

EXCITEMENT AT WINCHESTER.

Elopement—Frustrated—Conflict in the Street—Shots Exchanged—The Case Goes to the Courts.

[From the Winchester Times, 14th.]

An affair, which has created more interest in our community than anything we remember for several years, was the attempted elopement, at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning, of the step-daughter of a well-known Main street merchant, with a young gentleman who does a manufacturing business on Piccadilly street.

The young lady is said to be under fourteen years of age, but is well grown, and exceedingly handsome and accomplished for her age. The gentleman, although still quite young, is a widower. The acquaintance commenced during the Catholic Fair in September, but being distasteful to the lady's parents, a

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was carried on. The letters, however, fell into the hands of the parents, who thus became acquainted with the plans of the parties, and took means to frustrate their intentions. Accordingly, as the bell at the courthouse struck 1 o'clock on Sunday morning, the lady emerged from her residence through a private door, prepared for flight, and was promptly met by her lover, and a number of chosen friends, who were prepared to resist any attempt to detain them. No sooner had they reached the street than the friends of the opposite party suddenly appeared in strong force from various hiding places in the neighborhood, where they had been concealed, in anticipation of the event.

THE ELOPING PARTY

was quickly overtaken, a brief conflict occurred, in which several pistol shots were exchanged, the gentleman and two of his friends were captured by the police and lodged in jail, and the lady was conducted to her home.

On Monday morning the street in front of Justice Crebs' office, who, with Alderman Barr, heard the case, was filled with a curious crowd, who were anxious to learn how the affair would terminate. The parties being all well known and having large family connections, and the fact that the gentleman obtained his first wife in a similar manner only a few years ago, increased the interest felt.

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were expressed, youth and hot blood generally taking the lovers' side, while cooler heads deprecated the affair.

The police and others concerned in executing the warrant for the arrest of the parties, were themselves placed under arrest on Monday, but were subsequently dismissed without trial.

The justices determined to bail the parties, and the case will now come before the grand jury, when interesting developments are promised, which we will then feel at liberty to publish. Eminent counsel have been engaged on both sides.

THE STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, &C.—[Special to the WHIG].—*Abingdon, Va.*, October 15.—The State Medical Society held their annual election on yesterday, with the following result: Dr. Gleaves, of Wytheville, president; Drs. Cunningham of Richmond, Campbell of Abingdon, White of Farmville, Jenks of Culpeper, Ward of Norfolk, and Chancellor of Charlottesville, vice-presidents; Dr. Edwards, of Richmond, recording secretary and treasurer; Dr. Tompkins, of Richmond, corresponding secretary. Richmond was chosen as the place of holding the next annual meeting. The address of Dr. Teboul, the retiring president, was listened to with great attention. The exercises are of the most interesting character. The lecture of Dr. McCaw, of Richmond, upon Electro Magnetic-Therapeutics, was highly instructive. The Society has just adjourned. The banquet will begin at 10 o'clock P. M., and to-morrow the visitors will leave for their homes.

Martin Hagy, Esq., an old and respected citizen, died to-day, aged 70.

THE PITTSYLVANIA "WHOSE IS IT?"—The *Danville News* of 15th instant says: Judge Coles has ordered the Italian woman, and the reputed stolen child, to be separated. The woman was much distressed at the separation, weeping bitterly, tearing her hair, and giving other evidences of violent sorrow. Witnesses from Mrs. Frances' neighborhood, who were acquainted with her child before it was taken from her, say the boy in question bears no resemblance to it; that Mrs. Frances' child had blue eyes and light hair; whereas, the boy in question, has very black eyes and hair and dark skin. The evidence adduced is not yet satisfactory to Judge Coles, however, and he has ordered the sheriff to retain custody of the child to await further developments in the case.