

Wed Jan. 3, 1883: Columbia.

R.A. Thompson recently killed two pigs that both weighed in the same notch 261 lbs.

Miss Amy Thompson has a hornets nest that measures 34 ? x 40 ? inches in circumference.

A little out of season for city boarders yet two ladies from Troy, N.Y., are stopping at Mrs. H.W. Buell's.

Albert Brown felled a tree which struck into the top of another, splitting a limb in which was four grey squirrels, two of were caught by the neck as the limb closed up, and one was so injured that he was captured.

Charles F. Clark has been enjoying his vacation during the holidays at his home.

Messrs. Foote and Woodward of Colchester were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Utley has returned to Colchester.

Mrs. Buell has two lady boarders from New York.

Mrs. Julia Yeomans is visiting friend in West Street.

Mrs. Daniel Ticknor and daughter are in Pomfret for the season.

W.H. Yeomans Supt. Of the Houstonic R.R. was in town over the Sabbath.

Mrs. Jennie Jacobs has been spending a few weeks with her brother. Willie Jacobs, of Hartford, is at his grandfather's.

S.S. Collins has been getting in a ply of ice.

Dr. C.N. Gallup brought his bride in town last Friday and will probably occupy his new house this week.

Wed Jan. 10, 1883: Columbia.

Walter E. Palmer has made many improvements on his house and barn the past year and when spring opens he contemplates more extensive repairs both inside and out.

The house of Mason D. Squires took fire recently in the room occupied by an invalid brother, and but for the timely discovery the house would have been

destroyed. Mr. Squires succeeded in raising two windows from the inside, but on account of the dense smoke, was unable to raise the one near the bed, which he raised from the outside with the intention of taking out his brother, but as the draft cleared out the room sufficiently to take in the situation, he entered the room, threw out the bed clothes that were on fire and saved the house with but little damage. He was insured in the Tolland, but presents no claim for damages.

At the recent entertainment of the Ladies Society left the society still in arrears about \$15, a meeting of the society was held at the chapel Wednesday evening to raise the necessary amount. The entertainment consisted mainly of select readings by Miss Emily Williams and Mr. Frank Brown.

The scholars of the West Dist. school gave their teacher Miss Ada Townsend an agreeable surprise Wednesday evening and were hospitably entertained. Most of the scholars were present and some of the young bloods of Pine Street for the first time waited upon some young lady, who, likewise for the first time was escorted out and away from home rule.

Simeon Jacobs and wife went to Springfield last week to attend the funeral of a friend, the estimable wife of Simeon Jacobs of that place.

The young people gave Walter E. Palmer a surprise Friday evening and were well entertained, although his absence during the day found his house rather cold on the arrival of the guests.

(from another correspondent)

Geo. W. Thompson spent last Wednesday in Norwich.

Joel Tucker took a load of produce to Norwich on Wednesday.

Elbert Little, who has been spending several months at his father's on account of ill health, has recuperated sufficiently to travel in Western New York on business.

Alonzo Little has joined the popular order of benedicts and espoused Miss Hattie Isham, a most worthy helpmate.

A Library meeting was held Wednesday evening and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions consisting of the following named gentlemen; William A. Collins, Chestnut Hill district; Chas. E. Little, North; Horace B. Frink, West; N.K. Holbrook, South West; James P. Little, Pine street; Simeon F. Tucker, Canter; and to report Tuesday evening 16th inst. This will probably determine how deeply interested the people are in the matter and whether the project will be a success.

This week people were exceedingly annoyed last week by a change of time of their daily mail which now arrives at so early an hour that those who have daily papers do not receive them till the next day.

Mr. Irving Richardson, who is teaching in Windsor Locks, spent the holidays in town.

Fishing in the reservoir was good sport for a party of Coventry anglers who were successful in capturing a fine lot of pickerel.

Mr. Elisha Spafard, teacher in the Pine St. school, invited his scholars to spend Monday evening with him. It is needless to say that the time was agreeably spent and a pleasant feeling exists between teacher and pupils.

Wed Jan. 17, 1883: Columbia.

The scholars in Pine street school enjoyed another holiday on Friday owing to the illness of Mr. Spafard's wife.

Mr. Wm. Foote of Colchester visited his daughter Mrs. C.N. Gallup M.D. last week.

Young men's Social Club of Hop River, gave a dance at Bascom's hall on Friday evening—Simon F. Tucker got up a good spread for them which was appreciated by all and an important factor in the jolly time which is reported.

G.B. Fuller a few days since, lighted a match and after using it carelessly threw it aside, when it fell into a waste basket where there was some hay, and after performing his work in another room and returning to the store he found fire enough in the basket to have produced a first class fire, situated as the building is in a nest of houses, sheds, etc.

The music at the Masonic ball is to be furnished by Gurdon Cady of Central Village.

After the annoyance of having such a disarrangement of the mail as was experienced by the people last week we think they will fully appreciate the return to the usual afternoon hour as now we can receive all mail due here from all quarters.

Ladies society meets at Rev. F.D. Avery's this evening.
Arthur H. Little is occupying his new residence on Town street.

The committee for soliciting library funds are meeting with considerable encouragement.

The many friends of our former physician Dr. Julian La Pierre will be pleased to learn of his recovery from a protracted illness from typhoid fever, he having been confined to his room at his residence for about two months.

Wed Jan. 24, 1883: Columbia.

Mrs. Harriet Woodward has been spending a short time in Colchester in attending her sick nephew.

W.H. Yeomans attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge in New Haven last week.

Geo. F. Taylor proposes putting a steam saw mill on his recently purchased wood lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Cone of East Hampton have been the guests of Mrs. W. Fox during the past week.

Thursday evening friends of Frank Holbrook assembled at his residence in Pine street and celebrated his birthday. A kitchen dance was indulged in and enjoyed by the participants.

Messrs. Brown, Downer & Avery spent Wednesday fishing in the reservoir and report fair success.

On Thursday evening a few of the young friends of Miss Jennie L. Fuller surprised her at her boarding place at Mr. Dorhenwend's in Willis Woods where she is employed in teaching.

Mr. Norman H. Clark's son Fred O. who resides in Hartford came near being the victim of a serious accident. Some one in the rear of his residence on Clark street while practicing with a rifle accidentally fired so that the bullet passed through the window of the room in which he with his wife and infant daughter were sitting and as they had just left the window, his many friends here feel like congratulating him on his added lease of life.

The Secretary of the Library Association W.A. Collins is, according to instruction, in correspondence with Mr. L.B. Little relative to the proposition made by him concerning a public library in this place.

N.P. Little has been subjected to great inconvenience by the detention of his saw on the road between here and Philadelphia but after several weeks absence it put in an appearance last Saturday, and now for business.

(From another correspondent.)

Henry Scherbaum is getting logs to the mill for timber to be used in the erection of a two tenement house in Willimantic the coming spring.

The third meeting of the prospective Library Association was held at the town hall Thursday evening to hear the report of the committee on subscriptions in aid of the project. The report showed well, the amount subscribed \$143—did not meet with the expectation of a few. The report was accepted and the committee authorized to make a second canvass and report at a meeting to be held in one week. Considerable correspondence has been carried on between the chairman of these meetings and Mr. Saxton B. Little, the gentleman who gives to the town the income from \$1000, toward the establishment of a free public library under certain mentioned conditions with minor conditions not mentioned. This correspondence on the part of Little was read, and caused considerable discussion on a motion to reconsider a vote just passed authorizing the secretary to confer with the gentleman as to more explicit conditions. These conditions as mentioned in the correspondence, cause much comment outside and if rigidly adhered to will in a great measure defeat the objects desired, to wit, a free library. The idea of only three hours each Friday p.m. when books can be drawn, as the best time, as a few get out to the regular prayer meeting, looks to some as a scheme on the part of the church to swell as much as possible these prayer meetings. Another condition that the pastor of the church should be ex-officio connected with it is not likely to create enthusiasm, and to some smacks too strongly of church government. Then others do not enthuse readily for fear that such books as they may be pleased to read will not be provided, and their fears are not altogether groundless. When these dollar subscriptions are all in, then an opportunity will be offered for anyone to subscribe such sums as they may choose, and the prospect is good for securing the amount required, provided in this second canvass some who have already subscribed do not scratch their names from the paper. Some do not see the necessity of procuring a charter, but this Mr. Little requires before he makes a deposit of the \$1000. Mr. Little sees much work for someone to do to secure the sums required and find a name for the association, drafting a constitution and by-laws, etc. There are men enough anxious to step to the fore-front to take charge if the rest are willing, and it is not at all likely that the association will lack for a name, or that the task will be hard to select a name if every member can be heard. One thing is certain however, there is much yet to be said at the meetings yet to follow if the scheme does not collapse before fall.

A party of town fishermen had remarkable good luck in the reservoir Wednesday of last week. The largest haul was a black bass that registered 3 pounds—by the scales, (this is to be taken as an oath.)

The store of F.P. Collins now looks like a bill poster's head-quarters, as every available square inch and much space not available is hung with posters and show bills that are not entirely without artistic merit. The public enjoy scrutinizing

the frequent visitors, and this is the only place in town now where the public can gaze with perfect freedom with price.

The arrival of mails as now again in order gives the public better satisfaction. Any arrangement that required two days for a paper to get here from Willimantic ought to be changed; yes, never ought to have been ordered.

Wed Jan. 31, 1883: Columbia.

Mrs. Henry E. Lyman is visiting her mother in Woonsocket where she will spend three weeks and then return with her son Fred who, after a short vacation, will go to Boston to attend a conservatory of music.

Mrs. Anson Holbrook and family with other friends and relatives went to Colchester to celebrate the 90th birthday of her mother Mrs. Abell, and on returning in consequence of the icy condition of the streets Mrs. Holbrook's wagon was overturned and her wrist dislocated and a ligament broken. Dr. Sweet was in attendance and reduced the fracture and the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Ladies Society met at Rev. F.D. Avery's on Wednesday.

The Masonic ball at Bascom hall on Wednesday evening was pronounced a success and the music by G. Cady was highly appreciated by the party. A fine supper was provided and the ball was considered the best the fraternity had ever given.

