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Great money for his wife

Geo Davis money for his wife as he was enlisted in the Navy. After tea I got Parmelee & Bradleys team and carried Mother up home. Fessie & I went with Mrs Davis to Couch's in the eve to get her pictures to send by James S. Taylor to Geo on board the North Carolina at the Navy Yard Brooklyn. We waited until the cars came to see Mr Taylor about sending a small parcel to Geo Davis. Jas Deeming - Mrs Hickok and others who were accepted yesterday at Bridgeport as Volunteers and sent to Camp in St. Haven came home this eve in Uniform on furlough until next Tuesday.

As we came home in the eve we found Gussie's Cousin Mrs Williams from Kansas up to Mother Griswold. She came by the evening train.

Saturday Sept 3rd 1864

Pleasant. I worked in the shop until after 3 O'clock. Gussie finished putting the Peaches in cans today. Atlanta has fallen and is now in the hands of Gen Sherman and his Noble Army. After the papers came and the news was read the bells were rung and the Canon fired. Flags were hoisted and there was a rejoicing time generally. After I came from work I gathered my Beets and put them in the cellar in order to make room for a Strawberry Bed. Before tea I killed a chicken over to Mrs Davis. She gave it to me. I offered to pay her but she would not take anything. After tea Gussie & I went to market. The cars being she went home and I staid to wait for the mail. The train came a little after 9 O'clock. The news of the Capture of Atlanta was fully confirmed. Just before retiring Mrs Cocking brought a Glass of Beer down to see.

Atlanta Captured

A chicken from Mrs Davis

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Sunday Sept 4th 1864

Money by State for C. A. Nichols

Cloudy and rain in the P.M. Gussie did not attend church. Bro Hill preached in the morning from Acts 12-12. In the P.M. from 3-4 I walked home from church with John Casier under his umbrella. Talked to the Sunday School at noon. I took a nap after tea. No service in our church in the eve on account of a sermon by Sterr Hoop Nichols to the Young Mens Christian Association in the 1st Congl Church. I went down about 7 O'clock and mailed letters for Mrs Geo Davis.

Monday Sept 5th

Stormy - No work in the shop. I had calculated to work in my garden and set out a Strawberry Bed but on account of the storm could not. I went down to Chas Bull's Tin shop and run some Pistol Bullets. I came near putting out my eye by getting the moulds too to cool them, and then before they were dry pouring in the melted lead which spluttered and flew into my face blistering my eye lid a little. The first number of the War Record was sent to me for another year which I had not subscribed for on account of not feeling able to do so and not because I did not like the paper, on the contrary I like it very much. I ordered it sent back to the publishers again. In the afternoon I went to the shop for my pay for the last two weeks work. I went to Shufords Wood Sawing establishment and got a piece of Hickory for a Ram Rod to Mr Mc Donalds Gun which I am keeping for him. I shaved it down in Robt Sayers Undertakers Shop and ^{then} came home and finished it off which took me all the afternoon. I settled with the sick headache after which

Run Bullets

Make Ram Rod

Mr Cocking returned from the P. Office with two letters for me from Geo. He acknowledged the receipt of the Boat & Match which I sent him on the 16th of Aug - The letters were written Aug 16th & 23rd and post marked Aug 27th crews by the evening paper of the Capture of the Rebel Ship "Georgian" a pirate.

Thursday Sept 6th 1864

Stormy this morning. John Cosier came for a gallon of Whiskey before I got up. I rose with the headache again - My finger which I cut yesterday with a wire on my umbrella being pretty sore I concluded to not go to the shop. After breakfast I copied some extracts from Geo's two letters for the Jeffersonian and carried them to Ashby. I waited for the mail which was rather late and then came home to dinner. I went over to McDonalds to repair Emeline Williams' trunk lock after dinner. I went into the street and got. Shut Iron - Nails - Straps & Buckles and just about made over new her trunk by working nearly all the afternoon on it.

I went to the Depot in the eve to meet Cousin Lieut Chas C. Parsons & wife if they should come as we some what expect them. But they did not come. Went to the P. Office and while there listened to hear Rev. Mr Shepard talk. as he has just returned from the front of our Army at Petersburg. I walked up home with Mr Cocking. Brought a letter for Father Griswold from Canton. Staid up there a short time to visit with Cousin Emeline. The celebrated General John Morgan who was formerly captured and broke jail has been killed and his Staff captured so says the Evening Post. A letter in the Office for Harriet from Geo which I remailed to her in Stamford where she is visiting. Commenced a letter to Geo in the eve.

