

THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

Los Angeles Orange Growers Demand Protection.

EFFECT OF LOW DUTY.

Foreign Shipments Depress the Market for the Seedlings.

PRESENT TARIFF DESTRUCTIVE.

It Will Ruin One of California's Great Industries, Says a Leading Grower.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—Superintendent E. C. Kimball of the Southern California Fruit Exchange Association was seen by the CALL correspondent this afternoon and asked regarding the query sent to Senator White asking for information on the question of the present duty on oranges.

"Yes," he said, "we have informally advised the Senator to furnish us some figures in the matter of the duty on oranges, as it is becoming an important topic indeed with us now. I think that Congress reduced the tariff from 25 cents per box to 16 cents per box, and it was merely for the purpose of verifying the figures that we sent the request to Senator White for information.

"As a matter of fact 600,000 boxes of oranges have been imported into this country during the past few weeks from foreign ports. The situation is very significant. This year Southern California is not placed in competition with Florida, for Florida has lost her crop by frost. And yet we cannot sell our seedlings. Why? Simply because the duty has been placed so low that foreign growers are sending in their fruit for the shipload and glutting the market. That this condition is due to the tariff reduction there can be no doubt, for in years past with even Florida against us we have found no difficulty in disposing of our crop.

"Of course, we can sell our navel, for they are not raised in foreign countries to any extent, but many growers have large seedling orchards and they are suffering severely from the depressed market. There can be no doubt but that the low tariff is destructive of one of our best paying industries."

FRUIT-GROWERS TO ORGANIZE.

Delegates from Southern County Exchange Meet at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—Delegations of fruit-growers from Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this morning to organize a Deciduous Fruit-growers' Exchange.

W. E. Collins of Ontario acted as chairman and G. W. Ogle of Pomona as secretary. The chairman at the outset spoke of the poor condition of the orange market during the past few years, and said that deciduous fruit-growers were in the same condition that the orangemen were two years ago.

The following committee was appointed to prepare a plan of organization: Los Angeles County, G. H. Gallup; San Bernardino County, P. M. Dyer; Riverside County, A. J. Puls; Ventura County, H. H. Cloud; Santa Barbara County, T. A. Garcy; Orange County, H. Hamilton.

Edward F. Adams, late manager of the California Fruit Exchange of San Francisco, addressed the meeting at great length on the great benefits which would accrue through the exchange system.

The committee on organization and plan of action then reported as follows, the resolutions being adopted:

It is advisable that the deciduous fruit-growers of the State organize into local associations for drying and selling, or for selling only the fruit of their members, and for the sake of efficiency and economy it is advisable to make use of the existing citrus organizations for selling purposes so far as may be possible and mutually profitable.

The local organizations when formed should cooperate with growers in other parts of the State through the medium of the California Fruit Exchange.

A committee consisting of D. W. Hanna of Los Angeles, C. C. Thompson of Pasadena and G. W. Ogle of Pomona was appointed for the purpose of organizing local associations throughout California.

The necessity for financial support of the California Fruit Exchange was recognized, and each local association was requested to do in that matter whatever associations in other parts of the State may do.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

DESERTED HER BABE.

Unknown Young Woman Leaves a Child in a Hotel.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—A young woman entered the Natick Hotel Tuesday evening and registered as "Miss Boyd, city." In her arms she carried quite a large bundle, and her appearance generally was that of a servant girl of the better class. The clerk assigned the woman to room 8, and she went upstairs at once.

Soon after this the woman was seen to leave the room and hurry out to the street by the ladies' entrance. Upon going to the room about an hour or so later, the chambermaid discovered a baby wrapped up carefully and lying on the bed. The infant was apparently only a few hours old.

The woman never returned for the child, and it was turned over to the police matron, who took it to a home where it is receiving proper care.

California Crop Bulletin.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—The weather crop bulletin for Southern California, furnished by Observer Franklin, for the week ending March 18, says:

The rain, which was general in all sections, came in well distributed showers and has done a world of good to orchards and farm lands. Grain is looking well, and in many places the young grain is a foot high and the rain practically assures good crops. Early fruit trees are in full bloom.

Search for a Swindler.

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—The police are searching for Harry Waite, an alleged spiritualist and astrologer. He has swin-

dled many persons in this city and is wanted now in a charge of swindling a San Jose man out of \$500. He worked in San Jose with his father. The father is in San Diego. The pair have worked together all over the State.

