

THE PACIFIC COAST.

A Sacramento Maniac's Savage Attack on a Woman.

HE TRIES TO BRAIN HER.

With a Heavy Club He Knocks His Victim Senseless and Beats Her.

THE ASSAILANT THEN FLEES.

Officers on the Track of the Murderous Youth Are Unable to Discover His Whereabouts.

SACRAMENTO, March 17.—Miner Young, who resides at Twentieth and O streets in this city, struck Mrs. Yale on the head with a stick of wood this evening, inflicting a severe scalp wound and slightly fracturing her skull.

The woman had been boarding at his mother's house, but had removed elsewhere. About 9 o'clock to-night she called at her former landlady's house to inquire for some expected letters.

Mrs. Yale fled from the house but was pursued by the young man who overtook her and struck her senseless to the side-walk.

For years the young man has been afflicted with periodical attacks of insanity and is extremely dangerous at such times. Two years ago he bit a man's ear off, and but a few weeks back made a savage attack on a schoolboy with a knife.

SACRAMENTO FOOTPADS.

Five Men Beat and Rob a Southern Pacific Fireman.

SACRAMENTO, March 17.—William Pascoe, a railroad fireman in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company, was held up last night by five footpads, in the lower part of the city. The thieves threw him to the ground, searched his pockets, robbed him of some silver change and, after kicking him severely in the head, ran away in the direction of the lumber yards that line the water front.

Four Runaway Boys.

SACRAMENTO, March 17.—Frank Bernard, Tom Coleman, George Wallace and George Burke are the names given by four runaway boys found here to-day, in a sealed freighter. It is not known where they came from.

VALLEJO'S SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX.

The Citizens Vote to Raise Money to Build a New High School.

VALLEJO, March 17.—The residents of Vallejo are jubilant to-day over the favorable vote cast yesterday upon the proposition to levy a special tax to raise \$18,000 in the Vallejo school district for the construction of a public school building to replace the one recently destroyed by fire, for the restoration of the school grounds, the construction of necessary fences and outbuildings, necessary repairs upon schoolhouse No. 2, North Vallejo, and upon the school building at South Vallejo, the construction, apart from the main building, of a small building for laboratory purposes and scientific experiments, the restoration of the libraries, school furniture and school apparatus destroyed and for any additional school facilities that might be found necessary.

HEALDSBURG SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Farmer Warren Rodgers Attempts to Kill His Brother Robert.

HEALDSBURG, March 17.—Robert Rodgers came to town this morning and swore out a complaint charging his brother Warren with assault to murder. Last night the brothers, who are prominent and respected farmers living near town, got into a quarrel and Warren shot at his brother, the ball just grazing his cheek. The shooter is out on bail.

Arrest of an Indian Ex-Convict.

HEALDSBURG, March 17.—Peter Harago, who has served two terms in the penitentiary, was arrested here last night for furnishing liquor to Indians, an offense punishable by from one to five years. Officer Ingalls, who made the arrest, had an exciting time of it, for Harago and the Indians showed fight, but, after knocking the ex-convict senseless, he succeeded in placing him behind the bars.

Mrs. Dean's Los Angeles Visitor.

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—The elderly man who called at the San Francisco Jail to see Mrs. Dean, wife of the counterfeiter, as stated in this morning's telegraphic dispatches, is undoubtedly M. S. Lee of Los Angeles, notwithstanding the fact that he gave his name there as Wilkinson. About two years ago Lee kept a restaurant on the second floor of the Wilson block in this city, and Mrs. Dean, who was unmarried at that time, acted as cashier. The restaurant was a popular one, and many people remember Mrs. Dean as a quiet, unassuming young woman of pleasant demeanor and attractive manners. Lee thought a great deal of his cashier, and it is said he was greatly shocked when he heard of her arrest. A few days ago he packed up his baggage and started for the north, giving San Francisco as his destination.

