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When in Crockett,  
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**SHUPAK**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

### Commissioners' Court Made Record for Many Sessions—Paid Some County Officers Three Months in Advance.

Former County Judge Drew More Than Was Due Him—Numerous County Warrants Issued and No Order on Minutes—Recommend That Finance Ledger Be Dispensed With—Extravagance in Buying Stationery. Convict Bonds Due and Unpaid—The County Debt.

To the Hon. B. H. Gardner, Judge of the Third Judicial District—Sir:

The undersigned committee appointed by your honor at this term of the district court to look after the finances of the county and examine the books of the different officers submit the following:

We have examined the books of the different officials and find the most of them correct, except some few minor errors and irregularities.

We find that the county commissioners have drawn pay for road service on an average of eighty-seven days for each commissioner, and the attorney general rules that they are only entitled to twelve days at \$2.00 per day. They have also held five regular and eleven special terms in one calendar year. We also find that they have made a practice of advancing some of the officers money on ex officio one quarter in advance, and the former county judge has drawn more than was due him, which we think is a bad precedent. They have also approved bonds of some of the officers without the oath of office having been administered.

In the matter of the depository of the county money we find that the court accepted a bid of .0387 1-2 and afterwards rejected said bid on account of insufficient bond and took the next higher bid of .0305, when we think a better way would have been to reject all bids and re-advertise, which might have resulted in a higher rate of interest being received by the county.

In examining the estray records we find record of some estrays that does not show any disposition.

We recommend that the finance ledger kept by the county clerk be dispensed with as it is of no value to the county.

We find numerous county warrants issued where we find no order on the minutes of the court allowing same.

We think there has been extravagance in buying stationery, as we find the sum of \$1901.25 expended in the year 1908 for same.

We find the collector's book well kept and all moneys collected by him promptly paid into the treasury.

We could not tell whether the district clerk had paid in all moneys collected by him and due

the county as the time allotted us was not sufficient.

We examined all the justices' books but one, that of W. L. Vaught. Those examined were correct in the main, but we find irregularities in all. Some of them had collected fines that had not been paid in until their attention was called to same.

We find several convict bonds due and unpaid that should be collected, and one bond in hand of county judge that has been paid and receipted for by other officers and money not paid to the treasurer; also one that the principal says has been paid, but the treasurer's book does not show that it has.

County treasurer's books we

find in good shape.

Total amount of expenditures for all purposes for the year 1908 was \$36,339.87.

COUNTY DEBT.  
Bonds outstanding....\$25,000.00  
Cash on Hand:  
County fund..... 5,717 34  
Jury fund..... 6,210 16  
Road and bridge fund... 3,909 61  
Court house and jail fund 111 69  
Road and bridge sinking fund..... 781 00  
Special road No. 1..... 21 89  
Special road No. 2..... 13 79  
Special road No. 3..... 62 07  
Special road No. 4..... 29 00  
Permanent school fund... 27,128 00

43,984 41  
Deduct permanent school fund not available... 27,128 00

Net available cash..... 16,856 41

C. W. Ellis,  
Chas. Long,  
C. W. Moore,  
Committee.

Crockett, Texas, April 2, 1909.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5th day of April, A. D. 1909. E. Winfree, County Judge, Houston County, Texas.

#### For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Sprit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

#### MURDERED IN HER BED

And Then Thrown in the Horse-Lot Well—Such Was the Fate of Mollie Harris.

Pinioned under the water with a plank fastened in both sides of the well-curbing, head downward and a foot partially exposed, Mollie Harris, a young mulatto woman, was found in the horse-lot well on the Shivers place in East Crockett Sunday afternoon. The horses had refused to drink any more of the water and an investigation of the well was made. Removing the plank, the body shot up to the top of the water and floated. Wesley Shivers, on being let down into the well, fastened a rope around the woman's neck and the body was drawn up by Wesley and Bob Shivers. An examination revealed the identity of Mollie Harris, a young mulatto tenant on the Shivers place.

