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## COPLEY THANKS VOTERS.

Aurora, Ill., April 10, 1912.  
To the Editor of Downers Grove Reporter:

Dear Sir—Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to express my gratitude to the many thousands of Republican voters of this district who so substantially expressed their confidence in me, and their appreciation of my effort as Congressman during the past year.

I find it impossible to learn just who voted for me, consequently, take this means of thanking one and all. I shall return to Washington with the hope that I can serve all the people of the district better during this next term because of my experience during the present one.

I again most cordially invite every constituent to write me on any subject in which he may be interested.

Very sincerely yours,  
IRA C. COPLEY.

## CONGREGATIONAL HOME DEPARTMENT SOCIAL.

An unusually interesting program has been prepared for the afternoon of April 16th, when the department will meet at the home of George Smith, on N. Forest avenue.

The following program will be given Fellowship Day:

Violin solo, Master John Mochel; devotional, Mrs. Mary Graham; roll call, quotations from "The Sermon on the Mount"; reading from "Friendship Village," Miss Hazel Easton; piano solo, Mrs. Charles Haller; address, Dr. Jessie Dods; vocal solo, Mrs. Philip Weinheimer.

This is the last social of the season, and a large attendance is desired. Each member of the department may bring a guest, and the Aid Society ladies are cordially invited to be present.

## PARLEY PLIMPTON FOSKETT.

Entered into rest last Tuesday, April 9, after bearing the burden of life four score years.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and Masonic services were conducted by Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, of which he was the oldest member, at Home Masonic Temple in Chicago, burial being at Oakwoods cemetery by the side of his wife and son.

Parley Plimpton Foskett was born in Staffordville, Conn., Feb. 2, 1832, and attended the village school at that place until 1847. In that year he commenced to learn the molder's trade with Hannible Converse & Co., of Windsor Locks, Conn.

In 1850 he accepted a position with the Washburn Company, in Worcester, Mass., where he remained until 1860.

In July of that year he came west, locating in Chicago. His first position was that of foreman of the Illinois Central Railroad Company's foundry, in which position he remained for ten years, and then filled a similar position for the American Bridge Company. In September, 1873, he received the appointment of general foreman of the J. H. Bass or "Rock Island" foundry, a position he filled with great credit to himself and profit to his employers for a period of twenty years.

Mr. Foskett was married in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 3, 1862, to Miss Mary L. Keyes, the children of this union being Albert Francis Foskett, who died Dec. 19, 1892, and Alice Lucy, now the wife of J. C. White, with whom he had made his home.

## CIVIC STUDY CLUB.

The Downers Grove Civic Study Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard P. Jones Tuesday, April 9, 1912, at 2 p. m. The Vice President, Mrs. Daniels, was in the chair. The program was given by two out-of-town speakers. Mrs. Andrew P. Coon, Vice President of the Sixth District, I. F. W. C., gave a general talk along all the lines of work the State Federation is doing, and spoke particularly of the benefits derived by co-operation and federation with both the District and State Federations.

Following this Mrs. Riley Harrison, Vice President for Illinois of the "Associated Clubs of Domestic Science," spoke on "Pure Foods," the laws governing the same, the influence of pure foods upon the morals of the child both in and out of school and what our club women could do to help enforce these laws.

At this meeting it was voted our next program be Domestic Science for our topic, with a demonstration, Mrs. Harrison, leader.

At the close tea was served, as usual.

Resolved, That the Downers Grove Civic Study Club endorse the following resolution:

That we inaugurate an annual village house cleaning day, and that we ask the assistance and co-operation of the Village Board, the Board of Health officer, the Village Improvement Association, and all organizations in the village, together with the school children and all resident and non-resident property holders.

### Awful Possibility.

"De only objection to lettin' de ladies vote," said Uncle Eben, "is dat dey's liable to require special hats for election days, same as Easter."

