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How The Court House Controversy Appears to Justice.

Mr. Editor: During the last few weeks we have read with interest the various newspaper articles for and against the proposed change of the county seat of Gaston county.

AN UNSELFISH AND UNBIASED VIEW OF THE DISCUSSION.

We have tried to look at this question from an unselfish, unbiased point of view; and we are constrained to say that the great force of arguments, both from a business and a moral standpoint is plainly on the side of Dallas.

We are confident since the proposition has been fully discussed pro and con, that if the question of removal should be left to the voters outside of Dallas and Gastonia the verdict would be overwhelmingly in favor of Dallas. We believe this outside majority will more than offset the removalists strength in Gastonia.

THE OPPONENTS OF REMOVAL HAVE THE ARGUMENT.

The most conservative, sober and solid arguments have surely been presented by the opponents of removal. The circular letter of Mr. Hoffman, the communications of Prof. Hall, Mr. Payseur and others, practically remain unanswered. The "ooh, booh, booh-hooh," the belittling and ridiculing directed against Dallas and the opponents of removal are all without any force of argument. Such efforts to win, in serious matters are held in disgust by honest, fair minded men everywhere. The praise, encomiums and compliments showered upon Gastonia by Gastonians smack, moreover, of too much pride, greed and selfishness, not to say bigotry.

SCRIPTURE MISAPPLIED BY REMOVALISTS.

In an effort to reply to arguments against removal the Gazette even resorts to a perversion of Holy Writ. The Editor says in reply to Mr. Payseur: "Do not the scriptures enjoin us to covet the best gifts?" Again the Gazette says: "Unto every one that hath shall be given and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Now, who ever heard of either of the above passages of scripture having a sordid, wordly application. Their meaning is purely spiritual; and while the cause for removal is born in pride and selfishness, we have to use a powerful telescope and strain our eyes to see even one spark of religion on the side of the removalists.

The Lord God knew that self-

ishness and covetousness were the most prevalent sins among men, and so he directed Moses to write, not one, but two commandments against the sin of covetousness.

THE DECALOGUE NOT OBSERVED.

Does not Gastonia covet the county seat of Gaston? Do not the most ardent removalists covet the advantages the court house now gives to Dallas? Are not the removalists violating a great moral and religious principle? Can any fair-minded man see any justice or equity in removal when the facts and circumstances are applied to the principles of common law?

In fact when you extract the ridicule, abuse, pyrotechnics and poetry from the efforts of the removal agitators, the residue contains no argument and amounts to nothing. JUSTICE.

A Contemptible Falsehood.

The Cartoon in the last issue of the Gastonia Gazette is but another evidence of the many disgusting attempts to carry removal by misrepresentations.

A Jury of our county holding their session in a cow stable!

Every citizen of our county well knows that any such assertion is an infamous falsehood.

We presume the genius who devised the Cartoon was some fellow just about big enough to lie around the barn on Sunday and sketch pictures of pigs and chickens when he ought to have been at Sunday school, where he surely would have been taught that it is wicked to use his gifts, if he has any, to create an impression which he knows to be absolutely false. And worse still, The great and truth loving Editor of the Gazette did not have room or did not care to publish "An able article from F. P. Hall against Removal," yet it affords him great pleasure to defame his county by giving space to that which he well knows conveys a contemptible falsehood.

Truth loving, honest, fair minded citizens of Gaston county can you sanction such conduct by voting for removal, or will you not set the seal of your disapprobation on it by voting against removal?

Dallas is as good a place to live in, even for our county officers, as any town in the county; her citizens are honest and patriotic; her ministers faithful and devoted; her girls charming and pretty; and her schools inferior to none

Material for the Morowebb cotton mill is coming in and everything moving on finely, so says E. L. Wilson, local manager.

The Removal of County Seat as Fairplay Views It.

