

EARLY SEBASTOPOL

Part II – Not a “Hard Place”

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INTRODUCTION

This historical research paper on early Sebastopol includes the years from 1876 to 1886 and is second paper in a series of four papers generated to fill the void in the newspaper coverage prior to the spring of 1895. This series of papers augments McClure's two books on the history of Sebastopol (McClure, 1995 and McClure, 2000).

My previous paper on the early Laguna de Santa Rosa (Cummings, 2005) selected and commented on old Petaluma newspaper articles. "Sebastopol" was one of the key words used in the screening and identification of the old newspaper articles relevant to the Laguna. Hence I had collected numerous references about early Sebastopol many of which made no reference to the Laguna. Until soon after Sebastopol incorporated as a town in the spring of 1902, the Laguna was an important feature of the early Sebastopol area, but this collection does not include articles that have been previously published by me, unless they also had significant historical information about early Sebastopol.

The first issue of the *Sebastopol Times* available on microfilm is dated April 3, 1895 and comparatively little specific historical information on Sebastopol is available prior to this date.

Analy Township during the years covered by this paper was a relatively large tract of western Sonoma County running south from the Russian River to the Marin County boarder (excluding the coast and the lower Russian River) and included the towns of Forestville, Sebastopol and Bloomfield. The location "near Sebastopol" in many old Petaluma newspaper articles is very vague. While it is clear that the early village of Sebastopol was central to and served a relatively large agricultural area, the designation "near Sebastopol" is not well defined. References designated "Green Valley" – the area northwest of Sebastopol centered around where Graton is today – were often excluded from this paper, but other references about the same area designated "near Sebastopol" are included. The summaries of the newspaper articles focus on the recording of physically substantive historical information about early Sebastopol – a name, buildings, etc. – and generally exclude remarks about the crop conditions, the weather, gossip, etc. For example, a note about a non-resident person visiting Sebastopol was omitted unless the name(s) of the Sebastopol resident(s) visited was also mentioned in the article.

Petaluma's *Argus* was a staunch Republican newspaper and many of the articles cited in this paper and the selection included, undoubtedly reflects the strong political bias of the *Argus*. The pro-Petaluma bias of the *Argus* is assumed and often quite obvious.

The articles in this paper cite the names of the original newspapers in which they first appeared:

PWA – *Petaluma Weekly Argus*
 ST – *Sebastopol Times*

Page numbers following the date are used only when the original newspaper numbered its pages. For convenience, the upper and/or lower case letters used in the titles of the articles cited faithfully duplicates the cases used in the original newspaper article. The variation in spellings, if any, also faithfully duplicates the spellings used in the original article. The “flavor” of the language used in the summaries often duplicates the language used in the original newspaper article, but is usually not in parentheses. Only long quotes and unusual expressions in the articles cited are in parentheses.

My comments are generally in small print following the summaries, but in a few cases my comments are in small print and brackets within the summary.

The population of Sonoma County in 1870 was about 20,000 with about 2,300 or about 12 percent residing in Analy Township. The county grew in the next decade to about 26,000 people in 1880, but Analy Township was now only about 7 percent of the county total (about 1,800) strongly suggesting that major portions of Analy Township were included in other administrative units by 1880. The U.S. census data for 1880 indicate that the populations of the villages of Forestville, Sebastopol and Bloomfield were about 80, 200 and 200, respectively. According to the Petaluma’s *Courier*, the population of the county in 1890 was about 33,000 with about 2,700 people in Analy Township.

PWA – January 21, 1876 SUICIDE

Rosewell Phinney, a resident for many years of Vallejo and Analy townships, committed suicide near Sebastopol last week. According to Santa Rosa’s Times Mr. Phinney picked up some bailing rope and hung himself after leaving Wilson’s saloon. While comparatively wealthy, financial troubles had overtaken him lately. Mr. Phinney leaves a wife and eight grown children. An early comer to California, the native of Massachusetts was 83 years old when he committed suicide.

PWA – January 21, 1876 SANTA ROSA AND VICINITY

This column includes a note that the son of S. B. Berry of Sebastopol was badly hurt when the sulky that he was riding in upset.

PWA – February 25, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column includes a note that Charles Solomon, a merchant of Sebastopol, has established a branch store at Freestone.

PWA – February 25, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column contains a note that John Dougherty, a California pioneer of 1849 and a resident of Sebastopol for the past 23 years, will spend the summer in Lancaster [apparently his original home] and in Philadelphia, Pa.

PWA – March 3, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column includes notes that J. S. Scudder has formed a partnership with S. B. Berry of Sebastopol, and will continue the livery business in town at the old stand formerly kept by Mr. Berry. John Berry of Sebastopol has put on a fast stage and freight line connecting with the steamer *Vaquero* in Petaluma.

PWA – April 14, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column includes a note that the Odd Fellows and Masonic cemetery in Sebastopol will be dedicated on May 14th.

PWA – June 2, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column contains a note that a severe earthquake shock was felt at Sebastopol last Monday.

PWA – June 23, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column includes a note that T. G. Wilton of Sebastopol and G. W. Andrews have opened a large new country store in Sebastopol and will keep in their new store a great variety of groceries, clothing, boots, etc.

PWA – July 14, 1876 MONUMENTS

Fisher & Russel of the Santa Rosa Marble Works have erected a fine monument over the grave of James W. McChristian in Petaluma's Cypress Hill Cemetery. Mr. McChristian died last March at Sebastopol. Mr. Thompson of Petaluma with the same Santa Rosa firm, has recently completed a large and costly monument for Joaquin Carrillo of Sebastopol, whose burying place is also in Petaluma.

While this article clearly states that the burying place of Joaquin Carrillo "is" in Petaluma, it would have been much less confusing if this article had instead said the burying place of Joaquin Carrillo "will be" in Petaluma since Joaquin Carrillo did not die until 1899.

PWA – July 28, 1876 SEBASTOPOL

This article describes Sebastopol as being one of the most pleasant and prosperous little villages in Sonoma County. The village is now connected to Petaluma with a good wagon road and has 40 dwelling houses. John Dougherty, H. Altmark and Wilton & Andrews have dry goods and grocery stores, and G. H. Stowell carries groceries exclusively. W. H. Wilson has a hotel; Scudder & Berry have a livery stable; G. W. Gibson, Neal McGuire and Joaquin Carrillo have saloons; Campbell & Brown have a blacksmith and wagon-making shop; J. H. P. Morris has a butcher shop; Wm. Briggs has a boot and shoe shop; and J. H. P. Morris also has a lumber yard. The village has two churches – a Methodist and a Cumber and Presbyterian. G. N. Sanborn is principal and Miss Fomerfelt is the assistant teacher in an about 45-pupil public school. The village has two physicians who are not overworked. James Gannon has a half-mile race course about one mile from town. When in condition, the race course is one of the best in the state. Fruit growing, farming and stock-raising are the principal interests which support the town. The surrounding country is continually becoming more thickly settled, especially in the last few years. All the inhabitants of Sebastopol wish to be directly connected to Petaluma by a railroad. The population of Sebastopol is about 250.