## (COMMUNICATIONS.)

### COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Editor Downers Grove Reporter:

Dear Sir—In your issue, dated April 5, I note the heading, "Commission Form of Government," and sorry the writer has the wrong view regarding this kind of government. He says that Downers Grove has run thirty-nine years under the present form of government. This, of course, does not mean that the new commission form of government is not as good.

We had mud streets in Downers Grove for over thirty-nine years. Still, with the newer streets, the people to-day would not change back to the mud streets.

People like the newer best. We used to have candles on our tables and in our rooms, but the people would not go back to candles or oil lamps. Electricity is far superior. It is the newer.

People like the newer best. It was hard, at one time, to convince the people about getting water works here. Some of the people said that their fathers had wells and were against having water works. Still, the water works gave the village the first start. The village is in better sanitary condition than ever, and people would not go back to wells. It is the better.

They like the newer best. Thirty-nine years ago we had mud sidewalks, which were shortly after improved to wooden sidewalks. Now we have cement all over town, which is better and newer. The people would not go back to the old system; the present is the best.

They like the newer best. Thirty-nine years ago, every one will remember, the town was always flooded with water. We did not have any sewers. We did not have any drainage. Our village, at that time, was in very bad sanitary condition. No one will deny that the sewers are better.

We like the newer best. The commission form of government is just as far ahead of the present form of government as the new improvements are ahead of the old ones we had thirty-nine years ago. It is better and can be conducted on business principles.

People will like the newer best. Under the present form of government it is a hard matter to get good men to run for trustees, but under the commission form of government, the best people would gladly serve four years, and make a good showing of what can be done under good management. Commissioners get hardly any compensation for their faithful work, but if they make a good showing during this time, they will be honored by their fellow citizens.

The commission form of government would give us elections once in four years, and do away with the yearly elections. On election day, the village is not only flooded with liquor and beer, but the carriages run for life and death, to get their candidates in office. It is really disgraceful and drives good citizens away. It makes hard feelings between the citizens, who should be friendly to each other, and work hand in hand to get Downers Grove larger and more beautiful.

Any good citizen, who will vote for the commission form of government, will never go back to the old, as it has been proved that this form of government is much superior to the old.

The newer is the best.  
C. H. DICKE.

Editor Downers Grove Reporter:

Dear Sir—Your last week's issue contained an article referring to the commission form of government, which among other things referred to that plan as an experiment.

So far as Downers Grove is concerned it undoubtedly would be an experiment and an experiment without a precedent among suburban villages situated as is our village.

Comparatively few of the men of Downers Grove work here, and it has proven difficult to get any capable business man of the village to serve on the village board.

Under the commission plan the difficulty would not be less and in addition the man who works in Chicago and has little time in the village would be even more burdened by holding the office of commissioner than he is now as a member of the board.

It has been said that the commission form of government is "new." It is not new in the strict sense of the word. It was, according to its principal backers, designed to change an unwieldy city government to the simplified village form.

The writer is not opposed to the commission form of government in itself, or for places where it is needed. In all essentials we now have that simpler government. There is no haste in this matter; if it is a good thing we want it. But let the

merits of the plan be shown in actual work in some similar village before Downers Grove takes it.

Try it out in Hinsdale, La Grange, Elmhurst, Wheaton or some other place and not experiment here, just because it looks "new" and therefore good.

HOWARD P. JONES.

The people of the village will be called upon to vote on the proposition for or against a commission form of government for this village at the village election on Tuesday, April 16.

What it means to the tax payers as to cost over and above the cost under the present form of government.

The ordinary expenses will be approximately the same as at present. The fixed expense under the commission form will increase the cost of operating as follows:

Increase for salaries of Mayor and commissioners	\$ 432.00
Additional cost of printing reports and proceedings as per section 40 of the Commission Form Law	780.00
Other miscellaneous expenses, approximately	200.00
Total	\$1,412.00

Over and above what it costs to run the village under the present form of government, do you want to pay the price for the purpose of trying an experiment? We think not. Every voter should read the Commission Form of Government Law and satisfy himself.

## LOCAL NEWS

—Don't forget to vote Tuesday.