3 letters from Geo
Capture of Pirate

1 Gal Whiskey
to J. Cosier
Copied Geo's letter
for the Jeffersonian
Kept in trunk
for Cousin
Emeline Williams

Subscribed for
the Jeffersonian
for one year

John Morgan
killed

Wednesday Sept 7th 1864

Pleasant. I had work nearly all day in the shop. Before tea I finished gathering my vegetables on the place where I want to set out Strawberry plants. I got my first Jeffersonian from the printing Office on my new subscription for 1 year. In the eve I went to the depot and got a through ticket to Cleveland by the Erie route of the Williams the ticket agent for Cousin Emeline Williams who goes tomorrow morning. Fred Vitz cut his foot badly today.

Thursday Sept 8th

Cousin Emeline Williams left on the morning train for Kansas. Had work in the shop until nearly night. There was a Rain Bow circle around the sun just after dinner a thing which I never saw before or ever heard of either. It was a circle the same as usual except it contained all the colors of the Rain Bow.

Bro Woodruff was at Father Griswolds with Geo Starr when I came from work. Cloudy in the P.M. I finished my letter to Geo and mailed it in the eve with a Harpers Weekly and two Jeffersonians. One back number with the piece in that Geo wrote of how the 17th Regt spent the 4th of July in St Augustine and the last number. I went to the Depot to see if Chas Parsons & Lady came. From there I went to the P. Office and then to Prayer Meeting. Bro Woodruff was there. The Evening Post gives us news of the French in Mexico being whipped. When I came home it was clear and cool with prospects of a frost.

Friday Sept 9th

Rain early this morning. Cloudy during the day a little broken between 3 & 4 o'clock with an occasional ray of sunshine. After I finished my shop work I came home and spaded garden to put out

Subscribed for
the Jeffersonian
for one year

ought ticket
to Cleveland
for Cousin
Emeline Williams

Emeline Williams
left for
Kansas this
morning

Rain Bow
around the
sun

Bro Woodruff
at town

letter to Geo

Saturday

strawberry plants. I spaded about half of the patch and set out two rows of plants. Lucie went up to Mother Purdy's in the P.M. and was late getting home. The Balloon was seen (I saw it) between 6 & 7 o'clock this eve in a north east direction. I went to the P. Office in the eve and returned as soon as the mail was opened as I was very tired.

Balloon seen

Saturday Sept 10th 1864

Pleasant & warmer than before since left came in. I had work in the shop until the middle of the P.M. On my way home I bought 4 lbs of excellent coffee of Parmer & Bradley the last he had of the kind, and I was desirous of securing it for fear of not being able to get any more of the kind. As soon as I got home I went immediately back again to the Halls Lin Shop to have a new bottom put into our Tea Kettle, and a top with a lid on an old Fruit Can. When I returned I spaded up a little more ground and put out two rows more of the husked ~~seedling~~ prolific Strawberry plants. While we were drinking tea Aunt Louisa & Mary came in.

Bought 4 lbs of coffee
A new tea kettle

Lucie went with me down town to Market and to the P. Office in the eve.

A Soldier who lost one hand at Fort Jackson & Fort St Phillip at the time Gen Butler took New Orleans came to the shop today soliciting assistance to go to his home some where on the North River. I gave him 25 Cents.

to a one armed soldier

Sunday Sept 11th

Stormy - I went with Lucie down to the church and then went to Parsons Hotel to see what arrangements had been made for the Ridgefield Military Co to get dinner they being here to

Saturday

Buy the remains of Capt White Co. P. 10th Regt C.V. as, if there had no arrangements made to feed them I was going to ask our friend Rockwell who is a member of the Co Home with us to dinner. They were to take dinner at the Hotel. Mrs Turkey not having a load I went down to Long Ridge with him where the religious part of the service was conducted at the Methodist Church by Mr Clark of Georgetown a protestant Methodist. He preached an excellent sermon from Job 14-14 "If a man die shall he live again" As soon as the service was over we drove home as soon as possible not waiting for the procession as it was raining in torrents. The service at the church was at 11 o'clock. We arrived home a little before 2 o'clock. I went to the sacrament in the P.M. Bro Woodruff assisted in administering it. He preached in the morning but I being at Long Ridge did not hear him. The procession passed up main st just after the services in the churches were over. I heard the three volleys fired over the Soldiers Grave at 3 o'clock as I was writing at home. Though his home was on Long Ridge, he was buried in our Cemetery. After tea I took a nap until evening meeting time. The meeting was one of Thanksgiving in accordance with President Lincoln's proclamation. The three congregations united in our church. The meeting was one of great interest. The house was packed to its utmost. Remarks were made by the several clergy with occasional songs and singing by the choir. Bro Woodruff made the last speech which was a good one after his peculiar style. It brought down the house by way of intense interest and laughter. The exercises were closed by the congregation joining the choir in singing "The Star Spangled Banner"

