

TWC Wed Jan 2, 1884: Columbia.

A part of the roof to the barn on the Augustus Post place was blown off during the high wind of last Friday.

Miss Georgianna Downer has been spending the holidays with her sister in Hartford.

Misses Hutchins and Sawyer are in town during the holidays.

Miss Julia Avery has returned to Brocton, and resumed her duties as teacher in the public school.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucretia B. Avery was attended from the Congregational church on Monday at 10 o'clock, Rev. F.D. Avery officiating. Mrs. Avery was a lady well known in town, of a kind heart, and many families who have been in affliction have been the recipients of her sympathy expressed in a manner peculiar to herself, nevertheless showing a warm and tender feeling for all in sorrow, and now after suffering from a complication of diseases she is at rest leaving behind an aged and infirm husband, a son and daughter who will miss this wife and mother.

Miss Mary Dewey has returned from her recent trip and arrived in Monson just in time to take in the zero weather last week.

The new library is well patronized, the number of books being drawn largely increasing each week which tends to show the committee did their work well in the selection of books that seem to be duly appreciated.

The Cornet Band have decided to hold their meetings in the new building recently erected by Carlos Collins.

Prof. Erving Richardson and wife of Windsor Locks are in town over the holidays.

The Ladies society meets this week with Mrs. Geo. W. Morgan.

The young friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Little gave them a pleasant surprise at their residence on Tuesday evening it being the first anniversary of their marriage.

The Ladies Society met with Mrs. Bascom Friday evening and a goodly number were in attendance.

Christmas trees with their wealth of presents were enjoyed at E.P. Lyman's and Albert Edgerton's.

The Town Clerk's office in a few days will be removed to S.F. Tucker's he having been elected to that office.

TWC Wed Jan 9, 1884: Columbia.

Darius Leonard engaged parties to burn a coal pit, and after all was supposed to be in readiness, and the pit set on fire, either through mismanagement, or because it was left during the night without care, it was entirely consumed.

Saxton B. Little of Meriden made the library a Christmas present of fifty-one volumes, mostly poetical works.

The Columbia Free Library association held their annual meeting on the evening of the 4th inst. At the library building, resulting in the same choice of officers as last year; president, C.N. Gallup M.D.; vice-president, E.P. Lyman; secretary, William A. Collins; treasurer, J.P. Little. The two library committee whose terms had expired were also re-elected. Joseph Hutchins and Chas. E. Little.

Dudley B. Avery, after the burial of his wife, returned with his daughter to Manchester, where he will remain for the present.

TWC Wed Jan 16, 1884: Columbia.

The roof on the south side of Mrs. Webler's barn has recently caved in showing how soon the buildings on unoccupied premises without repairs fall to decay.

The serious illness of Miss Hattie youngest daughter of Albert Brown excites the liveliest sympathy of all our people. The disease seems in to be making alarming progress and physicians are somewhat undecided as to the cause that produced total blindness but are fearful of a brain difficulty.

Fred Tucker while chopping wood on Saturday accidentally cut through his boot grazing the bone thus laying him aside from attending school.

A.A. Hunt commenced a singing school at the Town Hall on Sunday Evening.

The Ladies Society give an oyster supper at Samuel F. Ticknor's this evening.

Wm. Babcock of Andover presented the Library of this place with seven volumes of valuable books.

Mrs. Wm. P. Robertson of Hartford is visiting at her father's for a few days.

Supt. W.H. Yeomans came home last Saturday and on arriving at the depot found awaiting him a fine Steinway piano sent to his address, a valuable present, showing the high esteem in which this gentleman is held.

A son of the late Chas. H. Wright has recently been visiting his grandfather and is studying the practice of medicine in New Haven. His aunt Mrs. W.W. Little returned with him for treatment being afflicted with a badly swollen ankle.

A lighted lamp tipped over and broke at Victor Penre's and the oil ignited but owing to Mrs. P's presence of mind, she seized a rug and covered the flames thereby avoiding serious consequences.

TWC Wed Jan 23, 1884: Rev. F.D. Avery and delegate Joseph Hutchins attended the annual meeting of the Connecticut Temperance Union at Hartford on Wednesday.

Chester Collins and Wm. H. Yeomans were in Hartford Wednesday and Thursday to attend at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The oyster supper given by the Ladies Society at Samuel F. Ticknor's on Wednesday evening was financially a success and all know that whoever goes to Mr. Ticknor's always has a very enjoyable time as his reputation as a host has for many years been fully established.

The many friends of W.W. Lyon regret his departure from Hop River as he has always conducted the business at the store in a manner to win the confidence of his customers, and purchasers soon found that whatever Mr. Lyon represented goods to be could be fully relied on. All wish him unlimited success in his future business. Charles Franklin occupies the position made vacant by Lyon.

The library interest is still on the increase shown by the advance in the number of books drawn from week to week.

Samuel Brown, Abbott Little, Fred Avery, Denison Avery and Harry Downer spent a part of the day Saturday in fishing upon the reservoir, and succeeded in capturing 70 or more perch and pickerel. When Uncle Sam starts for them they have to come.

Henry G. Scoville and Miss Dorcas Tucker were joined in wedlock on Thursday Jan. 17th. They started for Providence.

The ice crop is ripe and is being harvested. The teams of Seth S. Collins and Oliver Fox were busy on Monday.

TWC Wed Jan 30, 1884: Columbia.

Quite a number of parties have enjoyed a vast deal of fun during the past week at reservoir fishing through the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scoville are intending to enter upon the duties of housekeeping in Middletown, and as Mrs. S. has been called the finest looking young lady in town we bespeak for them a happy future for beside her personal attractions she is capable of making home what it should be to every husband.

Several days last week winter birds were plentiful in the evergreens around different residences and in one locality at one time were a pair of blue jays, a flock of grosbeaks, four pair of chickadees a pair of red headed woodpeckers also a couple of red squirrels.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport went to Norwich Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. Davenport's brother.

Miss Annie Hutchins received some of her young friends on Friday evening and a very social agreeable time was spent. A fine spread was provided as all will understand who have been the recipients of her mother's hospitality.

S.S. Collins vacates the old homestead which will be occupied by his only son while he removes to his new house down on Town St.

The annual meeting of the ladies society will be held with Mrs. G.B. Fuller on Friday evening. A full attendance is requested. In place of the afternoon exercises the funeral services of Miss Hattie L. youngest daughter of Mr. Albert Brown was conducted by Rev. F.D. Avery who read comforting words in appropriate selections of scripture and spoke feelingly as one of the lambs of his flock had been taken and there was a large mourning assemblage of friends, Sunday school teachers and pupils gathered to pay the last token of love and sympathy for their dear young friend who had been so early called. A quartette of voices consisted of Mr. and Mrs. G.B. and Miss Jennie L. Fuller with Mrs. Cobb rendered very feelingly the beautiful words "Farewell Sister" which were received with touching effect and woke the echoes in many a heart mourning the loss of dear ones laid aside. After the singing the casket was opened by Wm. H. Yeomans for all friends to take a last fond look of their young friend Hattie who lay in her youthfulness amid a bed of flowers as if asleep. Her remains were then taken to the cemetery by her companions Harry Downer, Bert Townsend, Jo Clark, and Fred Avery and laid to rest by the side of her eldest sister Nellie. Our young friend commenced to attend the fall term of school in Willimantic, but the first week began to complain of indisposition and on her return home medical assistance was summoned, but her disease gradually assumed alarming symptoms, baffling the skill of physicians and terminating in a difficulty of the brain about four weeks since, producing total blindness which affliction she bore in that cheerful manner peculiar to herself, constantly hoping that it was only temporary and would be removed, but her eyes were opened by her Savior in Paradise. And what an awakening! Many parties of pleasure who have frequented the reservoir, will remember this young person with such bright black eyes, who in her quiet ladylike manner in the absence of her father and brother would minister to their many wants so modestly, and her young lady friends will also bear the memory their many joyous rows on the water propelled by her slight hands now clasping flowers in the still fingers, nevermore to participate in their amusements. Much sympathy is felt for this bereaved family in this community.

TWC Wed Feb 13, 1884: Columbia.

Celia Richards drew a ticket for a half dozen china fruit plates in a package of baking powder and Charles Richards drew a lace collar in a similar package for sale at F.P. Collins.

Charles E. Yeomans is employed as express agent on the Hartford & Springfield R.R.

Owing to the forbidding aspect of the weather the society at Mrs. Giles Little's last week was slimly attended, this evening it meets with Mrs. Frank Cobb.