The woman washed for Mrs. Shivers on Tuesday and had been missing since Wednesday. She was murdered either Tuesday or Wednesday night. She had a husband, but was separated from him, and when she was missed it was thought she had gone to her husband. She lived alone, and on Saturday her mother came and got all of her clothing and furniture. Sunday the crime was uncovered. Blood was found on the floor of the house, and even the walls and ceiling were blood-spattered. A trail of blood was traced through the back room and out the door, where a large stick of wood that had been dragged over was blood-besmeared. The woman had then been picked up bodily and carried to the well and thrown in, head downward. The deed was evidently the work of

more than one person, for whoever went into the well and fastened the woman's body under the water could not have done so without the assistance of another or others. The officers went to work Sunday afternoon and arrested a number of negroes, among them a brother of the dead woman. Sunday night and Monday more arrests were made. The grand jury got busy on the case Monday morning, and all day Monday and Tuesday negroes were being taken before that jury. The Courier has been unable to learn who or how many will be held for the crime.

#### Negroes Pledge Assistance.

The colored citizens of Crockett held a mass meeting in Cunyus Hall Tuesday night and pledged themselves to do all in their power to assist the officers in bringing to justice the black-hand murderer, who killed a colored woman in the eastern part of town and threw the body into a well.

J. W. Williams, Chairman.  
Henry Gray, Secretary.

#### A KNOCKER

is a man who can't see any good in any person or thing. It's a habit caused by a disordered liver. If you find that you are beginning to see things through blue spectacles, treat your liver to a good cleaning out process with Ballard's Herbina. A sure cure for constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles. Sold by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

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Why plant inferior cotton seed when the Mebane Triumph can be bought at \$1.00 a bushel? Recommended by the National Department of Agriculture.

The Mebane Triumph has been tried around Crockett and proven to be a superior quality of cotton, producing a high average to the acre. For sale in two-bushel sacks at \$1.00 a bushel, each sack weighing about 66 or 67 pounds.

These seed were grown near Crockett last year from seed that cost \$1.50 a bushel and the yield was excellent. Particulars will be furnished on application.

Considering that these seed are superior for this section of the country, they are cheap at \$1.00 a bushel.

We have been able to secure only a limited amount of the Mebane Triumph, but think we have enough to supply all who want to plant them. We cheerfully recommend the Mebane Triumph.

## H. J. Phillips

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THE BIG STORE

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That for the next two weeks we desire to call the attention of the trading public especially to only two lines. Nevertheless, our stock in every line is perhaps the largest and most complete of any in the county and consists, as a great many of you know, of dry goods, groceries, hardware, notions, boots, shoes, hats for men and boys, millinery, stoves, wagons, furniture, sewing machines, trunks, clothing, in fact almost everything you can think of or want, and all purchased with an eye single to the saving of money on each and every article in this vast assembly of merchandise. Therefore, we are able to take care of all our patrons with the very lowest price to be had on every purchase.

## Shoes and Shirts.



The two lines we desire specially to call your attention to is our wonderful line of shoes and shirts. First, we will take up shoes. Our stock in this department is very complete. We can fit almost anybody's foot or purse. We have shoes for men, shoes for boys, shoes for ladies and shoes for girls, from 25 cents a pair up to \$5.00. This, of course, takes them all in and, too, they are shoes made of leather. Our leading shoes for both men and ladies are of the celebrated

### Roberts, Johnson & Rand Make

Patriot for men, in all styles, in black kid blucher, gun metal blucher, patent blucher, and are equal to any \$5.00 shoe on the market. Our price for these only \$4.00, both in shoes and oxfords. Then for ladies we have the Society and Society Star in shoes and oxfords, in black kid, patent, blucher and plain, as good value as you will find in other makes at \$4.00 and \$4.50. Our price for Society only \$3.50, Society Star, \$3.00. STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER.

SHIRTS—in this line we have them all at all prices, but desire to call your attention to only two prices of the many in our stock. Those are of the famous

### Ferguson-McKinney Make at 50 Cents and \$1.00.

These we believe are of equal value to any other shirt on the market sold at 75c and \$1.50. They are cut full and fit comfortably.

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THE BIG STORE



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### WATERS PIERCE CASE BROUGHT TO AN END

Supreme Court of United States  
Denies Application for Rehear-  
ing—Will Have to Pay  
\$1,600,000.

Washington, April 12.—A few minutes after the United States Supreme Court went into session at noon today Chief Justice Fuller sent into the office of the clerk of the court a brief note announcing that the petitions for rehearing in the three Waters Pierce oil cases from Texas are denied by the court.

