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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."

MAYNARD CRANE.
THEO. THOMPSON.
R. C. COOPER.

Congress has adjourned and the congressmen have gone home to repair their fences and look after their interests during the campaign.

The republican judicial convention for Griggs county was held last Friday and endorsed the candidacy of Hon. David Bartlett for judge. It must be borne in mind, however, that with a candidate from every office in the district Griggs county's chances for landing the coveted prize are not very great, yet we are hopeful that Mr. Bartlett will be able to land. We feel that if it comes down to a question of the best man for the place that we ought to win out hands down. There are several very good candidates in the field and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that whoever is

selected will receive the hearty support of the others and will be elected. Judge Glaspell, however, must not be overlooked entirely, as he is noted for coming under the wire at a time when least expected and he may do it again this time.

A leading investment agent in Central Illinois writes: "The increase in the value of North Dakota lands has been steady and add materially to the value of the farm loans from that section. I have collected during the past sixty days quite a number of mortgage loans made in 1898, when the lands were valued at from \$1,200 to \$1,800 a quarter section, and I know of my own knowledge that these lands, today, cannot be bought for less than from \$3,200 to \$4,000 a quarter section. Our rich Illinois

farmers are just waking up to the fact that the lands in the Northwest are remarkably cheap and they are going up by the carload and buying lands as fast as they can select them. The Omish people in this neighborhood have also taken a great interest in the Northwest and are investing in the lands at present prices, which to an Illinois man appear very low, and they are."

BARTLETT FOR JUDGE

Republicans of Griggs County Give Him the Delegation.

The republican county convention called for the purpose of electing delegates to the Fargo and Grand Forks conventions and to the district judicial convention was held at the courthouse last Friday afternoon. The convention was called to order a few minutes after 2 p. m., by Chairman Bartlett of the Central committee. E. W. Blackwell was elected temporary chairman and O. D. Purinton, temporary secretary. On account of the lateness of the season and the busy times there were not very many precincts represented and the credential committee had no contests to consider. The following were elected delegates to the Fargo convention which will elect delegates to the republican national convention:

J. H. MULROY
MAYNARD CRANE
NELS. HEMMINGSON
DAVID BARTLETT
CLAUS JACKSON
N. K. MARKUSON
NICOLAS SWENSON
R. C. COOPER

The following were elected delegates to the Grand Forks convention:

E. W. BLACKWELL
J. H. MULROY
MAYNARD CRANE
JACK N. BROWN
E. M. JACKSON
O. S. GUNDERSON
DAVID BARTLETT
CLAUS JACKSON

It was the unanimous wish of the convention that our townsman, Hon. David Bartlett, who is a candidate for district judge, should head the delegation to the judicial convention and that he select the delegates. Mr. Bartlett thanked the delegates and said that he greatly appreciated the honor conferred upon him and was very grateful for the generous support given him by his home county. The following are the delegates selected:

D. BARTLETT, Chairman.
A. M. BALDWIN
MAYNARD CRANE
T. E. WARNER
E. W. BLACKWELL
P. R. TRUBSHAW
W. J. PAYNE
R. C. COOPER

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