Miss Sophia Thompson has invited her teacher and the scholars to meet with her on the 30th inst., it being her 18th birthday.

N.P. Little had on Saturday some six teams drawing lumber for him to Hop River depot to load cars. The roads are so icy that it requires considerable engineering to team it on this route.

Columbia and vicinity keep Dr. Gallup busy and it is evident that he thinks he can make a living here.

Wm. P. Robertson of Hartford was in town over Sunday.

Miss Belle Boughton is visiting friends in New York.

Wed Feb. 7, 1883: Columbia.

Vennor's almanac has been very liberally distributed among the people with the compliments of Wilson & Leonard, and any one who has followed his predictions for 1883 thus far will find that "Old Vennor" is a guessest of the first class.

There was a kitchen dance at Chas. S. Yeoman's Wednesday evening and was indulged in by the neighborhood.

A fox was imprudent enough to put his foot in one of A. Whitcomb's traps a few nights since, but succeeded in extricating himself; but left one toe nail and a lock of hair as a token of esteem for a light trap.

We are pleased to learn that Messrs. Loomis and Cummings, of Liberty Hill, are able to be about and wrestle with knotty legal and theological problems. We knew that "Bill" was equal to the task in digesting fine legal points, but was surprised to learn that he was rash enough to tackle theology. He had better let that subject remain under the championship of "Nort" who is the acknowledged champion on that subject.

An enlargement of the store now occupied by F.P. Collins to double its present size is contemplated. If some enterprising citizen would build a new store with a public hall in the second story, both Mr. Collins and the public would be better accommodated. This would be a step in the right direction, and the e. c. would receive the everlasting thanks of the people. Would it not prove a paying investment?

Chas. R. Buell returned Sunday evening after more than a week's absence. He had been in company with his brother Will, of Tolland who was suffering from a rupture and was in search of surgical relief.

Wed Feb. 7, 1883:

Died. Chapman—In Columbia Feb. 6, Eliza Chapman, aged 75 years.

Seth S. Collins slipped on the ice spraining his foot, necessarily confining him to the house for a few days.

The contract for building the school house in Pine street has been awarded to Messrs. Goodwin of Lebanon.

The Cornet Band met at A.A. Hunt's on Tuesday evening but the meeting was thinly attended as the boys are not fond of going away from the green, but should consider their leader has to go just as far every time he goes to the green.

Ashael O. Wright our esteemed fellow citizen has been confined to his house several days and is quite ill.

N.P. Little has the contract for furnishing the wood for the Hartford town farm.

The chimney in G.B. Fuller's store caved in in the attic over the Lodge room last Saturday.

Miss Edith Clark is visiting her sister Mrs. Prescott Little in Manchester.

Miss Kate Downer has returned to Norwich after a short visit at her home.

Charles Bill in his early life a resident of this place is revisiting his old friends and seems like one risen from the dead as he was in the late war and since that time had not been heard from till within a few weeks. He has spent his time mostly in the Southern states and West Indies.

The efforts of the committee on subscriptions for the library are crowned with an anticipated success. At last account the amount necessary to receive Mr. Little's donation was very nearly made up, and very soon the organization will be effected and but little time will elapse ere the town can boast in having a good public library.

The deaths in town for the year 1882 were fifteen:

Jan. 22d, Dea. Amasa B. Fuller, 55 years.

Jan. 29th, Geo. P. Willis, 51 years.

Feb. 11th, Amos G. Doubleday, 66 years.

March 12th, Mrs. Lucinda M. Gates, 87 years.

March 31st, Calvin Davis, 37 years.

April 30th, Mrs. Eliza Hartshorn, 80 years.

May 19th, Mrs. Mary A. Bascom, 48 years.

May 22nd, Mrs. Jerusha Windworth, 73 years.

May 28th, Dr. Harrison McIntosh, 68 years.

June 12th, Fred Brown, 17 months.

June 21st, Mrs. Sarah Wheeler, 52 years.

June 23d, Mrs. Asahel Hunt, 66 years.

July 2nd, Miss Sarah Potter, 44 years.

July 4th, Fred Micheaux, 17 years.

Dec. 28th, Albert Squires, 44 years.

A party from Bristol were located at Albert Brown's last week and had remarkably good luck fishing through the ice.

(from another correspondent)

Mrs. Eliza Chapman an old resident of this town was found dead this morning beside her bed. The neighbors have for a long time expected to find her thus, as

she chose to be by herself rather than to be at the expense of boarding even a boy. She is well known as an eccentric person freely criticizing people as far as she knew them, and sometimes her criticisms were rather sharp. She was good hearted, a kind neighbor and a well wisher to every one and she will be much missed in the southwest school district. Her greatest trouble seemed to be to keep free from debt and in no case would she receive gratuitous services from any one such as her dread of incurring obligations which she might be unable to fulfill.

Wed Feb. 14, 1883: Columbia.

Franklin and Smith in connection with the Cornet band give an entertainment at the Town Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. Franklin quite a number of years since was engaged in the occupation of tailor in this place and several ladies learned the trade in his shop.

Mrs. Prescott Little is spending a few days at her father's, W.B. Clark.

Albert Abell has gone to the New Haven Hospital to have an operation performed on his eyes.

J.E.H. Gates after settling some business matters intends to go to New London and work at his trade.

Another kitchen dance at H.B. Frink's on Wednesday evening with Coates for prompter. These gatherings are prolific of much pleasure to the young people. Joel Tucker went to Norwich on Friday and disposed of a large load of farmer's produce.

Messrs. Hunt, Collins, Brown, Thompson and Holbrook, took in Buffalo Bill on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Anson Holbrook sustained a more severe injury than was at first announced in her recent accident having dislocated every bone in her wrist besides breaking a ligament.

L.C. Clark has sold the timber from his Unadilla lot to Mr. Sanford lumber dealer.

Mrs. Boyce has carpenters at work in the erection of a new dwelling house on the old Eleazer Bill place.

(from another correspondent.)

Theodore Erdoni, while chopping at the wood-pile Saturday, struck the axe into his foot, splitting it open. Dr. Gallup was called and dressed the wound.

A little rivalry is at present existing between managers of second class "shin digs" and each party accuses the other of appropriating a part of the "voluntary contributions" raised to pay the fiddler, to their own use, and trying to influence others to "stay away from his party and go to mine."

Frank Woodward has moved back from Colchester to this town and now occupies the Mrs. Armstrong house. The stopping of the rubber works at which he worked necessitated this step. It does not seem reasonable that the Rubber shops through the country ought to shut down because rubber in crude state is only \$1.20 a pound for there is not probably a pound of it in a case of boots.

J.A. Utley and F.R. Cobb have stored from 30 to 40 tons of ice from the reservoir 19 inches thick.

Wed Feb. 21, 1883: Columbia

Mrs. William Foote of Colchester has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Dr. Gallup.

Mrs. Sybil P. Robertson has returned from her visit to Hartford, where she attended the birthday party of her only grandchild Florence, on St. Valentine's day.

Mrs. Norman H. Clark was with her son in Hartford for a few days last week.

Mrs. H.E. Lyman returned Saturday from her visit with her home friends in Woonsocket, R.I., accompanied by her son who has finished his labors as teacher for this term.

Messrs. Lyon, Coleman, Mattison and the night operator have taken up the study of shorthand.

G.B. Fuller while driving his colt past a sled loaded with logs, the steed became frightened and took Mr. F. up on the bank over rocks, etc., but he stood by the ship and was master of the situation.

Mr. Dohrenwend and family invited Ralph Root and family during last week's good sleighing to take a ride one evening and with his business wagon body fastened to bob runners a merry party of twelve piled in and came up to Pine street corner where in attempted to turn around, the snow had covered up all obstructions, they drove off the culvert capsizing the load and injuring Mrs. Root so that the next day she was taken to Dr. Sweet who pronounced her shoulder dislocated.

Fred Brown who went to Colorado in the early fall for the benefit of his health, but not improving returned East, has recently been suffering from another hemorrhage.

(from another correspondent.)

Ever since a public library in this town was talked of the desire was to make it a free library. Even Mr. Saxon B. Little, the gentleman who gives the income annually of \$1,000 towards its establishment and \$50 in money and \$50 in books when established, wishes it to be absolutely free if possible. The people who have subscribed the bulk of the funds, did so with the understanding that it was to be free; yet after the money has all been pledged, a certain class, clique or ring opposes every move to make it free. At a meeting Tuesday p.m. (13th) for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws considerable discussion arose on a proposition to amend the first article by inserting the word free, making it read "The Columbia Free Library Association." The opposition to this amendment came from four or five representatives of the church, who for the life of them could not see any way clear for paying the running expenses. After carefully considering the necessary expenses of starting it and maintaining it for a year the actual expenses had dwindled down to a little oil and fire wood. Still this clique stuck to the ship and failed to be convinced that it could be met without a membership fee of 25 cents be imposed on each and every member. This is thought by some to be a stroke of policy as it would decrease the roll of membership as some who are unable to pay more and some who refuse to pay more on any account would not sign, leaving a majority of members church-members, who could then control the meetings in future. But there is no danger of that. Not all church members are opposed to a free library. It is only the master spirits and those who willingly shut their eyes, open their mouths and take the drastic purgative on their tongues that are opposed to it and from force of public opinion has dwindled down to five. Since the action of the meeting in making it a free library, library stock has gone up, as one gentleman stated at a meeting Thursday evening 75 per cent. Mr. N.K. Holbrook and A.H. Fox were the chief advocates of a free library. The success of the enterprise is more encouraging than the most enthusiastic individual dared to hope for, and it is due more to the fact of its being established on a free basis. Subscriptions continue to be reported, the latest report making the sum pledged \$360. At future meetings the adoption of by-laws and election of officers will make it interesting for those who are educated up to that point where one can appreciate such meetings.

Feb. 28, 1883: Columbia

The Cornet Band in company with Franklin and Smith gave an entertainment at Andover last week.

