

Why Remove the County Seat?

TO THE VOTERS:—

Did it ever occur to you that you were being ask to remove the established county seat? Disrupt and muss up the county government. That is what the county seat election of September 30th means. A vote for Seminole for the county seat means that the established order of government in your county will be torn up and destroyed. A new order of things if sufficient votes are cast, will be established. All this enormous expense. Whose expense? Yours. For whose benefit? The town of Seminole.

Now, let us analyze the situation and see whether or not it is for the best interest of the voters of the county to make a change.

The county seat was located at Wewoka more than twelve years ago by a big majority of the citizens of this county. Many people have moved to Wewoka on the understanding that the county seat was located there by the people. They have established homes. They have invested the earnings of a life time in their little property. People whose only asset in this life is their little home property, look to you, good voter, for protection in that property. A vote for Seminole means an almost total destruction of that property. That vote against Seminole would injure their property holdings not a bit, but would mean simply a slight disappointment to some in that town. A removal of the county seat to Seminole would mean the destruction of many happy homes in Wewoka, and the enlargement of property value in Seminole. Do you, friend voter, wish to practically destroy a goodly number of homes in Wewoka for the benefit of a few in Seminole? We do not believe you do. The benefit to Seminole would be but slight, the damage and injury to Wewoka citizens would be great. Think it over and apply the "Golden Rule."

Another thing: do understand that in case sufficient number of votes are cast to remove the county seat, that there is great danger to your county property, the records, the books, the papers and other things of the county government, in the removal. Do you know that there is no adequate facilities for taking care of

those records in the town of Seminole? Do you know that it would mean the tearing up of the homes of those good people whom you have elected to office, and the establishment of new ones at Seminole? Do you know that all of this removal would cost an enormous sum of money, money which you, friend voter, will have to pay? Do you know that quarters would have to be prepared in Seminole for the reception of the county records. This would mean more expense and danger to you. Those records would have to be transported. Many of them would be destroyed in the change. The danger of fire and other loss would be great. DO YOU HONESTLY WISH SUCH A THING TO HAPPEN TO YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT, and your friends at Wewoka? We cannot believe it. Seminole is asking too much from you, for what they offer in return.

What do they offer in return? A town without quarters or housings for your records. No court rooms, no vault rooms, no offices, no facilities of any kind. No accommodations for those who might be called to the county seat upon business. Confusion and more confusion, they offer. They offer in return higher taxes on account of the expense of the election and the transportation of the records and the furnishing of temporary court house and jail facilities. And then a big bond election to build court house and jail. This last would only be business foresight, as your records are worth more to you than the sum necessary to build the courthouse and jail.

Now, in order for these things to happen the constitution and the laws of this state (seeing the awful results of such an undertaking) require that the town seeking to have the county seat removed to it must get a two-third vote. That means more than six hundred and sixty six votes out of every thousand. A two to one vote over Wewoka. Do you think this possible? Does the people of Seminole who caused this election to be called, believe they can accomplish such a tremendous undertaking. They do not, and you know they cannot.

Wewoka Campaign Committee

W. C. McDaniel

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over the country seat campaign committee
the gentleman your leaflet on the
country seat question received today
it so fully sets forth my views on
this matter that I would not do you
self justice to ~~make~~ make any reply &
have no ill feeling toward anyone
at Simmsville the country seat has been
at neworka for quite a while the people
that have located there for the work
they are engaged in to move the country
seat would do them an injustice & am
sorry my car is broke down & hope this
will be received in the spirit it is
written in as I only thank it right
for the country seat to remain at
neworka & am signing the leaflet
and returning it as it so fully sets
forth my reasons for thanking
the country seat should remain at
neworka I am sending it back
indorsed as a ~~personal~~ letter
~~with respect ful~~

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Okla Bond at 2 & 15 Pm we will all be
there on the 30