

ABILENE.

She Tried to Climb the Golden Stair, But a Physician Closed the Gate.

Young August Still Alive and May Recover—Social Pleasures—Personal.

Special to the Gazette.

ABILENE, TEX., Dec. 31.—It was reported in the city this morning that Pearl Garnet, one of the soiled doves, tried the laudanum route to the unknown land last night, but failed, as a physician was summoned at once, and by prompt action stopped the effect of the drug.

The boy Phillip August, who was accidentally shot a few nights ago, and who has the ball now in his brain, is doing remarkably well. Mr. Hurly, who held the gun when it was fired, is doing all he can to render the young German's confinement pleasant, or as much so as is possible. Young August's father came in from Midland last night, and was much pleased to have his son converse with him very freely and sensibly. The young man says that he made a great mistake in coming to Abilene, owing to this accident.

The Irvine String band is honoring the city to-night with a serenade, which will last the remainder of the old year and into 1887. The band is composed of Prof. E. C. Irvine, I. Goldberg, A. B. Samuels, L. H. Burton, M. Lichtenstein, J. F. Hartwell, George Brown, and Mr. McCahey. These gentlemen are among the leading and most popular gentlemen of Abilene, and the music is just simply magnificent. We wish the boys a happy New Year.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was given at the Hotel Palace to-night by the kind and accomplished host and hostess of said hotel. Among the many present were: Frank Reddy and lady, J. J. Anderson and lady, John Bryant and lady, Fred Grosscup and lady, I. F. Clark and lady, F. C. Wheeler and lady, Mr. Finberg and lady, Dr. Church and lady, Dr. Robinson and lady, J. W. Redford and lady, Robert Irvine and lady, and many others too numerous to mention. There was also quite a number of young and very accomplished young ladies present (many already mentioned are young and accomplished too) and a host of gallant young men who did honor to the occasion. Excellent music and dancing is now the order of the evening and all seem to be in the highest state of enjoyment. It will probably continue until the old year is no more.

The Hon. K. K. Leggett of the firm of Spouts & Leggett, one of our most popular and genial young lawyers, returned from what he called a business trip to Denison and Austin. He reports a pleasant trip, but some unamusement while in Austin. All are glad to again see him on the streets.

What is the Matter with Russia? The empire of Russia is a bad case of national dyspepsia. The treasury is short of funds, and the army costs \$60,000 a day to feed. Then the army is so full of Nihilists that it can no more be trusted than the stomach of a man who has chronic dyspepsia. We don't know what to do about Russia; but as for the man with chronic dyspepsia, let him take Brown's Iron Bitters. That made Mr. Chandler of Clinton, Ia., a new man. He tried it after other remedies failed. Buy a bottle of your druggist today.

CUTE, AREN'T THEY?

What Gail to Ask the Government to Compensate a Fellow—Four Grand Calls.

New York, Dec. 31.—The following Washington special was published today: There was recently presented to the attorney-general on behalf of Wm. S. Warner and his brother-in-law, J. Henry Work, a proposition to refund to the creditors of the Marine bank the full amount of the checks upon which the pending indictments were found, namely, \$142,500. The government declines the proposition and both of the accused will have to stand their trials. Secretary Manning holds that the sinking fund for the current fiscal year requires \$18,000,000. He said it would not do to call that amount at once and hence he had made, to begin with, a call of \$10,000,000 only. This would indicate that between February 1 and June 30 there will be four bond calls of \$10,000,000 each.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1886 of the sterling medical annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western hemisphere. This almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fifth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, etc., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's almanac for 1886 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two-cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

Card of Thanks.

It is extremely gratifying to us to state to our customers and the public generally that our anticipations for a prosperous and greatly increased trade, based on the opening of the year just closed, has fully come up to our expectations, and it is wholly attributable to the general support and liberal patronage of our friends, to whom we wish to express our most hearty appreciation and sincere thankfulness. We wish you all a happy New Year and trust that the agreeable business relations existing between us may be continued unimpaired. When wanting anything in our line, we will promise you at all times a choice and well-selected stock from which to make purchases. When the styles and seasons change our stock will be found to conform in every condition and feature. Most respectfully, MALONE, WALLER & CO.

Brandy Saves a Life.

GALENA, ILL., Dec. 31.—John F. Munger, a well-known citizen of Plattville, Wis., suffered greatly from rheumatism in his feet. Two days ago, with the hope of relieving the pain, he bathed his feet freely with tincture of acetone and then thrust them into a pall of hot water. A tingling sensation followed and his skin became moist and clammy.