PWA – July 28, 1876 SEBASTOPOL ITEMS

T. T. Campbell who lives near Delaney's on the Sebastopol road, came to Sebastopol after an altercation with a Chinaman, but shot the wrong Chinaman standing in Scudder & Berry's livery stable. Campbell made a big mistake and was arrested and examined before Justice Berry. His bail was fixed at \$500 and Campbell will appear before the next Grand Jury. W. H. Wilson, an old resident of Sebastopol and proprietor of the Wilson House, has been in very poor health for some time. "Hooping" cough prevails in town and many of the children have it. Joaquin Carrillo will probably open his hotel in a few days.

PWA – July 28, 1876 TAXIBLE PROPERTY IN SONOMA COUNTY

The total taxable value of all property in Analy Township was now about 8 percent of the county total, but the value of town and city lots in Analy Township was less than 2 percent of the county total. The total value of personal property in Analy Township was about 7 percent of the county total and the value of land in the township was about 12 percent of the county total.

PWA – August 25, 1876 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column contains a note that the funeral services for the late W. H. Wilson of Sebastopol will be conducted by the Sebastopol Masonic Lodge. W. H. Wilson was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternities and the British Benevolent Society.

PWA – September 1, 1876 REPUBLICAN CLUB AT SEBASTOPOL

A Hayes and Wheeler Club was organized at Sebastopol last week with 29 members. The officers are: H. D. Care, president; F. F. Harvey and H. Marshal, vice-presidents; J. S. Scudder, secretary; and James Gannon, treasurer. J. W. Gibson, J. H. P. Morris and J. S. Scudder were appointed to a Committee on Registration and Naturalization. A delegation of Republicans from Santa Rosa, including President H. W. Byington of Santa Rosa's Hayes and Wheeler Club, assisted in forming the new Sebastopol club.

Byington became the first Republican mayor of Santa Rosa in 1888 and while his term as mayor was brief (LeBaron and others, 1985) Mayor Byington led Santa Rosa to purchase the land and implemented its first sewer farm in early 1889. The sewer farm allowed Santa Rosa to cease dumping its raw sewage directly into Santa Rosa Creek. In Mayor Byington's words the sewer farm would allow "the debris [to be] deposited and utilized for the present" until a future permanent system "to tidewater" is installed (Cummings, 2001).

PWA – March 2, 1877 p8 JURORS FOR THE YEAR

This article lists by township the jurors for the District and County Courts drawn by the Board of Supervisors for 1877. The jurors for Analy Township include the names of 18 people, the occupations of whom are mostly listed as farmers. Only H. A. Altmark and Edwin Biggs, a merchant and a shoemaker, respectively, are not listed as farmers. Easily recognizable Sebastopol names include two farmers for example, John A. Brown and Otis Allen.

PWA – March 30, 1877 p1 LICENSES

This article lists by township the names of people paying a state and county license to carry on a business. Ten traders, eighteen liquor licenses and one livery license were issued business licenses in Analy Township. Many Sebastopol names are recognized including, for example; John Dougherty and H. Altmark (trader's licenses) and J. Carrillo (liquor license).

PWA – June 15, 1877 p4 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column contains a note that a fire on the ranch of J. C. Scudder near Sebastopol had destroyed about 80 cords of wood and several hundred yards of fence.

PWA – August 31, 1877 p6 LEGAL PROCLAMATION

This article lists by precinct and township the Board of Supervisors appointments of officers for the general election of early September 1877. Polls at Sebastopol were at Wilson's Exchange and the precinct officers were: James Hudspeth, Inspector; and James Gannon and W.W. Petross, Judges.

Precincts in Analy Township at the time were in Bloomfield, Forestville and Sebastopol. The Forestville precinct was at Bump's store and A. Bushnell was one of its appointed election judges.

PWA – August 31, 1877 p8 REGISTERED

The list of persons who were entered in the Great Register of Sonoma County during the fourth week of August and eligible to vote includes three Sebastopol residents – Amos Berry (Mass.), James M. Parsons (N. H.) and Cornelius G. Sullivan (Cal.).

PWA – December 21, 1877 p1 SUICIDE OF A PIONEER

James L. Pangburn, a highly respected citizen of Astoria and formerly residing near Sebastopol previous to 1862, committed suicide in Portland, Oregon. The late Mr. Pangburn was a native of New York and died at age 53. He was a California pioneer and leaves a wife and two children.

PWA – December 21, 1877 p1 EXPRESS ROBBERY

Burglars entered the store of Wilton and Andrews at Sebastopol and stole \$65 in coin from the Wells, Fargo & Co. treasure box.

PWA – December 21, 1877 p4 ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

This column includes a note that the three little children of J. F. Boyes who resides near Sebastopol – two daughters and a son – had died of diphtheria.

PWA – January 25, 1878 p1 LETTER FROM SEBASTOPOL

“JKMINY” denies in a letter to the Editor of the *Argus*, the libelous impression that the modest berg of Sebastopol is a “hard place.” In fact, the letter writer is of the opinion that Sebastopol compares favorably with many other California towns “as to the morality and good sense of her citizens.” Sebastopol can boast of its churches, a public school and a Literary Society. The letter writer reports that there have been recently “no fights, no anti-Chinese meetings, suicides, or accidents – no newsworthy sensations, in the humble little village of Sebastopol.

PWA – February 22, 1878 DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN

This obituary notice reports on the death of the Rev. John M. Cameron at his home near Sebastopol. The deceased was a native of Georgia and over 86 years of age. He had moved to Illinois in the early days and it is said that Lincoln lived with him as a boarder for many years. His son, Thomas P. Cameron, was killed by the explosion of the steamer *Secretary* on April 15, 1854 while the steamer was plying between Petaluma and San Francisco. An ordained minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a Mason, the deceased leaves nearly 100 descendants in California including Mrs. B. B. Berry and Mrs. B. N. Bonham of Sebastopol. The funeral will take place tomorrow in Sebastopol.

PWA – May 17, 1878 THE NON-PARTISAN CONVENTION

This long article lists the Sonoma County delegates by township to the nonpartisan constitutional convention. Delegates from Sebastopol "Township" included: A. Barnes, J. H. Berry, J. C. Scudder and J. D. Bushnell.