Fight on the Oil Wells.
LOS ANGELES, March 20.—Residents in the part of the city where oil wells are have renewed the fight against the well-men, and this time they will carry the matter through the courts if they cannot have the wells stopped otherwise. To-day they presented a petition to the council and the Fire Commission.

SAN JOSE AND THE NEW ROAD.

The Fund in Aid of the Valley Line Reaches \$90,000.

SAN JOSE, March 20.—G. S. Montgomery and George M. Bowman, one of the committees appointed to canvass for the valley railway fund, received very flattering encouragement in a canvass to-day. They received a number of subscriptions, amounting to \$25,750, which brings the total to the \$90,000 mark.

The canvassers were confident that with energetic work on the part of all committees the fund can be increased to \$250,000. The canvass of the committees that were just appointed will be prosecuted vigorously.

Besides a subscription of \$10,000 C. H. Phillips to-day made an offer of a free right of way through the San Martin and Morgan Hill ranches.

Sent to the Reform School.

SAN JOSE, March 20.—Eugene Inijada, aged 13 years, was committed to the Whittier Reform School to-day as he could not be controlled by his parents.

OUT OF SAN RAFAEL JAIL.

THE SANTA ROSA BUNKO MEN ESCAPE THE MESSES OF THE LAW.

OBTAIN FREEDOM BY AID OF A LAWYER AND WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

SAN RAFAEL, March 20.—James Fox and J. L. Swalm, the two men arrested yesterday at San Anselmo and lodged in the county jail here for trying to swindle Farmer Crane near Santa Rosa, are again at liberty, an energetic attorney and a writ of habeas corpus securing their release.

Bright and early this morning the attorney for the two confidence men appeared at the courthouse and swore out a writ of habeas corpus. The jail is in the same building and it was not long before Fox and Swalm stepped from their cells and they lost no time in making for Point San Pedro and boarding a steamer for San Francisco.

When Sheriff Allen and a deputy arrived on the first train from Santa Rosa they hurried to the jail. It was 10 o'clock when they appeared and demanded the prisoners. To their chagrin they learned that the men had been released. As there had been no counterfeit money found upon them, and as there had been no warrant telegraphed for their arrest, the Marion county officials had been unable to retain the bunko men.

KNOWN IN CENTERVILLE.

The San Rafael Swindlers Had Bunkoed a Farmer There.

IRVINGTON, March 20.—From the description given of James Fox and J. L. Swalm in this morning's CALL, the people of this place are confident that the bunko men are the same who recently swindled John Emmet of Centerville out of a large sum of money, about a month ago. A young man residing here, who was working for Emmet at the time, says the men tally with the descriptions of the confidence men arrested at San Anselmo yesterday.

SANTA BARBARA'S FLORAL FETE.

The City's Accommodations for Visitors Are Ample.

SANTA BARBARA, March 20.—Some fears have been expressed that Santa Barbara may be unable to accommodate the host of strangers already gathering for the flower festival. All fears on that score may be set at rest. Our hotels still have room, and when their capacity is exhausted, private residences stand ready to open their doors, rather than that any stranger who honors the city with his presence upon the occasion of her great annual fete shall be turned away or be denied comfortable quarters. Santa Barbara's hospitality is of an expansive kind, and is always ready to meet every demand upon it.

INQUEST AT COLMA.

Facts That Point to Possible Murder in the Clancy Case.

REDWOOD CITY, March 20.—Although John Clancy says he killed his father Sunday night at Colma in self defense, the evidence at the coroner's inquest would seem to indicate that a murder had been committed. The old man's head and face were bruised and battered in a way that showed that something more deadly than a fist had been used in striking the blows.

To-day young Clancy's shoes were examined and on them were found blood and hair, showing that he had kicked and stamped on his father.

The coroner's jury decided that young Clancy had caused his father's death, but made no recommendation.

Seattle's Big Waterway Scheme.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 20.—Henry Semple Ames of St. Louis, the representative of the capitalists who have been negotiating for furnishing money to the Seattle and Lake Washington Waterway Company, with which to fill in the Seattle tide lands and excavate the ship canal to Lake Washington, arrived here to-day. He announced that the committee which came here a month ago reported favorably. He says that as soon as the right-of-way and subsidy for the canal and lock are secured he will return to St. Louis and close the contract, and then active operations will begin. The St. Louis people will only take up and carry out the work as a whole, and the total cost is estimated at \$7,000,000.

