

### FAVOR PRIVATE OWNERSHIP FOR ALL UTILITIES

Has Been No Profiteering in Telephone Rates, Utility Commissioners Declare

At a recent convention of the National Association of Railway and Utility Commissioners, held at Atlanta, Georgia, the Committee on Public Ownership and Operation made a report which is of great public interest, in as much as it reflects the sentiment of these regulating bodies toward public utilities.

After an exhaustive inquiry into examples of government and private ownership, both in the United States and in foreign countries, the committee reported in favor of privately-owned and privately-operated utilities with public regulation, and cited many examples of failure of Government-owned enterprises.

The committee also discussed the important question of utility rates or service, expressing the opinion that "a public must be given fair and adequate service at a reasonable cost" and that the rights of the people should be safeguarded by regulatory bodies, sufficiently wise and fair and far-seeing to be able to act deliberately upon full knowledge of facts.

The committee further stated that the public utilities are subjected to financial laws just the same as private enterprises. They must operate successfully in order to adequately fulfill their duty of service to the public with regard not only to the present necessities, but to future needs. And the committee summed up the rate situation as follows:

"This is peculiarly true at the present time; and for the reason that for the last five years their revenue rates did not proportionately increase with their rapidly increasing costs of operation. It therefore follows that in order to maintain a just, equitable balance, and to even keep such utilities out of bankruptcy, it is necessary to maintain their higher rates longer than to the layman seems necessary, judging by the surrounding decline in commodity prices.

"This is particularly true of the telephone business, which, during the war period of inflated values and abnormally high prices, kept its service rates practically on a level with relatively few increases, notwithstanding the tremendous advance in the cost of much of the material which enters into giving telephone service." To quote a leading trade publication:

"There has been no profiteering in any branch of the telephone industry at any time—not even during 1917-1919, when it seemed to be the fashion in other lines to charge all the traffic would bear because 'everybody was doing it.'"

### LONDONERS WERE COLD TO DR. BELL'S APPEAL

Even Victoria's Interest in His Invention Failed to Kindle Telephone Enthusiasm

It seems impossible to a generation accustomed to the blessings of practically unlimited telephone service, that there was a time when the public here in America refused to take Bell's invention seriously until Dr. Bell and his early associates, by lectures and demonstrations, had forced the conviction that the speaking telephone was something more than a scientific toy.

As a matter of fact, the telephone pioneers never did succeed in interesting the big capitalists of the country and the first financing of the company formed to develop the telephone commercially came from a few enthusiasts of moderate means.

Slow as was America to recognize the commercial possibilities of the telephone, Great Britain was even more phlegmatic and even hostile to it. During the winter of 1878, Queen Victoria became interested in Bell's invention and at the Queen's command, a demonstration was arranged for her. After talking and listening for an hour, Her Majesty expressed herself "immensely pleased" and congratulated Bell who was present, asking if she might purchase two telephones. Whereupon the inventor presented the Queen with a very handsome pair of telephones with an ivory finish, and a telephone wire was later strung to Windsor Castle.

But while the Queen's approval had a favorable influence upon the British press and public, Bell was unable to raise any money in England to finance his invention, and returned to America sick, disheartened and practically penniless, where he found his American associates, undaunted by obstacles, organizing the telephone business on a sound basis and hopeful of the future.

### FIREFIGHTERS HONOR SWITCHBOARD GIRLS

Five telephone operators of Golden, Col., have recently been accorded the unusual honor of being made members of that town's fire department. Two-thirds of the alarms to which the Golden fire apparatus has responded have been given over the telephone and it is in recognition of the efficient services of the switchboard girls that they have made honorary members of the department.

Their connection with the firefighting organization will not, however, be a purely formal matter, for the installation of a new fire alarm system is contemplated by the Golden authorities, which will make the women members integral parts of the active force. In case of fire the telephone operator will set an automatic device going which, in turn, will sound the alarm on a large bell on the fire station.

### ANOTHER "STILL" ALARM

Telephone operators are carefully instructed as to what to do in case of an alarm of fire, but even the most careful instructions cannot provide against contingencies as unusual as those which faced the Misses Katie and Lillian Wolbrecht, of Summit, Miss., recently when they called the local power plant to send in an alarm.

The chief engineer and his colored assistant, according to the New Orleans Times-Picayune, were both deaf and could not be made to hear the alarm. After repeated attempts to arouse them, the operators sent out calls to individuals and summoned a "bucket brigade" which extinguished the blaze.

### \$50,000 Fire at Mill Hall

The handsome residence near Mill Hall built by E.E. Mann and now owned by Thomas Kelly, wealthy coal operator, was completely destroyed by fire early Friday morning. It is thought that the fire was incendiary, as several oil cans were found in the ruins and Mrs. Kelly states that they did not belong about the property.