The township designations in this article do not agree with the census data or the following article. While the census data for 1880 indicates that Analy Township was probably a much smaller administrative unit, the above article does not list an Analy Township as in the following article, but appears to erroneously lists separate townships for the towns of Bloomfield, Forestville and Sebastopol.

PWA – July 26, 1878 HEAVY TAX-PAYERS

This list includes the names and their townships for all county and state taxpayers with assessments in excess of \$20,000. Those listed for Analy Township include: A. P. Gaver, W. P. Hinshaw, Wm. Hill, Henry Hall, Wm. Jones and A. Linebaugh.

PWA – November 22, 1878 LOCAL BREVITIES

This column includes a note that Robert H. White, a former resident of Sebastopol, has been appointed deputy state treasurer for the state of Nevada.

PWA – January 31, 1879 STATE AND COUNTY TAX SALE

This long article lists by township the names of all persons, a description of the delinquent property, the taxes due and their penalties. The list for Analy Township is quite long, but those identified for Sebastopol include:

Christ, Wm.: lot 17
 Duffell, George: lot 31
 Folger, A.: a parcel of land on Morris avenue
 Hinkley, Dr.: lot 3

Seridan, James: lot 12

Others recognized as being near Sebastopol include:

Brown, Jno., an improved 75-acre ranch; Bowhen, M., a 14-acre parcel; and J. C. Scudder, a 125-acre ranch with improvements and personal property.

Town residents and farmers on ranches are easily recognized in these old tax lists. While farming utensils are lumped into one category, a farmer's taxable property included wagons, harnesses, horses, cows, calves, pigs, chickens, etc. State and county taxes at the time were less than \$10 per year for city dwellers and about \$35 to \$50 per year for ranchers.

PWA – April 25, 1879 AT SEBASTOPOL

T. G. Wilton presided at a meeting in Sebastopol where speakers spoke in opposition to the new Constitution. The speakers included A. B. Ware, W. B. Haskell, Mr. Bates and H. W. Byington. Despite the inclement weather, the speakers spoke to a large crowd.

PWA – May 23, 1879 ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

This column includes a note from Santa Rosa's *Democrat* that a Chinaman named Ah Neu was fatally injured by a falling tree near Sebastopol.

PWA – June 20, 1879 ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

This column includes a note that "General Morgan," a valuable stallion valued at \$2,000 belonging to Mr. J. Fix of Sebastopol, died about a week ago.

PWA – August 8, 1879 OUR LARGE LAND OWNERS

This list of the 129 land owners in the county owning more than 1,000 acres of land, includes recognizable surnames associated with Sebastopol: Hudspeth, J. M. (1,420); Hill, William (2,380); Hall, Henry (1,700); Orr, John (1,800); and Walker, John (3,281).

PWA – September 5, 1879 CARP BREEDING

This article identifies Wm. Stephens of Sebastopol, as one of the many successful propagators of cultured European carp in the county.

PWA – September 19, 1879 ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

This column contains a note that a couple of little boys, the children of L. M. Johnson of Sebastopol, were bruised in a runaway smashup of a wagon in Santa Rosa.

PWA – September 19, 1879 RESISTING AN OFFICER

In attempting to serve a writ of attachment on a wagon belonging to John Knopius near Sebastopol, Officer Roop was resisted by Mrs. Knopius and her two sons. Sheriff Dinwiddie subsequently arrested Mrs. Knopius and her belligerent sons and took them to Santa Rosa. Mrs. Knopius was discharged on her own recognizance, but the two sons were held for \$500 each to answer for resisting an officer before a Grand Jury.

PWA – November 7, 1879 PARALYZED

Billy Campbell, the driver of the stage between Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, was stricken with paralysis on his left side while in route to Sebastopol.

PWA – December 5, 1879 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column contains a note from Santa Rosa's *Democrat* that Wm. P. Berry had several teams hauling clay to cover the sand on the road between the long bridge across the Laguna and the main street of Sebastopol.

PWA – December 26, 1879 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column contains a note that Martin Litchfield, who has been engaged for many years in fruit culture in Illinois, has purchased the Sowers place near Sebastopol for \$5,500 in cash. Mr. Litchfield considers that Sonoma County has the finest climate and greatest auxiliaries of any place in the Union for growing fruit.

Hence undoubtedly Litchfield Avenue.

PWA – January 2, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY TAXES

This article records the total and taxable values by townships in the county at the time. The paragraph on the 460 taxpayers in Analy Township records a total tax of about \$18,500 on a total value of all property of over \$1 Million (about 7 percent of the county total value). The values are broken down into real estate, city and town lots, improvements, personal property and money, etc.

PWA – February 6, 1880 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The many actions of the county supervisors included providing John Walker with \$75 to build a bridge south of the old Beatty saloon.

PWA – February 13, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column includes a note that Ben Dougherty's saloon at Sebastopol was burglarized and the robbers got away with some change and cigars.

PWA – February 20, 1880 GREEN VALLEY AND VICINITY

A traveler from Petaluma to Green Valley reports that there are an immense number of pine and eucalyptus trees growing along the roadside near Stony Point on the lands of Wm. Hill and H. Mecham. Particularly noticeable in the vicinity of Sebastopol is the amount of land that has been cleared for agriculture during the last two or three years. "Where heavy growths of timber were discernable a few years ago now may be seen hundreds of acres of growing grain."

PWA – March 5, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column contains a note from Santa Rosa's *Republican* that there is a good opening for a shoe maker in Sebastopol.

Santa Rosa's *Times* changed its name to the *Republican* at the beginning of 1880.

PWA – May 28, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column contains a note from Santa Rosa's *Democrat* that an overturned buggy of parties attending a picnic at Sebastopol had caused no injuries, but demolished the buggy and the horse's harness. This column also contains a note from Santa Rosa's *Republican* identifying the young lady who won the foot race at the picnic at Sebastopol as Lillie Perry.

PWA – May 28, 1880 THE CELEBRATION AT SEBASTOPOL

L. Lafranchi attended the Odd Fellow's annual celebration – a picnic at a grove on James Coleman's place near Sebastopol, and reports that the picnic was a grand affair. Music was furnished by the Petaluma Cornet Band. Dr. Howard Henderson, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, delivered an appropriate address and Mr. and Mrs. V. Piezzi prepared a fine lunch. Other activities included dancing, races in sacks and on foot, etc. Many members of the Order from Santa Rosa, Bloomfield and other places in the county also attended the picnic. The day's activities closed with a grand ball in the evening at Wilson's hall.

