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MANAGER WESTERN UNION DEAD

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice-president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co., died of heart failure this morning. Mr. Brooks was born in Wheelock, Texas in 1859 and became a messenger boy for the Western Union when he was twelve years old. He remained with the company, going from messenger boy to clerk, from clerk to operator and served as manager of the Waco and Dallas offices. Was made general superintendent in 1910 and general manager in 1913. Few men had been more successful are had a wider acquaintance than Mr. Brooks.

**REVIVAL CONTINUES AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

Many persons attended the meeting last night, when Dr. Gray preached on "God's Peace Conference" from Isaiah 1:18. This morning an intensely helpful scripture talk was given on the "Master's Methods of Meeting Temptation." You are cordially invited to the meeting tonight at 7:30, when "The Guest at the Door" found in Rev. 3:20 will be the theme of the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

MRS. HUNT GAINS CUSTODY CHILDREN

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 9.—Bessie Hunt, youthful, and pretty, broke down and wept time and again Saturday in passionate appeals to be allowed to keep her two children during an all-day ordeal of examination and cross-examination in a bitterly contested divorce case she filed against her husband, C. B. Hunt. The small crowd in the court room thrilled over and over at her simple but pathetically forceful stories of various incidents bearing on the relations of herself and husband.

She told once of how he took the child from her at her sister's home near Ballinger; again she told of her own daring capture of the child from his mother's home in Dallas.

"It was mine. My child!" she sobbed. "God gave him to me. I had a right to take him. Your mother would have done the same thing for you, Mr. Coott," she challenged the attorney cross examining her.

Probably the most dramatic portion of her story was when she told how she had reared the child.

"He is a Christian boy, with Christian ideals, even if he is only five years old," she said. "Every night he says his prayers. Why, just here lately he went to bed one night and forgot to say them. He waked up in the middle of the night and said:

"'Oh God, please don't let the judge take me away from my mama if it be Thy will.'"

At this point Mrs. Hunt became almost hysterical, and it was some minutes before questioning could be resumed. Attorney Walter Scott then asked her:

"You didn't teach him to say that, did you Mrs. Hunt?"

"No," she replied. "I didn't teach him anything like that because I was afraid they'd put him on the stand and find out about it and use it against me."

The Hunts were married in 1909 and lived in Abilene and Sweetwater during the six years of their married life. Attorneys for the husband made a fight on Judge Swayne's even considering the petition for a divorce on the ground that he had no jurisdiction. Mrs. Hunt testified that she left Abilene, which had been her home, May 30 of last year, and came to Ft. Worth with the intention of making this her home June 1. Exactly six months from the date, on Dec 1, the divorce petition was filed. The law requires that the home of a petitioner for divorce be in the county in which the suit is filed for six months before filing.

It was brought out on cross-examination that Mrs. Hunt stayed in Fort Worth only a few days—seven at the most—going then to Galveston to the home of her mother, where she stayed until four days before the Galveston storm in August. From Galveston she went to Ballinger, and reading from an article in a Ballinger newspaper, the opposing attorneys asked Mrs. Hunt whether she told a newspaper man there that she had come to make her home in Runnels county. She was not positive that she did not tell him that, but asserted that if she did she did not intend to.

The husband came to her sister's home there, Mrs. Hunt said.

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ANNUAL WHITE SALE

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SEE TOMORROWS PAPER

TURKISH MASSACRES RESUMED

By United Press.
GENEVA, Feb. 10.—Newspapers here published this morning dispatches saying that the Turks have resumed Armenian massacres. The dispatches say that thousands of men and boys have been shot, and the girls taken prisoners and sent to Constantinople to be sold to harems.

EMBARGO ON GRAIN OFF

Galveston, Feb. 10.—The railroads have lifted the embargo on grain shipments to Galveston, effective February 12th.

WOUNDED WOMAN STILL LIVE

The latest reports from the sanitarium this afternoon says that Mrs. J. C. Croughen, the woman who was wounded by a shot from a pistol in the hands of her husband at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning, was resting well. The woman rested well through the night and indicates that she will make a strong fight for life.