The loss, which Mrs. Kelly places at upwards of \$50,000, is partially covered by insurance.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

A. M. Hoover, et ux, to Donald Snyder, tract n Spring twp.; \$500.  
Samuel E. Stanley, et ux, to James C. Wensel, tract in Boggs twp.; \$1,000.  
Wm. McKinley, et ux, to Samuel E. Stanley, tract in Boggs twp.; \$400.  
Adam H. Krumrine, et ux, to G. M. Faulkrod, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$900.  
W. G. Runkle, et ux, to B. H. Parsons, tract in State College; \$1,500.  
Geo. W. Miller to William Barrett, tract in Spring twp.; \$720.  
T. L. Smith, et ux, to L. R. Lingle, tract in Centre Hall; \$625.  
Joseph C. Foreman to Clair Boob, tract in Rush twp.; \$500.  
Edward A. Peters, et ux, to Martha M. Peters, tract in Union twp.; \$800.  
F. V. Stevens, et ux, to J. I. Parsons, tract in Union twp.; \$3,000.  
Philip Caris, et ux, to Daniel C. Caris, tract in Miles twp.; \$1.  
John McCabe, et ux, to Robert Richard, tract in Phillipsburg; \$500.  
Safaroces Reifsnnyder, et ux, to Centre Hill Country Club, tract in Colege twp.; \$6,000.  
Charles E. Probst, et ux, to J. Fred Harvey, tract in State College; \$11,000.  
Adam H. Krumrine, et ux, to W. E. Combs, tract in State College; \$675.  
Adam H. Krumrine, et ux, to W. R. White, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$900.  
J. Frank Bible, et ux, to George E. Heckman, tract in Potter twp.; \$10,500.  
Herbert C. Bible, et ux, to Franklin P. Gardner, tract in Spring twp.; \$75.  
A. F. Markle, et ux, to Frank A. Keller, tract in State College; \$4,500.  
Alice E. Elder, et al, to Bella M. Mattern, tract in Halfmoon twp.; \$4,500.  
A. O. Myers, et ux, to Henry Cronister, tract in Huston twp.; \$3,300.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

### TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT.

In accordance with the several Acts of the General Assembly, regulating Triennial Assessments and constituting a Board of Revision, the County Commissioners of Centre County give notice that THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd, and FRIDAY, MARCH 24th, 1922, have been fixed upon which finally to determine whether any of the valuations of the Assessors have been made below the just rate; reserving however the right to perform the duties of a Board of Revision upon the same days and at the same times and places of holding the appeals for the several Townships and Boroughs, as provided by Act of Assembly.

The rate of millage for the year 1922 has been fixed at 6 mills, and includes millage to raise funds for the Annual Sinking-Fund and interest on County Bonds and other obligations of the County.

### NOTICE OF TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT APPEAL FOR 1922.

Notice is hereby given to the tax payers of Centre County that the County Commissioners will hold appeals for the Triennial Assessment at the following times and places:

1922.

April 17th.—Bellefonte Borough, Milesburg Borough and Boggs Township, at the Court House, Bellefonte, Pa.  
April 18th.—Bellefonte Borough, at Court House, Bellefonte, Pa.  
April 19th.—Bellefonte Borough, Marion and Walker Townships, at Court House, Bellefonte, Pa.  
April 20th.—Bellefonte Borough, Benner, Patton, and Spring Townships, at Court House, Bellefonte, Pa.  
April 24th.—Half Moon, Taylor and Worth Townships, at Hotel, Port Matilda, Pa.  
April 25th.—Unionville Borough, Huston and Union Townships, at Hotel, Unionville, Pa.  
April 26th.—Howard Borough, Howard, Curtin and Liberty Townships, at Band Room, Howard, Pa.  
April 27th.—State College Borough, College and Ferguson Townships, at I. O. O. F. Hall, State College, Pa.  
May 1st.—Centre Hall Borough, Harris Township, at Hotel, Centre Hall, Pa.  
May 2nd.—Gregg and Potter Townships, at Hotel, Spring Mills, Pa.  
May 3rd.—Millheim Borough, Haines, Miles and Penn Townships, at Hotel, Millheim, Pa.  
May 5th.—Phillipsburg and South Phillipsburg, at Public Hall, Phillipsburg, Pa.  
May 6th.—Phillipsburg Borough and Rush Township, at Public Hall, Phillipsburg, Pa.  
May 8th.—Snow Shoe Borough, Burnside and Snow Shoe Townships, at Mountain House, Snow Shoe, Pa.  
May 25th.

May 26th.—A General Appeal for all Districts will be held at the Commissioners' Office, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Persons wishing to be heard at this Appeal must have the Assessor present and arrange with him as to his compensation.

NOTICE—No exonerations will be allowed on State Tax after the appeal day of the respective districts.

The Assessors who made the Triennial Assessment will hereby take notice that they shall meet the Commissioners in their Districts at the time and place mentioned above and bring with them all books and papers pertaining to their Assessment.

All persons wishing to appeal from their Assessments should meet the Commissioners and the Assessor at the place designated for holding appeals for their respective districts. They may bring such witnesses as they may see fit to establish valuations. No appeal will be heard after the time above stated.

HARRY P. AUSTIN,  
GEO. H. YARNELL,  
GEO. M. HARTER,  
County Commissioners.

Attest:—R. W. IRWIN, Clerk,  
Commissioners' Office, Bellefonte, Pa.,  
March 17th, 1922.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—

Letters of Administration on the estate of HENRY E. ROMAN, late of Potter Township, Centre County, deceased.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been duly granted the undersigned do hereby respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate so make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

MRS. ANNIE E. ROMAN, Administrator,  
W. Herison Walker, Centre Hall, Pa.  
Attorney  
Bellefonte, Pa. 614

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—

Estate of SARAH M. MEYER, late of Centre Hall Borough, Centre County, Pa., deceased.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated without delay for settlement.

W. A. ODENKIRK, Administrator,  
Centre Hall, Pa. 614

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