

BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE BAR OF
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

State Bar of Oklahoma,
Complainant.

vs.

No. _____

George C. Crump, Respondent.

ACCUSATIONS FOR DISBARMENT.

The State Bar of Oklahoma for an accusation against the respondent, George C. Crump, states:

1. That the accused, George C. Crump, is an attorney at law of the State Bar of Oklahoma, living and residing in the City of Holdenville, Hughes County, Oklahoma; that the said George C. Crump is also the duly qualified and acting Judge of the Ninth Judicial District comprised of Hughes and Seminole Counties, Oklahoma; that the offenses with which he is charged in this accusation were committed throughout the State of Oklahoma and elsewhere in the United States of America. That since he took office he has repeatedly been grossly intoxicated on numerous occasions, on which occasions he became noisy, abusive and quarrelsome, both in public and in private, so that his drunkenness and conduct has been a disgrace to the bench and bar, and his actions have become generally known in both Hughes and Seminole County, to the great humiliation of the people in the counties comprising his district as well as the State in general.

2. That in the years 1931 and 1932 the said George C. Crump had a series of meetings, which occurred almost each week and lasted on many occasions from Friday night until Sunday, at a place known as Busby's Lodge, located in Pontotoc County, where people congregated at the request and invitation of the said George C. Crump and where liquor flowed freely, at which meetings the said George C. Crump and his companions drank, gambled and engaged in drunken debauches. These meetings continued until the daily press of Hughes County began to expose the conduct of the said George C. Crump, especially after he had on one occasion, during a night of revelry and debauch, boasted that he had won from his invited guests over \$700.00; that many of them had given him their checks and instead of cashing the checks he had torn

them up. That these meetings and drunken orgies became so notorious that it was common gossip both in Hughes and Seminole counties, relative to the drunken meetings held at Busby's Lodge, after which in an attempt to regain his social standing he invited the Boy Scouts and their mothers to a meeting at Busby's Lodge and followed the same with an invitation to the Business & Professional Women's Club of Holdenville. That the acts and conduct of George C. Crump in putting on these drunken parties for a long period of time occasioned ~~great~~ much comment in both Hughes and Seminole Counties, to such an extent as to amount to a scandal and was a gross reflection upon the bench and bar of the State of Oklahoma.

3. That in the year 1931 at a bar banquet held in Wewoka the said George C. Crump had a room in the Aldridge Hotel where liquor flowed freely and the said George C. Crump was and became intoxicated to such an extent that he cursed the judiciary of the State, became loud, ~~and~~ abusive, and boisterous and lay upon his bed in a drunken condition, all of which was known to the members of the bar of both Hughes and Seminole Counties, was a gross reflection upon the legal profession, a reflection upon the banquet and a scandal among the guests attending said banquet.

4. Your informant would further state for the information of the Board of Governors that Hughes and Seminole Counties have for the past ten years been very rich in oil, all the major companies being greatly interested and owning large holdings of great value in said counties; that much litigation resulted from the newly discovered oil field and it became necessary on many occasions that an assigned judge be sent to hold court in the Ninth Judicial District; that among the companies having large holdings was the Carter Oil Company, the Gypsy Oil Company, the Magnolia Petroleum Company and many others; that George C. Crump, knowingly, intentionally, corruptly and with an utter disregard for his oath, feloniously demanded money from the different oil companies received and accepted the same on different occasions, until it became so notorious that an attorney practicing at the bar ~~made~~ the remark in open court to the said George C. Crump that all the money he received he got honestly, that the oil companies were not sending him checks and that he had personally seen a check for \$900.00 sent to George C. Crump by the

Carter Oil Company. That it became common knowledge and common gossip that George C. Crump was taking money from the oil companies, that he was going out to the town of Cromwell, drinking liquor, getting intoxicated, getting a room in some rooming house and inviting numerous newspaper reporters to be his guests where they would wine, feast and dine, on the liquor that George C. Crump got while he was in the town of Cromwell purporting to raid, arrest, try and imprison what he termed law violators. That on one of his drunken orgies he ordered many poor, unfortunates, whom he had arrested or ordered arrested, chained together and driven like shackled animals, on foot, seventeen miles through sun, heat and sand to Wewoka, many of whom were old, decrepit and infirm and who becoming exhausted fell prostrate, had to be unchained and placed in a vehicle. That these acts became notorious and common gossip, were a shame and a disgrace to the bench and bar as well as good citizenship.

5. That the said George C. Crump, knowing that he was to try many cases in which the oil companies were involved accepted an invitation to, and did, accompany two of the attorneys for the Carter Oil Company on a tour of eleven states going East; that afterwards the oil companies gave a banquet at Tulsa in ~~the~~ honor of the said George C. Crump at the Mayo Hotel where the liquor flowed freely and one of the attorneys for the Carter Oil Company became so hilarious that he mounted the banquet table, ran down through the center of the same, breaking and damaging china, silverware, etc., in the sum of approximately \$40.00; that all of this became known to the bench and bar of Hughes and Seminole Counties, causing much comment and was regarded as, and is, a disgrace to the judiciary of the State of Oklahoma for a District Judge to accept such invitations knowing the design and purpose of the same, all of which is a reflection upon the legal profession.

6. That thereafter ^{one} ~~one~~ of the oil companies gave a banquet in Oklahoma City in honor of George C. Crump which was attended by the said George C. Crump, said oil company having vast holdings and much litigation pending in Seminole County at the time said banquet was given; that this occasioned comment and was and is a disgrace to the legal profession.