Released at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 17.—The schooner Wahlberg, alleged to have been engaged in carrying arms to the royalists in the Hawaiian Islands, was again released by the customs officials at midnight last night, and sailed within an hour and a half on a guano expedition, for which clearance papers were taken some days ago. The efforts of Hawaiian Consul Wood

to secure her detention until the arrival of papers showing the real nature of her secret trip to the islands have been met with unusual discouragement.

DEMENTED IN MISSOURI.

A Portland Doctor Found Wandering Aimlessly in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 17.—Dr. L. Minnin, who gave his residence as Portland, Ore., was found to-night aimlessly walking about the railroad-yards in Kansas City, Kans. He was taken to the Central Station, where it was made apparent by his conversation that he was demented. He said he had a wife and five children in Portland, and had left there seven months ago to transact some business in Kansas City. He could give no definite account of the nature of his business. The police believe that Minnin is insane and will investigate his case to-morrow.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—Dr. L. C. Minnin, who was found wandering about Kansas City to-day, is well known in this city. He conducted a drugstore at Mount Tabor Villa, a suburb of this city, and had a large practice in that vicinity. About a year ago he disappeared suddenly and a few days later he was found at North Yakima, Wash., wandering aimlessly about. Last June he disposed of his drugstore and started for Chillicothe, Mo., where he expected to locate and where he has relatives. Mrs. Minnin is now at Ellensburg, Wash., where her parents reside. Dr. Minnin had mental sickness in his family, and owing to this fact he took to drink, which, it is said, is responsible for his present condition. His four children are still in this city.

CHINESE THUGS AT COLUSA.

MIDNIGHT RAID ON THE CABIN OF YAN KEE AND LOOT OF HIS GOLD.

THE ROBBERS SECURE OVER THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND A SILVER WATCH.

COLUSA, March 17.—Four Chinese robbers forcibly entered the cabin of Yan Kee, a well-known Chinaman of this town, this morning and robbed him of \$350 and a watch.

Yan Kee was aroused by some one knocking at his door at 1 o'clock this morning, and, thinking it was a Chinese friend of his who had not yet come in, went to the door to admit him. No sooner had he opened the door than a Chinaman thrust himself in with a large pistol in his hand. Yan Kee grabbed the pistol and tried to twist it out of the robber's grasp, but by this time four other Chinese thugs had entered the room, and Yan Kee was knocked down and robbed of \$350 in gold and a silver watch, all of which was in his pockets. The money had been left in his keeping by a Chinese butcher from some town near by and had been received too late to put in the bank. The other two men were robbing Yan Kee the other two went through the house, ransacking everything.

Yan Kee received a severe wound on the top of his head and one over the eye and was pretty badly bruised. He says he can identify the robbers if he sees them, and officers are now out searching for them.

SIX PEOPLE ARE MISSING.

THREE ARE KNOWN TO BE DROWNED BY ALABAMA'S CLOUDBURST.

THREE OTHER MEN WHO WERE LOGGING ON COOSA RIVER ARE GONE.

GADSDEN, Ala., March 17.—News comes from several sections of the State of great losses in houses and cattle by the big rains and strong winds prevailing the past few days. A cyclone struck Eufaula and wrecked the house of W. O. Copeland. The house was torn from over the heads of the Copeland family and six members were more or less injured.

Lucy Haversham, a nine-year-old girl, was blown some distance and struck a tree, breaking her arm and leg and several bones.

From Brewton and Eulalia come news of great damage to farms and destruction of livestock. The worst fatality occurred on the Coosa River, thirty miles above this place. A waterspout burst and the river rose out of its banks, unloading the house of Jacob Anderson and carried him, his wife and baby down the stream. The house was wrecked upon a rock and the three inmates drowned. A negro servant saved his life by catching the limb of a tree as the house sped downstream.

A Newspaper Man Dead.