W. P. Robertson of Hartford was in town over Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Holbrook has visited Dr. Sweet three times for his inspection of her injured wrist. She is naturally anxious about it as her right hand has a crooked finger and she used the left for domestic purposes as other people use the right hand, but he assures her it is doing well.

The formation of "the angels snowballs" on the surface of the ground last Wednesday morning was very noticeable.

Mr. A.O. Wright who has been confined to the house for several weeks is slightly convalescent and his wife also is pronounced by Dr. Gallup as being in an improved condition.

Mr. Sanford the lumber dealer has recently purchased a timber lot of Justin Holbrook and is bargaining with W.B. Little and others.

While the workmen were felling trees on Geo. Taylors lot last week one of the trees fell on a yoke of oxen and broke the back of one of the animals.

The Columbia Free Library Association organized last Friday evening resulting in the following choice of officers:--Pres. C. N. Gallup, M.D.; Vice-Pres. E.P. Lyman; Sec. W.A. Collins; Treas. J.P. Little; Trustee John Hutchins; Library Committee, C.N. Gallup, M.D., W.H. Yeomans, J. Hutchins, C.E. Little, Miss A.J. Fuller; A.M. Fox; and Rev. F.D. Avery made a permanent member by the articles of the constitution.

Wed Mar. 14, 1883: Columbia

The Ladies Benevolent Society advertise to give a "mum supper" sometime in the future. It will be in pleasing contrast to most suppers given by the ladies, but we fear when the tea begins to work, the trouble will begin. Guests will enter by the back way, take their seats at the table, make no response if spoken to, eat their fill and pass out. Mum's the word you know.

A report was circulated last week that Mr. Charles Strickland and Miss Elise Whitcomb had knelt at the hymenical altar. Accordingly, a delegation of female friends and neighbors made the bride a call, and surprised her with a number of valuable presents enough for present emergencies. There was tin ware, wooden ware, dusters and last but not least a nursing bottle with all of its various amendments necessary to entice the lacteal fluid from its hidden recess. After a hearty laugh had been indulged in they were informed that the trouble was rather premature, but she tendered her thanks just the same.

Wed Mar. 14, 1883: Columbia

The relatives of Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup gave her a surprise on Friday evening.

On Sunday night Geo. W. Maine lost eleven pigs out of a litter of fifteen owing to the severity of the weather.

Howard W. Yeomans is spending his vacation with his aunt in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The family of H.E. Lyman contemplate moving to Woonsocket, R.I., during this month, Mr. L. Remaining for a few weeks to attend to some matters pertaining to his farm.

Miss Rogers a pupil at Mt. Holyoke will visit her friends in town this week. She is the daughter of Rev. Lewis Rogers of Albion N.Y.

The father of Rev. F.D. Avery of this place died in Belvidere Ill, at the advanced age of 87 years.

Simon Hunt has sold a tract of timber land to Sanford and will clear it before moving his mill to the premises of H.B. Little.

N.R. Holbrook is collecting the library subscriptions.

Mrs. Caroline Armstrong who is spending the winter with her nephew on Liberty Hill, is reported dangerously ill at the former place.

S.S. Collins has sued the town for what he claims to be the payment of illegal taxes.

Rufus Collins is suffering from a gangrene sore on his foot and at his advanced age fears are entertained regarding his recovery.

Geo. Taylor has cleared the wood lot recently purchased of Carpenter and the saw mill is moved to Colchester: timber land seems to be fast disappearing in this section and still there is considerable more to follow.

On Saturday N.P. Little sent another bill of lumber to the Old Colony R.R. He keeps a number of teams employed hauling wood for the town farm in Hartford and altogether keeps business lively in that direction.

L.J. Robertson owing to his early training and good judgement makes an excellent financier as is illustrated by his apple trade with all the farmers this season.

The population of this town was increased last week by the birth of a fine daughter to Mrs. F. Woodward and a 13 lb boy to a lady boarding on West street, but the latter child only survived three days as reported. The mother came here a few months since going by the name of Mrs. Sullivan from Troy, N.Y. There are many who consider a mystery attached to the case.

Two foxes were observed leisurely going across the fields just east of the S.S. Collins last week as if there was no fox-hunters on Columbia Green.

Wed Mar. 21, 1883: Columbia

William P. Robertson and Wilton Little spent the Sabbath at their respective homes in town.

On Tuesday of last week Saxton B. Little of Meriden made a formal presentation of \$1,000 for the benefit of the Columbia free library and offered a spot on the parsonage grounds, of which he and his brother are the principal owners, near the old cemetery for the erection of a library building, and since his return knowing of the struggle for collecting funds necessary to erect said building he has written to the collector that he will defray one eighth of expense incurred for that purpose and it now looks as if the building might be secured. He has also donated to the library 86 new books also 126 of his own library manifesting a spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness for the people of his native town that is duly appreciated.

Miss Lida Hutchins assistant principal in the Rockville high school and Miss Clara Sawyer a teacher in another department in the same building together with Miss Lucy Sawyer teacher in Ellington are with their friends during the three weeks vacation.

The mumps originating with some of the scholars in the Centre school are quite prevalent and whether there will be enough to go around remains to be seen.

Miss Jennie Fuller is hired to teach in Hop River district and Miss Porter of Hebron in the centre.

Mrs. Elizabeth Utley has been seriously ill with erysipelas but is reported convalescent

The ladies society gave a mum supper at Bascom's hall and the net proceeds were not far from \$30. After the seats at the first table were filled the rules were read by Edward P. Lyman and very soon Mrs. S.B. West made her appearance acting as chaperon to six young ladies grotesquely attired in costumes of days gone by and all endeavored to the utmost to provoke smiles or answers to questions proposed so as to realize profits from the forfeits which were imposed

upon those responding in words or smiles. The ludicrousness of the situation was too much for the gravity of some but there were quite a number who could hold their tongues and keep a straight face on them, but in one instance where they had brought their powers to bear on one young man and found he didn't yield a lady transferred her cap to the head of the minister and the young man succumbed seeing the Rev. in a large, frilled white cap.

The board of school visitors appointed James L. Downer committee in Pine street district in place of Edward Clark who had moved out of the district. Miss Lilian I. Fuller will teach on Chestnut Hill.

Albert Edgerton who owns a farm at Hop River but has been engaged in the milk business in Hartford for a few years is intending to occupy his premises this year.

Last Thursday on the turnpike near town the horse of Jonathan Tucker broke through the frost so that it was unable to extricate itself and timely assistance in rescuing prevented an accident.

Wed Mar. 28, 1883: Columbia

We notice the genial countenance of our old friend Geo. M. Woodward of Rockville in our streets last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foote of Colchester visited their daughter Mrs. Dr. Gallup, last week.

W.H. Yeomans is in New York for a few days on business and pleasure trips combined.

Previous to the close of her vacation Miss Clara Sawyer gave a very pleasant tea party to some of her most intimate lady friends. The day following another of the same kind at Mrs. Harry Kneeland's.

On Monday of last week L.C. Clark made five and one-half barrels of cider at Hunt's mill and has a cheese ready for several more.

Fast day services were held in the churches as usual.

L.J. Robertson of Hartford purchased a car load of potatoes last week at 90 cts, and \$1 per bushel of W.B. Little, G.B. Fuller and Mrs. Geo. Collins of this place.

Payson Little who has been teaching in Windham for the past few months has moved into town and is at present at his father's on Chestnut Hill.

Charles Holbrook had six fowls stolen from his hennery on Thursday night and on the same night a buggy was taken from the shed of a neighbor drawn into an open field and filled with stones from an adjacent wall. Whoever was the perpetrator of the would-be-called joke, carried it most too far as the buggy was laden with heavy stones and might have seriously injured the springs.

Case, cutter for Sanford the lumber dealer has completed his contract and leaves town this week to engage in farming in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Batty with their children have been visiting friends in Middletown and New Britain.

(from another correspondent.)

Last Saturday week being the birthday of Mrs. Lydia Ticknor her children and grandchildren assembled at the old home and celebrated the event. Mrs. Ticknor was the third child of a family of six, and daughter of Eliphabet and Amy Yeomans and was born in West street near to where she now lives, March 17, 1803. She is about the house daily and engages at times in such light work as may suit her fancy, and on this occasion was the first to undertake the task of clearing away the remnants of a solid and substantial feast. She has always been accustomed to a life of toil and care consequent to farm life, and until recently has been possessed of a strong and clear mind, though now her mind is clear to a remarkable degree, and like most old people she has a clearer idea of scenes of early life. She was the recipient of numerous presents, such as aprons, a dress pattern, napkin and ring, pair of shoes, handkerchiefs, silver pieces, confectionery and oranges. It is hoped she may live to meet the same party at her 81st birthday.

The people of West street do not like to be credited with that 13 lb boy of Mrs. Sullivans of Troy, N.Y., as mentioned in last week's Chronicle. Neither do they care to rob any community of the honors of being the birthplace of the child, if there is any honors connected with it. It was born at a place known as Cobb Hollow, and at present remains repose in the classic precincts [sic] last mentioned. In every other respect we indorse the item.

Mrs. Elizabeth Utley is sick with erysipelas though at this writing is much better. Dr. Gallup attends her.

It is reported that the boarders at Mrs. Buell's have returned to their homes at Troy, N.Y.

The trapping season is now closed and Arthur Whitcomb awaits the return of that Mansfield fur gatherer with thirteen skunk pelts.

Wed Apr. 4, 1883: Columbia

The traveling on the turnpike between Columbia and Hebron is rarely ever worse than this spring and in other sections heavily loaded teams with railroad ties, lumber and logs do not improve the highways.

A quilting bee at S.F. Ticknor's on Wednesday p.m. composed of Miss Olive's friends and as the hospitality of the house is noted and the housekeeper's cooking also we know had a fine time.

Mrs. Harris returned to Woonsocket Saturday after spending a few days with Mrs. H.E. Lyman also Hiram Harris of the same place on Monday who had also been a guest of his sister.
Sam Snow moved last week into the tenement house owned by Marshall Holbrook.

Leverett Watrous spent a few days in Meriden last week and Herbert Watrous of Meriden was in town at his father's suffering from a severe cold and general debility.