Redlands Reduces Prices of Oranges.

REDLANDS, March 20.—A joint meeting of the Redlands Orange-growers' Association, representatives of the Earl Fruit Company and J. L. Lyon & Co., was held this afternoon and the price of navel oranges was reduced from \$2.40 per box to \$2.25 per box and seedlings from \$1.75 to \$1.50 per box.

SHOT A COLUSA THIEF.

A Merchant Surprises a Burglar at Work at Midnight.

ENCOUNTER IN THE DARK.

The Robber Makes a Vicious Attempt to Kill the Store-keeper.

AN ACCOUNT-BOOK SAVES HIM.

It Turns the Point of a Knife and the Robber Runs Pursued by Bullets.

COLUSA, March 20.—A small account-book tucked away in the inside pocket of Merchant H. Jacobson's coat saved his life this morning, for it checked the course of a knife that was being driven straight at his heart by a burglar, whom the merchant surprised in the act of entering his store.

At 1 o'clock this morning H. Jacobson, of the firm of E. and H. Jacobson, furniture dealers, who sleeps in the store, heard a suspicious noise at the rear door. Seizing his revolver and donning trousers and coat, Jacobson quietly went to the place where he heard the noise.

He saw a man crouching by the door with an anger in his hand, and also saw that there were a number of holes about the lock which the burglar had bored.

Jacobson is a man of nerve. He quickly unlocked the door and shouted "hands up!" The robber rose, and as he did so Jacobson saw the glittering blade of a knife in the burglar's hand. Quick as a flash the latter lurched forward and with a vicious thrust sent the knife at a point directly over Jacobson's heart. At the same instant the merchant fired. The robber staggered, wheeled on his heel and escaped in the darkness, followed by several more bullets.

Jacobson then examined himself to see if he had been injured. The knife had cut through his coat and half way through a small account book.

Police Officer Crosson heard the shot and was soon at the scene. After hearing the story of Jacobson he began a search on the premises.

He found several splashes of blood about the front of the store and on the walk, showing that the shot fired from the merchant's pistol must have taken effect. The bloody trail of the robber was soon lost, as the rain had effaced the stains.

Merchant Jacobson related the facts of his encounter with the robber as follows:

"I was awakened by hearing what I supposed to be the back wire door slam, and as the wind was blowing, I came to the conclusion that I had neglected to fasten it. When I heard something else which sounded like some one boring—pulling the bit and commencing again—I got up and put on my coat, and taking my pistol, stole softly up to the door, and, sure enough, some one was busy boring holes about the lock.

"I waited until he commenced to bore again when I quietly unlocked the door, and pulling it quickly open thrust out my pistol and ordered hands up, thinking I might be able to capture him.

"Instead of throwing up his hands he made a vicious lunge at me with a knife, cutting through my coat and half way through my pocket account book.

"As he struck at me I fired and he ran. I stepped out of the door and fired two more shots as he disappeared down the alley.

"Officer Crosson soon put in an appearance, and we discovered blood near the door, so my first shot must have caught him in the forearm or hand, as that is about all I could see of him. I consider myself very lucky, and it is the last time I will ever open a door when a thief is working on it. The next time I shall fire through the door."

HEALDSBURG THEFT CASE.

TRIAL OF THREE MEN ACCUSED OF HAVING STOLEN HORSES.

FILED AT SAN BERNARDINO.

MORE LIENS GO ON RECORD AGAINST THE NEVADA SOUTHERN.

THE NEW TURN IN LITIGATION WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH REORGANIZATION.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 20.—The long continued extensive litigation over the Nevada Southern Railroad took a new and unexpected turn to-day, when liens amounting to \$67,000 were filed here late this evening. This sum is due for labor and material.

Other liens of the same character will be filed this week and their amount will bring the total to about \$100,000. These will take precedence over attachments to the amount of nearly \$500,000 which were levied last winter in favor of R. J. Woodbury of Denver, the Nevada Bank of San Francisco and other creditors of James E. Blake, who built the road.

