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## THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubshaw.

The burning of our school house has settled two very important facts, viz: That we have got to build a new school house right away and also to build one not only adequate for present needs but for a great many years to come. There is also another important fact to be considered and that is location. We firmly believe that a majority of the tax payers will agree with the COURIER in the statement that it would be foolish to erect a modern building on the old site if there is any possible way to avoid it. It is in the extreme corner of the town and too far for small scholars living in the south half of the town and that part of the city is growing faster than any other. When the new building is built there will be no primary school and the little folks will have to go to the big school. If the building is brought this way if only a couple of blocks it will make a big difference to them, two or three times a day. We don't think \$2500 should be considered very long when we are building for future years. Let us locate the school where it won't be a reproach to us in after years. There is no show for the town to grow beyond the present site—it will grow away from it. Why put a good building away out in the country. The COURIER would rather see a good building on the old site than a poor one on a new site, but we don't believe this will be necessary. We feel as if the difficulty can be overcome. The matter is up to the tax payers, and they will have to decide the matter. The board has a hard job before it and the ways and means to build will come hard. The COURIER is in favor of harmony for the best good for the whole town and in advocating a new site is simply voicing sentiments that have been expressed by the heaviest tax payers for years past. We have an opportunity to remedy a big mistake made when the school house was first built, while we have this chance let us accept it—not build on the old site and regret it afterwards.

We have as competent a board of education as could possibly be found anywhere. Whatever they do in the matter of a school house will be perfectly satisfactory to us. We only desire to do what is for the best interests of the city. Some of us differ in opinion, it is true, but if it is honest difference of opinion with selfishness left out, all well and good. There is no need of anybody getting mad over the question. Let a majority of the people rule all the time in this matter just as in all other matters pertaining to the public.

The Stutsman county republicans want to end the suspense so they will nominate their candidates for county officers on April 8th. This is early but the ax might just as well fall then as later so that the wouldbe's can be turned loose to seek other duties.

### Bids Wanted.

Bids will be received up to noon of Saturday, April 2, 1904, for the building of a creamery at Cooperstown. For plans and specifications call on E. S. Hamilton.

By order of  
WILMOT HOUGHTON,  
Manager.

## SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED

### TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT ABOUT 12 O'CLOCK

One of the Old Land Marks of Griggs County, Built Twenty Odd Years Ago.

The old school house is nothing more now than a heap of charred ruins and ashes. About 11:30 Saturday night a member of the Greenland family turned in an alarm to the effect that the school house was on fire and the fire alarm soon called out the department. It was discovered on reaching the building that the entire basement underneath the new part on the northeast corner was a seething mass of flames and at no time was there any chance of saving the structure.

It takes about 2000 feet of hose to reach the school house, and with only one stream playing, it was impossible to subdue the fire. No one knows how the fire started, but it was very evident that it was in the basement on the northeast corner of the building. Everything in the building, including a very fine library, all school books, laboratory, fixtures, organ, etc., went up in smoke. An effort was made to save the library and other things but the smoke was too dense and nothing could be done. The old school building was built in the early eighties and cost the district a big sum of money. Every stick and piece of material was hauled from Sanborn by team before the railroad reached Cooperstown. It was not a beautiful building, but it had a great history—one of the old land marks of this section.

This school district is not in very good shape for building a school house, but we have a conservative board of education and we are positive that each member will work for the best interests of the town and a building will be built commensurate with the needs of the community. It is to be regretted that the school house burned at this time with all the books and fixtures, but it cannot be helped. Temporary quarters will have to be secured around town and the school will probably be started up again next week. Insurance to the amount of \$5,800 was carried on the building, fixtures, etc., distributed as follows: \$1,200 on fixtures in the Springfield Fire and Marine Company; \$800 on furnace, fixtures, etc., in the Palatine of London, Eng.; \$2,000 on building in the German American of N. Y.; \$1,000 on building in the North American Insurance Company of Philadelphia; \$1,000 on building in the Greenwich, New York.

Commenting upon the recent decision of the supreme court in the Merger Case, Collier's Weekly, which is an independent paper, has the following to say: "Three Democrats and one Republican formed the minority small comfort for the so called Democrats who would turn the party into an aggregation of agitators for the sake of agitation. The decision was against the trusts, and every Democrat on the bench voted against the decision. The present Republican Administration put an end to the Northern Securities merger, and the three Democratic justices voted to allow the merger to continue. One of the fortuitous advantages of the decision is the body blow which it delivers, for this campaign, to the lawless minority and their yellow leaders. A decision in favor of the merger would have given the riotous trust-busters and class-prejudice-agitators something to howl about and spill red-ink headlines on. The actual decision, with its balanced arguments and close division, makes men think and leaves the public with a sense of quiet responsibility. Much was to be said legally on either side, and much is to be said politically, so long as we draw the lines with good old Anglo-Saxon reason, with no worked-up passions, and cheap and fiery catch words. Two far reaching principles conflict, each valuable and each capable of growing into menace. Freedom of private enterprise is part of American faith, not to be abandoned for any paternal principal,

but, on the other hand, we can not allow individuals so to use their property as to become essentially despotic. Experience has shown that combinations of capital may contain grave dangers to American ideals, and therefore must be watched. We are thankful that the Securities decision, earnestly debated as it was, happens not only to leave the responsibility for wise business judgment upon the people, but happens also to encourage a calm, satisfied, reflected mood, which is of happy augury in politics. The absence of hysteria, and the patient study of the right, which have been the corner-stones of liberty in the country from which our legal system is inherited, are, we believe, to remain with us, and guide us also along the line of careful discrimination and slow change, which is the history of good legislation and good law.

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