W.H. and H.W. Yeomans returned from New York on Thursday.

The Boughton farm formerly owned by the late Augustus Post has been sold to Dr. Cobb, of Troy, N.Y., and the occupants are patiently awaiting the coming of the purchaser who has been expected for the last month.

Miss Alice Rogers of Albion, N.Y., has been visiting friends in town during her vacation and will resume this week her studies at Mt. Holyoke institute.

Wed Apr. 11, 1883: Columbia

We have the pleasure to announce the gift of a beautiful ice pitcher to William H. Yeomans Supt. Of the Housatonic R.R. The pitcher became his by virtue of ballots cast at a Catholic fair held in the western part of the state during the latter part of the winter in which Supt. Yeomans of the Housatonic [sic] and Supt. Jones of the Conn. Western were the principal contestants, whereby the former greatly distanced the latter and was made the recipient of a valuable testimonial of esteem.

The many friends of Hubert Little will be pained to hear of the illness of his only daughter a bright little girl of two years and that her condition is considered hopeless by attending physicians.

The funeral of Mrs. Geo. Carpenter a victim of consumption, was attended from her late residence on Tuesday. She leaves a husband and three sons to mourn her loss. Burial in West street cemetery.

Miss Clara Holbrook as teacher commences her labors in Pine street school Monday.

Fred A. Lyman who has been teaching in Woonsocket is home for a few days and on his return will be accompanied by his mother as the family are intending to make the former place their home after Mr. Lyman has settled up business matters and got off a large bill of lumber for which he has contracted with a Worcester party and that job will occupy a portion of next winter.

Geo. W. Thompson has moved into the vacant house on the farm owned by W.H. Yeomans, West street.

Bailey's steam saw mill was moved last Friday to the lot recently purchased of W.B. Little. It was thought by some that the roads were so muddy it would be impossible to get it through, it weighing between six and seven tons but were successful in landing it at its destination drawn by three yoke of oxen and two span of mules.

Mrs. W.H. Yeomans with her daughter Eveline will visit her sister Mrs. Kimball in Washington on the course of a couple of weeks.

S.B. Lyman entertained people at an auction last Thursday in his usual witty and pleasing manner and we are confident he adds greatly to the fund by his thorough knowledge of the business and his amusing way of auctioneering.

One of our young men started for Willimantic with a load of white birches last Thursday with three yoke of oxen but when near Robert Brown's on account of the depth of mud was obliged to abandon his load and return with his oxen, we trust since then the crisis has been reached and the roads will be more passable as it is rare at this late season the traveling is so bad.

Mrs. A.O. Wright seems to be a confirmed invalid and Mr. Wright is still feeble but as settled weather advances his friends hope he will continue to improve and be out among them in his usual cheery manner.

The children of Mrs. Chas. Backus are spending a time at their grandfather's Mr. Simeon Jacobs while she is away recruiting her health.

Wed Apr. 18, 1883: Columbia.

Albert F. Yeomans, and [sic] employee on the Western Division of the N.Y. & N.E. road, spent the Sunday with his family.

Ralph McIntosh, at present in the telephone office at Hartford spent the Sunday among his friends in West street.

Walter E. Palmer is going to try the virtues of Quinnipiac fertilizers the coming season, having procured 1 ½ tons of the local agent.

A protective tariff enables the Linen company to pay the farmers \$5 per cord for spool timber to the amount of 75 cords.

Mr. H.B. Frink met with an adventure in Willimantic Wednesday, but for which unusual quiet would have reigned in that usually busy place. He had come to town with a load of hay that he had previously sold to a sewing machine agent, and it was bargained that cash was to be paid. Instead, when deposited in the barn, the agent failed to have the cash in hand and perambulating the streets with a big valise in hand failed to find anyone ready to loan it. At this state, after abusing Frink, threatening to "mop the floor" with him, etc., he told Frink to go and get his hay if he was afraid to trust him. This Frank proceeded to do, when the agent appeared and paid for the hay with money he claimed he procured from his mother. But from the fact that we were present and witnessed the encounter we would hardly have believed the little fellow with the big valise possessed of such a mighty big bump of combativeness.

The prospects for a library building are not as encouraging as at one time, still it is voted to build on land of Mr. John Ticknor. This will require an outlay of \$20 in excess of the amount required had it been decided to set it on the parsonage lot. But the guarantee of a prospective proprietor fell through at the critical moment for reasons as yet unexplained.

We learn that the remains of the 13 pound boy of "Cobb Hollow" fame was removed by the "farther" when he was here soon after its demise. Such haste to dispose of its remains after it as given out that it was not to be removed only adds to the mystery connected with the case; yet there are those who express themselves satisfied from the first that it was a case that should have been investigated, and would have been in almost any other community.

Wed Apr. 18, 1883: Columbia

The Engine at N.P. Little's is inactive for a few days caused by the breaking of a bolt and its falling into the cylinder necessarily causing a delay.

Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup is in Colchester for a few days visiting her parents and other friends.

The mill used in sawing Sanford's lumber turns off 2,000 feet per hour. This mill is owned by Bailey of Bozrah and will be moved to that place about May 1st.

Walter Palmer has been buying potatoes of different farmers for shipping.

W.P. Robertson of Hartford spent the Sabbath in town. He being a general favorite among this people is always welcomed and these frequent visits in one direction tend to enforce the idea that in the not distant future he may take from our midst some one to share his journey's to and from this place and also the journey of life.

The site for locating the library building having been decided upon and the deed given work will now begin on the foundation. Lumber is being donated, solicitations for gratuitous labor meeting with a ready response providing the building is pushed forward at an early date so as not to interfere with farm labor when the season advances. Wm. B. Little has the credit of getting the first lumber on the ground ready for use. Wm. H. Yeomans is appointed by the committee to superintend the erection of the building.

John H. Bascom is active in buying all kinds of produce for Hartford market.

Wed Apr. 25, 1883: Columbia

James L. Downer shot a white robin a few mornings since and will add it to his fine collection of stuffed birds.

Drs. Parker and Jillson were in town last week trying their persuasive powers upon wild ducks on the reservoir.

Fred A. Lyman's pupils at the close of the school, presented him with an elegant pair of slippers as a token of their appreciation of his services among them during the past year.

A monument to the memory of Mrs. Mary A. Bascom was erected in our cemetery last week, Tuesday.

Lovely flowers are exhibited to the public in the windows at the residence of Mrs. A.H. Fox, Mrs. Carlos Collins and Mrs. Fred Hunt.

Excavation for the foundation of the library building has already begun and in the no distant future, although work progresses slowly we hope to see it opened to the public.

Warren Worth has been quite ill for several weeks with sciatic rheumatism.

Chestnut Hill school, Miss L.J. Fuller, and Hop River school Miss J.L. Fuller, commenced last week.

Wed May 2, 1883: Columbia.

Jonathan Tucker has gone to New York for treatment of his eyes.

Albert Abel has recently returned from the New Haven hospital, where he has been for several weeks for similar treatment, and his eye is much improved, and, if it remains a permanent benefit, will prove a great blessing and comfort to him.

J.E.H. Gates is at home once more and welcomed by his friends, as he always has a pleasant word for all.

W.H. Yeomans was in Bolton Saturday for the purpose of surveying.

Last Thursday it began so seem as if the young men were in earnest about the library building, as Messrs. D.E. Brown, C.E. Little, D. Avery, Chas E. Yeomans, W.E. Palmer worked on the foundation and gave it a genuine start. Among recent additional subscriptions to the Library Fund may be mentioned one from the Ladies' Society and also one from George F. Taylor, son of Edward Taylor, the Milk street lumber dealer.

George is busy at the lumber yard, and is gentlemanly to all who seek lumber, and those who desire to purchase anything in that line at bottom prices would do well to give him a call.

A wedding at the parsonage the 25th inst., the contracting parties being James H. Richardson and Mrs. Clara Sawyer.

Mr. Rufus Collins, an aged citizen residing on Chestnut Hill, died on Friday night. Funeral at his residence on Sunday afternoon, occupying the time of the usual service.

Miss Julia S. Avery is at home for a few weeks.

School in the Center, Miss Porter teacher, and on West street, Miss Townsend teacher, have begun.

N.P. Little is engaged for a few days in sawing shingles at his mill.

Ely and Sanford were in Hartford last Saturday.

Wed May 9, 1883: Columbia.

J.L. Downer was in Norwich Tuesday for his daughter Kate who has been spending the winter there.

Miss Esther Porter from Colchester is with her invalid sister Mrs. Wright.

The funeral of Mr. Jonathan Fuller of Liberty Hill was attended from the Congregational church in this place on Friday the 4th inst.

Mrs. Fred O. Clark of Hartford with Baby Helen has been spending a few days at N.H. Clark's and on Sunday Mr. Clark spent the day under the paternal roof.

Mrs. W.H. Yeomans is enjoying a visit to Washington, D.C.

Frank Woodward returns to Framingham this week.

H.E. Lyman has been in town for a few days.

A quilting party at Miss Julia Brown's on Wednesday.

Messrs. Watrous, Hunt and Clark discovered a nest of young foxes in the ledge and gave them a touch of fire and smoke, thereby securing two and probably smothering the others. The bark of the old one is distinctly heard at night.

Samuel Brown of Portland is in town a few days with his daughter Mrs. Collins.

The sawing on W.B. Little's lot was finished Monday, but there is a pile of lumber and ties to be drawn away.

Mrs. John Ticknor met with an accident one day last week while coming down stairs with a carpet stepped down two steps and falling injured her considerably. Subsequently she attempted to go to the stove to remove a dish of apples and fell to the floor. Uncle John summoned assistance from a passer-by and she was removed to her bed and the extent of her injuries was feared to be more than at first thought as at her time of life she would not be likely to rally as quickly.

Mrs. Simon Hunt a few weeks since, just as the last ice was disappearing slipped and fell striking her shoulder, but at the time not considering herself injured proceeded about her work, later her shoulder began to trouble her and she has been confined at home ever since.

