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## Astheville Letter

## METROPOLIS OF NTEONTAN NEWS READERS.

From Our Regular Correspondent. The Southern railway will short y build a new steel a d concrete French Broad river just west of the city where now stands an old

wooden single track structure. The wooden single track structure. The cost about $\$ 100,000$. The Southern
is spending considerable money in improvements in and around the city, and these expenditures are justified only br the rapid growth of this section of the state. Ner
basiness enterprises are being started daily, and the Southern railway, being quick to see the ad vantage of improving the present shipping facilities are doing everything in their power to improve same. The doable tracking of the Tenn., is progressing rapidly and the blasting, along the banks of the French Broad river is heard at all hours of the day and night. The
contract for the new bridge has been let to Yandle Bros., strb-con tractor for W. J. Oliver, who is do-
ing a large part of the work all over the entire southern system.
The present bridge near the Murphy junction is rather a crade structure which permits trains to
run only at a snail-like pace over it, is curved and only single tracked.
The new bridge will be straight, so it is said, and will be made in the latest improved manner of rein-
forced concrete surroanding steel

Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, a pretty young widow and a visitor from
Alanta, who was arrested in this city on the charge of numerous hotels in and aronnd the city, and the next term of superior coar under a kond of fifty dollars, is re-
ported to have left the city. There privately whether she will return to Asheville to face the charges
now hanging over her head. Mrs Wilcox when arrested at first
claimed she was innocent of the claimed she was innocent of the
charges, but daring the hearing when some of in evidence, the same having been taken from the prisoner's trunk, she is said to ha mitted her guilt, attribating her nition her gre atroung he dition, she stating that she had had just left a local sanitan.
As stated in this correspondence
last week, Captain Taylor, of the
local police force and ex-Police
Judge W. P. Brown, had a fight in
front of the Bekley Hotel; that the J. M. Taylor, a brother of the Captain's, and that they were both defendants in a case in court the fol-
lowing morning, with the result lowing morning, with the result
that the Captain was fined by Police Judge Jones. It developed late that Patrolman Taylor and the
Jadge were crossing the square, the latter being nnder arrest, and the offlcer and Judge had some
words; the former is claimed to have kicked at the Judge, and also made an attempt to hit him with with his clab. Since the assanlt
the Judge had Patrolman Taylor arrested, and like his brother
guilty of simple assanlt, Juig Jones imposing a fine of ten dollars
t is stated that friends of Judg Brown propose to push both case further and bring the matter up before the board of aldermen for their consid
The proposed plan of Alderman Allen to have the city buy the Asheville auditorium met with ather a decided check at the las Barnard asked Alderman Mayo he Auditorium comen han he Auditorium company had sug ompany and save the buy out the company and save the auditorium. Alderman Allen then stated that he had simply conceived the idea spirited move on the part of the city to help out the Auditorium company, who were in a bad fix ane to the fact that the house could not secure bookings of any firs class attraction because they had
been blacklisted by the theatrical trasts for playing the Bernhardt attraction. The mayor then ruled that as long as the Auditorium
company had not asked the board o save them from their presen position he did not see that it was the place of the city of Asheville to come to the rescue. He thought wanted the Anditorium company out to the cits or wanted to sel make the first move and he would not even allow a committee to be
H. W. Fryand And-ew Buchanan of the lumber filt of the Fxy Buchanan Lamber Company, hare een arrested on the charge swindling, the charges being pre The do by Dr. J. E. Hawthorn about $\$ 2,100$ through basiness the swindle was the firm, and that the swindle was made possible by
false statements and misrepresen tations of the firm. The case is bronght to trial at the next term of court. In the meantime the de under a bond of $\$ 700$ each.
checking over the tax account Buncombe county Auditor bilt, the onds that George Vander and the the beautifol Biltmore es tate, situated close to this city, ha come, in fact same having bee Mr. Vanderbilt pays this coanty goodly sum on realty holdings, but nothing on his cash income, includ ing all monies, bonds, etc. Com munications received by the local authorities from New York city state that Mr. Vanderbilt claims Asheville as his home, and that he that place. So it is up to Mr. Van derbilt to state where he does pay said taxes, if he pays them at all It is said that the taxes yearly wotld amount to one dollar on each
handred, or according to his re puted wealth about $\$ 50,000$ per year to our local Tar Heel government

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nothers-in law at once.

