

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The New Workhouse—The Wonderful Telephone—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.

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.

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 telephone. 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.

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.

The president shortly before leaving for his home in Canton, O., announced the appointment of the following as the board of charities of the district: S. 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.

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 was situated was purchased in 1793, and soon after a small, unpretentious building, the nucleus of what became a popular and fashionable hotel, was erected.

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NICARAGUA CANAL.

Eyre-Cragin Syndicate Now in Full Control.

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.

The president's official statement finally clears the canal situation, which has been much belabored during the last two years. It means: That if the United States decides to build the canal it must deal with the Eyre-Cragin syndicate, which, without regard to previous treaties, concessions or conditions, has the sole right to construct the canal.

How explicitly the Nicaragua government has granted the concession and how completely the Cragin syndicate owns it is shown by article 5 of the concession, which says: "The state of Nicaragua shall grant in perpetuity to the Inter-oceanic Canal company (the Cragin syndicate) the exclusive right to survey, locate, excavate, construct, enlarge, extend, use, maintain, own and operate a maritime canal and its accessories between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans through the territory of Nicaragua.

Wood Appeals Cubans. Havana, Aug. 3.—Governor General Wood yesterday bade adieu 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.

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 \$296,000.

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 majority remained away from the polls. In many instances they voted the Democratic ticket.

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.

American Wins Paris Prize. Albany, Aug. 3.—Secretary T. E. McGarr of the state commission in lunacy has been awarded the first prize at the Paris exposition for the best exhibit showing the progress made during the past hundred years in the care of the insane.

British Kill 150 Ashantis. London, Aug. 3.—Major Beddoes, with 400 West African troops, has routed 3,000 Ashantis at Drompassi, killing 150 and wounding 500. Major Beddoes and two other officers were severely wounded. About 40 men of the British force were also wounded.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Bid Haggerty, of Providence, Lackawanna county, is visiting her sister, 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 visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Stevens, Coxe addition.

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

Mrs. Daniel Moore, of Alwintown, is visiting friends in Drifton.

Thomas Thorburn, of Wilkesbarre, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Northeastern Pennsylvania, spent yesterday in town.

J. A. Alden has returned from a visit to his parents in Dorrance township.

Mrs. Della Chambers is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Evan Woodring in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Julius Hudaky left yesterday to spend two weeks at Chautauqua Lake and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. George Dotter and Miss Jewett Dwyer, of Perth Amboy, N. J., are visiting in town.

Miss Maggie Sullivan returned last evening to her home at Mountain Top after a month's visit here.

Miss Rose McElwee is spending the week with Honey Brook relatives.

Miss Drucilla Burns, of North Ridge street, returned from Mahanoy City yesterday.

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

Miss Nettie Shellhamer, of Alwintown, is visiting relatives in Weatherly.

Mrs. J. P. McNellis and family, of Front street, are visiting county seat friends.

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

P. C. Miller, the popular Front street barber, will spend a few days at the seashore next week.

Mrs. William Sediell and Miss Laura Smith are the guests of Joseph Johnson and family.

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

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

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

Miss Mary O'Donnell, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Rose Burke, Walnut street.

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

Misses Mary and Sarah Malloy accompanied their cousin, Mollie Haggerty, to Newtown yesterday, where they will spend a few days.

Misses Nettie and Aquilla Johnson spent yesterday with friends in Drifton.

Mrs. John Hartraft, of North Washington street, and her guest, Miss Tillie Stout, enjoyed a drive through Butler valley yesterday.

BREVITIES.

Jacob Toski's saloon stock and fixtures at Adams and Carbon streets were sold yesterday afternoon by Constable Welsh on a claim of the Columbia Brewing Company.

Contractor Griffith's force of carpenters is working overtime on the alterations being made in the Daniel Coxe school building.

Smoke and chew Kendall, Clock & Co.'s XXXX union-made. Mntfd by the Clock Tobacco Co., Scranton, Pa.

Edgar Kudlich, of Drifton, who has been ill for some time, is still in a serious condition. His cousin, Dr. Kudlich, of New York city, has been called to consult with Dr. Neale.

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 Kusherick, 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 finest asters in town.

Mrs. John Kanuck, of Drifton, is on 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; Rev. P. J. Colligan, Ashley; Rev. James A. Moffitt, Taylor; Rev. D. A. Dunne, Moscow; Rev. John T. Ruddy and Rev. P. E. Lavelle, West Scranton; Rev. P. F. Quinlan, Pittston; Rev. Walter A. Gormon, 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 ailment. His face healed up nicely, but when the bandages were taken from his fingers they grew together on both hands, causing great suffering. Dr. Lathrop cut the web and it is believed that Gernheart 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 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 colliers in the Schuylkill region would work full time until further notice. These colliers 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 the 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.

Mine Inspector Davies' report for July shows that three fatal and four non-fatal 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.

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, annually conducted by the Methodist Episcopal 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.

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.

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

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, 1900. Tickets will be on sale 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 encampment, August 27-September 1. Tickets on sale August 25, 26 and 27. Consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents for particulars.

Watch the date on your paper.

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PLEASURE. August 18.—Pleasant of Citizens' band of Eckley at Cycle Path grove. August 28.—Excursion of Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps to Shawanese Lake.

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