

Shot and Killed by a Young Girl.

A special from Columbia, S. C., says: The monotony of the State trials was broken to-day by a hearing on application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of a young girl, 16 years of age, who was committed to jail this morning. The case is a peculiar one, and has created a sensation in this section.

The circumstances are as follows, in brief: The young girl, Miss Sallie Wood, returned to her home, about twenty miles from Columbia, yesterday evening, and there found a neighbor, Samuel Henry, awaiting her arrival. She invited him into the house which they entered together, when Henry quickly seized her, violently attempting an assault.

The girl, however, succeeded in freeing herself from his grasp, and, obtaining a pistol from the next room, returned immediately and fired upon her assailant with such deadly effect as to kill him instantly, the ball penetrating his breast. Henry was a married man and the father of three children. The families of both parties are respectable, well-to-do country people, and have been intimate for years.

The young girl, accompanied by her brother-in-law, came to Columbia this morning and surrendered herself to the officers of the law, going quietly to jail, from which she was released a few hours later on consent, an order being entered requiring \$1,000 bail, which was quickly found. She may be subjected to the inconvenience of a trial, but has been acquitted already by the powerful verdict of public opinion.

A Bank Safe Tampered With.

The Binghamton, N. Y., Republican of Tuesday evening says: The West Windfield National Bank has met with a serious misfortune and has been unable to transact its regular routine of business since Tuesday, the 23rd ult. Upon that night the safe and vault of the institution was securely looked for the night by the clerk, Henry Wheeler, a young man, son of the cashier.

On the day following every possible means was devised to open the safe door, but the lock had become in some way broken, and the bolts refused to turn back. Expert lock-makers and safe manufacturers have been employed night and day drilling and in other ways trying to reach the contents of the safe. The mystery as to whether the safe was robbed and the lock was broken by burglars will be solved probably by Thursday, as at that time it is thought the work of getting into the safe will be accomplished. The safe, when last locked, contained about \$200,000 worth of valuables and money.

Married on the Spot.

The Ocean Record relates the following: "I'll marry any girl in the room that will have me," said a half-tipsy young fellow. "I'll take you," said a fresh, clear-eyed young girl of 17. And in half an hour the two were married and being congratulated by their friends. This actually occurred only a few weeks ago in the near vicinity of Franklinville, in this county. The occasion was a country dance, the participants were a farmer's son and a farmer's daughter, neither of whom had exchanged a word with the other until the above scene occurred. The young fellow had been drinking and thought he would say something 'smart,' and astonish the girls with his audacity. The girl, however, had heard that he was a 'good fellow,' and being moved by that spirit which 'will not take a dare if death come,' took him at his word. They are now living with the young fellow's parents, and are studying each other's character at their leisure."

Ingenuous Swindle in Pork.

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The Earthquake.

The districts of northern New York and the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut and through the St. Lawrence Valley were severely shaken by an earthquake on Tuesday morning. Accounts from various points along the line of disturbance agree as to its occurrence about two o'clock, but the places affected seem to have experienced the shock in a lesser degree in proportion to their distance to the southwest of a line generally parallel to the St. Lawrence river. Of course it is difficult to define the line of greatest disturbance, on account of absence of accurate data and the tendency of observers to exaggerate their experiences; but enough is known to indicate that the earthquake wave passed from west to east over a considerable area of territory with extraordinary rapidity. Terrestrial disturbances of this character are happily rare in these northern latitudes.

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