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## “Plump” Three Votes for Mrs. Lottie Holman O’Neill DuPage County Candidate for the State Legislature

### COMMUNITY GO TO CHURCH CAMPAIGN

#### THE RESURRECTION DAY

The rising of Christ Jesus from the dead is the greatest and most important of miracles, being a confirmation of all the wonders of his supernatural story. Beginning with his birth from an immaculate virgin at Bethlehem and ending with the apocalyptic revelation of himself at Patmos, the arch of events has for its keystone his resurrection from the dead, without which they fall away. Indeed without this, the total of Christianity would disappear, for if Christ hath not been raised our faith is vain. Mankind might revere the teachings of a dead Christ as of other great sages, but could never trust him as an Advocate, Redeemer and Saviour. That he is even yet today a living man, and that he ever liveth to make intercession for us, is the center, and support of the world's faith, hope and love.

The evidence that Christ Jesus was put to death, and that he rose from the dead, is abundant and complete as the evidence for any other historic fact whatever. In his crucifixion and death there is nothing miraculous, nothing that taxes credulity save a few attendant circumstances, and the monstrous injustice and cruelty of his accusers and executioners. In his supremely miraculous resurrection there is the extreme antecedent improbability of the event. Overlooking the unreasonable skepticism of the few who blindly hold that any miracle is impossible, the improbability is met by the overwhelming testimony of numerous select witnesses to whom he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days; witnesses that sealed their testimony with their blood. No higher proof is possible for any historic fact, and the antecedent improbability is, for those who hold to the reality of the supernatural and its boundless possibilities, completely swept away. Hence the unfeigned faith of the Son of God, whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death because it was not possible that he should be holden of it, has been and is to-day the reasonable faith of multiplying millions. Dr. Noah K. Davis in “The Nazarene” Palm Sunday, April 9, 1922.

#### THE RISEN LORD

On the First Day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb. They entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass while they were perplexed about it, behold, two men stood before them in dazzling apparel. As they were affrighted and bowed down their faces to the earth, they asked them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified but would arise again on the third day. And they remembered His words and returned from the tomb and told these things unto the eleven and to all the rest. Luke 24:1-9.

All the local churches are preparing special programs for Easter Sunday and a full page in this paper will be devoted to their announcement next week. All unite in urging the people of the community to make Easter Sunday the most successful Go-to-church Sunday this community has ever observed.

#### Exhaustive.

He (proposing)—“I’ve saved up enough to live at the rate of \$10,000 a year.” She—“For how long?” He—“Oh, six months.”—Boston Transcript.

### MUSICAL EVENT - EXTRAORDINARY TUES., APRIL 11th

Arthur Kraft Quartet Gives Recital at M. E. Church—All Four Famed Songsters.

Those who heard the Arthur Kraft recital two months ago will welcome the opportunity to hear his wonderful tenor tones again, when he appears with three singers of equal excellence next Tuesday evening, April 11, at the First Methodist Episcopal church.

The quartette is composed of Arthur Kraft, tenor; Mary Welch, Contralto; Anna Burmeister, Soprano, and Arthur Kanous, baritone with Frederick Schawweker at the piano. This combination is one which Chicago music lovers pay at least two dollars a seat to listen to.

The recital will include group songs by each of the artists and will conclude with “The Song Cycle,” and “In a Persian Garden,” by Liza Lehman, in which the four singers will join.

“In a Persian Garden” is a musical adaptation of parts of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam in which the words of the Fitzgerald translation are woven into a carpet of melody which sets forth their oriental coloring.

The first chord will be struck at eight o’clock.

The program for the evening is:  
When Dull Care Richard Leveridge  
May Day Carol Deems Taylor  
Port of May Ships Frederick Keel

ARTHUR KANOUS Beach  
Faltering Duck Kramer  
Come to the Fair Martin

MARY WELCH  
Where’ere You Walk (from Semel) Handel  
Mary of Allandale Wilson  
Love has Eyes Bishop

ARTHUR KRAFT  
My Lovely Celina Monro  
Beyond Alice Barnett  
At the Well Hageman

ANNA BURMEISTER  
The Song Cycle  
“In a Persian Garden”  
By Liza Lehman

### CASS NOTES

The basket social, which was postponed from last Friday night on account of the weather, was held in the Center Cass school on Wednesday. A nice crowd was present and a fine program was their reward. About \$30 was realized and Miss Mable Oldfield, teacher of the school, will use the money to purchase necessary articles for the children.

Billy Lehmann, of Oak Park, has returned to his home after a weeks visit with his cousins, the Will Mochel children.