DENVER, March 17.—William C. Nicholson, long time employed with the Associated Press in New York City, died in Denver to-day of consumption, aged 35 years. He came to Denver five months ago in search of health and improved, since which time he has been steadily declining. Mr. Nicholson was well known as a bright newspaper man and was employed in the Associated Press offices in New York for eighteen years. His body will be sent East this week.

Princess Helene's Marriage.

LONDON, March 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News takes for granted the betrothal of Princess Helene of Orleans, daughter of the late Count of Paris, to the Duke of Aosta, nephew of King Humbert, and says that the wedding will take place privately in England. The Royalists are excited over the report of the betrothal. A dispatch from Rome to the Chronicle says that King Humbert has given his consent to the marriage, and the Pope does not object.

Left a Fortune in Ireland.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, March 17.—Jack Kerry left here for Ireland to-day in response to a cablegram informing him that he had fallen heir to an estate in County Kerry and £60,000 in the bank. Kerry has been a professional gambler in Sioux City, Omaha, Denver and Deadwood for the last ten years.

SEATTLE JAIL-BREAK.

Three Murderers and Six Other Criminals Escape.

THE JAILER HELD UP.

A Dummy Revolver in the Hands of a Desperado Frightens Him.

A BOLD AND DARING DEED.

After Locking Up the Prison-keeper the Latter's Captor Proclaims Freedom.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—Three murderers and six other criminals of lesser degree, including burglars, counterfeiters and horse thieves, are loose in this county, and the people of Seattle and surrounding country are in a fever of excitement and fear. This state of affairs is due to a daring county jail delivery, successfully accomplished under the leadership of the notorious Thomas Blanck, twice a murderer, with the aid of a dummy revolver made of wood.

It was 7:30 this evening when Night Jailer Yorkberry went into the north corridor of the County Jail to take medicine to W. A. Wilcox, a convicted murderer. When he reached the iron door in front of the cells, he saw what he took to be the barrel of a revolver thrust between the bars, and heard the voice of Blanck.

"Throw up your hands," said Blanck. The revolver was between the jailer and the outer door, and, as the latter hesitated an instant, the command was repeated. The jailer's hands went up. Blanck made Yorkberry turn around, produced a rope from his pocket, tied his captive to the bars and then took the jailer's revolver from his pocket.

Then Blanck threw down the dummy revolver and used the jailer's. He next loosened the cord about the jailer's right arm, threw a noose over the latter's neck and commanded him to "unlock the combination."

The jailer obeyed, and with the disengaged hand soon had the iron door to the cage swinging open. Blanck then went through the jailer's pockets, taking his keys and thirty cents in money. He ordered the jailer into the cage occupied by Knowlton, the cold-brick man, and locked him up. Then he stepped into the office, returned in a few seconds, re-entered the cage, picked up Knowlton's heavy overcoat and donned it. Then this condemned murderer issued his proclamation of freedom to all the prisoners, coolly walked out and disappeared in the dark. There was a wild rush of ten other prisoners after him.

Among these was Murphy, the slayer of ex-Pastor Phil Davis, who was sentenced recently for the crime of manslaughter. Murphy followed the prisoners, bent on escape, but changed his mind, and immediately went to police headquarters and gave the news.

Detective Cudine, who caught Blanck last fall after a desperate hand-to-hand fight, at once started for the jail, and on the way met Wilcox, who had picked up the dummy revolver, and had also started for headquarters with a view of informing the officers. Both of these convicted murderers meekly went back to their cells.

The news spread like wildfire, and a few moments more only passed before an enormous crowd had gathered in front of police headquarters. In the meantime Sheriff Van Devanter, was in conference with his deputies, and steps were taken to recapture the men.

Ex-Sheriff Woolsey was sent out to patrol the Lake Washington shore and other guards are now covering the various avenues of escape, while descriptions of the freed prisoners have been telegraphed to every county in the State. The officers will shoot Blanck on sight. His record last fall proves him to be the coolest and quickest shooter that ever committed murder in King County, and he will kill a man on the slightest provocation.

