

SKILLED WHIPS.

Something About the London Cabmen and Their Ways.

The Army of Hardy Men Upon Whom the People of the Great City Depend for Convoynce.

That "Cabby knows his fare," is a truism. At the same time, admitted that our London Jehus are perfectly well able to look after themselves, it will also be granted that they are an exceedingly useful body of public servants, popular with prince and plebeian alike, says an English paper.

A hundred thousand "fares," by a moderate computation, are daily taken wherever they please in London; indeed, we should not be surprised by the calculation that \$50,000 a day is spent for this convenience. A recent report of the Metropolitan commissioner of police put the number of licensed "hansom," two-wheeled cabs, at 7,500, and of "clearances," or four-wheelers, at 4,013, while there was an increase of 1,136—mostly hansom—in the year 1888.

The number of cab drivers was 15,514, some of them probably doing night duty with cabs driven by other men in the day time. It is usual, in such cases, to put in fresh horses in the afternoon.

Here is an army of skilled whips, everyone of whom must pass an official examination before he gets a license, and most of whom previously belonged to the classes of persons accustomed to manage horses; they were coachmen, carmen, grooms, or stablemen. Part of their examination relates to their knowledge of the principal streets of London, the railway stations and the public buildings; they are not required, we believe, to learn the table of distances and rates of fares.

Differences of opinion sometimes arise upon such points as these, especially with passengers who seem to be strangers to the locality; but the experienced Londoner knows how to consult an official table, and can guess by the time and pace how far he has traveled in the cab.

In the streets of London, exclusive of the city, there are about six hundred public cab ranks besides those at the railway stations, with an average of nearly ten standings for cabs at each place, but these are seldom entirely occupied. Considering the enforced idleness of the many long hours spent in waiting for fares, the behavior of the men on these ranks is generally as good as could reasonably be expected.

A wise and kindly movement, which deserves greater public support, has been sixteen years in progress, to organize the institution of "cabmen's shelters," with wholesome refreshments sold at a fair price, and with a little supply of books and papers to read at the cab ranks where these men are detained in sufficient numbers to make it worth while.

"Cabmen's shelters" are of different models and sizes; but those of later construction are decidedly ornamental to the streets, being elegant in design and often prettily decorated. They are of light wood, yellow deal, with oaken corner posts and oaken curb around the bottom, for strength and durability, and properly fitted in the interior, which is divided into two compartments, with shelves, tables, seats and lockers, with a cooking stove, an iron coke bin or coal bin, a lead lined or galvanized iron sink for washing, a place for keeping provisions, and a dresser for crockery and utensils, will cost about one hundred and seventy-five pounds. The stove, the hardware and utensils, twenty or twenty-five pounds more.

The dimensions of the new model cabmen's shelter are eighteen feet or eighteen feet six inches in length, seven feet, or seven feet six inches in width, and ten feet six inches height; but the old pattern was seventeen feet long by six feet or six feet six inches wide. There is room for eight or ten persons to sit comfortably at the table, while the attendant in charge has his separate compartment and kitchen at the end.

None but cab drivers on the stand are admitted, to the number, in some instances, of a hundred or more in the day, forty or fifty being a common average number served. They have tea or coffee, bread and butter, meat or eggs or bacon of the best quality and well cooked, at prices regulated by an official tariff. Newspapers, popular magazines, and a few books amuse their leisure half hours; if they want to smoke a pipe they can go outside to the cabstand.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements in this column will repay perusal.

A. J. OLIVER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Law and Notary Public, 306 Salem avenue s. w., practices in the courts of Roanoke City and county, Court of Appeals and U. S. Courts; prepares deeds, takes acknowledgments, etc. July 4-6m

FREDERICK J. AMWEG, C. E., M. Am Soc. C. E. & Eng'r's Club of Philadelphia engineer, contractor and builder, Commercial Bank Building, Roanoke, Va. apr22-tf

T. M. COCKE & CO., SUCCESSORS TO L. F. BURKS, practical plumbers, gas and steam fitters, 115 Commerce street, Roanoke, dealers in all kinds of plumber, gas and steam fitters' supplies. Prompt attention to orders and satisfaction guaranteed. may30-6m

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AUCTION SALES.

J. BROCK, GENERAL AUCTIONEER, 144 Salem avenue. CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED. Advances made on all kinds of wares or merchandise. Regular night's sale at 7 o'clock. sept20

ONE-CENT-A-WORD COLUMN.

Persons at a distance desiring to insert advertisements in the One-Cent-a-Word column can count the number of words, reckon at the rate of one cent a word for each of the first two insertions and half a cent a word for each subsequent insertion, and remit accordingly.

ANSWER BULLETIN.

THERE are letters at THE TIMES office addressed to "G. B. E.," "R. M.," "E. F. G.," "X. H. M.," "X. Y. V.," "X. S. H.," "M. C. D.," "C. D.," "Clothing."

WANTED-HELP.

WANTED—A POPULAR YOUNG man thoroughly conversant with the gent's furnishing business. Address stating experience and salary. EXPERIENCE, TIMES office. sept22-tf

WANTED-SITUATIONS.