Mr. EDITOR: A few weeks ago the editor of the Gastonia Gazette asserted that the arguments against the court house removal were as scarce as hen's teeth. If his assertion is true, it seems to us a great waste of time and labor, not to say folly, to write and print in the Gazette, within one week more than twenty columns in favor of removal, and against "scarce as hen's teeth" arguments against removal.

If a lawyer, in court, appears for a man, accused of a high crime, and the evidence is strongly against his client, he tries hard to be as eloquent as Clay as logical as Webster, as long winded as Tillman and as tireless and persistent as the editor of the Gazette, in presenting his weak case to the court and jury.

On the other hand, if an attorney has a client charged with a crime and the law and evidence are in his client's favor, but few words and little time will be needed to present his case to the jury. In fact, the lawyer knows his case would be reasonably safe in the hands of the court and jury without any argument, on his part, at all.

In the case of Dallas against Gastonia, the preponderance of evidence and justice seems to be on the side of the former, and we believe the sturdy, honest citizens of Gastonia will rally to the support of Dallas in this struggle.

PROPERTY DEPRECIATION.

The Gazette's argument that property in Dallas has already depreciated surely does not mean that real estate in Dallas should be further depreciated by moving the court house and making Gastonia the county seat.

Doubtless the greater part of the decline in real estate in Dallas has been caused by the continual agitation kept up by the removalists. How then can a man in Gastonia have the gall to tantalyze Dallas on property depreciation?

If you see a gentleman falling will you try to restore his equilibrium, or will you kick him headlong into the ditch? If such a one should be your enemy, and your heart were filled with malice towards him you might be tempted to give the fellow a finishing kick. But, if the falling man is an inoffensive person who has simply stumbled over an obstruction put in his way by designing, self interested agitators, you will, like a gentleman and a christian, reach out your strong arm to protect him from falling.

Do you see the application? If so, then vote with the people of Dallas against removal. Dallas has already been injured by removal agitators.

A FEW GOOD REASONS.

Under the caption; "some remarks on removal" the Gazette says: "Nobody, absolutely nobody up to the present time, has given one solitary reason why the court

house should not be moved to Gastonia."

Let us see. Dallas was located by our forefathers who it is supposed knew their business. The town is beautifully situated in the near the center of the county. The citizens of Dallas have bought property, built houses and settled there chiefly because it was the county seat. If removal is effected their property will be greatly depreciated; their trade will be seriously injured; their hotels will be ruined; and their schools will be sadly crippled. Gaston county has recently rebuilt the jail at Dallas at a cost to the people of thousands of dollars. A large part of this is still unpaid. The court house is in the center of a beautiful square and can be enlarged and made up-to-date with less than one fifth the cost to the tax payers of a sufficient court house at Gastonia. The people of Dallas solidly oppose removal; and we are confident that three-fourths of the voters outside of Dallas and Gastonia are against removal.

We think we have here mentioned a few reasons against removal, and if the editor of the Gazette lived, with his earthly effects, in Dallas instead of in Gastonia, he could easily more than double the reasons we have given above. Respectfully,
FAIR PLAY.

Seven Falsehoods.

1. Judge Shaw condemned the court house last term.
2. The people will make an effort to have the court house condemned next May term.
3. Dallas Township has six miles of macadam road.
4. The court house in Dallas is the worst in the State.
5. The man paid 50c to get his cow down.
6. The county paid the cleaning up.
7. Vote for removal and we will give you a macadam road by your door.

Up-To-Date Style.

In order to keep up with the Gastonia program of expense and extravagance, it will be necessary for our jurors from the farms and workshops to attend court in up to-date wearing apparel—stove pipe hat, Prince Albert coat and creased pants.

Mr. A. L. Hulwinkle's note in the Gastonia News in regard to Judge Shaw's statement does not say a single word about indicting the county commissioners, yet, why does the News make the comment it does. Condemning Court houses, and Indicting county commissioners do not necessarily follow each other, nor do they mean one and the same thing.

Who was it that said "we have money enough raised to buy every opponent of removal in Gastonia township?" Gentleman, we are not for sale.