

THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

HINSDALE, N. H.

Mrs. Wheeler Recovering Rapidly.
The latest reports from Mrs. J. H. Wheeler of Hardsville, who was accidentally shot July 30, indicate that her injuries, while of a serious character, are not so bad as at first believed. She has made rapid progress toward recovery, and it is expected that she will go to Rutland before the end of this week to have her eyes examined. She says she can distinguish daylight from darkness with her injured eye, which would indicate that its sight is not wholly destroyed. There is a possibility therefore that when the swelling, soreness, etc., have disappeared the sight of the eye will have been restored. Mrs. Wheeler has taken shot from her mouth, some of the shot having passed through her left cheek.

Fritz Crawford took his second degree in Masonry Wednesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Knight returned Friday from a visit of two days in Boston. Dr. Stiles and daughter of Boston are guests of Dr. Stiles' sister, Mrs. C. F. Brown.

Dr. E. S. Munger has equipped his residence with a long distance telephone instrument.

Bert Smith and George Tibbets of Winchester, Mass., spent Sunday at their homes here.

Allis G. Houghton left Tuesday to visit relatives in Fitchburg and Boston for a week or more.

Miss Anna Winchester of Holyoke, Mass., has been the guest of her grandfather, W. A. Cole, this week.

Mrs. Geo. Merrill of South Framingham, Mass., came Saturday to visit Miss Martha Pierce in Putney Falls.

It is expected that the Brattleboro and Putney base ball teams will cross bats on Wilbur's field tomorrow.

Mrs. E. S. Munger and daughter Maud returned Saturday from an extended visit in Woodstock and Windsor.

The young people of the Congregational church went to Springfield lake on Thursday last week for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howard and Addison Howard went to Windham Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Howard's father.

Misses Beth and Ruth Woodburn and their friend Walter Field have been visiting at George Woodburn's the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Littlefield returned Saturday from Wells Beach, Me., and Dover, N. H., where they spent two weeks.

Miss S. E. White has returned to her home on West Hill after spending the summer at Sugar Hill, N. H., among the White mountains.

J. F. Washburn expects to begin cutting his tobacco this week and the crop will follow suit soon. The crop this year is unusually well advanced.

Eugene B. Pierce will deliver an address at the convention of the Windham County Union of Christian Endeavor which is to be held in Athens next Wednesday.

Miss Grace Dwinell of Leominster, Mass., who has been the guest of Miss Lizette Houghton, has gone to Claremont, N. H., to visit Mrs. Henry Burnham.

Mrs. A. M. Corser and Miss Laura Sleeper started Tuesday on their bicycles for a two weeks' journey to Springfield, Woodstock, Windsor and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warren, who have been at Dr. Geo. S. Foster's for several weeks, started drive to their home in Charlestown, Mass., Monday afternoon.

The Baptist Sunday school decided last Sunday to hold a picnic at Spofford lake on Friday of this week. Committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Miss E. L. Ware of Springfield, Mass., has been visiting her brother, W. M. Ware, in East Putney. Mr. Ware's mother, Mrs. C. M. Ware of Brookline, has also been visiting him.

Eugene B. Pierce returned home Saturday to spend the rest of his vacation from the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The next school year begins four or five weeks later.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harris gave a pleasant reception at their home Friday evening to the persons who have united with the Congregational church during the past year, each of those persons bringing one friend. About 40 were present. Interesting games were played and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blood and daughter Alice, Mrs. F. D. Kendall, Mrs. Calvin Reed, Miss E. M. Walkup, Miss Emma Davis and Miss C. Wood were among those who went to Block Island Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Willard remained until Monday.

H. B. Powell recently began digging a well on his premises. When he had dug down about two feet he struck a large flat stone, and upon removing the stone he found a well in perfect condition, about 18 feet deep and containing four feet or more of good water. Old residents state that a distillery once stood where the well is, but it had passed entirely out of their memory. The well may have been used in "watering the stock."

