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A FEW FACTS.

To the many strong reasons al-
ready given for removing the
county seat to Safford only the
stale and stupid slander has been
urged by the opposition that it is
sought after only by office seekers
and property owners of Safford.
It will scarcely be doubted by any-
one who is well acquainted in this
county that the removal is opposed
by very few indeed except the
property owners, or rather the
property owner of Solomonville.

The county seat was taken from
Safford by the fraud and hoodie of
that one owner, and he and his
men endeavor to hold it by the
same means. For they are indulg-
ing in vilification of Safford by
anonymous letters.

The county seat is far from the
center of population and business,
almost two miles from the railroad;
theater sickness every one who
goes to the town, which has not
even a first class hotel.

In the few years that the county
seat has been at Solomonville, the
county debt has been increased
more than \$200,000 and what has
the county to show for it? The
seat register has been stuffed and
the county fleeced out of about
\$100, while Solomonites hold the
principal offices, but none of the
persons committing the crime have
been punished. And H. L. Smith,
also an office holding Solomon-
villeite, has ridden out of the
county on his railroad pass, with
\$1866 of the people's money.

Taxpayers of Graham county,
you can stop this extravagance
and speculation on the 3rd of next
November, by voting the county
seat to Safford.

Don't forget that two-
thirds of the people of Clif-
ford and Morenci will vote to
remove the county seat to

Ten More Reasons For Moving the County Seat to Safford.

1st. Because the county seat
at Safford will be a credit to the
county, to the Territory and to
the United States.

2nd. Because it will act as a
magnet to home seekers and set-
tlers.

3rd. Because the soil is unsurpas-
sed for growing orchards, vine-
yards and shrubbery.

4th. Because our abundant veg-
etation makes our climate prefer-
able to that of Solomonville.

5th. Because of the advantage
to builders in having brick, lum-
ber etc. at hand.

6th. Because Safford is nearer
to the mountain resorts.

7th. Because there is a diversity
of interest at Safford.

8th. Because our roads and
streets are kept in better condi-
tion.

9th. Because Safford is its right-
ful home.

10th. Because God All Mighty
never intended Solomonville for a
county seat.

Don't forget that many
people in Solomonville
will vote for the removal of
the county seat.

Principally About Buggies.

We saw quite recently a poor old
delapidated buggy. Nothing par-
ticularly remarkable in the ap-
pearance of the buggy or the fact
that we saw it, but you see the
buggy has a history.

It was one of three which ar-
rived in this vicinity about six-
teen years ago.

They were valued at \$250 each
and were "owned" by three men
who assisted in removing the coun-
ty seat.

Of course we don't know who
paid for those buggies, we don't
care, for that matter. The point
is this:

The county seat is about to be
removed again. Be on the lookout

for buggies. When you see a sup-
posedly disinterested man strenu-
ously working against the move-
ment, showing signs of suddenly
accumulated wealth, remember the
three buggies.

It may not be buggies this time;
it may be silver "cart wheels" or
"gold bug twenties." They will
answer the same purpose and yet
not attract the same attention.

The wheels will soon begin to
move; Look out for them.

Don't forget the fact that
ninety-eight per cent of the
people over the mountain
are enthusiastic over the re-
moval of the county seat and
have promised to vote for it.

Back of the Mountains.

Two gentlemen, in the interest
of the county seat removal, last
week made a trip "back o' the
mountains." Up through Stock-
ton Pass to Grant, Bonita, Hook-
er's ranch, Eureka springs down
the Aravaipa and back to Cedar
springs.

The sentiment over there re-
garding the removal, is simply
astonishing as evidenced by the
petition bearing their names.
Ninety-five per cent signed the
petition, three per cent more
promised to vote for it and the
remaining two per cent were as
yet undecided. Similar reports
arrive from all parts of the county.
As remarked by the gentlemanly
democratic nominee for Probate
Judge concerning the movement
on Saturday last: "There is no
stemming the tide, it will sweep
the county like a whirlwind."

Gentlemen of the opposition, we
advise you to hold on to your
"buggies." They will be of no
avail in this campaign.

Don't forget that nine-
tenths of the people of this
valley want the county seat
at Safford and will vote for
it.