

Nation's Faith in God Expressed on Coinage

"In God We Trust" first appeared on the coins of this country in 1864, and owes its presence very largely to the increased religious sentiment in the dreaded crisis of the Civil war.

Seemed Something of an Odd Combination

He didn't really want to bring the two cats home from Colorado, but what good is the argument of a mere man against those of a wife, three children, and a mother-in-law?

Rattlesnake's Rings

The rings on a rattlesnake do not exactly follow the age of the snake. The biological survey says that the rattlesnake acquires from two to four rings a year, usually three.

The Admonition of Age

Dick possessed a tennis racket, which, though it had been classed as "junk" by an older sister, was the envy of the youngsters of the neighborhood.

Motor on Roller Skates

A motor small enough to run roller skates has been perfected by a German engineer. It uses acetylene gas for fuel, and is oilled automatically.

Embroidering Long Known

The girl who uses an embroidery needle today is practicing an art that was highly developed in Egypt 3,000 years ago.

The accomplishment was brought from Egypt to Europe, and was also highly developed in early Greece and Rome.

Always Polite

The manager of the isolated factory had received a letter from a woman stating that her husband, who worked in the factory, had sent her no money for weeks and weeks.

So the manager, a kindly man, sent for the delinquent there and then. "Jackson," he said, when the man made his appearance, "do you ever send your wife anything when you write?"

LEADERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FORESEE NEW YEAR FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES IN BUSINESS

Because it is an integral part of the foundation of the nation's entire business structure, the Public Utility Industry's progress trend is marked by business men throughout the country.

Therefore it is essential for the public utility executive to keep his finger on the pulse of business generally. If a change is indicated in the heart action of the workshops of America, he must act accordingly.

The Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee has obtained an expression of views on the 1927 outlook from men nationally foremost in the Public Utilities Industry, as well as from representative executives of the various Public Utility branches in the Commonwealth.

These opinions are from authorities in the public service fields of Electric Light and Power, Manufactured Gas, Street Railways, Telephones and Water Supply.



By A. B. MACBETH President American Gas Association Vice-President and Executive Manager Southern California Gas Company

By R. F. PACK President National Electric Light Association Vice-President Northern States Power Company Minneapolis

Los Angeles.—The inauguration of special consumer rates for large scale use of gas in both the domestic and industrial fields is fast accelerating the change from solid fuel to gas and is building for the industry an enduring load of large proportions.

The gas industry, in all of its departments, faces 1927 with an overwhelming array of factors in its favor. We estimate that sales of gas for 1926 will run about eight per cent ahead of the record-breaking figure of 421,400,000 cubic feet established in 1925.

Present favorable factors of an outstanding nature include a noticeable improvement in public relations, widespread development of the customer ownership movement, a growing appreciation of the inherent safety and stability of gas securities, fair and impartial regulation, and the development within the industry of several new sales forces of national significance.

By P. H. CHASE President Pennsylvania Electric Association Philadelphia

Philadelphia.—The outlook for the electric light and power industry in Pennsylvania for 1927 promises a continuation of the healthy growth experienced in 1926.

It has been stated that the potential residential business is many times greater than that now being done, due to the many possible applications of electricity in the home which have not yet been realized.



P. H. CHASE

The electric light and power industry has never been better prepared to keep pace with increasing demands than at the present time.

By A. W. CUDEBACK President American Water Works Association President Passaic Consolidated Water Company Vice-President Federal Water Service Corporation New York

Nineteen hundred and twenty-seven promises a continued prosperity in the utility field. The capacity of the financial market seems to have an unlimited ability and inclination to absorb utility securities.

That confidence has undoubtedly been brought about in part by the efforts of utility officials to inform the public on utility matters, and in part by the more liberal treatment of these important public servants by the various state commissions.

In the water works field the recent tendency to unite or consolidate isolated water properties should effect economies of operation and better service which will eventually work for the benefit of both the customer and the owners of their securities.

By H. D. BROWN President Pennsylvania Water Works Association President Williamsport Water Company Williamsport

Williamsport.—General business conditions usually have but a moderate effect upon water supply companies, the expansion and development of the communities served by these companies being the barometer upon which their growth is forecast.

Water supply companies generally have been, and will continue to be for some time, busily engaged in increasing their water supplies, and extending their facilities to meet the increasing demand due to the expansion and growth of their communities.