The prisoners released were in what is called the north division of the jail, where the murderers and desperate characters are confined. There are two other divisions, but Blanck, who could easily have thrown open the doors to these, also passed them by.

James Murphy, the man who had given the notice the first information of the break, said: "This escape was evidently planned and executed by Blanck entirely without the connivance or assistance of any person in the jail. I am satisfied that no other person but Blanck knew anything about the matter. We did not even know why he took down the rope. I thought it was worn out from men swinging on it and that he was going to mend it. I could not tell how many revolvers Blanck has now, but I know well enough that he did the work with the 'fake' gun. It looked just like a real revolver. I don't know where he got it or who gave it to him."

At this point Detective Cudine came in with the "fake" pistol. It is made of soft wood, carried out in the shape of a five or six shot revolver. It was colored black, and if any one had it pushed into his face at a moment's notice he would be willing to swear that he was looking down the muzzle of a genuine revolver.

At the courthouse Night Jailer Yerberry and Day Jailer Moore were figuring up accounts. Yerberry talked freely, but insisted that Blanck had a real steel-colored revolver. He said: "Don't you suppose I know the difference between that 'fake' gun, as you call it, and the real gun Blanck had. Its no use talking. Blanck may have had that piece of wood, but he also had a real shooting iron."

Yerberry then gave the story of the hold-up about as Murphy narrated. He added that Frank Hart helped Blanck into the cell, and that they threw him into the cell. Yerberry has been night jailer for fifteen months and this is the first mishap that has occurred to him. Up to about a month ago he was assisted at night by Second Jailer H. G. Thornton, formerly Chief of Police of Seattle, but the County Commis-

sioners concluded that one man would have to do the work, so the night jailer has been all alone.

The men who escaped were: Thomas Blanck, murderer of William Jeffrey, a Puyallup constable, and Charles H. Bridwell, a Seattle bartender. He had pleaded guilty and had been sentenced to be hanged.

Willie Holmes, colored, convicted of murdering William Russell, also colored, at Franklin.

Servius Ruttel, convicted of murder in the first degree for shooting William Fletcher, a steamboat captain, at Chico, Klamath County.

Frank Hart, a bunco man, under sentence of seven years.

R. H. Ford pleaded guilty last Saturday to burglary of a clothing house and sentenced to three years.

C. W. Brown, United States prisoner, charged with counterfeiting, Charles Williams, burglar, Frank Climefelter, horse thief, not yet tried.

William Cosgrove, petit larcenist. The prisoners who refused to join in the break for liberty are: Henry Cramer, convicted of murdering Mrs. Philipina Mueller and her boy on August 13.

Charles W. Nordstrom, convicted of murdering William Mason in 1892 at Cedar Mountain.

James Murphy, twice convicted of shooting Phil Davis, a saloon-keeper, in 1892.

W. A. Wilcox, convicted murderer of Charlotte Pettig.

Jerry Domic, self-confessed murderer of an Indian medicine man two weeks ago.

Harvey W. Knowlton, alias Rebel George, the gold-brick swindler, who victimized Banker Wooding of Aberdeen, under sentence of two years.

Thomas McGee, under seven years' sentence for cutting his wife's face to ribbons with a razor.

Michael Golden, a bunco man, whose several years' sentence had just been affirmed by the Supreme Court.

Louis Goodfriend, a bunco-man, under sentence of seven years.

Paul E. Nelson, serving six months for a statutory offense.

The Sheriff has offered \$1650 in rewards, as follows: For Blanck, \$500; Holmes, \$300; Rutten, \$250; and \$1000 each for the remaining six.

MARE ISLAND NAVY-YARD.

OFFICIALS WILL NOT TALK OF THE BENNINGTON'S MISHAP.

THE FACTS MAY BE ASCERTAINED BY THE NAVAL BOARD OF INQUIRY.