Addison Thompson has a cat with two kittens large enough for playing that when three grey squirrels were brought in took them in charge and cares for them the same as her own breed. Quite a contrast the kittens and the small smooth-

skinned squirrels so small that their eyes are not opened yet, instead of devouring them brings them up as her own.

Fred Avery spent the Sabbath at home with Mr. and Mrs. Manney.

W.H. Mattison agent at the Hop River station has gone to Andover and assumed command at that station. He will be missed at Hop River.

Peterson the night operator at the same station was released from further service a few days since, because he allowed himself to be overcome by "tired nature's sweet restorer," while at his post.

The disease is becoming prevalent; first Mr. Richardson contracted it, and now our friend J.E. H. Gates has voluntarily placed his neck under the matrimonial yolk as a partner in life with Mary A. Caulkins of New London. It may very reasonably be surmised that this event had more to do with calling friend Gates to New London so frequently than any call that he had in the line of his trade. But it is all right, we are glad of it and hope that his measure of happiness in the future will be full to overflowing all the time.

Mr. Gates and wife are upon their bridal trip in Rhode Island visiting friend of the bride – will return to New London the present week and after a brief stay go to their home in Columbia.

Wed May 16, 1883: Columbia.

Bert Brown caught two black bass from the reservoir waters last Monday one weighing 3.5 and the other 3.6.

G.B. Fuller's old family horse left its master's premises last week never to return.

Mrs. L.C. Clark has a fine calla with nine blossoms.

Mrs. W.H. Yeomans has returned from her visit to Washington and New York.

G.W. Thompson has been seriously ill but is reported convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. McLoughlin of Providence are the guests of S.F. West.

Wm. P. Robertson and Wilton Little of Hartford were in town over Sunday. Mrs. W.H. Yeomans returned from a three-weeks absence to Washington, Saturday last accompanied by her husband.

Mrs. D.C. Ticknor has returned from Putnam where she has been spending the winter and will reside in West street for several weeks at least.

Albert F. Yeomans has been off duty for five weeks enjoying the invigorating atmosphere of West street but contemplates returning to more active duties soon.

Friend Gates believes that it is not good for man to be alone and has taken into himself a wife. We are glad of it and congratulate Joseph, hoping his cup of happiness will continue to overflow.

Wed May 23, 1883: Columbia

Work on the foundation of the Pine Street school house was resumed last Wednesday and the building will be raised this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Hunt gave a party last Wednesday evening celebrating the 21st birthday of their son Henry.

Miss Porter teacher on the Green left her school for a few days indisposed from the effects of a severe cold.

Humpty Dumpty advertised at the Town hall on Thursday evening proved a grand humbug. Several families intended taking it in but on reading the South Windham correspondent's description of it in the Chronicle were prevented from being victimized.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates returned from their wedding trip on Monday.

Sheriff Hawkins of Norwich and Deputy Sheriff Peckham of Lebanon were in town Friday night in pursuit of a colored man in possession of a team stolen from New London; the fellow passed through Pine street the preceding day and had a considerable start of the pursuers.

We are informed that Charlie Holbrook has taken the contract for drawing the lumber for Sanford from Turner's lot not far from Turnerville.

Robbie Bown [sic] a lad with F. Collins while splitting wood accidentally split off a portion of his finger.

The public are coming to know where to go to secure first-class wagons – those made upon honor, Carlos Collins, Esq. has just finished one for Daniel Tucker a fine three spring business wagon, thoroughly ironed. The wood work is by A.H. Fox and done upon honor and the painting by Charles Robinson in his best style. The gear is painted a sort of maroon or lake, the frame black panels green striped with crimson and yellow and makes an exceedingly strong appearance. If

there are others who are in want of such vehicles Mr. Collins will not refuse to accommodate them. Give him a call by all means.

Carlos Collins has in his employ several men with their teams removing stones and subduing a lot that will be a profitable investment making a fine spot for a garden.

Frank Collins is continually adding to his stock of goods and by close application to business and attention to customers is building up a good trade.

Thurs May 31, 1883: Columbia

School house in Pine street has been raised, and Goodwin the contractor will push the job with his usual energy.

Although the library building is a sure thing it progresses slowly as the work is done gratuitously and the season is so late that this work comes in collision with that of the farmers, but this afternoon there will be a beginning and we hope to see the building advance rapidly.

Leveritt Watrous saved some seed from the seed pod of his calla and planted them as an experiment resulting in the appearance of callas.

Howard W. Yeomans was confined to the house last week with throat trouble, this being the first time in five years that he had been absent from school.

Supt. Yeomans was at home over the Sabbath and in attendance upon Geo. W. Thompson who is in a very critical condition his life being despaired of by his friends.

Wed Jun 6, 1883: Columbia.

Frank Woodward who is employed in the rubber mill at Framingham, Mass, has been at home a few days with his family.

The library building was raised last Friday and we hope to see it completed notwithstanding the superstition and belief of some that Friday is an unlucky day to commence any job.

Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup visited her home friends in Colchester and was in attendance on exercises Memorial day.

James L. Downer has recently added to his fine case of birds a white robin which is quite a rare specimen.

J.H. Bascom presented his daughter Mary with a fine Chickering piano and it was delivered at his residence by team, from Hartford last week.

Saxton B. Little of Meriden has recently erected a monument on his family lot in this cemetery.

The Cornet Band have decided to hold a strawberry festival in about two weeks.

Mrs. William Babcock who lives just over the line in Andover, but who comes among this people quite often is dangerously ill with an affliction of the heart.

Quite a collection of books for the library arrived from Washington last week.

Henry Holbrook whose business is that of civil engineer, and who has recently been engaged in looking over Mexico is now on a visit among his relatives here. He spent several weeks in Washington on his route home pertaining to his railroad enterprise.

Henry Townsend had a flock of sheep sheared on Monday by Leveritt Watrous.

Wed Jun 13, 1883: Columbia.

Deacon Austin Babcock of Branford was the guest of W.H. Yeomans last week.

Charles E. Yeomans, son of Supt. Yeomans is at present a student in the commercial college at Bridgeport.

The orchard of S.B. West shows the ravages of the canker worm and looks as though a fire had run over it. This same farmer has a field of rye that delights the eye to look at, and is the finest of any in this vicinity.

Henry Champlin caught a turtle recently that weighed 26 lbs and was an object of curiosity to many.

The funeral of Geo. W. Thompson was attended from his late residence in West street on Thursday at 10 a.m. Services were conducted by Rev. Ellsworth of St. Peter's church, Hebron. Mr. Thompson had a severe attack of kidney trouble several weeks since and after partial recovery went to Willimantic and immediately after occurred a relapse from which he gradually sank away after the most excruciating suffering which he bore with the greatest fortitude. He was a member of Lyon Lodge F. and A.M. and was buried under the Masonic order in

West street cemetery. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn the loss of husband and father, taken from them in the prime of manhood.

Wed Jun 20, 1883: Columbia.

W.C. Jillson is having the machinery of his tape mill put in at Hop River.

Workmen were engaged in making repairs on the highways on various sections of the town during last week.

The maggot is making sad havoc in the onion beds all over town and S.S. Collins has plowed his in and others will follow his example.

G.B. Fuller is having his store painted a delicate tint of drab with fine bright red trimmings a great improvement on the old color.

Mrs. Rev. James K. Hazen and family of Richmond, Va., arrived last Saturday to spend the remainder of the summer with her father Mr. Samuel F. Ticknor.

W.P. Robertson of Hartford was in town over Sunday.

Wed Jun 20, 1883: Columbia, June 10, 1883. Editor Chronicle: Please to return thanks (through the columns of your very welcome paper) to the Masons for their kindness and help during the sickness and burial of my dear husband, also the friends and neighbors who were so faithful through these very trying scenes. With me words fail to express my gratitude. Mrs. George W. Thompson.

Tues Jul 3, 1883: Columbia.

The library building progresses slowly as all work that depends upon the public is liable to, but this project is sure in the end and will be appreciated when in running order.

Parties from in and out of town frequent the reservoir for fishing and pleasure as it is easy of access and Mr. Brown always lends his aid to promote the comfort of all parties.

An error in the item pertaining to G.B. Fuller's store. Your correspondent's pen must have slipped to have made the trimmings of his store "bright red," which should have read light drab with brown trimmings with India red blinds, and this will present the building to your readers in altogether a different aspect.

L.J. Robertson of Hartford was in town Sunday.

Misses Hutchins and Sawyer who are engaged as teachers in Rockville are enjoying their vacation with their friends here.

A runaway swarm of bees settled on the fence by the roadside near A.H. Fox's and were hived and are in good working order.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of Providence are recreating at S.H. West's.

Carlos Collins as an additional improvement to his lot is having a double wall built by Jesse Penrie. Anything Mr. Collins has in charge is bound to look well as his neat premises attest.

Mrs. W.W. Lyon and son are to spend the warm weather at the former home of the lady on Village Hill.

J.L. Downer, W.H. Yeomans and E.P. Lyman have mowed the roadside adjoining their premises, an example which others will do well to follow as it is a marked improvement to the streets.

A cactus in the yard of W.H. Yeomans with over two hundred buds and blossoms on it presents a fine appearance also a scarlet hibiscus.

Charles Strickland has purchased the farm owned by the late Dr. H. McIntosh, and will take immediate possession.

Miss Lottie Holmes of Glastonbury is visiting her young friends in town.

Wed Jul 11, 1883: Columbia.

Henry E. Lyman has been in town for a few days looking after matters pertaining to his farm.

Herman Page of Boston and Georgie Woodward of Rockville are rustivating at their grandmother's on their Green.

The picnic at the reservoir was very much enjoyed by the young people on the 4th. There were several private reunions, one at N.K. Holbrook's where the family met with the brother Henry who has been absent for years on our remote western frontiers and this party was a particularly enjoyable one. Another at Justin Holbrook's where four generations were represented, the aged grandmother having attained the advanced age of 95 years and being in possession still of her mental faculties.

The families of Marshall and Charles Holbrook met at Nathan Fuller's in South Coventry with their other family friends and came home with the satisfied feeling

of a well spent 4th. All that observed were well repaid by the fireworks nature offered us on the evening being presented to the public in the west and north-west and being of a fine and varied character.

