had been promised him for punctual attendance.

Mrs. Harriet Yeomans is having an addition built on her house by Messrs. Goodwin of Lebanon.

Samuel F. Ticknor's new residence is ready for occupancy, and the family have just moved into it.

An infant son of Elbert Little, of Norwich, was brought here for interment last week.

School in West St. began last Monday with Miss Porter of Hebron as teacher. Miss Edith Clark who has been teaching in Ellington during the fall, has been solicited to remain during the winter term.

A private town meeting held Saturday with regard to paying the expenses of that horse case.

Wed Nov 23 1881: Columbia

Henry Chaplin has been making improvements on his house by removing an old fashioned stone chimney replacing it by a much smaller brick one, thereby increasing space in the interior of his dwelling.

J.E. H.Gates, last week plastered the new rooms in Mrs. Yeoman's residence.

The republican representative, S.B. West with his friends enjoyed an oyster supper at Bascom's Hall last Thursday evening.

A drove of 150 cattle on Columbia Green last Monday.

Dr. T.R. Parker has been spending a few days in Montville, also Misses Lillian and Jennie Fuller.

Mr. Henry Cummings intends leaving town about December 1st for South Coventry to engage in the business of supplying the villagers daily with meat. He is to occupy the Daniel Green place and call every morning on the people, delivering from his cart.

Wed Nov 30 1881: Columbia

A few evenings since the young friends of Fred Hunt gave him a genuine surprise by meeting at his residence, the occasion being the first anniversary of his marriage.

Charles E. Little begins his labors as teacher in Windsor this week.

Fred O. Clark and wife of Hartford, spent last Thursday in town, also Wm. P. Robertson of the same place.

Miss Clara Sawyer who has been employed in the Rockville school for a number of years is to be absent one term on vacation.

Fred Avery of Boston, has been at home for a few days.

The lads in Pine street enjoyed to the utmost skating on Clark's pond last Friday; the boys got shod for the ice quicker than the horses did as they awaited their turn at the blacksmith shops on that day.

The reservoir still continues quite low admitting of individuals walking across from Albert Brown's shore to Henry E. Lyman's.

School in Hop River district began Monday, Henry Hunt teacher.

Wed Dec 7 1881: Columbia

Mrs. Harriet Woodward was the guest of Mrs. Violala Loomer last week.

Mr. Harriman Robinson of Manchester, N.H., spent the week with his brother Charles on Pine street.

Fred Avery returns to his business in Boston this week having been at home for a number of days on a vacation.

Miss Lucy Sawyer returns to Rockville another term as student in the high school.

Mr. C.H. Cummings moved to South Coventry last Friday.

Wed Dec 14 1881: Columbia

The Literary Association reorganized on Friday evening resulting in the following choice of officers. Pres. Willie D. Clark, Vice-Pres. Willie H. Bliss, Sec. Charles Yeomans, Treas. Charles Richardson. Question for next Friday evening. "Resolved that the statesman is more to be admired than the soldier" disputants Willie Bliss, Charles Clark, affirmative Henry Hunt, Charles Richardson, negative.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie M. Dewey wife of Elbert C. Little of Norwich was attended from the residence of William B. Little on Friday at 10 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Taylor of Norwich officiating.

Rev. Josiah Mack of Gilead occupied the sacred desk on Sunday in exchange with Rev. F.D. Avery.



Wed Dec 21 1881: Columbia.

Miss Emma Bascom is spending a few weeks in Meriden.

The Ladies society will meet at L.C. Clark's on Thursday evening.

Horace W. Stetson was in town on Monday, and purchased a yoke of fat oxen of William H. Yeomans.

Edward P. Lyman's new house is ready for occupancy.

Fred A. Lyman goes to Hartford every week to receive commercial instruction.

Miss Mary Truer, of Mt. Vernon N.Y. a sister of Mrs. Koling, of Woodward Hill, came to make her sister a prolonged visit, and after a stay of about three weeks was taken ill and died last Sabbath evening. Her father was notified of her critical situation by telegram but did not arrive till after her death. The remains were taken home for burial.

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Bert Townsend and sister have returned from their four months pleasure trip and report a very enjoyable time in sight seeing. They were in Cleveland at the funeral of Garfield and present at the Guiteau trial in Washington.

The children and grandchildren of Joel Tucker assembled to celebrate Christmas, about twenty in number.

William P. Robertson of Hartford, spent the Xmas holidays in town.

Fred Clarke and wife of Hartford, spent Monday at N.H. Clark's.

W.H. Yeomans was in Hartford a few days last week.

The marriage of Miss Louise Brown to Mr. Edward P. Lyman, occurred at the Congregational church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. F.D. Avery officiating. At the appointed hour the bridal party entered the church, preceded by the ushers Mr. Albert E. Brown and Mr. Payson Little, immediately followed by Mr. William P. Robertson and Miss Hortense Downer, cousin of the bride, and then the contracting parties. Mr. Fred A. Lyman was organist for the occasion and rendered very fine artistic music, playing through the entire ceremony. A large number aside from the invited guests which were composed principally of relatives assembled to witness the ceremony which shows the high esteem in which the young couple are held. A reception was held at the new home which Mr. Lyman had already prepared for his bride.