—Miss Myrtle Latimer had a very pleasant surprise last Monday by a number of her schoolmates. They were: Annetta Alderson, Emma Gleason, Ruth and Helen Stevenson, Ellen Jordenson, Grace Howmeyer, Lena Hulbert and Isabella Goldsbery; all reported having a nice time, the occasion being Myrtle's 12th birthday. Dainty refreshments were served.

—Irving Ward, employed as collector for the cashier's department of the C. B. & Q. R. Co., and who now lives in Congress Park, has rented Mr. Hawkin's house on Curtis street and will occupy same about May 1st.

—The M. E. Philathea Bible Class held their monthly meeting for April at the home of Mrs. L. M. Cook. That the "Little Sprite" had been very busy, was in evidence, in the shape of clown, caps, menu and games. One hour was very profitably spent in the business and lesson review, after which fun and nonsense occupied the guests' time until a late hour. About 30 members responded to roll call.

—Remember the people pay the tax.

—Mr. Dwight Thompson, returned from New London, Conn., last Sunday, having been called away by the sickness and death of his mother.

—J. W. Nash was absent from the store on account of a severe cold.

—Harry Blodgett of Maple avenue, is numbered with the sick.

—J. A. Westblade and family, spent a most pleasant Easter Sunday with relatives in Galesburg, Ill.

—Mrs. Frank Prentiss, who has been a patient in the Rhodes Avenue Hospital, was removed to her home, and is doing nicely after undergoing an operation.

—Mrs. Victor Tholin was called to Hyde Park, Ill., by the illness of her mother.

—Geo. Willard went to Joliet Tuesday, in the interest of the Chicago Telephone Co.

—Miss Bessie McGinnes has accepted work in the office of the Chicago Telephone Co.

—Sam Hoffert and two daughters, Dorothy and Charlotte, took in the sights of Ringling Bros.' circus, Tuesday.

—Miss Ethel Thompson, who has been in the Robert Burns Hospital has returned home.

—Master Wm. Kentemeyer enjoyed a week's visit with his former playmates of the village, and was a guest at the home of Sam Hoffert most of the time.

—Phil. Vix and wife spent Sunday in Hinsdale, with Mrs. Vix's parents.

—Wm. Roth of Oakwoods avenue, has returned to work after having a real case of the grip.

—Althea Chapter O. E. S., Naperville, Ill., afforded a most delightful evening for its members and visitors, and those who accepted from Downers Grove, were Mrs. H. Walberg, Mrs. Bert C. White, Mrs. J. W. Nash and daughter Bessie.

—Mr. and Mrs. Kent Wyllie of Carpenter street, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, born April 5th.

—Bertha Thompson has been substituting in the place of her sister, Miss Ethel during her illness, in the office as attendant of Dr. Bowden of West Madison street.

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### W. C. T. U.

The Dupage County Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held April 2 and 3, in the Congregational Church at Naperville, Ill. The entire program was fully appreciated by the large number that was in attendance. Many helpful lessons were given us along the line of temperance. Miss Hood, the state president of Illinois, was there and we received much encouragement from her lips to keep up this great fight for temperance, for "If God be for us, his banner o'er us, we will sing the victor's song at last." Six young men took part in the medal contest Tuesday evening in the Congregational Church. Miss Messon-Smith gave two vocal solos which were highly appreciated by all those

present. Those who attended the institute from this village wish to extend their thanks to the ladies of the Congregational Church for their hospitality and entertainment while there.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly gave assistance and furnished so many beautiful flowers during our recent sad bereavement.

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## MOTIOGRAPH NEWS

FOR SATURDAY APRIL 13th.

"Betty and the Doctor," a love comedy, with a lover that is very jealous. When he learns the truth all ends well. "Percival Chubbbs and the Widow"—well, just imagine yourself engaged to what you thought a beautiful lady, and then, by accident you learn she is bald headed, then, when you try to break the engagement her son forces you to change your mind, then, suppose you have a son that sticks up for you. Well, that's what you're supposed to laugh at next Saturday.

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