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## Asheville Letter <br> NEWS NOTES FROM THE MOUNTAIN METROPOLIS OF INTEREST TO NEWS READERS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.
A certain traveling man by the
Morgan who claims that name of Morgan who claims that he represents a Knoxville cloth. ing house, was in the city las with your correspondent told a tale concerning a recent visit of his to the city of Brevard that might be of interest to the News. The writer has been un
able to verify his statement but will repeat it as it was told to him by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan said: "I carry several sample trunks with me on the road and Asheville to Brevard one day last week. When I arrived in Bre vard and got in the bus at the depot I was accosted by the town
marshall of that place who placed me under arrest, demanding the keys to my trunk. I declined to give up my keys. When I asked him if he had a warrant for me
and what the charge was, he and what the charge was, he
would give me no satisfaction but conducted me up town and lockeci me up. "I was not drunk and had committed no offence either on the train coming from Ashe
ville to Brevard or on alighting on the platform and getting in the bus to go to the hotel. So I reception I received and was
good and mad. I was not only good and mad. I was not only
locked up for over an hour, but broken open and searched. was later released on a thirty dol
lur cash bond which I put up ou of my expense morey. The wanted to turn over my trunks to me after they had been broken open, but I declined to accept
them, and I still have the Southern railway baggage check fcr
them." Mr . Morgan then con them." 'Mr. Morgan then con with my house in Knoxville and they are behind me in this mat ter. I have engaged attorneys railway for turning over my trunks to the city officer of Bre-
vard, and I intend suing the city of Brevard for false imprison ment, damage of my character, profits on a sale that I was going to make to one of the leading mer chants of that city." When Mr Morgan talked to your correspon why he had been arrested and why apparently very much incensed over his treatment. Mr.
Morgan did not make his statement for publication, as he did not know that he was telling his story to a newspaper man and vard paper, but he did not mince his words and talked as though he meant business. His state ment was made in the presence of a gentleman who was a former
resident of Transylvania county and this gentleman can verify
the statement made by Mr. Mor. gan to me. [We have interviewed all of our
[wn anthorities and find that the story told by Mr. Morgan is without foundation, and is evidently circulated to injure the repAs stated in this correspondence last week the Buncombe county authorities have been looking into the raatter as to where George Vanderbilt pays his personal taxes, as he does not pay them here at Asheville. The agents of Mr. Vanderbilt in New York city claim that he pays his taxes at that place; but search. ers there have failed to find any record pertaining to same. Mr. Vanderbilt telegraphed the fol ing to parties in this city: 'Have always paid and still pay taxes in New York." But until Auditor Stokley of Buncombereceives an answer to his inquiry from the mayor of New York there is no official information to determine whether Mr. Vanderbilt pays his personal taxes in New Yoriz or
not.
Since writing the above con cerning Mr. Vanderbilt's taxes your correspondent has learned
on good authority that Auditor Stokley has received an official communication from. New York to the eflect that Mr. Vanderbil does pay his persoat taxes there and that the other information was an error.
For a number of years a large t at the corner of Lexington ivenue and Walnut street ha: been used by the country people for hitching their teams, and in corvenient to the business see tion of the city suited for this purpose. Recently this lot was result that at the present writing the farmers who come to Ashe ville have no free hitching place
convenient. They have to patron ze certain socalled hitch and feed stables at a cost of from visit the city. The farmers are mad because they are denied the privilege that had so long been theirs and a number of them con tend that the lot was leased by certain stable men in an effort t force them to use their stables
The stable men say they had nothing to do with the leasing and fencing in of the lot, and that the parties who did lease it needed the lot to put their own stock in. At any rate Asheville is without a public hitching place for the farmers, and the farmers say that the city should see that they are provided with one.
February 21st has been set by the county commissioners of Buncombe for a good roads elec tion to decide whether the county shall issue bonds to the extent of $\$ 250.000$; the money to be used to defray the expenses of immediately macadamizing the principal highways of the county. The bond issue bas a strong backing among the most influential men ioners, the Good Roads Associ sioners, the Good Roads Associa
in favor of the issuing of the
issue will not increase the taxes, will be sufficient to cover the in terest.
While responding to an alarm last Saturday afternoon the hook and ladder ran into a telephone pole at the corner of Patton and French Broad avenues, with the result that the wagon was badly smashed and several people injured. Hooper Caffee, a Citizen reporter, who was riding on the truck at the time of the accident, was caught between the truck and the pole and had his collar bone broken and sustained other injuries about the body. Two members of the fire company were thrown from the fast moving truck and one of them had his hand badly mashed. Fire Chief Barnard was on the truck at the time and was thrown heavily to the pavement and bruised some what. The fire to which the company was responding was a small one and was easily extinguished. On the return of the company to the fire hall Chief Barnard discharged the driver of the truck team, basing his action on negli gence of duty, to-wit: "Careles driving.
At the present writing no sum nons has been issued by th cred pany to force the company into bankruptey. The action has been deferred, so it is stated, to enable other creditors to file
their claims. Thecreditorswant o wait until they can hear from the officers of the hotel company and ascertain what they propose to do in the matter. It is certain that when action is taken by the creditors that there will be a hard legal battle and it bas been stated y friends of President Burrowes that the company is not bankrupt ed as it still holds a lease on the hotel for eight more years at $\$ 30$. 300 per year

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On the Southern shores of his: toric Hampton Roads, eight miles from the city of Norfolk, the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition is rapidly nearing completion. Every department of the work is being carriea on with marvelous speed and what was only a year ago, an attractively layed out park, has become an Exposition, beautiful with immense exhibit palaces, state and government buildiugs, all under roof and for the most part, of permanent construction. The auditorium and convention hall, one of the principal buildings of the Exposition, is entirely comolete and is being used temporarily for the offices of the Governor of Works, of the Exposition and his able corps of assistants who are carrying on the work with such credit.
The State's exhibit palace, the most imposing structure on the grounds, containing more than 350.000 square feet of exhibit space, is also complete and will be turned over by the contractors in a few days to the Exposition Company, at which the installation of the various exhibits of the resources of the different tates will begin.
The Commercial pier of the Exposition, extending out into Hampton Noads for a distance of some 2,000 feet was finished several weeks ago, and is now being used to bring in the construction material for the many buildings now in the coprse of erection. The various State buildings the Exposition are going up with remarkable rapidity. those of Rhode Island, New Jersey and Connecticut, being ready for occupancy; and those of Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts and Ohio, almost as far advanced. The many attractions of the War Path. that will correspond with "Pike" or "Mid way" of former Expositions, presenting a live-
Push and progress are every where in evidence and the work on the grounds and general landscape design, under the careful supervision of the architects in charge, together with the advanced state of construction of he buildings. gives every as;urance that the Jamestown TerCentennial Exposition will be completed in every detail for the opening date, April 26 th, 1907.
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