It is thought this new litigation will not seriously interfere with the reorganization of the railroad which is now in the hands of Mr. Woodbury and other capitalists. The other creditors of Blake have agreed to accept the bonds of the new company in payment of their claims. While the road will probably be sold under these liens, the new management no doubt will arrange an amicable settlement with those new claimants.

The main interest in the railway is centered in present preparations to extend it northward into the coal fields of Southern Nevada. The financial arrangements are all but completed and even with this new litigation it is believed the work of construction will begin soon.

The municipal franchise bill for Ireland passed the second reading in the House of Commons and was referred to the Grand Committee without division.

lack of evidence to warrant conviction for robbery was entertained and the accused were dismissed.

For Selling Wine to Indians.

HEALDSBURG, March 20.—Peter Horago and George Boyle, charged with furnishing liquor to Indians, had their preliminary examinations here this morning, and were both bound over to appear before the Superior Court to answer to the charge. The officers in this place are endeavoring to break up the practice of furnishing wine to the red men, and in the last six months five men have been sent to San Quentin for from two to four years for this offense.

FIRE AT VANCOUVER.

A Blaze in the Royal City Planting-Mills Causes a \$10,000 Loss.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 20.—Fire was discovered in the dry-kiln of the Royal City Planting-mills this morning. Owing to the scarcity of water and low pressure, the fire gained great headway, but by hard work the firemen succeeded in preventing the blaze from spreading to the mill and factory. The dry-kiln at the time was filled with shingles and dressed lumber. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$3500. The origin of the fire is not known.

SEATTLE FUGITIVE'S TRAIL.

SHERIFFS POSSES ARE WORKING HARD TO CORNER A MURDERER.

DESPERADO BLANCK MAY DIE BY LYNCH LAW IF HE IS CAUGHT.

TACOMA, Wash., March 20.—A man answering closely to Murderer Blanck's description stopped at 5 o'clock this morning at a farmhouse three-quarters of a mile southwest of Auburn and begged a glass of milk. He was seen to cross the railroad track and start toward the Stuck Flats, in the direction of Tacoma. Deputies at Auburn were notified and the Pierce County deputies at Sumner and Puyallup and King County's deputies at Kent started at once for the flats. The report comes this evening that they are endeavoring to circle the flats in the hope of bringing Blanck to bay.

People at Puyallup are much excited over Blanck's escape, as Constable Jeffery who he killed at Meeker September 30 last was very popular there. Should he be caught near Puyallup summary justice is liable to be dealt out.

The mystery as to Blanck's identity is partially cleared away by information secured to-day by Chief of Police Smith. A year ago on election day a man stole a suit of clothes at New Whatcom and was arrested by Policeman Brown, who caught him by the arm. The street was crowded with people. The prisoner with his left hand drew a pistol and shot the officer's heart. It struck the pelvis, shattering it. After the man fell the desperado shot again. The bullet hit the officer's watch chain, glanced and struck his watch, tearing the case off. The chain saved his life.

The man escaped, was caught later at Port Townsend and taken back. Two days later he broke jail and escaped. This man went by the name of Thomas Moore. Chief Smith claims to have positive information that Moore and Blanck are identical.

POSSES AT WORK.

The Sheriff's Officers Pursuing a More Systematic Plan.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 20.—The scene of action in the hunt for Thomas Blanck was changed to-day from the thick woods between the Northern Pacific Railroad and Renton to the thickly wooded country between the latter place and Kent. This action signifies that those who are conducting the case believe that Blanck got through the lines around Renton, and made his way south instead of doubling back north.

Up to this evening, however, not one of the deputies who returned from the scene of action know anything about a hot chase after him. A more systematic plan is evidently being worked.

Late news to-night from Snohomish says William Ames, the negro murderer, was seen on the Lake Shore to-night at 6 o'clock, and after begging food of the section men, started toward Cathart some distance south. About one hundred men are after him.

SACRAMENTO INQUIRY.

Southern Pacific Methods in Politics Under Scrutiny.

THE GRAND JURY'S WORK.

Allegations That Money Was Used in Influencing Elections.

ACTIVITY OF THE PROSECUTOR.

The Biggy-Dunn Scandal Is Not Likely to Receive Any Great Attention.

SACRAMENTO, March 20.—It is more than evident that the Grand Jury is engaged in a searching investigation for the purpose of determining the part taken by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in interfering in Sacramento County politics during the late election.