This is the last step and the last delay for which the oil company can hope in its efforts to stave off the executions of the decree of the Travis County District Court in assessing a fine of \$1,623,500 and ordering the cancellation of the defendant's permit to do business in the state, except as to its interstate business. It also marks the end of the company's struggle against the state receiver, Robert J. Eckhardt, taking charge of the property and the assets of the Waters Pierce Oil Company in Texas. The clerk of the United States Supreme Court now stands ready to issue the mandate compelling the payment of the big fine, the company's withdrawal from the state business and the surrender of its property to the state receiver whenever the state of Texas makes to the clerk a request for the mandate.

There is little formality connected with the denial of a petition for rehearing in the Supreme Court. It is not announced in open court or made the subject of any comment by any member of the court. After the judges have

read a petition for rehearing and have decided to refuse it, the chief justice at the following Monday's session of the court sends a memorandum to the clerk announcing that the petition has been denied and the clerk then announces to the attorneys concerned in the case. That was the course followed today in the refusal of the petition of the Waters Pierce case.

The decision from which the oil company sought to appeal was rendered on Jan. 18.

The main decision was in case No. 359, in which the Waters Pierce Oil Company appealed from the verdict assessing the fine of \$1,623,500 and ousting the company from the state business. The interest and other costs in the case will bring the amount of this fine in the neighborhood of \$1,800,000, according to the statement of the company's attorneys in the brief for rehearing.

The prosecution which resulted in the fine was brought under the law of 1899, and under the law of March 31, 1903, by Attorney General Davidson and the county attorney of Travis county. The jury assessed penalties against the defendant under the act of 1899 for 1,033 days at the rate of \$1,500 a day and penalties under the act of 1903 for 1,480 days at the rate of \$50 a day. This judgment was affirmed by the Court of Civil Appeals, and on the refusal of the State Supreme Court to grant a writ of error the case was brought to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court limited its review of the appeal to questions of a federal nature. Its decision was that "We are unable to find in the record any ground for reversing the judgment of the state court." The second petition for rehearing of the Supreme

Court's decision involved the case in which the Waters-Pierce Oil Company attacked the decree of the trial court in appointing a state receiver. In this case the Supreme Court held that the contention of the oil company established no question of a federal character and ordered the writ of error dismissed.

### Object to Strong Medicines.

Many people object to taking the strong medicines usually prescribed by physicians for rheumatism. There is no need of internal treatment in any case of muscular or chronic rheumatism, and more than nine out of every ten cases of the disease are of one or the other of these varieties. When there is no fever and little (if any) swelling, you may know that it is only necessary to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely to get quick relief. Try it. For sale by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

### 1-4 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

People past middle life usually have some kidney or bladder disorder that saps the vitality, which is naturally lower in old age. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects urinary troubles, stimulates the kidneys, and restores strength and vigor. It cures uric acid troubles by strengthening the kidneys so they will strain out the uric acid that settles in the muscles and joints causing rheumatism.

McLean's Drug Store.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. Sold by Murchison & Beasley, Druggists.

### IT'S ALWAYS BAD.

**The Best of Backs are Bad  
When They Ache, and  
Crockett People  
Know It.**

A bad back is always bad. Bad at night when bedtime comes,

Just as bad in the morning. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it?

Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill?

If you don't, some Crockett people do.

Read a case of it;

Mrs. A. Inman, living in Groveton, Tex., says: "For sometime I was subject to a dull, nagging backache and also suffered from pains in the back and top parts of my head, occasionally accompanied by dizzy spells. When arising in the morning I felt dull and languid no doubt the result of my resting so poorly at night. My back was very weak and greatly handicapped me in attending to my house-

work. I used a number of remedies, but until I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills I received no relief. They promptly strengthened my back, eradicated the pains and invigorated my kidneys. I was so pleased with the results that I gave a statement at that time recommending Doan's Kidney Pills. I am at present pleased to confirm all I then said."

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Foley's Honey and Tar is a safeguard against serious results from spring colds, which inflame the lungs and develop into pneumonia. Avoid counterfeits by insisting upon having the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar, which contains no harmful drugs.

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