Mrs. A.O. Wright is still in a very feeble condition and her friends despair of her recovery. She has the sympathy of all in her prolonged and tedious illness.

Frank Woodward returned to Framingham Monday having spent the week with his family.

Frank E. Holbrook left town a few days since and on being questioned as to his visit said he would inform them on his return and consequently when he did return he was accompanied by a wife.

Mrs. L.C. Clark's night blooming cereus some two months since presented its owner with beautiful blossoms earliest of the season in this vicinity where there are a number of plants.

J.H. Bascom's business wagon on Saturday looked as if he had found a full hen's nest being filled with bushel baskets loaded with eggs.

At a stated communication of Lyon Lodge No. 105 F. and A.M. on the 2nd day of July 1883 the following resolutions of respect to the memory of Geo. W. Thompson the W.M. elect of the Lodge were unanimously adopted to wit: Whereas it has pleased the Great Master of the universe to remove from our midst our worthy and esteemed Brother and Master elect Geo. W. Thompson. Therefore Resolved that in the death of Brother Thompson Lyon Lodge No. 105 F. and A.M. has lost an esteemed officer and a faithful member, the wife a kind husband and the child a loving father. Resolved that we extend to the wife and daughter our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and commend them to Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge and a copy presented to the family of the deceased. Resolved that as an additional mark of respect the usual emblems of mourning be exhibited in the Lodge room for thirty days. Wm. H. Yeomans, A.H. Fox, F.E. Holbrook, Committee. Columbia, July 2nd, 1883.

Wed Jul 18, 1883: Columbia.

Geo. O. Sawyer of Brooklyn, N.Y., a school teacher from that city, is enjoying his vacation at Albert Brown's.

Miss Flora Buck of Worcester is visiting her young friends and will soon be joined by her sisters Misses Jennie and Lottie.

The Phosphorus Club of Willimantic were at the grove on the reservoir banks Friday where they seemed to enjoy themselves.

Fred A. Lyman of Woonsocket was in town a few days last week.

L.J. Robertson of Hartford recently bought some fine new potatoes of Giles Little at a good price.

The lady that accompanied Frank Holbrook from his recent trip proves to be a friend instead of a wife as reported.

Ansel G. Dewey of Portland, Me., is with his mother on Chestnut Hill.

Walton Thompson of Coventry spent the Sabbath in town with his young daughter.

Mrs. G.B. Fuller was quite ill last week but is now convalescent.

Wed Jul 25, 1883: Columbia

Dan Fuller who spends most of his time on the water recently spent a few days with his mother on Chestnut Hill.

Herman Page has passed a creditable examination for admittance to Trinity College and will enter next term.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Hall of East Hampton are in town for a couple of weeks. Mrs. L.C. Clark had seven blossoms on her night blooming cereus last Sabbath evening, also one at W.H. Yeomans, Thursday evening on a cutting only six months old, and more to open.

Mrs. A.G. Dewey accompanies her husband on his home visit, but is in poor health.

Miss Julia Gray is recreating at Martha's Vineyard. Chas. Clark and wife at Niantic; W.H. Yeomans and son at the island. The Misses Fuller leave soon for some point not fully decided upon.

The W.G. & A.R. Morrison Co. gave their employes a holiday on Saturday and they improved the opportunity by gathering at the reservoir a place which has become quite popular, being easily accessible by team with a fine grove and plenty of boats and good fishing.

Miss Clara Holbrook closed a very successful term of school on Pine street on Friday. The old school room which the scholars have occupied for the last time

they tastefully decorated with evergreens hiding its many deformities while the stove was covered with evergreens, bouquets of flowers, and a pan of water lilies. The scholars inspired by the faithfulness of their teacher have applied themselves and the result of the combination was plainly apparent to visitors and parents all being highly pleased with the progress the school had made under such an efficient teacher.

Wed Aug 1, 1883: Columbia.

Fred Avery came from Hartford to enjoy a visit with his Uncle and Aunt Manning of Boston at the parsonage.

W.P. Robertson of Hartford is spending his annual vacation in town with his mother.

Mrs. Covell of Atwoodville has been the guest of her friend Mrs. Harry Kneeland.

A very enjoyable occasion to all concerned was the family clambake at N.B. Little's farm where the families of Alfred and William Lyman united with them and the bivalves were disposed of to the free satisfaction of all.

Oliver Fox showed a kindly spirit last week taking his hired man and team and giving one of his friends a lift enabling him to finish up haying conferring a favor as sickness in the house almost tied his hands.

Mrs. W. H. Yeomans on going up stairs discovered on the broad stair a snake but supposed it was dead and had been placed there by her son to frighten her but on opening the blinds his snakeship was quite active and with shovel and tongs and assistance from another lady he was soon dispatched. It was an adder and the theory of its getting there is that it came in at the cellar window crawled up and through the cat hole and was resting on the broad stair. It is needless to say that the ladies imagine a snake after them every time they go up stairs or in the cellar.

Wed Aug 8, 1883: Columbia.

The reservoir is the frequent resort of parties from all localities, and last week the capacity of the grounds and boats was fully tested.

Miss Ester Porter is in town for a few days at Mr. O.W. Wrights.

John Porter of Putnam was in town on Friday to attend the funeral of his aunt Lovisa.

Mrs. G.B. Fuller with Misses Lillie and Jennie accompanied by Miss Edith Ticknor of your village and will spend the week in New London and vicinity.

Cecil Gates and wife are at home for a few weeks and Miss Holmes of New London is also the guest of her uncle Joseph E.H. Gates and we understand all the parties leave town this week for the shore.

Mrs. A.H. Fox and Miss Clara Holbrook are in East Hampton for a few days.

Mrs. Mary Wells of Lebanon has been spending three weeks with her sister Mrs. Dewey on Chestnut Hill.

Ansel G. Dewey and wife returned to Portland last week leaving his horse here to spend the winter.

Sheriff S.H. Dewey of Norwich was in town over Sunday.

Rev. James K. Hazen of Richmond, Va., preached to this people Sabbath afternoon.

James Graham wife and daughter were the guests of his sister Mrs. Belle Yeomans over the Sabbath.

Mrs. Lucy Holt of Rockville and the family are making their annual visit among relatives in town.

The Library building progresses slowly but work will be resumed this week and we hope to see renewed interest in the matter as the books have been received and the young people are anxious for them to be in their place for use.

The funeral of Mrs. Louisa Porter wife of A.O. Wright was attended from her late residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F.D. Avery officiating. Nature seemed to be in sympathy with the bereaved ones as at the appointed time for the funeral solemnities, the clouds gathered and shed fast falling tears while inside the dwelling the scene was repeated on giving the last fond look on the features of her, they all loved so well who was so soon to be laid away from their sight forever. Mrs. W. had been an invalid for the past nine months and confined to her room for about ten weeks but bore her illness with that degree of patience and fortitude rarely witnessed, not a murmur escaping her lips, always cheerful with a kind word for all, watching quietly for the shining of His face as she knew He was coming shortly to summon her to the other world and now she has heard His voice in the darkness of earth, has called her His beloved and taken her poor tired spirit home to rest. With that calmness that was characteristic of this lady, she talked with freedom of the great change that was coming to her, selecting as a subject for her funeral services - Isaiah 12 - 2 and the day preceding her death,

when it seemed as if but a few minutes were allotted her, uttering a prayer as only a dying woman could pray and repeating a few lines of the hymn, "Jesus lover of my Soul etc." From the nature of her disease she was obliged to rest wholly in her easy chair and thus death found her ready and waiting, a cheerful subject for his arrow, recognizing each member of her family to the very last. Mrs. Wright was a lady highly esteemed by all, a kind friend, good neighbor and a more than mother to her only daughter and grandchildren who, with the afflicted husband have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

Wed Aug 15, 1883: Columbia.

The wife and son of the late Fayette Fitch of Hartford are at Addison Fitch's. Miss Clara Sawyer is a guest at the cottage of her uncle, Nelson Hollister, at Fenwick.

Geo. Sawyer, of New York, who is spending a couple of months in town, is expecting his two sisters on a visit the guests of their cousins.

Fayette Robinson, wife and daughter of Hartford accompanied by Mr. and Mr. Alexander of New York were in town a couple of days last week guests of Mrs. Sybil P. Robinson.

J.E.H. Gates has a nephew from New London with him for a few days.

Chas. A. Post of Hartford was in town Wednesday calling on his friends previous to a trip to Virginia accompanied by his wife and Miss Lizzie.

Henry Jacobs' son of Hartford is with his grandfather in West street.

Fred Avery is home in his vacation and Miss Julia also.

Rev. James K. Hazen D.D. occupied the sacred desk Sunday afternoon.

Carlos Collins is having another great improvement to his neat premises in treating his barn to a new coat of green.

Fred O. Clark, wife and daughter are spending a couple of weeks at Norman H. Clark's.

The outside of the library building is fast nearing completion and will to-day receive its first coat of paint.

Wed Aug 22, 1883: Columbia.

Burdette Downer and sister Georgiana, are spending the week in Putnam.

Carlos Collins and wife are in Boston visiting his brother Chester. His blacksmith shop is receiving a new coat corresponding with that of his barn.

Albert Brown is with friends in Bristol.

Geo. Bill of Norwich was the guest of Giles Little for a few days and now John H. Yeomans of Mansfield is recreating at the same place.

Mrs. Parks of Norwich is with Mrs. A. Brown for a few days.

William Foote and wife of Colchester are visiting their daughter Mrs. C.N. Gallup, M.D.

A.H. Fox, has recently been appointed business manager of the Cornet band.

W.H. Yeomans, has erected in his croquet yard a wall tent 10 feet square. It is furnished with tables, chairs, a folding cot bed, etc., and presents quite a hospitable appearance. Also at his residence on Sunday evening a night blooming cereus opened some beautiful blossoms in one evening and had exhibited several different times on previous evenings.

The residents on the green were somewhat startled one afternoon last week by the cry of murder, murder, issuing from an apartment recently occupied by a stranger to this people. A general stampede to the place resulted in the disclosure that the man had returned from a visit to Willimantic under the influence of something stronger than soda and began abusing his wife to such an extent the above cry was given. He soon ascertained "such goings on" were not allowed here and subsided.