The physicians say that it is possible that she will recover, but not probable and it is believed that peritonitis will set up in a short time, as the wound is of such nature to bring about that end.

Nothing new has developed in the case since the report of the tragedy as given by this paper, and the facts brought out by taking preliminary evidence are about as published.

At the time of the shooting the family were arranging to leave Ballinger and go to Robert Lee, and it seems from the evidence that Croughen objected to the move, and began expressing his objections in pretty strong language early in the morning, and as the story goes he caused trouble earlier in the day by going on tantrum and breaking up the breakfast dishes. The camping outfit, wagon, teams, etc., is the property of Mrs. Croughen, the children, and the son-in-law Riley, but they deny that anything had been said about leaving Croughen behind and it was generally understood that he was going with the family.

The man has been charged with assault and attempt to murder, and if the woman dies the charge will be changed to that of murder, and it is thought that the man will be denied bond pending the convening of district court next month.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE ROBSTANKER

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Secretary Lansing says that Austria must explain why one of her submarines stopped a Standard oil tanker in the Eastern Mediterranean, while the officers went aboard, overpowered the tanker's crew and helped themselves to stores aboard. Mr. Lansing said that he had requested an explanation and not a note, but it is believed that demands will be made later.

POST OFFICE TO CLOSE

The post office will close Saturday, Feb. 12th, on account of Lincoln's birthday. Windows for delivery of mail at general delivery open from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m. Carriers will make one delivery in the morning.

Rural carriers will be on their routes as they are not affected, but will serve their patrons as usual.

LEFT FOR CUBA

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Mrs. Fannie Johnson left Thursday afternoon for Jacksonville, Key West, Florida, and other points in that state and will go on to Cuba where they will spend about a month on a sight seeing trip.

ZEPPLINS DROP BOMBS SINK SHIPS

By United Press.
BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The Cologne Gazette reports that a British Cruiser, the Caroline, and two destroyers, the Eden and Nice, were sunk by bombs dropped from Zeppelins during a recent raid over England and coast waters.

A DESERVED PROMOTION

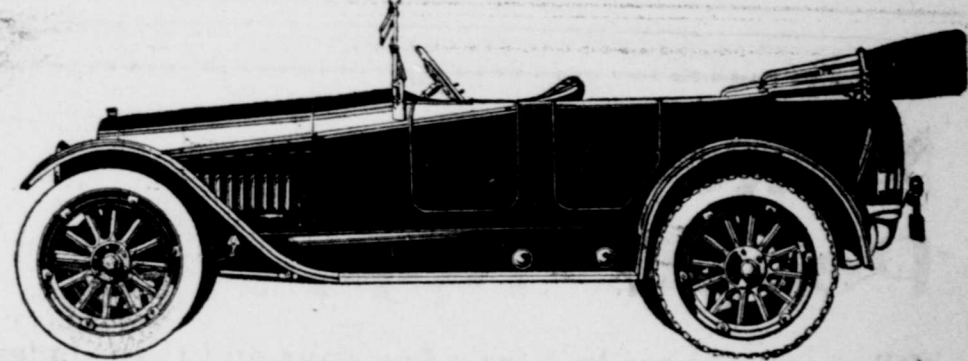
Arthur Doose, who has been with the Walker-Smith Co., in Ballinger the past year, returned home Wednesday night from Brownwood, where he was called by the manager and given the position as manager of their house at Midland, Texas, and he will leave for that place Friday to enter upon his duties.

Arthur Doose is one of Ballinger's favorite sons, raised in this city and is a young man of sterling worth and ability and is highly esteemed in the business circles of Ballinger, and a host of friends join the Ledger in best wishes and hopes of success in his new field of business. He deserves the promotion and we feel sure will make good at Midland and feel sure the company has made no mistake in the confidence placed in him.

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Trade with us this year and reduce that automobile bill. You will always find us 25 to 50 per cent cheaper on anything in the auto line than anyone else. We have the tools and can turn out a job before others could find the trouble.

