

CHEAP-TAXI PROVE POPULAR INSTITUTION

Management Announces It Will Have 300 Automobiles in Service by the First of the Year
MAY LOWER FARES LATER
More Trips and Lighter Cars Given as Reason for Ability to Run Under Reduced Charges

Taxi fares as cheap as those in London and Paris is the bright outlook for Philadelphia in the near future. For the low-priced taxicab has come to Philadelphia and it has come to stay. So successful have the new cars been with their moderate rates that trips across the Schuylkill for twenty-five cents will soon prevail, instead of a dollar or more, now the rate of some companies.

The cut-rate cabs, with their efficient service in handling hundreds of Philadelphians every day, have proved so popular that the operating company has been obliged to add 150 more cars to its fleet. The new cars will be in operation by the first of the year, making a total of nearly 300 taxicabs which Philadelphians will be able to use at the reduced fare.

The venture has proved so successful that both New York and Chicago followed this city's lead. Business men from these cities came to Philadelphia to get ideas, returned and then inaugurated similar companies in their own towns. These three cities are the only ones in the United States with the low rates. Camille Gemel, general manager of the concern operating the cheap-rate cars, said today:

"We keep our cars busy—that's the secret. Every car is busy all day long. Then, too, our machines are lighter and do not eat up as much motor oil as the heavier cars used by the other companies. Therefore, with our running expenses cut down, we can afford to cut down the prices. Giving a small profit from lots of business is equivalent to getting a large profit from little business, and we find it is much more popular with the public."

Mr. Gemel then took down a charge account book and showed bill after bill that amounted only to thirty cents. Other bills were forty, fifty, sixty and seventy cents for longer distances. Very few of them were high, but there were pages of them.

His company charges forty cents for the first mile and thirty cents for each additional mile.

Mr. Gemel said that his profits had increased seventy-five per cent since the low rates had been put into operation. He also promised that if the business was as successful in the future as it has been he will give Philadelphia taxicab fares as low as those in London and Paris. The prevailing rate in those cities is about twenty-five cents for the first mile and twenty cents for each additional mile.

The 150 new cars will be put at different stands throughout the city as soon as they are received, about the first of the year.

JUDGE SENTENCES BOY TO HURL 1000 STONES

Child Who Hit Playmates by Accident Throws for Hour and Half

LYNN, Mass., Nov. 24.—Leonard Crowder, ten years old, threw 1000 stones this afternoon, when he paid the penalty imposed by Judge Lummus in the District Court for throwing stones that injured two playmates. He pitched the prescribed missiles in a gravel pit while Probation Officer Farmer clocked each stone.

"I took one hour and thirty minutes to complete the sentence," said the boy. "I guess this is a pretty good job." Crowder told Farmer, after twenty-five stones had been thrown and he stopped to wipe perspiration from his face.

From then to the four hundredth stone the boy used an underhand motion and twice hit the rock he aimed at.

An ordinary tin man was placed twenty-five yards away and the boy aimed at throwing at that, using the baseball pitcher's motion, but having hardly enough speed to strike within reasonable distance of the mark. "I'm afraid I can't hit it, I'm tired. How many more have I got to throw?" he pleaded, tears mingling with perspiration on his face.

When the officer called out 925, Crowder said: "I can't throw any more. I'm all in. No more stones for me."

Urged by a crowd of playmates to "keep it up" the boy threw a dozen more stones with some speed, but no accuracy.

His arm was limp and the boy was gasping when Officer Farmer called out the thousandth stone. Immediately the boy was taken to his home, where liniment was applied to his right arm.

"Yes," he said, "I have thrown the last stone. I wish the judge had been there to see me carry out the sentence. He probably didn't understand that when I hurt one of my playmates I didn't mean to do it. Judge Lummus expressed satisfaction when told the boy had obeyed the sentence. "I do not believe in sending boys and girls to jail unless their offense is very grave," said the judge.

OPPOSE DELAWARE BRIDGE

Shippers and Others Protest Erection of Structure From Pensauken Township to Pettys Island

Representatives of shipping interests and owners of water-front properties will assemble in the office of the United States Engineer, Bourse Building, this afternoon to protest the proposed erection of a bridge across the back channel of the Delaware River from a point on the New Jersey shore in Pensauken township to Pettys Island. The objectors say the bridge would be a menace to commerce and a permanent obstacle to navigation.

THE NONHUNTING HUNTER HUNTED ON CHESTNUT ST.; HE BAGGED 'SUCKERS'

Being More or Less of a Fable of the Craftsman Who Brings Game From the Cold Regions and Sells to Those Who Don't Know Any Better

The hunter is a brave man. He carries a gun and wears a suit of buckskin and sometimes khaki. Around his waist there is usually a belt in which he carries shells. Some hunters wear boots which go to their hips and some other hunters do not wear any boots.

Some hunters have dogs which run ahead and pick up what they shoot. Sometimes dogs do not find what the hunter has shot. As a rule that kind of dog does not live long.

LUCKENBACH DENIES HE URGED WOMAN'S VISIT

Asserts He Never Invited Mrs. Wolle—Says She Asked for Money

EASTON, Pa., Nov. 24.—All the testimony in the \$25,000 damage case brought by Robert H. Wolle of Bethlehem, against Maurice Luckenbach for alienation of the affections of Mrs. Wolle has been completed. The case will go to the jury today. Mr. Luckenbach was on the stand most of the day yesterday.