Capt White's funeral

social national Thanksgiving meeting
at our church
very recent history of our

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Monday Sept 12th 1864

Cloudy nearly all day - It cleared off in the eve or just before night. I had one dozen cheap coats to finish which I did before noon. Received three packages of Old Letters from Geo by Mail. After dinner I cut off each end of Hanny's flower stand to make it small enough to go in their Bay Window. I then went over to Geo Starrs for a board with which to make a Wash Bench for Gussie. Mrs Stone washed for us today. I went to the depot with Bill in the eve to meet Harriet as we expected her from Stamford - but she did not come.

Old Letters from Geo
Shortened Hanny's flower stand
Made a new Wash Bench

Tuesday Sept 13th

Pleasant but a little cool for the season. After breakfast I took my gun and started for "Starrs Plain" where I found David Bradley as I expected. We went on Moses Mountain and there and on the way home we spent nearly all day. The game I brought home was as follows - 1 Rabbit - 1 Partridge - 2 Pigeons - 2 Robins - and 2 Chipmunks - I was very tired at night. We dressed the game before tea. After tea I went to the P. Office. Mr Cocking had a load of wood come today. "Charlie" the boy who works for Mr Lykes with Robert came in the eve and wheeled the wood to the wood house and piled it up.

Went hunting with David Bradley

Wednesday Sept 14th

Pleasant and warmer than yesterday. I finished digging my strawberry ground as far as I could on account of the formation and put out three rows of Poor House Seedlings. I pulled up my squash vines and all the corn stalks that had not corn on them and gave them to Mc Donald. I then went down to the P. Office and came home to

Set out Strawberry plants

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dinner. We had Father & Mother Griswold with us to eat a Wild Game Pot Pie.

I cleaned my gun before breakfast. It is just one year ago this morning since Eddie died. No. I made a mistake a year ago to Morrow. I was thinking today was the 13th before tea I wrote to Geo and put up a Harpers Pictorial with a Jeff and last weeks Danbury Times with the Historical Sketches of St Augustine see it sent by (Canton) Montgomery Bailey.

I attended class in the eve Mrs Hill lead it. After class I walked up with John Cosier and called to see David Bradley to see how he stood the hunt yesterday and to see if he could go again tomorrow. I staid about an hour and talked. When I came home Gussie had retired. It clouded up about 6 o'clock and sprinkled a little, as it did during the eve.

Moses Baxter who went away to avoid the draft I see is at home today. He doubtless had word sent to him that our quota was filled and that there would be no draft. If the American people were all like him and his father the country would be destroyed before it would be defended. They will not only not fight themselves but will prevent others from doing so if they can and are continually condemning the Administration for putting down an armed rebellion by the force of arms.

Thursday Sept 15th

Eddie died one year ago this morning at a quarter past 3 o'clock. - It has been pleasant today - I took up and put in pots Gussie's house plants. Repaired Father Griswolds Wheel Barrow - Made a stop on Mother Griswolds trunk it was then

Mother Griswold to dinner

Wrote to Geo

Moses Baxter who went away to avoid the draft is home

Wrote to Mother

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Must hunting

noon - After dinner I took my gun and went over to Fish Ware & Mill Plain Swamp to hunt for Pigeons - I wounded one and could not find him in the swamp and shot at another but the distance was so great I did not kill him. it was dark when I got home. After tea I went to market and to the P. Office.

Friday Sept 16th 1864

I have had work all day in the shop. I came home about sun down and found the house locked and Gussie away. I made a fire and boiled tea before she came. she was up home. when she came I scolded some for coming home and finding the house fastened and no one to get supper when I had worked hard all day and was tired.