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The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Ballinger, Texas



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JUST FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE.

Ballinger this week shipped a car load of rabbits to the northern market. We suppose the hunters have had a great time aside from the profit on the rabbits—the county of Rummels is paying a bounty of 5 cents on the scalps and the carcasses are sold at from 15 to 20 cents.—Bowie Blade.

You got the price a little high, but it makes good picking for the boys with a desire to shoot, and the country is losing one of its worst pests.

What has become of the old fashioned fellow who loved to get up of a cold frosty morning and chop enough wood for the day before the sun peeped over the eastern hills?—Temple Mirror.

He remains in bed while his wife lights the oil stove.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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PHONE 97

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- Our Grocery cheer last throughout the year, and never fades, and it is all in what you eat.
- Hungry people are happy as a lark when they eat our groceries, because the quality is in what they eat.
- When dad pays the bill he, too, is some happy, and his satisfaction is over the price.
- Fact is, they just flood the whole family with cheer because they are fine to eat, easy to cook, and stimulating to a degree.
- Can you beat it?

L. B. Stubbs
'Phones 93 and 94

COUNTY JUDGES

IN STATE MEET

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Feb. 10.—With visitors here from many parts of the state, the annual meeting of the Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' association opened here today. The session will close tomorrow afternoon in time for the visitors to leave on the night trains for their respective homes.

Special attention will be paid the general subject of care for the insane in county jails. This feature of the program has been left open to general discussion.

Judge W. H. Tidwell of Ellis county welcomed the members on behalf of the association. Judge O. E. Dunlap, president of the Citizen's National bank, welcomed them for the citizens of the county. Responses were made by Judge George N. Denton of McLennan county, and Commissioner T. M. Miller of Dallas.

This afternoon the delegates were inspecting the roads of Ellis county, and tonight they will be given a banquet at the Hotel Rogers. Tomorrow will be devoted to the discussion of various topics pertaining to the administration of county affairs.

Five pounds good Pea Berry Coffee for one dollar. Roten's Grocery Store. Phone 101. 13-tfd

J. H. Hadley and Ben Thomas, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, returned home a day or two ago from Roberson County, where Mr. Hadley had been to look after his farms, and Mr. Thomas as a witness in court at Franklin. The man Hickman, who case Mr. Hadley was summoned, was shot from ambush and killed, the night before the case came up and that wound up the case.

H. C. Hickman of the Miles country, who has a daughter under treatment at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, left for his home Wednesday and says his daughter is much improved in health.

W. W. McCollough, of Brownwood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

DIGGING UP SOME ANCIENT HISTORY

I'm an old settler. But I want to find somebody that was here in this "bully robust country," as Jo Wilmeth would say, before I came. I want to find somebody that was here in '86 and '87. I want to know if The Ledger knows of any newspaper published during these two years and giving an account of a stage robbery between Ballinger and Angelo.

A lone highwayman held up the stage and robbed thirteen passengers. It was reported that he got \$1,000 of money and jewelry the first haul and that he repeated the feat several times afterward, but without getting anything as passengers would leave their valuables at Ballinger, which was then the terminus of the railroad. Is it so? Has anybody the papers containing the account of the incident?

And there's another story that goes this way: Some parties stole 40 head of beef steers belonging to Uncle Bob Fairbanks, out of a pasture, and drove them to the railroad and shipped them and have never been caught and punished. Is that so? Well times were rocky. This was a rough country—and that's a fact.

Who can give us a history of Old Fort Chadbourne in the Northwest corner of Rummels County? The walls of the old stone buildings still stand in a picturesque place in the mountains and some of the buildings are still intact and occupied while the country is very interesting. I am sure somebody could, if they would, give us some history of this old fort.

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

If "Uncle Johnnie" will take a day off and visit The Ledger office we will be pleased to let him read Rummels County newspapers that were published before Ballinger was placed on the map, and perhaps he will find something that will be interesting to him in ancient history. At present we are too busy making modern history to dig up ancient history.

