

[Carpenter, Violanta]

LOCAL RECORD.

—Miss Violanta Carpenter was instantly killed on the fair grounds at Oswego Falls, July 4th, by being shot through the heart by the careless operator of a target gun. There seems to have been the most criminal carelessness on the part of the owner of the gun. Deceased was an own cousin of O. H. Stebbins, a well known and much esteemed citizen of North Barton, and was a resident of his family when a young girl.

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[two extracts from the account of a trial]

The jury determines that the said Violanta Carpenter came to her death from a ball fired from a rifle in the hands of some person unknown to the jury which entered the lungs and heart and was the immediate cause of death, the said gun being run by Louis Lavine [in a shooting gallery] on the Oswego Falls Fair grounds. We believe the shooting was accidental.

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Funeral services of Miss Violanta Carpenter, who was killed at the fair grounds on July 4th, were held at her late home on Pratt street, Thursday at 1 o'clock and at the Universalist church at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. Towne. The pall bearers were Andrew Jones, P.W. Hyde, John More, Thos. VanBuren, Amos Woliver and Charles Easton. Interment was made at Mt. Adnah.

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FULTON, July 11.—The body of Miss Violanta Carpenter, who, it is alleged, was killed by a bullet fired from a gun managed by Louis LaVine on the Oswego Falls fair ground on July 4th, was exhumed last Sunday morning and the bullet was found. The ball is in possession of the District Attorney and is of the calibre of the one taken from "Mike" Fitzgerald's foot shot on the same day. This explodes the theory of someone firing at the target with a "bull-dog" revolver.

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