The Land of Flowers,
HOW A TRANSYLVANIA GIRL IS SPENDING THE WINTER-OR-
ANGES, GRAPE FRUIT, BATHING ANGES, GRAPE FRUIT, BATHING
FISHING, GATHERING SHELIS ETC St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 12 ditor Sylvan Vallev News:
I have just read a copy of the Sylvan Valley News and the thought occurred to me that pos sibly a letter from the "Land of Flowers" might not be objection ble to the editor and the read rs of the News.
We were very much grieved to learn of the death of Walte Wood. I've wished so often since coming here that Walter could stand the trip here and be benefitted by this delight ul cli mate. My sister, Mrs. Haddon's health is greatly improved sinc coming here. St. Petersburg boasts of the dryest salt air re corded, except that of Italy Damaging frosts are unknown ear; fishing unexcelled. This is the home of the kjngly tarpon Sailing, rowing, shell gathering miles and miles of beach stroll give one plenty of out door exer
This is the finest orange an grape-fruit belt in America. Just 'cross the street from us there's a large orange grove, and just two blocks from us there's a
arge packing house where from box of eran thandred drécked per and grape-fruit from $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 4.50$ per day pack ing-depends on the rapidit with which they pack. We bu our oranges right from the grove and I've gotten several times a many as 25 or 30 for 5 cents. Once in my life I've gotten al he oranges and grape fruit eally want
This certainly is the land o sunshine and the country of splen did realities. It is called the 'Tourist's Paradise,"and judging from the number that come her for the winter it certainly inust be appropriately so called. The greatest number come here from when they come. The climate
wherth and a so tine and the p
It hasn't rained here since came the 12 th of November aud they tell me it hasn't raine enough to wet the sand sinc September. Children go bare wear white year round, ladie wear white lawn dresses the year
'round too. 1 can look out and 'round too. 1 can look out and
see thro' one window cabbage beans, beets, etc., growing, and out thro' the other window and see a big green orange grove, the rees laden with large, yellow oranges, and look down in the and roses in full bloom. It, hard to realize that it's mid winter.
1 spent Christmas day wit friends on Passagrille ísland and took Christmas dinner at th Bonhomie Hotel. Passagrille is an island about eight miles lon on the Great Gulf. Bathing is fine over there. Cbristmas morning as we neared the island children out on the doc!zs tishing
and they had great strings of fish-mullet, trout, red fish gronpers. tarpons, etc. We land ed and took a stroll up the beach gather shells. Soon we were horn, and it was a regular fish inner-clam chowder, stone crabs, fried groopers, angel wings, oysters, lobsters, turkey with all the trimmings, dressing ranberry sauce, celery, pickles lives. etc., etc. Vegetables jus out of the garden, corn, beans okra, tomatoes, eggplant, pota toes, etc. Then came mince pie olum pudding pumpkin pie, frui cake, orange cake, candy, nuts, ruits, etc. My! but it was a lay out.
Christmas evening we attend ed a musical concert given by he sailors. For a month or two everal large torpedo gun boats ment ailors ows, some of them. I had the pleasure of examining one of ULcle Sam's gun boats here and the nassive guns they carry are surprising.
Next month the orange tree will be in full blossom and I shall endeavor to place a boquet on re editor's desk. Some time I'm going to write you a rea "fish story." i. e. if this "epistle" ands favor with the editor
Best wishes to the News and all mytriends E.L. M.

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