Hence Piezzi Lane off Occidental Road.

PWA – June 4, 1880 GLIMPSE OF HUNGRYLAND

The headline of this article is the title of a new little book by W. S. Walker, editor of Cloverdale's *Reveille*. The first part of the book is devoted to the author's journey by water to California in 1864. The second part of the book describes a racy account of his travels from Sebastopol in the fall of 1864 with a companion named Reed, to unearth a rich quartz load located on a bar in the Yuba River. The author of this article concludes that Walker's companion, Reed, is Alex Reed, the brother of the late Hon. Geo. W. Reed, who had represented Sonoma County in the state legislature. The author of this article states the while the book is interesting and amusing, the book gives a very correct glimpse of life in early California.

PWA – June 4, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column includes a note from the *Democrat* that G. P. Gannon of Sebastopol had reported that the wheat he had sown for hay was covered by six feet of water during the recent storm, but he will now cut two and one-half tons per acre of hay from the formerly flooded field.

PWA – July 2, 1880 FROM GREEN VALLEY

A letter to the editor of the *Argus* includes notes that the Band of Hope meets every Sunday afternoon in the Good Templars' Hall at Sebastopol. School trustees Messrs. Sam Berry, James Gannon and John Walker will soon have the school house at Sebastopol repaired and that it will be made second to none. Ben Dougherty is on a trip to Arizona while his wife is visiting in Ukiah.

PWA – July 16, 1880 PERSONAL

This article includes notes that James Falkner, now principal of the Sebastopol school and one of the *Argus*'s most valuable correspondents, and Miss Jennie Espey will commence teaching at the Sebastopol school on Monday.

PWA – July 16, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column includes a note from Santa Rosa's *Republican* that C. Wightman of Sebastopol has been appointed as one of the delegates to the Green Backer's Convention in San Francisco. The column also reports that Jas. McReynolds had killed a 120-pound buck six miles up Santa Rosa Creek.

PWA – September 3, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column contains a note from Santa Rosa's *Republican* that A. Crawford of Sebastopol is buying all kinds of fruit for drying. Mr. Crawford has an orchard with 12,000 trees on his place.

PWA – October 8, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

This column contains a note from the *Republican* that W. J. Hunt of Sebastopol has ten acres of blackberries and besides selling all of his berries there was a market for, he will make 2,000 gallons of "delicious wine for medical purposes."

W. J. Hunt is usually credited with "introducing" both Gravenstein apples and Lawton blackberries into Sonoma County (see McClure, 1995 for example), but "popularized" appears to be a better word in crediting W. J. Hunt's contribution with regard to Lawton blackberries. The Sebastopol/Green Valley area was famous for its blackberries – often simply called "Lawtons." But both the Lawton and Dorchester varieties of blackberries were advertised in the Petaluma nurseries by 1860 – three years before W. J. Hunt is said to have settled in the Sebastopol area. Amasa Bushnell (Messrs. Bushnell, Allen & Co.) on their own initiative, "introduced" hops into Sonoma County in the late 1850s. Julius Poppe, again on his own initiative, "introduced" the culture of European carp into the county in the early 1870s. Assuming individual initiative is required to warrant being credited with "introducing," the word "popularized" (or an equivalent word) appears to be a more appropriate word for W. J. Hunt's contribution for Lawton blackberries. This article suggests that W. J. Hunt's most significant contribution to blackberries was perhaps providing an alternative crop for blackberry wine rather than fresh fruit only.

PWA – October 22, 1880 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes notes from the *Republican* that heavy frost has been killing the potato vines near Sebastopol and that Joaquin Carrillo had been Gen. Vallejo's clerk and had settled in Santa Rosa in 1838.

Joaquin Carrillo was the oldest son of Dona Maria Carrillo, Vallejo's mother-in-law, who was granted the Rancho Cabeza de Santa Rosa. Joaquin was named after his father and was born in 1820. Joaquin and General Vallejo were both arrested in the Bear Flag uprising of 1846 in Sonoma (MacDaniel Carrillo and Carrillo de Haney, undated).

PWA – January 14, 1881 HEAVY TAXPAYERS

This list of heavy tax payers in the county with assessed property values of more than \$10,000 was compiled by Santa Rosa's *Democrat* and includes over 250 individuals or companies. Recognizable Sebastopol names include: Miller and Walker, J. McReynolds and John Walker, for example.

PWA – January 21, 1881 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes a note from the *Democrat* stating that John Wiley will immediately commence work on the Sebastopol road near the bridge across the Laguna.

PWA – March 25, 1881 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes a note from the *Republican* that the owners of the saloons in Sebastopol had been arrested for keeping open on Sundays. The saloon owners pleaded not guilty and will be tried.

PWA – May 13, 1881 LETTER FROM FORESTVILLE

This letter to the editor from “Forestvilleite” includes a note that Mr. Bennett of Sebastopol is visiting in Forestville.

PWA – May 20 1881 PERSONAL

This column includes a note that J. W. Walker of Sebastopol and Orlando Sowers of Santa Rosa, are going for three or four months on a prospecting trip in the Sierra Nevada.

PWA – July 22, 1881 CENSUS REPORTS

This article lists the federal census report by townships and towns in Sonoma County for 1880. The total population of Analy Township is 1,851, including 192 in Bloomfield, 84 in Forestville and 197 in Sebastopol.

PWA – July 29, 1881 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes a note from the *Democrat* that a Chinese leper from Sebastopol was shipped by train to San Francisco.

PWA – August 5, 1881 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes a note from the *Republican* that J. D. Hunt of Sebastopol is picking his ten acres of blackberries with eight hands averaging about 1,300 pounds daily for making wine.

PWA – August 26, 1881 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes notes from the *Republican* that the hops about Sebastopol are looking very well and that Mr. Talmage thinks his crop will be about average.