7. That thereafter there came on for hearing the case of ~~the~~

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B. F. Davis vs. The unknown heirs of Rehoille Harjo, Deceased, in which case a motion was filed to disqualify the said George C. Crump, a copy of which is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof, and the allegations contained therein are made a part of these accusations. That the said George C. Crump failed, neglected and refused to file a denial of said charges or permit the same to go before the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, but by his acts and conduct admitted the truthfulness thereof by telephoning or writing the Chief Justice to send another judge to try the said cause. That said application, and the accusations therein, being a public record, the charges sworn to and undenied by George C. Crump, all of which your informant alleges at this time to be true, caused comment, ridicule and is and was a reflection upon the bench and bar of Oklahoma, relative to the acts and conduct of the said George C. Crump.

7. That thereafter and in 1930, there was a case pending in the District Court of Seminole County, styled Gypsy Oil Com. ^{William Jones} ~~vs. Bill Garland et al~~ ¹¹² No. _____; that there was a full-blood Indian minor by the name of William Jones, who was a party to said litigation; that representing him ^{as guardian later} was one W. N. Stokes, who at a previous election had supported a candidate opposing George C. Crump and whose political influence the said George C. Crump was attempting to gain; that in order to buy and bribe the said W. N. Stokes the said George C. Crump made an order that W. N. Stokes be paid an attorney's fee of \$5000.00, which order was made before the said W. N. Stokes had done any work whatever in said cause other than to file possibly one pleading which consisted of a motion; that it was generally understood that W. N. Stokes was going to be, or possibly was at the time, employed by the Slick Oil Company of Oklahoma, said oil company having several hundred men at work in the oil fields of Hughes and Seminole Counties, and of course the said W. N. Stokes could be of some political benefit to the said George C. Crump, all of which created a scandal among the attorneys at the bar of both Hughes and Seminole Counties.

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8. That during the last three years many of the attorneys have brought suit against oil companies for damage, representing land owners, etc., wherein the jury would render a verdict in favor of the plaintiff; that it became common knowledge among the attorneys and was common gossip that if the oil companies would employ the firm of Anglin & Stevenson to represent them after judgment had been procured that the said George C. Crump would set the verdict of the jury aside and grant a new trial, all of which was and is a disgrace, a shame, and a scandal among the bar and the bench.

9. That the said George C. Crump finally became so arrogant and dishonest that he desired to control the public patronage of the newspapers, so much so that if you did not have your legal publications placed in his political mouthpiece he would refuse to approve the publication, knowing full well that the said publication was regular, legal and in every respect complied with the law in such cases made and provided, and has compelled attorneys to institute ^{original} proceedings in the Supreme Court by writ of mandamus to compel the said George C. Crump to approve publication, whereupon the said George C. Crump would then certify his disqualification in the case in order to keep the Honorable Supreme Court from issuing a writ of mandamus against him, making it necessary in many instances for parties litigant to be compelled to wait for many months, and in one instance in the case of Young vs. Magnolia Petroleum Company, et al., which said company is represented by B. B. Blakeney, who acts as ~~judge~~ George C. Crump's attorney, the said George C. Crump took a motion to quash ~~and~~ the service of summons under advisement and refused to pass on the same for a great number of months, his nephew, W. H. Carver, of course, being local counsel for the Magnolia Petroleum Company, all of which created comment, ridicule and was a disgrace to the legal profession.

10. That the said George C. Crump keeps a large size picture of himself hanging on the wall just back of the bench where he sits while holding court in Wewoka and inscribed thereon are the words, "Honest, fearless and capable". This shows such a disrespect for the bench and bar, and ~~such~~ such low intellect, and breeding and such ignorance as to cause many members of the bench and bar to make comments

such as, "We should get a picture of Tex Guinan to place beside said picture and inscribe thereon, "^{Rich, New & a King} "Vim, vigor and vitality". That the said George C. Crump will sit on the bench and in his ignorant and corrupt style will refer to the county officials as "My sheriff; my county attorney, my court clerk", making himself a laughingstock for all intelligent people in the court room, and has often been heard to make the remark "They call me King George", and to let it be known that if any officer does not do his bidding or gets in his way he will ruin him, he having made this remark to your informant, telling him that if he did not ^{follow} his, George C. Crump's, instructions and advice he would ruin him and his family and that he would see that disbarment ~~was~~ charges were filed against him; that the said George C. Crump demanded that your informant sign a written resignation to be used by the said George C. Crump at his will and pleasure and when your informant refused to do so the said George C. Crump had charges filed against your informant to remove him from office, a true, complete and correct ~~copy~~ record of which proceeding ~~is~~ now on file in the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, styled Board of County Commissioners of Hughes County, vs. Ralph Busey, which is here referred to and made part hereof as fully and completely as if the record was herein copied in full, and your informant requests that this Honorable Board of Governors read the same.

That
11. ~~There~~after the said George C. Crump had repeatedly and deliberately lied to this informant he refused to disqualify and informant instituted original proceedings in the Supreme Court to compel the said George C. Crump to disqualify, a true and correct copy of which proceeding is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit B" and made a part hereof. That all of said allegations set forth in said exhibit are true and the said George C. Crump admitted his disqualification to the Supreme Court and permitted the allegations to stand as proven; that such acts and conduct on the part of the said George C. Crump are a disgrace and scandal, and ~~is~~ a permanent record in the archives of this State.

12. That the said George C. Crump has consorted with women in this, that he kept under the guise of relationship a young lady at the home of a minister of the gospel in Ada, Oklahoma, until his visits became so frequent and their conduct such that they were asked to move

