

YOUNG WOMAN INJURED

Has Compound Fracture of Both Legs and Other Injuries

Annie Bell Powell, a young white woman, who came to Brenham from Somerville is in the city hospital in a critical condition, suffering with compound fracture of both legs, and bruises to her head and body, received in a fall Thursday midnight from the H. and T. C. railroad trestle, 40 feet over Hog branch, just east of Brenham. The young woman was alleged to have been enroute to the Union depot in Brenham. She was found by a white young man of this city, passing over the bridge some time later, when he heard her moans. Help was summoned and the young woman removed to the City Hospital.

At a late hour Friday night the young woman was reported still unconscious at the hospital and her chances for recovery were not regarded as the best, though some hope is held out for improvement in her condition. Mrs. Dora Snowden, an aunt of the young woman from Taylor, is attending her bedside.

It is stated that the home of the young woman is in Mississippi. She came here from Somerville, and had remained at Tipperary, the resort east of the city, during her stay in Brenham.

Sheriff Burney Parker is investigating on the theory of possible foul play to the young woman and that her fall was not an accident. He has not, however made any arrests, but was busy from late Thursday afternoon conducting an investigation of the case.

"It is peculiar that the occurrence should have been kept a secret from the local officers," said Mr. Parker. "We were not informed of the injuries to the young woman until Thursday afternoon when the editor of the Messenger informed us. The case was known to a number of persons before that time, and at least a portion of them were derelict in their duty in not reporting it to the officers," added the sheriff.

Annie Bell Powell, the young woman who was found below the H. & T. C. railway trestle over Hog branch at an early hour Friday morning and is now in the City Hospital receiving treatment, was reported much better late Saturday evening, and there is now hope held out for her recovery. She has not yet made a statement regarding the affair, her condition being such Saturday evening that she could not make a statement of the affair.

Sheriff Parker continued his investigation on the case Saturday, and recovered considerable property which he is holding for the young woman.

He secured a diamond ring, a jeweled wrist watch, a lavalier, hat pin, \$142 in cash and two ear rings from Trixie Roth of Somerville, who said that the property was turned over to her by one of the men who went to the young woman's aid when she was found below the railroad trestle. Sheriff Parker is also holding a fur coat, valued at \$800, which was worn by the young woman when she was found. The beautiful fur coat, of genuine gray squirrel pelts, was only slightly damaged in one spot blood-stain.

Sheriff Parker has interviewed various persons who had or who had been in company knowledge concerning the affair with the young woman a short time before she sustained the injuries.—Brenham Messenger.