PWA – August 26, 1881 FIRE AT SEBASTOPOL

This article on the story of the disastrous fire which destroyed most of Sebastopol's business district is from Santa Rosa's *Republican*. A fire broke out Sunday night at about 9 o'clock in the hay loft of S. B. Berry's livery stable midway on the east side of the main street. John Williams gave the alarm and was able to get one of the horses out of the stable, but left four other horses to their fate. Except for the stage, the livery stable lost all of its hay, feed, harnesses and buggies, etc. The conflagration at this time could be seen in Bloomfield and Santa Rosa. Nothing was saved in the I.O.O.F. Hall with B. B. Berry's office below. Mr. Berry's residence next door was totally destroyed and only some furniture was saved. The two wash-houses owned by W. D. Warden on the north side of the Berry residence were destroyed. Mrs. E. G. Wilson saved only a piano from her hotel and lost her barn and all its contents. B. Marks lost his hall next to the south side of Mrs. Wilson's hotel and Mrs. W. Woods lost her dwelling and barn next to Marks' hall. Next to Mrs. Woods dwelling, the dwelling of Mrs. Mary Sedgley was lost, but some of her furniture was saved. The fire was so hot it destroyed the goods piled in the street as it leapt across the street destroying B. G. Dougherty's dwelling, where nothing was saved. John William's saloon lost its stock. Most of the stock in the Wilton & Andrews store was also lost and what was saved, was severely fire damaged. South of the Wilton & Andrews store was Sebastopol's Post Office, dwelling and store of John Dougherty, but was spared. While some of the loss was insured, much was not.

ST – March 19, 1926 Echoes of the Past Found in Old County Newspaper

The *Sebastopol Times* summarized in this article relevant Sebastopol items contained in an old copy of Santa Rosa's *Republican* dated September 29, 1881 – the issue reporting on the assassination of President Garfield. A Sebastopol correspondent (W.H.W.) reported that "our town is quite lively again. The streets are piled with lumber." Mr. Meeker of Meeker's Mill will finish building the Wilton & Andrews store and the Odd Fellows Hall in about a month. Mrs. Wilson has bought the fine residence of T. Wilton and will move in soon. While there is no prospect of rebuilding the Wilson's Exchange hotel yet, Sam Berry has the lumber on the ground for a livery stable. Joaquin Carrillo will move his large dwelling to the east side of his hotel. Ben Dougherty has nearly finished his saloon. John W. Wiley of Green Valley is soliciting business for the large pile driver he used to build the old bridge across the Laguna. Mrs. Keene of Oakland is visiting her father, D. C. Rupe.

While it is tempting to identify the Sebastopol correspondent "W.H.W." for the above article, as W. H. Wilson of the Wilson Exchange hotel in Sebastopol, Mr. Wilson had died about five years before this article was written.

PWA – October 7, 1881 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The reported activities of the county supervisors include a note that James Gannon appeared before the full board on the matter of the tax voted by the Sebastopol School District.

PWA – January 6, 1882 SONOMA COUNTY ITEMS

This column includes a note from the *Republican* that A. Crawford of Sebastopol has grown 70 Japanese oranges on a three-year-old tree this season.

PWA – January 13, 1882 SEBASTOPOL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondent “A. Naly” reports from Sebastopol in a long letter to the editor. A scaly customer calling himself G. N. Melvin, but well known to the San Quentin authorities as Lewis, stole a cow near Calistoga, sold her to Mr. M. C. Hicks in Green Valley and then sold the cow again. Sheriff Dinwiddie and other armed retainers attempted to surround Lewis, but Lewis had already escaped to Mr. J. C. Scudder’s place where M. F. Scudder and Chester Billings unsuccessfully pursued him. As far as it is known by the correspondent, the bandit tale ends at this point. The recent heavy rains were good for the farmland, but have made the roads barely passable. Mr. Adam Crawford having turned his entire farm into an immense orchard, has purchased the former “Wetmore Vineyard Home” tract for another forty acres of orchard trees. But vineyard planting also continues in the neighborhood of Sebastopol.

PWA – April 14, 1882 GREEN VALLEY ITEMS

A letter to the editor of the *Argus* from “Juan,” includes a note that the new hotel at Sebastopol is rapidly being completed and will open shortly.

PWA – June 23, 1882 SEBASTOPOL AND VICINITY

While the fire last year removed all of the old landmarks of Sebastopol except John Dougherty’s store and Post Office, Sebastopol has undergone more changes in the last few years than any other locality in the county. Joe Morris founded the town on a strip of government land between the Jonive Grant and the Laguna. While he is said to have given away most of the land in the town to induce settlers, he still retains a beautiful homestead of 25 acres of orchard, garden and park in the western portion of the town. Mr. Morris runs a meat market down on the main street, from which point he supplies the surrounding country with first-quality fresh, salt and smoked meats. John Dougherty has occupied his present quarters since 1855 and has been continuously the town’s postmaster. Mr. Dougherty is slowly regaining his health and vigor, which was impaired about a year ago, and he keeps a well stocked store of general merchandise. Wilton & Andrews are doing a good business in their new store – “one of the best appointed country stores in the county.” The Wilson Exchange on the opposite side of the main street was destroyed in the fire and will not be rebuilt [curiously, the information about the Wilson Exchange hotel is subtitled “PIONEER HOTEL.”] Many pretty residences have been built recently along what used to be called the Freestone road. The land for several miles on the Forestville road has been cut up into small tracts and is being extensively cultivated and

planted in vines and fruit trees. A. Crawford has a big orchard of 15,000 fruit trees for the San Francisco market. W. J. Hunt has ten acres planted in Lawton blackberries. The old "Petross Place" has changed hands and is much improved in appearance growing fine cherries and peaches. Pat M'Christian still owns a good farm three miles west of town, which he has been improving for the past 25 years. "The 'boom' for Sebastopol has set in." Real estate is changing hands at an advanced rate and large tracts are being broken up and sold off to actual settlers. Fifteen families now afford homes on land once in the possession of Thomas Sebring. James Gannon, an early settler of Sebastopol and a genial, well-informed gentleman, gave the *Argus* staff, which wrote this article, his time and valuable information on the Sebastopol locality.

See LeBaron and others, 1985 for a picture of Patrick McChristian's and his participation in the Bear Flag revolt of June 1846. At the time of the Bear Flag episode Patrick McChristian resided in the Napa Valley near George Yount's ranch called "Caymas" (Dana, 1964), however according to this article, Pat McChristian had moved to Green Valley near Sebastopol in 1857.

PWA – July 21, 1882 SEBASTOPOL AND VICINITY

This article reports on a letter by Dr. O. F. Shaw in the *Rural Press* on the agricultural products of the Sebastopol vicinity – apples, peaches, cherries, grapes (the area is said to be free of the dreaded phylloxera), etc. On Mr. Talmadge's ranch are a very large number of fruit trees, grape vines of many varieties and a magnificent hop yard on the bottom lands along the laguna. Mr. Otis Allen also has a splendid hop yard along the laguna. Sebastopol would be a very good place for someone to start a fruit canning establishment.

PWA – July 28, 1882 REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

This list of recent real estate transactions in the county includes:

M. Constant – 20 acres on the Llano de Santa Rosa Grant from the Santa Rosa Bank.

L. Messerle – 15 acres on the Llano de Santa Rosa Grant from the Santa Rosa Bank.

Louis Fusier – a lot in Sebastopol from Joaquin Carrillo.