VALLEJO, March 17.—Within a couple of days will be learned exactly the cause of the dropping down of the crown-sheet of the gunboat Bennington's boiler. The vessel steamed quietly by San Francisco early Saturday morning, came directly to the navy yard and ran up to the wharf abreast of the steam engineering boiler shop.

So far no one cares to say much about the accident to the boiler, pending the report of the board of inquiry to convene at the yard Tuesday to examine into the facts leading up to the injury. This board will consist of Captain Louis Kempf, Lieutenant Commander P. P. Gilmore, Chief Engineer F. A. Wilson and First Lieutenant H. L. Draper, U. S. M. C., as Judge Advocate.

The Bennington will remain at the yard for at least two months to come.

The officers state that the burning out of the crown sheet is an accident liable to occur at any time on the type of boilers such as are in the Bennington, Yorktown, Concord and that class of vessels.

The officers and seamen of the war-vessels here are much pleased at the probability that there will be no patrol service this year in Bering Sea. It is considered the most hazardous duty ever assigned to the vessels of the squadron of the Pacific.

Outside of a few minor alterations to be made about the compass-stands, fixing up racks for the ship's library, and such other little odd jobs, the Olympia is ready for sea. Within a few days it is expected she will go out on her preliminary trial. Present indications point to the fact that the Olympia will be made the flagship of the Pacific squadron, in place of the Philadelphia, now at Honolulu.

About Wednesday or Thursday the Monterey will steam down from the yard and out into San Pablo Bay. While there her compasses will be adjusted and steering gear tried. Several alterations have been made to the gear during her recent stay. From there, if everything works satisfactorily, she will go to San Francisco and lay for a few weeks.

The Fish Commission steamer Albatross is still in dock, and will be for another week. A number of sheets of iron amidships about the water line have been removed on account of pitting and are being replaced with new.

No orders have yet been received about completing repairs to the Boston. Neither has any word been received as to the date of commissioning the Marion, which is all ready for that event at a day's notice.

The friends of Lieutenant and Mrs. Edward F. Qualtrough will no doubt be pleased to learn that they are likely to come to the coast in the near future, as the lieutenant has been assigned to the Mohican as her navigator in place of Lieutenant John B. Collins, detached.

The quarters for the new naval constructor, Mr. Baxter, are being put in order for occupancy upon his arrival to take charge of the department of construction and repair. Naval Constructor W. J. Baxter will occupy the house.

No official news has yet been received at the yard as to who will be assigned to the yard as general storekeeper vice Paymaster A. W. Bacon, ordered to the Olympia.

MRS. LEASE FOR MAYOR.

She Is to Be Nominated by the Citizens of Wichita, Kans.

WICHITA, Kans., March 17.—Quite a stir was caused in political circles here to-night by the announcement that Mrs. Ellen Lease would be nominated for Mayor of Wichita to-morrow by a citizens' convention to "make the Mayorality fight against the regular Republican nominee. If she accepts, and it is said that she will, the Populists, Democrats, the Women and the Prohibitionists will back her in the fight and women are already talking about getting suffragist orators of national reputation to come here and hold a rally every night during the campaign ended. A hot two weeks' campaign is looked for.

ZOCCHI IN PILLORY.

Severe Denunciation of the North Beach Assemblyman.

A POST-SESSION SCANDAL.

An Allegation That He Was Seeking Profit at the Capitol.

WRATH OF A CLAIMS AGENT.

The Representative of a Newspaper Syndicate Says the Legislator Is a "Boodler."

SACRAMENTO, March 17.—Since the adjournment of the Legislature a scandal implicating Assemblyman Zocchi of San Francisco has gained active circulation. The legislator from the North Beach district is being denounced by Herman A. Pollak, the representative of the Franco-Californien, Le Voce de Popolo and the German Demokrat, as a "boodler." The trouble arises over the defeat in the Assembly of a bill to pay these papers for printing of the constitutional amendments last year.

