WASHINGTON LETTER.

ew Workhouse—The Wonder Telephonograph—The New Board of Charities,

[Special Correspondence.]

The inspector of buildings, John B. Brady, and the force in his office are engaged on the plans and specifications for the municipal buildings provided for by the last congress. One of these is the new workhouse for male prisoners. There is an appropriation of \$100,000 for the construction of this prison. It will be erected upon the grounds of the existing workhouse, on the banks of the Eastern Branch, in the eastern part of the city.

The plans for the prison have been prepared by C. A. Didden and call for a fireproof structure, with a central administration building, four stories and a basement, 72 by 72 feet. There will be lateral wings and a rear extension, one clear story, 35 feet in height, the wings to be 52 by 130 feet and connected with the main edifice by one story corridors. The exterior walls will be red sandstone, and the roof will be of steel trusses covered with slate. Each wing will contain 144 steel cage cells, with slate slab floors, and each furnished with washstand and closet.

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The commissioners are aware of the opposition to the erection of the building in the locality selected, and it has been suggested to them that with propriety they might delay the construction until after congress shall have had an opportunity to designate a site in express terms. The commissioners, however, see no good reason why they should longer delay the building. The engineer commissioner says that in two or three weeks' time the specifications will be finished, and then proposals will be ansked for the construction of the prison.

The Telephonograph.

Consul Warner, at Leipsic, has made a report to the state department in regard to the "telephonograph," an invention which combines the advantages of a telephone and a phonograph and is specially designed to record messages received during the absence of the operator. It was invented by a Dane named Paulsen. "The person called up," says Consul Warner, "has only to hold the trumpet to his ear upon returning to the office, even after an absence of days, to receive the message. Many inventors have tried to effect such a combination, but all failed on account of the difficulty of transferring the message on to a wax cylinder. "Instead of a wax cylinder Paulsen

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"Instead of a wax cylinder Paulsen used a flexible steel band in his phonograph, which is much simpler in construction than the Edison phonograph. Messages are much more easily removed from the steel band than from the wax cylinder. It is wound on two spools, moving quickly from one to the other, and coming in contact with a very small electro magnet, switched into the circuit, which affects the steel band in such a way as to record on it any sound that may penetrate to the phonograph. It is only necessary to cause the steel band to repass the magnet in order to have the sound repeated. Each vibration of the electro magnet in order to have the sound repeated. Each vibration of the electro magnet in growth of the steel band. In order to remove a message from the steel band a magnet is passed over the surface on which the message was recorded."

The New Board of Charities.

The president shortly before leaving for his home in Canton, O, announced the appointment of the following as the board of charities of the districts. W. Woodward, John Joy Edson, Simon Wolf, George W. Cook and Dr. Charles P. Neill.

The board of charities was authorized by the provisions of the act of congress approved June 6, the act providing that the president should appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, five residents of the District as members of the board for a term of three years, but in such a manner that the terms of not more than two of them should expire in the same year. No compensation is to be received by the members of the board, and during their terms of office they shall not serve as trustees or other administrative officers of any institution subject to the visitations of the board.

Passing of an Old Landmark.

In the demolishing of Willard's, now

Passing of an Old Landmark.

In the demolishing of Willard's, now going on, Washington will lose a famous old landmark and one of its noted hotels. Not even the oldest inhabitant can remember when this hotel was built, but the land on which it is situated was purchased in 1793, and soon after a small, unpretentious building, the nucleus of what became a popular and fashionable hotel, was erected. This modest house was first known as the Queen hotel, which was afterward changed to the City hotel, and when it passed into the hands of the Willards it received the name of its new proprietors.

Vice Consul Monaghan, at Chemnitz, has furnished the state department with tables of the world's production of copper, which show that North America completely surpasses other lands in the production of a total output of 473,818 tons for 1899 North America supplied 265,156 tons. The statement shows also that the production is hardly equal to the demand, for, in spite of increased prices, it has advanced only a little more than 9 per cent.

Attorney General Griggs has fully decided that it will be best to postpone the crection of a new department of justice building until congress can meet again and pass upon the question of making an additional appropriation sufficient to insure the erection of a deent building. Carl Schoffeld.