PWA – November 17, 1882 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS

This column includes notes from the *Democrat* that Henry Elger, one of the oldest settlers in the county who located near Sebastopol in 1852, has returned to this vicinity after an absence of over 13 years and will reside in Santa Rosa. Prof. G. W. Jones, principal of the Sebastopol school, left for Santa Cruz where he will become principal of that city's public schools.

PWA – November 24, 1882 TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

This column reports on the official election returns of the county. James Gannon was elected Supervisor for the Fourth District. Elected county officers for Analy Township are: Road Overseer J. Wiley; Justice of the Peace B. B. Berry; and Constable Wm. Wilson.

While James Gannon was apparently selected as an incumbent Republican candidate for county supervisor in July 1884, his name was not on the return results of the November 1884 election. James Gannon appears to have served only one, two-year term as a county supervisor.

PWA – November 24, 1882 FIRE AT SEBASTOPOL

A. Crawford's fruit dryer burned down destroying considerable property. Mr. Crawford immediately resumed operations in an old fruit dryer and he will rebuild his fruit dryer at once.

PWA – December 15, 1882 SEBASTOPOL AND VICINITY

Patrick McChristian of Green Valley visited the *Argus* in Petaluma and reported that everybody in the vicinity of Sebastopol is reasonably prosperous. Mr. Crawford is currently rebuilding his fruit drying business on a larger scale than before his fire and is paying a good price for fruit. This article continues at length to summarize the weather and expected crops in the Sebastopol region and concludes with Mr. McChristian's opinion that John W. Wylie is one of the best district roadmasters in the county.

PWA – February 24, 1883 SONOMA COUNTY NEWS

This column contains a note from the *Republican* that a number of diphtheria cases have been reported at Sebastopol. Henry Yagley, who recently moved to Sebastopol from Cloverdale, has lost two children to the disease and a third child is dangerously ill.

PWA – June 30, 1883 Sebastopol Items

This article reports on Sebastopol items gleaned from the *Republican*. A large winery is being built just south of Sebastopol on the Dr. Hoffstetter place and when finished, the winery will be one of the largest in the section of Sebastopol. Mr. Crawford is preparing to build a new fruit dryer and is building a large barn and elegant residence on his new place. Frank Kauffman has sold 30 acres of his fine 120-acre farm, orchard and vineyard to A. Holmes of Rio Vista for \$4,500 and will use the money to improve his orchard and vineyard to "tip-top condition."

PWA – August 25, 1883 SANTA ROSA FAIR – AROUND SEBASTOPOL

This article reports that much of the success of the fair at Santa Rosa is due to the country around Sebastopol. John Baum's peaches, plums and pears make a fine exhibit and Otis Allen is showing a most prolific hop vine.

PWA – November 3, 1883 SEBASTOPOL

This article describes how Mr. Julliard is rushing things at his winery and processing grapes as fast as they can be hauled to the winery. Mr. Julliard is paying \$20 per ton for Mission and from \$25 to \$30 per ton for Zinfandel and other varieties of good wine grapes.

PWA – November 10, 1883 Letter from Sebastopol

In a letter to the editor of the *Argus*, J. K. Fix takes exemption to the *Argus*' view that a small band of evangelists are sacrificing all they have to get sinners converted to Christ and that the Sebastopol Holiness Band would be better employed attending to their own affairs instead of meandering about the country trying to convert people to their particular beliefs. Mr. Fix expounds at length on the biblical necessity of directing sinners to the teachings of the gospel.

PWA – December 8, 1883 Notes From Sebastopol

Correspondent "JOAN" reports on "the wee bits of news...relating to our village and section." Sebastopol's new grocery – Rickert & Son, is apparently doing a flourishing business. A. Crawford's handsome new residence is nearly completed. Thanksgiving and the turkeys passed quietly and nothing exciting happened except the visit from four "shining lights of Duncan's Mills." Miss Josie Dows will teach in the Sheridan District near Duncan's. Mrs. Dr. Stewart of Santa Rosa is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Martin, in the village of Sebastopol. Miss Greathouse, also of Santa Rosa, is visiting Miss Emma Wilson in Sebastopol.

PWA – December 22, 1883 Notes From Sebastopol

Correspondent "JOAN" reports on the news of Sebastopol. One of the important features of Christmas will be the tree and supper at Carrillo's Hall and will be followed by a dance. The Holiness Band has taken their sanctified faces out of our community admitting their inability to cope with "His Satanic Majesty" who will sway in our village for the next two weeks. Mr. Wylie, son of John Wylie of Green Valley, seriously injured his eyes while blasting last week. Last week's report that Miss Josie Dows will teach in

the Sheridan District was in error – she will teach in Scotta instead of the Sheridan District.

PWA – December 22, 1883 SONOMA SIFTINGS

This very long column includes a number of notes about the vicinity of Sebastopol. The price of land in the Sebastopol area has increased 200 percent since 1879. The pupils of the Presbyterian Sunday School are having a dinner in Carrillo's Hall on the 24th and a dinner and dance will be held in the evening in the same hall for the adults. The semi-annual election of the Manzanita L. and S. Circle of Sebastopol elected J. Cunningham, president; Miss Amanda Dows, vice-president; Elmer Miller, secretary; A. E. Scammon, financial secretary; B. F. Rikert, treasurer; and Joseph Moran, sergeant-at-arms. Joseph Hubsch(?) shot William Webster at Sonoma recently and is being held for trial, but Mr. Webster is much worse and it is feared that he will not recover.

PWA – January 5, 1884 Sebastopol Letter

Correspondent "JOAN" reports that the entrance of the New Year in Sebastopol was greeted with the mighty roar of cannon, which will be in the blacksmith shop for repairs until the Fourth of July. A New Year's Eve donation party surprised the Rev. Mr. Chrissman and his wife with sacs of flour, bags of sugar, cabbages, chickens, etc. Mrs. Chas. Benham, the leap-year bride who married one of Sebastopol's brilliant young men, have a cottage in the pines. Ed. Bradford of San Francisco is stopping at Janson's Hotel and Mr. Hugh Coltrin is at home once more on a vacation. Miss Emma Wilson is visiting Miss Sheldon of Green Valley and we are sorry to say that Mrs. Parson is very ill.

