

SINGAPORE TO HAVE TAXIS

Far Eastern City Will Abandon the Rickshaw, Long Used as Method of Transportation.

According to advices from Consul General Edwin N. Gonzales at Singapore, that city is to have an internal transportation system of thoroughly modern taxicabs.

Whether American automobile manufacturers will secure the order for these motors is problematical, but the most significant part of the news is that it marks a further development of the use of modern methods in the far East.

For several years in Singapore there has been a most consistent and vigorous agitation against the institution of the well-known rickshaws. Most of this agitation came from the tongue and pen of the educated Chinese, who maintain that the system of making a horse out of men is wrong from the standpoint of the degrading influence which it has on the individuals as well as the harm it is claimed to work upon the coolies.

Distances are great in most far Eastern cities, and while the rickshaw makes transportation reasonably convenient and comfortable, the rickshaw most certainly is a primitive vehicle and doomed to early abandonment because of the rapid advance now being made in the industrial and social life of the far East.

The new company to operate in Singapore is to be officially known as the Singapore Motor Taxicab and Transport company, Ltd., and will have capital of \$350,000. The initial equipment will be made up of 40 landaulet taxicabs, five one-ton trucks and five three-quarter ton trucks. Singapore has a population of 300,000.

HIGH PRICES FOR DIAMONDS

Value of the Highly Desired Sparklers Has Been Soaring to Unheard-of Heights.

The economic situation of the world at large is said by jewelers to be more responsible for the present high prices of diamonds than any shortage of diamonds in the South African mines or any manipulation of the output by the De Beers Diamond company.

The following figures concerning diamond prices were obtained from Antwerp, the European center of the diamond market. An uncut diamond before the war cost \$23 a carat and \$32 after cutting. Immediately after the declaration of war, the price slumped. In 1915 the Germans began to get nervous regarding the value of paper money and started buying all the diamonds they could find.

France, Switzerland, Italy and England followed suit and the price went up rapidly. On the eve of the armistice, an uncut carat diamond was worth \$70. Since the war ended, the diamond market has boomed, owing to the depreciation of European money, the difficulty of exchange and the embargo on the export of currency from one European nation to another. Today a carat of uncut stone finds a ready market at \$150.

The Antwerp merchants no longer seek customers. The market is swamped with buyers. Credit is no longer given. The sales are for cash. The buyer frequently resells and the new purchaser sells again at fat profits. Thus the price keeps going up. Large stones are snapped up at unheard of prices.

Frightful Experience.

"What was my most thrilling experience?" mused the ex-pilot. "Ah! I could never forget it. It was a bright starlight night, but the lurid flashes around us obscured all else as we sped through the air. The advancing enemy was hard upon us, while all around we heard the weird, savage music so terribly familiar, and the thud as of a thousand falling meteors. We dived, looped, corkscrewed till our senses were numbed. I felt a sharp pain in my right foot, a dull weight in my side—I was falling, falling—and knew no more till I found myself lying on the ground badly smashed some hours later."

"And that was really your record aerial engagement?"

"No," he replied; "it was my first experiment with the jazz."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Paying the War Cost.

Referring to the cost of the war, Secretary of War Baker told the finance committee of the senate and house that the total outgo in round numbers would be \$30,000,000,000; but \$9,000,000,000 of this was loans to our allies. Nearly a third of the net cost has already been paid out of money raised by taxation. The other two-thirds was obtained from the five Liberty loans. If we pay a billion a year, besides interest, we can clear off the war cost in about twenty-one years.

Big Contribution to War.

One of the most striking contributions of the United States to the war was the enormous quantity of smokeless powder high explosives produced, says the Scientific American. From April 1, 1917, to November 31, 1918, the United States produced 682 million pounds of smokeless powder, which was almost exactly equal to the combined output of France and Great Britain.

BOALSBURG.

Mrs. William Meyer spent a few days in Millheim.

Miss Esther Sparr, of Williamsburg, was in town a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Reitz visited friends at State College recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woods returned home, after being absent for several months.

Fred Ishler is spending some time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Ishler.

Cyril Zechman is home from Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. Henrietta Dale and daughter, Miss Anna, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Bellefonte.

Class No. 1 of the Reformed Sunday school will have a chicken and waffle supper in the Malta hall, on Saturday evening.

A number of people from Altoona, Bellefonte, Huntingdon and State Col-

lege attended the funeral of Mrs. Norman Slagle, on Monday.

John W. Keller returned home Monday, leaving Mrs. Keller in a Philadelphia hospital, where she underwent an operation last Wednesday.

There will be preaching services in the Lutheran church Friday and Saturday evenings, at 7:30 and Communion services Easter Sunday at 10:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reitz and son Henry, of Charter Oak, spent several days in town. Mrs. Reitz and Misses Dorothy and Hester Lonebarger spent some time in Bellefonte, having dental work done.

Mrs. Mollie Ishler and family moved to State College and Harry Ishler and family have taken charge of the Ishler farm. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lee, of Cedar Creek, purchased the Harry Ishler home in town. Mr. and Mrs. James Reed purchased the late Ira Ishler home, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kimport the Reed farm. Mrs. William Mothersbaugh and son John

will move from the Blue spring farm to the Kimport home. Charles Ross and family, of Ferguson township, will occupy the Blue spring farm. Mrs. Helen Klinger and family went to State College and James Callahan will move to the farm Mrs. Klinger vacated. John Jacobs will become manager of the Boal tavern and Harry Markle and family will move to the Boal home farm. David Snyder and family will occupy the house Markle's vacated, and it is reported Mrs. Grace Eckenroth, of Pleasant Gap, will move to the house owned by Mrs. Samuel Wagner. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn have retired from the Kidder farm and now occupy the William Stuart-house.