Chas. Ely was in town last Tuesday and bargained with N.K. Holbrook for a tract of woodland which will be cut off at an early date.

Fishing on the reservoir promises sport for those who enjoy such pastimes. Uncle Sam Brown spent a few hours there one day last week and hauled in seventy-five nice fish.

TWC Wed Feb 20, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. Amanda Sawyer will occupy the tenement house of S.F. Ticknor the present year.

A few of the young ladies arranged for a Leap Year Surprise party to be given Henry Hunt and after necessary preparations they repaired to the residence of his father and spent an agreeable evening as is usual on such occasions especially when the programme is carried out by the young ladies.

James L. Downer spent last week in Hartford with his daughter Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. G.B. Fuller accompanied her husband on his trip with the committee on humane institutions and other members of the legislature to Meriden last Friday.

S.F. Ticknor is furnishing a large supply of ties for the N.Y. & N.E. R.R. this winter.

C.W. Ely's engine was moved from Hop River Station on Friday and workmen are busily engaged in making arrangements to commence work on the lot of timber recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Payson Little were in town over Sunday.

On Sunday evening while Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Little were returning from Willimantic and near S.E. Lyman's the axle to the carriage broke frightening the horse into a run for a short distance when it threw itself and Mr. Little then held it down 'till assistance could be procured. It was a fortunate occurrence to the parties concerned that no injury to their persons was sustained and nothing more serious than damage to Mrs. L's dress which is more easily remedied than broken bones would have been.

The result of a wager was an oyster supper given by J.H. Bascom Saturday evening to a half-dozen gentlemen and all who are acquainted with the post will understand this party had a good time and came away not hungry.

Chester Collins, S.F. Tucker and Harry Downer in company with genial Uncle Sam Brown came from the reservoir with a big haul of fish last Saturday.

The weather was unpropitious again last Wednesday evening for a meeting of the Ladies social which was to have met with Mrs. Cobb.

.TWC Wed Mar 5, 1884: Columbia.

The young son of Christian Scherbaum accidently tipped a tea pot of hot tea over himself the scalding fluid running down his back causing a distressing burn which was taken care of by the Doctor and the little sufferer is doing as well as can be expected.

Miss Katie Downer is spending a short time with her sister in Hartford.

The Masonic fraternity have engaged Gurdon Cady to furnish their music at the repetition of their ball March 12th.

Miss Ella Hyde daughter of Anson Hyde died at her father's residence on Sunday the 24th of Consumption. The young lady was highly esteemed by her friends and especially the neighbors who knew her so well.

Victor Penre has recently moved into the house on the Button farm on Pine street.

Pillsburg agent for the new steam cooking apparatus is canvassing the town soliciting orders for the same.

Samuel Brown has been in Portland caring for a sick friend but returned Saturday.

John Davenport is actively engaged disposing of onions in various localities for different parties.

Miss Lizzie Brown will commence the spring term in the North district in a couple of weeks.

TWC Wed Mar 12, 1884: Columbia.

Miss Lucy Sawyer who has been engaged in teaching in Ellington is spending her vacation in town.

J.E.H. Gates visited the Hop River School on Friday in the capacity of acting visitor.

Ref. F.D. and Mrs. Avery enjoyed the sleighing Thursday in making calls on their parishioners.

Henry Little whose residence is in the near vicinity of Boston and who has recently been bereft of his wife is visiting at his old home with Mrs. Roger Loomis.

The young friends of Addison Frink gave him a pleasant surprise on Thursday evening the anniversary of his 21st birthday at his father's residence and about 9 o'clock sent for Frank Holbrook, who, with his violin furnished music for them to dance.

The Masonic Ball at Bascom Hall this evening with Gurdon Cady for promptor is anticipated to be the event of the season.

A valuable addition of 110 volumes from Saxton B. Little to the Free Library of this place received last week, also 26 volumes from Dr. C.N. Gallup, all of which are highly appreciated by the reading public.

Miss Clara Sawyer and Miss Lida Hutchins are spending their usual vacation at home.

A party of fishermen with Uncle Sam Brown taking the lead captured a mammoth string of fish last Thursday at the reservoir.

A wedding at Henry Richardson's the 5th inst. The contracting parties being Walter E. Palmer and Miss Alice Richardson. About thirty guests were present and the ceremony was performed by Rev. F.D. Avery. The bride was remembered by a variety of presents and entering upon new duties in life she has the best wishes of all her friends that she may find her future life all she expects it to be.

TWC Wed Mar 19, 1884: Columbia.

Miss Lizzie Brown is spending the interval between the two terms of school with friends in Worcester.

Mr. David D. Little, a former resident of this place died at Lincoln, Nebraska, Mar. 14th, about 7 o'clock A.M. and the telegram announcing his death was received by his brother N.P. Little about noon showing how quick messages can be transmitted from such a distance.

Dr. Julian La Pierre and wife from Greenville were in town Thursday, guests of N.H. Clark.

Jonathan Tucker intends to go to New York soon for another operation on his eye. Two soft cataracts have already been successfully removed and a film has appeared on one eye that the surgeon predicted would appear and advised his return in about six weeks. His eyes are very much improved and after the next operation he hopes to derive still greater benefit and have his sight permanently restored.

Mrs. J.F. Seaman of Turnerville has been visiting her sister Mrs. F.P. Collins for a few days.

Miss Edith Ticknor of Willimantic was with her cousins the Misses Fuller a part of last week.

A party of fisherman consisting of Samuel Brown, Abbot Little and Warren Collins fished through the ice on Tuesday and were successful in securing 110 fish and on Thursday J.L. Downer and Uncle Sam Brown hauled in 120 fish and from their description of the day's work we should judge they were kept busy. Seven of these were black bass the heaviest weighing 2 lbs.

The calico ball given by Lyon Lodge on the 12th inst proved a success and was attended by quite a number out of town. The ladies looked their best in their fresh new dresses and with Cady's music are seemed to be in the best of moods.

N.P. Little has rented his premises and will occupy his farm in Hebron and engage in the lumber business also. Mr. L. has for many years been connected with this people and we regard the loss of him with his family but feel that Columbia's loss will be Hebron's gain.

Another donation of books from Mrs. Isabella Wilcox of Exeter a former resident of this town to the Free Library.

TWC Wed Mar 26, 1884: Columbia.

The Free Library seems to be appreciated by the reading public as 1590 volumes have been drawn in fifteen weeks during the two hours of one day in each week that the library is open.

Miss Amy Thompson visited her young friends in Pine St. last week.

The Ladies' Society met with Mrs. Harriet Yeomans last week. The unfavorable weather and the condition of the roads have interfered with a full attendance at these gatherings for several weeks past.

Jo Clark spent a few days last week in New Haven with his brother Charles who is a Sophomore at Yale and at present Miss Jennie L. Fuller is with friends in the same city.

Miss Annie Hutchins is engaged to teach school in Lebanon.

The steam whistles at N.P. Little's and Chas. W. Ely's steam saw mills gathering in and dismissing the employees at regular hours of work gives the appearance of considerable business being transacted which is really the case.

The school in Pine St. Elisha Spafard teacher closed on Thursday reflecting credit upon instructor and pupils. Mr. Spafard taught a fall term of nine weeks and most of the older scholars attended making a term of 27 weeks with one week's interim. Howard W. Yeomans and Sadie Holbrook were present every day of the term.

S.S. Collins vacated his home premises in favor of his son on Tuesday, he now occupying his new residence on Town St. where in his declining years he can take things easy and his farm be successfully cared for by his only son.

Charles Robinson will occupy the tenement vacated by Warren Collins at the homestead.

TWC Wed Apr 2, 1884: Columbia.

A surprise party was given to George Parish and wife on Monday evening the w4th inst, by his neighbors who participated in dancing and enjoying the evening's entertainment.

Frank A. Brown gave a birthday party to a few of his young friends the 24th inst. And those that attended report a pleasurable entertainment.

Mrs. Wm. P. Robertson is visiting her home friends in Pine street.

Winslow Little serves as juror for this town at the next term of the Superior Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Little spent last week in Norwich and vicinity.

Mrs. C.W. Eldredge of Hartford presented to the library a copy of J.W. Barber's Conn., Historical Collections which is highly prized for its antiquity aside from its being difficult to obtain as copies are rare.

A town meeting was held Saturday p.m., to take action concerning the building of a bridge across the Willimantic river. After some discussion it was voted to leave the matter to the discretion of the selectmen this being similar to that of the town of Windham said town being equally interested. The sentiment of the public seems to be in favor of an iron bridge.