Mr Swift occupies his new store for the first time this eve with his News papers. I attended the N. S. before I came home.

Saturday Sept 17th

Must hunting

Had work in the shop until noon. After dinner I took my Gun and started to find David Brady according to last Evening's agreement. I found him in company with West Purdy and Robt Raymond in Halls Orchard near the old Wade Cirine place down the road leading to Fox pond Hollow. From there we went over near the old David Amblers farm and down across the flat Meadows to the edge of Mill Plain Swamp on Granville Amblers Fish Ware land. We came home by the way of Ferrys Woods and Oil Mill Pond.

Weather G. & H. gone to Bloomfield

Gussie went with me to market in the eve. Mr & Mrs Cocking who have been staying out at Norbarnes all the week came home in the eve. Weather Griswold & Hanny started for Bloomfield

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Democratic Meeting

this morning. A Democratic Mass Meeting in Norwalk this P.M. Harriet came home from work this morning.

Sunday Sept 18th 1864

Gussie's Birth day 28 years old. The sun shone brightly in the forenoon, flying clouds & wind in the P.M. I attended Church all day. Gussie did not. Bro Hall preached. Text in the morning Colossians 1-17 Isaiah 11-2. After Sunday School I took the Lyon team and went up for Mother and brought her to church. She walked home. Just Bro Hall commenced his sermon in the P.M. Aaron Morehouse's wife was taken faint. he was obliged to leave church with her. After tea I took a nap until nearly Evening meeting time. we both attended. just before going Bell and a little Squires girl who lives just this side came bringing two letters from Harriet for me to mail. Gussie had news this eve that Marianne Winderhill and old school mate & chum of hers at America school was dead with two of her children also with dysentery. she lived near Gaylordsville on the Housatonic R. Road.

Just Mother Church

Send mail

Monday Sept 19th

Pleasant. I had work in the shop until about 3 o'clock. David Mells appeared to me in the shop this forenoon. he came from Bethel on the train. he arrived home on Saturday eve. when I finished my work I went to the depot to see him off. Carrie came up with him and Harriet returned with them.

David Mells Mr

I went to Austin's store and drew \$2.00 the same being my traveling expenses to and from Bridgeport to have my name stricken from the rolls. Jas S. Taylor 1st Select Man left the papers & money there to be paid to all such as myself who went down to B. for that purpose

Read to Austin from

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and had their names taken off. Paid to John Cosier the Bal of my seat rent for this year \$3.00. Rev Mr Shepard the Universalist Minister gave a Lecture or rather his experience of what he saw while on a visit to our Army under Gen Grant in front of Petersburg and Richmond Va. Gussie attended with me. it was very interesting. After his Lecture a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission. Also he presented a Book to take one dollar subscription which is to be circulated throughout the Country to buy a house for Gen Grant as a token of the Country's appreciation of his service to this Country. It was 11 1/2 o'clock when we arrived home.

Thursday Sept 20th 1864

Had work in the shop until the middle of the P.M. I then came home by the way of Burr Bradley's with him and drank some new Cider which he had just got. The shop was called in the forenoon to raise the price on the Round Crown or Smith Block. we got 2/- extra on soft Heats and 3/- on Staff Pins. Mrs John Cosier called before ten to engage a Gallon of vinegar for Lucius Wildman. I asked to let him have it.

Gussie went with me to Market in the eve. I received a letter from Geo, the first since he has been ordered to join his Regt. he is now with them at Picolata.

The evening papers state that a heavy but successful battle has been fought by Gen Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Also that Rebels in Canada have seized a small Steamer on Lake Erie. I put down my name to give \$1.00 toward buying a house for Gen Grant.