A doctor was called, but on his arrival he found Munger apparently dead. The heart seemed to have stopped beating, and the doctor decided that Munger died from acetone poisoning, having absorbed the drug through his feet. The undertaker set about preparing the body for burial, when the doctor, as an experiment, injected with a hypodermic syringe a mixture of brandy and digitalis—nearly a quart. In a few minutes the supposed dead man began to gasp, and there was a faint sound of beating over the heart, the death pallor was succeeded by a reddish glow, the muscles relaxed, perspiration broke out and Mr. Munger slowly returned to life and is now entirely out of danger.

The Morning Dress.

It is said that a lady's standing in society can easily be determined by her dress at the breakfast table; an expensive, showy costume indicating that the wearer has not yet learned the proprieties. But no one need be afraid of being called "shoddy" if her loveliness is as apparent by daylight as at the hops. Perfect beauty is never the attendant of disease; above all, of those diseases peculiar to women, and which find a ready cure in Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription." Price reduced to one dollar. By druggists.

MAIL MATTER BURNED.

Burglary of a Store, Incendiarism and Meanness Generally.

Special to the Gazette.

ALLEN, TEX., Dec. 31.—The store of Fountain & Chestnut was burglarized last night, and after getting a small amount of money from the store and what clothing they needed, the store was fired in three places. The flames were discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. Forty dollars in money belonging to the postoffice was also stolen and all the mail burned. Officers are in pursuit, and think that they will capture the burglars.

LATER—J. Gullede was jailed to-night on the charge of burglary committed last night. Gullede was traced by dogs belonging to Sheriff Smith of Dallas. Gullede is a man of family, and has lived for years in this community.

WACO.

A Horrible Crime of a Sister and Brother and Its Probable Consequence.

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WACO, TEX., Dec. 31.—A horrible story of lust and sin and shame comes in from the western part of the county. A young white girl, barely seventeen years old, is a mother, and the father of the babe is the mother's own brother. Both parties have stood well socially, and the community is horrified. When the young man saw the crime could no longer remain undetected he hid out, and it is said a male relative of the girl is after him with a shot-gun. The names are suppressed out of consideration for the family, but the facts are vouched for on excellent authority.

LOCAL SOCIETY NOTES.

The McChelland hotel is ablaze with light and brilliancy to-night, the occasion being a grand ball given by the Married Men's club of this city. Five hundred invitations were issued. The banquet cost \$500, and society is there with its best clothes on.

From all indications the ladies of this city will forego, to-morrow, the custom of keeping "open house" for New Year's callers. Business will be generally suspended, however, and the day made a holiday.

GENERAL LOCAL REPORTS.

The two daughters of Mrs. Hancock, one of the last victims of the Austin reign of terror, arrived this morning and will make their home with their aunt, Mrs. Fairwell. They are pretty little girls, one aged fourteen and the other eleven years.

Current comment to-day on the action of council last night in scaling the mayor's salary one-half, is generally commendatory. None of the several aspirants for the office have announced their intention of withdrawing because of the reduced salary.

Mr. T. C. Sparks, a prominent capitalist of this city, who had a broken leg amputated Tuesday, is regarded as in a rather critical condition, but the physicians talk hopefully of the outcome.

CUI BONO.

What Profiteth It a Man if He Save His Watch and Lose His Life.

NEWCASTLE, PA., Dec. 31.—James Kinkade, a prominent citizen of Mahoningtown, near here, was fatally shot by an unknown burglar this morning. The burglar had secured Kinkade's money and gold watch from his clothes and was leaving the house when Kinkade was awakened. He followed the burglar down stairs and the latter turned, and drawing his revolver, shot him through the breast. The burglar then made his escape. Kinkade is still living but no hopes of his recovery are entertained. No clue to the assailant.

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Want a Raise.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 30.—Miners and laborers in the Connelleville coke regions have decided to demand an advance in wages equal to the 10 per cent. reduction last year. The increase to be given on January 1. A convention will be held at Scottsdale to-morrow to consider the matter.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

Officer Murdered.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Dec. 31.—Patrolman Copeland of the police force was found on the corner of Commerce and Second streets last night, badly beaten about the head and unconscious. He died at 1 o'clock this morning. An ex-convict, Henry Allen, was arrested on suspicion of being the assassin.

GAINESVILLE.

Great Excitement Caused by the Misfortune of an Elderly Gentleman.

Dragged Into a Hole—A Watch-Meeting—The Santa Fe Railway Meeting—Personal.