PWA – January 5, 1884 "OLD SONONMA" – A Brief Description of Our County

This article describes a general description of each township in Sonoma County at the time – their geographic areas, soils, products, etc. Analy Township had 1851 souls in the 1880 census, but at present the population is at least 2,500. The township runs in the western county from the Russian River to the border with Marin County (excluding the coast and the lower Russian River). The township includes the towns of Sebastopol, Bloomfield and Forestville and its chief products are fruits, vegetables, cereals, wine, wood, hops and dairy products. The area in fruits and vines in the township has increased at least 25 percent in the past year and land prices have advanced 200 percent in the past five years. This section will continue to boom in the coming years.

PWA – February 23, 1884 Sebastopol Letter

Correspondent “JOAN” writes to the editor of the *Argus* that Sebastopol is extremely lively for a small sized city. The Chosen Friends have announced a ball. The wagons, buggies and carts that were loaded with “Manzanitas” one night last week and could be seen on the moon-lit road to Blucher to surprise Miss Ollie and Joe Cunningham. Unfortunately two cavaliers on horseback and a wagon full of “fair ones” got lost after trying to cross the angry waters of Blucher Creek, but they were all found returning from the Washoe House. Present at the surprise party were; Misses Sophia and Vina Litchfield, Albie Howell, Annie Wilson, Emma Wilson, Laura Litchfield, Alice Litchfield, Effie Hotle, Annie Dows, Josie Dows, Mary Moore, Sadie Hood, Allie Cunningham, (blank) Gordon, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Gordon, Messrs. James Moran, Stephen Morse, Joe Cunningham, Charles Kunhle, Fred Rikert, Charles Hotle, Will Saxton, Elmer Miller and (blank) Gordon. Will Saxton has returned to San Francisco after visiting his uncle, Jas. Coon. Mrs. Thompson of Santa Rosa was a guest last week of Mrs. Dows. Mr. Thomas Beacom has been quite sick, but is recovering.

PWA – June 14, 1884 County News

This column contains a note from the *Republican* that A. Crawford of Sebastopol is trying to open a fruit dryer and cannery at Santa Rosa.

PWA – July 12, 1884 The Fourth Throughout the County

This article briefly describes the various Fourth of July activities throughout Sonoma County. The Sebastopol Grange gave a picnic at Morris’ Grove – a large gathering and grand social event.

PWA – July 12, 1884 FRUIT DRYER

Adam Crawford of Sebastopol intends to move to Petaluma and enlarge his fruit drying business. He expects to be able to handle the full crop and is the inventor of a most perfect fruit dryer.

PWA – August 16, 1884 A New Industry for Petaluma

Adam Crawford of Sebastopol started a new industry in Petaluma last Monday morning. Seven women and girls, and a few men will initially process Hungarian prunes and greengage plums, but the crew will probably increase to about 60 people as the season advances.

PWA – October 10, 1884 ON THE WAY TO THE COAST

This article describes many towns and facts in the western county at the time. From Petaluma through Stony Point, Bloomfield, Bodega, Valley Ford, Duncan's and up the Russian River as far as Ingrams, little progress has been made except for a notable exception in Sebastopol. In the Sebastopol area, with the exception of John Walker's, all of the large tracts of land have been cut up and sold off as small farms "to a thrifty and industrious people." For example, the old Cooper tract which was used for over 20 years as a large sheep ranch, fell into the hands of Wm. Hill and there are now 25 families on this tract.

John Orr, former co-proprietor of Wilson's Exchange in Sebastopol in the late 1860s and now back in Duncan's Mills, took the *Argus* party who wrote the above article, on a very wild ride with a pair of trotters from Duncan's east to Ingrams/Austin (the village Post Office was called Austin at the time).

PWA – November 29, 1884 PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

This column includes a report on the wedding of Mr. Frank Ross and Miss Anna M. Ayers at the home of Mr. David Ayers near Sebastopol. The wedding party included Miss Rosa Ort, brides maid, and Mr. Kemp Ross, groomsman. A large number of invited guests were present at the wedding and about 40 names are listed in this article. Sebastopol residents included; Misses Louie Greathouse, Hattie Poole, Ester Willis, Emma Wilson and Mr. J. H. P. Morris and Joseph Moran.

PWA – December 13, 1884 Sebastopol Grange

Elected officers of the Sebastopol Grange included: Worthy Master, D. D. Proctor; Worthy Overseer, M. Litchfield; Worthy Lecturer, F. M. Price; Worthy Steward, C. A. Spangler; Worthy Assistant Steward, James Moran; Worthy Chaplain, James Gregson; Worthy Treasure, D. Litchfield; Worthy Secretary, H. B. Morris; Worthy Gatekeeper, C. Wightman; Worthy Ceres, Mrs. V. C. Proctor; Worthy Pomona, Mrs. D. Moran; Worthy Flora, Mrs. H. Thompson and Worthy Assistant Secretary, Sister Laura Litchfield.

PWA – December 20, 1884 Personal and Social

This column includes a note that A. Crawford is closing his drying business in Petaluma and is going back to Sebastopol.

PWA – April 18, 1885 CAT-FISH AND OTHER TALES

This long article is about the "Old Town of Sebastopol," but begins with the statement that Sebastopol is becoming famous for its catfish from the Laguna and provides many details of the town at the time. The winery of Messrs. Julliard & Co. makes good wine

from the many varieties of grapes grown around Sebastopol. One-half of the ground floor of the new pretentious building built on a corner lot by Aaron Barnes, a wealthy farmer living near Sebastopol, will be rented by O. P. Smith, an experienced caterer and saloon keeper. The other half of the building's ground floor will be used as a hall for public meetings. The upper story of the building will be used by the Mutual Companions and the Chosen Friends fraternal societies and offices. The Manzanita Club seems to be the pride of the village and hold their gatherings in the Good Templar's Hall. The Methodists and the Presbyterians have commodious churches and the Holiness Band seems to be growing and will probably build its church on one of the back streets. Other flourishing Sebastopol lodges include the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

There is a lot of railroad talk in the town and many people confidently expect to be connected soon to Bloomfield and Forestville by a narrow gage railroad. The expected railroad connection – a possible extension of the narrow gage coast railroad, has greatly increased land prices in the Sebastopol section. However, an immediate priority for many other people is the improvement of the "sand road" between Sebastopol and the Washoe House on the way to Petaluma. It is claimed that there is plenty of gravel and rock to cover the sand on Jones' hill at the mouth of Walker's lane near Delaney's.

Our old friend John Dougherty is suffering with asthma and is not able to attend to the business of his store. Benj. Welch, the famous well borer, is sinking a well for water on Sebring Hill and his next well will be at John Walker's residence. J. H. P. Morris supplies the town with meat as he has done so for many years. Mr. Morris was re-elected school trustee, but refused to serve unless the School House and its grounds were fixed up. Welton & Andrews have a well-filled store of general merchandise in the house formerly occupied by E. Newburg. Rikert & Son are selling all kinds of goods and are doing well, and many horsemen congregate on the long porch in front of their store. The conversations on the porch are currently about the pending trotting match between James Gannon's roadster "Lizard" and Pat. McChristian's "Wind Splitter" in their race to Santa Rosa in Chicago carts.

