

Vote for the Bonds.

We are in favor of the bonds. If the people vote to put the court house at Seminole, then we are in favor of the bonds anyway, because the records of this county are entitled to protection and the citizenship of the county are entitled to a decent court house and jail. If the people vote to have the court house at Wewoka, then we are in favor of the Court house bonds, because the people of the county are entitled to have their records protected, and the citizenship is entitled to have a decent court house and jail. Seminole has had almost twenty months in which to propose a county seat election if they so desired. They called a mass meeting for that purpose, and the citizenship of that town resolved that they could not possibly get the necessary sixty six and two thirds majority, so they dropped the matter. Now the only reason why they propose a county seat fight is to embroil the people of the county in an uproar and disturbance, in an endeavor to defeat the bonds, so that they might spite Wewoka, as a personal matter, and deprive the people of this county of their just due in the matter of the protection of their records. Does this appeal to any one as a fair proposition? We think not. The citizenship of Seminole is not in accord on this proposition, it is only the few turbulent spirits of that good town seeking to create a commotion and defeat the bond issues, when these fellows themselves have said time and again that Seminole County needed a court house and jail and that it was a shame that one had not been voted. They came to us people of Wewoka and invited us to call a bond election, and in return they wanted some roads built and a county court town for Seminole. A number of their business men did this, stating to us that they represented the citizenry of Seminole, and were appointed as such committee at a mass meeting held for the purpose of getting together. We, at their instance and request, called this bond election and now they cry out that they have not had a chance and that the issues are being forced upon them. There is absolutely no truth in this, and we are for the bonds if Seminole should get the county seat. We are in earnest. We are sincere when we state that the records of this county need protection. We are sincere when we state that almost every home in Seminole County is dependent upon some court record and that the destruction of those court records would mean a loss to the people of this county which is inestimable. Use your best judgment on these matters. It is simply a matter of business. Shall you protect your records and thereby protect your homes, or shall you be misled by interested parties into allowing your homes and farms to be again menaced, in case of fire or destruction? This is your business. It means more to many of the farmers of this county that it does to those who live in the towns. It would cost \$200,000.00 to replace the records in the County Clerk's office. The court records could not be replaced. The abstract companies of the county would reap a rich harvest, and the lawyers fruitful litigation. Will you take such chances? Will you be misled? We think not, especially when the non-resident land owners and corporations of the county will pay the greater part of the tax. Especially when it will only cost eight and half cents on the hundred dollars to insure your records. Especially when the three railroads of the county will pay at least a third of the amount necessary to pay the bonds. Especially in view of the oil values of the county which will increase valuation and cause every little shister in the county to look for some loop-hole in which to attack your titles, and the court records and tax records, and county clerk's records are your only true witness. Especially when the jail of the county is in such condition that if a fire should start lives would be lost, and damages probably rendered against the county for carelessness and negligence. It is all of your business and you should study this question and vote for your best interest. Hear the arguments of the other side: They agree that a court house and jail is needed, then why not vote for it. They agree that if it was to be built at Seminole, they would support it unanimously. Can they hope to get sixty-six and two-thirds of the votes of this county? No! They are only playing horse with you. Dont stand for it. Vote for the bonds.