Putney's present pressing problem, or how to bring about such unity and christian fellowship was the subject of Rev. C. J. Harris' discourse at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Being thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the town and the limitations and obstacles of one who strives to encourage a feeling of good will and noble citizenship, Mr. Harris spoke with deep feeling and earnestness. He strongly urged the necessity of unity among the churches and sought to impress upon the Christian men and women of Putney the duty of setting today's opportunities while it is yet today, and the responsibility of noble example and influence. As a potent factor in the solving of the present problem he recommended that all eliminate hypocrisy and daily exercise thoughtfulness and real self-sacrifice. The musical part of the program helped to make the meeting an impressive one. Dr. George Stiles of Boston pleased all with the rendering of three selections, including "The Holy City." He was accompanied by E. E. Gorham, who always receives a warm welcome here.

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Frank Baraby spent last week in Penacook.

Mrs. Fred Searle visited in Keene last week.

W. W. King is visiting in Worcester and Boston this week.

Miss Della Kelley is visiting in Athol and at Lake Pleasant.

D. A. Hordford is back in his old position in Hale & Frost's mill.

Mrs. M. Monahan of Turners Falls is visiting at Sam Smith's.

Geo. E. Robertson attended the bicycle races in Montreal last week.

Miss Blanche Hamlin has been laid up with a sore throat this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Robertson were in Boston two days of this week.

The 1st Psalm will be considered at the Congregational church tonight.

Mrs. Hinds returned Friday after several weeks' visit in Montpelier, Vt.

R. Metcalf and family spent last week with relatives in Westminster, Vt.

Walter Hildreth visited his cousin, Mrs. Sidney Aldrich, in Keene Tuesday.

Crooby Mason and son Dauphin of Keene were recent guests at C. A. Mason's.

Horace Evans of St. Louis, a former resident of Hinsdale, is visiting in town.

Miss Lena Walker of Orange, Mass., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Oliver Hale.

Miss Minerva Burroughs has been spending two weeks in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Streeter are at W. O. Stebbins' cottage at Spofford lake.

Mrs. Brown of Hartford, Ct., has been the guest of Mrs. Julia Jones this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wilder are visiting their son, W. B. Wilder, in Dorchester, Mass.

Harry Swift of Lynn, Mass., is making a two weeks' visit with relatives in town.

Misses Sara and Madeline Stearns returned this week from a few days' visit in Athol.

Miss Alma Gibson is ill with a rheumatic trouble. Mrs. M. A. Spooner is caring for her.

Miss Fanny Jewhurst of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Markey.

Miss Una Leach and Miss Clara Stearns are waiting on tables at the Northfield conference.

Mrs. M. A. Spooner visited in South Deerfield, Mass., from Wednesday until Saturday.

Mrs. G. S. Goldard visited her brother, Henry Griffin, in Keene from Saturday until Thursday.

Miss Isadore Thayer of Woonsocket, R. I., has been the guest of Mrs. E. H. Fuller for several days.

Miss Bessie McCray of Springfield, Mass., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Perry of East Dummerston, Vt., visited relatives and friends in town last week.

Blackberries are abundant in the pastures and large quantities are brought in to the village daily.

church by Miss Sarah Endicott Ober of Tennessee.

Rev. Mr. Jocelyn of Charlestown, Mass., who has been attending the Northfield conference, took occasion to visit Rev. Mr. Rackett, and Dr. W. S. Leonard, who was a classmate, this week.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Burnett of Brockton, Mass., visited in town last week.

The doctor practiced medicine for a short time in this town, and both he and Mrs. Burnett have many warm friends here.

Miss Bruce, the organist at the Congregational church, being absent, her place was very acceptably filled Sunday morning by Miss Belle Tenney of Cambridge, Mass., who was formerly organist in that church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Royce were the only representatives of the city who attended the grand picnic of the United Order of Golden Cross held at Crystal lake in Gardner, Mass., last week Wednesday.

Henry Welch has gone to New London, Conn., hoping the change will be beneficial to him. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Harriet of Greenfield. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Welch, remains in Greenfield during his absence.

Sixteen friends of Miss Grace Jewhurst gave her a genuine surprise at the home of G. A. Robertson, Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments were served, and a general good time enjoyed by the young people.

A handsome chain bracelet was presented to Miss Jewhurst as a pleasant reminder of the occasion.

H. H. Day is the first of the Hinsdale farmers to begin harvesting his tobacco. He began cutting his fine crop Monday.

Several others will begin on their next Monday. Although the tobacco growers had a discouraging time getting their fields set, as a whole the crop bids fair to be fully as good as that of preceding years.