Jansen's Hotel, the only one in town, has been enlarged and improved. The Chinese houses are to be removed from the main street to a back street. Kimball & Sons have a large stock of stoves and tin ware. S. B. Berry keeps the livery stable well stocked with road and saddle horses and he also runs a stage twice a day to Santa Rosa. The venerable B. B. Berry is still dealing out justice. Otis Allen, the pioneer hop grower in the county, is not the least bit discouraged by the low hop prices since he always contracts a large part of his expected crop in advance at fair prices. Samuel Tallmadge has let his hop fields to Chinese on shares and will take it easy for a few years. T. G. Glynn keeps a good assortment in his lumber yard. Tony Lewis has opened a paint shop and Charles Faircloc(?) has finished up his home.

PWA – May 30, 1885 LINES FROM SEBASTOPOL

A new correspondent, “WAKE-UP-JAKE,” writes a long letter to the *Argus* in which he opines that Sebastopol is not dead – only asleep. He reports that the struggle between the Holiness Band and the Devil continues, but unlike Sacramento, the Sebastopol boys will not throw stones at the horn blowers and tambourine performers, and follow them to their church and smash the windows. Holiness Band, Brother Joshua Fix, is enlarging his saloon and will add another fine billiard table. Mr. Smith’s new and elegant saloon will compete with the H. B. [Holiness Band] saloon. Mr. Jansen’s Hotel on the opposite side of Main Street is adding a large hall. “The Chinese must go – to the rear.” A. Barnes is moving his China houses back to Magnolia Avenue where the “festive heathen can pursue the even tenor of his way – heap washe Melican shirts, smoke opium, or play tann.” Mrs. Wilson is building a new dwelling house and more room will be given to our enterprising blacksmith and wagon makers, Messrs. Wilson & Adams. A. Barnes is also clearing way for a new building on the upper corner of Main street and our merchant, T. M. Rikert will use its first floor as a store and the upper part as his dwelling. Ben Welch is still boring wells and found plenty of water at J. C. Scudder’s and at Job Pierce’s places. Our old friend and postmaster, John Dougherty, has been supplanted by a Patrick McChristian – a surprise since McChristian is well known to be a Republican as well as being a “good fellow and is well liked socially.”

PWA – July 11, 1885 Sebastopol Postoffice

Sebastopol is without a postmaster and the office is being run by a former deputy. It was expected that Patrick McChristian would be appointed Sebastopol’s new postmaster, but having never voted anything except Republican, it’s a shame that WAKE-UP-JAKE’s letter in the *Argus* was a “red flag in the bull’s face” and has stopped the completion of Mr. McChristian’s appointment as postmaster.

PWA – August 1, 1885 WAKE-UP-JAKE HEARD FROM

Most of this article is interesting in understanding the general issues of living in the Sebastopol section in the mid-1880s. The correspondent’s substantive historical information includes the following. Sebastopol has a new public school with beautiful grounds and Miss Augusta Pierce is assisted by Miss Vina Litchfield in managing the new school. T. M. Rikert is about to move into his new store and several other buildings are about completed. Mr. Aron Barns got married and he and his bride returned to their beautiful home in Green Valley, where 112 of Mr. Barns’ warmest friends greeted the couple. Musicians are not always welcome at weddings. In a recent wedding in Sebastopol, the groom simply extended his best wishes to the would be celebrants and bid them good night, so the celebrants retired to Smith’s and to Bascom’s.

PWA – October 10, 1885 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Gannon of Sebastopol petitioned the county supervisors in Tuesdays' proceedings for the county to assist Mr. Pomroy of Sebastopol, a destitute, paralyzed and perfectly helpless person. On motion of Supervisor Allen, Mr. Pomroy was placed on the indigent list and allowed \$10 per month.

PWA – October 17, 1885 Away over in Sebastopol

This brief article reports that Sebastopol has a dainty, fragile girl spiritualized to such a degree that if she were tossed up into the air, not a drop of her would ever return to earth.

PWA – January 9, 1886 Fruit Belt Ridge

In a lengthy letter to the editor, correspondent "Fruit Belt" of Sebastopol reports that Mr. Hill is having his 100-acre vineyard staked and Mr. D. Lichfield has rented his place and will take it easy for awhile. "Sebastopol is as lively as ever. All it needs to make a good town is good buildings, good sidewalks, good gas lights and a good cable road to the cemetery. N.B.—the people are good enough."

PWA – January 9, 1886 "WAKE-UP JAKE" HEARD FROM

This correspondent's article is subtitled "The Festive Season at Sebastopol and News and Gossip in General" and states that Sam Berry does not know how many boxes of eggs and pounds of butter he has taken over to Santa Rosa on his daily stage. Rikert's Fast Freight line to Petaluma relieves us of "this kind of truck." Our cannery, fruit drying establishment and two wineries might make our neighboring towns jealous. Analy Township is the "garden spot" of the county. The Walker tract will be cut into many small homes in the future and hundreds of small farms will be where now "nothing but cattle roam."

PWA – January 29, 1886 LETTER FROM WAKE-UP-JAKE

This long article by the correspondent "Wake-Up-Jake" is subtitled "Sebastopol Full of Chinese – Politics and High License" and states that Sebastopol, a quiet conservative place – sometimes called a "sleepy hollow," has woken up to the fact that while the Chinese are cheap labor, Sebastopol has too much of a good thing. The town has about 360 Chinese and they outnumber about 250 "whites." The habits of the Chinese – gaming, gambling and opium smoking, must go for the safety of the town's adolescents.

Joe Morris was fixing up a new store for a Post Office the other day. Rumor has it that a young lady will be appointed to the Post Office rather than a known Republican. The

correspondent refers to the new constitution which supports the local option of regulating liquor, but he is of the opinion that prohibition is not practical. "Wake-Up-Jake" could probably support the one-armed Republican candidacy of James Gannon for sheriff, but it would be more of a matter of "liking Caesar less, but Rome more."

PWA – July 17, 1886 Personal and Social

This column contains a note that District Deputy W. S. Fritsch recently installed the officers of the Sebastopol Rebecca Degree Lodge of the I.O.O.F. The note lists the names of those who accompanied Mr. Fritsch's fraternal visit, but does not name the Sebastopol lodge officers.

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