Wed Aug 29, 1883: Columbia.

The question of a select school is being agitated and securing the services of Elisha Spaford as teacher.

Miss Katie Downer is spending the week with friends in Norwich.

Charles Strickland and Arthur Whitcomb have been ill from effects of lead poison but are convalescent under the skillful treatment by Dr. C.N. Gallup.

Misses Lottie and Jennie Buck of Worcester are visiting their young friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Clark enjoyed a trip to Block Island on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin of Hartford were the guests of his sister last week.

The library building grows slowly and workmen are engaged in finishing the interior which will soon be ready for occupancy.

A lady in town made a morning call, while in the yard outside a lad with his father was engaged in work. The ladies were chatting and this query was propounded by the lad. Do you think there is any short hand reporter that can write fast enough to take down what them women say?

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Yeomans leave town to day for a trip to Quissett in Cape Cod and Nantucket.

Wed Sep 19, 1883: Columbia.

Messrs. Brown and Utlely commenced the manufacture of sorghum on Monday.

Rev. F.D. Avery was absent from his charge last Sabbath and the people were expecting services to be conducted by the deacons but were agreeably disappointed on having the desk occupied by Rev. Alvord, of New Hampshire.

Elisha Spafard [sic] who is teaching a select school in the Town Hall is hired for an eighteen weeks term in Pine St. District.

Miss Jennie Fuller goes to Hartford Saturdays for musical instruction.

The boys from Camp Waller returned Saturday with the exception of three who remained to assist in the final packing up of various articles pertaining to camp life.

Fred. Avery has been enjoying a short vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Yeomans returned last week from Cape Cod where they spent their time enjoying life at the shore sailing, fishing, clam bakes, etc.

Elisha Lewis had an orchard of peaches that was fine to look upon and delicious to the taste and many customers are disappointed to learn that he has disposed of the lot to one purchaser.

Miss Lizzie Brown is teaching the fall term in the North District and Miss Hattie Hutchins in Hop River, while Payson Little and C. Isham have gone to South Coventry, engaged in the capacity of teaching.

W.P. Robertson and Wilton Little of Hartford were in town over the Sabbath.

Wed Sep 26, 1883: Columbia.

Daniel Tucker and wife drove from Columbia to Point Judith in one day repeating the same on their return visiting Mrs. Mary Tucker at the Point.

LaFayette Brown of Westchester has been in town for a few days.

A young miss from New Haven seeing some oxen with nosebaskets on said to her cousin "O let us keep away from those oxen they must be so ugly as they are muzzled."

Mrs. Strickland, our mail carrier, visited friends in New London last week.

Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Lord from Windsor are the guests of Mrs. Charles Fuller.

Several families from this place visited the Linen mill last Thursday.

Prof. Jewett is in town pursuing his usual avocation.

Henry Lyman of Woonsocket is in town looking after matters pertaining to his farm and bargaining for the sale of the same.

People were disappointed on attending church last Sabbath in not having the Rev. John Avery who was announced to occupy the pulpit but who sent a telegram that he was detained by a funeral that he was not expected to attend.

Mrs. Palmer Tucker has been in Lynn for several weeks at an institution for the removal of cancers. Has been successfully treated and is expected home in a couple of weeks.

Wm. P. Robertson of Hartford was in town over the Sabbath.

Rev. F.D. Avery is expected home this week.

W.H. Yeomans is engaged to have the charge of making the entries at the coming fair of the Willimantic Fair Association. Persons in this vicinity intending to make exhibits would do well to hand in a list of their articles in advance.

Wed Oct 3, 1883: Columbia.

Hon. Dwight Loomis of Rockville was in town over the Sabbath.

Miss Annie Hutchins teaches in Hop River and Miss Sarah Stanley of Coventry will teach the winter term in the Centre district.

Miss Julia Brown is visiting friends in Glastonbury.

Frank Collins was the recipient last week of a fine Watham watch left in his hand as he was receiving a cordial handshake from our genial friend Mr. Samuel Brown.

Rev. F.D. Avery has returned to his charge after several pleasant trips during the three weeks.

The library building is completed minus a chimney and inside painting.

At a meeting of the democratic electors of this town held at the Town hall on Friday evening, Sept. 28th, the following were appointed delegates to the respective conventions:

County: George H. Loomis, Chester H. Collins, Yelverton Green, Charles M. Holbrook.

Senatorial: James L. Downer, Robert Brown, Simeon F. Tucker, William H. Yeomans, 2d.

Authority was given delegates to send substitutes.

Wed Oct 10, 1883: Columbia.

Miss Olive Howard is spending a few weeks in the family of Rev. James K. Hazen of Richmond, Va.

W.P. Robertson spent the Sabbath in town.

Wilton Little of Hartford is home somewhat indisposed.

Mr. Sanford is entirely engaged getting off the lumber from the tract recently purchased of L.C. Clark.

Miss Lilian J. Fuller is engaged to teach in the west school district, and Miss Jennie L. Fuller in the south west.

Mr. W.W. Lyon and wife visited Boston last week and this week Fred Hunt took in the exposition while there are a number of other citizens that will soon follow.

The Willimantic Fair seemed to be the center of attraction last week. Joel Tucker took a premium on his horse and Mason Squires on a three-year-old colt.

Wed Oct 17, 1883: Columbia.

Messrs. Brown & Utley manufactured 917 gallons of sorghum at their mill this season.

Mrs. Frank Collins with her children is visiting her father in Portland.

Mrs. Royce Thompson took the premium at the Fair on a fine knit bed spread.

The water in the reservoir is so low that teams can pass through on the road that was formerly used by Mr. A. Brown's.

The Board of Education met on Friday evening and reorganized, resulting in the choice of J.P. Little, chairman, J.E.H. Gates secretary and acting visitor.

Chas. E. Little is in Hartford taking the place of his brother who is at home somewhat out of health.

The committee in Pine street district has finally decided upon furnishing the new school house with the new Truniple desks ordered from Baker & Pratt & Co., N.Y.

Dr. L.F. Bentley of Monticello, Iowa, with his sister and Dr. A. Bentley of Bismark were in town last week calling on a few of their old friends.

Miss J. Hortense Downer made her P.P.C's. last week and a wedding is announced at her father's J.L. Downer's to-day.

Rev. F.D. Avery attended the anniversary exercises at the Centre Church.

W.H. Yeomans is in attendance at the Tolland County Fair at Hyde Park this week.

Geo. H. Loomis has opened a grocery store at the station on the Air Line which will accommodate many in that vicinity.

Jennie L. Fuller commenced her school in the S.W. district on Monday.

Wed Oct 24, 1883: Columbia.

J.E.H. Gates is engaged in making repairs on Walter Palmer's house in West street and report says one of our young ladies will occupy it with him when completed.

On Thursday there was a repetition of a drunken brawl at Bronson's on the Green which resulted in the breaking up of the family, the wife leaving for the home of friends in Mansfield.

Frank Collins spent the Sabbath with his family in Portland the guest of Mr. Samuel Brown.

Charles Ely moved his engine from the lot of L.C. Clark on Friday to the wooded lot of Henry Buell recently purchased by Mr. Sanford.

Mr. Ely it is said will move his family into Chas. Buell's house by the reservoir. Quite a number of our citizens took advantage of excursion rates and visited Boston last week. Lunin Hunt and daughter remaining and returning the last of the week.

On Wednesday afternoon at half past one at the residence of the bride's parents, the marriage of Mr. William P. Robertson of Hartford, and Miss J. Hortense Downer was consummated. The wedding was a quiet one owing to recent affliction in the family the invitations being confined to the immediate friends of both parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. D. Avery the bride being attired in a blue electric silk with an elegant heavily embroidered veil draped around her neck and shoulders, an heirloom in the groom's family, fastened at the corsage by a group of buff tea roses. The couple were attended by the young brother and sister of the bride who was the recipient of valuable presents, among which was a check of \$100 from the groom, \$50 from L.J. Robertson, a silver tea set from William H. Post, a number of \$5 gold pieces, besides useful articles of several sets of silver knives and forks and spoons and butterknives, slippers, rugs, tidies, carving knife and fork, napkins, card case, sofa cushion and other gifts that awaited the young couple in their new home in Hartford and which testified to the esteem and good wishes of a large circle of friends. The bridal party left about 3 o'clock driving through in double teams to Hartford accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Robertson of the former place and only brother of the groom.

The wedding bells chimed again on Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Anson Holbrook the contracting parties being Mr. Charles Rood of South Coventry and Miss Clara E. Holbrook. At 8 o'clock the marriage service was felicitously performed by Rev. F.D. Avery in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. The bride was remembered by her friends by a variety of useful gifts, and will leave for her new home amid the kind wishes of many friends, and students in our public schools lose a capable and efficient teacher who has faithfully labored for their welfare.

N.P. Little has added a grist mill to his saw mill and will attend to the wants of the people who will find it a great accommodation to have such a mill in so central a location.

Miss Annie Hutchins is engaged to teach on Chestnut Hill.

Wed Nov 7, 1883: Columbia.

The funeral of Samuel C. Collins was attended at the Congregational church on Wednesday.

Rev. F.D. Avery recently entertained a former classmate of his from Cape May.

The select school taught by Elisha Spaford closed on Friday and this same teacher will resume his labors in Pine street district the 12th inst. There was a delay in receiving the furniture for the new building and the teacher needed a short vacation consequently the term commences a week later.

Miss Olive Hurard has returned from her visit to Richmond.

Mr. Saxton B. Little has been the guest of his brother during the week, calling on friends of visiting the library of which he is the founder and expressed himself much pleased with the building, books, etc.

The Ladies society met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Jerusha Williams.

A. H. Fox is making excavations preparatory to affixing an addition to his house.

Mrs. Wm. H. Yeomans has returned from her trip to Bristol where she has been visiting her sister.

The Cornet band is holding meetings in the houses of its members preparatory to giving a concert at some future time and on Friday evening met with its drummer, L.C. Clark.