The jury's operations have been conducted with the greatest secrecy, and as a blind it has been intimated to representatives of the press that they were investigating the charges alleged to have been preferred against local grocery firms who held contracts with various county institutions. But the facts as to the direction their investigations are tending have become so evident that even the recognized local organs of the corporation have become alarmed and have simultaneously raised the cry that the jury's work is an "expense to the county."

Charges have been preferred before the Grand Jury, it is said, against leading representatives and acknowledged agents of the Southern Pacific corporation, that they used money to influence the election of some of the county officials and the defeat of other aspirants, and it is claimed that testimony has been procured which will result in several indictments.

W. P. Harlow is the attorney who is conducting the prosecution. It is said that he carries a quantity of blank subpoenas, and as soon as one witness has been examined he fills out a summons for another. The authority of the office he holds in influencing political matters in that precinct will be thoroughly ventilated. Residents of that community claim that Warden Aull has always taken a prominent position in political matters and that during the primary elections of the past year he was cognizant of the fact that bodies of guards were excused from their duties on the guard line and were furnished vehicles to convey them to the town proper, where they acted as boosters to forward the political aims of Warden Aull.

A certain member of the Grand Jury this morning positively stated that if "in honor" the members of that body could escape from investigating the Biggy-Dunn scandal they would most assuredly do so. He states that nearly every member of the body is sacrificing his personal monetary interests by remaining in session, and that the cry of needless expense to the county that had been raised by the local press was entirely without foundation. "Why," he continued, "do you suppose that such men as Hon. H. M. La Rue, Railroad Commissioner, C. A. Luhrs of the firm of Hall, Luhrs & Co., Fred Knox and others would be influenced by the small sum per diem allowed each member? Why, it would scarcely pay for a decent lunch. No, sir, we are fully as anxious to adjourn and return to the furtherance of our business interests as the papers claim the people are to have us."

A SONOMA FARMER'S PLIGHT.

TRANSFER OF LAND BEFORE THE PURCHASE PRICE IS PAID.

SHARP TACTICS OF A HIRED MAN WORRY A CONFIDING RANCHER.

SANTA ROSA, March 20.—Frank Powers, a farmer who lives in Sonoma County, near the Napa line, recently sold his ranch to his hired man, J. E. Rudloff, and gave him the deed after receiving part payment for the land. Rudloff has filed the deeds, but has neglected to pay the balance, and now Powers is anxiously looking for the purchaser and the rest of the money.

Rudloff had been working for Powers for two years past. Recently he expressed a desire to buy Powers' farm. After much dickering, the deal was made last Monday, and Rudloff took possession of the place, placing his wife in charge.

Powers and Rudloff came here Tuesday to cash a sight draft which the latter had on a San Francisco bank, the money for which he was to turn over to Powers in Santa Rosa, where he said a grocery firm that knew him would cash it. But he failed to carry out this part of the program. Instead, he gave Powers the slip, and Powers has failed to find him. To-day Powers went to the Recorder's office and found that the deed had been recorded.

Where Rudloff and his draft are now is the question which Powers would like to have satisfactorily explained. Part of the

farm sold is in Sonoma County and part of it is in Napa County. On inquiring Powers has ascertained that a deed for that part of the land in Napa County has been left at the Recorder's office for record, but Rudloff is not in Napa. The draft was for \$400. It is quite possible that Rudloff will return and turn over the draft.

Meanwhile Rudloff's wife is in possession of the ranch, and as some money has passed it is a question whether or not the title has passed to Rudloff. Powers is watching the county records to see if Rudloff files a new deed of the land to his wife or a third party.

TO PACIFY A STATE.

Brazil's President to Send an Envoy to Rio Grande do Sul.

LONDON, March 20.—The Times has this dispatch from Rio de Janeiro.

President Moraes is anxious to pacify the State of Rio Grande do Sul, but objects to establishing a precedent by ordering the withdrawal of the Governor of the State, Dr. de Castilhos. Senor Carlos Carvalho, the foreign minister, intends to offer his services to President Moraes to proceed to Rio Grande do Sul to conduct peace negotiations. The Brazilian Government last week signed a treaty with the Argentine Republic, agreeing to remain neutral in case of war.

Pomona Motor Road Sale.