Mr and Mrs Jos. Schlatka entertained last Sunday afternoon for their daughter, Helen, 12 and nephew, Frank Michel, 10, it being their birthday. Forty children were guests and made merry playing many games both indoor and out. Refreshments of a substantial kind ended a very pleasant afternoon.

Little Mary Dolman is on the sick list.

Esther Faser has returned from Kankakee where she spent a week with relatives.

Mr and Mrs Will Mochel entertained at cards last Saturday night Messrs and Me-dames John Kopic, Earl Faser and Orvie Chilvers.

Mr and Mrs Shade Chilvers have returned from their winter sojourn in Arizona, Oklahoma and California.

## Business and Politics

To the Public:

Once in every two years there is held in the Eleventh Congressional District an election for the purpose of nominating a candidate to the office of Representative in Congress at Washington. Mr. Copley now represents this district. He holds also the position of President of a Gas Company serving nearly every town, city and village in this Congressional District.

Every time Mr. Copley has appeared as a candidate his political opponents have attempted to convince the public that the gas rates are outrageously high; that the public is being crushed between the jaws of a heartless monopoly; that the only sure, quick, positive way in which to relieve this alleged oppression is to reduce him to private citizenship.

On every occasion, when election day has come and gone, Mr. Copley’s opponents have suddenly forgotten about “the people.” These self-appointed guardians of the peoples’ rights suddenly lose interest in the welfare of the people. There is a reason for this. They are interested in votes, not in public welfare. If they have had the public interest sincerely at heart, why has it always been at a pre-election period and not thereafter?

So much for the identity and purpose of the self-styled friends of the people!

During the last thirty-three years the Company of which Mr. Copley is President, has voluntarily reduced the price of gas from \$2.25 per thousand cubic feet net to \$.90 per thousand cubic feet, which was the rate charged for several years prior to the increase now in effect fixed by the State Utilities Commission.

Mr. Copley was the first Gas Engineer to propose the plan of supplying small communities with gas distributed through pipes under high pressure. By any other method it would be impossible for any one to supply gas, without loss, to small towns like Hinsdale, Plainfield, Batavia, Woodstock and Dundee. It would be necessary to charge at least \$2.00 per thousand cubic feet. Individual plants are operated at a high cost, and the rate is not sufficient to attract capital.

At no time has the Western United Gas and Electric Company been compelled by ordinance or other mandate, to reduce its rate. The successive reductions were voluntary on the part of the Company, and, during the entire period of these thirty-three years the rate for gas in Aurora averaged lowest in the State of Illinois, outside of Chicago; Chicago being lower because the cost of distribution is very much less than that of any other city in the state.

The foregoing fact is something Mr. Copley’s political opponents would have the people lose sight of:

You would not do without gas; it has become an everyday necessity as much as coal and water. With few exceptions, every utility company the size of the Western United Gas and Electric Company is owned or controlled by concerns located in the large financial centers. Some one must supply you with gas. People naturally wish to deal with the concern giving them the most interested consideration, the most friendly contact, and, the best service.

Would you prefer to buy from a Chicago syndicate, owning and promoting public utilities in various parts of the United States? Or, would you prefer to do business with a concern having its origin in this locality in 1861, and, having invested its profits in this, your own community?

Would you prefer to do business with a Philadelphia syndicate, operating plants in the far corners of the nation? Or, do you like better a concern having thousands of stockholders and bondholders inside this Congressional District?

What about one of the syndicates with headquarters in New York City? At its hands would you, just one of a hundred scattered communities, receive the deserved attention—the attention that local ownership would afford?

A majority of the citizens of this district are familiar with the unsatisfactory results obtained by non-resident management of one utility now in a receiver’s hands.

For your information a list is herein submitted, showing a few towns, ownerships and costs:

Town	Owned by	Net Cost per Thousand Cubic Feet
BLOOMINGTON	United Gas and Electric Corporation of New York City	\$1.36
EAST ST. LOUIS	American Gas Company of Philadelphia	\$1.30
PEORIA	Union Railway Gas and Electric Company of New York City	\$1.20
QUINCY	American Railway Company of Philadelphia	\$1.42
SPRINGFIELD	Union Railway Gas and Electric Company of New York City	\$1.40
ROCKFORD	American Gas Company of Philadelphia	\$1.40
AURORA	Western United Gas and Electric Company of Aurora	\$1.20

For the purpose of further enabling you to compare rates, the following list is submitted:

Town	Net Cost per Thousand Cubic Feet
DECATUR	\$1.40
DANVILLE	1.50
GALESBURG	1.51
MOLINE	1.30
ROCK ISLAND	1.30

Our dealings with the public throughout a great number of years have proved that every person possesses a well defined sense of fairness, and it is to this fairness we have appealed at this time.

Yours Truly,

WESTERN UNITED GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

C. B. STROHN, Vice President