The Ecclesiastical society decided at their Saturday's meeting to purchase the interest in the parsonage property owned by the late Mrs. Lucretia B. Avery.

Miss Lizzie Brown's school commenced on Monday.

Payson E. Little will occupy the vacant tenement at John H. Bascom's.

TWC Wed Apr 9, 1884: Columbia.

Elbert Little, who had been spending the season in East Hartford, is in town for a few weeks.

Mrs. Frank P. Collins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Seaman, in Turnerville.

Uncle Sam Brown, who has been in town for a few months with his daughter, has returned to Portland to engage in his usual avocation.

Saxton B. Little, of Meriden, has sent his picture, framed in oak with plush and gilt trimmings, to hang on the library walls where his cheerful face will look down on those that frequent this resort. Rev. F.D. Avery also presented the framed picture of Gov. William A. Buckingham and that is also suspended in the library building.

Mrs. Myron Winslow Little with her daughter returned from a trip to Meriden last week. Henry Spafard and wife of Exeter, with Miss Breed, were at church Sunday.

The basket supper of the Ladies Society at S.F. Ticknor's was well attended and much merriment resulted in the purchase of different baskets, there being more ladies than gentlemen, the gents bidding on more than one basket and the whole company was pleasantly entertained.

Mrs. Palmer Tucker is seriously ill and grave fears are entertained of her recovery as her disease is a cancerous affection with which she has been afflicted for years. This estimable lady has the full sympathy of her many friends in her trying situation.

The Ladies Society met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Harriet R. Yeomans. Miss Gates of Lebanon, and Mr. Case of Canton, were with their respective friends over the Sabbath, also Miss Annie Wordworth was the guest of her friend, Miss Fuller.

The Cornet Band, A.H. Fox, manager, give an entertainment at Town Hall on Thursday evening, assisted by Frank Maples, an elocutionist from Norwich, and from the style of the advertisement a good treat is promised all who may attend.

The young people who have gone out from among us and who were within the gates over the Sabbath, were Prof. E.L. Richardson, Fred Avery, Frank Berry, Elbert Little.

Jonathan Tucker has rented his farm to Arthur Gillette of Hebron, and with his wife will go to reside with his daughter at Point Judith.

TWC Wed Apr 16, 1884: Columbia.

Uncle Sam Brown spent a couple of days in town and took his accustomed offering of beautiful flowers to St. Peter's church, Hebron, on Easter Sunday, said church being the place where he worships when in this vicinity.

The board of education met at the Town hall on Saturday for the purpose of examining teachers. Miss Jennie Leonard, of Hebron, for Pine street, and Miss Hettie Little for the South-West school were approbated.

Chas. E. Little and Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Lyman, of Willimantic, were in town on Good Friday.

John Lewis went to Boston Tuesday taking with him his young son of four years for treatment of his limbs which do not develop in the same proportion as the body and refuse proper support. He has been recommended by his physician to an institution where he will be fitted to braces and it is hoped the remedy will banish the disease.

Fred O. Clark and wife with Miss Helen Amelia; of Hartford, were in town last week at N.H. Clark's.

The owners of dogs should bear in mind that the law is inflexible and requires registration before the first of May. Not a single dog has yet been registered although a large number is seen daily upon our streets.

The entertainment under the auspices of the Band was very much enjoyed by all in attendance, and the recitations by Frank T. Maples elicited high encomiums.

James L. Downer, Frank P. Collins and Chester Collins, with their families, attended Easter services at the Episcopal church in Hebron.

Mrs. Wm. Foote, of Colchester, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup.

At a meeting of the democratic electors on Saturday evening, April 11th, George H. Loomis and William H. Yeomans were appointed delegates to attend the State convention to be held at New Haven on the 5th day of June next. Power of substitution was granted to the delegates.

Chas W. Ely has purchased a wood lot of Addison Fitch and will soon commence active operations thereon, assisted by J.F. Roberts who superintends the felling of the tree.

Mrs. Leon Gingras, Mr. and Mrs. Nazaire Gingras and Peter La Crosse spent Easter in Willimantic.

TWC Wed Apr 23, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. W.H. Battey accompanied by her children are on a visit to friends in New Britain.

Miss Jennie Leonard, teacher in Pine street school, just before the thunder shower last Wednesday in attempting to back her horse out of a shed, ran against the side of a building causing the animal to rear, and seeing the buggy would be overturned she jumped to the ground, injuring her ankle to such an extent that Dr. Sweet was summoned who pronounced the ankle bone split, which will result in the delay of the school for a short time.

Burdette Downer returned Saturday from a visit to his sister in Hartford.
The employees of Ely's steam mill are enjoying a few days' respite from work previous to entering upon the Fitch woods.

Mr. Henry Buell and Mrs. Chas. Smith have been visiting at Will Buell's in Tolland.

J.F. Roberts is spending a few days with friends in Southington.

Wilton Little, who is at work at Shelter Island, was at home over the Sabbath, and his wife will accompany him on his return.

Chas. E. Little was in town over the Sabbath.

Mrs. Willard B. Clarke, president of the Ladies Society, in behalf of that organization purchased last week a fine chandelier, also side lamps for the chapel, and those who attend evening meetings will appreciate this new lighting apparatus.

Miss Lillie Richardson, who has been teaching in Norwich, is at home on Chestnut Hill, also Miss Orilla J. Fuller.

Mrs. Jonathan Tucker has left for a residence at present at Point Judith where she will be rejoined by her husband after his return from New York where he goes this week for another operation on his eyes.

We are pleased to note that Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Fuller, of Liberty Hill, have sufficiently recovered from their sickness as to be upon our streets again. Said couple attending church in town last Sabbath.

TWC Wed May 7, 1884: Columbia.

Rev. Mr. Bullard occupied the pulpit Sabbath morning and preached in behalf of the American Tract Society, a collection was taken at the close of the service.

Henry Jacobs and son of Hartford are in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius J. Robertson celebrated the 3d inst., the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their spacious residence on Post Hill. About sixty guests were present and a variety of presents useful and ornamental such as are usual on such occasions were left with the couple as tokens of regard.

The Sabbath School was reorganized last Sunday resulting in the following choice of officers Superintendent Edward P. Lyman, asst. Supt. Miss A.J. Fuller, Sec. And Treas. Joseph Clark, Librarian Henry Richardson, Asst's Horace Brown, H.D. Hunt.

Mrs. L. Penharlow lost a good cow last week and an autopsy being held it was discovered that the cause was backing up in the manifolds.

TWC Wed May 7, 1884: Columbia (crowded out last week)

The steam saw mill was moved Monday to the lot recently purchased of A. Fitch.

The singing schools which have been under the instruction of A.A. Hunt terminated Sunday evening.

Harris, the present operator at Little's mill, is turning off shingles at a thorough business speed.

The old Pine street school house which was purchased by Justin Holbrook was removed from its former position across the street.

Norman H. Clark has been appointed selectman to fill the vacancy occasioned by Carlisle Potter who refused to act.

Royal Thompson has been treating his residence to a new coat of slate colored paint.

TWC Wed May 21, 1884: Columbia.

Mr. Sanford was in town last week several days looking after his lumber interests.

C.W. Ely moved his engine on the lot recently purchased of D.O. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Battey attended the funeral of Mrs. Battey's step mother in Middletown last Friday.

Mrs. Nancy Robertson is seriously ill with dropsy at the residence of her sister Mrs. Seba Yeomans and with no hope of her recovery.

Mrs. Helen Smith of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Dewey.

S.S. Collins has purchased a meadow and two orchards of N.P. Little adjoining the premises of the former, and is intending to use it in pasturing sheep.

Howard W. Yeomans shot an owl Saturday, measuring a yard across its wings from tip to tip.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rood were in town over the Sabbath.

The twin daughters at Harry Kneeland's attract considerable attention.

TWC Wed May 28, 1884: Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Downer are spending the week with their daughter in Hartford.

Mrs. N.H. Clark has been visiting her brothers and son in Hartford and returned on Monday, accompanied by Mrs. F.O. Clark and daughter.

A.A. Hunt's old "Buckskin," an old family horse, was relieved of life by the hand of a neighbor who performed the deed while the animal was cast in the swamp, and as there was no prospect of extricating it with any hope of its being of use again this method was adopted.

S.F. Tucker's services seem to be thoroughly appreciated by the young men who go to his rooms for a clip of the hair and to be shaved, and when they are delivered out of his hands their appearance indicates that he certainly understands the business.