—Frank Green, of Allegheny county, was electrocuted at Rockview on Monday morning for the murder of Frank Vukovich, of East Pittsburgh, on November 3rd, 1918. The body was unclaimed and was buried in the penitentiary cemetery.



To sum up the Telephone Rate Situation

THERE are these facts before you! This company has experienced all of the increased costs of furnishing telephone service, and the public is still enjoying the low rates of pre-war days.

A year of even greater importance than any that has gone before is now confronting us—with its heavy requirements for extensions and improvements of the plant and of the service.

The company has no margin on which it can fall back. It has exhausted every possibility of economy, and still finds itself far from making ends meet.

Notable inventions and equipment perfections cannot be brought into play immediately to help the situation. Time and capital are required—much of both.

Adequate rates alone will insure the carrying out of the program for 1920 which will meet the desires and the requirements of the public.

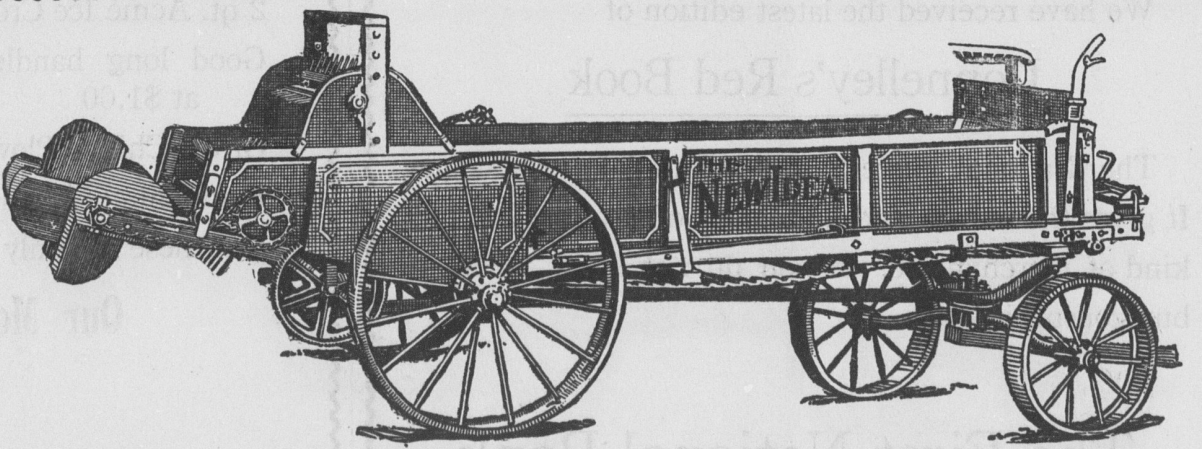
Adequate rates alone will make it possible for us to pay our bills and meet our obligations to the users of the service, to our employees, and to the owners of the property.

These obligations deserve the serious thought of every telephone user.

We are, after all, only your stewards in the furnishing of a great, important public service. That service must grow and must be the best. And adequate rates alone will make this possible.




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Clothes may not make the man—but you ought to see some men in the gym!

FAFTER all, all we see of Man is his clothes—and he ought to pay a lot of attention to his appearance.

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Look prosperous—and you'll feel like living up to your appearance. High-Art Clothes have style they have the quality to keep the style in permanently—tailored in, not merely pressed in.

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Why You Should Make a Will

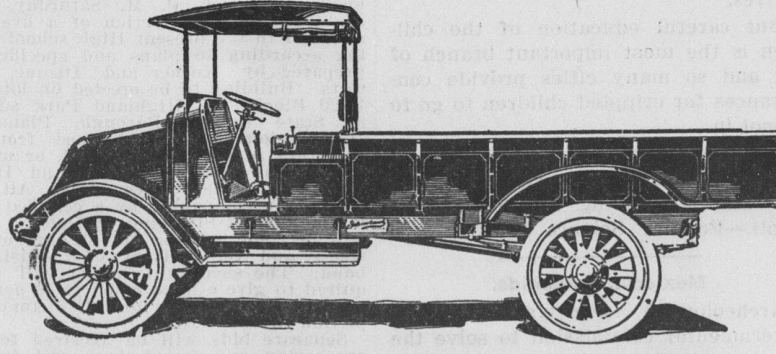
To protect your loved ones.
To safeguard your estate.
By making a Will you can appoint the Bellefonte Trust Company as your Executor or Trustee.
You can thus assure to your heirs the business management and financial responsibility which this institution affords.
Your wishes can be observed in the distribution of your property, for if you do not leave a Will the law may divide up your possessions in a way that you might not desire.

How Have You Made Your Will?

Do not write your own Will. "Home-made" Wills are dangerous and often cause law-suits, because, when drawing a Will the law must be known, both as to wording and terms. Consult a lawyer today about the making of your Will and have him name the Bellefonte Trust Company to act as your Executor and Trustee.

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