The United States pays now an average of \$1,000,000 a day for tropical

NICARAGUA CANAL.

re-Cragin Syndicate Now In F

Managua, Nicaragua, Aug. 3.—President Zelaya, speaking before the Nicaragua congress at the opening session, announced the termination of the concession of the Maritime Canal company and formally proclaimed the existence of the Eyre-Cragin syndicate concession.

The president's official statement finally clears the canal situation, which has been much beclouded during the last two years. It means:

any other contract for the construction of a canal between the two oceans."

Wood Appeases Cubans.
Havana, Aug. 3.—Governor General Wood yesterday bade adien to 300 troops and ten officers of the First United States infantry, who sailed by the transport Rawlins for New York, from which point they will proceed to China. Telegrams continue to arrive from municipalities throughout the island congratulating him upon his safe return. The cabinet conferred in the morning with General Wood, discussing, among other matters, a modification of the electoral law. The secretaries advocated the division of the island into districts of 50,000 electors each for the purpose of choosing delegates to the constitutional convention. This modification was approved by General Wood and will give 31 delegates. Mayor Rodriguez and the city council waited upon the governor general in reference to a revision of the charter. He informed them that the military government had no desire to force anything objectionable upon the city and that until any revision which they might desire had been made the charter would not be acted upon. These ansurances were received with evident satisfaction.

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Alaska's Gold Output.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Reports to the bureau of the mint show that the receipts of gold at the Seattle assay office in the month of July from the Klondike amount to \$6,084,000 and from Alaska to \$266,000. At San Francisco the original receipts were \$2,156,032 from the Klondike and \$121,676 from Alasko. The total receipts of the San Francisco mint in July from all sources, including the Seattle assay office, amounted to \$13,400,000. The total receipts on the Pacific coast from the Klondike so far this senson are about \$9,500,000, against \$7,630,000 at the same time last year.

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North Carolina Election.

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—The election passed off quietly. A heavy white vote was polled, but the negroes took little interest in the result and generally remained away from the polls. In many instances they voted the Democratic ticket. Every eastern county was carried by the Democrats, the majorities in some of them being 3,000. Most of the central counties also are Democratic. Returns from the west are incomplete. The indications are that the state is Democratic by 30,000 majority, the legislature three-fourths Democratic and the franchise amendment adopted.

Porto Ricans Going to Hawaii.
San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 3.—Mr. S.
T. Alexander, the representative of the Hawaiian Planters' association, who has been here for some time, sailed for New York on board the steamer Caracas. Mr. Alexander, who has traveled all over the island and persuaded many Porto Ricans to emigrate to the Hawaiian Islands, said he believes they will prove good workmen and creditable citizens of Hawaii. He left local agents with power to contract with would be emigrants.

American Wins Paris Prize.

Albany, Aug. 3.—Secretary T. E. Medarr of the state commission in lunacy as been awarded the first prize at the arise exposition for the best exhibit howing the progress made during the ast hundred years in the care of the insue. Mr. McGarr's exhibit of photographs, statistics and working models clueted from all parts of the country is complete history of what has been done or betterment in the treating of the menalty unsound.

London, Aug. 3.—Major Beddoes, with 400 West African troops, has routed 3.000 Ashantis at Dompmassi, killing 150 and wounding 500. Major Beddoes and two other officers were severely wounded. About 40 men of the British force were also wounded. There are in-dications that the trouble is not ended, and re-enforcements are needed.

Germany to Search For the Pole.
Berlin, Aug. 3.—Captain Banendahl of
he imperial navy will start for the north
ole in a fortnight. He will sail directly
nto the pack ice regions north of Spitzergen and then eastward to the open
ca, when he believes that he can reach
he pole. He will take three years' proisions.

Two Killed by Explosion.

Phillipsburg, N. J., Aug, 3.—One man was killed and another seriously injured by an explosion of dust in the grinding nill of the Alpha Cement works at this blace. Both are Hungarians, but their names are unknown.

Extension of Free Delivery.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The postoffice department has established rural free delivery service, to begin Aug. 15, at Henrietta, West Henrietta, Barnards Crossing and Webster, N. Y., and Phenixville, Pa.

Pa.