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GAINESVILLE, TEX., Dec. 31.—The programme of the Evangelical alliance will be observed during week of prayer in this city, at the Southern Methodist church, beginning Sunday. The exercises will continue throughout the week at that church, and will be uniform services as agreed upon by the ministers of the several denominations.

Quite a commotion was created on Dixon street yesterday afternoon when Mr. Charles Hunt of this city fell in an epileptic fit. He received a bad hurt by the fall, his head striking a stone which cut an ugly gash. He was picked up unconscious and carried home in a carriage, where he was attended by Doctors Bonar and Modrahl. Mr. Hunt has been indisposed for some time, and came to town yesterday against the advice of his physician. It was only a few days ago that he buried his beloved wife, and his many friends sympathize with him in his misfortune.

Louis Brigman, an employe of Waples, Painter & Co., met with an accident yesterday, and but for the timely arrival of persons near by it might have proved serious. He was plowing in a field, with the lines around his neck, when his team approached a sink about eight feet deep, which was covered with rotten plank and rubbish that had washed upon it. When his mules got on the sink the planks broke, precipitating the team into the hole and pulling Brigman in after. He was unable to extricate himself, but fortunately assistance was close by and he was brought out unhurt.

An old lady who was stopping at a wagon-yard in this city was taken suddenly ill with congestion of the lungs and died in a few hours.

Bill Alory, an unfortunate who was placed in the county jail some time ago for insanity, has so far recovered that he was discharged.

Reports of the Gainesville National, First National and Red River National banks, which are published this morning, show all to be in a sound condition.

A watch meeting was held at the Southern Methodist church to-night. There was a good attendance to take part in the meeting, which consisted of songs, prayers, speeches, etc.

The Christmas holidays have passed very pleasantly and quietly. There have been family dinners, reunions and pleasant associations and meetings. Our city has maintained its consistent reputation as a town of the highest respectability and propriety. Be it said to its credit there has been very little drunkenness or rowdiness. The church has shown its usual zeal in contributing to the happiness of the young.

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Besides Alfonso, Spain has lost the brave and sagacious Marshal Serrano. Among our own public men who have passed away since the year began we find the names of ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen, ex-Senators William M. Gwin, William Sharon, and Ruben E. Fenton; Edgar K. Appar, Scott Lord, ex-member of congress and once a law partner of Roscoe Conkling.

MERRY A. STORRS, THE BRILLIANT LAWYER and stump speaker; the venerable George W. Clinton, ex-Lieut. Gov.; Henry B. Solde, Col. John D. Van Buren, Judge Theodore R. Westbrook, ex-Judge Albert Cardozo, of wretched memory, and Malcolm Hay, ex-assistant postmaster-general.

The musical world has lost Dr. Leopold Damrosch, Brinley Richards, Arthur Burt, the solo cornet player; Ferdinand Hiller, Col. W. A. Pond, the music publisher, and Gen. Henry K. Oliver, who fifty years ago composed "Federal Street."

Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, the famous litigant; Charlotte Cooper, daughter of the great novelist, James Fenimore Cooper; Mrs. Frances Vanderbilt, widow of the commodore; Mrs. James Russell Lowell; Susan Warner, of "Wide, Wide World" fame; and Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson (H. H.) are among the notable women who have passed away during the year.

The Mahdi and Oliver Pain have ended their careers. Clark Foss, the last of the famous stage-drivers of early California days; James W. Marshall, the

DISCOVERER OF GOLD IN CALIFORNIA, poor, old, and disappointed; Charles Wright, one of the leading botanists of America; Lieut.-Com. Henry H. Gorringe, who brought Cleopatra's needle to America, at William H. Vanderbilt's expense; George T. Hope, president of the Continental Life Insurance company of New York; Fred L. Winston, president of the great Mutual Life; James H. Rutter, the brilliant railroad manager and president of the New York Central; Gilbert C. Walker, an ex-governor of Virginia since the war; Isaac W. England, publisher of the New York Sun; Gen. Anson Seager, Commodore C. K. Garrison, Thomas C. Field of Tammany fame (or infamy); Elstour Wright, the statistician and writer, and the venerable Dr. S. H. Tyng, are all careers that have been denied by death during the year.

Among the authors who have passed away can be named T. S. Arthur, Richard Grant White and Josh Billings (Henry W. Shaw).

Tom Davis (Sawdust Tom), the accomplished swindler, met his doom at the hands of an infuriated Texan; poor John McCullough has passed off the stage forever and Dan Mace, the famous driver, has gone down the home-stretch and passed under the wire.

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