AN INDUSTRIOUS YOUNG married man desires employment. References. Address "N. Y. STATE," TIMES Office. sept22-2t

WANTED—POSITION AS BARTENDER; first class. Address "M.," TIMES Office. sept22-2t

YOUNG MAN DESIRES POSITION at anything. "X" TIMES office. sept16-1w

WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, position as clerk in grocery store, four years' experience. Best of references. Address, "R. G.," TIMES office. sept16-1w

WANTED-MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED.—THREE OR FOUR convenient rooms for light house-keeping. Location central. Address "Y.," TIMES office. sept18-1wk

FOR THE FINEST PIPES IN THE city call at G. C. Walker's, 24 Salem avenue. No trouble to show goods. They are fine. sept-1m

NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to me on professional or other accounts are requested to call at office and settle at once. H. A. SIMS, M. D. September 18, 1891. sept18-1wk

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL music—Mrs. S. B. Williams, Music rooms, corner Roanoke and Franklin streets s. w. Apply for terms, etc., at above address or at Ponce de Leon Hotel. sept17-tf

WANTED—RENTER FOR FINE front office Jefferson street, first floor; address box 145. sept15-tf

LUMBER AND LATHS—EACH OF the above on hand and for sale. For terms, etc., call on B. F. PARRACK, Second avenue, Fifth street n. w., 432, or address T. S. Burwell, Avis, Va., N. & W. R. R. sept6-1mo

WANTED, 1,000 MEN TO UNLOAD schooners of beer at 5 cents a glass. White Elephant Saloon, No. 10 First street s. e. (Nelson street). First-class restaurant; meals at all hours. sept4-1y

TERRY & McCORMICK, REAL ESTATE and rental agents, can furnish you all sorts of property for sale or rent cheap in all parts of the city. Call at southwest corner of Campbell and Henry streets. sept2-1m

GET YOUR CLOTHING CLEANED or dyed at the Magic City Steam Dye Works, 117 Salem avenue. Perfect work guaranteed. Goods called for and delivered. CHARLES DAVIS, proprietor. may17-tf.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN between Sixth street s. w., and residence of L. L. Powell. Liberal reward will be paid if returned to office of Wm. Lunsford. sept22-3t

LOST—A NOTE, DATED AUGUST 20, 1891, for \$150; maker, Robert H. Cowan; endorsed by Brothers de Saussure & Waters and Hunter St. John, this city. Forewarn all persons to negotiate this note if found. BROTHERS DE SAUSSURE & WATERS. sept10-30ds

FOUND—FOUR SMALL KEYS. Apply to TIMES office. sept5-tf.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—CHEAP—BUSINESS and residence property in all parts of the city. M. H. O'MOHUNDRO, No. 5 Salem avenue. sept6-1mo

FOR RENT—FRONT OFFICE ON the ground floor in THE TIMES building. The most convenient office in the city. Apply at the business office of THE TIMES. June5-tf

FOR RENT—OFFICE NO. 109, "Times Building." Apply at 113 Henry street. aug29-tf

FOR RENT—TWO LARGE PLEASANT rooms, singly or en suite, furnished or unfurnished; finest location in Roanoke; convenient to business and street cars. J. E. MOORE, Salem avenue, near Eighth street s. w. sept5-1wk

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FOR SALE. FINE SADDLE AND DRIVING horse. LIGON & BRO., Salem ave. sept23-1wk

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DELIGHTFUL FRONT ROOM, BAY windows, handsomely furnished, with board; also table boarders, at 17 Church street, between Nelson and Jefferson. sept23-1wk

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WANTED—BOARDERS 312 Sixth avenue s. w. MRS. RHODES. sept5-1mo

WANTED.—ROOM AND TABLE boarders at 504 Campbell street, corner Park. July30-tf

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DO YOU WEAR PANTS? PLYMOUTH ROCK PANTS CO. NO. 10 JEFFERSON ST., T. B. MOCK, AGENT.

PANTS TO ORDER \$3 to \$8.25. SUITS TO ORDER \$13.25 to \$35. OVERCOATS TO ORDER \$25 to \$50. sept5-1m.

NOTICE.—ALL REAL ESTATE agents with whom my lots are listed for sale will please make a note of my change of residence, that they may know where to communicate with me, when necessary. My address will be 820 W. Grace street, Richmond, Va. G. POWELL HILL. sept23-1t

NOTICE.

The firm of Barbour, Rodrick & Co., livery stable, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 8th of September. All accounts are to be settled by A. T. Barbour, BARBOUR, RODRICK, & CO., sept19-1wk By A. T. BARBOUR.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between J. H. Wingate and J. E. M. Hanchel, known as Wingate & Hanchel, civil engineers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All parties indebted to this firm are requested to settle their accounts at once. Both gentlemen will continue the engineering business and will be found at their offices in Didier building. J. H. WINGATE, aug25-30ds. J. E. M. HANCHEL.

SEAL PRESSES, PLAIN, \$3. SELF-inking rubber stamps, from 75 cents up to \$5. Hand stamps, from 25 cents up. Self-supplying pads, 25 to 50 cents. Stamp supplies of every description, as low in price as any manufacturer in the United States. Call on or address J. T. HALL, 103 Third avenue. aug19-7mo

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Land Company will be held at the company's office, room 5, Times building, Roanoke, on Tuesday the 13th of October 1891. HUGH W. FRY, Sec'y. sept10-1aw-4w.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the ROANOKE TIMES Publishing Company will be held at the office of the Company in the city of Roanoke, Virginia, at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday October 6th, 1891, for the purpose of electing directors and other officers to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. D. H. MATSON, Sec'y. sept10-1aw-4w.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the American Bridge and Iron Company is hereby called to meet at the office of Penn & Cooke at 4 p. m. on Monday, the 5th day of October, 1891. By order of the Board of Directors. LUCIAN H. COCKE, Secretary. sept2tdm.

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WHO WANTS Portland Cement, Rosendale Cement, Texas Lime, Cloverdale Lime or Caloaine Plaster? We have it at close prices for cash.

H. W. CROWL Real Estate Co., No. 5 Salem Ave. Jan27-1y

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