J. D. Richardson Renominated.

Nashville, Aug. 3.—James D. Richardson, leader of the minority in the house of representatives, has been renominated for congress by the Democrats of the Fifth district. He had no opposition.

Weather Forecast. Generally fair: fresh southerly winds, hifting to westerly.

PERSONAL.

Miss Bid Haggerty, of Providence, ackawanna county, is visiting her ster, Mrs. James B. Ferry.

Miss Sarah McCarthy, of Ridge street, will leave in a few days for Mahanoy City and later will visit Atlantic City.

Mrs. L. G. Hatton, of Philadelphia, is sisting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Stevens,

Miss Nellie McLaughlin, of Ridge street, left last evening for a few weeks stay at Wilkesbarre.

Mrs. Daniel Moore, of Alvintown, is sisting friends in Drifton.

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homas Thorburn, of Wilkesbarre,
aral secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of
theastern Pennsylvania, spent yes-

Miss Maggie Sullivan returned last vening to her home at Mountain Top fter a month's visit here. Miss Rose McElwee is spending the eek with Honey Brook relatives.

Miss Drucilla Burns, of North Ridge treet, returned from Mahanoy City

Jöseph Hochlander, of New Haven, Conn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Hochlander, North Washington street.

Washington street.
Miss Nettle Shellhamer, of Alvintown, visiting relatives in Weatherly.
Mrs. J. P. MeNells and family, of ront street, are visiting county seat

Miss Annie Dugan, of Allentown, is isiting relatives in town.

P. C. Miller, the popular Front stree arber, will spend a few days at the eashore next week. Mrs. William Sediel and Miss Laura

mith are the guests of Joseph Johns nd family. nd family.

Miss Sarah Goulden, of Philadelphia,
s visiting relatives in Upper Lehigh.

Joe Christberger, of Ridge street, is
isiting friends in Eckley.

L. G. Hatton, of Philadelphia, is exected in town tomorrow.

Miss Mary O'Donnell, of Philadelphia

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Mrs. Michael Bosak, the guest of Mrs dock the past two weeks, returned her home in Olyphant yesterday.

Misses Mary and Sarah Malloy acompanied their cousin, Mollie Haggery, to Newtown yesterday, where they ill spend a few days.

Misses Nettie and Acquilla Johnson pent yesterday with friends in Drifton Mrs. John Hartranft, of North Wash ington street, and her guest, Miss Tilli Stout, enjoyed a drive through Butler valley yesterday.

BREVITIES.

Afterwards, Toski settled

Contractor Griffith's force of carpen ters is working overtime on the alter-ations being made in the Daniel Coxe school building.

Senool building.

Smoke and chew Kendall, Clock & Co.'s NXNX union-made. Mnftd by the Clock Tobacco Co., Seranton, Pa. Edgar Kudlich, of Drifton, who has been ill for some time, is still in a serious condition. His coasin, Dr. Kudlich, of New York city, has been called to consult with Dr. Neale.

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The tower on the Municipal building received its first coat of paint yesterday.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

The following young people accompanied the Luther League excursion to Harvey's Lake this morning: Charles Wenner, Casper Greeby, Robert Miller, George Shambora, Harvey Wenner, Joseph Radley and Charles and Miss Annie Dever.

Mrs. Mary Kushnerick, who left a few months ago for the old country on account of her health, returned to her home on South Centre street yesterday. She is much improved in health.

Try Keiper's ice cream soda.

Rev. F. Marshall has some of the nest asters in town.

Mrs. John Kanuck, of Drifton, is on he sick list.

the sick list.

Dance and free lunch at Mrs. John Krouse's tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Birkbeck entertained several friends at their home on Johnson street Wednesday evening. The occasion was the ninth anniversary of their wedding.

Fifty-one people from town' accompanied the Luther League excursion to Harvey's Lake this morning.

ROUND THE REGION.

Yesterday morning Bishop M. J. Hoban and the following clergymen of the Scranton diocese left on a pilgrimage to Rome: Rev. Charles J. Goeckel, Wilkesbarre; Rev. John J. O'Malley, Kingston; Rév. P. J. Colligan, Ashley; Rev. James A. Moffitt, Taylor; Rev. D. A. Dunne, Moscow; Rev. John T. Ruddy and Rev. P. E. Layelle, West Scranton; Rev. P. F. Quinnan, Pittston; Rev. Walter A. Gorman, Minooka, and Rev. Martin F. Fleming, South Scranton.

