

A FAIR PROPOSITION.

□ Last Thursday night the school board called for a mass meeting of the citizens of the town at the courthouse to discuss the question of a school house site holding an open session of the board for that purpose. The board presented the financial conditions of the district and from their showing it was very apparent that the board could not build a decent school building and buy a site, too, with the amount of money at their command. Many of those in favor of moving saw the justice of the board's position at a glance and so expressed themselves, the great cry of those opposed to moving was the matter of expense. In order to get around this those in favor of removal made a direct offer to the school board that if the board would exchange the old site and the primary school building and site the citizens would raise enough money by subscription and what could be got out of the old sites and present to the district without one cent's cost the Syverson block, in addition to that the citizens were to furnish on that block a well of water of sufficient capacity. This offer was accepted and the citizens the next morning raised the necessary money and went before the board. The board, however, had turned a flip-flop during the night and turned the proposition down. However they have agreed to submit it to a vote of the people tomorrow afternoon from 1 to 4 p. m. All ladies over 21 years old who are legal voters as to residence can also vote on the question. Now the proposition is simply this: That the citizens will donate free to the school district the Syverson block, with a good and sufficient well of water on the same, taking in exchange the two old schoolhouse sites. If any more money is raised off the old site to more than pay for the Syverson block the balance is to be given the board to be used in the new building. Can you find anything fairer than that? Where is anybody going to get a graft? It is a liberal offer on the part of the citizens and should be accepted by an overwhelming vote.

What Do You Think !!

TO THE VOTERS OF COOPERSTOWN:

Some few opponents of block 46 as a site for the new school house have broadly stated that the offer of the citizens committee to furnish said block (Syverson) in exchange for the old school site and present primary school property was "jug handled"—"a scheme"—"that there was a profit in it for the subscribers—etc., etc. The personality of the people who wish the new school building placed nearer the town center is such as render unnecessary the denial of such charges as these to most of you, but some are new to the community—some willing to believe any fairy story of Dame Rumor's and some who have serious doubts as to what is the best thing to do. We therefore state to the people of Cooperstown that in the event of your deciding in favor of block 46 as a site for the new school building the undersigned agreed—April 30th—to turn over to the school board any profits arising from the transfer of these properties and additionally expressed ourselves as believing that a cash donation of \$200 to \$500 would accompany the transfer.

Puzzle—find the jug—find the handle—find the "jug handled proposition."

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