It seems that Zocchi had arranged to introduce a bill to pay L'Italia, an Italian paper, for similar services. Because of the illness of his wife Zocchi had to go to the city and the bill was introduced by Devitt of San Francisco instead, but Zocchi managed the bill and acted as an interested stepfather to it. He engineered the bill through the Committee on Claims, of which he was a member and had it recommended for the full amount, though other claims were cut down considerably.

As the time approached for the final passage of the bill, Zocchi grew anxious. Considerable opposition began to manifest itself. Pollak, the representative of the other three foreign papers, was constantly working hard to win votes, but it seemed as if they were not able to get the required 41. Pollak says that Zocchi expressed much anxiety as to the outcome of the matter.

"Zocchi thought that it would be better to have Mr. Palmieri, the proprietor of L'Italia, here," said Mr. Pollak. "The reason why, of course I need not tell you. So he came to me and he had me send to that gentleman a dispatch reading: 'Much opposition in Assembly. Zocchi advises me to tell you to come here and attend to bill.'"

"Zocchi read this and said it was all right. He was as much interested as I was in the success of all the bills. Then a change came. A new bill, a substitute for the four already in the Assembly, passed the Senate. This gave all four papers \$2000 apiece. It replaced the Assembly bills on the file and Baicigalupi, the undertaker, came down from San Francisco to work for its passage in the interest of L'Italia."

According to Pollak it seems that this was what occasioned the defeat of the bill. Zocchi learned that Palmieri had started for Italy. He had sent no word to the Assemblyman, and the latter finding the interests of the bill transferred to Baicigalupi, declared himself against it and stated that he was going to kill it.

No reasons were given for this bit of political gymnastics. Zocchi merely declared against the bill and Pollak now denounces him in no unmeasured terms for his defeat.

Saturday was the last day on which the bill could be considered. Friday night Zocchi, the stepfather of the bill, decided to vary the monotony of the dreary routine of the Assembly by an evening of pleasure. Devitt, the father of the bill, accompanied him. As a result the bill was defeated, lacking only a few votes. Zocchi excuses his not voting by the fact that he could not appear in the house. Pollak claims that the Assemblyman did not appear in the house in order that he should not have to vote and protests that this was done because Zocchi was dissatisfied with Palmieri for not having lived up to some mysterious contract.

Several of the Democratic members of the House have tried to induce Pollak to bring suit against Governor Markham for the amount of his bills, some \$15,000. They urged upon him the fact that it was by the ex-Governor's express orders that the printing was done and that Markham was therefore responsible for any damages incurred. Pollak says he will not do this. He claims that the State alone is responsible and will yet be made to pay his claim.

AFTER THE SESSION IS OVER.

The Legislative Halls Appear as if Struck by a Cyclone.

SACRAMENTO, March 17.—Both chambers of the Legislature looked as if they had been wrecked by a cyclone to-day. The floor was white with papers, while upturned chairs and boxes added to the confusion.

At previous sessions the attaches have carried off all waste baskets, ink-wells and stationery exposed on the different desks. For the last few days they have stopped the egress of all who seemed loaded with these articles. This occasioned a special demand among the young lady clerks, who wanted to wind gay-colored ribbons through their wicker meshes and use them as decorations. A number of attempts were made to sneak out the baskets, but all were futile.

Nevertheless, not a waste-basket remains in either house to-day. They were all thrown from the windows or balconies to friends on the ground below and then hurried away. Many other movable articles met the same fate, but the numerous and high-salaried watchmen have the satisfaction of knowing that nothing was carried through the doors.

None of the State officers were open to-day. Even the Governor's was closed. This was because Governor Budd was not in town. He went to San Francisco this morning, taking with him a vast pile of bills. He will be gone three days and during that time will have decided the fate of the measures he has carried with him.

Big Failure at Portland.

