

[Bemis, Charles]

Death of Charles Bemis

Charles Bemis died at his residence on Court street, last evening at 7 o'clock, of pulmonary consumption, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His death was quite sudden, considering the fact that only a few days ago he was about superintending the erection of a new building. The deceased was born in Berkshire, Massachusetts, in 1805, and came to Auburn about the year 1827.

Soon after he came to Auburn, he was employed by Abijah Fitch and the late Amos Underwood, who were at the time a leading firm in the grocery trade, located in a wooden building on Genesee street, standing on the present site of Pomeroy Hall. When the firm of Fitch & Underwood dissolved, he became a partner of the late Amos Underwood in the same business. Afterwards he engaged in the saloon and confectionery business with the late Monsieur Jacob Leonard, a Frenchman, who had at some previous date been connected with the domestic establishment of Louis Phillippe, subsequently the citizen King of France.

In the year 1838, he married Emily Underwood, who, with four daughters survive to mourn his death. In or about the year 1854, Mr. Bemis became disgusted with the business of liquor selling, and from conscientious scruples about the propriety of the traffic, sold out his interests in the concern to his partner. Eventually he became agent for the Paper Mill Company, and also the Woolen Mill Company. He was at one time interested, with Lewis Richardson, in the cabinet ware business, and was connected with Col. William H. Carpenter, in a livery stable, and for a year or two past has been engaged in the grocery trade with his son-in-law, James Covert.

During his long residence in Auburn, he has borne the character not only of an honest man, but one of the most conscientious of men who ever lived in Auburn. His word was always as good as his bond. His religious ideas were in accordance with those of the denomination of Universalists, and since his marriage in 1838, when his health would permit, he has been a constant attendant of the ministrations of the Universalist Church in this city. As much as any man we ever knew, he has exemplified the character of a practica Christian, in his deportment, dealings, professions and conversation. He leaves the legacy of such a name to his children.

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