HATCHEL DOTS

Mrs. Reagan has returned from a visit to Port Arthur. Mr. Graham and family of Winters, were shaking hands with friends here Sunday afternoon.

Misses Wygle and Guin visited the Misses Graves Sunday.

Elder Spears filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Sunday evening Elder Norman preached at the Christian Church. Both services were well attended.

Miss Lula Michaelis was absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Shelbourne visited Mr. and Mrs. Caudle Monday.

We have organized a Literary Society and will meet Feb. 25. Everybody invited to come. We will entertain you.

The reception given by Prof. Sprinkle was well attended. All report an enjoyable evening.

Farmers are looking blue over the prospects of an oat crop.

Most of the oats in this part are apparently dead. A good rain might help some of them.

TEXAN.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Jim West of San Angelo, spent Saturday and Sunday with W. E. Branch.

Miss Nellie Taylor of Valley Creek, who is staying with her uncle, Sam Taylor, and attending the Ballinger school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

A. S. Hubbard of Winters, while en route to San Angelo, spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Ed Eubank.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Henry Greer and Mrs. E. D. Jackson who have been quite ill the past few days, are on the mend.

Quite a crowd of the young people attended the fruit supper at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corum's Friday night. All report a good time.

ELBERTA PEACH.

Will handle a complete line of Ready-to-Wear and Ladies' and Misses' Millinery goods. Investigate styles and prices before you buy. A. J. ZAPPE. 10-1td-2tw

Dr. E. R. McKinney, VETERINARY SURGEON and Dentist.

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Ballinger, Texas.

E. A. Jeanes, the poultry and produce dealer, left Thursday morning to look after his branch store at Santa Anna and will go on to Dallas to attend the meeting of the poultry and egg shippers' association, which will be held in that city Friday and Saturday of this week.

Notice Stockholders Meeting.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Ballinger Printing Co., will be held Wednesday February 15th, 1916, at 8:00 p. m. in the office of the Ballinger Printing Co. Let all stockholders take notice and be present. There will be elected a board of directors at this meeting and also officers will be elected at the same meeting.

THE BALLINGER PGT. CO.

Per C. P. Shepherd, Mgr. 4-11-14 d.

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Owing to the shop requiring all of my time and the extra cost of collections, I am discontinuing the monthly account system. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours Truly

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MILLER MERCANTILE CO.
TWO PHONES 66 AND 77

SPRING HILL NEWS

Health in our community is very good.

Farmers are making good headway preparing for this year's crop. The oat crop is badly injured by the dry freeze.

We nearly all became detached from Ballinger last year on account of bad roads, but the graders have been working on the roads between the two points for some weeks and are putting them in fine condition.

Our school is progressing nicely with regular attendance and there will be a box supper at Spring Hill school house Friday night. The proceeds will be used in paying for an encyclopedia for the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Brother Golden preached to us Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m., the first Sunday in the month being his regular appointment.

Everybody has about all the business of their own they can attend to and we are dwelling in peace and harmony.

KNOX.

Just receiving a new line of Spring Goods. A. J. Zappe. 10-1td-1tw.

Mrs. John Dunn returned home Thursday morning from Miles, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Lincecum and family.

BIG BUILDING LITTLE PATCHING

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th:

Representative 11th District:

WALACE E. HAWKINS.

For County Clerk:

W. C. McCARVER.

C. C. COCKRELL.

H. G. SECREST.

For Tax Assessor:

C. C. SCHUCHARD.

T. H. CURRY.

JOE TURNER.

For County Treasurer:

W. L. BROWN.

For County Attorney:

C. P. SHEPHERD.

For Tax Collector:

W. T. PADGETT.

MIKE C. BOYD.

M. D. CHASTAIN.

For Sheriff:

J. D. PERKINS.

For County Judge:

O. L. PARISH.

For District Clerk:

(M's) MARY PHILLIPS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:

E. C. MOOR.

For County Superintendent of Schools:

W. W. WOOTEN.

Tom Barrow, who had been looking after property interests at Paint Rock, was the guest of his school boy friend, W. B. Ray, Wednesday, while en route to Marlin.