Shepard's Lecture
Collection for Sanitary Com
and to be sent for Gen Grant

Shop call
Letter from Geo

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Wednesday Sept 21st 1864

Pleasant. I had work until noon in the shop. I came home to dinner and ate with Mrs Jesse S. Stevens and her Mother. Jesse's wife was spending the day with Gussie. While we were eating dinner they commenced firing 34 Guns in honor of the late Victory by Gen Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. The Bells were rung also. I went on to Sand Hill after dinner where they were firing the Salute and went with them to help put up the Gun. (Mrs Sanford who was with us to dinner came in just before dinner having been over to the Sand Hill for some scouring sand.) I called at Thedy-Ann's and then came home and got out a piece of hickory for a Ram Rod in McDonald's Gun, the other one which I made being rather small. Between 4 & 5 o'clock I went into the street to get my Jeffersonian and met John Cosier who wanted me to go hunting with him a short time over near a short distance which I did. we went over as far as Granville Ambler's land on the edge of Mill Plain Swamp. and returned without seeing anything to shoot at. we arrived home after dark. I drank my tea and started for Class Meeting but so much of the evening was taken up with finding a daily Paper to send to Geo and mailing it together with the Harpers Weekly & Jeff that I did not go but attended the M.S. which kept me until 10 1/2 o'clock. I sent the daily paper in order that Geo might read the news of Sheridan's Victory at Winchester. Mr James Fowler brought us but no Butter this week instead of two as usual and notified us that he could bring us Butter but over more.

Mrs J. S. Stevens
I got the day
with Gussie
National Salute
fired at noon
I went with
John Cosier
to
Thedy-Ann's
before

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Thursday Sept 23rd 1864

Cloudy all day. I had work in the shop until noon. I ate my dinner which I had with me and came home by the way of Alden & Crosby's Coal Office and paid him the \$6.00 I borrowed of him some time ago for Frank Bouton to pay her interest with. When I got home I finished the Ram Rod to McDonalds gun it being the second one I have made, the first being too small. Wallace Hoyatt one of the boys at the shop clinched the flag staff on the shop this morning to put in some new halliards, the flag was then run up and kept flying during the day.

After tea I wrote a letter to Geo and intended to mail it in the eve but before mailing it I concluded to wait for the evening mail to see if another letter came from him and sure enough there was one, and while reading it in the P. Office there was an alarm of fire, it was a lenty on the rear of Hercules' Hardware store for a few minutes preceding the arrival of the hose there was every prospect of a large fire, but the hose soon extinguished the flames. I having just previous to the fire bought some Scallops for breakfast, I took them and came home. Before retiring I answered the letter from Geo just recd and enclosed in the letter note before going to market.

Friday Sept 23rd

Cloudy with some mist in the P.M. had work all day in the shop. I collected money at the shop for powder to fire on the first occasion we have such as a victory or the capture of Richmond. Before breakfast went down and mailed the letter to Geo which I wrote last night. I attended the U.S. in the eve. Came home about 10 1/2 o'clock.

Paid Hops & Hammers Money to A. & G. Crosby

Received letter from Geo

Five-Fire

First Scallops

Answered Geo's letter

Mailed letter to Geo

Collected money for powder

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Saturday Sept 24th 1864

Cloudy and thin between 3 & 4 o'clock P.M. a thunder shower about an hour after. Clear in the eve. I had work in the shop until after dinner. On my way home I called at Louis Moebling's dyeing establishment to see what it would cost to get the field to our flag at the factory dyed as it has become so faded that it is not respectable. I came home and commenced making out a letter for Geo for publication in the Jeffersonian from his last two letters.

Gussie went with me to market in the eve. We did our marketing and she came home while I staid for the mail. I did a little collecting of money with which to buy powder for salutes in our Union Gun.

The New Union Club room was to be opened this in the eve but for some reason was not. Further good news from Gen Sheridan he continues to whip the Rebel Gen Early very severely. upon the receipt of the news the Bells were rung and Canon fired.

Sunday Sept 25th

Pleasant and cool. I attended church all day. Gussie came down to Sunday school and afternoon meeting. Bro Hill exchanged with Mr Stone the Baptist in the P.M. Also Stone preached from Luke 23-42, 43. Before and after supper I finished copying from Geo's letter for publication in the Jeff. I then finished also the letter I commenced writing to him this morning. I mailed also in the eve with the letter the Harpers Weekly & Friday's Tribune also a comic picture of Lincoln - Little More - Gen Grant - Richmond and Weldon R. Road. There being prospects of Frost we gathered what few dwarf Beers were remaining on the

Thunder Shower

Bells rung and Canon fired for Victory

Mailed papers and pictures to Geo

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tree, a dozen perhaps. In the letter to Geo I requested that he send me a list of the names of those in his Company who are 21 years old but who have not been made freemen on account of becoming of age since entering the Army, there are measures being taken to get them home to vote for President in November.

Just before evening meeting time Gussie and myself went over to Burr Bradley's and went from there to Prayer meeting with him and wife. we got their card pictures.

