

A very representative gathering of the business men of Cooperstown assembled at the Fire Hall last last Friday night to discuss the advisability of building a new schoolhouse. T. E. Warner called the meeting to order and F. J. Stone was elected chairman. A general discussion pro. and con. of the need of a new building followed. It was the almost unanimous opinion of those present that we needed a better school building, but the main question seemed to hinge on the question of taxes. It was shown that the town would have paid up its indebtedness by the end of next year, and that if we bonded for \$20,000 to run for 20 or 25 years the rate of taxation would not be any higher than it is at the present time. The taxpayers of Cooperstown are not opposed to a new building but favor a conservative, careful procedure in the matter, and this the Courier, as well as the people, want.

When we build we want to build right and in such a way that in years to come there will be no kick coming. The time has arrived when we have got to build some sort of an educational institution wherein our children can get an education without getting sick at the same time. That is about the way it is now with the old shack we call schoolhouse. A motion was carried to instruct our senator and representatives to introduce a bill in the legislature allowing the district to raise the debt limit so that we can bond. The meeting then adjourned. The Courier hopes that there will be no undue feeling about past experiences brought to bear on the present question. What we want is an impassioned fair discussion of the question and then an intelligent vote on the question at the proper time.