"The first time she came to my home I did not send for her," the witness said. "She came and asked for money. She came quite frequently after that. She asked me to pay her daughter's tuition, saying that she had no money. Then there were music lessons for the daughter, but they lasted only a short time. Later she said she was sick, and she was growing worse gradually. She wanted me to help pay the doctors' bills and said she hoped to be able to reimburse me. She spoke of finding the Broad street house too expensive, expecting her mother to sell, and would reimburse me from the proceeds. I helped her."

Mr. Smith, of the counsel for the prosecution, on cross-examination, went into every phase of Luckenbach's relations with Mrs. Wolle, and the motives that actuated him when he advanced her large sums of money. The testimony held Mrs. Wolle's deepest interest. She leaned over the seat in front of her, intently listening to every word. Mr. Smith took up the \$13,000 "release" signed by Luckenbach and Mrs. Wolle, and asked innumerable questions regarding it. The document purported to release Luckenbach from "all suits, actions, payments, liabilities," so far as Mrs. Wolle was concerned. The defendant testified: "If she recovered her health, I would consider marrying her. I did not promise to marry her. I promised to consider marrying her." To avoid publicity, he settled by paying her the \$13,000. By publicity, he meant court proceedings, he said. Asked to explain what he meant, Luckenbach said Mrs. Wolle had threatened to sue him for damages.

"Damages for what?" inquired Mr. Smith. Mr. Luckenbach replied, "damages for stopping going to her house."

TURKEY SHORTAGE IN CITY

Birds Will Be Both Scarce and Expensive, Ranging in Price From 34 to 45 Cents a Pound

Thanksgiving turkeys in Philadelphia will be both scarce and expensive. According to the latest market quotations, the retail price in this city will be:

Prime turkeys, dressed, forty-five cents a pound; second quality, thirty-eight to forty-two cents a pound, and third quality, thirty-four to thirty-eight cents a pound.

The much-heralded annual Thanksgiving turkey auction sale at Hatfield, Pa., not only fixes the Philadelphia market price, but issues a reliable forecast as to the scarcity of the birds in this city. Whereas usually 5000 are sold annually in Hatfield at pre-Thanksgiving time, only approximately 1000 were sold yesterday. Hence, turkeys will be scarce and expensive. Q. E. D.

The highest figures ever obtained prevailed at the Hatfield sale. The turkeys sold averaged thirteen pounds to the bird. Some of the farmers stroked their beards and said the "thirteen" average evidently was unlucky so far as Philadelphia is concerned.

The highest wholesale price paid was \$30.70 for 100 pounds live weight wholesale for first-choice turkeys. That means forty-five cents a pound retail in Philadelphia, according to Milton B. Benner, of Worcester, the auctioneer.

Purchasers at the sale at Hatfield will prepare the birds for sale in the markets in Philadelphia.

Kelly and Campbell Hold Leads

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 24.—M. Clyde Kelly, Progressive Democrat, is leading Representative W. R. Coleman, Republican, by 250 votes in the Thirtieth Congressional District, and Guy E. Campbell, Democrat, is leading Representative A. J. Barchfeld, Republican, by seventy-five votes in the Thirty-second, according to the official count, excepting only the soldier vote to be counted today. In the Barchfeld-Campbell contest court proceedings start today.

DOWNSTAIRS SHOWROOM

Hand painted shades in subdued colors of landscapes and flowers, after famous paintings—decorative and practicable

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Made the Rest of This Month Will Be on
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For Tomorrow, We Announce
500 Fur-Trimmed SILK PLUSH COATS

Positively Worth Up to \$40.00 } **\$25.00** } Positively Worth Up to \$40.00

We hardly thought it would be possible to duplicate such silk plush coats again this season to sell at \$25.00, and here the unexpected has happened.

These Coats Are of Greater Value Than Any We Have Yet Sold!

There are exactly 500 coats—every one a perfect beauty in their full-sweep effects and truly gorgeous wide trimmings of fur.

Some have been used as salesmen's samples and for showroom pieces—and these show slight roughness in the fabric from handling—but you would hardly notice these hurts if we did not show them to you.

They are developed of finest shimmering silk plush; and are satin lined throughout. Some have collars of fur, and cuffs and bottom of coats with fur to match—others have fur collars and cuffs, and yet some have very deep collars of plush trimmed with fur.

The choosing is unusual, for every size is represented.

Several Purchases Added Tomorrow

Men's Overcoats and Winter Suits

Save One-Third and More!

The Saturday before Thanksgiving is the time when all well-dressed men finally decide to buy their new overcoat or suit.

We planned accordingly—and we have the best stocks we ever carried this season and at these most pleasing savings, too!

They are garments that come from our regular makers—nothing slipshod in their tailoring or designing—but in every way they are up to the standard of the Earle Store.

Double Breasted Full Swagger Overcoats
Double Breasted Pinch Back Overcoats
Double Breasted Waist Fitted Overcoats
D. B. Convertible Collar Belted Overcoats
Single Breasted Conservative Overcoats
Black or Oxford Grey Chesterfield Overcoats
Single or Double Breasted Pinch Back Suits
Double Breasted, one or two button Belted Suits
Conservative Model, three button Suits

Particular attention is called to the suits and overcoats at \$14.75 and \$17.50, for they include such well-known makes as "ATTERBURY SYSTEM" and "BOULEVARD CLOTHES," "ROCHESTER ART CLOTHES," "HOUSE OF HOCHMAN" and other makers whose names we cannot mention owing to the lowered prices. Many are silk lined.

Extra salesmen to give you prompt and efficient attention.

\$9.75

\$11.75

\$14.75

\$17.50

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