POMONA, March 20.—The sale of the motor railroad from Pomona to North Pomona to R. F. House, Peter Fleming and James Loney, yesterday, is construed to mean that the Southern Pacific will soon extend its Monrovia line along the foothill towns, thence via Pomona and Chino to Riverside.

British Columbia Lumbermen's Plans.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 20.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has lowered the rate on lumber to the East \$2.50 per 1000 feet. Local lumbermen expect to capture a large amount of trade now held by Puget Sound dealers.

RESCUED FROM A GRATE.

The Bill That Caused a Riot in the Indiana Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 20.—William G. Beach called at the office of the Secretary of State to-day and gave notice that he had the State House custodian bill, over which a riot occurred in the Legislature.

He said he saw the man who got it from King throw it in a grate and he (Beach) rescued it just as it was about to be consumed.

The bill and the other papers are badly burned, and the signature does not appear in full in any place. Only a part of the text of the bill is legible. The Attorney-General refused to give an opinion to-night.

CROOKED ELECTION METHODS.

DISCOVERY OF MORE EVIDENCE OF FRAUD AT THE TOLEDO PRIMARIES.

EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO CONVICT SEVERAL OF THE PROMINENT MANIPULATORS.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 20.—The Board of Elections to-day discovered additional evidence of crooked work in connection with the primary elections last Friday night.

In canvassing the vote of the Second Ward it was found that the returns from one precinct was missing, and what has become of them is not known. It is asserted that they would have elected the anti-Major delegates, and consequently placed the men in a minority in the convention.

There was some talk to-day of a special session of the Grand Jury being called to investigate the alleged corrupt practices.

Opponents of Major claimed to have evidence sufficiently strong to convict several of his prominent workers.

SOLDIER, AUTHOR AND DIPLOMAT.

Death of General Adam Badeau, a Distinguished Veteran.

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., March 20.—General Adam Badeau is dead, aged sixty-four.

Adam Badeau was born in New York City December 29, 1831. His education was received through private instruction and at a boarding school in Tarrytown, N. Y. He volunteered in the military service of the United States in 1862, and was appointed aide on the staff of Brigadier-General Thomas W. Sherman. In that capacity he was severely wounded, almost at the same time with his commanding officer, in leading an assault on the Confederate works at Fort Hudson.

In March, 1864, he was appointed military secretary to General Grant with the rank of lieutenant-colonel and afterward of colonel. On this duty he accompanied the General in the Wilderness and Appomattox campaigns, and remained on his staff until March, 1869, when he was retired from the army with the full rank of captain and the brevet rank of brigadier-general U. S. A. He also received a similar brevet in the volunteer service.

From May to December, 1869, he was secretary of the legation at London. During 1870 he was sent to Madrid as a bearer of Government dispatches, and in May returned to London as Consul-General, retaining that office until September, 1881. In 1877 and 1878 he was given leave of absence by the State Department to accompany General Grant on his tour around the world. He was Consul-General at Havana from May, 1882, until April, 1884, and then resigned, because he was not permitted by the State Department to substantiate charges of corruption of which he accused its administration. He had been appointed United States Minister to Brussels in 1875 and to Copenhagen in 1881, but declined both appointments. He has published "The Vagabond," a collection of essays (New York, 1869); "Military History of Ulysses S. Grant" (three volumes, 1867-81); "Conspiracy: A Cuban Romance" (1885); "Aristocracy in England" (1886); and "Grant in Peace" (1886).

Rain in Sonoma.

SONOMA, March 20.—Three-quarters of an inch of rain fell last night in this valley, which was most welcome and insures late cultivation in orchard and vineyard and a bountiful harvest of hay and grain and late feed for stock. Evidently the frost of last week damaged apricots, which will be a light crop. Peaches were evenly distributed and the frost saves the expense of thinning out fruit. This possibly will be better appreciated later on. Apples, pears, plums and grapes were not advanced sufficiently to receive injury from frost.

Grand Larceny Case at Madera.

MADERA, March 20.—The trial of Joseph N. Goode on a charge of grand larceny is proceeding slowly. The jury has as yet not been impaneled. The defendant is represented by a formidable array of talent and the case will in all probability consume about a week before it is concluded.

Prince Waldemar Dead.

BERLIN, March 20.—Prince Waldemar, the reigning Prince of Lippe (Delmold), is dead, aged 75. He leaves no issue.

CARSON MINT STEAL.

A Clew That May Lead to a Solution of the Mystery.