Monday Sept 26th 1864

Pleasant. my work in the shop lasted until about 12 o'clock. I came home by way of the Jefferson Office and left a letter from Geo for publication, he thinks it can not be printed this week as the paper is now full of matter for this issue.

I bought 1 lb of shot on my way home to go hunting with tomorrow with Burr Bradley. I picked beans before tea to save them from the frost. I got the 12 Dyer Army & Navy Dictionary at Swifts News Office in the eve and mailed them to Geo. at the same time I wrote a letter with pencil and mailed to him stating the price of Dictionaries.

After which I went to the Union Meeting in Concert Hall to organize a Union Campaign Club, it was organized in due form making John T. Mally President.

We had speaking from Rev W. Shepard and Chaplain Ambley, also the Song Rally sound the flag boys led by Mr. J. J. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic.

I carried Carte de Visite of Gussie & myself to the shop and gave Burr Bradley in exchange for theirs received last night.

Mailed Dictionaries to Geo. also a letter.

Union Club organized

We exchanged pictures with Burr Bradley and wife

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Tuesday Sept 27th 1864

Went out about 5 o'clock and found it raining hard and from that gave up the idea of hunting with Burr Bradley and went back to bed again as I was in no hurry having no work in the shop. I lay half an hour and then got up again but found it pleasant. the rain being but a little showing passing over. I then hurried as fast as possible about breakfast but Burr came before it was ready. I ate such as was ready and started with Burr. We went over to Jacob Hoy's. he had promised to carry us over to Pine Mountain with his team. he not being ready we went on and followed the stream from E. Hills up to High were looking for ducks. while I was hunting Partridge Burr saw 3 ducks but did not get a shot. Mr Hoy overtook us on the Hoy Brook road just beyond High were we rode up the old Spruce Mountain road by the south and then hunted around crossing over to Pine Mountain and paying a visit to the Coast Surveyors. from there we hunted the woods down coming out in the vicinity of Starrs Plain pond. we then went on the Mountain the other side of the road up to Hawley Branson's farm over Moses Mountain across by Chas Starr. Woods and home.

My game was 1 Partridge - 1 Pigeon - 1 Chipmunk and a Brown thrasher. We arrived home at 1 o'clock. At 4 P.M. went down to see the Banner & Johnson Banner flying to the breeze. Speakers were made by John Mally - Silas Furrer and W. H. Francis. having a severe headache and feeling lame after my tramp I came home and retired early feeling quite used up. Harriet Purdy left a letter here for Gussie from Eliza Humphrey in Cal. Gussie being out with me to the Banner raising she put

Went hunting with Burr Bradley to see the Coast Surveyors on Pine Mountain

made a banner raised

from Eliza

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The letter is at the window beside the casing some may have seen could not imagine.

This morning while Burr Bradley was waiting for me to eat breakfast Sarah Parady came in to tell me that Geo wished her to tell me that the Regt had received their instruments for a Regimental Brass Band he wanted me to have it inserted in his letter for publication in the Jeff.

~~The funeral of Mrs. Lockwood, sister to Dr. Rogers wife. the funeral was absent~~

Wednesday Sept 28th 1864

Had work until noon at the shop. a subscription came to the Copperheads at the shop this morning for a Mc Clellan Banner to match and out doubt will excell ours for Lincoln & Johnson. We had the game I shot yesterday for dinner today, a little rain about 2 P.M. it soon stopped and then Burr Bradley as he promised at the shop came along with his gun and we took a little stroll to Oil Mill Pond - Ferry's Woods - Fish Wase & Mill Plain Swamp. across to the Lyons, from there across in the rear of the old Capt Hairchild Amblers place estate, up toward Edward. back to the old Benjamin Amblers Orchard opposite the the Sime place, then across to Chas Starrs Woods and home arriving about 6 O'clock with 2 High holes and a chipmunk which I gave to Burr.

I then dressed, took tea, went up to Jeffersonian Office for my paper and one to send to Geo which immediately mailed with a N.Y. Times of today. I then went to class, had a good meeting, after which I went to the grocery store for some things, to the P. Office and for the first time visited our Union Club Rooms over Harveys New Store 3rd floor. put my name down as one of the

Instruments for Brass Band Recd by 17th Regt

Went hunting

Went to Jeff and Geo

Went to Union Club

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Club. Sat a few minutes and walked up home with John Green and Rev Mr Shepard.