The funeral of Mrs. Nancy B. Robinson was attended from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Seba Yeomans, Saturday, by Rev. F.D. Avery, and her remains were borne to Mansfield for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Frink spent the Sabbath in Baltic.

B.F. Bennett has purchased of Mrs. Julia A. Collins and children the farm of the late Samuel Collins.

Any one who was in your village last Saturday and entered the spacious store of Little & Lyman would appreciate its cool interior, and after making several purchases could arrive at but one conclusion, that it is "the shoe store" to patronize; and Preston, who works in the rear room of the store, knows how to do a good job, as we know of an individual who took a pair of uppers there for repairs and they came out good shoes with buttons all neatly sewed on. We would advise all in need of goods in their line to call and see for themselves.

TWC Wed Jun 4, 1884: Columbia.

S.F. Ticknor in passing from his kitchen into the hall opened the wrong door thereby participating himself down the cellar straightway, fortunately without serious injury.

A severe frost visited this section last Thursday night causing considerable damage to those who had early crops. Edward P. Lyman had a piece of potatoes just ready to blossom that were ruined, Horace R. Frink's corn and potatoes and others on a less scale, while those who reside near the reservoir were not affected by this coldwave. The thermometer at 6 o'clock a.m. being at 28 degrees.

Hon. G.W. West and family of Rockville were in town over Sunday also Fred Avery of Hartford and C.E. Little of Willimantic.

Samuel Brown of Portland was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. F.P. Collins last week. Sheriff O.C. West has appointed James L. Downer of this place as one of his deputies and Downer will be an efficient man in the position.

Prof. E.L. Richardson of Windsor Locks was in town over decoration day calling on his friends.

Carlos Collins has manufactured for C.W. Ely a fine substantial team truck weighing about 1520 built for two pair of horses and is an excellent specimen of the work that is sure to come from Collins shop.

On Saturday Wm. Sweet was brought before Carlos Collins Esq., on complaint for assaulting Ephram Thompson and wife but after hearing testimony the prisoner was acquitted.

On Saturday an examination of the Willimantic river was made relative to the erection of a central pier in the river for the support of the new iron bridge. Sixteen feet of soft mud was found which will necessitate caution in the preparation of the foundation for the masonry.

Decoration day at the West Street cemetery was well remembered by the ladies of that place, who turned out en masse to visit that silent city with a profusion of flowers for the honored dead. A large collection of flowers intermingled with a choice variety of pansies, lilly-of-the-valley, callas, etc., were tastefully arranged upon the graves of all soldiers that lie resting there. The first at the entrance was that of the late Geo. W. Thompson, a veteran of the 7th Connecticut Vol. His grave was literally covered with beautiful flowers and ferns. Nearly four years of his life was spent in service for his country. I found two more of the late war - Lucien C. Thompson of the 10th, C.J. Fitch, regiment unknown; one soldier of the revolution, Edward Yeoman, and three of the war of 1812. All were kindly remembered.

TWC Wed Jun 11, 1884: Columbia.

Miss Esther Porter has been visiting at A.O. Wright's, but left Saturday for Hartford.

Miss Lillian I. Fuller closed her school last Friday, and it was spoken of as a very successful term.

Joel Tucker is erecting a new horse barn, adding another to his extensive out-buildings.

J.L. Downer is in South Coventry this week, painting the residence of Mrs. Babcock on South street.

Repairs have been made on the highways during the past week, and as conducted in this district we consider road scrapers a nuisance, taking off all the shoulders of the road, sidewalks, etc., instead of going into the ditches and taking soil from there with which to make repairs.

Geo. L. Dewey of Norwich was in town over the Sabbath, and was cordially welcomed by his friends.

Elber Little has been spending a week in Montville and Norwich.

Childrens' day was observed at the Congregational church on Sunday, and the exercises in the evening were of a varied character, consisting of remarks by different individuals, singing, etc. There were several bouquets and baskets of flowers around the desk, and after all were seated the exercises were opened by singing "Precious Promise," Miss Jennie L. Fuller presiding at the organ, followed by prayer offered by Deacon Leander Richardson, reading of Scripture by the pastor, remarks by E.P. Lyman, superintendent, followed by a song, "Children of the Sabbath School," sung by ten little misses and lads under the instruction of Miss Jennie Fuller and which was a very pleasing feature of the occasion, being well done for such juveniles. Miss A.J. Fuller, assistant superintendent, then read a report on the State Sunday-school convention held at Waterbury, the key note seeming to be more and earnest work in the Sunday school. Address by Deacon Wm. A. Collins, followed by singing "Jewels;" also remarks by Joseph Hutchins and Geo. L. Dewey of Norwich, a former resident here. Closing words by the pastor, who then announced a collection would take place for the purchase of new books for the young members of the school. All the congregation joined in singing "Coronation," and after benediction by the pastor the services were closed, all being of one opinion that the exercises had proved very interesting.

TWC Wed Jun 19, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup spent several days last week in Plainfield and the Sabbath with her sick father in Colchester.

The widow of the late John S. Yeomans is quite ill from the effects of a partial stroke of paralysis.

Miss Esther Porter has returned from Hartford and is with her niece, Mrs. Downer.

TWC Wed Jun 25, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. Rev. James K. Hazen, D.D. and family of Richmond, Va., arrived this week at her father's Samuel Ticknor, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Supt. W.H. Yeomans was with his family over the Sabbath.

Dr. C.N. Gallup visited his sick mother in Plainfield on Friday necessitating his seeing some of his patients in the late evening.

The Cornet Band serenaded Joseph Hutchins on Friday evening.

Mrs. W.H. and Miss A.F. Yeomans gave their friends on Pine Street a pleasant call last week. There will be a picnic on Columbia Green July 4th, 1884. All are invited; bring all the children. The Columbia Cornet band will furnish music.

TWC Wed Jul 2, 1884: Columbia.

The young people who have gone out from among us and who were within the gates over the Sabbath were Mr. .and Mrs. Wm. P., and L.J. Robertson of Hartford, C.E. Little of Willimantic, Mrs. Carrie McLaughlin of Providence, Miss Lida Hutchins and the Misses Sawyer.

The genial countenance of Uncle Sam Brown greeted his friends on Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Hunt spent the week with her sister Mrs. Arthur Turner in Turnerville.

Rev. F.D. Avery attended the 25th class anniversary at New Haven last week.

John Page of Boston is spending the summer months with his grandmother Woodward.

S.F. Tucker is drum major of the Cornet Band. This company is considering the subject of new uniforms, are practicing new music and are ambitious to perfect themselves ready for the fall campaign. So may it be.

Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup was in Colchester again last week in attendance on her father. George Sawyer of Brooklyn, N.Y., is rusticated in town spending the summer months at Albert Brown's.

TWC Wed Jul 9, 1884: Columbia.

Yale student Chas. F. Clark is in town enjoying his vacation.

W.P. Robertson was at Sheriff Downer's over Sabbath and his wife is recreating at the same place for a short time.

July 4th the house of Mason D. Squires came near being destroyed by fire. Mrs. S. was at home with her small children and sending a boy up stairs with some article, he came back with the intelligence that fire was dropping into his room. Mrs. S. immediately summoned assistance of Albert Brown who was at work in a field a short distance from the house and by prompt action on his part the fire was subdued, but it was a fortunate escape as the fire caught near the eaves and ran up on the roof quite a strip, burning through shingles, boards, etc.

Uncle Sam Brown was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. F.P. Collins, over the Fourth.

Henry Jacobs and wife were in town last week.

The day we celebrate was ushered in by our young enthusiasts with appropriate ceremonies, ringing of bells, firing salutes, cheers, etc. that resounded on the clear summer night and told the sleeping community that young men and boys will never forget when the 4th of July comes. A game of ball was called at 9 o'clock and was participated in by home talent. Later the Cornet Band gave their part of the programme which was enjoyed by those in attendance, as it is said the band are playing well at present, having been practicing considerably during the short time past with a view of being able to fill engagements later in the season. Later still the picnic part of the entertainment at the town hall under the efficient supervision of S.F. Tucker and several other gentlemen; immediately followed by a game of base ball between the Coventrys and home nine attracting the interest that seems to pervade all communities where ball is played and resulted in favor of our home boys, 25 to 28.

Miss Nettie Little is recreating at the seaside and more to follow.

Dr. C.N. Gallup and wife were in Colchester over the Sabbath. Dr.'s patients are keeping him busy.