ATEXAS WONDER

THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle's two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things"

SPECIAL MEETING

M. E. CHURCH

At the Methodist Church last night Rev. A. Lee Boyd preached a practical sermon on "Practical Religion." The missionary, the evangelistic, and social service committees made their reports and completed their organization. The missionary committee reported that \$547 has been pledged on the conference collections and each member agreed to make an effort to run the thermometer to \$659 by Sunday. W. W. Chastain was elected chairman; M. E. Harle, secretary and Sam Baker, treasurer.

The evangelistic committee elected Mrs. A. B. Legate chairman, and Miss Zedie Royalty, secretary. Lists are being made of those who will do personal work and of all prospective members looking toward the Win-One Campaign. The goal of the committee is to win 100 new members by Easter. The social service committee elected the following temporary officers: Dr. A. C. Watson, chairman; Mrs. I. Vancil, secretary; A. E. Burges, treasurer. Many activities are planned for this committee.

Mrs. Edwin Day, Mrs. Mary Sharp and Mrs. S. C. Royalty prepared light refreshments and W. A. Tally's Sunday School class of young men and women served these present.

The Best Recommendation.

The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from the user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that make Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart, Waynesfield, Ohio, writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.

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Harwell Motor Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Mrs. Hunt Gains Custody of Children

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and calling their five-year old son to him, told her that he was going to take the son; she could have the girl.

She pleaded with him, she said, and then, running toward him put her arms about the child. She declared that he reached in his pocket then for his pistol, but that she put her hand on it at the same time. While they were struggling, according to her story, her sister ran in, and seizing the weapon with both hands, pleaded with the husband not to shoot.

He went out without harming them, according to her story, but took the boy with him.

Then Mrs. Hunt waited. She went to Hunt's mother's home in Dallas after the child was moved there, and then—

"God sent a shower," she said simply. "God sent it so they'd have to get in their clothes."

And while Hunt's mother was in the back yard getting in the clothes, Mrs. Hunt and her son were gone.

"You stole him, didn't you?" inquired the attorney.

"I took him," she answered. "You left your hat, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"You left your muff, didn't you?"

"Yes, and if I'd had my coat off I'd probably have left that, too."

"You had an automobile waiting, didn't you?"

The continual rain of questions was getting more and more unbearable to the little woman's shattered nerves, and she became defiant.

"Yes; I had a Ford automobile waiting and we came back to Fort Worth in forty-five minutes."

Mrs. Hunt made a number of charges against her husband during the morning hearing, one of which was that he swung their oldest child, head down, through an open doorway when it was a baby in short dresses, "just to torment her."

She also claimed that he left the house at 8 o'clock three nights before the baby was born and did not return until five the next morning.

When he did return, she declared, he told her mother he was a "free man and would go where he pleased."

O. S. Lattimore is representing Mrs. Hunt.

Judge Swayne, by agreement of both sides, allowed the mother to keep the children for the present, and further hearing of the case will be had the last week in this term of court—probably sometime in March. Hunt's side of the case has not been presented.

WEAK, AILING CHILD.

Made Strong By Delicious Vinol
Lakeport, N. H.—"Our little girl 8 years of age was in a debilitated, run-down condition and had a stubborn cough so she was weak and ailing all the time. Nothing helped her until we tried Vinol. Then her appetite increased and she is strong and well, and I wish other parents of weak, delicate children would try Vinol."—Geo. A. Collins.

This is because Vinol contains the tissue building, strengthening cod liver elements and the tonic iron which a weak and run-down system needs. City Drug Store, Ballinger, Texas.

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The plans have been drawn and adopted and the contract will be let shortly for a new front for the Ballinger Dry Goods Co. store. The plans adopted will give that store one of the most handsome fronts in this city. The present awning will give way to a modern drop awning. The old windows and doors will be replaced by modern plate glass front with a tile entrance. The new improvements will make that business block one of the most attractive in the city, and speaks for the progress of the enterprising dry goods firm.