Thursday Sept 29th 1864

Stormy in the forenoon but pleasant in the P.M. I worked all day in the shop. Frank Cornwall's house on ~~Center~~ ^{Thayer} St fell down over his head this morning about 6 O'clock. it stood on a side hill and fell for want of propper underpinning. I went to hear Henry C. Demming of Hartford speak in Concert Hall in the eve upon the issues of the day. He arrived by the cars in the eve and in consequence was late commencing his speech. I got home at 10 O'clock. Demming was the late Col of the 12th Regt Conn Volunteers.

Friday Sept 30th

Stormy again in the morning but some sun shined in the P.M. and pleasant in the eve. I had work all day in the shop. Gussie spent the afternoon up to my fathers. J. H. Bond of N. Haven spoke to the Copperheads in Concert Hall in the eve, they made considerable display by escorting their speaker from the cars to the Hall with a band of music. I went to the N. Y. in the eve Father Grimold was initiated with a large number of others. His was close to his heels all the time.

Saturday Oct 1st

Pleasant-cool. I went to the shop in the morning but there being no work I went home and helped Burr Bradley get a load out from his gun. In the afternoon John Corcor and myself went hunting. we got 3 Woodcock & 1 Quail. I gave my share to him. Gussie went up to Mr. Vickersons in the P.M. Gussie went with me to

much of remaining of Hartfords house fell over in it

superior speech by Bond

the Lincoln and the N.Y.

Went to Union Club

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Caucus in
Parsonage
Concert Hall

Market in the eve. She came home leaving me to attend the Caucus preparatory to the Town Meeting next Monday. I understand that the Copperhead Meeting last eve in Concert Hall was a small affair, the attendance was good. But the speaker (Bond) was a blackguard and produced no sound argument to substantiate his doctrine. The speech was low slang and abuse of the administration. He uttered some of the foulest lies, for instance saying in the face of Shermans - Sheridens and Grants great victories that the army have never been successful and have not gained one single victory.

Sunday Oct 2nd 1864

One armed
preacher named
Carroll
wrote to
mailed also
Township

Stormy. on account of the rain I did not start for church, until 11 o'clock. Bro Hill exchanged with the St. Canaan minister, a one armed man, Carroll by name, who preached for us. I staid to Sunday School which was thinly attended and then came home and wrote to Geo in the afternoon. I mailed it in the eve also a Harpers Weekly. Lucia attended Proprs Meeting with me in the eve

Monday Oct 3rd

Election
for
Cocking
paid rent

Town Election, No work in the shop. Mr Cocking paid his rent (or rather his wife paid it for him) this morning. Cleaned my gun before breakfast, or commenced and finished it after breakfast. I went to W. E. Corroby's Coal Office to see John Cosier. From there to the shop and then went down to the Court House and voted. previous to going to the shop I called at the Car building shop at the depot to get the ages of Manton Bailey and William Warren of their fathers. From the Court House I came home by way of the P. Office and Swifts news Office.

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Called Apples
for
Father
night in
Ash
Cider

Apples
for
Johnston

Father Goismold came home on the morning train and voted before going home. I took a nap after dinner and about 2 o'clock went to the shop for my pay, walked down to the Court House again with Burr Bradley and back up to John Cosiers Office. From there home and picked some apples for Father Goismold. just before going to the shop for my pay Mr Harris came with my Ash of Cider and helped me in the cellar with it. I went in the eve to hear Major Haggerty speak at Concert Hall for Lincoln & Johnson and the Union. it was an excellent speech, he is young but decidedly smart. he was followed preceded by a who accompanied him. time after time he brought down the house with some great applauses. a few Copper heads in the meeting and quite a number outside seemed disposed to make disturbance but he was not one of that kind to be bluffed off and told them so. The result of our Town Election was a majority for us {Republicans} of 185
Jas S. Taylor for 1st select man by majority
O. H. Swift for Town Clerk 186

Thursday Oct 4th 1864

out hunting

Cloudy in the morning but it finally came off pleasant. there being no work in the shop I finished mending my Strawberry Bed. I went down town before dinner. called at Parmelee & Bradley's store and while there agreed with Haviland to go hunting in the P.M. I ate dinner and went down to Dr. Bray's and got his dog. met my Cousin at Benedicts Factory in West St and started me out up by Oil Mill Pond - through Ferris Woods and over to a little swamp near Granills Cudlers entrance to his land. We run 2 rabbits in a stone wall and got them