Katie E. Squires took the premium in Miss Lizzie Brown's school, for not missing a word during the term; also this same girl was not absent a day nor tardy during the term of fourteen weeks. One of the pleasant features of the 4th was a family reunion of about forty at the residence of S.F. West; a pavilion being erected near the ground of the famous elm tree, where a beautiful collation was served and well enjoyed, and the occasion was one of the pleasant events that the younger ones in the after life will be pleased to recall after their grandparents have gone from their midst. Present were judge Gelon West and family of Rockville, also Mr. and Mrs. Heath from the same place; Mrs. Kate West Bassett, with her husband and two daughters; Mrs. Carrie West McLaughlin with her husband and child, from Providence; S.B. West and wife; Mrs. Mary West Hawkins with her son and daughter; Mrs. Melinda West Morgan, husband and daughter, Mrs. Harriet West Woodward; Mrs. Eliza West Little of Hartford; Frank Woodward, wife and children, and Rev. F.D. Avery and wife.

TWC Wed July 16, 1884: Columbia.

The Pine street school closed Saturday, Miss Jennie Leonard of Hebron teacher. Acting Visitor J.E.H. Gates spoke of the term as having been a profitable one.

Miss Cora Lyman of Willimantic is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Marshall Holbrook.

Mrs. Robert Hall of East Hampton is visiting her parents.

Mrs. Pratt Ticknor and Miss Carrie of Willimantic are recreating at John Ticknor's.

Charlie Woodward of Rockville is with his grandmother on the green.

Miss Emily Williams had four blossoms open on her night blooming cereus last Wednesday evening.

Miss Lizzie Brown is visiting friends in Norwich.

Geo. O. Sawyer is pursuing the study of botany as a recreation during his vacation.

The Free Library was open two hours on Friday evening instead of an hour in afternoon as usual.

Miss Julia T. Avery is at home on a vacation having been a teacher in Brockton, Mass.

Frederick Yeomans of Hartford is visiting friends in West street, his former home.

Deputy Sheriff Downer was in Bridgeport and Harwinton last week attending to official duties.

TWC Wed Jul 23, 1884: Columbia.

S.F. Tucker made a trip last week taking in New London, Noank, Westerly, Point Judith and Narragansett Bay.

Prof. E.L. Richardson and wife are among friends on Chestnut Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel G. Dewey of Portland Maine, are spending a few weeks with his mother. Edward Lyman of Hartford is with his Uncle Alfred for a short time, and his voice was quite auspicious in the choir on the Sabbath among the bass singers.

Rev. Chas. Little of Ohio brother of Wm. B. Little is announced to preach in this place the 20th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Robertson of Hartford will spend his annual relaxation from business in this place the former home of both these young people and their many friends are pleased to greet them.

Mr. and Mrs. Manney of Boston are recreating at the parsonage for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J.V.B. Prince of Brooklyn, N.Y., were the guests at W.H. Yeomans last Sunday.

TWC Wed Jul 30, 1884: Columbia.

Rev. James K. Hazen of Richmond, VA who is spending a short time with his family at S.F.

Ticknor's is announced to preach at the Congregational church next Sabbath.

Mrs. Wilton E. Little who has been with her husband for several months at Shelter Island is at present with her friends in this place.

Mrs. Williams and daughter of New Haven are the guests of Mrs. Jerusha Williams.

Rev. Charles Little preached to an attentive audience.

Dwight A. Lyman and family were in town over Sunday.

J.L. Downer is in Gilead for a few days.

W.P. Robertson and wife returned to Hartford Monday.

Miss Case of Canton is recreating at Mrs. F. Holbrook's.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Campbell of Plainfield for the past week have been the guests of Dr. C.N. Gallup.

TWC Wed Aug 6, 1884: Columbia.

Saxton B. Little of Meriden, in his recent visit here brought a pair of orphan twins five years old and Mrs. Jerusha Williams took the girl under her care and the lad went to Simon Hunt's.

L.J. Robertson was in town last week and had some early apples shipped to Hartford.

J.L. Downer and Frank Woodward were in Gilead last week painting Warner's new barn.

Miss Lillian J. Fuller is recreating in Apponaug, the guest of her young friend Miss Annie Woolworth.

Master Walter Woodward of this place and Master John Page of Boston, who is spending the summer here are spending the week with the youngest son of Geo. M. Woodward of Rockville.

Rev. James R. Hazen of Richmond preached on the Sabbath at the Congregational church.

Dr. C.N. Gallup has presented the free library in which he takes a great interest a copy of "Explanations of the Nile Tributaries of Abyssinia," by Sir. S.W. Baker, F.R.G.S.

A fine son on Sunday morning to gladden the hearts of Payson E. and Mary B. Little. This boy makes three grandsons added to Wm. B. Little's list of grandchildren during the past month. The following notice was on the public sign post and judging from its general character we can but conclude that from such a speaker any one would not be advanced in Christianity. Notis,

1884. There will be a lecturer at the town House n Columbia (ct) on christianity, Subject, Book of no words on Sunday Aug'st 10th i84. .Cumence at 5 o'clock P.M.

TWC Wed Aug 13, 1884: Columbia.

Bert Townsend and Burdette Downer took in the sights of Boston for a couple of day last week.

The Cornet Band held their annual meeting on Thursday evening and made a choice of the following officers: Pres. A.A. Latham; Vice Pres. Warren A. Collins; Sec. and Treas., Henry D. Hunt; Capt., A.A. Hunt; Lieut. A.A. Latham; Marshal, S.F. Tucker. The subject of uniforms was brought before the meeting and it was finally decided to procure the outfits.

William H. and Howard W. Yeomans spent Thursday at Lyles Beach.

Miss Belle Boughton has been spending a week with Miss Jennie L. Fuller.

Misses Wilcox and Gilette are the guests of their friend Miss Mary Bascom.

Mrs. C.N. Gallup, M.D., and Mrs. Wm. H. Yeomans received appointments last week as town committee to co-operate with County Board at Mansfield for the general supervision of the County Home for Orphans at Andover. Meeting today at the Home.

Mrs. L.C. Clark has a Cereus that is developed some beautiful blossoms.

The audience at the Congregational church about two o'clock noticed a rumbling sound accompanied by a slight motion of seats and at the same time others in various portions of town noticed the same disturbance which may have been a slight earthquake.

E. Emmons with Misses Fuller and Boughton attended service at St. Peter's church Sabbath morning.

TWC Wed Aug 20, 1884: Columbia.

Bert E. Brown, Bert Townsend and Joe Clark with the Misses Townsend and Downer took in the excursion to Newport Wednesday.

Miss Hunt is with friends in Willington.

Miss Lida Hutchins returns to Rockville in time for the fall term, she having filled the position of assistant principal in the high school for several years and acceptably.

Mrs. Yeomans who was stricken with paralysis about ten weeks ago remains helpless and confined to her bed taking nourishment only in the form of liquids.

Fred Hunt improved the looks of the roadside adjoining his premises by cutting off the bushes, an example that others would do well to imitate.

Mrs. Orange Perkins with Miss Nettie Daniels were in town Wednesday calling on relations.

Mrs. Chester Collins has six pupils in Andover to whom she is giving lessons in instrumental music.

Charles Lamb is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Wickford, R.I.

Miss Lucy Sawyer will attend the normal school at New Britain this fall.

Mrs. Chauncey Strong of Michigan has been visiting her friend Mrs. Egbert Brown.

Frank W. Woodward is in a shoe establishment in Malden, Mass., and was the only member of his mother's family that saw his sister Josephine before her death. A telegram came on Saturday evening announcing the death of Mrs. Josephine Woodward Page and Monday Mrs. Harriet and Mrs. F. Woodward left for Boston to attend the funeral service at the Hoffman house. A letter came first, previous to the telegram informing them that a council of physicians considered her care more hopeful and her fond mother hoped that the final good bye that her daughter had just sent her by letter would be long deferred and she have the privilege of greeting her again, but alas, hopes doomed to disappointment. Mrs. Page has been an invalid for years from rheumatism producing a difficulty of the heart and on her last visit to the home of her childhood she said her physician told her she was likely to die suddenly and she might never see her friends again and since that time she has been brought to the borders of the grave and recovered sufficiently to be in a comfortable health and even to travel accompanying her husband on a journey south and to Maine. She was the only daughter of the late Madison Woodward and about 19 years ago married Eben Page and removed to Boston at which place she has since resided coming occasionally to revisit the home of her childhood and her friends always gave her a cordial greeting as she was particularly endeared to all being possessed of a very lovable temperament a kind word for every acquaintance and the entire community is saddened, now that her dear sunny countenance will never appear among us again, that the features of Josie, as she was familiarly called are stilled in death, gone to home that for her is gain, to us loss. Early in life she devoted herself to the cause of Christ and her life has been a living example for others to wisely follow. She leaves a devoted husband, two sons one 18 years of age who enters Trinity college this fall and another about 11 years who was away from home at his mother's death, to mourn her loss from the home circle. Her remains were laid to rest in Forrest Hill cemetery by the side of her infant daughter.