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HUNG JURY IN CONCHO MURDER

Judges Doss & Baugh received a telephone message at three-thirty this afternoon stating that the jury in the Simmons murder case had been discharged after reporting to the court that it was impossible for them to agree upon a verdict. The jury stood seven for a two year suspended sentence and five for a two year sentence without recommending a suspension. The case will be called for trial again next fall.

Special to The Daily Ledger:

PAINT ROCK, Feb. 10.—At a late hour today the jury in the Simmons murder case was still out and it is reported that the case will result in a mistrial with ten for acquittal.

Simmons was tried for the murder of a man by the name of Binston, a Lightner, in this county about one year ago. The unwritten law played a big part in the trial of the case, the defendant introducing evidence to show that Binston had ruined the daughter of Simmons. Sensational letters written by Binston to the young lady were introduced as evidence. Simmons shot Binston as the latter was returning to his home at Lightner, having just gotten off the train, Simmons using a shotgun and shot the man as he was attempting to get out of reach of the gun. Simmons was carried to Ballinger and kept in jail until he made bond. Judge Doss & Baugh of Ballinger, represented the defendant.

This is the only criminal case to come up at the present term and with the disposal of a few civil cases the court will adjourn. The grand jury is in session, but it is believed they will investigate all matters brought before them and complete the work this week.

RUNNELS COUNTY BOY PROMOTED IN NAVY

Upon the recommendation of a board of examining officers, Jesse C. Dixon, of Crews, this county, has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States Marine Corps, according to advices just received from Washington, D. C.

Jesse, who is a brother of Forest B. Dixon of Crews, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Denver, Col., recruiting station, on May 13, 1912, and is now serving at the marine barracks, Port Royal, S. C., awaiting transfer to expeditionary duty, where he will have many interesting experiences, or to a cruising battleship, which will visit strange lands and give the Crews non-commissioned officer an excellent opportunity to see the world.

Young Dixon is widely known in this community and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his rapid promotion in the United States Marine Corps.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT WOOTEN ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

Two years ago in announcing myself as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools I promised a vigorous, energetic, progressive administration. You know to what extent this promise has been kept. I shall not here attempt to summarize the work done or progress made. While the most gratifying results have been attained I have been ably assisted by one of the best County School Boards in Texas, by a great organized body of workers and by the best people generally throughout the county. So, only a portion of the credit could be ascribed to me.

Now, in offering myself for re-election I pledge you a continuation of the best service in my power to render. My policies and plan of work are to well known to require outlining. With the two years experience I should be able to serve you more efficiently a second term.

It is not my purpose to make any extensive campaign. I shall expect efficient service, and attention to duty, not greetings or handshakings, to recommend me.

Your vote and influence is solicited.

Respectfully,

W. W. WOOTEN.

Mrs. T. A. Kineaid, of Ozona, who had been visiting her uncle, Wm. Drennan and family, left Thursday at noon for her home. Mrs. Kineaid's husband is one of the prominent stockmen of Crockett county.

THINKS AD IS A-NUMBER ONE

Jno. A. Weeks is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. H. Cousins, editor of The Southern Pharmaceutical Journal, at Dallas, in which special mention is made of an advertisement which appeared in a last week's issue of The Daily Ledger for the Walker Drug Co. The ad was commended very highly by Mr. Cousins, who is in a position to know good advertising when he meets it, as the guiding spirit of the big druggist's publication.

The ad, by the way, was written by publicity man, Archie Crews in collaboration with Noel Penn, and was "set" by Patrick O'Strahle of the Ledger mechanical department. While only one small example of the above named gentlemen's craftsmanship, it seemed to have landed home in the opinion of Mr. Cousins.

Read what he says: Mr. John A. Weeks, Balinger, Texas.

Dear John: ***** Tell Archie that his ads are A No. 1 from every point of view. If he will keep them up to this standard and change them every week for a year, if it does not increase the Walker Drug Company business 25 per cent, I will buy him any hat in Dallas. Those ads are well written. They are different from the ancient wheeze about pure drugs and sundries. And believe me the compositor who set those ads is "some printer." I can't ad work like that in Dallas, in a fifty thousand dollar printing plant. It makes me sore when I pay a printer thousands of dollars every year and a small town print shop shows up with work that is from the hands of an artist, and I have to stand for such pie as I get here. You fellows keep on the right side of the chap who set these ads. He is an artist at sticking type.