The following item from the Greenfield news, in the Springfield Union of Aug. 10 will be of interest to Hinsdale people: "The engagement is announced of Miss Irene Donahue of Greenfield to Albert E. Dennison of Springfield." Albert is well and favorably known here, and hearty congratulations are offered. He is one of the veterans of the Spanish war, having served in company L Greenfield, of the 21 Massachusetts regiment in the Santiago campaign.

Burton Perry, who was so seriously injured by a fall from his bicycle Sunday afternoon, while on his way from Spofford lake to Brattleboro, formerly lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Perry, in this town, and his recovery will be anxiously hoped for by his many friends here.

Mr. Perry left Silverdale about 3 o'clock, and was found at about 7:30 by the roadside about 2-1/2 miles from the lake in an unconscious condition, and with a dislocated shoulder and other injuries. He was taken to the home of his parents in East Dummerston. He remained unconscious for 24 hours. Late reports of his condition are that it is critical, that he is conscious at intervals, but can only answer in monosyllables, and one side is entirely paralyzed. He is under the care of a physician, with Horton D. Walker of this town to assist. Mr. Perry is a druggist, and has recently been employed in the drug stores in town. He is a young man of many estimable qualities, and popular with young and old, and we hope that his entire recovery is only a question of time.

JACKSONVILLE.
Next Tuesday is the last day for paying taxes to the town treasurer.

Mrs. Izanna E. Kowler and Adney visited in North Adams lately.

O. R. Chase and wife visited in Troy, N. Y., and other places last week.

Will Wiley and wife of Readsboro are staying a few days with relatives.

The grange picnic is to be held at B. F. Roberts' next Saturday, Aug. 19.

The Murdock family held a reunion at the residence of C. A. Murdock, Aug. 18.

Mervin M. Brown is taking the place of John Coleman in his son's store for the time being.

Halbert Pike has moved from Heartwellville to the Donahue house, now owned by Chas. H. Waste.

Mrs. Flora B. Cheney and daughter Ellen are spending the week among friends in Williamsville and elsewhere.

Mrs. Caroline L. Chase, John E. Coleman and wife, and Murray Pierce and wife were at Lake Pleasant the past week.

Prof. A. Lee, the celebrated whistler, gave a recital at Grange hall last Friday evening to a fair-sized audience, considering the weather.

Mrs. S. G. Easton gave a party last Friday in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Ida Bliss Harris of Keene, N. H., who is visiting in the home of her childhood.

We did not suppose there was such a sort of jealousy among our people as to the fame of Wilmington and Readsboro. It is astonishing to find several who are actually fleeing from these places while we have none. Well, my friends, the burglars are after money and as we have spent ours, they go somewhere else. While it may be mortifying to one's pride, we must endure all such privations.

The spirit of anniversaries is in the air. Last Saturday afternoon and evening about 125 friends of Allie Tainter met at his father's home to remind him that he had already arrived at majority. Two guests of base ball were played. Two photographers took several views of the company. A bounteous supper was served, reflecting much credit upon Mrs. Tainter, the mother. Valuable presents were bestowed. An address delivered by M. A. Butler, which was happily received.

By young Tainter, Miss Martha French read an original poem. Good wishes were everywhere extended to young Tainter, who is at present at work in the store of C. D. Spencer & Co.

Applicants to Citizenship.
[From the Springfield Republican.]
The applicants for final naturalization papers who came before United States Commissioner Lyman at New York the other day had been carefully coached. But after all the posing up on certain simple subjects, to which they had been subjected, the following were typical examinations:

"Do you know what form of government this country is under?" he asked. "Republican."
"Where are the laws made?" "Congress."
"Who elects Congress?" "The legislature in Albany."

"Which is the highest body, the Senate or Congress?" "Washington."
"The next man was German. 'How is Congress elected?' asked Mr. Lyman. 'Der president, he do it.' Didn't I tell you to read the constitution, aren't you?' 'Ach, ya. She suits me, good.' 'Well, you is a citizen?' 'Der beelies.' 'How many people in this country?' 'I don't tell. Why don't you go to Washington?' 'I ain't got no politician."

TOWNSHEND.