TWC Wed Aug 28, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. W.E. Little teaches the Fall term of school in North district and Miss Adell W. Cobb in Hop River district.

Mrs. W.P. Robinson spent the Sabbath in town.

A superb bouquet of gold banded lilies sent by Mrs. Rev. James K. Hazen adorned the Sacred desk on the Sabbath and other flowers from different sources also added a fine appearance.

Herman Page has decided to enter Harvard college instead of Trinity so as to be with his father and brother as a comfort in their great bereavement and loneliness.

Thermometer marked only 40 degrees Monday at 5 o'clock a.m. with frost in some localities.

The Congregational church in this place has been the recipient of a fine baptismal font presented by Wm. H. Post of Hartford, built of white polished marble. It is about four feet high with an octagonal base and rising from that an octagonal shaft surmounted by a baptismal basin while on a beveled panel between the shaft and basin is cut the following inscription. "In loving memory of my father and mother Augustus and Betsey G. Post" and on the back of the basin is inscribed "Augustus Post - 1793-1879. Betsey Strong - 1796-1875." Mr. Post is noted for his great kindness to his parents during their life time, doing so much to smooth their path in their declining years, erecting in our village cemetery a nice monument to mark their resting place, and now after they have been gone home several years - shows that in his heart there is a spot green to their memory by his placing near their old seat in church a memorial tablet. Mr. Post has been extremely liberal to this people, at one time furnishing the S.S. School library with a new outfit of books, assisting in the furnishing of the church, donating to the Free Library and generously responding when solicited for substantial aid in any project that tended to benefit his native town. The front is of fine workmanship and presents an attractive appearance standing in its purity till after the ordinance of baptism has been administered from its basin after which time it will be used as a receptacle for flowers and we trust the owner will have the satisfaction of knowing that this country village church appreciates his lovely gift.

Chas. A. Post of Hartford was in town Thursday superintending the placing of the font and informed us the donor intended to send a silver basin to place in the tablet for baptismal use.

TWC Wed Sep 3, 1884: Columbia.

Miss Frances Manney of Winchester, Mass. and Miss Anna Smith of New York have been for several weeks guests at the parsonage with their cousin Miss Julia Avery who returned Saturday to her school in Brockton, Mass. Mrs. Randolph a friend of these young ladies made them a short visit on her return from the White Mountains.

Mrs. Chas. A. and Miss Lizzie Post of Hartford were in town Thursday and Friday with their relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rev. James K. Hazen and family intend to return to Richmond the 13th inst. Schools in that city commencing the 15th.

Misses Sawyer and Hutchins have returned to Rockville and entered upon their labors as teachers.

Miss Eunice King Hazen is visiting a friend in Agawan.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Frink, Mr. Geo. B. Fuller and daughters, Messrs. Bascom and Edmunds are in camp at Niantic this week.

Miss Georgiana Downer is in Hartford with her sister Mrs. W.P. Robertson.

Rev. F.D. Avery and Rev. Mr. Parmelee of Exeter occupied each other's pulpits last Sabbath.

Carlos Collins has cleared the roadside adjoining his large pasture of bushes, which is a decided improvement to the appearance of the highway while his neatly kept pastures and his fine alderney cows prove that it pays to mow bushes.

Dr. O.B. Lyman of Hartford was in town last week calling upon friends and enjoying the hospitality of his brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark and Mrs. Silas Holbrook have been attending the Faith National Camp meeting in New Hampshire.

S.L. Downer, S.F. Tucker and A. Frink are at camp this week with Webb supplying the wants of the inner man and those who are fed at their tables will readily perceive they know what their business is and attend to it like good soldiers.

Jonathan Tucker who now resides at Point Judith is in town for a few days.

Miss Mary Bascom is recreating with friends in New London.

Miss Lillian J. Fuller commences teaching next week in So. Coventry in the Colman district.

TWC Wed Sep 10, 1884: Columbia.

Dr. Geo. O. Sawyer who has been spending his vacation from school duties at Mr. Brown's by the reservoir previous to returning to Brooklyn, is taking a trip through Montreal and Quebec. His two sisters and another lady from Brooklyn were in town a couple of weeks and enjoyed his retreat over the point; one of the ladies sketching the spot to take back with them as a reminder of the pleasant days there spent.

Mrs. Lucy B. Jacobs of Worcester with her children, has been at Albert Browns for a few days.

Payson E. Little is employed as teacher in the centre school in South Coventry.

Miss Jennie Perry of New Jersey has been recreating at her grandfathers James H. Townsend.

Dennison Avery shot a large coon near his house one morning last week, weighing 15 lbs.

W.H. Yeomans and Frank P. Collins attended the state convention as delegates.

Mrs. Chester Collins is visiting friends in New Haven. Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Collins are visiting relatives in Southbridge, Mass.

Mrs. J.L. Downer was in Hartford a days [sic] with her daughter last week.

Henry Hunt is teaching in Berlin, and Caspar Isham has a situation in E. Hartford.

1462. TWC Wed Sep 10, 1884: Pomfret Landing.

J.L. Hyde the bee man, started in the spring with nineteen colonies and has increased to thirty-six, besides selling nine swarms with sixteen Italian queens of his own raising. He has taken 1000 pounds of honey from the hives. He has the finest apiary in this part of the country, his bees having been bred from the finest of imported Italian queens.

A meeting was called last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of appointing officers and starting a creamery. The inclemency of the weather hindered many but there was a good number present. Frank Spencer was chosen chairman and J.L. Hyde clerk. The following were chosen solicitors in the interest of the creamery: Albertus S. Bruce, Lewis White and John Brown. It was ascertained that nearly 300 cows would be pledged. There are going to push the business right along, and there is a fair prospect of success. The meeting was adjourned to September 12th.

TWC Wed Sep 17, 1884: Columbia.

Bert Brown was in Bristol last week on a trip combining business and pleasure.

The cornet band were in Hebron Saturday at the raising of the flag and discoursed music at the same.

Chester Collins is spending a week's vacation with friends in New Haven and will return Friday, accompanied by his wife. It is rarely that Chester gets away from his business and this respite will be enjoyed by him.

N.K. Holbrook has received a barrel of mineral water from the Colorado Springs sent him by his son Henry.

Miss Belle Devellin delivered a lecture on temperance in the Congregational church Sabbath evening. She is the guest of her uncle James Townsend.

TWC Wed Sep 24, 1884: Columbia.

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

James L. Downer's family are enjoying daily rides in a new basket phaeton.

S.F. Tucker is reappointed district committee for the Centre district.

S.F. Tucker, town clerk has received a copy of Hartford city directory from E. Geer, which will be found at his office for the benefit of all residents of this place who are desirous of obtaining information regarding persons and localities in said city.

C.W. Ely commenced active operations with his steam mill on Monday, on the lot recently purchased of L.C. Clark.

The funeral of Mrs. Palmer Tucker was attended from her late residence on Chestnut Hill on Monday, by Rev. Geo. Holman of Willimantic and Rev. F.D. Avery of this place. The death of this estimable lady occurred after months of expectation. She having been a great sufferer from the effects of a cancer removed about a year since, and which after a short time again made its appearance working its way internally thus baffling all human skill and steadily sapping the foundation of life. Her devotion to her family and their affection for her was all that kept alive her desire for life, as she concealed from them for nearly a year the knowledge of this disease knowing her connection with life and them must soon be severed, and dreading to darken their lives with this shadow that was creeping over them, and to her husband and two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Richardson, Mrs. Henry Scoville, and her only son S.F. Tucker, this bereavement comes with a heavy hand, as this Christian mother who was so devotedly attached to them all is going to her rest, free from all this terrible anguish, this burden of suffering, and her parting from them when she thought her Master had called for her nearly a week before she finally went from them will ever be remembered by those dear ones as she said "Good bye, now let me go," but her fine constitution triumphed and she lived on, conscious of life and the presence of her family, finally departing the 19th inst., and later her remains were deposited in our village cemetery, services at her home being attended by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, who attested to their high regard and esteem for their late friend who had gone before. J.H. Bascom has established quite an extensive business in the line of eggs, poultry, game in its season, in this place.