I am not bulling, more than half of the success of an advertisement depends on the printer. The success of a dinner depends on the way it is served. You can have a T-bone smothered in onions two inches thick that will make you wish your neck was as long as a country road, or you can have the same steak thrown out to you by a chef who ought to be driving a slop wagon and it will make you wish you were dead. Regards to every body including the Ford owners out in front.

Your friend,

WALTER.

Mr. Cousins is also an important committeeman on nearly every board of the N. A. B. P.; member of Council of the American Pharmaceutical Association, committeeman on President's Address for the N. A. B. P., and on the nominating committee of the N. A. B. P. If he ever runs for any of the various "offices" again, we'll vote for him. Thanx.

Another bit of news is that the Walker Drug Co. has taken the advice of Mr. Cousins, and have signed up a contract with The Two Ledgers for regular advertising. Look out for more 'Weeks Says.'

Severe Cold Quickly Cured
"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Wea therby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. Ed Ramsey, of San Angelo who had been at the bedside of Mrs. A. J. Williams, the past few days, returned home Thursday.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, was among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday and returned home on the noon train. He is still going on crutches from the recent accident in which he was badly crippled in one foot by a fall into a hole.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thompson, of Elm creek country near Hatchel, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born to them Monday, February 7th.

R. A. Williams, who represents the Jeanes produce company, returned home Thursday morning from a business trip to points west.

HELP IS OFFERED, and is freely given

to every woman, delicate or robust, by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Remember ingredients on label—in Tablet or Liquid form.

In every "female complaint," irregularity, or weakness, and in every exhausted condition of the female system, the "Prescription" never fails to benefit or cure. Bearing-down pains, internal inflammation and ulceration, weak back, and all kindred ailments are completely cured by it. It's a marvelous remedy for nervous and general debility, insomnia, or inability to sleep, spasms, convulsions or fits.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser (1000 pages) will be sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay cost of wrapping and mailing only. Address Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative; two or three are cathartic.

NEW MAN IN TAX ASSESSOR'S RACE

Willie Stephens, of Miles, announced Thursday that he had decided to make the race for tax assessor, and expected to make his formal announcement next week. In fact he sent in his announcement this week, but it reached the Ledger too late to appear in the weekly paper. Mr. Stephens is the son-in-law of J. N. Harris, and a brother-in-law of R. A. Nicholson, of this city. He has been in business at Miles for some time and is numbered among the best young men of this county.

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c at all drug-gists.

In sauntering around the city Wednesday in search of news the reporter gained the information that Prof. E. L. Hagan would likely be a candidate for County School Superintendent this year.

Will handle a complete line of Ready-to-Wear and Ladies' and Misses' Millinery goods. Investigate styles and prices before you buy. A. J. ZAPPE. 10-1st-2tw

Mrs. C. C. Gannaway and Mrs. T. C. Jester left Wednesday evening for Brownwood to attend the District Baptist Ladies Aid Society, which convened in that city Thursday morning.

Tinker or Thinker—Which?
"Get an Overland."
O'Kelley & Walton.

FIRE INSURANCE
The Best Companies
PROMPT SERVICE
Your business solicited
Miss Maggie Sharp.
Upstairs in old Fidelity
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QUEEN THEATRE

TONIGHT

TODAY'S PROGRAM

"GRAFT" absolutely the most sensational serial ever produced by Universal, in this the second installment, you should not fail to see these world-renowned artists—Hobart Henley, Jane Novak, who will appear in each installment of "Graft" each Thursday.

Also Ella Hall and Robert Leonard in a three reel drama, "CHRISTMAS MEMORIES" Also Joker Comedy "Mrs. Prunes Boarding House."

6000 feet at the same old price 10c.

Admission 10 CENTS