PORTLAND, Or., March 17.—Attach-

ment suits, aggregating \$37,500, were filed last night against Rudolph Goldsmith, dealer in dry goods, and the Sheriff closed the store. It is understood other suits will be filed Monday. His stock is estimated to be worth \$100,000.

Water for Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., March 17.—The members of the Board of Public Works returned from the prairie late to-night bringing news that the Melville Spring was turned into the city flume early this evening and that a 2,000-gallon pump was successfully placed in operation at Crystal Springs. This probably insures a plentiful supply of water hereafter while a gravity supply is being secured.

To Visit Santa Barbara's Festival.

SANTA BARBARA, March 17.—A considerable number of Los Angeles people are engaging quarters in Santa Barbara during the forthcoming flower festival, which will occur simultaneously with the fiesta at the southern city.

Seizure of Liquor in Alaska.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 17.—While the steamer Willapa was at Dyea, Alaska, 16 cases of liquor, en route to the Yukon mines, were seized by customs officers.

Rainstorm at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—Rain began to fall again at 2 o'clock this afternoon and prospects are that the showers will last for several days.

BIG ENTERPRISE AT POMONA.

A MILLIONAIRE EMBARKS IN HORTICULTURE ON A GRAND SCALE.

WILL UNDERTAKE THE CULTURE OF THE LUSCIOUS GRAPE FRUIT.

POMONA, March 17.—One of the largest enterprises in the planting of fruit orchards now in progress in this State has just been begun within three miles of this city by Henry M. Loud, a millionaire of Detroit, Mich., who owns about 600 acres of fine fruit land in this valley.

Mr. Loud has put 100 men, many of them with teams, to work clearing his land, preparing it for planting fruit trees, and has already purchased trees enough to plant 250 acres to apricots, prunes, peaches and olives, and 150 acres more to oranges, lemons and grape fruit. He will plant all his land to fruit trees this spring, if he can get it ready in time.

Mr. Loud is the first man to undertake the production of grape fruit on a large scale on this coast. He has contracted for 3000 trees of this variety of fruit, all that can be had in this part of the State for immediate planting, and the success of his experiment will be watched with interest by fruit growers and dealers in all parts of the country. Mr. Loud believes that grape fruit can be grown successfully and with profit in Southern California.

Grape fruit has come to be in demand at good prices in the Eastern markets, and has been one of Florida's most profitable crops; but the recent cold weather along the Atlantic coast killed every grape-fruit tree in that State. The planting of this fruit in California will be limited for several years by the scarcity of trees, and there is now no nursery stock in the market that brings half so high prices as the grape-fruit stock.

TWO SAN JOSE SWINDLERS.

PEOPLE OF THE GARDEN CITY AND SUBURBS THE VICTIMS OF SHARPERS.

THE POLICE ARE NOW ON THE TRACK OF THE MEN WHO WORKED THE SCHEME.

SAN JOSE, March 17.—During the past three weeks two sharpers, claiming to be agents of the "Metropolitan Art School" of San Francisco have been swindling the people of San Jose and the suburban districts.

It has been their practice to solicit trade for the mythical school. They would guarantee to enlarge a photograph in crayon, paste or water-colors for 50 cents, and a handsome gilt-frame would accompany the photo, making the total cost \$1. Their office was at room 34, Letitia building, and the pictures were all to be completed within a week of the order. Fifty residents of Berryessa paid the necessary fifty cents, and as the pictures were never enlarged they began to suspect they had been defrauded. Late last evening J. B. Thompson of that place wrote to a complaint before Justice Goss, charging the men with obtaining money under false pretenses, and this morning the officers arrested Olof Swensen, the man who engaged them. The other men could not be found.

Several hundred photographs which the men had obtained were found in a waste basket in Swensen's room. Swensen claimed he was not responsible for the promises of his agents and was released on parole.

SAN JOSE Y. M. C. A.'S TROUBLES.

Efforts to Secure an Adjustment of Its Debts.

SAN