TWC Wed Oct 1, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. Wm. H. Post of Hartford, with a cousin from New York was in town Thursday the guest of Mrs. Norman H. Clark.

Mrs. Everett Brown has gone to Rome, N.Y., for the purpose of having a cancer removed from her face.

Some of the small boys in playing a game threw a knife hitting Francis Tucker just below the knee pan inflicting a wound from which no blood flowed, but a mucous substance issued therefrom and the little fellow has been lame from the effects of the injury, but trust it will not be permanent.

Quite a number of our citizens are posting notices to the effect that hunting is forbidden on their premises, for after the law is off sportsmen with their dogs hunt the game and if the owners care to go out themselves they like the privilege of their own grounds, hence these notices mean just what they advertise.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Britton are guests of Oliver Fox.

TWC Wed Oct 8, 1884: Columbia.

Mrs. J.E.H. Gates has been spending a couple of weeks with friends in New London accompanied by Mrs. Marshall Holbrook who remained a few days.

A.H. Fox has removed the wall at the west side of his yard, greatly improving the appearance of his premises.

Mrs. N.H. Clark has been very ill from the effects of a severe lung cold, but is now convalescent.

Uncle Sam Brown is among his friends again for a few days, and all enjoy his presence.

J.E.H. Gates purchased a new horse and buggy in Hartford and his presence on our streets indicates his enjoyment of the same.

Judge Dwight Loomis and daughter were in town over the Sabbath.

James R. Jewett has presented the free library a fine eight day calendar clock. This gift will be highly prized by the librarian, as the reading public can in a glance at this time piece tell when the time for closing has come and if anyone is a trifle tardy cannot question the correctness of his time.

Oliver Fox while driving his cows to pasture on horseback met with an accident that resulted in dislocation of his shoulder and severe injuries to his side. In going up on a high bank to follow a cow, the horse either reared or stumbled and pitched him off. Dr. Gallup was summoned and recommended sending for Dr. Sweet to reduce the fractured member, but as the messenger found him away from home the son came instead and ascertaining the difficulty to be a serious one, the patient waited til the next day for the Dr. to attend him. Mr. Fox is as comfortable as can be expected under the circumstances, but fears are entertained by his attendants of inflammation in his side and internal injuries and his advanced age renders his situation more serious.

The operatives at the sawmill of C.W. Ely are enjoying a few days respite from their labors.

TWC Wed Oct 22, 1884: Columbia.

The fall term of the Centre district, Miss Jennie L. Fuller, teacher, closed on Friday after a prosperous term, said teacher resuming her labors during the succeeding winter term.

A meeting of the Board of Education resulted in the choice of the following officers: James P. Little, Pres; Sec. and acting visitor, J.E.H. Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Robertson spent the Sabbath at J.L. Downer's.

Mrs. Simeon F. Tucker spent the week with her brother Henry Goodwin in Hartford.

E.H. Harris has the grist-mill department at the N.P. Little mill in operation and through the grinding season will grind every Friday.

A social hop at Bascom Hall on Friday evening last, Dean of Colchester furnishing music for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Seaman of Turnerville have been the guests of Mrs. F.P. Collins for a few days.

N.P. Little has sold his saw mill to B.F. Bennett of Willimantic.

TWC Wed Oct 29, 1884: Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Little of Meriden, have been visiting at Wm. B. Little's during the past week, and have returned accompanied by Clinton Little.

A new invoice of books has been received for the free library, donated by Saxton B. Little, who is always interested in its prosperity.

W.H. Yeomans was the guest of Dr. LaPierre of Greenville last week.

The cornet band furnished music for the democratic rally in South Coventry last Wednesday evening, and with others who attended came home in a drenching rain.

The Board of Education met on Friday and approbated Clifford Robinson as teacher for Chestnut Hill, and Will Bliss for the southwest district.

Horace Brown has sold his farm to the father of Mrs. Wade Snow.

Howard W. Yeomans is in Hartford on a visit at C.A. Post's.

The Centre school is having a two week's vacation, after which studies will be resumed under the direction of Miss Jennie L. Fuller.

Miss Lillian I. Fuller after finishing her term in South Coventry, will teach the winter term in Hop River.

There will be a democratic rally at the town hall next Monday evening. William Parsons, Esq., of Hartford will address the meeting on the issues of the campaign.

TWC Wed Nov 5, 1884: Columbia.

Miss Charlotte Little has been spending several weeks with friends in town and Mrs. N.P. Little was with her daughter and other friends a few days last week.

Since the freeze Mrs. A.H. Fox has had on a white rose bush a lovely rose open which might well be styled the last rose of summer.

C.W. Ely last week purchased of Wm. H. Yeomans his lower farm and the tract of wood land situated thereon and the steam saw mill will be moved on it this week and active preparations commenced. It will probably make a winter's job for his gang of help. The slabs and wood Ely intends to convert into coal.

Saxton B. Little made another valuable addition to the Free Library last week of sixty volumes of Harper's Magazines neatly bound. This community have great reason to be grateful to Mr. Little for his liberality in thus making such additions to their library.

L.J. Robertson was in town last week on business connected with his grocery.

Mrs. Lydia P. Robertson is in Hartford visiting her brothers and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hitchcock of Bergen Pt, N.J., have been guests at S. Hunt's for several weeks.

Marshall Holbrook has added greatly to the improvements of his premises by building a heavy double wall on each side of the street.

Mrs. Albert F. Yeomans is visiting her sister Mrs. Phillips in Taftville.

Mrs. W.H. Yeomans and Mrs. Dehlia T. Thompson made calls in Pine Street last week.

It is said that detectives are still in this vicinity working up the Chappell murder case. It is rumored that there is probability of yet discovering the perpetrators of that atrocious deed.

TWC Wed Nov 12, 1884: Columbia.

The Pine street school commenced an eighteen week term on Monday, Charles Robinson of Lebanon instructor.

A five year old daughter of Earl M. Holbrook died last Thursday, from spinal meningitis. She was a great pet in the family and will be much missed in that circle. She was ill but a short time, but was in terrible suffering till relief came in death. The funeral service was attended at her father's residence on Saturday, and her remains taken to Baltic for interment.

There were 25 guns fired on Columbia green on Friday evening, in honor of Cleveland's victory. Charles Richards, familiarly known as Old Charles, had the care of the same and he made a racket.

TWC Wed Nov 19, 1884: Columbia. A very noticeable feature of the political canvass just closed, has been the very deep interest that has been manifested by the ladies of democratic families, an interest that has been clearly marked in their attendance at political gatherings and their applause of the honest sentiments that found utterance. It is not surprising therefore that the gentler sex should give vent to their unbounded joy at the success of their favored candidates. Such was the case with a portion on Monday night, when a movement among the ladies received its momentum at a point well-known at West Street Corner. The same spirit of rejoicing that led the sterner sex to join in the festivities of an adjoining town called forth the patriotic impulses of the young ladies and those of the middle life who with music and torches marched over the hills and across the valleys making the night air musical with their shouts for Cleveland, Hendricks and Victory. On the line of march the residences were brilliantly illuminated and can be named as follows: Mrs. Clara Thompson, Mrs. Supt. W.H. Yeomans, Mrs. Sanford Yeomans, Mrs. Simeon Jacobs, Mrs. James A. Utley's, Mrs. Mason D. Squier's and the rooms of Miss Lizzie Buell whose windows were appropriately draped with flags. At several points large bonfires lighted up the darkness and added to the grandeur of the scene. The ladies were draped in red, white and blue, and entered into the spirit of the occasion with all the real earnestness and enthusiasm of their fathers, husbands and brothers. The occasion was one of real enjoyment and could this little demonstration have been witnessed by the present elect in whose honor it was gotten up, he would no doubt be constrained to exclaim, "Hail! Columbia, happy land," with a hearty greeting to her fair daughters. The grand army of ladies were royally entertained by Mrs. Cummings on their return march.