Recent activity in the purchasing of water supply companies by the large holding companies, as well as the volume of water company securities offered for public investment, and the satisfactory prices obtained for these securities, reflects the public confidence in the stability and prosperity of water supply companies and the desirability of their securities as a permanent investment.

By W. H. SAWYER President American Electric Railway Association President East St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company East St. Louis, Ill.

The prospects seem good for a steady growth of electric service during 1927. There are indications that the highly congested conditions of the streets of our cities has caused an increase in street railway traffic.

In addition to establishing bus routes, the railway companies have begun a very important program of modernization.

The best brains in the business are devoted to developing transportation that will please the public, and public officials are almost universally recognizing the fact that such service can be rendered only by companies that are permitted to earn a reasonable return.

By A. C. TAYLOR President Pennsylvania Gas Association Superintendent Consumers Gas Company Reading

We are now on the threshold of a wonderful development in house heating by gas. Vast strides have been made in the past few years in the use of water heating appliances for domestic purposes, and there is every reason to expect greatly increased business in new fields as well as a normal growth in channels already developed.



A. C. TAYLOR

The sale of gas for industrial purposes has increased so rapidly in the past few years that many manufacturers now depend wholly upon gas as an industrial fuel.

Gas sales in Pennsylvania during 1926 were exceedingly satisfactory. There is every indication that 1927 gas sales will be even better.

By P. C. STAPLES Vice-President Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania Philadelphia

The telephone traffic of a community or a commonwealth is quick to register any positive change in general business conditions.

There is ample evidence that the people of Pennsylvania are going confidently about their affairs, in the expectation that 1927 will show good business for those who go after it.

After thorough study of the situation and prospect throughout the state, our engineers have estimated and are preparing to handle a daily average of 4,800,000 local calls in Pennsylvania in 1927, as compared with 4,600,000 this last year.

Our confidence that these growths will be realized is, again, based on a steady demand for service—a demand which is more brisk in certain sections than in others, but which may be said to overlay the state generally.

By J. J. COLEMAN President Pennsylvania Street Railway Association Vice-President and General Manager Scranton Railway Company Scranton

The progress made by the street railway business this year has been very gratifying. While the increase in earnings has not been large, it shows that the companies are coming back into their own.

The large capital expenditures made by street railway companies indicates confidence and will enable us to compete better with the privately owned automobile, which has been the main cause for our reduced earnings the past five years.

Sportsmen Are Interested in New Fish Harbor on Black Moshannon Creek

With all game hunting ended until next autumn, the thoughts of the sportsmen are turning to the big fish harbor constructed late in the fall on Black Moshannon creek, Centre county, in one of the wildest and most picturesque regions in central Pennsylvania.

Famous as a trout stream nearly a century and a quarter ago, when the Philips family of England founded Philipsburg, Black Moshannon had been the mecca for anglers for native brook trout, the daintiest and most appetizing of all game fish, until continuous fishing and lack of suitable spawning beds all but depleted their numbers.

The big dam is expected to afford ample opportunity for breeding, and with frequent replenishing from the State hatcheries, Black Moshannon will regain some of its former glory as a paradise for anglers.

There are no coal mines nearby to empty their sulphur waters, so deadly to trout, into the stream. No lumber mills with killing sawdust. There are no industrial plants of any kind in the Black Moshannon country, which is now, with its second-growth timber well developed, much the same as when the first settlers came, and later when the lumbermen invaded the region.

Construction of the dam, believed to be the largest in the eastern States if not the entire United States, to be used exclusively as a fish and pleasure resort, was sponsored and financed by the State Centre Game, Fish and Forestry Association, an organization of 1200 sportsmen, all residents of Centre and Clearfield counties.

Preliminary work was started early last year. The ground was leased for a long term of years, and after State Fish Commissioner Buller and a representative of the department of forests and waters had visited the site, actual work began in midsummer, under a building committee consisting of the board of directors of the association, J. Frank Kephart serving as chairman.

There are 216 1/2 feet of lineal masonry in the wall, with an average height of twelve feet from the bottom of the foundation to the top. The wall is thirty inches thick, containing 6496 cubic feet of masonry.

The dam will impound 250,000,000 gallons of water, and has a shore line of six and one-half miles. The water width at the breast is 400 feet. The (Continued on page 7, Col. 3.)

Too Much "Acid?"

Excess Uric Acid Gives Rise to Many Unpleasant Troubles.

AUTHORITIES agree that an excess of uric acid is primarily due to faulty kidney action. Retention of this toxic material often makes its presence felt by sore, painful joints, a tired, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backache and headache.

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