

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Next Monday the citizens of the district will vote on the question of issuing bonds for the erection the present season of a new schoolhouse in first ward. The steady increase in the number of pupils in the schools makes it imperative that suitable rooms for additional pupils be provided. The board, it seems to us, has taken the most reasonable way of solving the question. In 1896 when bonds were issued to build Parker school there were many who wanted two four-room buildings. The board however believed one six room building was better and the district so voted. At that time there was a sort of tacit agreement with first warders that an attempt would be made next to build east of the track. The time has come and the board asks for a sum sufficiently large to put in a school house which shall contain all the modern improvements and be as good as Parker Building, or even better. Owing to the fact that the new school house must draw a portion of its pupils from south of the Rock Island track it was felt that to equalize the distance which pupils must go, it was desirable to build somewhere on East St. Options, we understand have been made the board on property at the corner of East St. and 5th avenue, and the board adopted a resolution to build there if the bond proposition carried. The growing needs of the school demand more school room. We believe that the citizens of Grinnell want a modern edifice, of which they can be proud, and believe they will vote to sustain the action of the board.

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The best county in Iowa is Poyeshiek. And its people are the best people in Iowa.

The situation respecting a new school house remains unchanged this week. The board has asked several architects to submit preliminary designs for a six-room building and no doubt some will be before the board at its regular meeting Monday night. Respecting the location one member of the board asks us to call attention to two facts which seem not to be generally understood. The first is that as soon as a school house is constructed east of the Central Railway all grades up to the eighth which are now at Center, will be transferred to the new building. This means that children living on Broad street and possibly some from Main St. must go to the new building. This makes a central location quite desirable. A second fact is that at present there are not more than twenty children who would attend the new school living north and east of the lots now owned by the district. The new school house will accommodate from 250 to 300 pupils. The remaining number, from 230 to 280 pupils, at present must come from west and south of the present district lots. Unless the town grows much more rapidly to the northeast than it has done for twenty years it will be a longer period than a quarter of a century before one-half the pupils will be located east and north. This member says that the board wants to build for the future and so favors what seems to them the more central location.

So far as the HERALD is concerned we do not care where the house is built. We know the board is composed of the best men in the city, of fairminded men always, whose aim is to do the best by the district and its school interests.