Adam Gernheart, of Weston, who was injured in a gas explosion in the mines at that place about a year ago, was admitted to the Miners' Hospital to be treated for a peculiar allment. His face healed up nicely, but when the bandages were taken from his figures they grew together on both hands, causing great suffering. Dr. Lathrop cut the web and it is believed that Gearheart will soon have free use of his hands again.

A horse driven by Thomas Palmer, until recently foreman of Pond Creek brick works, was struck and killed by an express train at White Haven yesterday morning. The buckboard was completely wrecked. Mr. Palmer escaped by jumping out just before the train arrived.

Michael Descosmas, who is charged Adam Gernheart, of Weston, who wa

Michael Descosmas, who is charged with being an accessory in the Modena murder, has been released on \$2,500 bail

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has issued orders that their collieries in the Schuylkili region would work full time until further notice. These collieries have been working five days a week.

Because one of their number was discharged, the driver boys at No. 2 shaft of the Susquehanna Coal Company, at Nanticoke, went on strike yesterday morning. The mine is idle and 400 men are out of work.

The Luzerne county committee of th Prohibition party yesterday nominated Samuel H. Houser for congress, and John H. Dando for district attorney.

The plan to connect Laurytown asylum with the Anthracite telephone line has fallen through again, the company not being able to assure the directors that connection would be made with Mauch Chunk in the near future.

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Mine Inspector Davies' report for July
shows that three fatal and four nonfatal accidents occurred in this district
during July.

Edward Brennan, one of the best

known miners in Plymouth, was killed Wednesday night in the mines by a fall of coal.

of coal.

Four car loads of miners from the Wyoming valley left Wilkesbarre yesterday for Rock Springs. Wyoming, to work in the mines of the Union Pacific Coal Company.

The Schuylkill Brewing Company of Pottsville has taken the preliminary steps to increase its capital stock from \$1,000 to \$5,500,000. This trust now controls thirteen of the best paying breweries in Schuylkill county.

BREVITIES.

Mountain Grove camp meeting, an-nually conducted by the Methodist Epis-copal churches of the Danville district, will be opened on Wednesday of next

week.

A daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Miller.

Miss Bessie Edwards, of North Ridge street, is seriously ill.

George C. Clarke, who was for twenty years Augustin Daly's stage manager, will produce Daniel L. Hart's play, "The Parish Priest," in England this season. The play was seen here on May 21.

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Mrs. John Melly is seriously ill at her home on South Washington street.

Andrew Davis and family have changed their residence from Birkbeck street to North Centre street.

Gray Dange, Sr. of Ridge street, one of

Gus Donop, Sr., of Ridge street, one of the hostlers at the D. S. & S. round-house, is confined to his home suffering from injuries received by falling from an engine.

an engine.

George Yoch, who has been awarded
the contract of painting the interior of
the Municipal building, has a force of
men at the work.

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The congregation of St. Mary's Greek Catholic church is having a fine flagstone sidewalk laid along the front of the church and parsonage property on Fern street.

James J. Sweeney, who recently left town and made his home in Scranton, called upon the tobacco dealers of the region this week in the interest of the Clock Tobacco Company.

\$5,00 to Niagara Falls and Return.
Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad,
August 11, 1000. Tickers will be on
ale August 11, limited for return passage to August 13, inclusive, and will
be honored on any train, except the
Black Diamond express.
For further particulars consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents.

One Fare to Chicago and Return, Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad, on account of the G. A. R. national en-campment, August 27-September 1. Tickets on sale August 25, 26 and 27. Consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents for particular.

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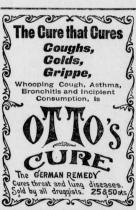
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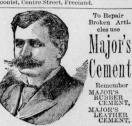


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PLEASURE.

August 18.—Picnic of Citizens' band of Eckley at Cycle Path grove. August 28.—Excursion of Yourg Men's C. T. A. B. Corps to Shawanese Lake. Fare from Freeland, \$1.35; chil-dren, \$1.



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