Mrs. Henry Richardson, while on a visit to Boston, injured her ankle in some way so that she is obliged to use crutches.

Charles Hitchcock and wife from Bergen, N.J. are the guests of their friends in town.

Mrs. Prescott Little is at her father's making preparations for a return to Manchester, and to enter upon the duties of housekeeping.

Chas. E. Yeomans returned Saturday from a six months course at Commercial college in Bridgeport in which city he has also studied telegraphy but has not yet fully decided upon what course to pursue.

Mrs. Albert Yeomans has been spending a week at her father's on Liberty Hill. J.L. Downer and S.F. Tucker have been in Gilead exhibiting their skill in painting for Mr. Gilbert.

Miss Lilian I. Fuller commenced the winter term in West street district on Monday.

Wed Nov 14, 1883: Columbia.

Mrs. W.P Robertson returned to Hartford Wednesday after a short visit at her father's.

Chas. Robinson and mother are occupying a tenement in the house of John Ticknor.

The Ladies society met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Geo. Wright.

Mr. Henry N. Jacobs of Hartford, one of the young men from this place has donated an elegant chandelier for lighting the new library building, attesting his interest in his native town. Mr. Ansel G. Dewey, of Portland, Maine, has also signified his intention to furnish table and chairs which will soon be here. These two gifts have furthered the cause wonderfully and are attractive features in the interior of the building and the committee as they hold their meetings will thoroughly appreciate the kind remembrance of these two gentlemen.

Mrs. Harriet Yeomans presented to the library several books of antiquity.

J.E.H. Gates is engaged in work on the outbuildings connected with the new Pine street school house.

Mrs. Mary Wells of Lebanon has for a few weeks the guest of her sister Mrs. Dewey. Mrs. W. made calls on various friends preparatory to leaving with her son's family for a winter's sojourn in Providence. This lady has attained the advanced age of 84 years. Her mental faculties are wholly preserved and she is an excellent companion for young or old being possessed of lively conversational powers her society while a resident of this place being sought and enjoyed by all.

Wed Nov 21, 1883: Columbia.

Jason Holbrook has just completed a new hennery.

Miss Phebe Lincoln in her will, donated \$150 to the Congregational church. The new chandelier makes the library building "as bright as day" as the committee expresses themselves and is more and more appreciated.

The ladies society met with Mrs. Strickland on Wednesday evening their object being to raise funds to liquidate the indebtedness of the ecclesiastical society.

At the Hop River store we notice a storm door which is a real luxury, breaking off the wind at the main entrance and the interior of the store seems to be well stocked with a full supply of groceries for winter use which have been carefully selected with a few of pleasing customers who will find everything just as Mr. Lyon represents it to be.

L.C. Clark's old family horse has been ailing during the fall, some pronouncing the disease, glanders, and a short time was treated to a dose of chloroform and now sleeps his last sleep under the autumn leaves in his familiar pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Lyon spent the Sabbath in Willimantic.

Rev. F.D. Avery attended the meeting of ministers at Norwich last week.

There was a delay in grinding at the grist mill of N.P. Little on Friday caused by some break in the machinery which was speedily remedied and business resumed.

Wed Nov 28, 1883: Columbia.

Bailey's steam saw mill was moved to Millington on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Dewey leaves town this week to visit her sister in Aurelius, N.Y., and intends being absent several weeks.

A.H. Fox is busy at work on the new addition to his residence which is quite an improvement to the premises.

Frank Woodward is at home ill, being severely threatened with fever.

Willard P. Clark assumes the duty of sexton of the Congregational church and the interior is cared for by Miss Amelia J. Fuller.

Misses Clara and Lucy Lawyer are at home for a vacation, part of which the former spends in Hartford, and the latter accompanied by her mother will take a trip to Brooklyn, N.Y.

Miss Lida Hutchins is also at home resting from her labors as assistant principal in the high school at Rockville.

James L. Downer was the recipient last week of a gift that many would be pleased to accept that of a barrel of oysters.

Mr. Nelson Harding of Glastonbury was in town Monday purchasing sheep.

Mr. Simeon Jacobs of West street was thrown from his wagon also a large basket of eggs - the latter sustained injury, but fortunately for Mr. Jacobs he escaped.

William Richards of Bristol, accompanied by Dr. F.H. Williams were the guests of W.H. Yeomans last week and were looking up Indian relics to add to their large and valuable collection.

Carlos Collins is having a new building erected adjacent to his blacksmith shop 20 x 30 ft. for carriage shop and miscellaneous purposes.

G.B. Fuller sent out cards of invitation to his constituents and their families to attend his supper at Bascom Hall which event came off with great éclat on Tuesday evening.

At the parsonage Mrs. Avery is entertaining her brother and wife who soon leave for a winter in the south.

Wed Dec 5, 1883: Columbia.

Rev. F.D. Avery on going to his barn Wednesday a.m. found his horse lying dead in its stall and as the animal was all right the evening previous imagined that it might have been an attack of colic or that in lying down it got into such a position that it could not extricate itself.

The gorgeous sunsets the week past have excited the admiration of all that have witnessed them, the glowing colors extending high in the horizon from the west to the south and as late as 5:45, a phenomenon rarely witnessed in this country, and several mornings the eastern sky was illuminated with a fine golden hue but not equally as beautiful as in the evening when the sky was intensely red and then softened down to a peculiar rose tint that was so attractive.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E.H. Gates spent Thanksgiving in New London with friends.

W.P. Robertson and wife of Hartford were in town Thursday also Prof. E.L. Richardson and wife of Windsor.

Mrs. Sybil P. Robertson has gone to Hartford to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. N.H. Clark spent several days in Hartford last week.
Messrs. Sanford & Ely, with their families, spent a part of last week in Canton where it is rumored they will move their business soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kneeland are in Hebron visiting friends.

At Wm. B. Little's on Thanksgiving day was gathered his entire family consisting of six sons with their respective families, making a pleasant reunion.

Mrs. Harriet M. Woodward is visiting her son in Rockville.

Wed Dec 12, 1883: Columbia.

S.S. Collins lost an ox last week that has been ailing since early in the fall.

C.W. Ely moved his engine to Cherry Brook on Wednesday and the force of men employed at his mill accompanied him.

Mrs. Daniel C. Ticknor who has been spending the summer months and early fall in West street contemplates leaving for Putnam with her daughter where Mr. T's business calls him to spend his nights.

Chas. E. Yeomans was at home for a few days since on a short vacation but has returned to Bridgeport to complete his studies.

The Ladies society met last week with Mrs. John Hutchins and this week the gathering is at Mrs. C.E. Brown's.

Mr. Palmer Downer has gone to Glastonbury for a few weeks.
Mrs. Holt and daughter of Willimantic were the guests of Mrs. Belle Yeomans last week.

Supt. W.H. Yeomans was in town over Sunday.

Charles Collins new building at the rate it progresses will soon be ready for occupancy.

Chas. F. Clark a student from Yale College is at home on a vacation.

Dea. Leander Richardson shut up some turkeys for the purpose of fattening for market and some one that concluded they needed them more than he did relieved him of a part of them.

The Columbia free library will be opened on Friday the 14th, inst, at 3:30 p.m., also at 7:30 p.m., W.H. Yeomans acting in the capacity of librarian. It may seem a long time to the waiting public to get the library in running order but the erection of the building by gratuitous labor necessitated its being done more slowly and a great amount of labor in arranging books, cataloging, etc., has delayed the opening till now. The people have the credit of manifesting as little impatience as possible in regard to the delay and now we trust will be fully repaid for their long waiting and reap a good harvest of literary food. Ansel G. Dewey's gift of table and seven chairs arrived on Friday this being the last to make all arrangements of the interior complete.

Rev. Mr. Hanks of Boston at the Cong'l church Sabbath morning spoke in behalf of the Seaman's Aid Society and in the afternoon delivered a temperance lecture illustrating by scenery the downfall of a drunkard from the first moderate drinking to his utter ruin.

Lyon Lodge No. 105F. and A.M., held their annual meeting last Monday evening and elected the following officers: - Chester H. Collins, W.M., Alanson H. Fox, S.W., W.S. Worth, J.W., Carlos Collins, Treas., W.H. Yeomans, Secy', F.E. Holbrook, S.D., C.A. Robinson, J.D., S.S. Collins, S.S., W.A. Collins, Tyler, J.L. Downer, Marshall, F.E. Holbrook, Organist. Finance Committee: - W.H. Yeomans, Simeon F. Tucker, F.E. Holbrook. Trustees: - Geo. H. Hodge, Chas. H. Clark, John H. Bascons, F.P. Collins, J.S.

Wed Dec 19, 1883: Columbia.

A.H. Fox had a new addition to his house plastered last Tuesday.

Mr. Samuel Brown is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Collins and his appearance here is hailed with pleasure by his friends who all enjoy Uncle Sam's society.

Mrs. N.K. Holbrook has recently woven in her old fashioned loom forty yards of toweling which she designs as gifts to her children as the work of her own hands this kind of work being something rare in these days.

Rev. F.D. Avery donated to the library framed pictures of Samson Occum one of the Mohegan tribe of Indians who was educated at Moore's Indian Charity School in this place previous to its removal to Hanover, H.H., also that of Rev. Alfred Wright missionary to the Choctaws. Mrs. Harriet Yeomans presented a fine framed picture of the famous Yosemite valley for the adornment of the library walls, and the room presented an attractive appearance on the opening day and evening and the library was liberally patronized going to prove what has been often said of this community its having a particular fondness for reading.

The scholars of Pine street school gave their teacher Elisha Spafard a surprise party on Thursday evening. Misses Georgianna Downer and Genevieve Little seemed to be the prime movers in the enterprise and the affair proved an enjoyable occasion to all. Refreshments were served by the young ladies.

The Cornet Band used the upper room in Carlos Collins' new building last Friday evening.

Frank P. Collins has in his store a nice silver-mounted show case filled with the goods of the Puzzoline Co., of Boston, consisting of cements, soap, perfumery, crystal polish, liniments, cough medicine, etc., which makes a fine display.