Gilbert Boutelle's Buildings Burned.
The buildings on what was known as the Dea. Samuel Winslow's place, three miles from the village, occupied by Gilbert Boutelle, were burned last week on Thursday in the forenoon. Mr. Boutelle has been going to Bellows Falls with his produce every two weeks and it was during one of these trips that his home was burned. It is not known how the fire started, but most likely from the chimney. There was no one on the premises at the time, as Mr. Boutelle sometimes has some one keeping house for him and at other times does his own work. Nothing was saved as the fire was not discovered until too late. This is a sad loss to Mr. Boutelle, who is an honest, industrious young man, and much sympathy is felt for him.

Henry Miles is home from Pennsylvania. Clifford Holbrook has recently been in home.

Grace Bailey is visiting at Mr. Haigh's in Brattleboro.

Prof. Call and wife are in town at Dr. Osagood's.

A. J. White, daughter and son have visited friends in town.

The Christian Endeavorers held a picnic in Athens Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Willard has gone to visit relatives in Beloit, Wis.

A number from here attended the services Sunday on Newfane hill.

Mrs. Ephraim Fuller has gone West to visit her brother, James Bemis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Austin of Hartford, Conn., are visiting at the Baptist parsonage.

Corra Mason has returned from Northfield, where she has been to attend the meetings.

Mr. Arza Benson has returned from her trip over the mountain to visit relatives.

Arthur Livermore of Boston is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Susan Lawrence.

Carrie Mason came Wednesday to spend her vacation at home, after first visiting friends in Fairlee.

Miss Eliza Burnap has been visiting the past week in Windham, which place was formerly her home.

Miss Selina Derby has returned home from Orange, Mass., where she has been for more than a year.

Haynes Sanders and a force of young men from this town are building a house for Fred Sargent of Newfane.

We learn from a member of the Phillips family that Wesley Phillips and Mrs. Pettie were married recently in Holyoke, Mass.

Mrs. C. M. Ware and daughter Ellen have returned from a 10 days' visit to Springfield, Me., and Crescent Beach.

Home King is still ill. George Waters has been on the sick list at his brother's. Grace Bemis has been quite ill.

Ella Howard entertained very delightfully on her birthday anniversary a party of her young friends at her home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Goodhue of Westminster and son, Everett, who is in Dartmouth college, called upon old parishioners on Thursday of last week.

There were union services at the Baptist church Sunday. In the absence of Mr. Hardy, Mr. Curtis supplied the pulpit at West Townshend in the afternoon.

Mrs. Doane of Indianapolis and two children have been in town the past week. Mrs. Doane and her sister, Miss Sybil Holbrook, who is with her, are former residents of this place.

In printing the program last week of Miss Martin's entertainment the names of Gladys Corey and Adelle Treichel were left out in the first number on the program, a piano duet.

Rev. L. B. Curtis was called by telegram to Southfield, Conn., to officiate at the funeral of Judge Ford last week on Tuesday. On his return he attended the Moody meetings at Northfield.

Harry Adams of Windham, of the class of '99, held a class party with others of his friends at his home on Wednesday in honor of his 21st birthday anniversary. Several from this place attended. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

C. E. Starr, a brother of Mrs. Hastings, and his wife from Eluria, Ohio, and Louis Starr Cragin, a nephew from Seattle, Washington, also Mrs. Betsey Pierce and Mrs. Mary Ballou of Chester, were guests at E. E. Hastings' during the past week.

Hazel Taft celebrated her birthday anniversary last week on Wednesday afternoon with a party. We think the little folk are for doing the older ones in the way of social gatherings, as this is the third party they have had within a short time.

Miss Daisy Upham, so well known here, has finished her medical studies in Germany and is practicing medicine in Jamaica Plain. Miss Upham is a graduate of Smith college, and had studied medicine and had hospital practice before going abroad.

Mr. Sanderson of this place tells the following of a butternut tree that grows on the old home farm in West Townshend. This farm, formerly owned by his father, John Sanderson, situated one-fourth mile from the village on the road to Windham, is now owned by his sister, Miss Lestina Sanderson. This tree he remembers when a boy more than 60 years ago, as bearing bountifully. One year 35 bushels of nuts were gathered from the tree. Its circumference is 15 feet and four inches. Its diameter is five feet. The top has large and wide-spreading branches and covers a large area. Much more might be written about this farm and its first occupants.

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