A goodly number of our citizens visited Lebanon on Thursday evening to join the Democrats of that town in a celebration of the victory of honesty over fraud and corruption. It is something out of the usual line that gives the democrats of this stronghold of republicanism an opportunity for rejoicing, and it is therefore not to be wondered at, that the news of the election of Governor Cleveland to the presidency of the United States should awaken some of the true old democratic enthusiasm that has been slumbering these many years. There was a parade of horsemen, carriages and footmen marching to the music of the Lebanon Band. Lebanon has always been looked upon as being a well settled community, and on ordinary occasions would in the night season give evidence of some life in the cheery light of the farmer's kitchen, but horror of horrors, on this occasion the republicans were disposed to typify their political defeat in perfect darkness that shrouded their respective homes. In striking contrast were the homes of democrats who gave expression to their joy in the illumination of their homes. Especially noticeable were those of Messrs. Sherman, Loomis, Fuller and Abell of Liberty Hill and Henry T. Wells of Lebanon Town, all of which were fully illuminated and profusely decorated. Mr. Wells display of colored fire and fireworks was very fine. The firing of canons was well calculated to remind the darkened republicans that the year of jubilee had come and that the fact must be brought to their ears though they attempt to cover their eyes. .. May the democrats of Lebanon now enter with renewed vigor upon a battle for supremacy and be crowned with success.

The remains of the widow of the late Orrin Clark were brought from Providence and laid beside those of her husband in our village cemetery last Thursday.

Geo. Williams of Hartford was in town last week on a visit to his mother and enjoy a season of hunting but found birds scarce.

Uncle Sam Brown spent the Sabbath with his daughter and will soon return from Portland and spend the winter here. For several years he has made his home with this daughter and our citizens welcome genial Uncle Sam.

Mrs. N.H. Clark has been on a visit to her son and brothers in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Robertson were in town Sunday and Monday.

The announcement that Rev. A.J. Sullivan would occupy the sacred desk in this place last Sabbath drew a full and appreciative audience the house being full. In Hebron the place of his former pastorate there was no afternoon service; pastor and people coming here to Mr. Sullivan.

Abbott Little attained his majority last Wednesday and it entered into the minds of some of his young friends that the event should be celebrated in due form therefore invitations were issued and about 80 gathered at the residence of his father N.P. Little in Hebron and enjoyed a right good surprise party, for a genuine surprise it was to the young man. Several birthday gifts were laid upon the table, a fine entertainment served by the young ladies, music, games and social chat served to make the hours pass altogether too rapidly when the guests must disperse.

Another surprise (?) [sic] to Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Weston Friday evening. A few couples of their intimate friends knowing of the anniversary of their marriage spent a pleasant evening at their residence.

TWC Wed Nov 26, 1884: Columbia.

The friends in this town of Mrs. Wm. H. Post of Hartford, will be pleased to learn that Gov. Waller has appointed her as lady commissioner from Connecticut to attend the Exposition at New Orleans, also that Mrs. Chas. Hoxie of Brooklyn, N.Y., has presented Mrs. Chas. A. Post with her first grandchild, and her many friends congratulate her on this accession to her family.

TWC Wed Dec 3, 1884: Columbia.

Misses Hutchins and Sawyer returned to their schools in Rockville after their Thanksgiving vacation spent at home.

While Earl M. Holbrook was at work in the woods, a pair of his oxen started on a fast gait and one got astride a stump and in some way injured his shoulder to such an extent, that he was obliged to slaughter it.

Charles Robinson, teacher in Pine street school, will during the term occupy rooms at W.H. Kneeland's.

Quite a number of our young people have commenced the study of German under the instruction of Mrs. Diedrich.

G.B. Fuller has a thirteen year old lad in his employ, who came alone from Norway to New York, from thence to Columbia, landing at Mr. Diedrich's, who obtained his present situation for him.

Fred O. Clark bookkeeper for W.H. Post & Co. of Hartford, with his wife and daughter spent Thanksgiving at the homestead; also W.P. Robertson and wife of the same place was in town for a few days.

Mr. Palmer Downer is with friends in Glastonbury a few weeks.

TWC Wed Dec 10, 1884: Columbia.

On Tuesday evening Dec. 2nd the democrats of this town celebrated the national victory that far surpassed anything of the kind ever attempted here before. At sunset a salute was fired and about 7 o'clock the marshal and his assistant formed the line of democrats headed by cavalry and lead by the Lebanon cornet band and booming of cannon they proceeded on their line of march. Illuminations were made at the residences of Mrs. Amanda Sawyer and daughters, S.F. Ticknor and Henry C. Clark, Chester H. Collins, Dr. C.N. Gallup, Jonathan Tucker, John B. Ticknor, Henry Williams, Mrs. E. Strickland, John H. Bascom, S.F. Tucker. Still farther on "democratic folly" manifested itself at John Davenport's, John A. Lewis, Oliver Fox, Mrs. Sybil P. Robertson and Seth S. Collins, F.P. Collins, Carlos Collins and E.H. Harris. The residences all looked very finely with their handsomely draped windows and Chinese lanterns but conspicuous among them was the house of Warren A. Collins on the corner, the upper windows being draped with red, white and blue, while those on the lower floor presented a varied appearance some with each pane lighted with candles others with transparencies while every window in the large house was brilliantly illuminated outside with flag, lanterns and torches grouped it presented a fine appearance, also the house of Dr. Gallup with a variety of style that showed the Dr. understood his business, every window in this house shedding forth "democratic pent up enthusiasm" with bright hued lanterns suspended from the trees on his lawn; again the large residence of S.F. Ticknor, with its variety of decoration and arches across the broad walk to his house from which were suspended lanterns and on the spacious piazza groups of ladies who had been enthusiastic and earnest in this late contest waved their handkerchiefs as the torchlight procession wended its way through the grounds of its proprietor. F.P. Collins decorated, burned red lights, sent forth Roman candles. At the termination of the parade, visitors from other towns and all others gathered at Bascom Hall which was ablaze with light and piazza full of lanterns and did ample justice to an ample supper, pies, cake and coffee provided by the ladies who served all to the good viands prepared for this jollification.

Chas. A. Robinson has moved to Lebanon.

Uncle Sam Brown has finished work at Portland and will spend the remainder of the winter with his daughter, Mrs. F.P. Collins.

David Webler is intending to move to Exeter and with his strong team of horses draw lumber for Leonard & Brown.

James L. Downer served as juror at Tolland last week.

Mrs. Dr. C.N. Gallup is spending a few days with her parents in Colchester.

Horace Brown has vacated his former premises and is till business arrangements are perfected with his sister, Mrs. Woodward.

David O. Fuller of this place died suddenly on Sunday night of heart disease. His age is 71.

Wed Dec 17, 1884: Columbia.

As H.B. Frink and wife were driving across Chestnut hill in a sleigh the horse turned toward the residence of Edgar Baldwin, and Mr. Frink guided him as he supposed into the street, but suddenly one runner went into a deep ditch, overturning the sleigh, breaking both shafts and throwing the occupants into a promiscuous heap inuring Mrs. F's shoulder to some extent.

Mrs. Dr. Gallup has been entertaining her brother from Colchester, who has just recovered from a severe illness.

A case came before Justice F.H. Clark last week, arising from a dispute between two Germans, Antiss and Scherbaum; said altercation resulting in the former slapping the face of the latter several times. Antiss pleaded guilty and the court fined him one dollar and costs.

S.F. Ticknor is suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Dea. Leander Richardson has lost a valuable cow, caused by baking of the manifolds" as was discovered by an examination.

Mrs. John B. Ticknor is again the victim of a fall, sustaining injuries that in her feeble state and advanced years may confine her permanently.

TWC Wed Dec 31, 1884: Columbia.

On Christmas eve Miss Sophia J. Thompson was the recipient of a fine Smith organ a gift from her parents. Several families in the neighborhood had united in having a Xmas tree at Mr. Thompson's residence and the tree standing in a corner of the parlor was obscured from view by a curtain and when the guests were ushered in music issued from that corner and Miss Sophia was astonished when Santa Clause presented her with the organ the same having been placed there while she was at school thus furnishing a complete surprise. There were several family trees at other places.

Simon Hunt and William H. Yeomans attended the annual meeting of the state Board of Agriculture at Meriden.

Miss Julia S. Avery is home on a short vacation from her school in Brockton also her brother Fred from Hartford.

Notice has been served upon Frank P. Collins that his seat in the House is contested by his opponent Rev. F.D. Avery.

Jo Clark has been home on the sick list.

Payson E. Little and family have been visiting friends in town for a few days. It is gratifying to their many friends here to know that Messrs. Little & Lyman the young men from this place, who are engaged in the boot and shoe business at Willimantic are meeting with such marked success. This is a result that comes from fair and honest dealing with customers, in furnishing goods that can be recommended, and people from all sections of the county appreciating such dealing are disposed to bestow upon them a good share of patronage, a course which has given them a "Merry Christmas" and will also give them a "Happy New Year."