

As Others See Us

... Quotes about Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania

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Pittsburgh was growing skyward in the early 1900s. The top floors of the William Penn Hotel are being completed at center; Fifth Avenue is at right.

“There is no more typical American city than Pittsburgh. And Pittsburgh, by its Americanism, gives a lesson to the entire United States. Pittsburgh has not been built up by talking about it. Your tremendous concerns were built by men who actually did the work. You made Pittsburgh ace high when it could have been deuce high. There is not a Pittsburgh man who did not earn his success through his deeds.”

— Excerpt from a speech given by Theodore Roosevelt to the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at the William Penn Hotel, July 25, 1917. The text of the speech comes from *Great Men: Their Esteem for a Great City*, compiled by John P. Cowan (Pittsburgh, 1919).

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